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Single-parent woes

Understanding the rights of unwed parents

BY KIM POMA
STAFF WRITER

In this day and age, the idea of sex before marriage isn't as taboo as it once was. As a result, more and more children are being born out of wedlock. According to a 2007 National Center for Health Statistics report, four out of every ten babies born in the United States were to unmarried women. While this idea has become more accepted in social circles, those in legal circles still have some reservations.

"Shotgun" weddings are becoming a relic of the past as more and more couples decide against the idea of marriage just because they have a child together. While this is a commendable idea — not stumbling into a marriage to which you're not fully committed — there are some pitfalls to having a child and remaining unmarried. Marriage gives the child legitimacy. This entitles the child to the benefits and inheritance from both parents, such as social security, pension rights, health care and trust funds. A child born out of wedlock cannot get the social security benefits if one parent dies and they also cannot sue in the case of an accident if one parent dies. Health insurance cannot be received and, if relatives wish, they can actually exclude an illegitimate child from being a beneficiary to any trusts. Marriage bridges the gap and allows a

child legal rights.

Professor Marjorie Nanian, Political Science Instructor at Schoolcraft College, has seen firsthand how the legal system works when dealing with unwed couples.

"I had a student last term that had an illegitimate son and could not receive child support payments from the child's father's social security disability check because she was not married to him," Nanian explained. In the state of Michigan, the unwed mother is automatically given custody, even if both parents are listed on the birth certificate or have a signed a formal acknowledgement of parentage. This can sometimes lead to a scenario in which the mother is left to care for the child alone because the father has no legal requirements to be there. This may corner the mother into accepting welfare, which the government must pay for. The mother is also forced to fight for child support by proving the paternity of the child — without it there is no way to make a claim for money. New mother Lisa Chin said, "Being a new mom, I haven't really looked into all of the legal aspects of marriage. Don't get me wrong. I want to get married one day, but not just for legal reasons."

Fathers don't always get the better end of the stick. Even if the father is involved in the child's life (visiting,



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Former Connection Managing Editor Lisa Chin has legal questions to consider regarding her new arrival, Emma.

holidays, summers, etc.), if the parents aren't married, the father is always at risk of having to pay gross amounts of money in child support. If the father does not pay the support, he can be arrested and prosecuted for being, in laymen's terms, a "deadbeat dad." As more men and women share children out of wedlock, there are going

to be more questions and concerns relating to child support, legal rights and custody battles. In order to learn more about their rights, parents can

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Super penalties for the super-drunk

New law will
target heavy
drinkers

BY KRISTA WALLACE
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On Oct. 31, 2010, the Michigan legislature passed the High Blood Alcohol Content Enhanced Penalty, a law defining a new intoxication level for drivers. Since 2003, drivers whose Breathalyzer tests resulted higher than 0.08 were considered to be driving while intoxicated. The new legislation now states that any first-time offender with a blood alcohol level higher



Student/Officer Ken Losey practices giving a breathalyzer to Jeff Modica.

PHOTO BY BRIAN CAMILLERI

than 0.17 falls into a new "super-drunk" category. The law is being targeted at both the chronic drinker, who may function normally at a high blood level, and binge drinkers making the decision of driving after having consumed too much alcohol. Passage of this legislation is intended to offer drinkers more reason to refrain from getting behind the wheel after consuming alcoholic beverages.

Nationally, almost 600,000 students are injured in alcohol-related accidents

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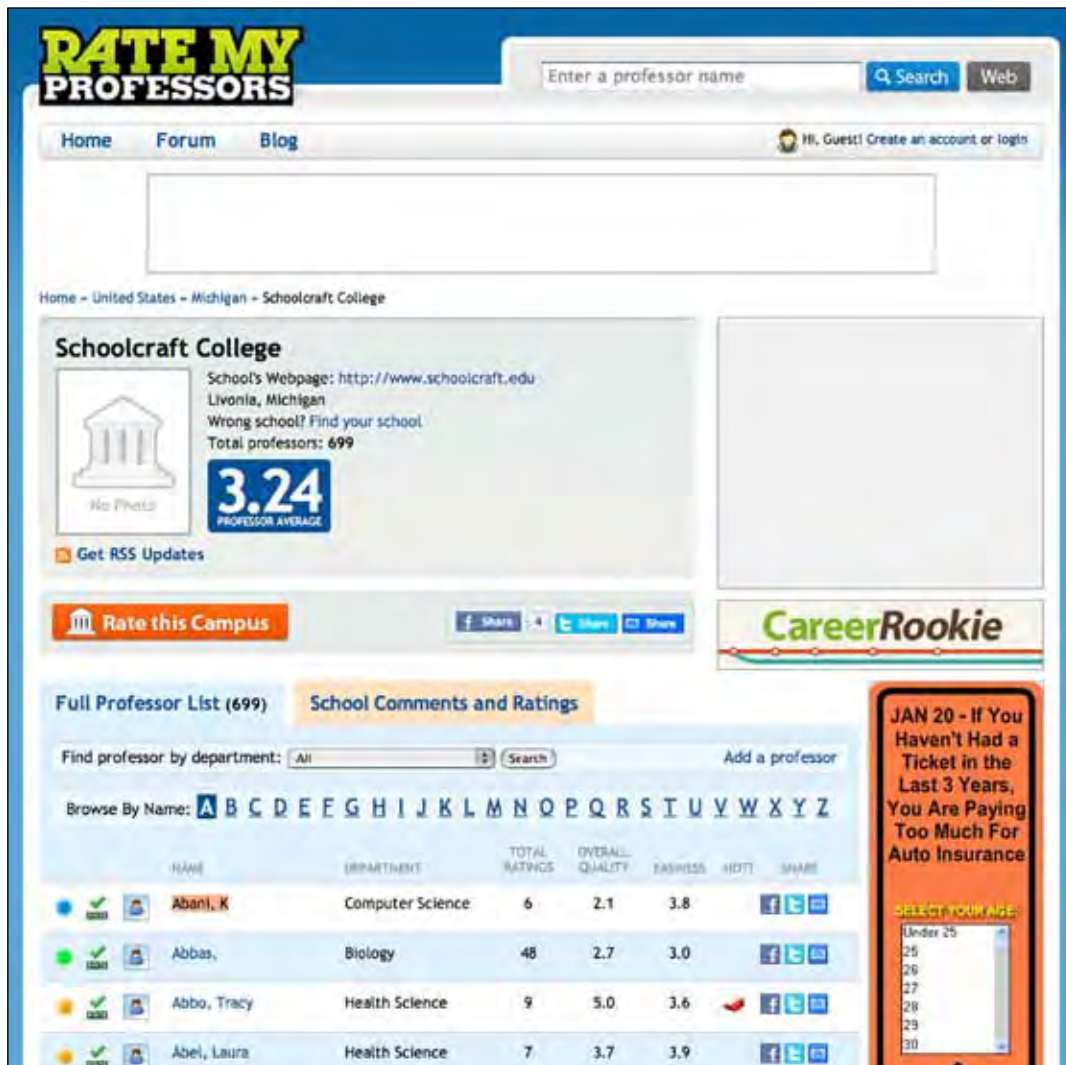
BY ANITA MISHRA
STAFF WRITER

Enrolling in courses can be an extremely stressful situation at the start of a new semester. No student wants to end up with a horrible professor, making the entire class a nightmare and most academic counselors are wary of giving a personal rating regarding coworkers. Knowing what courses to take in order to receive a degree is simple due to academic counselors but there is one piece of vital information the counselors do not give up, the overall quality rating of the professor. Fortunately, students now have the opportunity to avoid finding themselves stuck in a course with a tough-as-nails professor.

Rather than wandering around campus and asking random students for their impressions of all the instructors on your class schedule, there is a much easier alternative. Simply visit the website ratemyprofessor.com.

Once in the website, first step is to look up the school's name and then the professor's last name. Sorting by department, ratings (out of 5 points) and even professor's hotness level (noted by chili pepper icons) can be quite helpful in the decision process. Previous students leave comments reviewing the professor, their teaching style and course workload.

"Ratemyprofessor is a bit like Wikipedia; everybody can write something about a person," said student Andreas Weber who uses the site. "Some students have different experiences



with the same instructor, so it's hard to tell and often very subjective. The site gives you a general idea of that person, but it also is not the most reliable source. You still have to use your own judgment, so it helped me a little to choose."

Vanilza Rodriguez, had a similar opinion: "I think that if a student is fresh out of high school it may be helpful ... However I think most of us pick the classes based on the schedule available to us not always based on how

the students rate them. It helps if you have choices like between two teachers or so then you can consider it."

A professor who preferred to remain anonymous commented, "Everything on the Internet is not always true, there's no benchmark of what's good and bad and there might even be a personality clash." He also believed

most opinions on the website could be posted regardless if they are students or teachers.

Make sure to ask people in

Ratemyprofessor.com is one more tool in the student's toolbox to help them navigate the college landscape.

DRUNKARD

every year and more than 1,800 of these accidents are fatal. Drinking and driving is a major cause of death and disability within this age group. The legal drinking age is 21 or older in the United States, so there is no legal driving limit for people under 21. Driving while intoxicated (DWI) can also cause serious legal issues, loss of a driver's license, jail time and financial suffrage.

The penalties for driving with a blood alcohol level over 0.17 – which is caused by drinking the equivalent of eight beers in one hour – are severe. While an ordinary DWI charge carries a maximum of 83 days in jail, persons convicted of being super-intoxicated can be punished by a maximum of 180 days while the associated fines can increase from \$200 to \$700. Loss of a

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driver's license is another punishment imposed on those convicted of this crime although the law does support a restricted license linked to the use of a breath analyzer hooked to the ignition switch on the vehicle. These devices cost \$100 per month with a \$50 dollar installation charge. The cost of a typical "super-drunk" driving conviction is estimated to be about \$8,000.

"This new law is a step in the right direction in the fight to eradicate all drunk driving, although it doesn't go far enough," stated Janette Kolodge, executive director of Michigan Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Responses from law enforcement and the legal community have been mixed in regards to the new law. In interviews, police chiefs and pros-

ecutors have generally applauded the high-profile law, while defense attorneys and some experienced court judges have pointed out that persons who can drive a car with these blood levels often have significant substance abuse problems and simply increasing penalties is not going to solve the problems of drunk driving.

Despite the controversy, there is one positive provision that seems to please everyone: The new law mandates that everyone convicted of drinking and driving will be required to complete a mandatory one-year rehabilitation program. Previously, these programs were required only for repeat offenders.

There were no special enforcement programs announced for the holiday season. When contacted, the Livonia Police Department simply stated that it is their responsibility to enforce the laws in Michigan.

In Our News

BY SARAH SNYDER
NEWS EDITOR

World News

Darco Sangermano, 28, had his life saved due to a sneeze which dislodged a bullet from his nasal passage. Sangermano was shot by a stray .22 caliber bullet while attending New Years Eve festivities in the city of Naples. The bullet pierced behind his eye socket where it was lodged within the nasal passage. After being rushed to the hospital to seek medical attention shortly after midnight, he sneezed the bullet out of his right nostril. The man still underwent surgery to remove bone splinters but made a full recovery. Laser eye surgery to repair retina damage is also expected.

The Hannover Zoo in Germany now has a new star. Agathe the cane toad recently weighed in at four pounds. Although Agathe lives in captivity, cane toads run wild in Australia breeding uncontrollably. The toads were imported into Australia's wildlife in a failed attempt to control beetles that were eating sugar cane crops. Supposedly, the toads can be licked for a chemical high.

National News

Tyler Ashton Marx of Meridian, Idaho was born on possibly one of the luckiest days in history, Jan. 11, 2011 or 01-11-11. Due to his father being in Iraq, the serviceman watched his son birth via the Internet right as the clock hit 11:11. Tyler's older sister also has a similar lucky birthday of Sept. 9, 2009 or 09-09-09. Luck seems to be running in this family.

Lawmakers of Boise, Idaho were faced with embarrassment Jan. 12, when some could not pass a state history pop quiz. Tom Luna, public schools chief, demonstrated new technology that will be used inside classrooms. Each lawmaker was responsible for a device that inputs answers like a remote. Luna asked two questions regarding what year Idaho became a state and which town was Idaho's first capital. 17 percent of lawmakers did not know what year Idaho became a state and 15 percent did not know the states first capital of Lewiston.

Local News

A 7 Series BMW was stolen near the Westin Book Cadillac in Downtown Detroit while here for the International Auto Show. Nineteen BMW's were shipped into Detroit for the executives to drive during press week. During the preparation of shipping the cars back to New Jersey, two car thieves jumped inside one and left. Valet service and transporters walked away for a second allowing the car thieves to take advantage. Even though the pricey automobile comes equipped with BMW assist, the savvy thieves were quick to disconnect the tracking component. The car was recovered in less than 48 hours. Authorities are combing the vehicle for any clues to the identity of the thieves.

Being your own boss



By SARAH SNYDER
NEWS EDITOR

Forbes has ranked Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, the richest man in America at a net worth of \$54 billion dollars. This number is not a dream; students are following in Gates' footsteps everyday by using a college education to become entrepreneurs. An entrepreneur is simply any individual willing to own and manage financial risk. The next Microsoft may not be the idea but privately-owned businesses can be spotted everywhere with college students at the storefront. A sluggish economy with a 12.4% unemployment rate, according to Michigan.gov in November of 2010, is forcing many college students to become creative with the degrees they earn.

Facebook, Napster and Starbucks are all famous sole owner businesses or partnerships, which sprung from college students. One great idea or skill seems to be paying off in billions for entrepreneurs in today's economy. Any degree can be held as an asset for creating your own business whether it is a culinary art major or engineering.

To assist small business owners and entrepreneurs alike, President Barack Obama signed into act an \$18 billion jobs bill in March of 2010. The bill provides tax breaks for those previously unemployed and extends funding for infrastructure and transportation projects. Students now have government backup for well-developed business plans in action. Morphing

PHOTO BY ANITA MISHRA

Entrepreneur Brad Birdsall manages from Prime Studios in Northville.

Campus Crime

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Surveillance of Individual

On Dec. 20, Security responded to a report someone had made in the Applied Science building. A male was spotted in the women's restroom, reaching under the stall door with his cell phone and taking pictures/video. When an officer arrived, an employee explained to them that when he was walking in the hall, a student approached him and asked him if he was a SC employee. After he told the student he was, she explained that while she was in the restroom, someone was in the stall next to her and they reached under the wall with a cell phone. Soon after the incident, the suspect was asked if he was the person in the women's restroom using the cell phone. He said yes. Then SC police were contacted. SC police had the subject open his cell phone and show them recent pictures and videos. There were no pictures or videos of the incident. He stated he had deleted the video in the restroom once he knew he was caught. He also stated that he does it for the thrill, knowing he might get caught. He said that he has done this four or five times previously but never at SC. The subject was escorted to the Security office and then the Livonia Police Department was contacted. When LPD arrived, the subject was arrested and left campus.

Harassment

A student arrived at the Radcliff campus for her final on Dec. 20.

Her ex-boyfriend, who had been harassing her all day, followed her there. On the way to the College, he continuously impeded her driving lane. When she pulled into the South parking lot, he was blocking her while she tried to park her vehicle. She drove to the West parking lot and was able to park. He parked next to her. As she headed toward the building, he followed her yelling obscenities, then grabbed onto her books and forbid her to proceed to the classroom. He locked her books in his vehicle. She attempted to proceed toward the building but he interfered when he did a donut in the parking lot, swung over and obstructed her path with his vehicle. When she yelled for help, a witness called Campus Security. After the subject saw a witness call for help, he dropped the books and quickly left campus. The student explained to SC police that her ex-boyfriend is an alcohol and drug abuser, and becomes hostile toward her when intoxicated. They also have a child together. She was instructed to contact Westland and Garden City Police departments.

Larceny

While a student was in the McDowell building registering for a class on Jan. 3, he dropped his wallet in the men's restroom. His wallet was found and returned to him that day. There was \$320.00 missing from his wallet, though he didn't report the missing money until Jan. 6.

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Monday, February 7, Noon, Kresge Hall

Free Lecture on Religious Diversity presented by philanthropist Deepinder Uppal, professor of English and communications at Southwestern Michigan College.

Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m., Kresge Hall

Concert featuring Mexico's Noted Vocalist Salvador Ginori. An accomplished bass-baritone, author and musicologist, Professor Ginori performed for two seasons with the Michigan Opera Theatre and continues to appear internationally. Presented by Madonna University in cooperation with the Mexican Consulate. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m., Kresge Hall

Concert by CutTime; a string quartet of Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians who bring audiences amazing and moving masterworks that have inspired billions. Free and open to the public.

For questions, please call Glenn Brooks, director
Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, 734-432-5672



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CAMPUS CLIFFNOTES

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Transition Center

Divorce Support Group

For those who have been through divorce, are thinking about divorce or are going through divorce, the Transition Center at SC provides a divorce support group to those seeking out advice and help. The divorce support group meets 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. A group discussion is set to be held on Feb. 8 from 7-9 p.m. in the McDowell Center room 225 with presenter Cynthia Koppin, MA, LPC, LLP. Also available to answer any additional questions in private is Attorney Patricia A. Koasody-Coyle.

Music Department

Jazz Concert

In order to celebrate African-American History Month, SC is holding a jazz concert. The SC Jazz Ensemble is set to perform at the Farmington Public Library on Monday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. This event is free (no tickets required) and is open to all students and the general public. See you there!

Pageturners "Movie"

The student-led book club, The Pageturners, is set to hold a movie presentation featuring the film

"Traces of the Trade" on Tuesday, Feb. 1. This movie is related to the novel that is to be discussed called "Inheriting the Trade" by Thomas Norman DeWolf. Book discussion dates will be held on Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m., in the SC Bradner Library; and Jan. 29, at 4 p.m., at the SC Radcliff Center. Admission is free and open to all students and the general public for these events. Copies of the novel are available at the SC Bookstore for a discounted price. For more information contact the SAO at 734-462-4422.

Continuing Education and Professional Development

Basic Math Refresher

The Continuing Education and Professional Development department is holding a ten-week course for those looking to strengthen up on their basic math skills. The course starts Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the McDowell Center room 155. This basic refresher is taught by Terri Lamb, Math Learning Support Specialist, and costs \$235 for students or \$118 for seniors. Register now on WebAdvisor or in the McDowell Center.

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always search online legal websites or take a visit to their local libraries. dadsandmomsofmichigan.org provides resources for divorced and single parents looking for support through various situations including alimony, child support and effects of divorce on children. Michigan also offers children's services through private and public organizations that offer assistance to low-income families or singles.

"Sometimes a child can get lost in the mess of unwed or divorced parents and it is our responsibility to work for children's rights and safety," said social worker Patricia Snyder.

If caught in this situation it is important to know both the rights for yourself and your child. No matter mom or dad, both are equally responsible for the welfare of a child.

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Daisy, the therapy dog of Livonia, is helping students learn to read at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The 7-year-old pedigree Vizsla has volunteered with her owner for four years to improve the reading of children. She is a registered therapy dog, tested for the appropriate temperament for

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personal hobbies or skills into profitable endeavors by using available resources, like a college degree, now has become a great option for students graduating with few companies hiring. Any business prospect that can benefit a community may also repay the business owner. An opportune idea can produce the right amount of benefits for ambitious students looking to make their college education work for them.

Different commodities are also available for any new graduate with little

“ as long as they possess the desire to follow through on their own work. Entrepreneur.com provides valuable information on starting your own business, money, management, and much more. The website even goes as far as pitching business ideas for any person interested in looking to start a business but lacks the creative edge of forming personal plans. Ideas range from nutritional guides and copywriting to off-road tours. Anything is possible in creating a business consumers are willing to pay into.

“One of my many ambitions as a college student is to use my degree to open my own architectural business when I leave school,” said student Steven Hickson. The business will spring from Hickson’s education, yet allow him to make decisions solely for his own profit.

Students are discovering alternate uses for degrees with a mix of personal resources to become savvy business owners. From cleaning businesses

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to restaurant owners to bike shops, anyone can go from unemployed to being their own boss.

“I respect small business owners but my field of study is forensic science and I never envisioned becoming an entrepreneur and owning my own business as a career choice,” said student Kristen Call. Taking degrees to the next level by applying a business aspect to non-relating degrees is the creative edge for success.

College Graduate Matthew Gaidica founded Prime Studios in 2007 where the main idea for the business is innovative websites and web applications. This is a local business started after college from a partnership that has become a success through work with name brands including Best Buy, Direct Energy, Kettering University and more.

This is just one example of success through entrepreneurship after college.

Having experience in the workforce is valuable attributes for entrepreneurs if the option is available for students. If a career becomes available upon graduation, the skills gained and experience will help later if starting one’s own business becomes a goal.

College students are leaving school after graduation and facing repayment of student loans with little to no career prospects. Turn gained knowledge, experience and skills into a prosperous start-up business is one way to avoid waiting for someone to offer a job. While the country is slowly rising from the recession, now is the time to be creative with business ideas that may boom in the near future.

“ We still consider our company really young though, but young companies and young people move fast and are hip to what’s the next big thing, so I think it puts us ahead and will continue to do so.”

-Matthew Gaidica

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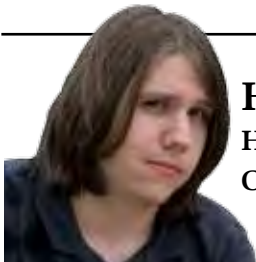
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Time sucks



HOLD ON,
HEAR ME
OUT

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Yep, time sucks. No, I'm not talking about the Pink Floyd song or the magazine or Morris Day's band in the '80s. I'm talking about the actual concept of time. That wonderful construct we use to keep track of our progress towards oblivion. Or, if you wish to remain optimistic, our progress towards free cake for everybody. (We know this is the ultimate human ideal.)

As humans, we rely on time. Time motivates our actions, sets our patterns and rules our existence. Life as we know it is just an endless sequence of "What do we need to do next and when does is need to be done?" We all have a built-in cache of times, each with their own significance. We know that 10 minutes is the longest amount of time that can be used to convince someone to do something they find unpleasant. ("Come on, it'll just take ten minutes.") We know that eight hours is a decent night's sleep but 2 1/2 hours is enough to get by without forgetting how to work a doorknob. And we know that the average life span is around 85 years, which people insist is "too short" ... as if you'll do anything longer.

Considering how important it is to the structure of our lives, one would expect time to be a wise and benevolent ruler. Unfortunately, in actuality time is a vindictive totalitarian schemer with occasional schizophrenic lapses. Overstaying its welcome when not wanted and MIA at the most crucial moments, time displays the kind of scatterbrained leadership techniques that would make the Pointy-Haired Boss from Dilbert look like a model employer.

Sociopathic tendency number one: situational obliviousness. So, you've got two hours to finish that term paper you've been putting off. Seems like a reasonable amount of time and then — whoosh — it disappears like a playing card out of David Blaine's feeble, attention-seeking hands. Here's the instance where time is most needed and yet it doesn't seem to care and instead wanders off to put on his grim reaper costume and taunt old people on the brink of demise. Is it merely ignorance, or something more sinister? Ultimately it doesn't matter. All we know is that time can't be trusted.

Perhaps time's most glorious idiosyncrasy is that it's both rigidly constant and prone to violent fluctuation. How annoyingly convenient. We can always count on a minute to be exactly 60 seconds long and we can count on each second to be exactly 1000 milliseconds long and yet no two minutes are ever the exact same length. A minute spent watching any prime-time reality TV show will always be

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Rhetoric makes democracy work



LIFE'S
TOUGH
— GET A
HELMET

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The most recent shootings near Tucson, Ariz. have the country in an uproar complaining that heated rhetoric is driving our citizens to violence to solve political matters. Americans are failing to take a look at the bigger picture. Political rhetoric is a clear sign that our democracy is working.

Following the Jan. 8 shooting during a constituent meeting, Americans, politicians and the media scrambled for someone to blame. The media pointed the finger at political rhetoric as the culprit. Assumptions were made that the suspect performed this senseless act out of spite for U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords. The violence was mistaken as an act of one side of the political spectrum against the other. (In reality, it was a madman against society, not right versus left.) Then the national conversation shifted to whether our heated political discourse was leading to violence and how it could be curbed.

What people are failing to recognize is that heated political discourse and rhetoric are proof that our democracy works.

In some countries, the assassin is the hero. Take Pakistan, for instance. On Jan. 4, Punjab's governor Salman Taseer was shot outside an upscale market in Islamabad. To a vast majority of the people of Pakistan, the 26-year-old security officer Mumtaz Qadri who assassinated Taseer, is a hero. Qadri has been rewarded with a national outpouring of approval. His adoration continued so heavily that the authorities moved up his hearing a day to pre-empt more gatherings of adoring crowds. Just prior to his assassination, Taseer had recently hit the

headlines when he took on the case of Asia Bibi, a Christian woman on death row after being convicted of blasphemy. Taseer considered a law that sentences anyone who insults Islam to death a "black law." For simply voicing his opinion on a political matter, a politician was killed and the country rejoiced.

The extremity of the circumstance should hit home for Americans. Imagine a world where differing political beliefs result in a death sentence, frequently. This isn't a story out of the distant past — this happened three weeks ago.

American history is littered with its own share of bodies when politics lost perspective. In 1964, three political activists were lynched in Mississippi for participating in the Civil Rights Movement. The Battle of the Overpass pitted union organizers versus anti-union goons and violence took the place of words. In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry became the catalyst in the Civil War. It's true that we've experience the turmoil politics can shake from civilians, but the infrequency of the acts proves that political discussion — even over-the-top rhetoric — is an example that our system is working.

Today's heated discussions are anything but violent. Some of the most divisive topics have not led to violence. The American socio-political movement of the Tea Party that emerged in 2007 though a series of locally and nationally coordinated protests struck nothing but spit fire conversations. How many Tea Partiers held lynchings? Have pro-Obamacare supporters been beaten in the streets? Is there the threat of another civil war over the immigration debate?

Even though the discussions might be loud, Americans are still talking and respecting each other's right to have a differing opinion. The trouble comes when people are afraid of what they can and can't say. As Americans we should encourage rhetoric for what it truly is — the art of using language to communicate effectively and persuasively.

Hey, Hey, Hockeytown!



TAKING
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Hey Hey Hockeytown!
I belong to Hockeytown it's a place where dreams are found
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The cup presides within our town we won't stop no letting down

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If you ever attended a home Red Wings game, you here this chant throughout the whole ice arena all night long because the Wings continuously are one of the top performing NHL teams in the country.

Currently, the Detroit Red Wings are on pace for another special season in Hockeytown as they sit atop their division and battling for supremacy atop the Western Conference.

Despite the Red Wings' success, this season has been very similar to last as the team has been decimated by injuries. Last year the team did its best to keep its head above water as the

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Surviving winter breakups Which type are you?



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ATTACK**

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Snuggle sessions by the fire, making snow angels, romantic evenings and family get-togethers are all aspects we might look forward to during the winter season as a couple. Winter can seem like the perfect time to get closer and take your relationship to the next level. However, you may want to wait until summertime to move on up because the wintertime, especially the time leading up to the holidays, is the perfect time for relationships to become strained.

According to a study by the Marriage Counseling Blog, “The winter blues” was once a term used to describe someone who was feeling down during winter. Now it is a clear problem that affects a wide range of people around the world. We know that lack of sunlight is one of the determining factors and because of this has become a medical issue known as ‘Seasonal Affective Disorder’ or SAD.” Factors such as these make a relationship demanding and, as such, breakups occur more during the winter than any other season. Enduring Valentine’s Day while single can be even worse. We know we can’t fight nature but there

are some ways to make the weeks following a cold and lonely breakup a little bit easier to handle.

The simplest thing to do is keep yourself busy. The worst thing you can do for yourself is sit around and mope. Having a movie marathon alone drinking beer or eating fattening ice cream is the worst thing to do. It doesn’t solve anything and can only cause more issues. Although outdoor activities are limited in the winter, try to stay active and energetic. Go to the gym, do laundry, organize shelves or clean your room. Small tasks like these will make all the difference and will take your mind off all the memories.

A difficult but helpful suggestion is to get rid of anything that reminds you of your ex. Staring at pictures of the two of you on your trip to Florida isn’t going to do anything but bring tears. Reminiscing about what you won’t have anymore is only going to cause more pain. Take down the pics you have together. You don’t have to burn them — although if it makes you feel better, go for it — but having them out of sight will help keep your mind at ease. Also be sure to log on to Facebook or Myspace and erase whatever visuals might cause you distress. It’s not an easy task but, trust me, it will make your life a lot more manageable during a rough patch.

Accepting the fact that you two are not getting back together is a really difficult step but it’s also one of the most important. Recognizing that the two of you just aren’t meant to be is

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**SARAH
SAYS ...**

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College life is about going to school, working and, for some people, partying. Drinking seems to be the “social” thing to do in college and along with this engaging activity people seem to develop multiple personalities while consuming alcohol which factors in with all the binge drinking, casual drinking and the raging alcoholics. From observation, there are four different types of “drunken” personalities to watch for while taking part in this popular activity.

The particular type of person that any partygoer would want to most avoid is the angry drinker. Alcohol somehow creates a testosterone boost in this person and causes them to think they have developed some sort of Clark Kent strength. Aggression may take flight and fights are usually the result. For some it may not be aggression but strictly angry behavior. According to Livescience.com, people who have anger issues when sober are more likely to show aggression while consuming alcoholic beverages.

Then there are the emotional drinkers. If you spot any of these on the

horizon, get ready for your good mood to be completely shut down. Drinking happens to be a time of remembrance of all the sad things in life for some folks. These people tend to dwell on the past with things such as broken-off relationships which may result in the “drunk texting” of ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends. If it just so happens you’re the friend in this situation, have the Kleenex box ready because tears can’t be far behind. Drama queens are not particularly popular at parties and one thing is for certain, no one likes a “Debbie Downer.”

Taking a break off the negative, we turn to the happy drinker who is the one everyone enjoys being around. Everyone loves jovial people. Positive attitudes set the right mood for any party and can turn anything negative into positive. Happy drunks can also be the entertainer or jokester of the group as well, willing to do anything for a good laugh and an ego boost.

Finally, there are the people that don’t know their limits or when to stop. You’ll find sloppy drinkers clinging onto the wall — or anyone in their path to the bathroom for that matter. These people require constant supervision and the bottle taken out of their hands. Let’s face it — you can be babysat at any age. Everyone enjoys having to haul a friend everywhere when trying to have a good time ... not. Know your limits and try not to be “that guy.”

So ask yourself which personality are

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Reforming the Healthcare Reform Act

**THE SNYDER
REPORT**



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Let’s recap the biggest political outpour of 2010 just one more time since it’s still a huge confusing mass of words that many, including myself, need to be put into plain English. It’s not needed welfare reform or unemployment rates. No, the Health Care Reform act of 2010 affects everyone yet still seems blurry around the edges. In the simplest of lingo, the healthcare act is now going to be reformed into “Obama’s Healthcare for dummies.” It can also be called “the act put into quickly digested words for college students that already read too much” so, this will be quick and easy. All points brought up are just the minor affects the bill has on college students.

For those of you that were taking a heavy course load and can barely recall watching 2010 come and go, you missed a huge year for your health and education so pay attention. With 22 pens — one for every letter of his signature — President Barack Obama signed the healthcare bill into law on March 23, 2010. The law requires every individual to have health insurance, which would cover more than 32 million Americans that were uninsured, according to “Healthcare Reform Bill Summary,” on cbsnews.com. Every person should be able to

see a doctor when needed but, citizen or not, being insured by the government has caused some amenities to be given and taken.

Perks include college students now able to stay as dependents on their caretakers insurance policies until the age of 26. This means, even after graduation, students will be insured under parent’s policies. The reform now also reduces discrimination against age. High costs and denied needed coverage are not options anymore for insurers. Now that students have more time as dependents on insurance policies, finding steady employment with full benefits can be taken more seriously instead of desperately jumping into the first job that offers an insurance company to consume the bill of a broken leg.

Finally, the health care reform act is hoping to create more jobs for students in health-related fields. These are not the only changes affecting college students; the healthcare bill also had a college aid bill attached with it in the passing.

The Education Reform Act seemed to be hidden behind the huge publicity of the healthcare bill but it is equally important to college students. Middlemen of college education funding have been completely erased from the system of paying for college through lenders. The law now has students borrowing directly from the government instead of third-party lenders. Money saved from the reform is being put directly back into community colleges and universities with large minority populations. Good news for Schoolcraft.

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players healed, and the team eventually made a run to reach the playoffs.

While the Red Wings have had to grind out games and are clearly better with Pavel Datsyuk, Dan Cleary, Tomas Holmstrom and Brad Stuart in the lineup, they keep on winning. One of the main reasons for the team's success has been an outstanding season from Henrik Zetterberg. This under-the-radar player has stepped up in all areas of the game by creating plays and scoring often to make up for the loss of fellow team mates.

Zetterberg deserves more recognition by the media and will be a perfect candidate for captain once Nicklas Lidstrom decides to hang up his skates for good.

Has anyone ever heard of Thomas McCollum or Joey MacDonald?

These two were pulled from the minors to replace injured goaltenders Jimmy Howard and Chris Osgood. Howard (bruised knee) should be back soon, but his absence mean the Red Wings are forced to suit up their third- and fourth-string goalies.

The hardest hit team, added forward Tomas Holmstrom and goalie Jimmy Howard on Friday to an already-sizable list of sidelined players. Holmstrom (broken hand) will be out for three-to-four weeks. He joins injured Pavel Datsyuk (broken hand), Mike Modano (lacerated wrist), Danny Cleary (broken ankle), Brad Stuart (broken jaw) and Chris Osgood (hernia).

Even with this long list, the Wings, are finding ways to compensate after losing a significant chunk of their offense to injuries. They have the highest scoring defense in the NHL, a couple of grinders have been chip-

ping in goals lately and Jiri Hudler is showing signs of snapping out of a season-long slump.

"It's as good as you can ask for," defenseman Brad Stuart said of the trip. "The key for us is to put it behind us and focus on Friday. We don't want to have a letdown. We have to make sure we take care of business at home." Said coach Mike Babcock: "What we did is real positive, and now we got to find a way to win that game when we go back that we have so much trouble with."

Detroit's defense has amassed more than 100 points. Lidstrom has already tallied more goals than all of last season and is second among NHL defensemen in total points. Niklas Kronwall has a career-high in goals. Brian Rafalski is averaging nearly an assist per game.

"I just think it's so important, the way teams play today, with everyone back, that you get players from the back end generating offense," Babcock said. "When guys are hurt you got to find ways to dig deep with third- and fourth-line guys who don't normally get the time or chance to score a lot of goals," Darren Helm, who centers the line with Eaves and Draper, said. "It's time for guys like Patty, Drapes, myself, Abby (Justin Abdelkader), Millsie (Drew Miller), Murz (Jan Mursak) to step up."

The future looks good for the Wings if they continue to produce until all the injured stars can return and help make the final stride during the playoffs to reach the finals.

GO WINGS!

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the only way you both can move on successfully. There are times when all you want to do is call or text. And at the time it seems like a good idea and may even feel momentarily therapeutic. However, this will only hurt worse in the long run by bringing up new feelings and will most likely bring more pain and sadness. The best thing to do is try to move on and accept that it's over.

Finally, be sure to surround yourself with positive people. Being around negative people will only make you feel negative about yourself. You have to have assurance that life isn't over and the world around you still moves

forward. Yes, going through a breakup isn't easy but being around people that care about you and bring light into your life will make it easier. People that have optimistic attitudes and have their lives on track are the people that will help you move in the right direction.

Remember, the Earth still revolves no matter how bad a breakup may seem. In the winter it's easy to fall deep into a hole and become depressed. Luckily, with these few suggestions, you can avoid that trap and get on with your life. So move forward, have confidence and enjoy being single!

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you? Maybe you are none of the above, just one or a little bit of everything. While some people drink and some don't, the bottom line is when going to a party everyone wants to have a good time no matter what. 69 percent of college students are over 21 years of age according to alcoholstats.com and

the average college student consumes two or fewer beverages a week. Next time you're out at a party, observe your friends and see if they fall in any of the above personalities and, as always, remember to be safe and don't drink and drive!

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The Education Reform Act was overshadowed by the healthcare reform act but both will be affecting college student's lives in the near and far future. The healthcare comes with a highly controversial debate still ongoing even after the passing of the bill. Debates include more taxes, costs, cuts in

medicare and primary care physician's personal losses. The healthcare act is over 1000-pages long of alien lingo and these are just the most relevant to the age group of 18-26. So whether either act is preferred, get familiar with them because both stand to impact lives drastically.



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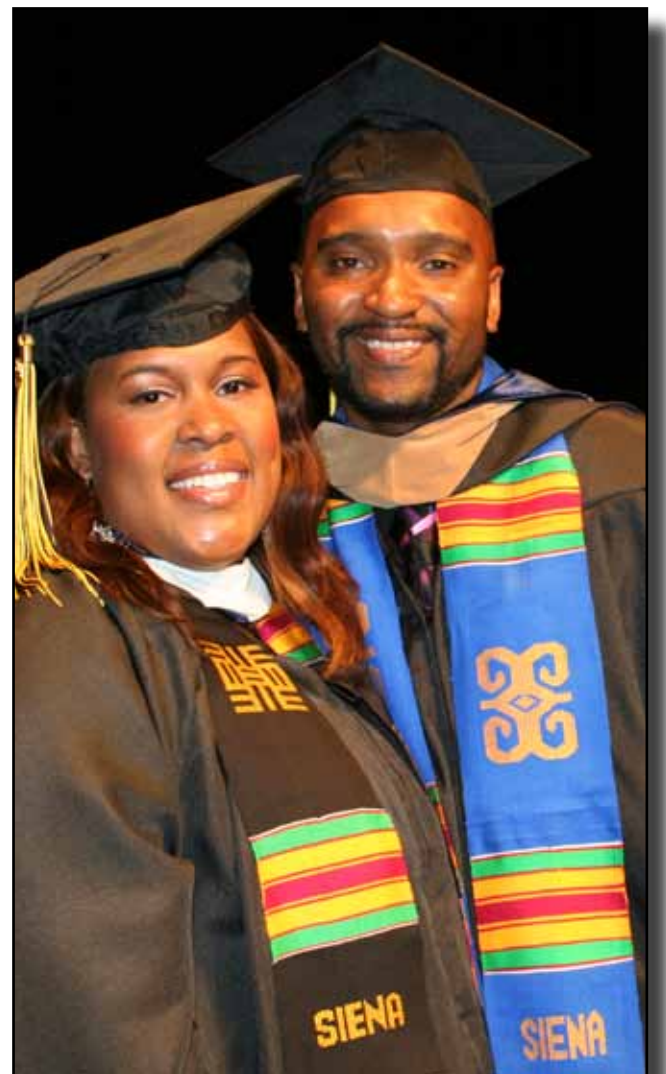
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agonizingly longer than any minute spent in a hot tub, regardless of the other contents of the hot tub. How can we ever be expected to get things done with this freshly-roasted nut ruling the universe?

So the next time you find yourself in a jam, don't let it get you down. It's all time's fault. If your boss is riding you for being late, simply explain, "I

can't help it that we're all living in the kingdom of George III during his Daffy Duck period. I cannot be held responsible for Father Time's ever-loosening grip on the fabric of existence." Your employer will surely understand. In the mean time, just keep your head down, try not to get too stressed and pray for cake.



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After an impressive opening performance the SC Math Team prepares for the second round of competition.

No limit to success

SC math team heads to Round 2 of math contest

By **ASHLEY CARLEY**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The results of Round 1 of the 2010-2011 Student Math League Contest put SC's math team as #1 in the state and #2 in the combined Midwest and Central regions. As Round 2 approaches, the dexterous group is looking to recruit more members to strengthen the team even more.

Last round included participation from nearly 50

students. Each took part in a one-hour test consisting of 20 multiple-choice problems. The American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) organizes the annual two-round competition. The top five scores count toward the team's total. The more scores submitted, the higher pooling to choose from. The point values are awarded and refuted to encourage students from guessing.

"It is a very hard test. A good score is anything in double digits. We had an indi-

“ It beats the classroom setting of cookie cutter problems. ”

-Matthew McCoy

vidual with a score among the top in the nation that was somewhere around high 30s. They certainly carried the team," mathematics instructor Matthew McCoy said.

Professor Randy Schwartz, advisor for the Math and Physics club, was the modera-

tor for the contest and encouraged McCoy to get involved. After helping out last year, Schwartz has passed the torch to McCoy.

"It's definitely rewarding. It's a chance to do higher-level math without the stress [of class]. There's no pressure because it's not for a grade. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose," McCoy said. "Some math professors give extra credit for participants which is a good motivator. Good students show up to challenge themselves. It's not often that you take a math

test where a 50% is considered outstanding."

The goal for the second round is to maintain in the top spot by continuing with practice sessions, going over problems from old exams and similar types of problems. The Math and Physics Club meets every other week. Most of the club members are involved in taking the competition test. There will be two practice sessions a couple weeks before the test.

"Los Angeles City College

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Feel the love

SAB hosts Speed Dating for Valentine seekers

By **KATHY HANSEN**
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is fast approaching. For those who feel the need to have a Valentine on Feb. 14, Cupid will be firing arrows on Schoolcraft's campus a few days early.

The Student Activities Board will be hosting their speed dating event on Feb. 10 from 4-7 p.m. in the lower level of the VisTaTech Center. All are welcome to attend.

Heather Greenshields, SAB vice president, has high hopes for the event. "It's Valentine's Day and we hope people find new friends and new acquaintances."

Diamond Jones of SAB adds, and jokes, "We hope for great friendships and maybe a few kisses. Valentine's Day is near. Have fun!"

For the uninitiated,

speed dating is an organized method of meeting potential romantic partners in which participants evaluate each other over the course of a single event through a series of brief one-on-one meetings. And brief is no exaggeration. Typical speed dating events give partners about 3-8 minutes to interact. It puts on a whole new meaning to love at first sight.

For students who feel skeptical about participating, rest assured; speed dating puts online dating to shame with genuine face-to-face interaction in a light-hearted and fun atmosphere.

At this year's event, co-hosted by The Schoolcraft Connection,

there will be refreshments and live music.

SAB is looking for musicians interested in performing at the event. Acoustic musicians that play rock, indie, folk, or similar types of music can audition. Auditions will be held in the SAB office located in the lower level of the VisTaTech Center on Jan. 26 from 3-5 p.m.

SAB president Erica Antishin said "with the event being only a few days away from Valentines Day, it's a perfect opportunity to meet new people and just maybe a special someone." For anyone looking for more information, contact the SAO at 724-462-4422.

LOOKING FOR A NICE GIRL...



Name: Michael Bagian

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Dream Date: Kelly from Saved by the Bell



Get in the zone!

Pink Zone doubleheader to raise money for a good cause

BY SARAH LAVIER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The Schoolcraft College Intercollegiate Athletics program is proud to host the third annual Pink Zone fundraiser on Wednesday, Feb. 9 in the Physical Education building. The night will feature a doubleheader basketball game against Oakland Community College (OCC), with both the men's and women's basketball teams participating in order to help raise money for the Kay Yow Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Breast Cancer Research Awareness fund. The fundraiser is an exciting event always attracting student and faculty attention.

"It's another opportunity for the Schoolcraft Dance Team to perform except this time it's raising awareness for a good cause," SC student Brittany Durham said. This is Durham's first year with the dance team and has

found the experience to be very rewarding. "It's always nice being a part of something that draws in a crowd. I love meeting new people."

The night kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with the SC women's basketball team followed by the men's at 7:30 p.m. against OCC. SC is pleased to host this event each year in an effort to raise awareness and much-needed money for breast cancer research. "We are hoping to exceed our annual contribution to the Kay Yow Breast Cancer Research Awareness Fund beyond the \$1,800 raised last year," Director of Athletics Sidney Fox said.

The Kay Yow Breast Cancer fund was created in December 2007 in honor of Kay Yow, the 1988 Gold Medalist US Women's Basketball Olympic Coach. Yow was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987 and bravely fought her battle with the cancer until she passed away

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FILE PHOTO

Lafata pumps the girls up for some Pink Zone action.



FILE PHOTO

This exhibit of the Detroit Riot from last year provides a sobering view of what the Housing Segregation in Detroit exhibit can look like.

"We Don't Want Them"

Race and housing exhibit to be displayed at SC

BY SARAH LAVIER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The Schoolcraft College Foundation is proud to host the exhibit "We Don't Want Them: Race and Housing in Metropolitan Detroit 1900-1968." The tale-telling exhibit will be on display in the lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center, running from Jan. 24 through Feb. 4. This free exhibit has traveled to many places throughout the metro Detroit area and SC is thrilled to display the informative event on campus for all its students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community.

Presenting the exhibit to the SC community is the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion which boasts a mission to "build sustainable inclusive communities." Last year, the Roundtable presented guest speaker Tim Wise, a racial justice advocate. To the more than 400 attendees at the SC event, Wise raised awareness of the structural racism that caused segregated housing in metro Detroit and how it still affects many people today.

The race and housing exhibit plans to highlight the history of housing in metro Detroit with events that marked and developed the racial structure/ boundaries in the Detroit area such as the Ossian Sweet case of the 1920's and the Civil Rights Act in 1968. The display will examine the position of the Federal

Housing Administration and how urban renewal destroyed thriving communities which, in turn, set in motion many of the challenges that continue to affect Detroit neighborhoods today.

Freda Sampson, Michigan Roundtable Housing Project Manager, said, "Where we live determines if we live, strive or die."

SC offers this exhibit, as well as others throughout the school year. The Schoolcraft College Foundation brings these informative exhibits to the SC campus by awarding grants. According to Sampson, it's important for students to take advantage of this exhibit because "housing continues to impact access to jobs, education, healthcare and consumerism, where we live to often determine the quality of our life and ultimately drains our talent pool and reduces the possibility of this region functioning at its highest level."

The "We Don't Want Them: Race and Housing" exhibit illustrates a crucial time period in our regional history, where decisions were made and, in-turn, shaped the metro Detroit community in which we live in today.

For more information on the display, contact the SAO in the Lower Waterman at (734) 462-4422 or visit the Michigan Roundtable website at mir-roundtable.org.

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is always at the top. They meet every week for an entire semester to prep. It's a pretty elaborate system and no mistake that they are the winners. We're not quite to that level but maybe someday. Who knows?" McCoy added.

The questions are written so students don't need anything more than pre-calculus, but they are certainly not typical pre-calculus questions.

"Students are from all over. A majority [of students] are currently taking calculus, but there are no prerequi-

sites. It helps to know probability and geometry and be able to think outside the box." McCoy said.

The Math Team hopes to build its membership for the next round.

"Come be a part of the number one team in Mich. To be number one in Mich. and number two in the Midwest, it ranks us very high against other schools. It's because of the good participation that we perform so well." McCoy concluded.

If you are interested in joining the team or learning more information, contact McCoy at mmccoy@schoolcraft.edu.

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The SC roller hockey team hopes to play their way to the national championship this year.

Rolling over the competition

A look at SC's roller hockey team

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

Anyone with previous hockey experience looking to play on a competitive team against a fiercely aggressive competition will find the right place to be is on the Schoolcraft Roller Hockey Team. In it's second year, the roller hockey team has been run out through of the Student Activities Office as a way for students to participate in a competitive sporting activity.

Under the guidance of Coach Rob Zeuner, the Schoolcraft roller hockey team is divided into two groups: an

A team and a B team. The A squad competes in the Junior College division while B plays in Division B of the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association. Regardless of difference in divisions, the goals are the same for both teams — to climb as high in the standings as possible to earn an invitation to the national championships in San Jose.

"The top players are on the A team but some stay on the B team to help," said Coach Zeuner. "But we try to balance it out to keep top players stacked on A team for nationals."

Both teams compete against clubs from NCAA Division I schools such as Michigan, Michigan State, Eastern

Michigan, Ohio State and Purdue. Despite facing off against teams from much larger schools, Schoolcraft's players are not deterred from competing against them.

"It's a huge step up of competition," said freshman forward Colin Standish, "but we know that we can beat them."

In the club's first year, the team boasted wins over Ohio State, Eastern Michigan and Cincinnati and a close loss to the Michigan State B team on their way to earning a coveted invitation to nationals in San Jose. Though the tournament ended in disappointment, it did little to deter interest in the club. Leading into the 2010-2011 season, the

roller hockey club grew large enough to support a second team. With each tournament victory, the club's popularity grows.

The rules in roller hockey are very similar to ice hockey. The major differences are the smaller rink, no offsides or icing, only four skaters rather than five and a complete lack of checking. There are still the usual penalties such as hooking, slashing, cross checking and tripping. Any seasoned hockey fan will find roller hockey not only to be familiar, but also surprisingly fast.

Because there are no offsides, the game is wide open offensively. Most teams are built around speed, finesse,

skating and passing and not necessarily revolving around a couple of hard checking defensemen, resulting in high scores in many games that are played. Even with rules forbidding checking, the games are surprisingly physical and tempers often flare. These games are certainly not for novice skaters.

For those students with a hockey background and an itch to lace up the blades again, the Schoolcraft Roller Hockey Team is always looking for players. It's an ideal way for SC students to stay physically active, participate in an extracurricular activity, and work out some pent up aggression.

For more information, stop by the Student Activities Office located in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

OCELOT OPINIONS

"Should the government be able to mandate its citizens to purchase insurances?"

Compiled & Photos by
Anita Mishra



"No, I do not think it should be mandated. Insurance is a personal choice and not all people can afford the costs. Mandate lower prices then consider mandating it."

Theresa Fry
Major: Nursing



"No, this sabotages individual freedom and liberties. Collectivism creates less personal responsibility."

Jessica Jentman
Major: Business



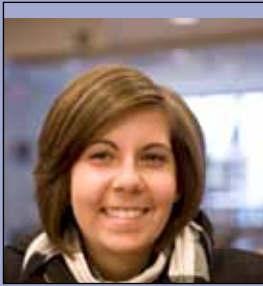
"No, I feel that citizens should have the right to choose if they want insurance or not."

Brie Nibert
Major: Paramedics-EMT



"No, it definitely should be our choice if we want to purchase insurance or not. Some people don't have the financial capability."

Nick LaVigne
Major: Environmental Studies



"No, I think that citizens have a right to choose whether they buy it or not. Insurance, thought beneficial, is very expensive and some people can't afford it."

Andrea R.
Major: Philosophy



"I feel that the government should not be able to mandate citizens to purchase insurance. I believe that each individual should have the choice of whether or not they want insurance. When the government takes control of one aspect of 'their' citizen's life, what would prevent them from controlling all aspects of an individual's life?"

Tailore Miller
Major: Liberal Arts



"Stability of the economy and of human welfare is clearly the domain of the government. Mandating care and other forms of insurance ensure that there is no value cost or at least minimized over the majority of the population. Therefore, yes."

Jeremy Cape
Major: Physics



"Absolutely not. This is America — if someone has insurance, good for them. However, should they choose not to purchase it, that's their fault. If anything, the government should provide free assistance to those who need it but cannot afford it."

Megan Eggenberger
Major: Secondary Education in History and Geography

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Club Events



Compiled by Kathy Hansen • Staff Writer

Student Activities Office Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be at Schoolcraft on Tuesday, Feb. 8 and Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day in the Lower Waterman. Please make an appointment to donate blood by stopping by the Student Activities Office or by calling 734-462-4422.

Pink Zone

The annual Pink Zone basketball double header will be held on Feb. 9. All proceeds from the evening's festivities will benefit the Kay Yow WBCA Breast Cancer Research Fund. Tickets are \$5 and a \$10 donation will get you a shirt as well. For more information, please contact the Athletic Department at 734-462-4804.

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. in the Lower Waterman. The next meetings are scheduled for Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and 10.

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, Jan. 26 and Feb. 9 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 and Tuesday in the Lower Waterman. The Monday meetings are at 11 a.m. and will be on Feb. 7 and 14. Their Tuesday meetings are at 2 p.m. and will be on Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8.

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. Their meetings are on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. The next meetings are scheduled for Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb. 10.

Dance Team

On Feb. 2, the Dance Team will be having a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Livonia on 6 Mile Rd. Please make an effort to stop by. A portion of your bill will go towards the Dance Team. For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Eccentric Movie Club

Join SC's Eccentric Movie Club for some of the most odd, puzzling, and just plain crazy movies produced by some of the most respected writers on TV. Each session is from 1-6 p.m. Schedules of movies can be provided upon request. Movies are watched in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. Their next viewings are on Jan. 25 and 27 (Disney movies on the 27), Feb. 1, 3, 8 and 10.

Gay/Straight Alliance Winter Clothing Drive

The GSA is collecting boots, coats, gloves, and hats for the Ruth Ellis Center. Please donate what you can and bring your donations to the Student Activities Office in the lower level of the VisTaTech Center.

Meetings

The Gay/Straight Alliance is a social connection for equality-minded individuals who want to create a safe environment to help change, support and educate our world one step at a time. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Their next meetings are on Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 in the Lower Waterman located in the VisTaTech Building.

Metro Detroit Association for the Education of Young Children (MDAEYC)

The MDAEYC group will be having a meeting on Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building in Room 240. For more information please contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club

The Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club provides an opportunity for viewing and discussion of Japanese Animation. Their next meeting is on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 5-10 p.m.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Livonia Orientation

There will be an orientation meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 7-8 p.m. in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center for all students who currently have a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA. This is the

time to come and ask any questions you have regarding Phi Theta Kappa.

General Meetings

There will be a general meeting for Phi Theta Kappa members on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. There will be another general meeting on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. At either meeting, members may ask questions about their star status or about upcoming events.

Pizza Kit Orders Due

Pizza Kit Orders will be due on Wednesday, Feb. 16 before 4 p.m. for those members who sold them. Members will receive 1 star for every \$50 sold. Please pick up order forms in the Student Activities Office located in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen

PTK's monthly trip to the St. Leo's soup kitchen will be on Saturday, Feb. 19. Please meet in the Lower Waterman at 8 a.m. Carpooling will be available. Members will receive 1 star for full attendance.

Photography Club

Noodles & Company Fundraiser

On Jan. 25 from 4-9 p.m. the photography club will be having a fundraiser at Noodles and Company in Northville, right across the street from campus. Please stop by and bring some friends. 25% of your bill will go towards the photography club to be used for future events.

General Meetings

Photography Club provides a welcoming environment for graphically inclined hobbyists, graphic designers and students majoring in artistic fields. The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 from 6-8 p.m.

Project Playhem

NOIZE

Project Playhem will be hosting their largest event, NOIZE on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. There will be live demonstrations, interactive displays and open gaming. You can pre-register at Justbringthenoise.com.

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, Jan. 26 and Feb. 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Building.

Save Our Youth Task Force

Want to make a difference in today's youth? Join the Save Our Youth Task Force for an informative, yet empowering, organization engaged in making our youth make positive social choices such as going to college, completing volunteer work and empowering social justice. Meetings will be held on Mondays in the Liberal Arts building in Room 230 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Their next meetings are scheduled for Feb. 7 and Feb. 14.

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 meeting on Monday, Feb. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

Student Activities Board Eight Ball Tournament

The Student Activities Board will be hosting an Eight Ball Tournament on Jan. 27 from 1-3 p.m. You must pre-register for the event in the Student Activities Office located in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. There is a \$5 entry fee and cash prizes for first and second places.

Speed Dating

The SAB will again be hosting their speed dating event on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 4-7 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. There will be live music and refreshments.

General Meetings

Want to get involved on campus? Then come and see how at the Student Activities Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1 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.

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 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, join the meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 26 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. and every Wednesday starting at 6 p.m. The Table Top Club is SC'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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Fans wore pink in spirit of Pink Zone last year.

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in 2009. Her struggle has inspired many people fighting cancer today and her name, and spirit, continues to live on with the breast cancer research fund.

According to Fox there are many ways one can make a contribution to the benefit. For example, "The members of the Schoolcraft College community can help us reach our goal by attending the men's and women's basketball games against Oakland Community College that evening by paying the \$5 admission charge, or by purchasing a commemorative t-shirt for \$10, which includes admission." In addition with the tickets and t-shirts, there will also be a donation bowl

where all the proceeds go directly toward the Kay Yow fund for scientific research and education.

Pink Zone always draws support from SC and its community. The SC Intercollegiate Athletics Community and the men's and women's basketball teams play a crucial role in helping raise money for the Kay Yow Research fund.

"We remain confident that our supporters will view this as a meaningful gesture of community outreach and will respond favorably to such a worthwhile cause," said Fox.

Pink Zone t-shirts can be ordered in advanced by calling 734-462-4400, ext. 5656, or can be purchased at the game. For more information on Pink Zone contact the SAO located in the Lower Waterman of the VistaTech Center at 734-462-4422 or sao@schoolcraft.edu.

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Gamers unite!

Project Playhem hosts video game extravaganza

By RAMON RAZO
STAFF WRITER

It might be safe to assume that the days of the arcade are all but gone. With home consoles and the emergence of online gaming like Xbox Live and the Playstation Network, we no longer have to shell out hundreds of quarters to get our gaming fix. However, we still have the option to come together and beat each other silly without having to actually see each other. But where is the camaraderie? Where is the connectivity and sense of competition from gamer to gamer? Well, fear not gamers. The Project Playhem gaming club at SC is doing their part to unite gamers once again with the second annual Noize event.

Hailed as a "celebration of the gaming culture," Noize is a free video gaming event open to the SC Community held on

Wednesday, Feb. 2 starting at 3 p.m.

It features all-day open gaming, live demonstrations and interactive displays all held in the lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

Gamers can expect to be tested on their skills in the five different game genre "arenas." The event will feature a game arena of several different genres including fighting, action, sports, music and rhythm and racing. By visiting the various arenas, playing games and showcasing their mad skills, players can earn tickets which can be redeemed for valuable prizes. The more tickets a player wins, means a greater chance of winning the prize of their choice.

"We have an organization coming out from Farmington Hills called the Michigan Center for Capoeira and they're going to be sponsoring our fighting arena," says Antonio Perez, President of Project Playhem and the event organizer. Capoeira is a Brazilian art that combines the martial arts, dance, music and South American culture all into one package. "They're going to be providing a performance/demonstration," Perez said.

The United States Army recruits will be there as well.

"I've just recently heard of it but I would really like to know more about it. It sounds like something that I would be into and some of my friends might like it too."

-Kyle Kaufmann

"A local recruiting office and some of their sergeants are going to be sponsoring our action arena, where they're going to be performing a live demonstration of [things like] team building activities for attendees."

Perez also stated that he is going to get a break dance team to sponsor the event's rhythm and dance arena. Mark Constantakis, owner of Car Tunes, will also be sponsoring the "racing" gaming arena.

Gamers will be rewarded for their game playing skills by being able to trade in their hard-earned tickets for various prizes.

"We have Sprint on board, and they're going to donate electronics," explained Perez. Along with Sprint, local businesses and sponsors are donating gift cards to be won and Constantakis is providing a GPS system as a prize.

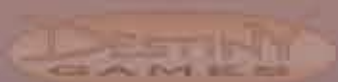
Project Playhem is also having its gamers explore the real world with a game-like twist. "We're doing sort of a fun promotion in which

we're hiding dog tags around the Metro Detroit area which started in January," Perez explained, "Essentially, it's a scavenger hunt. We're going to be dropping hints and clues on the events website, justbringthenoize.com, as to where the tags might be and if you recover them, you'll be entered to win one of our grand prizes."

Once a dog tag is found, it's equivalent to one entry for the grand prize, which will be announced at a later date. Also worth noting is that contestants are allowed to find as many dog tags as they can, thus increasing their chances of winning the grand prize.

Noize is even catching the attention of casual gamers like SC student, "

If you're looking for a way to connect with other gamers or just have a good time, make sure to check out Noize when it hits this February. This event is open to all students, faculty, staff and the general public. For more information on the gaming event, contact the SAO in the Lower Waterman at 734-463-4422 or visit the official Noize website at justbringthenoize.com.



Student Profile:

Gary Quillico

By SARAH LAVIER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

What's your major?

I'm not 100% (sure), but it will do with music for sure.

Why music?

I love music and want to spend the rest of my life working with what I love.

What do you look forward to most about becoming the President of Project Playhem next year?

I'm looking forward to the chance to do something I think is important and worth something. I'm great with people, so I think it will be a good fit for me.

What made you choose to run for the President?

I didn't think I would (run for president) at first. The current President came up to me and asked me to. To tell you the truth it freaked me out, but now I'm looking forward to the chance.

What is your favorite part about the upcoming gaming event Noize?

New faces and some old faces coming together and gaming. I'm excited.

Guilty pleasure...

I have to say eating a lot. I love food, what can I say.

Video game...Banjo-Tooie or Fire Emblem.

School subject...

Choir.

Dream job...

Working for a music studio or being a singer

New hobby...

I'm currently learning guitar and piano.

Late night snack...

Pizza pita!

Life goal...

Get married and have a family.

Pet peeve...

Angry People. You know the people who get mad over a little simple joke, it really grinds my gears!





Donkey Kong makes a triumphant return

BY JONATHAN KING
MANAGING EDITOR

The original “Donkey Kong Country” for the SNES was a landmark gaming experience, combining jaw-dropping pre-rendered graphics with some of the finest platforming this side of Mushroom Kingdom. Now, a decade and a half later, the ape with the red necktie returns to bring us back to gaming nirvana all over again. Recently released for the Wii, “Donkey Kong Country Returns” will have old-school platforming fans jumping for joy.

Like its SNES counterparts, “Donkey Kong Country Returns” is a side-scrolling run-n-jump platform-fest. The game was developed by Retro Studios, who previously breathed new life into the “Metroid” series with the outstanding “Prime” games. Luckily, they applied the same love and care to DK, bringing the series into the 21st century without sacrificing any of the original entertainment qualities.

The format of the game will appear very familiar to fans of the SNES classics.

You select your level of choice from the map,

then run, jump, roll and barrel blast your way from point A (generally the far left) to point B (generally the far right). In addition to reemergence of traditional elements like the mine cart the game features a wealth of well-designed and inventive gameplay mechanics. This makes maneuvering through all of the 50+ levels a joy with little to no repetition dragging proceedings down.

The insane (for its time) visuals of the the original “Donkey Kong Country” were one of its main selling points. DK’s new look is perhaps not as dramatic an upgrade but that doesn’t stop it from being one of the more visually impressive games on the Wii. The 3D backdrops are truly excellent and every once in a while you get a level that’s played entirely in silhouette against a setting sun. While it doesn’t reach “Limbo” levels of artistic magnificence, it is nevertheless very easy on the eyes.

The soundtrack contains a combination of remixed classics and original tracks, all of which are catchy and pleasing to listen to. The game also features a host of familiar sound effects which are guaranteed to trigger some pangs of nostalgia. The entire audio-visual experience is a perfectly-balanced blend of old and new that will please both newcomers and long-time fans.

Of course there are collectables galore. Each stage contains a wealth of bananas as well as the four K-O-N-G letters, coins and life-up balloons, all begging to be picked up. A new addition are five puzzle pieces which are usually the most difficult items to locate, often requiring some intense searching on behalf of the player. Of course, if you have a second controller available, your friend can join in as Diddy Kong to offer a helping hand in your explorations.

The game is by no means simple and is

destined to give even seasoned gamers a run for their money. As the game progresses it becomes downright punishing but that makes every little success that much more rewarding. Simply running through the levels is a challenge in itself but collecting every item from every level is a quest only hardcore gamers need undertake. With a treasure trove of extras available for unlocking including artwork and additional music tracks perfectionists will find besting this Herculean task a necessity.

Having to follow up the reinvention of platforming giants Mario and Kirby is by no means easy but DK does it with grace and aplomb. What “Donkey Kong Country Returns” lacks in innovation it more than makes up for in style and fun. It’s a near-perfect revival of a great series that deserves a few hours – or weeks – of your time.



Hopping into the third dimension

“Frogger 3D” is a worthwhile successor to the arcade classic

BY MICHAEL KING
STAFF WRITER

In the ‘80s, Konami unleashed “Frogger” into the arcades and it quickly became a hit sensation. Unfortunately, after the release of a lackluster sequel for the Atari 2600 (anyone remember “Frogger II?”) it seemed as if the beloved amphibian would never see the light of day again. However, with the advent of 3D graphics bringing new life to franchise

chisers like “Final Fantasy” and “Mega Man,” Konami saw a chance to revitalize their own classic character. Surprisingly, the remake turned out better than anyone could’ve imagined.

Released for the Playstation in 1997, “Frogger 3D” plays just like the original arcade game with a few key differences. The five exit points are occupied by colored frogs whom the player must rescue. However, with a new third dimension to navigate, Frogger will frequently have to scale new heights — literally — to accomplish this task. Unlike the original game, most of the levels spread these frogs out, often forcing players to explore a stage multiple times just to locate them all within the time limit.

This adds a whole new level of intrigue to the game, although it can become agitating in the more complex levels as players find themselves staring at the words “game over” instead of the actual game.

There are nine worlds to explore, each with their own theme and design. The game starts, fittingly enough, with Frogger hopping across that familiar rush hour street but players will soon find themselves working their way around the clouds that lay far above it. Other stages include a dark cavern and a factory with platforms hovering over a river of molten metal.

In later levels, Frogger is forced to slide around on ice will both dodging enemies and trying not to fall off of the sides to certain oblivion. This would be tricky enough on its own but, when the camera switches perspective at the most inconvenient moments, the result can be extremely frustrating. In situations where timing is everything, this can sometimes result in

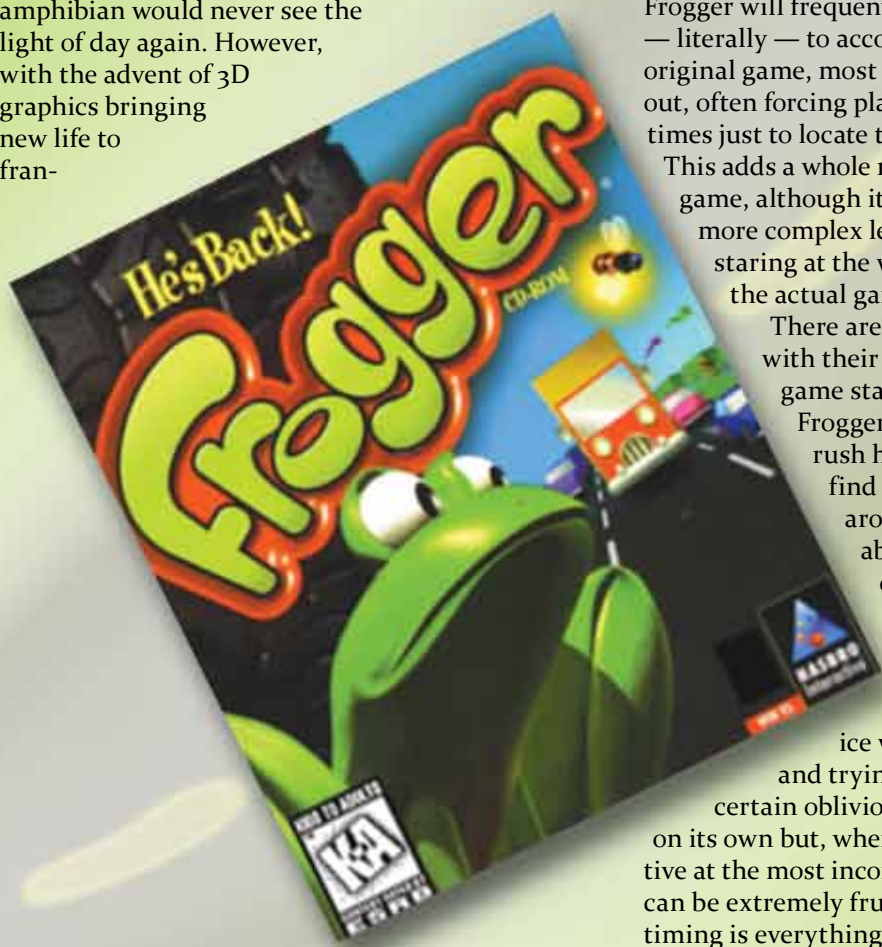
an unexpected trip to death’s doorstep.

While most of the game’s problems are minor, there are a few more outstanding issues. For instance, hazards aren’t returned to their original positions when Frogger dies, thus making it impossible to set up a system for clearing a stage. This means that failure to complete the last handful of levels on the first try practically guarantees every subsequent retry to end in similar disaster.

For example, one of the last levels in the game requires extremely precise jumping, rescuing each frog in a certain order and grabbing certain power-ups at exact points in time. It’s a complex system that leaves no room for failure and is perpetually changing. Easily-frustrated gamers: You have been warned.

Despite its shortcomings “Frogger 3D” is still an enjoyable experience, especially if you were riveted by the original. This remake takes everything that was great about the arcade hit and brings it to life in the third dimension. The classic arcade action and fun new areas to explore make up for the occasionally awkward camera and controller-snapping difficulty.

With everyone standing slack-jawed before the new looks of Mario and Link, Frogger’s leap onto the 3D bandwagon went completely unnoticed. As a result, one of the best 2D-to-3D conversions was all but forgotten. Since then, Frogger has been on a decline that surpasses even that of Sonic the Hedgehog but at least he left us this gem before he left his dignity behind.



There's a new marshal in town

"True Grit" is a modern classic western done right

By BRIAN CAMILLERI
STAFF WRITER

Grit is defined as indomitable courage, toughness or resolution and that pretty much sums up this movie. "True Grit" is a story about a dogged little girl named Mattie Ross, played by Hailee Steinfeld, who is looking to avenge the death of her murdered father. She hires Rooster Cogburn, played by Jeff Bridges, to hunt down the killer and bring him to justice. This is a western story narrated in a classic way without the glitz and glamour of fancy editing, music or special effects. "True Grit" is a movie that captures the essence of the Wild West with all five senses. The story is told with a same style and pacing comparable to Andrew Dominik's movie, "The Assassination of Jesse James." The film's stunning scenery, strong dialog and dramatic lighting really

bring the movie to life but nothing stands out more than the powerful characters.

Jeff Bridges is at his best, playing a sharpshooting, tougher-than-nails, drunken marshal with a deep southern accent that forces you to pay attention. He is Rooster Cogburn, the most cunning alcoholic of all time. A single glance at his weather-beaten face is evidence enough that he has been through a lot more than most people. His dirty persona and pure ruggedness make it hard to believe that someone with so many imperfections can be considered a good man. Bridges plays a much different version of the Cogburn known from the 1970s and anyone who loves that character might not appreciate this newer version. Nevertheless, Bridges, as well as supporting actress Hailee Steinfeld, portray their characters with such depth and feeling that it makes it hard not to get lost in the story.

Steinfeld is known for her roles in T.V. shows and short films but "True Grit" marks the beginning of her big screen

presence. Without a doubt, "True Grit" really enhanced her career as an actress. Playing such a serious role at such a young age really separates her from other young upcoming stars. It's a surprise not to see her name on the movie poster in big black lettering. She plays Mattie as a persistent, bold, quick-witted little girl who acts way too mature for her age. She appears as a female version of Rooster Cogburn, which could also explain why they go so well together.

The movie starts off with an introduction to Mattie, explaining who she is and what she's doing. The directors Joel and Ethan Coen waste no time setting up the story. The writing is quick, simple and to the point, which is the way it should be done. There are no fancy transitions muddling scenes up which helps the audience to follow along without losing focus. The fast southern dialog also forces the audience to keep up with the story.

The Coen brothers are known for their screenwriting proficiency and "True Grit" is yet another great example of a screenplay done right. A

perfect example is the ending. At first glance, the climatic fight scene at the end seems just okay but as it develops, the ending quickly becomes emotionally powerful. It leaves audiences

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Friday Night Rental: Valentine's Day

Chick flicks are the new chocolate hearts

By ASHLEY CARLEY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As the annual greeting-card holiday of Valentine's Day rolls around, it's always beneficial to stay on top of the season's must-see romantic comedies. Whether the holiday is spent with a significant other or solo, these heart-warming tales of affection are the perfect match to a dozen red roses and a box of chocolates.

"Love Story" (1970)

Starting off with a trip back to the '70s, "Love Story" is true to its name. The story is an account of the dynamic combination of Harvard Law student Oliver Barrett IV and a music student named Jennifer Cavalleri. Despite having opposite backgrounds they are unable to deny their chemistry. The couple joins together in holy matrimony causing Barrett's father to threaten to disown him. However, the love-struck young couple remains optimistic. They believe that love can mend all problems. What begins as an honest friendship turns into the love story of their lives. This timeless tale is guar-



anteed to bring tears to the eyes of all audience members.

"You've Got Mail" (1998)

If anyone knows how to make an engaging romantic comedy, it's actress Meg Ryan. With her dynamic performances in "Sleepless in Seattle" and "When Harry Met Sally," Ryan brings it all home with the only acceptable online dating relationship in the history of forever. Co-star Tom Hanks plays Joe Fox, a successful bookstore businessman on a mission to put Kathleen Kelly's (Ryan) Shop Around the Corner out of business. They are business rivals by day and Internet sweet-

hearts by night. As Kathleen Kelly and Joe Fox's cyberspace escapade unfolds, Fox begins to fall for Kelly but problems arise when she turns out to be no stranger. Hanks and Ryan's witty banter makes for an upbeat film that beats the odds of online dating.



"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (2008)

If this Valentine's Day brings nothing but devastation and depression after a recent break-up, this is the film for you. Jason Segel stars as devastated Peter Bretter who was recently dumped by his TV star girlfriend Sarah Marshall, played by Kristin Bell. The plot

thickens as Peter tries to avoid the beautiful Sarah during a vacation on the Hawaiian Islands only to find her and her new boy toy, Aldous, vacationing as well. Russell Brand plays

Aldous, who essentially wins Sarah's heart with his perverse English rocker attitude. In the midst of his weeping and moping, a hotel clerk rescues Peter from his misery. With the pairs running into each other constantly, comedic tension runs high. Russell Brand's corrupt take on love makes for hilarious



one-liners and light-hearted fun. This romantic comedy is sure to put any rebounder back on the map.

"Return to Me" (2000)

If there is one thing "Return to Me" has, it's heart. This love story revolves around builder Bob Rueland, played by David Duchovny, as he is mourning the loss of his wife Elizabeth. After Elizabeth passes, her heart is donated to a woman with an incurable disease named Grace. Bob can feel Elizabeth's heart beating but has little indication that Grace is the carrier. Through a series of fortunate connections Grace, played by Minnie Driver, crosses paths with Bob. In a trip back to Bob's place, Grace finds her own letter "to the donor family."

The serendipity of Duchovny's character falling for the same heart all over again makes for an interesting plot as Driver's lovable character becomes increasingly obsessed with hiding the news from Bob. This film captures all the romance of the original 1972 "Return to Me," with heart-warming music from Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra backing everything up.





Gorillaz

"The Fall"

Genre: *Electronica*



BY JONATHAN KING
MANAGING EDITOR

David Albarn's fictional quartet threw the pop world for a loop with the deliciously quirky album "Plastic Beach." With "The Fall," Albarn attempts to throw an even bigger monkey wrench into the music, machine. The unique selling point of this album is that it was created entirely with an Apple iPad. The point of this exercise was to show that the iPad is not just a shiny toy but could be used as a legitimate piece of music equipment. Albarn hopes that this revelation will change the face of music as we know it. Will it? Eh ... maybe not.

"The Fall" is by far the most sparse Gorillaz album yet in terms of production, personnel and musical density. The guest musicians who added excitement and variety to "Plastic Beach" have all but disappeared and even Albarn himself appears only sparingly to provide vocals. The majority of the tracks are instrumentals which never seem to reach a satisfying musical peak. Altogether, the album feels like a compilation of B-sides and filler ... the kind of songs that would fill in the crevices between greater and more grandiose tracks.

Of course, it could just be that, iPad or no iPad, the recording situation didn't lend itself to great song creation. The album was recorded entirely while traveling on tour instead of in the comfort of a studio. It might just be bus-lag preventing the real Albarn from letting loose and producing great material. Don't be mistaken. Albarn's composition skill is not an issue here at all. There are some moments of genuine intrigue nestled in the electronic wasteland. Unfortunately, it's just a few moments rather than a full album.

If this experiment proves anything, it's that the iPad as a music tool only goes so far. For a budding musician, maybe the device provides a cheap and easy-to-use alternative to a room full of studio equipment. However, in the hands of Albarn, both the abilities and the limitations of the device are painfully obvious. The hip-hop-esque elements are especially phoned-in. The kind of magic that spilled out into "Demon Days" could not have come out of an iPad at least, not yet.

The Bottom Line:

This album plays more like a series of tech demos for the iPad than a full-fledged album. Albarn's genius is buried in there somewhere but in the end "The Fall" is just another mediocre collection of songs.



Daft Punk

"Tron: Legacy"

Genre: *Soundtrack*



BY ERIC MATCHETTE
PRINT LAYOUT/DESIGN EDITOR

When we think of a soundtrack, we normally think of music that the director listened to that inspired the concept of the film. This is true in most cases. However there is the rare occasion when a music artist will be brought on to build an original soundtrack, better known as an OST. These OSTs usually take time, energy and a creative mind to spark a mental wild fire that leads to a blend of music that is unique.

The concept behind Daft Punk's OST for "Tron: Legacy" was to take their signature style and marry it to the sounds of real instruments. The fuller body of the strings, percussion and woodwinds would help to remove the "vacant stare" that the electronic notes can give while still providing a worthwhile rhythm. Coming from any Daft Punk fan, that's the whole point of listening to their music – to be entranced. But let's get serious, this album was a disappointment and lacked much of Daft Punk's style from five years ago.

The prime issue with this album is it needs the visual elements of the film to fill in the drab and vacant notes that 18 of the 23 tracks exude. Over half of the album is basically just background noise designed for the movie, take the movie out and you just have background noise. The five songs that are classic Daft are quite stimulating, giving a sense of drive, rhythm and robotic hypnotism that their chart topping singles are known for. However the album on the whole was a disappointment as a standalone from the movie. Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo and Thomas Bangalter took the idea of an OST and filled its basic need, it helped the story along but does nothing for the audiophile that has been waiting to hear the return of one of the best in the electronic genre.

The Bottom Line:

With this true blend of Orchestra and Electronic Beats there are points in the album where the pace slows to a crawl, this is what happens when music is designed to follow a film. If you like what they have done in the past you will be pleased with roughly five of the twenty-three songs. And just like in the movie there are good and bad parts mixed through out.



Kesha

"Cannibal"

Genre: *Pop*



BY NATALIE BURNS
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The act of humans eating the flesh of other human beings is a disturbing factor. The word "anthropophagy" may not be familiar to many people but it's recognizable to the rock edge pop star Kesha, in her new album, "Cannibal." It can mean so much more than consuming members of its own kind. This pop princess with her straightforward words and wild side has made the pop scene more than just imaginative. Kesha has inspired.

"Cannibal" is a follow up companion of her previous album, "Animal." Kesha's new album takes a turn of electro pop and groove. "Cannibal" was originally intended on providing four to eight tracks but the outcome concluded with nine. The recording of the album took place in September 2010 at Conway Studios. However, unlike her debut album, Kesha insisted on including Bangladesh to give an edge for more of a tougher type of jam. "Cannibal" will be released both separately, as well as in a unique exclusive edition, "Animal plus Cannibal," featuring both of her studio albums. Recently, in an interview with Entertainment Weekly, Kesha gave some added insight into the resonance of her new album, which, according to her, was made with today's youth directly in her mind. "I feel like I'm creating this hopefully very youthful and irreverent movement of the kids, of like adolescence," she says. "I feel like the parents don't get it, but the kids get it. And they deserve to have more good, positive music."

Kesha also made it clear that this new album will be just as dance crazy as her previous ones. With her new singles "We R Who We R" and "Sleazy," which gives evidence to her theory. According to Kesha, "We R Who We R" was written in response to current news of harassment incidents that led several gay students to commit suicide "I wanted to inspire people to be themselves," she told "Entertainment Weekly."

From statements made by Kesha, in "Cannibal," it seems as though she wanted to encourage young peers, to ignore any hate or judgment that can become obstacles in life. The young pop star also stated, "It's the perfect companion to 'Animal' and I hope you guys like it. And if you don't like it – bite me."

The Bottom Line:

If you want some inspiration along with some of your sweet dance moves, buy Kesha's new album – before you get bitten.



David Byrne and Brian Eno

"My Life in the Bush of Ghosts"

Genre: *Experimental Rock*



BY JONATHAN KING
MANAGING EDITOR

When David Byrne and Brian Eno get together, magic seems to happen as evidenced by the Talking Heads albums "More Songs About Buildings and Food," "Fear of Music" and the classic "Remain in Light." Combining Eno's experimental sensibilities and Byrne's funky musicality, "My Life in the Bush of Ghosts" features some of the best and most unique sounds to come out of either artist.

This 1981 album is a landmark in the field of sampling, pioneering techniques that would later become integral to genres such as hip-hop and electronica. The songs utilize audio drawn from sources, including a conversation between an enraged caller and a politician on a radio call-in show in "Mea Culpa," an exorcist expelling a demon in "The Jezebel Spirit" and a Lebanese mountain singer in "Regiment." These clips are edited and introduced into Byrne and Eno's funky guitar-based groundwork as atmospheric background textures or rhythmic additions.

One of the most outstanding tracks, "Help Me Somebody," uses audio of Baptist preacher Paul Morton's energetic sermon as a basis for a riveting funk track. As the music builds, Morton screams out, "If you make your bed in Heaven, he's there/If you make your bed in Hell, he's there/He's everywhere/Help me somebody." Layered with African-inspired percussion and a fantastic bassline, this track is simply exceptional.

The album also features excellent and innovative percussive work combining influences from funk, rock and world music. During the recording sessions, Byrne and Eno frequently replaced drums with found objects such as a frying pan or cardboard box to create familiar beats that incorporated unusual sounds.

Being one of the first albums to put heavy emphasis on sampling, "My Life in the Bush of Ghosts" was way ahead of its time. The unique productions and unusual-yet-enthralling concepts make this a definite highlight in the discographies of both artists. The album was rereleased in 2006 with seven bonus tracks. If you haven't heard of it before, now is definitely the time to pick this beauty up.

The Bottom Line:

"My Life in the Bush of Ghosts" is an album that must be listened to at least once in your lifetime, although fans of Byrne and Eno will find it difficult to put down. An absolute classic.

Whats the BUZZ

COMPILED BY JENAE AMERICAN CONLEY
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Concerts

Linkin Park

Linkin Park is coming to the Joe Louis Arena on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Formed in 1996, the band rose to international fame with their debut album, “Hybrid Theory,” which was certified diamond by the RIAA in 2005 and multi-platinum in several other countries. Their follow-up album, “Metemora,” continued the band’s success, topping the Billboard 200 album charts in 2003 and was followed by extensive touring and charity work around the world. Ticket prices range from \$35.00 to \$69.50.

Robyn

If you want some top-quality dance pop, check out Robyn at the Royal Oak Music Theater on Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Robin Miriam Carlsson, better known by her stage name Robyn, is a Swedish recording artist, singer and songwriter. Robyn became known in the late ‘90s for her worldwide dance-pop hits “Show Me Love” and “Do You Know (What It Takes)” from her debut album “Robyn Is Here.” The popularity of her number one hit single “With Every Heartbeat,” and subsequent album release “Robyn,” brought her mainstream success worldwide. Tickets start at \$37.

Umphey’s McGee

If old-school prog rock jams are more your style, check out Umphey’s McGee when he comes to the Fillmore on Feb. 5. A six-piece progressive rock band from Chicago, Umphey’s McGee has built a rabid fanbase through endless touring that puts them on the road 120+ nights a year. Their constantly evolving sound channels a wide spectrum of influences, ranging from King Crimson to Frank Zappa and the Beatles. The show is at 6:30 p.m. and tickets range from \$38 to \$69.

Ozzy Osbourne

Jump aboard the “Crazy Train” and see the legendary Ozzy Osbourne at

The Palace of Auburn Hills on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. John Michael “Ozzy” Osbourne is an English singer-songwriter, whose career has now spanned four decades. Osbourne rose to prominence as lead vocalist of pioneering British heavy metal band Black Sabbath and eventually achieved a multi-platinum solo career which revolutionized the heavy metal genre. As a result he is known as the “Godfather of Heavy Metal.” Rock the house and hurry to get your tickets which start at \$115.

Kesha

Kesha will be appearing at the Fillmore on Feb. 26. Kesha is an American pop singer-songwriter and rapper. In 2005, at age 18, Kesha was signed to Dr. Luke’s record label and publishing company. Although an active musician since then, singing background vocals and writing songs for other artists, her breakthrough only came in early 2009 after appearing on Flo Rida’s number one single, “Right Round.” Kesha has cited artists such as Madonna, Debbie Harry, Queen, Johnny Cash, Aaron Neville, Bob Dylan and Beastie Boys as musical influences. Her music incorporates elements of dance-pop, and she uses a spoken word rapping style on many songs.

The show begins at 7:00 p.m. and tickets begin at \$123.

Death Angel

Thrash metal band Death Angel will be appearing at Blondie’s on Feb. 8 for a 6:00 p.m. show. Death Angel is a Filipino-American band from Concord, California, initially active from 1982 to 1991 and again since 2001. To date, Death Angel has released six studio albums, two demo tapes, one box set and two live albums. The band had two independent releases, “The Ultra-Violence” and “Frolic Through the Park.” The albums attracted the attention of Geffen Records, who signed the quintet in 1989, and released their next album, “Act III,” one year later. Tickets are on sale and range from \$64 to \$69.

Ballin’ on a Budget

Big flavors, small prices

BY NATALIE BURNS
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With so many great restaurants around in Livonia and Northville, finding a place to grab a bite to eat isn’t usually a problem. However, if you’re low on dough and still want a great meal, that can be a bit tricky. While places like Bahama Breeze and J. Alexander’s have a great menu selection, sometimes the prices may be too high for the average cash-strapped college student. Luckily, the area surrounding SC is full of places to eat that will keep your belly full, along with your wallet. So stop raiding the dollar menu at McDonalds and check these places out for some cheap eats that won’t have you sacrificing flavor or fun.

Buffalo Wild Wings

37651 6 Mile Road, Livonia

734-469-4400

You can never go wrong with wings. With 14 different sauces and four dry rubs, Buffalo Wild Wings (BWV) is the place to grab some good food, have a beer and enjoy a game or two on the big screen.

Tuesdays are great days to stop by BWV because they offer 45-cent traditional wings. Or, you can come on Monday or Thursday for 60-cent boneless wings spun in your sauce of choice. On Sunday and Wednesday it’s kid’s night meaning kid’s meals are just \$1.99. Whether you’re a parent trying to find a destination for a family meal or a college student looking for a place to hang out with friends, you can’t go wrong with Buffalo Wild Wings.

Noodles & Company

17931 Haggerty Rd., Northville

248-380-7777

In addition to being right across the street from the main SC campus, Noodles offers an affordable lunch-time alternative to the standard sandwich. Their unique menu features Asian- and Mediterranean-inspired pasta dishes such as pad thai and penne rosa as well as American standards such as Wisconsin mac & cheese. Everything is made to order on the spot exactly how you like it. A hearty and healthy lunch will run you only about \$7 and as a bonus, SC students get a 10% discount off of their order.

Bar Louie

37716 6 Mile Road, Livonia

734-793-0180

When it comes right down to it, you can’t beat a good burger and a cold beer. Or, if you’re not a beer fan, Bar Louie also offers a variety of fruity drinks and cocktails. Louie regular Toby D. said, “It’s a good bar in the mall, cool little spot to stop for drinks and appetizers while shopping. Good food and drinks, service is very good as well.” Tuesday nights feature \$1 burgers while the Wednesday night specials include \$1 domestic beers. Monday through Friday is always happy hour with \$3 drafts, \$4 wines and \$5 martinis. These are some astounding deals that just can’t be beat.

Doc’s Sports Retreat

9265 Victor Parkway, Livonia

734-542-8162

Another superb eatery with a friendly bar atmosphere is Doc’s Sports Retreat. Doc’s has specials for every day of the week as well as a full menu of burgers, sandwiches, pizzas, sides and more. You might want to hit Doc’s on a Monday to take advantage of half-off appetizers, well drinks and drafts from 4-6 p.m. and 9-11 p.m. Also on Mondays, for those parents who don’t feel like cooking a big meal, Bar Louie lets kids eat free from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday is \$3 “You-Call-It” night from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. It’s a great way for college students to chill out and free their minds of homework and tests.

Avengers assemble!

"Earth's Mightiest Heroes" hits the small screen in an epic new series



BY COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

What do an armored billionaire, a thunder god, a time displaced super soldier, a monster with rage issues, an African prince, a wisecracking archer and a size-changing couple all have in common? Only the fact that they’re the stars of Disney XD’s new series, “The Avengers: Earth’s Mightiest Heroes.” Announced in 2008, fans of the team have waited two years for the series to hit the air waves. Now, their patience has been rewarded.

So who exactly are the Avengers? In the Marvel universe, the Avengers are considered to be the assemblage of the world’s greatest superheroes,

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with a message that true grit and thick skin can’t hide true compassion and love. It’s unexpected and will likely bring a single tear to your eye. Utterly brilliant.

If you respect old-school westerns, loving this movie is easy. It is the kind of film that leaves you constantly wondering what will happen next

and never disappoints with each new revelation. “True Grit” is not a family cowboy movie but a hardcore Wild West tale to see with your buddies. This movie will have you sitting in the theater until the credits end and will remain in your head for the rest of the night. Missing this epic tale in theaters is simply not an option.



PHOTO BY ANITA MISHRA

The ice rink at Campus Martius in Detroit offers skaters from near and far the chance to enjoy the winter weather. Spectators can enjoy steaming cups of cocoa and warm treats from the snack stations while they watch the skaters dance amid the colorful lights. Skate rental is only \$3 for anyone wanting to join in the fun.

The new Nano

iPod offers much more in a compact size

By PATRICK WALKER
STAFF WRITER

The new 6th generation iPod may seem skeptical at first with its small screen, but unknowingly, there is much more it offers its customers. Although it appears it would be difficult to use, there are many to this new iPod nano. As the saying goes, never judge a book by its cover.

The first thing that may grab some attention is that the menu is organized quite similar to that of an iPhone or iPod touch. Options such as now playing, playlists, artists, albums, songs, genres, genius mixes, composers, and podcasts are available for sync as well as thumbnails on the iPod. These thumbnails are organized into four or five different screens that sweep left to right by touch. The thumbnails can actually be moved around throughout this new screen so that they can be organized differently. Another unique feature is that the screen itself can be customized with different preloaded backgrounds.

In addition to the touch screen on the nano, the new model has more subtle features than before. In contrary to all previous models, the volume buttons are separate from the rest of the buttons and external device. This makes changing volume easier while exercising or browsing during songs. Even when the iPod touch screen is locked, the volume buttons can still be used to change the levels.

Photos are still featured on the nano, while video cannot be played, nor is a video camera available like the previous model. Also, there is no definite power button, the switch is on top and is useful for shutting the screen off while doing other activities. With the touch of the button, the iPod boots right up. After

36 hours of no movement, the iPod will actually shut down instead of sleep in order to save power. It is easy to leave the iPod playing and put it to sleep without wasting power. With a little getting used to, the power lasts about 24 hours with regular use.

Another fixation not featured on the new nano that can be disappointing is the album flow. With a touch screen that you could sweep the albums across the screen, it seems that album flow is a must. That is a feature that could possibly be missed by iPod users. The square shape of the iPod also makes it awkward to hold, so it seems easier simply clipped on. Although there are many impressive features, the lack

of album flow is definitely a con.

For those looking to listen to music while taking a walk or working out, a new great detail about this toy is that there's a built in pedometer to track your steps, calories, and history of previous workouts. It also has a built in FM radio and includes a clip on the back like other Nano models but there's something user friendly added onto it. If it's clipped onto your pocket and the screen is upside down, the iPod can be touched by two fingers at once to rotate the screen in four ways. In turn, this allows the nano be clipped anywhere with the menu facing right-side up.



Even more surprising, despite the how small it is, it can hold up to sixteen gigabytes of memory. Browsing through selections is also surprisingly easier and quicker with the touch screen.

Overall, the 6th generation iPod certainly has some significant improvements even if there are some deductions included. It may take a couple weeks to get used to, but in all reality the pros outweigh the cons on this device.



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operating out of Avenger's Mansion in New York. Heroes such as Spider-Man, Ms. Marvel, Hercules, Namor the Sub-Mariner and the Beast have all served terms on the legendary team, either on the main team or splinter teams such as the New Avengers and the West Coast Avengers.

The series pilot picks up where the twenty-part micro-series left off. A criminal mastermind causes a riot at four different super villain prisons to unleash a criminal called Graviton, who can control gravity with his mind. Responding to the riot at one of the prisons are Iron Man, Giant-Man, the Wasp, Thor and the Hulk. While a majority of villains are recaptured, 42 of them escape. Seeing how well they work together, Iron Man suggests that they form a group to battle evil. Wasp suggests the name "Avengers," and the team is formed. As the series progresses, Captain America, Hawkeye and the Black Panther join the group.

The series is simply amazing, ranking up there with some of the greatest animated superhero shows. The animation goes well with the characters, the voice actors are all well-cast and fans get to see their favorite members come to life. We also get to see various villains from Avengers history appear, such as Loki,



HYDRA and the Masters of Evil.

However, there are some downsides to this series. The first is that the creators of the show have once again used Ultimate Nick Fury as opposed to the mainstream version. Older fans will probably be mad at the producers for making this choice, as this will most likely confuse younger fans if they ever see the mainstream version of Fury. They have also gone in this direction for the Black Widow, making her betray and frame Hawkeye and revealing her to be a double agent for HYDRA. They also replaced Edwin Jarvis, the team's butler from the comics, with JARVIS, Tony Stark's computer butler from the Iron Man movies. However, this may have been to separate the Avengers from Batman, as they already have a mansion.

But despite these minor annoyances, the series is in fact very faithful to the comics origin. Fans and non-fans alike should have no problem with this series. It has action, drama along with all the heroes and villains you could ask for. It's well worth a watch if you're a fan of the comic or just superheroes in general. "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes" airs Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. on Disney XD.

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Won't back down

SC men just don't quit

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

At this point in the season last year, the Schoolcraft men's team had only managed to scrape out one win. But this year is different as the Ocelots, with a new crew and new attitude, have already amassed six tallies in the win column.

Last year's team played with a shorthanded roster and plenty of off-court distractions. Although this year's roster has only one sophomore player on the team, nearly 25 players came to tryout in hopes of filling the roster. That deluge of talent left Coach Randy Henry with a lot of options for building the team.

The 2010-11 campaign got off to a good start with two wins in the first four games. Although there were losses, there were some games where the Ocelots remained competitive and determined to win for all 40 minutes. That is a great improvement over the previous campaign.

One of the brightest stars on the roster is newcomer Karl Moore with his high flying dunks and aggressive drive to get to the basket. Other players Coach Henry believes have made an impact this season include the lone sophomore Ron Pummill and freshman guard Mohamed Elhaj.

"When [Pummill and Elhaj] are on the floor, good things happen for us," explained Henry. "They have been the glue for us."

After the tough loss to Kirtland in the Spirit Night game on Dec. 1, SC prepared to face visiting Owens. The Ocelots went on to win 70-63 behind the double-digit-point efforts of Ron Pummill, Lydell Mason, and Daniel Hill. SC traveled to Grand Rapids for an invitational hosted by Grand Rapids C.C. The Ocelots left suffering tough losses to Kalamazoo Valley and Grand Rapids. SC arrived at Delta College determined to get back on track for the New Year, but suffered another difficult defeat to Delta. Another

loss followed, this time to Oakland C.C.

Coach Henry is encouraging his players to not let the losses drag team morale down.

"We're not a 6-10 team," stated Henry. "We're better than that and we can't accept losing."

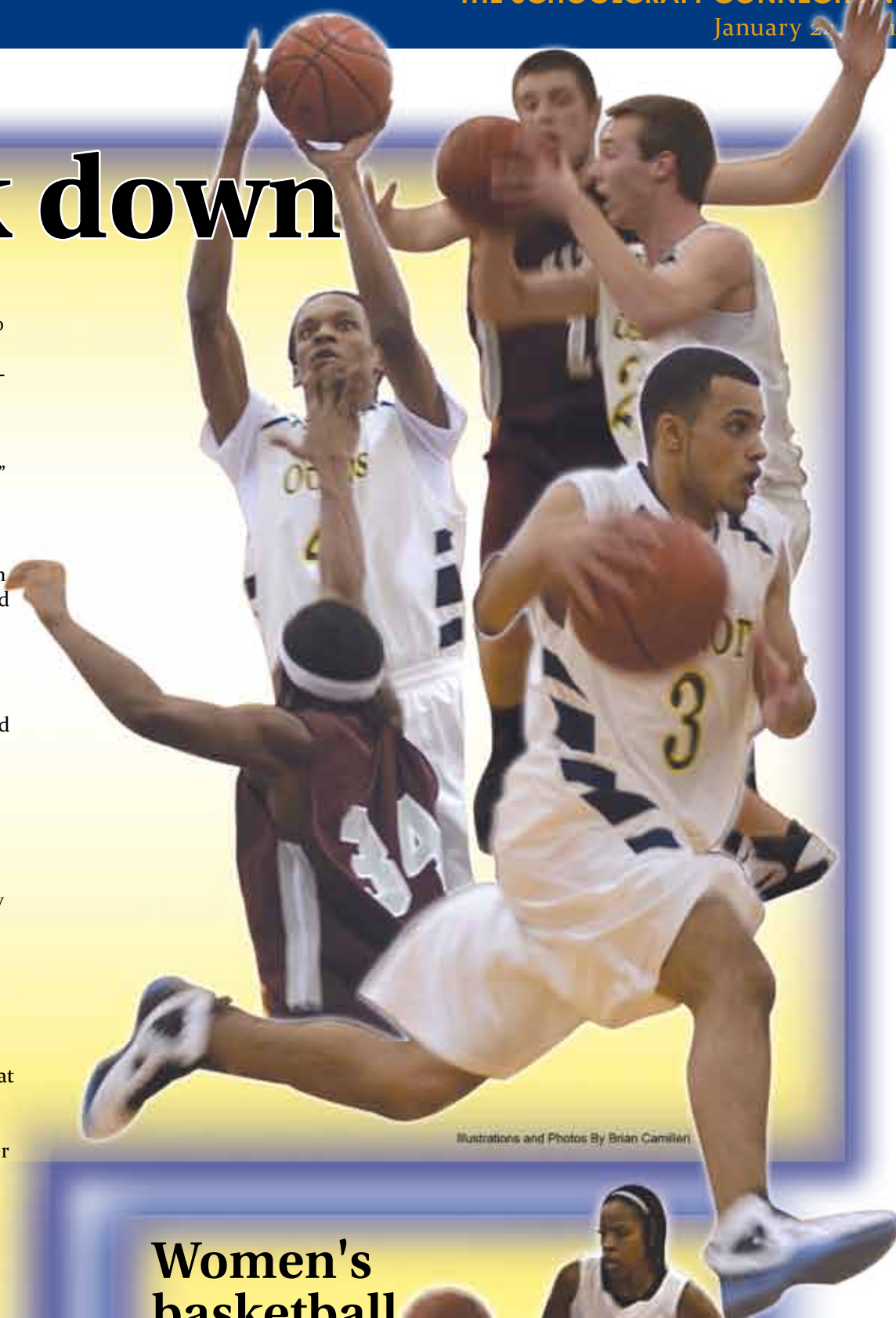
After a quartet of tough losses, the Ocelots arrived at Henry Ford to get a win over the Hawks but had the task of trying to get it on an unfriendly court. Henry Ford entered undefeated in Eastern Conference play while the Ocelots were looking for their first conference win. SC got the scoring started within the first minute of the game. They led by as much as three points but Henry Ford kept the game close until the Hawks pulled away in the second quarter. SC turnovers allowed Henry Ford to take a 53-39 lead at halftime.

"We needed to get a scoring run going in order to get them going," said Coach Henry about what his team needed for the next half.

And that was what SC went on to do a few minutes into the final half of the game. SC got within four points of the Hawks with less than four minutes left in the game. Foul trouble, however, got to SC later on down the stretch as the Ocelots had five players foul out. Undeterred, with less than a minute left, Elhaj knocked the ball out of the hands of a Henry Ford player at midcourt, which eventually ended with a Karl Moore two point shot, leaving SC down by only two points. Fouls were called at the wrong time for SC as two Hawks players made all their free throws, putting the game out of reach as SC came up short 100-96 to Henry Ford. Moore put on a solid performance for Schoolcraft, scoring 42 points and recording 13 rebounds.

"I like the way we came back and we did not quit," said Henry of his team's effort on the floor.

The next home game for the Ocelots will be against fifth-ranked Mott C.C. for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff.



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Women's basketball update

BY WILLIAM ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

Schoolcraft College moved up two spots to number nine in recent rankings. The Ocelots are 13-3 overall and 3-0 in the MCCA Eastern Conference.

The Lady Ocelots played Henry Ford recently and won 83-55. The girls showed tremendous effort on offense and defense with players having a double, double game.

Kimberly Bee was high scorer with 20 points and 19 rebounds for her 16th double-double of the season. Three other teammates were in double digits for the night. Shanequa Braggs with 15 points, Cameo Kendrick with 14 and Shawnicka Thomas with 10. Every player tallied points in this game which led SC to outscore the opposing squad.

SC has won 78 of their last 81 MCCA-East games! The lady Ocelot's look promising to make a playoff run to compete for the grand prize, a national title.

Look for the Lady Ocelots to tip-off a men's/women's doubleheader versus Mott here, in our gym, at 5:30 on Wednesday, Jan. 26.



Laying the foundation

Plymouth making moves at trade deadline

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

The new year typically signals the midpoint of the Ontario Hockey League season. It also signals the point when general managers across the league start making a flurry of phone calls to other teams to acquire players before the Jan. 10 trade deadline. Some teams are focused on solidifying a playoff spot while others are in a rebuilding mode. The Plymouth Whalers are once again looking to remain competitive and secure a playoff spot. Rather than looking outside the organization for help, the coaching staff believed this year's team is just fine the way it is as the trade deadline neared. As a result, the Whalers opted to make only a few modest moves rather than overly tinker with team chemistry.

"I don't see any glaring needs right now," said video coach Scott MacDonald. "The players have been playing consistent enough."

When the noon deadline on the OHL trade deadline approached, the Whalers acquired defenseman Curtis Crombeen and draft picks for 2012 and 2013 from Owen Sound in exchange for defenseman Jay Gilbert. Other moves included getting center Michael Whaley from the Windsor Spitfires for a 2012 13th round-draft pick and picking up Robbie Czarnik's younger brother, Cory, a center from the Barrie Colts for a 2012 12th-round draft pick.

Back on the ice, after winning over the Soo Greyhounds on the road behind a Robbie Czarnik hat trick, Plymouth had to travel to Windsor and Guelph before returning home to face Sarnia. The trip to Windsor included a thrilling 5-4 overtime win and three crucial points against the cross-river rival Spitfires. The next game in Guelph, the Whalers won 4-1 behind the solid efforts of backup goalie Matt Mahalak and a pair of goals from Czarnik.



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The Whalers begin the year with a relatively unchanged lineup.

Plymouth, riding a three-game winning streak, then had to play against division rival Sarnia and was looking to avenge an earlier loss to Sting. Before the game, Whalers' Rickard Rakell, Dario Trutmann and Tom Wilson along with Sting players Garrett Hooey and Nick Latta were honored with commemorative plaques for playing in the World Juniors and World U-17 Hockey

Challenge. The Sting opened the scoring in the first period and led going into the first intermission. Plymouth came back to take the lead on goals from Stefan Noesen and Mitchell Heard. A Garrett Hooey goal tied the game up after 40 minutes of play. In the third period, Sarnia scored on a power play goal by OHL rookie scoring leader Nail Yakupov and another Sting score put the game out

of reach for the Whalers as Plymouth suffered another tough loss to Sarnia.

Rickard Rakell and Dario Trutmann were able to return to the Whalers from the World Junior Championships in Buffalo in time for the game in Windsor. Rakell played for Sweden and recorded three assists while Sweden lost in the bronze medal game to

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Michigan finds their man

Brady Hoke hired as U of M head football coach

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

There's a story that when legendary Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler served as the university's athletic director in 1989, basketball coach Bill Frieder accepted a job at Arizona State in the days leading up to the NCAA Tournament. Schembechler uttered the most famous words that have rung throughout Michigan collegiate sports: "A Michigan man will coach Michigan." These words set the standards for every coach that ever wanted to lead a program at the University of Michigan, regardless of the sport. Bo might be smiling at the fact current AD David Brandon announced that Brady Hoke, a former assistant to the football squad under Lloyd Carr for seven seasons, will be the 19th head coach of the University of Michigan Wolverines football program.

Hoke was hired out of San Diego State after guiding the Aztecs to a 9-4 season and also leading them to victory in the Poinsettia Bowl over Navy. At the end of the season, Hoke was named the Mountain West Conference coach of the year and, eventually, hired to head one of the most prestigious programs in all of Div. I football.

Hoke's coaching career started as the defensive line coach at Grand Valley State in 1983. The next ten years took him to coaching at Western Michigan, Toledo and Oregon State before landing a job as the defensive line coach under Carr at Michigan from 1995 to 2002. Under Carr and Hoke, the Wolverines won a national title and four Big Ten

titles in 1997, 1998 and 2000. Hoke was hired away by his alma mater, Ball State, in 2003 and occupied the head coach position until 2008. He filled the San Diego State head coach vacancy in 2009.

As soon as Rich Rodriguez was fired, Hoke was only one of many potential candidates for the highly prized job at Michigan. Jim Harbaugh played his college football at Michigan and has coached at Stanford for three seasons. Many suspected he would either coach at Michigan or somewhere in the NFL. Harbaugh agreed to a five-year, \$25 million contracts with the 49ers. Another candidate was Louisiana State University head coach Les Miles, yet another former assistant hailing from Michigan's program whose name also came up when Carr retired. AD Brandon went to meet with Miles at LSU only to hear Miles say he was happy at LSU. The university rewarded Miles' loyalty with a seven-year contract extension.

Texas Christian University coach Gary Patterson was another possible selection, but Patterson said he was not contacted by Michigan and has elected to stay at TCU. According to the Detroit Free Press, Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald and Mississippi State's Dan Mullen were also rumored to have interest in the Michigan position.

Hoke had the support of a wide array of his former players and coaching colleagues. These endorsements came

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Victorious comeback

Michael Vick's story

BY WILLIAM ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

Michael Vick's sensational comeback season made a big impression not just in Philadelphia, but throughout the entire NFL. The Eagles' quarterback, who sat out two seasons while serving a federal sentence for dogfighting, will start for the NFC in the Jan. 30 Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Vick was selected in a league-wide vote by NFL players, coaches and fans. Vick made three Pro Bowls with Atlanta before his suspension by the league and incarceration.

This season, Vick has gone from a seldom-used backup to the NFC's leading passer and the catalyst for Philadelphia's dynamic offense. Vick has proven to be unstoppable with lightning speed and the ability to pass in the pocket. Some have taken to calling him "Super V".

He wasn't really interested in talking about the Pro Bowl after the Minnesota Vikings upset the NFC East champion Eagles 24-14 in the NFL's first Tuesday game since 1946.

"I'm not worried about the Pro Bowl right now," he said in the postgame conference. "There's so many things going on in my head. I appreciate the Pro Bowl but, as of right now, I can't even focus on that. It's in oblivion right now."

Even though this was the first game of the season he made poor decisions, this will not limit his super bowl run throughout the playoffs. Vick has led the Eagles on fourth-quarter comebacks in their last four wins. He's engineered second-half comebacks in five of the last six victories.

"He had the attitude like, 'Hey guys, I'm going to score. I'm going to get the job done. If you're going to be with me, come with me. If not, I'm gone, no matter what,'" running back LeSean McCoy said to FSJ. "Once you hear stuff like that, I mean, you've got to go with him, you know?"

A surprise phone call to the owner of the Eagles about Michael Vick was a surprise to most because of the person on the other end: President Barack Obama. The President has given his full support behind Vick for his transition as a rehabilitated convict.

For Obama to praise Vick now shows a number of things, namely that uttering the quarterback's name is thought to be a safe political move. He's playing the best football of his life for a playoff team and was the second-leading vote-getter for the Pro Bowl. At the moment, he's the model of redemption — someone worthy of praise.

Vick, who began the season as the backup to Kevin Kolb, is having the best, all-around year of his career, including the three times he went to the Pro Bowl with the Falcons.

He has 2,755 yards passing, 20 TDs and only five interceptions. He's also run for 613 yards and eight scores. Vick's completion percentage (63.2) and passer rating (103.6) are career bests. He is tied for his career high in TD passes and TD runs. And he's done it all despite missing three full games, not playing the first half in one and getting knocked out after one quarter

in another. He has started and finished nine games and the Eagles are 8-1 in those contests.

"Having Michael Vick at quarterback, you always feel like you've got a chance with him," cornerback Dimitri Patterson said to FSJ. "He can do it all. He's shown that. He's an MVP candidate. He's just an amazing player."

The future looked favorable for Vick and the Eagles to contend in Dallas, Texas at Super Bowl XLV. The Philadelphia Eagles lost to the Green bay Packers in the NFC Wild Card game on Sunday. The Packers held off Vick and the Eagles at the end to pull off a 21-16 victory. Regardless of how the season turned out for the Eagles and their polarizing quarterback, Michael Vick, the man, has made a remarkable comeback.

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from players like Desmond Howard, Tom Brady, Charles Woodson and Jon Jansen and coaches like Lloyd Carr, Toledo coach Tim Beckman and Wisconsin's Bret Bielema.

Hoke has said that this was the only job that he ever wanted and aspires to

continue the proud winning tradition of Michigan football. He wants to see mental toughness, a competitive spirit and expects accountability from everyone on the team. Only time will tell if Hoke can return the Michigan football program to prominence.

Jumping like Kobe Massive, eye-popping calves can be yours

BY WILLIAM ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

Have you ever wondered how Kobe Bryant makes jump shots over any defender that gets between him and the basket? It's all from his godly calf muscles that propel him into the air. Here's new hope for those who find it difficult to develop undersized calves. Apply yourself enthusiastically to this calf routine and you might well turn your puny calves into full-blown diamond-shaped cows.

You have eight muscles on the back of the lower leg but, for everyone but the anatomy student, the gastrocnemius and the soleus are the only concern. They are the two primary muscles at the rear of the lower leg you must build to create impressive calves.

There are only a few exercises for the calves but some work different parts of the calves better than others. Standing calf raises is the main mass builder but, to fully activate the soleus, you need to include seated calf raises as well. Then, of course, you have donkey calf raises and calf raises on the leg press.

You can use a lot of weight for calves, so the more the better in this case. It's common to use upwards of 600 - 800lbs. — for 12-20 reps — for

standing calf raises. As long as rep performance does not suffer, use as much weight as you can.

Too many people lift weights like they are racing for pink slips — fast as lighting but with horrible form. These people have no knowledge of proper lifting and they are not hitting the muscles they are hoping.

There are two types of rep performance to aim for: slow and controlled — 3-4 seconds down and 3-4 seconds up; and full range — all the way down and all the way up in order to get a good stretch and fast, explosive movements. During these faster reps, work through the full range of motion, exploding out of the bottom and always going all the way to the top. In both cases, keep a good rhythm going — no stopping and starting again — and think in terms of the set being one continuous rep.

There are also two styles of exercise performance: heavy weight and low reps (6-8), and lighter weight for higher reps (15-25).

Take your sets beyond failure using one of the following techniques: super sets, drop sets, forced reps, partials or rest pause reps. It would make sense to mix these up using a different technique or two each week.

Just make sure you keep with your routine religiously if you want supreme calves. Arnold was ashamed of his for many years and hid them in water during photo shoots. So don't become unportional and get to it.



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Team USA. Swiss defenseman Dario Trutmann tallied four assists in six games while Switzerland lost to Team Canada in the quarterfinals. Russia went on to win the gold medal over Canada, having to come back from a 3-0 deficit after two periods and scored five goals in the final period to win 5-3.

Tom Wilson represented the Plymouth Whalers while playing in the World U-17 Hockey Challenge for Team Ontario in Winnipeg. The

rookie from Toronto came home with a gold medal in the tournament after Team Ontario defeated Team USA 5-3. Wilson recorded one assist in the five games he played for his home province.

The next home games for Plymouth will be after a road trip to Windsor on Jan. 27. The Niagara IceDogs and Oshawa Generals arrive for the weekend of Jan. 28-29 for a 7:05 face-off for both games.

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13. City in Nevada
14. Space
15. Dealer
17. Employ
19. 17th Hebrew letter
20. Bow
21. Also
22. Males
23. Par
25. Affix
26. Mid-Atlantic state (abbr.)
27. Rodent
28. Evergreen
29. Card in fortune telling
32. Midwest state (abbr.)
33. Government
35. Egyptian sun god
36. Strange
38. Scold
39. Once around a track
40. Pronoun
41. Hog
42. Orderly collection of items
43. Steal
45. Gelatin (short)
46. Metal container
47. Russian river
48. Distant
49. Turn
52. Designated period
54. Smell
56. Choke
57. Worry
58. Message
59. Unit of energy
1. Make tatting
2. Space
3. Earth
4. Predicate (abbr.)
5. Ever (poetic)
6. Article
7. Circular
8. Is (past tense)
9. Midwest state (abbr.)
10. Be gloomy
11. Sign
16. Dress
18. Midwest state (abbr.)
21. Near the kidneys
22. Blemish
23. Great lake
24. Dell
25. Help
26. Friend
28. Dues
29. Children's game
30. Speak
31. Adhesive
33. In good physical shape
34. Male sheep
37. Chest bone
39. Direct descent
41. Wading bird
42. Obese
43. Decays
44. Newspaper death notice (abbr.)
45. Southern state (abbr.)
46. Center
48. Not many
49. Rotation (abbr.)
50. Pave
51. Ovum
53. Myself
55. Finish

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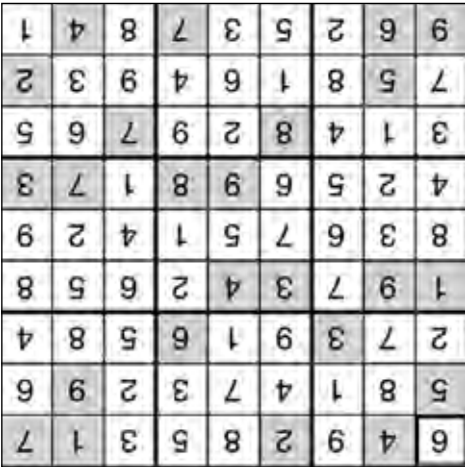
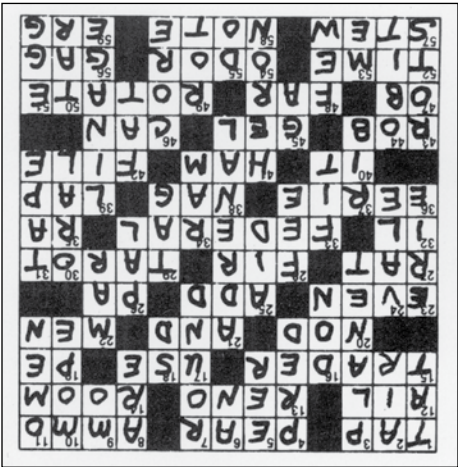
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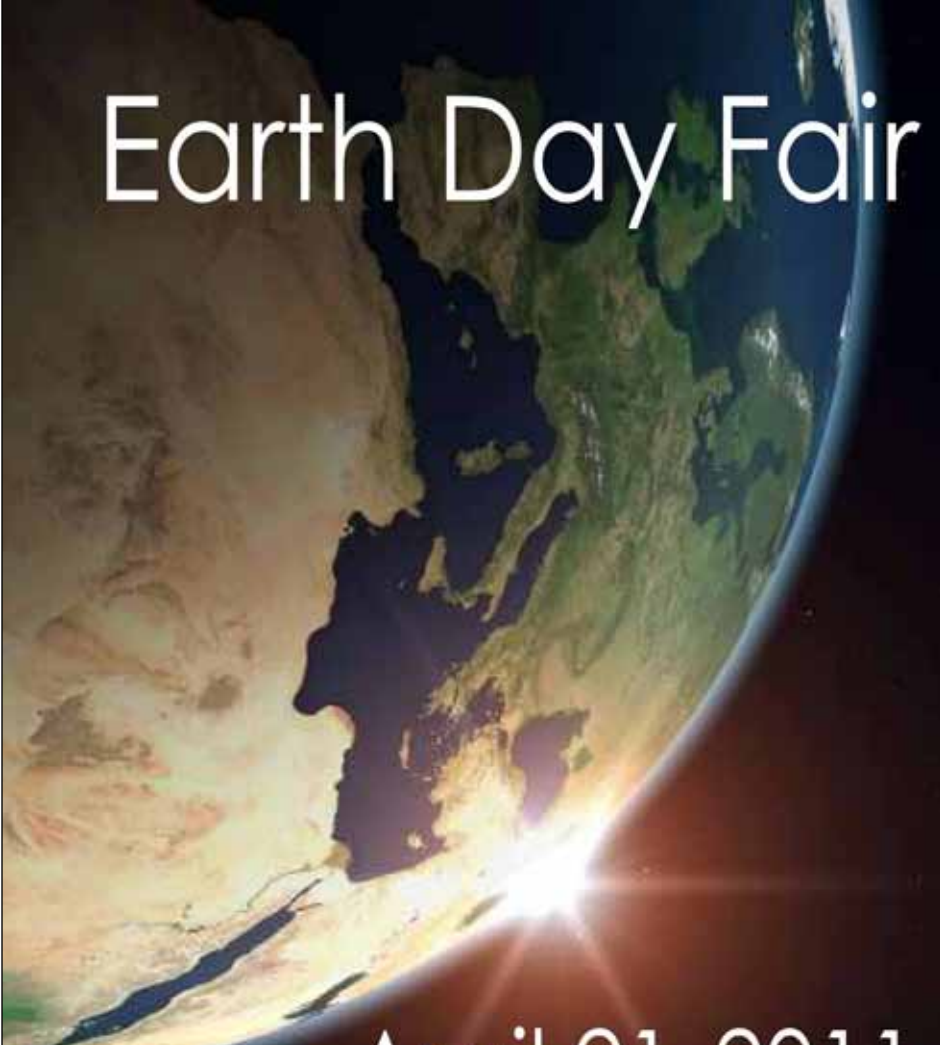
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