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Beautification station

SCSPA steps up to clean SC's image

By CARMEN BOJANOWSKI
NEWS EDITOR

Driving down I-275, it's hard not to notice the giant Schoolcraft College tower drawing attention to the campus. It is also hard not to notice the litter scattered about the slope facing the busy expressway. The Schoolcraft College Support Personnel Association (SCSPA) was tired of giving the hundreds of thousands of people who pass that tower every day a bad impression of our school. Then they organized and spent a Saturday afternoon of their own time fixing the problem.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, about one third of the SCSPA made a spur-of-the-moment decision to spend the day cleaning SC's campus by picking up litter, focusing mainly on the side facing the freeway. "We don't want this area to look like either nobody is home or no one cares because we do. We simply can't cover this large area on a regular basis," said Mike Ragan, president of the SCSPA.

Campus Beautification was solely a volunteer project, like many of the SCSPA's programs, and Ragan was pleasantly surprised with the excellent turnout. "I am so proud to be able to work with people like these folks; I really am."

Ragan urges students to take pride



PHOTO BY BRIAN CAMILLERI

It's just another Saturday afternoon with the Schoolcraft College Support Personnel Association.

in their campus and be mindful of the litter. "It is important to remember that this college doesn't belong to any one of us. It belongs to the community. As employees, we are committed to these values. We had several people who had just finished working their midnight shift at 7 a.m. and there they

were picking up litter [for Campus Beautification]. Some never even went home. That is commitment. That is just the kind of people that they are."

"I see bottles and bags scattered on campus. I don't understand what's so hard about walking five feet to a garbage can," said liberal arts major

Morgan Smith. Observations like this are where they got the idea to start a Campus Beautification Project and it's the hope of the project's organizers and volunteers that students will notice the effort being made and chip in by doing their part to cut down on unnecessary littering.

Graduation gap

Differences between community colleges and universities

By ADAM GLAPA
STAFF WRITER

America's nearly 1,200 community colleges are the workhorses of higher education, allowing open access to all who desire to learn. Of all students in college, about 45 percent attend these institutions designed for a fast, two-year time of study to earn an associate degree. High unemployment and the cost of four-year colleges have spurred record enrollment in community colleges, but they're failing to graduate students in high numbers and on time. About half will drop out before their second year. Only 25 percent finish in three years. Those who do graduate take an average of five years to complete their degrees.

Many education administrators, professors and students

across the country say there are multiple reasons why graduation rates at community colleges are so low and not every reason is necessarily negative. Schoolcraft College has a graduation rate of 19 percent, which is extremely low for the national average. The fact that 29 percent of SC's undergraduate students will transfer to a four-year university before they graduate with an associate degree also needs to be taken into consideration because it doesn't mean they will never attain a degree but rather they won't attain one from the College.

"One difficulty with looking at community college graduation rates is that these statistics assume that each student who is admitted intends to earn a certificate or degree before leaving us," said Dean



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of Student Services Cheryl Hagen. "This is simply not true ... We also have students who come here for one semester, or for one year, and then transfer. If the college meets their needs and prepares them to move ahead, we should count that as a success, not a failure."

Many students studying at community colleges strive to graduate from the school

and continue their studies at a four-year university. Unfortunately for thousands of students, this simple goal is stricken down by the lack of funding. Many decide to begin their higher education experience at a community college because of the lack of funds they have to put toward their college education. Students either run out of funding or

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An up-in-smoke disease?

"Dare to Face Your Future" teaches cigarette dangers

By KIM POMA
STAFF WRITER

P.E.E.R.S is a national health and wellness company dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for today's youth. They're going to be visiting Schoolcraft College in hopes of sharing their knowledge and lead others in the fight against diseases.

According to Center for Disease Control and Prevention, annually about 20 percent of deaths in the U.S. is caused by cigarette smoking. These complications range from lung cancer to poor heart health, mouth ulcers and early aging. So why do people still buy packs of cigarettes on a daily basis? Despite the fact it's been drilled into their minds from an early age, perhaps they aren't aware of the danger and diseases they're putting their bodies through.

The program that P.E.E.R.S. is bringing to SC, titled "Dare to Face Your Future," resembles a museum. Students and faculty members will be able to walk through and learn how smoking affects their lives. Myths and truths about smoking will be explained, and students will be able to participate in different hands-on activities to try their knowledge about smoking. This program blends entertainment and knowledge, something very much like "Bill Nye the Science Guy" or "The Magic School Bus."

A few of the topics to be covered at the event are the diseases smoking triggers, along with its direct causes,

health effects and resources on how to cease the habit. The program is about six hours long but it'll be worth the time for non-smokers and smokers who are looking to quit.

There's going to be something for the eye to appreciate as well. Two lungs will be viewed side-by-side. One lung is the example of perfect health while the other is a lung that has gone a few rounds with tobacco and has the scars and bruises to show for it. The biggest hit of the event just might be the computer program that shares a special look into the future for whoever is curious (and brave enough) to try it.

With the sophisticated program, the participant has two pictures taken which is then printed out: one showing how the person will look if they never smoke another cigarette and the other showing the long-term affects tobacco will have on the average person.

With the program, participants will be able to discover how smoking affects the body in an exciting manner and it can potentially help struggling smokers overcome the addiction.



This event will make its appearance at SC on Tuesday, Nov. 23 in the Wilson Room, right next to Henry's Cafeteria located in the VisTaTech building. "Dare to Face Your Future" is a one-day only event, so clear the calendar — this will be a good opportunity to learn the truth about smoking, not just the scary tidbits told by friends and family.

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have to work and go to school at the same time. These situations are the major contributors to the number of students that take up to five years to attain their associate degree. They also contribute to the high number of students who start at community colleges and drop out after their first year.

The University of Michigan's graduation rate, which continues to climb yearly, is currently at 89 percent, ranking very high among state and national colleges. Many college officials attribute these statistics to the seriousness and readiness of students entering universities.

"I believe that many people in community colleges are not prepared out of high school to deal with the work load," said SC student Lisa Abbracciavento. "High school students need more preparation for college than they are receiving."

Although this country has made tremendous progress in helping minorities, lower-income students and unemployed adults attain a college degree, statistics continually show that these specific groups are at a disadvantage in successfully earning degrees. The most obvious reason contributing to these statistics is the individuals' socio-economic status. Many simply do not have the funding to send themselves or their children to college.

In the past year and a half, President Obama has put his focus on community colleges which disproportionately serve lower-income students, minorities, working adults and parents. He

In Our News

By CARMEN BOJANOWSKI
NEWS EDITOR

World news

British inventor Perry Watkins' latest invention has been added to the Guinness Book of World Records as the smallest car. The "Wind Up" measures 41 inches high, 51 inches long, and 26 inches wide. It can drive 37 miles per hour and has seatbelts. It is also licensed to drive on public streets.

John Mason, executive director of Ghana's Nature Conservation Research Council, has come to the conclusion that within the next 20 years a resource more treasured than oil or freshwater may become obsolete. "Chocolate may become so rare and so expensive that the average Joe just won't be able to afford it," he said. West African farmers that produce cocoa don't have the price incentives to continue a cultivation process that takes three to five years. The soils in places like Ghana and the Ivory Coast have also been drained of nutrients adding to the scarcity of viable farmland.

National news

An Arizona man was arrested under suspicion of possession of a vapor releasing substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing after being found in an orange grove next to Falcon Field Municipal Airport smelling of spray paint. When an officer noticed the man had paint on his upper lip, he admitted to sniffing the paint and throwing oranges at the parked planes. He also said that he didn't know why it was such a big deal.

An Ohio man found his way out of jury duty by responding "I had a

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saw their potential to prepare people for a job market that increasingly demands a college degree.

"Minority students do need more help," said SC student Chao Tzeng. "It's difficult for minorities because many are lower-income and some have more trouble than others understanding some of the professors."

Even though the graduation rate at community colleges continues to shrink while rapidly growing at four-year universities, many say these statistics are not all that bad. College officials say that with the accelerated enrollment in community colleges, the graduation rates at these schools are bound to drop. While that seems to be a negative thing, it's actually quite normal. The growing graduation rate at universities simply shows that the students that are most qualified are being admitted rather than students that are not prepared to begin their studies at a four-year university. While a low graduation rate at any college, two-year or four-year, doesn't look particularly good, with better preparation in high school and a plan to successfully retrain unemployed workers, the graduation rate at most community colleges will begin to rise and stabilize at a healthy level.

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Green ice

Plymouth Cultural Center utilizes geothermal energy

By PATRICK WALKER
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Sports that rely on ice for skating are expensive. In addition to crippling a parent's pocketbook, they also have costs for the arena and, on a larger scale, the environment. The Cultural Center in Plymouth is doing their part to lessen the cost of providing a quality venue for ice skating.

Plymouth's Cultural Center ice arena is used for competitive hockey and ice skating, as well as open-skating for the public. The arena is also used by organizations such as the Plymouth Canton Hockey Association, Plymouth Canton Schools Varsity Hockey Teams, Michigan High School Development League and adult recreational leagues. SC student and regular street hockey player Ryan Wegmann remembers his senior year of high school when he watched a hockey playoff at the ice arena. "[It is] nice compared to the other ice arenas I have been to."

Because of growing popularity amongst customers, the city of Plymouth committed to keeping the arena open for longer hours. However, increased usage meant an increased energy impact, which led to a hike in costs due to the outdated heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration system built in 1972. The Cultural Center had averaged about \$230,000 in annual utility costs and an additional \$15,000 in maintenance costs.

In order to solve these problems, a \$1 million geothermal system installation was completed in August and

is expected to cut annual energy consumption by 50 percent, all while virtually eliminating natural gas expenditure. Plymouth decided last May to take advantage of such a green energy alternative and became the first in Michigan to do so.

"Applying geothermal energy to the ice arena is a good idea," said SC student and regular hockey player Shane McCarthy.

Geothermal energy is heat harnessed from the Earth's interior, a renewable energy that is pollutant free. Forty-five wells about 400-feet deep were drilled, providing this energy to the ice arena. The energy drawn from the wells is utilized in a geothermal technology specific to ice arenas called an "ice kube" system. This technology uses the constant temperature in the wells to capture energy in water to help heat and cool the building. Water is sent down the well, where it is cooled, and sent back up to use for the creation of ice, air conditioning and other cooling needs. The heat released from the cooled water is used for heating of buildings, water heating and for the Zamboni heating. Any hot or cooled water that can't be used directly is used to heat or cool the underground loops through which the water travels. Energy is moved around instead of being constantly created.

Thermo Source, LLC acted as the general contractor in the project. According to ThermoSource.net, "Geothermal systems use the solar energy that is stored year-round just beneath the Earth's surface. This energy is free, unlimited, 100-percent renewable and increases the energy



PHOTO BY GARY MATUSZAK

This system keeps cool things cool and hot things hot.

efficiency of heating, cooling, refrigeration and hot water systems in a proven cost-effective manner while emitting absolutely no carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide or other harmful green house gases."

Along with energy savings of up to \$100,000 a year and significant cuts in energy consumption, the city had looked to geothermal energy for other

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Campus News



By JONATHAN KING
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Administrative changes

After years of dedicated service to the College, Monica Sullivan has decided to step down as Vice President of Instruction. All of us at The Schoolcraft Connection wish her a fond farewell and hope for the best in here future endeavors.

Richard Weinkauff, who is currently the Dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development, will be assuming Sullivan's position. This change will be made effective as of Nov. 22.

Trustees win re-election

Carol Strom and James Fausone have recently retained their places on Schoolcraft's governing board. Voters re-elected the two trustees to new six-year terms in the Nov. 2 general election. The new terms for Strom and Fausone will be effective starting January 2011.

The governing board is elected by voters within Schoolcraft's district. This includes the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

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close friend in high school who killed 17 people," when he was asked if he knew anyone convicted of a crime. The man was friends with Jeffrey Dahmer back in the day and, when he admitted this to the judge screening him as a prospective juror, he was immediately dismissed from the juror list.

Local news

An East Lansing woman called 911 on her way home early one morning and chatted for about 20 minutes before she was pulled over by police. When the dispatcher asked her if she was intoxicated, she replied,

"Absolutely," and told them that she "shouldn't be driving." When she was pulled over, she was ticketed and faces 90 days in jail.

14-year old Ann Arbor resident Atulya Shetty, who recently represented the United States at the 2010 World Youth Chess Championships in Greece, will be competing at the Detroit Institute of Arts playing 40 to 60 chess matches simultaneously. He has been playing chess since the age of four and has already been named the "national master."

Campus Crime

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Possible malicious destruction of property

An individual who was attending a seminar in the VisTaTech Center on Sept. 28 suspects that someone may have put a 1/4-inch dent in the front center portion of the hood of his vehicle. The complainant wasn't sure if the damage was done at the College or somewhere else.

Credit card fraud

On Oct. 25, a student logged onto a college computer in MC200 to register for winter 2011 classes. A male employee assisted the student. When the student entered his credit card information, he didn't notice anyone standing behind or near him enough to see his information. Later that day, the Bank of America Fraud

Department contacted the student and informed him of unusual activity on his account. While he was talking with customer service, someone tried to make online purchases with Netflix and Trufit. At this point, there has been approximately \$1,500-\$2,000 worth of fraudulent purchases made online using the student's credit card information.

Destruction of college property

On Oct. 28, it was reported that a booth in the Forum building was broken. The north end booth was pulled apart from the side wooden support. It was then marked unsafe with caution tape and a work order for repair/replacement was generated.

CAMPUS CLIFFNOTES

Compiled by Sarah LaVier • Campus Life Editor

Pageturners

The Pageturners, a student led book club, will be discussing "Enemies: A Love Story," by Isaac Bashevis Singer. It follows Herman Broder, refugee and survivor of WWII who has three wives, while navigating a crowded, Yiddish New York with a sense of impending doom. Discussion dates are Thursday, Nov. 18 from 4-5 p.m. at the Radcliff Center; Monday, Nov. 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Livonia Bradner Library; and Tuesday, Nov. 23 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Livonia Bradner Library. Students, faculty, staff and the community are welcome to attend in the discussion. Copies of the novel can be purchased at the SC book store for a discounted price.

Continuing Education and Professional Development

Conversation and Coffee

This time in Conversation and Coffee, titled "Volunteering during Retirement: It's Good for Your Soul," attendees will be informed on how to stay active and engaged through volunteer work. On Friday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, discuss the benefits of volunteering while sipping over some coffee. Students, faculty, staff and the community are welcome to join in on this one day class for \$15.

Music and Theatre Department

Friday Evening Concert Series

The Friday Evening Concert Series is set to kick off with a performance from pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi on Friday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Pompa-Baldi, a professor of piano at the Cleveland

Institute of Music, has toured on four continents and has won a multitude of competitions and awards. He will be performing several musical selections from Debussy, Schumann, Schubert and Rachmaninoff. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 for SC students and can be purchased at sbxoffice.com.

Transition Center Divorce Support Group

For those who have been through divorce, thinking about divorce or going through divorce, the Transition Center at SC provides a divorce support group to those seeking out advice and help. They meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Support group meetings include presentations by lawyers, therapists, mediators and financial planners as well as a guided group discussion. On Tuesday, Nov. 23, from 7-9 p.m. in room MC225 in the McDowell Center, Bridget Green, MA, LLPC, NCC from the Michigan Family Institute, will discuss ways to get through the upcoming holiday seasons and other helpful skills to cope with divorce.

Career and Transfer Center

Career Development Week

The Career and Transfer Center (CTC) at SC will be celebrating the National Career Development week which runs Nov. 15 through Nov. 19. To promote the day, on Nov. 17, the CTC will be celebrating with a table full of snacks and giveaways in the CTC office located in the McDowell Center. Students, faculty, staff and the community are welcome to attend. This is an all-day event, so make sure to stop by!

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reasons. They are not based on figures or estimates but on the core values and culture of the city of Plymouth. According to Plymouth's website, "The project is also being driven by the city's larger effort to 'go green' by promoting sustainable energy alternatives that are more reliable and environmentally friendly than non-renewable energy sources."

The idea of going green is obviously not limited to Plymouth alone. Many green activities are promoted all throughout Schoolcraft's campus. With no ice arena on campus, the Cultural Center ice arena offers a way for SC students to stay active in ice hockey and support green, renewable, safe energy at the same time.



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The Great Debate

No Sconces Involved

With the 2010 elections fresh in mind, our writers decided to tackle the impact the Tea Party had on the political landscape. Are they patriots of democracy or political troublemakers?

From the left ...

By **CONOR BROWN**
STAFF WRITER

I'm very thankful for the tea party. I disagree with them on just about every issue, but because they have been so polarizing, they have cost the GOP its only chance at achieving a 50-50 split Senate. While they may have given the house a large republican majority, this is more of a blessing in disguise for Obama. With the GOP in control of one house, they are much more likely to negotiate, rather than just block legislation to spite the Democrats. While this isn't a total victory for the tea party, it is defiantly not a defeat. However, they were not the game changers that they envisioned themselves.

Their extreme views drove a lot of moderate republicans away, while rallying the conservative base. Anyone that gives up rational thought for catchy slogans should be barred from voting. A good politician knows that the best way to get people to vote for them is to make them afraid of something and that only by being elected can this problem be solved. It is a sad state when the vote is swayed by lies and fear perpetuated by people who know better. Why else would 24% of Americans believe that Barack Obama is a Muslim? While there aren't many people directly promoting this myth, the ones who are in the know are doing nothing to dispel it. It is this brand of politics that is ruining America. Gone are the days when votes were decided based on facts and

not fear. In today's world of 24-hour news, the focus is on quick sound bites that the public can memorize, usually at the loss of the context it was put in. The Tea Party is not responsible for this; they didn't invent it. However, they use this tactic to the fullest extent and it is disgusting. It is one thing to put negative ads on television but it is another thing entirely to outright lie and to perpetuate lies when you know them to be false.

If any good is to come out of these tea parties, it is that the republicans will have more power than before, giving Capitol Hill a certain balance of power. This makes politicians more likely to work together than to just toe the party line. Even the Commander in Chief has expressed this sentiment, "All I want is a Republican I can negotiate with." Obama is a very reasonable man who wants to do what is best for America and not just for its special interests.

I hope that whoever leads the Republican Party shares this ideal. It would be a shame to waste another two years with pointless squabbling over power. There is an economy that needs fixing, and foreign threats that need to be addressed. Fighting over nothing is sure to end badly for both parties, so I think that we can all be assured that the next two years are a hopeful couple. The true impact of the Tea Party will be determined in the next presidential election.

... and from the right

By **RAMON RAZO**
STAFF WRITER

Well, the elections over. The Republicans have taken the House by a staggering number and the Democrats hold the Senate firm in their iron grasp. It's been a crazy election season; one can only wonder what the 2012 elections will bring. One also has to wonder what part the Tea Party played in all this.

The Tea Party is, of course, famous for being a grass-roots, no-nonsense group of people who are sick of taxes. (And rightfully so.) "In fiscal 2009 the federal government spent \$3.52 trillion — \$2.8 trillion in 2000 dollars, which sets a benchmark for comparison," stated Fox News in a November article. "That fiscal year covered the last three-and-a-half months of George W. Bush's term and the first eight-and-a-half months of Obama's. That price tag came with a \$1.4 trillion deficit, nearly \$1 trillion more than last year. The overall budget was about a half-trillion more than Bush's for 2008, his final full fiscal year."

And, so far, what has it done for us? Are we better off or did we basically flush money down the drain, trying to fix a decapitation with a band aid?

People are justifiably sick and tired of not only their money being ripped from their pockets, but the massive pile of debt that everyone for the next so-many generations will have to deal with, and this health care bill that is filled with hidden catches. But out of

the ashes of trillions of wasted dollars, the Tea Party emerged.

"They think federal spending, deficits and taxes are too high, and they think no one in Washington is listening to them, and that latter point is really, really important," says pollster Scott Rasmussen of the Tea Party.

75 percent of republicans say they believe government leaders are out of touch with the people. The Tea Party gives conservatives a chance to align themselves to a new ideal (not necessarily an official political party just yet). It allows right-winged conservatives to keep their sanity even when the Republican Party has been sliding more to left. They stand for no more Obama money drains, no more Socialism-like government and no more Barack Obama. So, naturally, the left-winged liberal media hates them.

Since no legitimate issues have been able to cling to the Tea Party, the media has resorted to what they do best — mudslinging. One racist idiot has a sign that says something negative about president, and suddenly all tea party supporters are Klansmen.

These are all childish tactics and, really, one needs to ask themselves, what's the problem? What sort of threat does the Tea Party pose? If they are a threat, maybe the government needs to start watching what they're doing.

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Discipline vs pampering



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REFLECTIONS ON A BUN

There's nothing like having the time to go around town finishing errands: a trip to the bank, grocery shopping, post office and maybe a quick stop at a miscellaneous destination to order an overcharged hot beverage to help make the day bearable. Most days, there's no extravagant event in completing the "to do" list but, on several occasions, I've glimpsed the difficult world known as "parenthood." It leaves me hoping my little daughter, Emma, will be easier to handle — wishful thinking doesn't hurt.

It doesn't matter the location or which task I'm working on, when a child decides to throw a tantrum there is usually two methods I've seen used by parents: bribery and yelling. Parents either offer their kid an instant gratification such as candy

or they do the complete opposite and establish a no compromise conduct of "you will do this because I said so." Some people have even gone as far to threaten or follow through with a beating. So, where is the line drawn between the two?

In one corner, spoiling a child can lead to the young person taking certain aspects of life for granted while, in the other corner, harsher treatment can create a detachment to the rest of the world.

Both Emma's father and I have encountered the stricter method of parenting (as it is commonly observed in the majority of Asian culture), with misdeeds punishable by odd beatings and spankings that ranged in severity depending on the "crime." Although we both like to think of ourselves as rather humble human beings, the scars left by the hardcore discipline still plagues us well into adulthood.

Like the rest of the children who receive the "authoritarian" approach, overcoming an unbearable reserved shyness was one thing we had in common as children.

On the other hand, completely pampering an offspring or being "permissive" doesn't do the child any favors.

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The Conversationalist

ASHLEY'S ANGLE



By **ASHLEY CARLEY**
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I don't consider myself a very opinionated person. I carry a heap of empathy in my soul so it's always there when I need it. Aside from my cynical interjections, there are few matters I deem worthy of an argument. One that is worthy of such attention is friendship.

Four of my best friends obliterate normalcy and by no means indicate that together the five of us function well but, for us, words speak louder than actions. It is the conversation that glues a friendship together.

According to Encyclopedia.com, conversation analysis is a research method that takes conversations in real-life as an object of study and serves as a window to the roles, social relationships and power relationships of participants. Obviously, my companions and I aren't forming a psychology report over a Starbucks Vanilla Iced Cappuccino but we are becoming a statistic for the better.

The most interesting aspect of conversation analysis was that the subject matter of the discussion is noted,

can be unimportant, and is not itself the main focus of the analysis. For me, knowing I have someone who is interested in discussing their day just as much as mine is more important than working a few therapists into my friendship résumé. Oscar Wilde once said, "Conversation should touch everything, but should concentrate itself on nothing."

We used to be a group of five less-than-innocent adolescents determined to prove the prima donnas of the dance studio wrong. Sometimes I wonder if our cordial attitude towards the object of opposition really started our obsession with each other. Could we have shot our son-of-a-gun, witty responses out loud and, in a sense, avoided the ongoing back talk and formation of cliques? Probably. Would that have made us something different than we are? Absolutely.

And when did women start being downgraded for using more words than men or nearly crucified for spending hours on the phone? Perhaps the fact that women can find simple joy from a conversation gives men their own cross to bear when their joy needs a 3-2 pitch in the ninth inning and a \$10 bar beer. Eleanor Roosevelt will forever live as a candidate on my top 10 women to aspire to be list, mainly because she was name-dropped in the Disney classic "Princess Diaries." Second to that, she christened the value of simplicity with her words, "A little simplification would be the first step toward rational living. I think."

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Shop till you drop!



SARAH SAYS ...

By **SARAH LAVIER**
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Black Friday: a day where the "crazies" wake up at four in the morning, wait in long vigorous lines and push through mounds of anxious buyers. This is a nightmare to the novice shopper but, when it comes to deals and steals, the savvy early birds are out to get there bargain worms.

The day after Thanksgiving, aka Black Friday, has been a tradition in which my family and I have partaken in ever since I can remember. Even though we do it every year, I still dread waking up at an ungodly hour to wander out into cold weather just so that I can shove my way to some deals.

Black Friday is all about huge savings. Whether it's on electronics, clothes or furniture, every store has a sale. Desperate shoppers will wait in line days before the big event to be one of the first to get those promotions. I've seen serious shoppers wait in lines wrapped around Best Buy and set up camping tents just to be one of the first five to get a discounted laptop. To put yourself through such havoc for a so-called "deal" just doesn't seem to be worth the savings in the end.

Personally, Black Friday can be partially enjoyable because I tend to get

a kick out of watching people run like unleashed zoo animals. So, if people-watching is your thing, then this day is for you. I know I'll end up still going out to search for something I may desire, but being around millions of mean, nasty people can get to any shopper.

Many accidents tend to happen on this shopping holiday. There are car crashes in parking lots due to soccer moms in mini-vans trying to get that one, good parking space and even people being trampled over when the store opens its doors. According to the nydailynews.com, a Wal-Mart employee died in a Black Friday stampede in November 2008 after being trampled over by anxious shoppers.

For those seeking to avoid the day after Thanksgiving madness, most stores now offer their Black Friday specials conveniently online. Shopping over the Internet ends up being much easier to not only browse for those desired bargains but also aids in avoiding those long, hasty lines. I'd rather pay the extra few dollars for a shipping charge to get an item I want, hassle-free. Also to avoid the rush, stores usually have specials going on until closing hours. Most of the shopping goes on in the early hours of the day so, even though some items may be picked over, there are always some leftovers for night owls.

Over the years of shopping the day after, I have learned what to avoid and where to go. Shopping on Black Friday can be a lot for inexperienced shoppers so whether one chooses to stay nestled safely in their home or join the madness is up to the individual. They don't call it Black Friday for nothing. Good Luck!

Politics: everything that's wrong with them

CARMEN'S CONSENSUS



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Finally, the elections are over. For weeks it's been impossible to turn on the TV without seeing a political ad, answer the phone without trying to have your vote swayed one way or the other, or drive down the street without seeing two dozen signs advertising the multitude of candidates.

Let me just clear the air from that bitter sounding first paragraph by saying, I hate politics. Sounds pretty great coming from a News Editor, doesn't it? But really, politics puts me to sleep. I don't choose to watch debates, I don't choose to read about politicians and, in all honesty, I'm well aware that people like me will not be reading this editorial because "elections" is in the first sentence.

When politics aren't putting me to sleep, they're ticking me off. It astounds me how many advertising campaigns seem to solely focus on trashing the other candidate. Why not talk yourself up rather than dragging the other person down? I don't care what he did back in 2004, tell me what you're going to do if I vote for you. These ads don't even focus on actual issues; they're just full of the

candidate's dirty laundry from years past. Most are completely irrelevant and might as well just say "Hey, don't vote for this guy, he's got an ugly wife" or "You should vote for me because I found a picture of the other guy smoking pot back in 1976." They're low blows and ways of fighting dirty. Maybe I'm just naïve and think being civil and minding your own business is the best way to go but, hey, I guess all is fair in love, war and politics.

It's not even just the politicians that make me mad. This generation doesn't even seem to be Democrats or Republicans anymore. The in-thing is to be "PROBAMA" or "NOBAMA" — clever word play, stupid concept. Like Obama? Vote Democrat. Don't like Obama? Vote Republican. I don't belong to a political party but I feel like even I am more informed than these people who actually believe this is a good way of thinking. Yeah, it's become clear that our president seems to be more of a pop culture icon than a politician now but we can't forget the fact that he's still the President of the United States — you know — the leader of our country. Since this is the generation that will be choosing this country's leaders for the rest of my lifetime, I really should be packing up my bags and heading off to Canada right now.

As for me not belonging to a political party, there are multiple reasons for this. Despite the fact that I'd rather stare at a blank wall than listen to someone rattle off the characteristics of a republican or a democrat, I do

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Let's get more steroids in baseball



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HOLD ON, HEAR ME OUT

Ah, baseball: the great American pastime and perpetual hotbed for controversy. Steroids in baseball has been a hot-button issue for years now. At its peak, the controversy even made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court (because clearly that was the most important issue they could have been dealing with). I believe that people have been looking at this situation all wrong. We don't need fewer steroids in baseball. We need more steroids in baseball.

First, let's get one thing clear: baseball is boring. It ranks up there with golf as one of the dullest sports in existence — so much that I hesitate to call it a sport. At best, it's probably an activity. At least with basketball or soccer there's constant motion. Something's happening all the time. Conversely, with baseball it's completely possible for a player to walk into the outfield and spend half an inning standing completely motionless. If you stand perfectly still in a field for 10 minutes you should not be

able to claim you have "participated" in a sport.

So it's clear that the game needs a bit more pizzazz. That's where the steroids come in. Instead of just a couple players running the show, let's get everyone in on the act. I want whole teams of muscly superheroes running around the field like members of a Benny Hill skit. As far as I'm concerned, every time someone steps up to bat they should be knocking the ball into the next city and circling the bases in 3.5 seconds. As an added bonus, thanks to "roid rage," we might also get the odd fistfight or two. Be honest, you don't watch hockey for the fancy skating, do you?

Of course there are the naysayers who feel the need to poo-poo this perfect plan. People say you can't use steroids because they're a "performance-enhancing drug." Well, I would argue that shoes are performance-enhancing equipment. I would argue that practicing is a performance-enhancing exercise. Over the decades, the sport has evolved to help make the most of players' natural ability. Everything from the bats to the mitts have been custom-engineered to give players as much of an advantage as possible. Steroids are just the next logical step in improving the skill of the average player to make for a better game. As long as it's available to everyone, it has no impact on the fairness

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"What are you thankful for?"

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Major: Undecided

"My family and being able to go to school."



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Major: Biomedical Engineering

"I'm thankful for the Schoolcraft Campus and the faculty."



Stephanie Sharpe
Major: Social Work

"I am thankful for life."



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Major: Undecided

"All of the help the teachers are doing."



Aaron Sadler
Major: Broadcast Communication

"Thankful for God waking me up every-day."



Jeremy Poli
Major: Undecided

"My friends and family."



Shenere Keith
Major: Macrao Agreement

"My mom and the household that I have."



Donald Henry
Major: Undecided

"I am thankful for veterans alongside current servicemen."

NFL hit policy



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You might be sick of seeing, hearing and reading people talk about the NFL's new efforts to crack down on helmet-to-helmet hits. I'm getting close to that point myself. I understand that a helmet-to-helmet hit is very viscous and damaging to players. No player is out there purposely trying to hurt anyone. Also, with all the moving around players do today, a majority of them have friends on other teams. No player wants to see what happened to DeSean Jackson.

I don't believe there is malicious intent 99.9 percent of the time. It's just football. So I'm fine with the flags and the fines. I can live with that but I think the suspensions are taking it too far.

If we want to talk about suspending repeat offenders that makes more sense. If you do it once in the heat of the game, I think the NFL is opening up a can of worms by suspending that player. However, if a player has a history of violent hits, then a suspension is warranted. It's just this idea of suspending all players for every helmet-to-helmet hit that scares the heck out of me. There is a lot of gray area here.

On the weekend of week seven, the NFL cracked down on illegal hits came into effect. Seemingly by coincidence,

scoring soared. NFL teams scored 52.6 points per game last weekend, the highest average weekend tally in 27 years. The scoring increase came one week after the NFL warned players it would hold them more accountable for illegal and violent hits. The league fined three players a total of \$175,000 last week for what it said was illegal hits. Players widely criticized the new emphasis on increased discipline — which could include suspensions for first-time offenders — but there were no fouls for illegal hits.

You know what my biggest pet peeve is with this whole thing? The knee-jerk reaction to one week. This is how our society fixes everything today in general. Instead of the NFL brain trust sitting down for a week and really discussing player safety, debating different solutions and coming up with a solid long-term plan, they just react and say they're going to start suspending offenders.

In all honesty, this isn't going to do anything to protect the players. Guys will still get knocked out so, in the long run, what did the NFL really fix?

If the players were in agreement there wouldn't be an issue but even a great many offensive players, the ones on the receiving ends of these hits, think suspensions cross the line. That's significant. Ronnie Lott has said he couldn't even play in today's NFL. One of the greatest defensive football players of all time believes he wouldn't be able to play in the league in 2010. Does that make any sense? When will the NFL stop coming up with useless policies without thinking them over?

Until they do, we'll continue to see elite defensive behemoths playing patty-cake football.

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Maybe one day the topic of conversation will be the ups and downs of our Manhattan lifestyle and the ironic symmetry of our lives. We will sip on apple martinis, straight up, and with every taste, the million dollar bracelets

that ride the circumference of our thin arms will shake. For now, we will anxiously wait the Thanksgiving holiday to bask in each other's warm conversation. But this year, the glamour won't be found in a Louis Vuitton handbag.

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Using this method, the relationship is more of "I'm your best friend and not your parent — please like me." Not only would a parent be rewarding a child with a positive reinforcement (in this case, a candy bar or toy) for their bad behavior, but the lack of high expectations also encourages them to continue whining until they repeatedly break you.

In the U.S., there are many cases of child abuse with over 3 million reports made every year based on Childhelp.org. Maybe they should do some stats on being overly nice with minimal or no discipline as well, seeing how certain parts of our younger generation

are losing interest in the important factors and placing more emphasis on materialistic entertainment. Don't even get me started on people who act like the participants on "Jersey Shore" or "Real Housewives" — it could be an editorial of its own.

I've learned that to be a good parent, you have to be well-balanced. It is neither about discipline nor pampering but rather how the parent delivers their method of choice based on the situation. Emma can whine all she wants, but mommy isn't going to give her that double extra scoop of ice cream on top of the one she already has.

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know that both sides have their faults and their merits. I have my own opinions and my own beliefs and there is no possible way I could lump them all to match with the ideal democrat, republican, libertarian or what have you. Too much is focused on what party a candidate belongs to rather than the actual person up for election

and the issues at hand. The best way to find these things out is to block out your initial ideas of who a candidate represents and actually listen to what they have to say. It's too late to make a difference in this year's elections, but keep these things in mind when Nov. 6, 2012 rolls around.



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RETRACTION

Due to editing errors, the staff of The Schoolcraft Connection would like to clear up a few inconsistencies from our Nov. 2 issue.

In the story titled "Party like it's 1773," a quote was mistakenly attributed to Attorney General candidate Bill Schuette. The statement was actually made by Secretary of State candidate Ruth Johnson.

Within the same story, Justice Bob Young was mistakenly written as Judge Mike Young.

The staff of the Connection strives for accuracy in all of our stories. In the event we fall short, we feel it is important to rectify any miscommunication or representation to our readers.

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At the end of the day, is the Tea Party a huge movement? Sure it is. Is it a revolution? Maybe not.

"This populist movement that has given rise to the tea party is some-

thing that has happened throughout American history," says Rassmussen.

But is it having an effect? It might be too soon to tell but one thing can be made clear; it's making those in the liberal hierarchy very skittish.

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of the game and it makes things more exciting. It's a win-win scenario.

Ah, but what about the dangers inherent with using steroids? While it is true that there are risks associated with steroids, conditions generally only enter into the area of life-threatening after excessive or prolonged use. Of course, this is also true of alcohol, tobacco, energy drinks, Tylenol and Chicken McNuggets. In short, a little juice here and there probably won't kill you. It might give you acne but, hey, if you're making millions of dollars a game, you can afford some Clearasil. Besides, if steroids were legalized and administered in controlled doses, then it would undoubtedly be a much safer practice. It's really a foolproof plan.

So let's get on the steroid bandwagon. I mean, we have to do something to make the game more exciting and there's really not much else we can do, short of changing the rules or burying landmines in the outfield — which, believe me, would do the trick. So why not take advantage of something we already have? No other solution is as practical or as effective as a healthy dose of synthetically-manufactured dihydrotestosterone. Hey, it worked for the NFL. (Let's be honest, you don't get beachball-sized heads and arms like electrical transformers from eating Wheaties.) So relax and get your juice on! And maybe, just maybe, I'll start watching baseball again.

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Robo-Radcliff

Technology takes over the Radcliff snack shop

By Emily Paris
Staff Writer

Hungry SC students have noticed a huge change in their cafeteria at the SC Radcliff Center (RC) in Garden City. “Options,” the snack shop on campus, has been transformed into a U-scan checkout like the ones at your local grocery store. Students, faculty and staff are now able to grab their goods, proceed to the automated machine and insert their cash — no coins accepted — or debit/credit card into the machine.

Before the change during summer break, Options was like any other cafeteria with cashiers and hand-to-hand money exchange. Several SC students are concerned about whether this “high-tech” change is for the better or worse. Rochelle Robinson, 48, medical assisting student, said “I don’t like it. It’s a school, not a grocery store.”

If there’s ever any trouble during a sale, an attendant is usually available for assistance like a regular U-scan checkout. If not, there is a phone number to call for assistance.

Options is mostly filled with quick snacks, such as chips, candy, cheese sticks, soup and beverages. Jody Scheller, a health information technology professor, stated, “I have not been on campus enough to try it out. It’s a

little intimidating, but I’m sure I’ll get the hang of it. I will miss the ladies that ran Options.”

Another concern is the efficient disposal of expired food and drinks. Students have been complaining that there’s no one to keep tabs on expired products like before.

“The food doesn’t taste the same. The first time I had the mozzarella sticks I thought they were undercooked. Before, I could take them back and complain, but I can’t do that now. Also, the mozzarella sticks have no flavor. It just tastes like bread with cheese,” said Mary Stefanovski, a medical assisting student. Stefanovski also noted that the new system does not accept SC gift cards like it use to. “We are college students. We are not made of money.”

With the 2011 winter semester rapidly approaching, students are looking for a way to save money. The original goal of the new RC snack shop was to save money, but due to the elimination of jobs resulting from the self-scan system and students already in debt from paying for school supplies, books and tuition, the raised prices on the snacks have students turning away from the newly updated snack shop. On a positive note for



those late night students, Options will be open all the time, whereas before the shop would close for a shift change and at night. So whether or not you choose the new “Options,” is up to you.

A SC student at Garden City's "Options" store demonstrates the new U-Scan system.

Student Profile: Kyle Stansik

Major: Fire Safety Technology

By Sarah LaVier
Campus Life Editor

Why did you choose to be a Fire Safety Technology major?

I have a fascination with fire to be honest. I like starting and putting out fire, but in this case putting them out. I want to be able to give back to the community by saving people's lives.

What do you plan on doing in the field?

I plan on getting my degree, becoming a firefighter and also working in fire suppression.

What is fire suppression?

I would install and maintain fire alarm overhead sprinkler systems in large buildings.

What do you enjoy most about SC's campus?

Since I'm a fire tech major, all my classes are at the Radcliff building. I like it because it's all one building and that means I don't have to do much walking in between classes. Plus, it's local and easy for me to get from school to work.

Where do you work?

I work for a landscaping company during the spring, summer and fall months, and I work a few nights a week at Primo's Pizza, where I make and deliver pizza.

What do you most enjoy about your jobs?

For the landscaping, I enjoy the flexible hours, being outside all the time and getting a “sexy, sexy” tan during the summer months. For Primo's Pizza I enjoy being able to make pizzas all the time and eating them.

What do you do to relax from work and school?

I enjoy hanging out with my friends, fishing and hunting. I also play hockey once a week on an adult league every Friday night at one of the ice rinks my dad owns.

What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

Just spending some quality time with my family. Everyone comes to my house for Thanksgiving dinner, it can get crazy.

What are you most thankful for this year?

I'm thankful for getting rid of my crazy ex-girlfriend and that my 21st birthday is this month on Nov. 17!

What are your thoughts on Black Friday?

It sucks because I can't get the stuff I want, too many crazy people going to the store at 7 a.m. and buying it all. I just save myself the headache and stay home the day after Thanksgiving.



Fire Safety Tech Student Kyle Stansik has found the Radcliff Campus is a convenient way to get a degree.

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Winter is coming

Essentials to keep you car out of trouble

By Adam Glapa & Gary Matuszak
Staff Writers

With winter rapidly approaching, many people have not taken the right steps in order to prepare their car for snow-covered roads. While the season can be beautiful and exciting, it can also cause headaches and dangerous driving conditions. It's important for SC students, faculty and staff to carry certain items in their vehicle while heading to school or work as winter approaches.

The most necessary item that should be purchased and kept in your car at all times is a snow scraper. This item will not only spare the windshield wipers from being shredded by stubborn ice and snow build-up, but will ensure that drivers won't have to go through a gallon of windshield washer fluid to begin their commute. SC student Cindy Bushta is ready for the winter conditions, “Usually I purchase some extra windshield wiper fluid and ice scrapers.” Another key item to keep handy is a snow shovel. While having a shovel

in the trunk seems like a waste of space, it could possibly save someone a lot of time and money from having to call a tow truck if the vehicle can simply be shoveled out. “I always thought having a snow shovel in my car was overkill” Bushta said, “That was, of course, before I actually needed it.”

Winter can be an intimidating season to operate an automobile, but preparing yourself with a few of these items may combat many of the problems that can be experienced during the long winter months. For more information and advice regarding winter driving contact Gary Matuszak, at askgarym@gmail.com.



Photo by Gary Matuszak

Year Round Items

- Basic tool kit
- Flashlight
- Jumper cables
- First Aid Kit
- 12-volt air pump
- Fuses
- Fire extinguisher
- Cell phone
- Blanket
- Spare tire
- One gallon of distilled water

Winter essentials

- Ice scraper/brush
- Kitty litter or gravel
- Matches
- Candles
- Nonperishable canned goods
- Winter windshield washer fluid
- Small snow shovel
- Swiss Army knife
- Road flares



Photo/Illustration by Brian Camilleri

Schoolcraft honored our brave troops with their Veteran's Day Event in the VisTaTech Center on Nov. 11. With the Student Activities Office (SAO) decked out in patriotic red, white and blue, participants in the event were excited to show their support and appreciation for our veterans.

The day's main presentation, which took place in the DiPonio room, included a selection of student speakers, Melissa Fricke from the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA) and a powerful keynote speech by Corporal Brent McCullen. Political science instructor Professor Nanian even brought her class to view the presentation and participate in the Card Making Workshop, a project where attendees were able to design cards and write letters of thanks and encouragement to our soldier abroad. An overwhelming 170 cards were written t active duty and veteran soldiers

In addition to these events, yellow ribbons and American flag pins were also sold at the event, with all proceeds going to the DMVA. “This is just one way for the Schoolcraft College community to show our appreciation for all the effort and sacrifices members of the armed forces make on our behalf,” said Jeffrey Petts, a technician in the SAO.

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Club Events



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Student Activities Office

Anti-Smoking Program

Please come and visit the anti-smoking program on Tuesday, Nov. 23 in the Wilson Room (located near Henry's) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The program includes interactive exhibits where students are able to walk through and learn about how smoking affects their lives. Hands-on activities will also be spread throughout. The program also includes a side-by-side comparison of an actual healthy lung and an average smoker's lung. Sophisticated software is also going to be an integral part of the exhibit where students will get their picture taken and the software will generate how they may look as they get older. Phi Theta Kappa members will receive ¼ star for participating.

Winter Coat Drive

Donate your old coat to someone in need! Coats will be donated to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen. Bring coats to the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Canned Food Drive

Now thru Dec., please drop off non-perishable food in the Student Activities Office located in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. All dry goods and canned food will be distributed to local soup kitchens and shelters.

Baptist Christian Challenge

Do you want to enrich the quality of your overall college experience ethically, morally, and spiritually by challenging yourself to explore God's word? Then come to our meetings every Thursday from 11:30-1:30 p.m. The next meetings are scheduled for Nov. 18 and Dec. 2.

Beats and Music Faction

Want to make progress in personal musical talent? Then stop by the Beats and Music Faction meetings! During meetings you'll meet, teach, and learn, as well as giving and receiving constructive criticism with those who share the passion of music. The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. in the Lower Waterman located of the VisTaTech Building.

Campus Crusade

Are you interested in learning more about your faith and want to grow spiritually? Then join the Campus Crusade during their meetings every Monday at 11 a.m. in the Lower Waterman. The next meetings are scheduled for Nov. 22 and Nov. 29.

Catholic Student Association

Join the CSA as they connect students with Jesus who is the source of hope, model of life, and was a young adult himself. Bible Study will take place every Wednesday at 4 p.m. Their next Bible Study meetings are on Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1. Also, the will be having regular meetings every other Monday at 2 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29.

EdgeRunner Ski/Snowboard Club

Keystone, Colorado Ski Trip

Love the snow? Love to ski or snowboard? Then join the EdgeRunner Ski/Snowboarding club and do just that! This year's the trip will be to Keystone, CO and you will be staying at the Breckenridge ski resort. Price includes 5 night condo living, 4 day lift tickets, 2 night lift tickets, everything to make a perfect winter break. Final payment is due November 19.

Killington, Vermont Ski Trip

Also, don't miss out when the Ski Club goes to Killington, VT for spring break (Feb. 27-Mar.3). Price is \$525 and includes 3 day lift tickets, 4 night condo living, and Motor Coach transportation. Deposit due as soon as possible.

Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club

The Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club provides an opportunity for viewing and discussion of Japanese Animation. Their next meetings are on Friday, Nov. 19 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 20 from 5-10 p.m.

PageTurners

This month's book being discussed is "Enemies: A Love Story." Discussions will be held on Monday, Nov. 22 in LA 105 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 23 in LA 105 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa members will receive ¼ star for attending, and 1 full star for facilitating.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

General Meetings

There will be a membership meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 7-8 p.m. in the Lower Waterman and on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10-11 a.m. in the Lower Waterman for all members. Come out and be updated on future events and plans. This is the time to come and ask any questions you have regarding Phi Theta Kappa. Members will receive ¼ star for attendance.

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen

PTK's monthly trip to the St. Leo's soup kitchen will be on Saturday, Nov. 20. Please meet in the Lower Waterman at 8 a.m. Carpooling will be available. Members will receive 1 star for full attendance.

PTK Speaker Series

Join PTK on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. in VisTaTech 460 for another Speaker Series. Presenter Donna May will be discussing how to manage stress on the go. Members will receive ¼ star for full attendance.

Photography Club

Photography Club provides a wel-

coming environment for graphically inclined hobbyists, graphic designers and students majoring in artistic fields. The next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Project Playhem

General Meetings

Project Playhem is the club for those people who love video games, or are just looking for something to do between classes. Project Playhem hosts tournaments for cash prizes, as well as hosting gaming-related events that support their vision and goal of bringing gaming into the mainstream. Their next meetings will be on Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Building.

Operation Cornucopia

From October 25-November 24, Project Playhem will be taking non-perishable food items for the Operation Cornucopia Food Drive. All donations will be hand delivered by Project Playhem members.

The Schoolcraft Connection

Want to further your skills in writing, editing, photography and design? Then join the award-winning Schoolcraft Connection, a student-run newspaper! Staff meetings are every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

Schoolcraft Peace Alliance

The Schoolcraft Peace Alliance is devoted to promoting peace here on campus as well as through the community. Along with this, they are continually seeking ways to bring peace to others as well as themselves. Join them for their next meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Student Activities Board

Want to get involved on campus? Then come and see how at the Student Activities Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7 from 5-6 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech center. The Student Activities Board provides students and the college community with a variety of programs and activities that are educational, service-oriented, have entertainment value and provide a social environment where students can meet a diverse group of new people.

Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament

Come join the Student Activities Board for their second annual Turkey Bowl! This event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 12-3 p.m. on the soccer fields. Come out and watch this fun and exciting event.

Students for a Sensible Drug Policy

The Schoolcraft chapter of SSDP is built to be a network of students who are concerned about the impact drug abuse has on our community but also know the war on drugs is failing our generation and our society. SSDP mobilizes and empowers young people to participate in the political process, pushing for sensible policies to

"Like" my tweet?

SAO launches Facebook and Twitter competitions

By ASHLEY CARLEY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

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By Ashley Carley
Editor In Chief

The Student Activities Office (SAO) has marketing season well underway with two new social media competitions to encourage student involvement in social networking. With frequently updated Facebook and Twitter pages, students will be able to follow the SAO's busy schedule in the palm of their hands. The Face of Facebook and Top Ten Tweets competitions will encourage a whole new realm of student involvement.

Face of Facebook is a competition for students to contribute pictures, which can be e-mailed to the SAO or posted directly onto their Facebook page.

Photos with the highest number of "likes" will be deemed the winner. "We want more involvement with the students on Facebook. The more students are involved, the more they'll be informed and can enjoy all of the events the SAO has to offer," said Christopher Chiavattone, SAO employee and front man for the Facebook page. He's in charge of posting daily updates and new information, as well as answering questions in a timely manner.

The page provides students with flyers and multimedia videos of the SAO's current and upcoming promotions, fundraisers and events on campus. "We encourage [students'] comments, questions and suggestions

so that we may better serve our students and make their college experience more enriching. As with all social media, it's their input that is most important."

The promotional competition takes the excitement of smiling faces on campus and brings them to a familiar media venue. The SAO is looking for moments that capture the beauty of campus with the excitement of students engaging in various events. "There are nearly 35,000 students enrolled at Schoolcraft College. From full-time to continuing education, it isn't easy to put a face to their collective name. We thought that this would give the students a chance to choose their own representative — a picture chosen each month, by them, of a student or students engaged in typical campus life."

Brainstorming various marketing strategies for the boom of social media sparked Chiavattone's enthusiasm for the Face of Facebook contest as well as the Twitter competition, Top Ten Tweets.

Expanding beyond the Facebook craze, SAO employee Steven Hubbard is heading the Twitter marketing plan by creating a competition to find the top ten students at SC worth following as well as designing a screen saver to make following tweets easily accessible.

"After selection of our 'Top Ten Tweets' winner, our goal is to have the Student Activities Office Twitter membership by at least triple the amount of registered users on our Facebook page

by the time we make a decision on our winner. We also hope to see spillover from our Twitter page to our Facebook page due to our newly acquired audience," Hubbard said.

The SAO employees have planned a systematic method for SC students to select their favorite tweets. "We plan on using Like My Tweets, LLC's program to add "like" functionality to our Twitter page by usage of a Bitly link. We'll use real-time tracking by the Bitly software to track our marketing plans effectiveness, reduce "click-fraud" and provide statistical insight on the more popular tweets." The Twitter user with the most liked tweet by the cut-off time becomes the winner, who will be notified and published on Twitter, Facebook, in the Schoolcraft Connection and the SAO.

Both the Twitter and Facebook pages are flooded with resources for students looking for events and campus involve-

ment. "Students can find a wealth of information concerning our major and minor events hosted by the student-run organizations. Our Twitter page shall be known as a "one-stop-shop" for everything concerning various social events occurring on the Livonia and Radcliff campuses. College events, club meetings, SAO hosted events and our "Top Ten Tweets" promotion are an integral part of the Twitter implementation," Hubbard said. Chiavattone agreed, adding, "Students can take an active part in posting comments and making suggestions. We hope to increase our number of friends as much as possible, so that we can increase awareness and get feedback from our students. This way, as we plan future events, we can have the needs of the average student in mind."

For more information on the competitions and using social media, contact the SAO at 734-767-4422.

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achieve a safer and more just future, while fighting back against counterproductive drug war policies, particularly those that harm students and youth. To learn more, please join them at their meetings on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Building.

Table Top Club

Come and join the Table Top Club every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The

Table Top Club is Schoolcraft College's premier location for game players alike. Play a variety of card games ranging from Dungeon and Dragons, Solitaire and Cheat. Students shall learn to develop personal friendships and leadership.

For all club information, contact the STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE at 734-462-4422.

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Wutizzit?

The Schoolcraft Photography Club is proud to sponsor an identify-the-image contest. If you can determine the four images to the right you could win a pair of free 8x10 prints from Express Photo in Livonia. The first six winners will be awarded.

Instructions

Identify the four images

Visit the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman and fill out a contest entry form

Be one of the first six entrants to get all the answers correct

Collect the prize!

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



Photos and layout by Mandy Getschman

LaVier family stuffing

Ingredients

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| 1 loaf sliced white bread | 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning |
| 2 pound ground beef | ½ teaspoon salt |
| 5 stalks celery | ½ teaspoon pepper |
| 1 large onion | 1 14-oz can chicken broth |
| | 1 egg |
| | ½ stick of butter |

Procedure

Dry out loaf of sliced white bread two days prior to making. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Break up dried bread into a large bowl. Cook ground beef in a large pan until brown. Drain and set aside. Chop up the onion and celery, sauté with butter and add poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Add the sautéed vegetables and ground beef into the large bowl with the dry bread pieces. Add one large beaten egg into the same bowl. Mix everything together thoroughly. Add chicken broth. Place the mixed ingredients into a large baking pan. Bake for one hour.

Spicy mint cauliflower and broccoli

Ingredients:

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| 1 ½ tablespoon mint chutney paste
(found in many Indian grocery stores) | Dash of salt |
| 1 ¼ tablespoon garlic paste | Dash of black pepper |
| 2 tablespoon lemon juice | Dash of cayenne pepper |
| 5 cloves of garlic, small dice | Dash of ginger powder (or grated ginger root) |
| 1/2 of a white onion, small dice | 1 whole cauliflower, cut up in cubes |
| | 1 whole broccoli, cut up in cubes |
| | 3 red potatoes, cooked and mashed |

Procedure:

Cut up and mix together in a small bowl: cauliflower, broccoli, onion and garlic cloves. Microwave the vegetables for 10-16 minutes until slightly firm and tender. Then mix in the remainder of the ingredients, excluding the lemon juice and black pepper. Once all mixed, place the mixture in a glass pan, add lemon juice on top and dash on the black pepper. To make the dish crispy, bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Note: The cauliflower and broccoli can be substituted with other vegetables.

Bring on the elastic pants

Recipes for your feast

By **LISA CHIN**
MANAGING EDITOR

Throughout campus, the first thought about the upcoming break on Nov. 25-27 is, "All right, no school!" However, as students at the College, the initial thought is blanketed by the fact that the term "break" just isn't what it used to be during our earlier K-12 days. Many of us run around all day long juggling multiple parts of our lives: jobs, homework, kids — it never ceases.

This Thanksgiving Day, whether you're an avid cook returning to the kitchen for a grueling something-plus hours or a microwave master looking to impress that significant other, rest assured that we have your back when it comes to having a successful, bountiful feast.

From our staffs' tables to yours, please enjoy the following recipes knowing you've spent less time searching and more quality time with your friends and family.

Mama's parmesan potatoes

Ingredients

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| 6 potatoes | 1 teaspoon salt |
| ¼ cup flour | ½ teaspoon pepper |
| ¼ cup parmesan cheese | ¼ cup butter |
| | Parsley |

Procedure

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees. Peel and quarter potatoes. Mix flour, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper into a plastic bag. Put wet potatoes in bag and shake well until well coated. Melt butter into a 9x13 pan. Put potatoes in dish and bake for one hour. After 30 minutes, turn potatoes over without stirring. Add parsley if desired. For a crisper potato, put under broiler on high for a few minutes.

Brined roast turkey

Ingredients

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| 1 (14-18 pound) turkey | ½ apple, sliced |
| 4 14-ounce cans vegetable broth | ½ onion, sliced |
| 1 cup kosher salt | 2 sprigs rosemary |
| ½ cup brown sugar | 4 sage leaves |
| 2 tablespoons black peppercorns | Canola or vegetable oil |
| 1 gallon iced water | 6 carrots |
| | 6 celery stalks |

Procedure

Make brine by combining broth, salt, sugar and peppercorns and bring to a boil. Cool completely then place in a clean container with a whole, thawed turkey. Fill container with iced water and store, sealed, in a cool place for at least 12 hours.

Once brined, pat dry bird and discard remaining liquid. Line a baking pan with a bed of washed carrots and celery. Loosely stuff apple and onion slices, cinnamon and herbs into turkey's chest cavity. Thoroughly oil the outer skin of bird and fold wings under body. Place breast-down in baking vessel and into preheated 400-degree oven for one hour. Then flip turkey, place probe thermometer in thickest part of breast and cook until internal temperature reaches 161 degrees. Allow bird to rest for 30 minutes before carving.

Bojanowski family broccoli and rice casserole

Ingredients

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| 1 box Uncle Ben's Original Long Grain Wild Rice | 1 pound bag of frozen broccoli |
| | 1 small jar Cheez Whiz |
| | ½ cup shredded cheddar or Colby Jack cheese |

Procedure

Make the rice according to package directions. Also prepare the broccoli according to package directions, leaving it slightly undercooked. In a casserole dish sprayed with Pam, mix rice, broccoli, Cheez Whiz and ¼ cup of cheese. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake another 10-15 minutes to brown the top.

Lisa's sweet, sweet potatoes

Ingredients

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| 30 ounces sweet potatoes, baked tender and peeled | 2 tablespoon sugar |
| ¼ cup milk | ½ teaspoon salt |
| ½ cup unsalted butter, melted | 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| ½ teaspoon vanilla extract | ½ cup all-purpose flour |
| | ¾ cup brown sugar |
| | 6 ounces unsalted butter, kept cold |
| | Miniature marshmallows |

Procedure

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mash sweet potatoes, pouring in the milk and melted butter a little at a time to make sure everything mixes consistently. Add vanilla extract and mix. Then mix together the sugar, salt and cinnamon before incorporating it into the sweet potato mixture. Place concoction into a disposable pan. In a separate bowl, combine the brown sugar and flour, and cut in the cold butter to make a coarse topping. Crumble it over the sweet potatoes. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle (or cover the entire top if desired) with miniature marshmallows. Set the oven to broil and broil the top lightly for a few seconds, being careful not to burn the marshmallows.

Side note: For a quicker dish, use canned sweet potatoes. For a personalized dish, add more or less sugar to your liking into the sweet potatoes.

Matchette family green bean casserole

Ingredients

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| 2 16-ounce frozen bags of French Cut Green Beans or canned equivalent | 3 8-ounce condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| | 1 8-ounce can of French's Fried Onions |

Procedure

Put into a mixing bowl: one bag of green beans, 1 ½ cans of Cream of Mushroom soup and one handful of French's Fried Onions. Mix until green beans are coated with the soup mix. Pour into a 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish. Repeat the procedure for the second bag. Spread the mixture evenly into the baking dish on top of the first batch. Garnish with the rest of the fried onions as desired.

Five cheese macaroni and cheese

Ingredients

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| 2 pound box elbow macaroni | 1 cup feta cheese |
| 1 bar unsalted butter | 1 cup mild cheddar cheese shredded |
| 8 medium eggs | 2 cups mozzarella cheese shredded |
| 1 cup milk | 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese shredded |
| 1 can condensed milk | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup parmesan cheese shredded | 1 tablespoon seasoned salt |
| | 1 teaspoon pepper |

Procedure

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. In a large pot, bring some water to boil and add the macaroni, cooking it until soft. Strain the noodles and place into a large bowl. Mix in the butter. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk and condensed milk before pouring it into the bowl with macaroni. Mix gently. Add all of the cheeses, season the mixture with salt, seasoned salt and pepper, then fold together. (Check the consistency; if the concoction is too stiff, add more milk.) Prepare a casserole dish by sprinkling some cheese on the bottom before adding the macaroni mixture. Smooth over with a spatula and sprinkle any remaining cheese on top. Bake for 30 minutes.

A three-way slugfest

Windows 7 vs. OSX vs. Ubuntu

By ERIC MATCHETTE
PRINT LAYOUT/DESIGN EDITOR

What started this big fight between the Average Joe, the Computer Nerd and the Posh Metro? It seems like no one remembers Windows ME, let alone Vista. With the way things have gone and the reaction everyone has, it seems like we are all still lemming-like when it comes to the programs that run our computers. When Vista tanked on the market, Linux was offered as a pre-installed operator to combat this issue along with offering XP downgrades. Wait, a downgrade for a brand new operating system — is anyone else confused by this? What seems like total confusion is really just a battle between the programmers in Silicon Valley.

Vista required — not recommended — two gigabytes (2GB) worth of memory (RAM) to run when released. Most computers at Vista's release had 1GB of RAM or less. This forced consumers to get new computers that had the 2GB of RAM which only solved one problem (out of the many others): running the operating system. Everything else would run sluggish if only this requirement was met. To fix the slowness, users had to dig through

the system settings and turn off the normally turned-on functions — a skill most users are not familiar. To counter the lacking Vista program, Windows 7 was finally released not more than two years ago with no real major issues thus far. Only running on 1GB of RAM, Windows 7 solves the need to have a 4GB system do your basic word processing and surfing the net.

Ubuntu

[Oo – bun – too]
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1. the Linux alternative to a Windows operating system while giving a sense of non-conforming.

This is the programmer's alternative to running Windows, the reason being that most hardware and software drivers were not supported on Linux. Ubuntu, a free operating system, is actually the most whole version of the Linux releases that allows for the customizable functionality. It also gives consumers, who are tired of Windows and don't want to shovel the money

for Mac, an operating system that still gives the feel of Windows. The only problems to this operating system are all in the user's court. If it's missing the driver, then 9 out of 10 times it becomes the user's problem to get a driver that is useable or build one themselves. If there were any other issues, a majority of PC users would have switched to Linux long ago.

With over 90 percent of the computer users in the world using a PC product, why does Apple even bother? It's because they have set new standards when it comes to operating systems. With a system that turns off the drivers slowing down your machine to a user-friendly interface, why would someone not want a Mac? It's when price is factored in that it's little wonder why there are more PCs sold every quarter and the market share of Macs doesn't change much.

This is not to say that there aren't issues plaguing the Mac users. One of the biggest problems is the compatibility of files from Mac to PC and vice versa. Macs are easier to set up and run right out of the box, but the

user is paying for the ease this system offers. Being one of the most stable operating systems on the market gives the Mac another advantage but, if we look at the Mac and PC at a hardware level, they are both using the same technology. The only difference is in their operating system and additional programs that run the machines. Still, at the programming level, Macs could step onto the PC's court and still do a better job.

This fight has and will still rage on as the market demands it. PCs will dominate hardware and, of that, Windows will dominate the software. Mac will always have its own niche, following its purpose among the designing world. And as long as there are programmers out there that want something that they can customize without having to build the system from scratch, there will always be a need for Linux and Ubuntu.

With technology changing every month and developers trying to keep up with this dizzying pace, it is no wonder this fight still rages on.

The franchise that might have been

PARANORMAL2ACTIVITY

By BRIAN CAMILLERI
STAFF WRITER

The original "Paranormal Activity" redefined the idea of the haunted house. The film was a tremendous success, making nearly \$200 million despite a budget of only \$15,000. Now in theaters — and with a shiny new \$3 million budget — "Paranormal Activity 2" hopes to recapture that same success and that same sense of fear. The question is: does this Hollywood-vamped sequel surpass the quality of the first one? Sadly, the answer is no.

A good movie should leave the audience questioning what's going to happen next. When the audience is constantly guessing, they are drawn into the story of the movie. In "Paranormal Activity 2," this is not what happens. Almost everything that was a scare factor in the first movie is brought into this film, which is a bad idea for a horror sequel ... or any sequel, for that matter. It's like a roommate trying to frighten someone the same way — twice. The first time it was scary ... the second time it's just annoying.

The whole point

"Paranormal Activity 2" kills off a promising series

of a sequel (from a non-monetary standpoint) is to do something different from the first or to expand the concept. Unfortunately, this film does neither.

"Paranormal Activity 2" tries too hard to create shocking, jump-out-of-your-seat moments that everything comes off as cheesy or overdone. Not only that, but most of the scary events make no sense from a plot standpoint when you consider the motives of the primary antagonist (a demon). What is the point of cabinets bursting open? Or hanging pans falling from the kitchen? The demon haunting this house clearly does not know what he's doing. It would be understandable if he was blind and constantly running into things, but that isn't the case.

Luckily, this film is not completely devoid of fright. This movie does have some chilling moments thanks to the amazing sound department. The fear factor was definitely enhanced with the powerful use of sound effects. The cinematography is also wonderful. Cinematographer Michael Simmonds had an interesting way of depicting fear through the eyes of the security cameras in the house. Everything is lit neon blue, echoing

the feelings of coldness and anxiety within each scene. Simmonds also utilized the famous Dutch angle within each shot. The tilted angles portray a feeling of unbalance and uncertainty, which is perfect for a horror movie.

Unfortunately, the great visuals and sound effects are not enough to draw the viewer into the movie. Just like the first film, the sequel spends too much time setting up the story and its characters. Not only is the setup long, but it is poorly spliced together. The cuts from shot to shot are very quick and make the film feel rushed which in turn makes it hard to follow along. It's like they're deliberately flying through the explanatory points just to get to the night scenes so they can show off their haunted cabinets and doors. Altogether, it just doesn't work.

This sequel had the potential to turn "Paranormal Activity" into a booming franchise but instead, it killed the franchise that could have been. The only thing this movie proves is that a Hollywood budget can't save a dull script and tame scares.

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Alternate Frequencies



Lil Wayne

"I Am Not a Human Being"

Genre: Rap

★★★★☆

By CARMEN BOJANOWSKI
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Rikers Island has finally released everyone's favorite moon man. Strategically, Lil Wayne recorded his eighth studio album, "I Am Not a Human Being" prior to his nine month incarceration and released it a month before he was set free. It's safe to assume that this was to make sure he wasn't forgotten (as if we could forget him), and to get fans anticipating his long awaited return to the limelight.

Nine months doesn't seem like too long, but for a rapper that has made an appearance in practically every song on Top 40 radio, it's been weird not having Mr. Carter around. After his last rap/rock release, "Rebirth," an album that was almost so bad it was good, it's nice to see that Wayne's still got it when it comes to just straight up rap and hip-hop.

"I Am Not a Human Being" doesn't use any Auto-Tune, a stretch for anyone in the rap industry nowadays. Overall, it hits either a very high note, or a very, very low one. The first single, "Right Above It," shows amazing promise, making it impossible to listen to without getting pumped up, even on the way to a chemistry test or something that sucks just as much. It's too bad that the greatness of "Right Above It," "Bill Gates," and the title track is practically ... but not quite negated by weak songs like "With You," or "That Ain't Me." Wayne even decided to include "I'm Single," the one song off of "No Ceilings" that wasn't fantastic. Why would he recycle something that isn't even good?

Of course, it wouldn't be possible to listen to a Young Money artist's album without hearing just about everyone else on Young Money. Drake makes appearances in four songs, Nicki Minaj in two and Lil Twist in one. This doesn't even include all of the appearances in "YM Salute." This isn't necessarily a bad thing, since Drake and Minaj practically dominate the songs they're in. Even Lil Twist doesn't do a bad job in "Popular," despite how borderline creepy it is to hear a 17-year old sing about "being on top of you, baby."

Lil Wayne is also the only one who can rhyme "holiday," "defecate," "ovulate," "pajamas say" and "bombs away," while still managing to be the biggest and best rapper out there.

The Bottom Line:

Despite the few disappointing songs, "I Am Not a Human Being" is one of the hip hop albums of the year, even if it just gets Weezy fans hyped up for "Tha Carter IV."



Sugarland

"The Incredible Machine"

Genre: Country

★★★★☆

By NATALIE BURNS
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Country music may not be the first choice for rockers and club-goers but there's something about the strumming of a guitar and the lonesome singing that gets some people all worked up. Composed of singer-songwriter pair Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush, Sugarland has been mixing up the world of country music since 2003. The duo has won multiple Grammys and Country Music Awards and in total they have sold more than 8 million records. Merging crispy-clean pop and southern-fried goodness, Sugarland shows no signs of slowing down with their fourth album, "The Incredible Machine."

The new release draws inspiration from the "steampunk" movement that has been all the rage in science fiction and video games over the past few years. It is about as far from traditional country as you could imagine. For example, the eponymous track "Incredible Machine" contains no acoustic strumming or twanging guitar work but instead opens with a booming, industrial drum beat and a simple piano melody. As Nettles states, "We are in a place of discovery. It is the essence of how we are as people in this band. There is never a moment where we think, 'this is good enough.' There is always a place for growth."

Lyricaly, the album stays in fairly familiar territories. It is simple, easy to understand and rarely presenting an idea more complicated than "love can make everything better." It's par for the course and fans of the band would probably expect nothing less. Luckily, against the backdrop of the unconventional music choices, it feels far less plain than it could have been.

The unique musical decisions elevate the album above the bland cutout offerings which make other artists of the genre so insufferable. Of course, Jennifer Nettles's southern vocals keep everything from straying too far, but fans of more traditional and folksier country music will probably be disappointed by this release. While it might offend country purists, "The Incredible Machine" is good news for pop lovers who like their melodies with a twang. Country might not be your cup of tea but Sugarland's saccharine production, rich harmonies and inventive choices make the experience far less painful than it could be.

The Bottom Line:

It's unlikely to convert hardcore non-believers but for fans of the band's previous work, "The Incredible Machine" is worth a listen.



Die Antwoord

"\$Os"

Genre: Electronic/Rap

★★★★☆

By CONOR BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Die Antwoord is the latest African Zef-rap sensation. Not familiar with Zef? It's a combination of electro-pop and gangster rap, originating in South Africa. The group Die Antwoord (translated as "The Answer" in English) is comprised of rapper and front man Ninja and singer and rapper Yo-Landi Visser. It is rare to hear a duo with such contrasting talents do so well together but these guys pull it off and make it look easy. Ninja can rap at a breakneck pace over extremely fast beats while Yo-Landi sings, hitting high notes that even Geddy Lee would have trouble reaching. Even more impressive is the fact that the group will switch languages mid-line, weaving between English, Afrikaans and even some tribal languages native to South Africa.

The best word to describe "\$Os" is unique. There is really nothing else like it out there, certainly not on the mainstream hip-hop charts. While much of the album is not in English, Die Antwoord is so energetic that most of the time it doesn't matter. However, learning what they're singing about does make the experience much more enriching. A good example is the song "Evil Boy." Without a translator handy, the average listener would think it to be a run of the mill pop song. However, upon closer inspection, the listener will find the song is sung in four different languages and discusses a tribal circumcision ritual common in South Africa.

Another clear highlight of the album is the viral hit "Enter the Ninja" which, along with its music video, got the group signed to Interscope records just six weeks after they released their mixtape. It has the potential to be a huge hit in the US, as it already is in the rest of the world. Other songs on the album focus on more conventional topics such as sex, drug use and the acquisition of money and fame. It's traditional material, presented in a very non-traditional fashion.

Even if one were fluent in Afrikaans, they still may have trouble understanding a good portion of the album, as it is very slang heavy. Even Urban Dictionary won't help here. With that said, the album sounds great even if you only hear it as rhythmic gibberish. With their one-of-a-kind style, Die Antwoord is definitely here to stay.

The Bottom Line:

If you love fast rhymes and killer beats, you will not be disappointed. Of course, you might want to have a translator standing by.



Michael Jackson

"Thriller"

Genre: Pop/Rock/R&B

★★★★★

By ASHLEY CARLEY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The greatest thing about Michael Jackson is he defined the music industry as the "King of Pop" while also influencing the music video industry with music and dance collaboration. "Thriller" rocks the King's vocal talents while bringing foreshadowings of contradictory elements that later defined Jackson.

"Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" includes a theatrical African chant giving the song an international flavor to the funk beats. This track fights against the gossips and media revolving around Jackson's booming fame. Another funk track from the album is "Billie Jean." With a less foreshadowed message, "Billie Jean" is a strong example of Jackson's vocal hiccups to a repetitive bass line. The track picks up for the bridge and livens the sultry song. In a performance for a Motown tribute, Jackson first performed his rendition of the dance move the moonwalk. From then on the moonwalk became his signature move for his song "Billie Jean."

Jackson began shaping the music video industry with his releases of "Thriller" and "Beat It." "Thriller" posed a darker scene. The song features spooky elements of a creaking door, thunder, feet walking on wooden planks, winds and howling dogs. All of which can be heard throughout the song. The song itself is a statement, but the track is outshone by its music video. "Thriller" and "Beat It" both made incredible dance tracks and became classics across all means of social gatherings. With catchy choreography that was easy to learn, "Beat It" took the underlying message of non-violence in its lyrics of defeat and courage and combined it with a rock/pop feel. The song proved the point that no one has to be the tough guy and someone doesn't have to die to prove they're a man. This was a beginning statement in Jackson's fight for world peace. The song has a hard steady beat in the background, making Jackson's high vocals stand out against the guitars.

Transitioning from the hard-hitting message of "Beat It," "Human Nature" is a moody ballad reflecting on the appeal of women to men and the natural responses. This song has an R&B melody with a smooth keyboard shadowing Jackson's more soothing vocal range.

With the death of Jackson still in fans hearts, Thriller is a solid representation of the legacy he has built for himself.

The Bottom Line:

There's a reason "Thriller" is the best-selling album of all time.

Back in the '90s Friday Night Rental

"The New Adventures of He-Man"

By COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

"My name is Adam of Greyskull. When good is threatened, by the

power of Eternia, I have the power!" Thus went the opening narration of "The New Adventures of He-Man."

The series was created by Mattel in 1990 as a way to renew interest in their "Masters of the Universe" toy line. It was intended to be a continuation of the classic "He-Man and the Masters of the Universe" series, created by Filmation in 1983. The show picks up where the classic

Filmation series left off, with He-Man (Gary Chalk) and Skeletor (Campbell Lane) continuing their eternal fight.

We begin with He-Man being summoned to the future world of Primus by the Galactic Guardians to aid them in their battle against the Mutants, led by the dimwitted Flogg (Alvin Sanders). Unfortunately, Skeletor follows his old foe, seeking to use the



mutants as his new army, since all of his henchmen are either in prison or missing. Once in the future, Skeletor — now transformed into a more powerful version of himself — pretends to follow Flogg's commands, secretly manipulating his incompetent ally to serve his needs. But Skeletor's plans are continually foiled by He-Man and the Galactic Guardians, thus proving that even centuries from now, good will still triumph over evil ... at least in the cartoon world.

The series received a mixed reaction from fans of the franchise upon its original release. Many have praised the show for its anime-like style, more complex characters and more mature storylines — things that the Filmation series couldn't top. Skeletor himself is given a notable makeover. No longer the whiny, arrogant klutz he was in the previous

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Life during wartime

By JONATHAN KING
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War is hell. But it makes for great movies. In amidst the bullet-happy explosion-fests and feel-good "Yay, America" hero flicks are a few films that really capture the essence of life in times of armed conflict. Here are three of those first-rate films that take different approaches to showing the horrors of war.

"The Deer Hunter" (1978)
Traditionally, war movies are all about heroes and triumphs over adversity. Michael Cimino's epic masterpiece, "The Deer Hunter," takes a very different stance, showing that war is more often a tale of tragedy than of triumph.

The movie follows a group of steel workers named Michael, Steven and Nick, played by Robert De Niro, John Savage and Christopher Walken respectively. In the beginning, they are shown as happy-go-lucky hunting buddies, preparing for Steven's wedding.

The film suddenly cuts to a war-torn Vietnamese village where the three meet up briefly before being captured as POWs.

The last act shows the grim consequences the war had on each character, especially Nick, who is found by Mike playing Russian roulette in a Saigon club. Nick has since

Correspondant for Stars and Stripes newspaper. He eventually reunites with Cowboy and joins him on patrol north of the Perfume River where they get caught in enemy fire. The climactic conclusion finds Cowboy's squad pinned down by a Vietnamese sniper.

Oddly enough, the scenes in the boot camp are as engaging if not more so than the scenes taking place in the actual war. Kubrick's direction and character development make "Full Metal Jacket" an enthralling and exciting experience from start

to finish.

"Pan's Labyrinth" (2006)
Directed by Guillermo del Toro, "Pan's Labyrinth" is a bit like a Spanish version of the movie "Labyrinth," but with a tyrannical captain instead of David Bowie and brutal violence

broken up into two parts. The first half follows a batch of new Marine recruits going through boot camp, focusing on Private "Joker" (Matthew Modine) and Private "Cowboy" (Arliss Howard). R. Lee Erney plays gruff drill sergeant Hartman who berates them and leads them through their training. Vincent D'Onofrio plays Leonard Lawrence (nicknamed Gomer Pyle): an overweight, dimwitted recruit whose ineptitude leads to him being bullied by the others and gradually slipping into madness as the training concludes.

The second half of the film follows Joker as he enters the battlefield as a Marine Combat

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Ballin' on a Budget

Crazy shopaholic day

By LISA CHIN
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Start up the coffee machines and pitch up the tents because it's that time again: Black Friday. Every year, this merchant-created holiday draws the lined crowds out of their warm beds and into the frigid cold morning — all to save a couple bucks. Here are some of the big spenders to look out for early on, just in case you want a "head start," like the folks who line up the day prior (as in 24 hours before).

Best Buy

21051 Haggerty Rd, Novi

Probably the highest in everyone's list, this technological nerd's playground always has a major deal on large ticket items ranging from large

screen TVs to major slashed prices on DVD sets. Typically, they keep their deals hush-hush until a week or so prior to the event, but this year they've set out to create a stir before the mad-rush. Every week, the large chain is dishing out a huge price cut on select items in their "Shop Early, Save Big Event." With only two days to take up the offer and the very limited quantity (one week, they had a deal for a laptop with only two per store), it's sure to make people run to their store regardless of what day it is in November.

Amazon.com

Internet shopping

Ditch the tent and sit comfortably at home wired to your computer screen and glued to your mouse. The alternative to the chilly air is to shop online. Amazon.com is another market for electronics, with consumers waiting readily like a madman to click on their targeted item (such as a really cheap Wii console). However, it looks like this company isn't waiting until after Thanksgiving either. Like Best Buy,

Amazon.com is also boasting a "Gold Box," where they display a steal of a deal for a limited time and quantity. Forget waiting for the event, the sales are already happening — click away.

Walmart

29574 7 Mile Rd, Livonia

Perhaps the most eventful and news creating place out of the listings is this super store filled with cheap items — that gets cheaper for the Black Friday crowd. Continuing with the trend of starting deals early, they've also joined the band wagon of trying to draw consumer attention pre-event — maybe it'll prevent another stampede this year. If you're planning to come here for your sales, be prepared for the blood-thirsty consumers ready to create an upheaval if you get in their way.

Target

21000 Haggerty Rd, Livonia

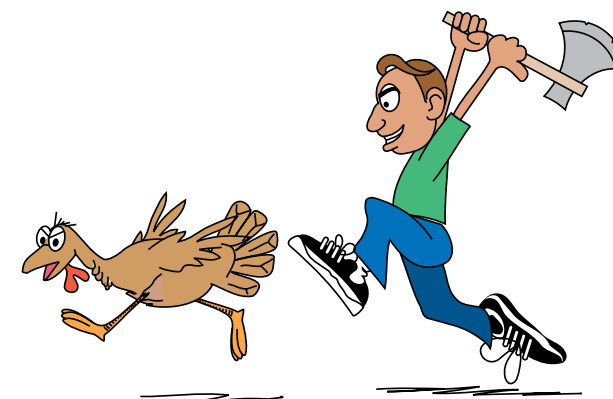
Considered a more sophisticated version of a super store, Target's doors are opening at 4 a.m. on the day after

Thanksgiving. They're already pulling out the 2-day sales and starting to get people riled up for the upcoming sales, and like the previous listings, watch out for the large ticket items everyone is looking out for, such as a deal on the LCD HDTVs. Also good for its decent one-stop shop, be aware of the smaller items they have to offer for the home, like marked down bed sets and tables, as well as toys for the little ones in the family.

Toys R Us

29150 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia

Like we're going to leave out the kid in all of us—if there's one place to go for toys for that little brother or even daughter, this is the place. Where most stores, who don't specialize in just toys, may run out of stock, Toys R Us are sure to have a good handful for those stressed out mommies and daddies looking to make their kid's Christmas. Aside from "The Great Big Christmas Book" already filled with deals, they're sure to have a major, splurging steal the day of as well.



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A tale worth unraveling

Kirby's latest adventure is a real head-turner

By JONATHAN KING
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The beloved pink puffball is back, and has it ever been worth the wait. Recently released for the Wii, "Kirby's Epic Yarn" is the first Kirby platformer to hit consoles in 10 years. With a new look and fresh gameplay ideas, this latest outing is shaping up to be one of the character's most memorable.

The story this time around involves a magic sock and a world made of fabric called "Patch Land." The main antagonist is a sorcerer named Yin-Yarn who becomes enraged when Kirby eats his magical tomato. It's a wholly ridiculous tale filled with whimsy and playfulness. The entire experience is made even more entertaining by the wonderfully earnest narrator. ("This grass

feels funny,' Kirby thought. 'It feels like ... pants!'")

The first thing you'll notice upon playing is the unique art style that permeates every inch of the game. Kirby and all the creatures he encounters have all been transformed into yarn outlines, and the world they inhabit is made entirely of cloth, thread, buttons and other craftwork materials. The realistic textures and attention to detail are exquisite and it makes for one of the most visually pleasing experiences to come out in recent years.

Of course, this unique style is not merely cosmetic. You can interact with your patchwork world in a variety of different ways, including peeling away bits of fabric to reveal treasure, unzipping zippers to unveil hidden scenery and pulling cords to scrunch the background together like a curtain. Practically every level features a new game mechanic and with

each further discovery you're filled with a childlike glee.

Aside from all the fancy new bells and whistles "Kirby's Epic Yarn" is essentially a 2D platformer along the same lines as previous games, although there have been a few major overhauls to the gameplay. Kirby no longer has the ability to inhale enemies — being made of yarn, the air just flows right through him — however, he is able to grab enemies with a star lasso which accomplishes the same effect.

Instead of ingesting baddies, Kirby collects power-ups which allow him to transform into a variety of creatures and creations. These include a UFO, a dolphin, a fire engine, a rocket, a surfing penguin and a giant missile-shooting tank. Each transformation changes the style of gameplay — the rocket sections mimic vertically-scrolling shoot-em-ups like "Galaga," while the dolphin segments are reminiscent of "Ecco." These add a whole new level of variety to the experience



while at the same time keeping the core of a classic Kirby game intact.

The soundtrack is also superb. While it's often a bit cutesy, nestled in between the charming and fanciful numbers are some truly exceptional tracks. The lava stage theme in particular is exquisite: a simple solo piano etude that manages to be both beautiful and slightly menacing.

Unfortunately, "Kirby's Epic Yarn" isn't particularly challenging. That's not to say it's not fun, but experienced gamers should expect to breeze through without too many troubles. Luckily, the inventive game mechanics prevent the experience from being boring. Also, there are enough collectibles and side-missions to give perfectionists at least a few more hours of amusement.

A perfect blend of old and new, "Kirby's Epic Yarn" is the "Super Mario Galaxy" of the Kirby franchise. It's

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KING FOR A DAY

Create your own legacy in "Fable III"

By KRISTA WALLACE
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What kind of ruler would you be? Would you be a kind king or a malicious monarch? Recently released for the Xbox 360, "Fable III" lets you find out. Developed by Lionhead Studios, it is the newest outing into the world of Albion created by lead designer Peter Molyneux. Combining action, strategy and RPG aspects, "Fable III" is

shaping up to be one of the year's must-play titles.

The game follows the younger child of the protagonist of "Fable II." You play the young prince or princess and your older brother has become corrupt, ruling Albion with an iron fist with no compassion to speak of. The story starts with you defying your ruler brother about a riot

in the courtyard. Then, the king shows his true colors by giving you a choice: kill your lover or kill two dozen strangers. Sensing his younger sibling is trying to take the kingdom away, he locks you away. After breaking out, it's up to you to overthrow your brother, who has now become mad with paranoia.

This game takes a few big departures from its predecessors. Most notably, the main character is now voiced and the game no longer uses the storybook format of the earlier games in the

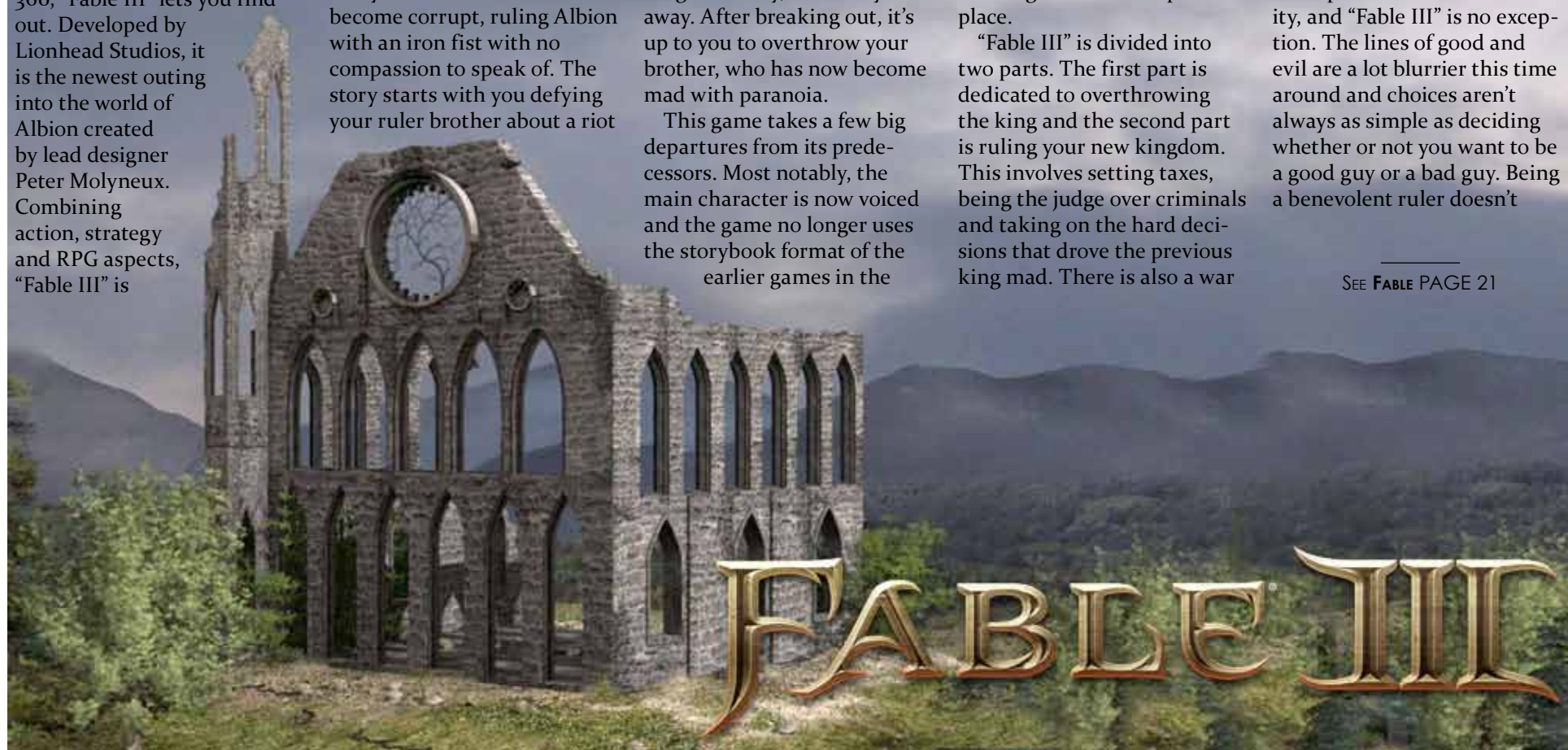
series. The story also plays a much larger role in the game, contrary to the first two games which treated the story as little more than a series of excuses for the hero to be running around from place to place.

"Fable III" is divided into two parts. The first part is dedicated to overthrowing the king and the second part is ruling your new kingdom. This involves setting taxes, being the judge over criminals and taking on the hard decisions that drove the previous king mad. There is also a war

sub-plot, requiring the new ruler to rethink the promises made on their way onto the throne.

The "Fable" games have always played around with the concepts of choice and morality, and "Fable III" is no exception. The lines of good and evil are a lot blurrier this time around and choices aren't always as simple as deciding whether or not you want to be a good guy or a bad guy. Being a benevolent ruler doesn't

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Watch This, Not That

By JONATHAN KING
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"Sherlock"

When it comes to crime and detective stories, few names are as far-reaching as Sherlock Holmes. The ubiquitous sleuth has been played by dozens of actors and has seen many variations, from "Young Sherlock Holmes" to "The Great Mouse Detective." With adaptations so prevalent, finding an original way to present the character is quite a challenge. PBS has thrown their hat into the ring with their latest offering from "Masterpiece Mystery," "Sherlock."

The show takes yet another approach to telling the tale of London's most famous detective, throwing the classic character into a modern setting. Benedict Cumberbatch plays Holmes: an arrogant, socially oblivious genius who finds that solving crimes — specifically, before anyone else has the chance to — is the only way to cure his everlasting boredom. While his Gregory House-level conceit makes him a somewhat difficult character to warm up to, his eccentricities and firecracker-like mind make his every move intriguing.

The modernization of the character is pitch-perfect. Holmes frequently uses his phone's internet capabilities

to search for quick information and instead of smoking a pipe, he wears an armful of nicotine patches. The superb writing combined with Cumberbatch's wonderful acting creates a character that embodies the spirit of Holmes without being anachronistic.

Of course, Holmes would be nothing without his constant companion, Dr. John Watson. Played by Martin Freeman, who previously leant his comedic talents to UK's "The Office" and "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," Watson adds a touch of sanity to Holmes' scatterbrained world. Constantly amazed, befuddled or bemused by Holmes' antics, Watson provides the perfect human counterbalance to Sherlock's madness.

Each episode is 90 minutes long and plays out like a mini-movie. With a lesser show, that kind of length could be overkill. However, thanks to the quick pace and intricate — but not confusing — storylines, each episode is a joy to watch and leaves you wanting more. The series is smart, funny and thoroughly enjoyable, proving you don't need Robert Downey Jr. to make Sherlock Holmes interesting again.

"Law & Order: Los Angeles"

It can be safely said that television is not lacking in crime dramas. The avid channel-surfer will probably have noticed that it is difficult to find a time when there isn't at least one episode of "Law & Order" playing on some channel. With so much criminal justice floating around, it's difficult to justify creating yet another spin-off. It especially doesn't help if said spin-off is the worst entry in the franchise thus far.

"Law & Order: Los Angeles" is the fifth addition to the "L&O" roster. This time around, they've given up the urban grit of New York for the sunny streets of Southern California. Unfortunately, this is where the show encounters its first big problem. The juxtaposition between the orderly world of criminal justice and the chaos of the New York City streets is one of the driving factors of the other shows and unfortunately, moving things to L.A. just doesn't translate well. The first episode, which deals with a string of young Hollywood robberies, exemplifies this, being nowhere near as engaging or interesting as the usual fare from "Criminal Intent" or "Special Victims Unit."

The new detectives are Rex Winters

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cartoon, Skeletor is made into a more fearsome villain, spouting out the occasional one-liner or joke, even when in the grips of defeat. Of course, he does occasionally relapse into throwing tantrums caused by his fellow villains'

immense stupidity, but that's to be expected.

If there's one major problem with the show, it's that the program makes no attempt to establish continuity with its parent series. At no point are He-Man's previous adventures

brought up and aside from He-Man and Skeletor, the only other classic Masters characters to appear in the series are the Sorceress of Castle Greyskull (Venus Terzo) and Teela (Cathy Wesleuck), the latter appearing in only one episode. The other Masters of the Universe are barely mentioned, thus bringing up the

question of whether or not this really is a continuation of the '80 series, or if it's its own unique entity.

The lack of continuity caused some hostile reactions at the time of its release. As a result, the series only lasted a few months. This is a real pity because, while these problems do stir controversy among fans

from time to time, the series is actually quite entertaining. Its great dialogue, strong plots, stylish animation and astounding voice work are enough to bring in older fans and new fans alike. So if you're a fan of He-Man or if you just enjoy '90s animation, be sure to keep an eye out for "The New Adventures of He-Man."

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definitely a title geared towards children but that doesn't mean older gamers can't be swept away by its immense charm. This game is as imaginative as it is fun and is one of the most visually stunning creations to appear on any gaming system. If you liked Kirby back in the day, you're going to love his latest adventure.

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necessarily make you an effective ruler and pure selfishness and malevolence can only get you so far.

The great thing about "Fable" is that the game experience is very player-based. The way the story unfolds, the way people react to you and even the way you look are all affected by the decisions you make. This creates a truly one-of-a-kind experience unique to every new player and gives the game tremendous replay value.

One thing that should be mentioned is that in order to get the most out of the game, you have to do a lot of busy work. If you just speed through the game, you will be missing half the

experience. Also, while the combat system works, it isn't exactly "God of War"-caliber action. These are really minor complaints in the grand scheme of things, but they should be noted.

The world is truly your oyster in "Fable III" and is truly a world of wonder. The look and feel is richer than the first two games. There are more activities to perform, more quests to complete and more places to see. Although it can add some depth to the experience, you don't need to have played the other two predecessors to enjoy this one. This is definitely one title you need to pick up.

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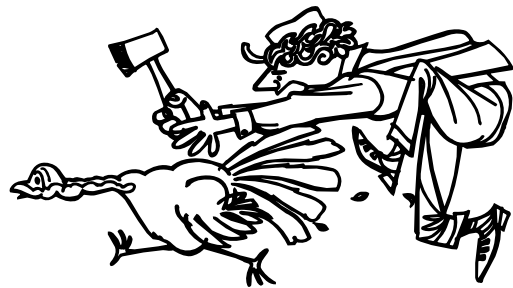
instead of musical numbers. It's not a typical war movie by any sense of the phrase but gosh-darn it, it's too good not to recommend.

The movie takes place in post-Civil War Spain. The film stars Ivana Baquero as a young girl named Ofelia who travels with her mother to the Spanish mountains to meet her new stepfather, Captain Vidal. Vidal is a ruthless and bloodthirsty leader, who is busy sniffing out rebel guerillas in the mountains.

Meanwhile, Ofelia is led by a fairy to an ancient labyrinth where she meets a faun. The faun believes Ofelia to be the reincarnation of Princess Moanna of the Underground Realm. He gives

her three tasks to complete before she can regain her rightful position in her father's realm. All the while, the situation between Vidal, Ofelia's mother and the rebels continues to become bloodier and more complicated.

The juxtaposition between the magical fantasy land and the harsh reality of the Spanish Civil War is fantastic and creates a wonderfully unique atmosphere. "Pan's Labyrinth" has both the brutality of a war movie and the whimsical enchantment of a fantasy film, making it unlike anything else in either genre. If you like your magic mixed with a little blood, "Pan's Labyrinth" is the perfect film for you.



A Dynamic Duo

A look at SC's next basketball stars

By BRANDON KARSTEN
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The Edmonton Oilers of the '80s had Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier winning Stanley Cups. The Chicago Bulls won titles with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. The Lakers had Magic and Kareem in the 1980s and, later, Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal in the '90s. Schoolcraft also boasts a duo of basketball players from Detroit Community made up of Alex Ball and DeMarco Walker. These two may not end up like any of the hall-of-fame duos from the Lakers, Oilers or Bulls from a long time ago but they have already given an identity to the SC basketball team.

For a while, it was The Three Amigos with another Detroit Community grad, Maurice Oliver. Coach Henry gave the three that nickname for having a special bond, saying that when one is around, the other two can't be too far away. But the trio became a duo when Oliver decided to redshirt this season. Coach Henry said it was a hard decision for Oliver, but feels the young man made a great decision. "[Maurice] has to do the best to be successful and I applaud him for that," said Henry.

The remaining duo picked up on basketball in different ways. Walker was introduced to basketball by playing with his older cousins and it carried on in high school since there was not a football team. Ball was taught by his father and siblings.

This trio first met each other in the summer of 2008 and ended up playing together at

Detroit Community. In their senior year, the Hurricanes lost in the district finals against Academy of Oak Park. Walker and his friends later signed their letters of intent on the same day after Schoolcraft offered them scholarships.

The trio is hoping to build on their past accomplishments and look forward to being successful at SC.

"Our inexperience caused us to crash," said Walker regarding his high school team losing in the district finals. "The pressure got to us."

Coach Henry says that anyone who has known these three boys knows there is a special bond in between them.

"We're basically a family," Walker said simply.

"We try to keep an eye out for each other at all times," added Ball.

It's not just the special bond between the three, but also the tremendous amount of skill that Coach Henry hopes to see this hoops season. Henry envisions Walker as a tough, aggressive, defensive player and ball possessing excellent court vision.

"They are a tough three and have handled the ball well," commented Henry.

These two young men have their sights on going higher in their collegiate careers in Division I college basketball. When their years at SC are through, Walker plans on getting a business management degree and play for a Big Ten conference school. Ball hopes to get a major in mechanical engineering and play for a Big East school, most preferably Cincinnati. Walker hopes to play for a PAC-10 school, particularly for Oregon.

The three may be the



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With a loose ball off the rebound up for grabs, the Ocelots jump in attempt to get control of the ball back.

most important component in junior college basketball today but SC hopes to go farther and higher with this dynamic duo for 2010-11.

SC Women's Basketball update

By WILL ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

Schoolcraft College Women's Basketball team is off to a tremendous start with higher expectations than last season and one trophy in mind: the national title. Head coach Lafata is very enthusiastic when it comes to giving clear direction to her players and resembles a young Tom Izzo when coaching. SC was already off to an exciting start with two national records for the books: National Junior College Athletic Association and topping Jackson Community College at Cuiss Fieldhouse 147-78 on Saturday, Nov. 6. NJCAA Division II Schoolcraft, who was 33-2 a year ago, set a national single-game scoring record by putting up 147 points. The record eclipsed the previous record of 145 set by Monroe

Community College of Rochester, N.Y. in the 2003-04 season. The two teams also established a national NJCAA Division II single-game record by combining for 225 points. The previous record of 223 was set by Glendale Community College of Glendale, Ariz. in a 136-87 win over Little Big Horn College of Crow Agency, Mont. in the 2008-09 season. Diamond Tolliver and Kimberly Bee paced Schoolcraft (2-0) with 26 points. Caitlyn Owens scored 15 points for JCC (1-1). The Ocelots also set new school game records for points scored, combined points, field goals made and points scored in one half. The future looks very bright for an aggressive SC team and the best is yet to come.

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Rivals taking it to the court

A Michigan college basketball preview

By BRANDON KARSTEN
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The Crisler Arena and Breslin Center will soon have the sound of basketballs bouncing on their hardwood floors as a new NCAA basketball season approaches. Both of the top teams in the state of Michigan, University of Michigan and Michigan State University, will begin the season with fantasies of cutting the net down at the end of the NCAA championships in Houston.

The Michigan State Spartans are off on the right foot already with USA Today coaches and AP rankings of second, putting MSU behind the defending champion Duke Blue Devils.

Head Coach Tom Izzo had the opportunity this offseason to accept the Cleveland Cavaliers coaching vacancy.

However, after much deliberation, Izzo decided to stay for a 16th year managing the clipboard for the Spartans and will hope to guide MSU to his seventh Final Four appearance.

If he wanted to, guard Kalin Lucas could have

given up on getting the Spartans a national title and declare for the NBA draft. But after a series of injuries later in the regular season and in the NCAA Tournament, Lucas, the Spartans' top scorer last season, will be returning for his senior year for one last shot at the championship. Another player returning for his final year is senior guard Durrell Summers. Some other key contributors include the player that took over the leadership role for Lucas during the 2010 tourney, junior guard Korie Lucious and junior forward Draymond Green, who may see more starting time this season.

Down the road in Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan has a lot to prove this season with no senior players on the starting roster. Junior Manny Harris, the Wolverines' top scorer, decided to not return this year as he declared for the 2010 NBA draft. After going undrafted, Harris was signed by the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Wolverines also saw DeShawn Sims graduate, who went undrafted and signed as a free agent with the Boston Celtics. The absence of these two key scorers has definitely left gaps in the Wolverines' offensive attack.

However, there will be returning players that will be looked to such as junior guards Stu Douglass and Zack Novak. The Wolverines also added two players with familiar last names during the offseason. Freshman Tim Hardaway, Jr., the son of six-time NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway, was signed out of Miami, Florida. Sophomore guard Jordan Dumars, son of former Detroit Pistons player and current Pistons' President of Basketball Operations Joe Dumars, transferred from the University of South Florida. Dumars played only six games with the USF Bulls last season and could only practice with the team after transferring due to NCAA regulations.

Both Michigan and Michigan State will have to face seven teams that were ranked in the preseason over the course of their respective 2010-11 campaigns. The Wolverines and Spartans will face each other twice on the schedule, first in East Lansing and then Ann Arbor. Michigan will start the regular season with Bowling Green coming to the Crisler Arena and Michigan State will begin the season at the Breslin Center versus Eastern Michigan.

Wolverines vs. Buckeyes preview

The greatest historic rivalry of all time

By WILL ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

Rivalries are one of the biggest reasons why fans love college football. Circling the date of the next matchup with one's biggest rival is often the most anticipated Saturday of the season.

It can also be the day that defines the season for your favorite team. They add the annual story and the lifelong tradition of two programs. Rivals are partners in history.

The ongoing rivalry between Ohio State University and the University of Michigan was established the first time the teams went head-to-head in 1897. Since that game, an enduring battle of athleticism has grown to form one of college football's greatest competitions. The pendulum swings of victory and defeat between the two teams has created high anticipation for each year's matchup.

Looking forward to Nov. 27, a game that will take place at the famous "horseshoe stadium," will bring alumni together from both schools to support their team.

When you think offense for the maize and blue, the first thought that comes to mind is Denard Robinson. Blessed with speed and agility, Robinson has been impressive but has failed to flourish under pressure from Big Ten schools. Unfortunately, as "Shoelace" — Robinson's moniker because of his tendency to play without shoelaces — goes, so does the Wolverine offense. If he can stay on the field in the face of OSU's punishing defense, Michigan has a fighting chance.

On the other side of the ball, head coach Rich Rodriguez is battling himself because of the lack of a sec-

ondary. Michigan's defense is currently one of the worst in the country at stopping the pass, allowing an average of 307 yards per game. Depth is a big problem but the lack of experience on the field is allowing opposing teams to put up big numbers on the score board.

The Buckeyes are currently one of the leading contenders to win the Big Ten and possibly compete in the national championship. With only one loss to Wisconsin, the OSU defense began to show cracks for the first time in 30 games during the 34-18 defeat. The shock from a powerhouse defensive unit being torn apart from all aspects proves Michigan should have a chance to drive the ball deep into Buckeye territory.

Offensively, the Buckeyes rely on Heisman favorite Terrell Pryor almost as heavily as Michigan does Robinson. Similarly, when Pryor is unavailable, the OSU offense sputters.

Each team has set this season-ending game, which was established in 1934, as the game which decides if the annual campaign was a success or not. The rivalry allows both teams to throw out the records and play for all the marbles. Often, the Big Ten championship is on the line for one of the two teams. Michigan's only chance in winning this game is to have a strong defensive stand against the Buckeyes powerhouse offense. Robinson will move the ball based on how OSU's defense was exposed.

Buckeyes' keys to the big "W" are to put constant pressure on Michigan QB Robinson. If he is allowed to make plays happen and gain momentum, it could result in a long day at the Horseshoe.

Whether one roots for Ohio State or the University of Michigan, fans will likely be treated to another November classic for the history books.



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With a time out called, the Whalers huddle up, regroup and strategize their next course of action to last them the period.

Put your back into it

Whalers show resilience in win

By BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

After a rough first few games of the 2010-11 season, the Plymouth Whalers are working to move back into position for a run at postseason contention.

After losing to the Sudbury Wolves, the Whalers went on the road to Peterborough and won over the Petes 7-0. After a 4-1 loss to the Ottawa 67s, Plymouth won in Kingston 6-5 in overtime with Robbie Czarnik, who returned from the L.A. Kings' AHL affiliate, scoring the game winning goal with only 16 seconds left in overtime. The Whalers won 4-1 over Windsor in the Pink Out! game, suffered a tough 5-4 overtime loss to the Attack in Owen Sound and won 5-2 versus Belleville. Losses to Mississauga, Erie and Niagara followed, putting Plymouth third in the West division of the Western Conference.

"[The players] have to believe in themselves and show up ready to play," said Coach Mike Vellucci after the loss to Mississauga.

After losing two games on the road to Erie and Niagara, Plymouth came home to host the Soo Greyhounds, who were working to stop a two-game losing streak and had a similar record going into the game. The first period was a rough one for Plymouth and, after giving up two goals in the first, starting goalie Scott Wedgewood was pulled and replaced by backup Matt Mahalak with only minutes left before intermission.

"[Wedgewood] wasn't confident and we had to give the team a lift," explained Vellucci.

Plymouth was down further in the

second period after giving up another Greyhounds goal, but answered back with two of their own: a shorthanded goal by Czarnik and another goal by Mitchell Heard. The Whalers were down 3-2 after 40 minutes. Plymouth tied it after the last intermission only to give up a shorthanded goal. They tied it on a Stefan Noesen goal and won the game on a tip by Rikard Rakell with 40.2 seconds left in regulation, completing the comeback with a final score of 5-4.

"We were pretty bad early on," said Coach Vellucci, "But we were resilient to come back and win."

Tyler Seguin is officially off the Whalers roster as many would have guessed. Seguin had a strong showing in the two exhibition games Boston played before starting the season in Europe, where he scored two goals against the Belfast Giants in Northern Ireland and one goal versus Liberec in Prague. The 18-year-old Brampton native scored his first NHL goal in his second career game at the second NHL Premiere game in Prague. Coach Vellucci sees the team missing Seguin and his scoring touch. "It's hard to replace a guy like that," Vellucci simply stated.

A loss of Seguin means someone has to step up to take his place. Vellucci said he has seen players like Noesen and Czarnik accept the challenge of trying to fill Seguin's big skates.

The Whalers and the Guelph Storm will play a home-and-home series on the weekend of Nov. 19-20. Plymouth will be on the road in Guelph Friday before returning home the following day with a puck drop at 7:05 p.m.

defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh second overall in the draft seems to be paying some dividends. The Nebraska alumnus is so far leading the NFL rookies in sacks. Louis Delmas, the second-year safety out of Western Michigan, has the team lead in tackles made.

The New England Patriots are in a fight with the New York Jets for the top spot in the AFC East. Despite being competitive enough to be in the division title race, the Pats had to make all sorts of transactions to get there. New England signed free agent WR Torry Holt before training camp, but ended up cutting him. Tom Brady then began seeing his passing options become limited as Randy Moss was traded to the Minnesota Vikings for a third-round draft pick. Another pass option for Brady was reacquired when WR Deion Branch was traded to New England from Seattle for a fourth-round draft pick.

Going into the 71st annual turkey day game, the Lions are seeking their first Thanksgiving game win since

2003 when they topped the Green Bay Packers. The Lions and Patriots have faced each other in Thanksgivings past with a 1-1 series tie. The last time these two teams played each other was in 2002 when the Patriots prevailed with a 20-12 victory. Once again, this game will serve as a homecoming for Michigan grads Tom Brady and rookie punter Zoltan Mesko, and Michigan State alumnus Brian Hoyer, New England's second-string QB.

If the Detroit game does not pique anyone's interest, there will be the other traditional Thanksgiving game with the Dallas Cowboys hosting the reigning Super Bowl Champion, the New Orleans Saints. There is also the Thursday night game with the Cincinnati Bengals travelling to face the New York Jets and the customary Texas-Texas A&M game.

Detroiters, however, look forward to not only spending Thanksgiving with their families but they also enjoy sharing that time getting a heaping helping of their beloved Lions.

What's your body type?

Tailor your workout to your build

By WILL ALBERT
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Anyone who has spent time at a beach, gym, or local swimming pool can attest to the fact that human beings are born with a variety of different physical characteristics: some taller or shorter, lighter or darker, wider or narrower in the shoulders, or longer and shorter in the leg. They have higher or lower natural levels of endurance, differing types of muscle cells and more or fewer muscle and fat cells.

One popular method of categorizing all these various body types recognizes three, fundamentally different, physical types called somatotypes: the ectomorph, which is characterized by a short upper body, long arms and legs, long and narrow feet and hands, very little fat storage and narrowness in the chest and shoulders, with generally long, thin muscles; the mesomorph has a large chest, long torso, solid muscle structure and great strength; and the endomorph, with their soft musculature, round face, short neck, wide hips and heavy fat storage.

Predominately, a majority of the world's population share traits from more than one body type. You might be heavy in the ectomorph category but show some endomorph characteristics. It is all about educating yourself so you make proper adjustments to fit your body type which will allow you to grow and reach your desired results.

If you look at the long history of bodybuilding, winners of Joe Weider's Olympia competition reflect every

body type at some point and time. Three-time Mr. Olympia winner Frank Zane stated "I was only 98 pounds when I decided to start lifting weights to get bigger." Zane is now a whomping 220 pounds during competition because he was dedicated to growing.

Taking a deeper look at the first body type, ectomorph, which plagues many individuals throughout the world, the first objective that needs to be tackled is nutrition. A major focus is gaining weight. Without it, you will not have the strength and endurance for marathon training sessions. You'll also find that muscle mass develops very slowly and will often have to force yourself to eat enough to ensure continued growth.

First off, use low reps (6-8 range) with heavy weight to force growth. Secondly, learn to train with intensity and make every second count, keeping your workouts relatively short and getting enough rest between sets to recover. Third, think nutrition constantly so you do not forget a meal and use protein drinks to help balance your intake. Finally, remember to avoid doing too much physical exercise outside of the gym because of the need to conserve every calorie.

The next body type involves the endomorph and its ability to easily produce muscle. Everyone wants to be in this category but very few are so fortunate. The first step to training is to perform between 10-12 reps minimum and allow little rest between sets. This



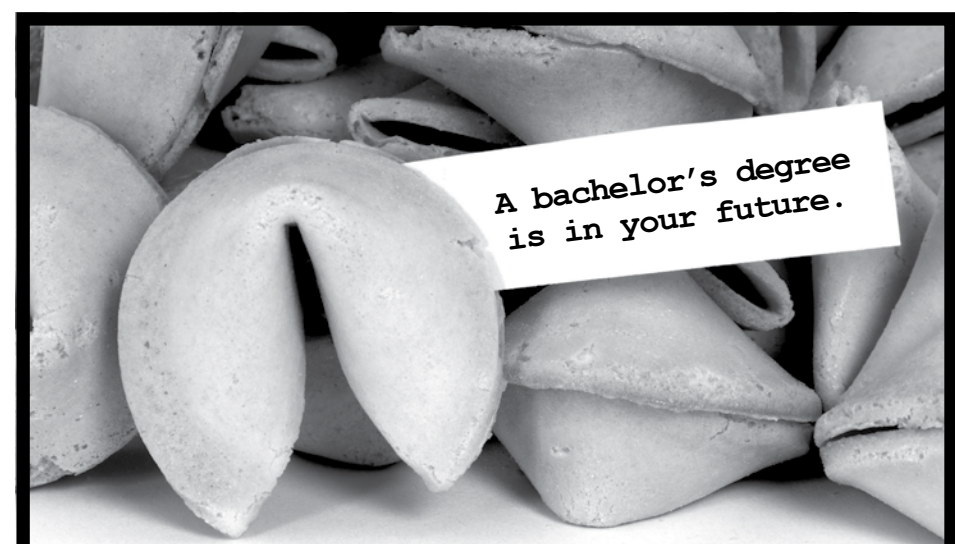
will allow great pumps and the ability to burn unwanted fat. Secondly, use aerobic exercise on a regular basis — between 30-45 minutes a session. Lastly, a low calorie diet will allow you to get the perfectly sculpted body which will create that much desired envy from everyone at the beach.

The meshmorph, the last of the body types, is the second-largest group of people in the United States. Over time, genetics has swayed towards this particular area of body types. The only benefit is the ability to gain muscle mass at a tremendous rate but high fat storage is a side effect.

The first step to defining this body type is emphasis on quality, detail and

isolation training. Since this body type builds muscle easily, you need to start shaping and working on separation right from the beginning. Secondly, you need to perform high reps (16-20) and stay constant. Lastly, a balanced diet will ensure the loss of unwanted fat storage.

Understanding your own body type can save you a lot of time and frustration. Certain principles of training are the same for everybody, but how you organize your training and how you integrate it with diet and nutrition can be profoundly different depending on what kind of body type nature gives you.



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A Motor City tradition continues

Thanksgiving game preview

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As traditions go, watching football on Thanksgiving Day is a favorite and it was Detroit that started it all. Back in 1934, the Lions, originally a club from Portsmouth, Ohio, moved to Detroit as a new addition to the National Football League. The move gave Detroit its first professional football team and the beginning of Detroit's Thanksgiving football tradition. The longtime tradition will continue this upcoming on Nov. 25 with the Detroit Lions hosting the New England Patriots.

A summary of the season for the Lions would have to include all the injuries and the costly calls that

have plagued the Lions. Quarterback Matthew Stafford was injured in the first game in Chicago and Shaun Hill had to play at QB with Stafford watching from the sidelines. Hill took the Lions to their first win of the season against the St. Louis Rams, a 44-6 victory. Hill was then injured against the New York Giants, putting third string QB Drew Stanton in the game. However, Stafford was back right after the bye week, only to be reinjured on Nov. 7 with a potentially season-ending injury, yet one more blow to an already staggering franchise.

With Hill quarterbacking, he could give the ball to rookie running back out of California, Jahvid Best, who leads the NFL rookies in rush touchdowns and has been near the top in total yards and yards per game for new players.

On the other side of the ball, taking

Horoscopes

By JOSH BALLARD
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Aries
March 21 – April 19
Mistakes are the foundation of wisdom. Even if one doesn't know what something is, it is good to know at the very least what it isn't. Do not fear to admit a lack of knowledge about a particular problem or subject.

Taurus
April 20 – May 20
This week your toaster will deceive you twice, being fearful of having forks stuck into it. Upon setting the time for your bread, your toaster will disregard these instructions and render the would-be toast charcoal. Have cereal instead.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21
A goblin has green sin, pointed ears and is generally considered to be ugly. You have none of these features, yet you believe the same of yourself. Be more forgiving of your own appearance, as those around you are not so quick to notice your little faults.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22
A bad clown scares children but a good clown can do just the same. Even if someone seems more skilled than you do at something, it does not make them infallible. Question even the authority of your betters, for they are still capable of error.

Leo
July 23 – August 22
A man with large knuckles will pass you the next time you go shopping. Be sure to ask him the time as it will remind him of an important date he would have otherwise missed. This accidental kindness will be rewarded in the near future.

Virgo
August 23 – September 22
A fish can have lots of water to sustain it. But if that water is in a boiling pot, then even that sustenance will not save them from obliteration. Even if you are getting the things that you want, if they come from a bad place your endeavors and even your life will suffer.

Libra
September 23 – October 22
The day after next, have a candy of your choice. It will remind you of an old friend long since forgotten. Try to catch up with them if possible. They will bring joy and good fortune into your lives. Furthermore, you will do the same to them.

Scorpio
October 23 – November 21
The nature of wind is a contradiction of forces. It can obliterate a house in seconds, yet pass through a small crack without due harm. Have the capacity to do great and complicated things, but at the same time remain humble enough to enjoy the common pleasures of life.

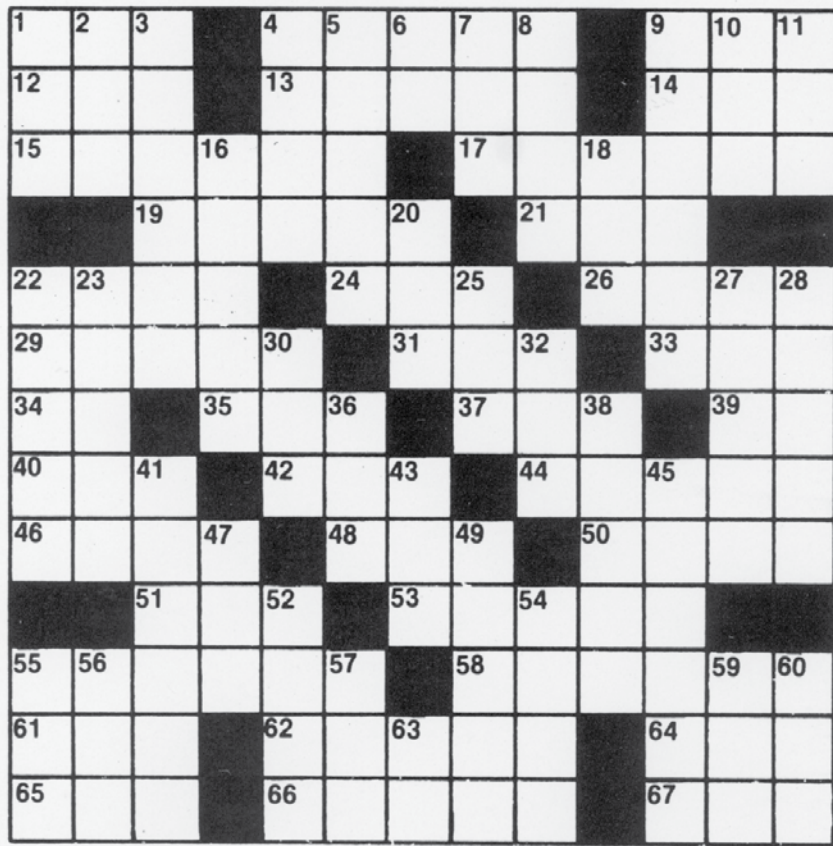
Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21
The fact that some geniuses are laughed at does not suggest that everyone who is laughed at is a genius. They laughed at Columbus, Galileo and even the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown. Just because people ridicule you does not mean that you are a martyr.

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19
At 1:00 a.m., you will wake from a dream and feel drawn to write down what you have just seen. Try to ignore these instincts, as they will lead to your searching for meaning in something that lacks both value and reason. Be skeptical of such things for the time being.

Aquarius
January 20 – February 18
If a stone falls on a pitcher, woe to the pitcher. If a pitcher falls on a stone, then woe to the pitcher. Just keep away from people who you know will be trouble, and prevent them from coming to you if you can. You don't need those kind of problems right now.

Pisces
February 19 – March 20
Unpredictability can become monotonous. Therefore do only what you have planned to do. Otherwise that which is spontaneous will destroy your best laid plans. Let your foresight be the foundation of your very near future.

Crossword Companion



- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Direction (abbr.)

4. Senior

9. Ship's stern

12. Brown by sun

13. Garbage

14. Contend

15. Bring to consciousness

17. Lightproof box

19. Month

21. Lion's lair

22. Pay heed

24. Age

26. Seed

29. Alleviate

31. Receive

33. Consume

34. Continent (abbr.)

35. Opens lock

37. Dull

39. As

40. Cold personality

42. Sit (past tense)

44. Spotted horse

46. Slide

48. Damage

50. Want

51. Auricle

53. Remove condensed moisture

55. Fish

58. Scold

61. Hide (past tense)

62. Money paid out

64. High craggy hill

65. Elevated railways

66. Musical composition

67. Direction (abbr.)
1. Estimated arrival time (abbr.)

2. Carpenter's tool

3. Outer layer of tooth

4. Vase-shaped jug

5. Spear

6. Document signed (abbr.)

7. Et cetera (abbr.)

8. Peruse

9. Street

10. Evergreen tree

11. Brewed drink

16. Eskimo canoe

18. Man (plural)

20. Pig

22. Desert fertile area

23. Ebony

25. Move head

27. One of the senses

28. Stand (past tense)

30. Affirmative

32. Edge

36. Sweet potato

38. Under age

41. Gains

43. Small amount (colloq.)

45. Deny existence

47. Water barrier

49. Reoffer

52. Ride (past tense)

54. Lavish outdoor entertainment

55. She

56. Sick

57. Fisherman's need

59. 2,000 pounds

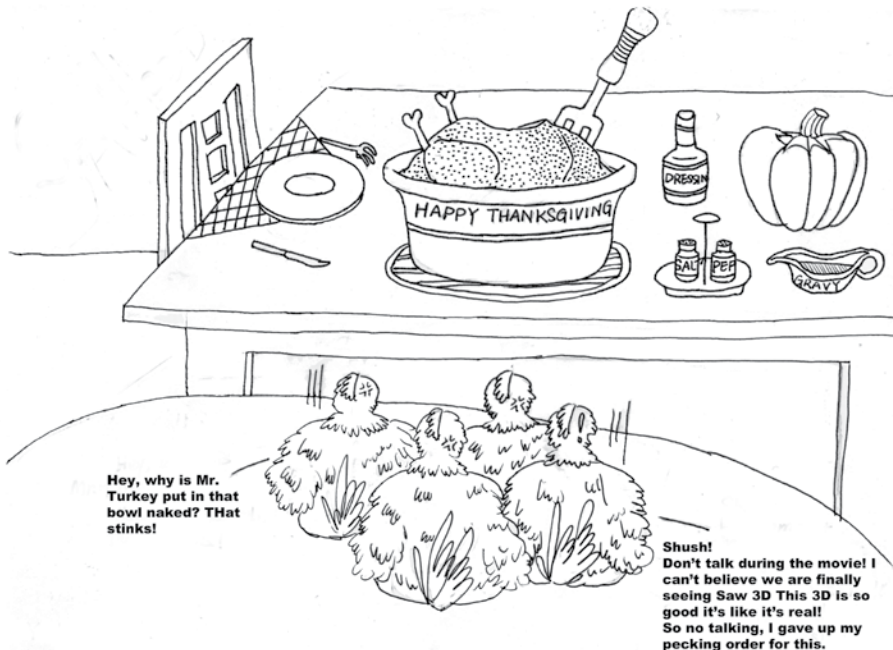
60. Ever (poetic)

63. Bushel (abbr.)

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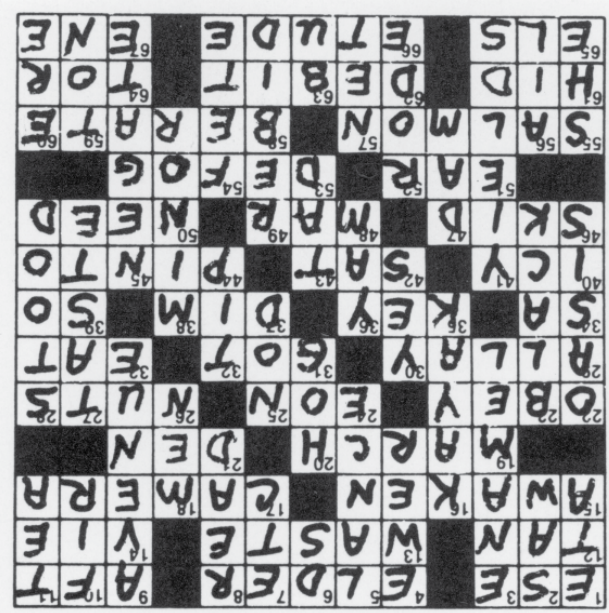
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