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GV study: nurses asleep at wheel

Working multiple, long-hour shifts has posed problem for nurses driving home from work

By Michelle Hamilton
GVL News Editor

The 12-hour shift has become popular at many hospitals, and working these extended hours may also be contributing to nurses' fatigue while driving home after work.

It was thought only night shift nurses experienced tired episodes when driving home after work, but a recent study, co-authored by a member of Grand Valley State University's faculty, found that nurses in every shift can experience drowsy driving.

"The nursing shortage has encouraged nurses to work longer hours," said Ann E. Rogers, associate professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. "These extended shift schedules are very popular (because) you get more days off, but those are very long hours and we are certainly seeing some hazards."

About 30 percent of the participants reported experiencing drowsy driving after every shift they worked for one month during the study conducted by Rogers and GVSU nursing professor Linda Scott. More than 60 percent of the nurses in their study reported driving home when drowsy at least once.

"It was certainly surprising how high (the numbers) were," Rogers said.

For one month, 895 full-time nurses, who were randomly selected from across the U.S., each filled out a daily journal. They would answer 17 to 35 questions each day, depending on whether or not they worked.

The effects of nurse fatigue on alertness while driving is part of a larger study Rogers and Scott began in 2001 on the effects of a nurse's work environment on patient care. The study looks at the types of errors nurses make, errors others make and nurses correct and the effects work breaks have on staff performance.

"Our main focus is on the errors, and then we realized there is a lot more we should look at," Rogers said.

Scott is now analyzing data from a 2007 pilot study she conducted to develop strategies nurses can use to increase alertness while working. In the study, 30 nurses at an acute care facility in the Midwest practiced fatigue management education, strategic napping and therapeutic use of caffeine to combat drowsiness, Scott said.

"This information is needed to provide the evidence needed to develop healthy practice environments, develop strategies to improve patient safety and to implement fatigue countermeasures that will ensure an alert nurse workforce," she said.

If nurses are fighting sleep at work, they might need to take a nap before heading home. Convincing nurses to give up their 12-hour shifts is not possible, Rogers said.

Scott and Roger's work is also beneficial



Drowsy driving: Nurses who work long hours tend to fall asleep more often at the wheel.

for those considering a career in nursing. "When you're looking at a shortage you certainly have to consider the work conditions and look at why people aren't choosing that career," said Cynthia McCurren, dean of GVSU's Kirkhof College of Nursing.

There was no such thing as a 12-hour shift when McCurren worked as a night shift nurse 30 years ago, she said.

"Any student who has gone through finals knows that you can't pull an all-

nighter and do really well the next day," McCurren said. "If you do three 12-hour shifts in a row, imagine how you are by the third shift."

In general, nurses are stretched so thin during their shifts that finding time to re-energize is difficult. Scott and Roger's study is important because it is analyzing a variable — sleep — that can have catastrophic consequences, McCurren said.

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Refund checks are in the mail

By Robert Sullivan
GVL Staff Writer

The wait is finally over. Refund checks are in the mail.

For those students anxious to receive financial aid money so they can make that winning online bid for their textbooks, pay January's rent or perhaps eat something besides economy noodles, the money could not have come any sooner. Literally.

In the past, students at Grand Valley State University could pick up checks for the remaining balance of their financial aid once classes began. When tuition and fees are covered, the remaining money is often used for a student's living expenses and books.

"What are people supposed to do that need all of that extra money (right away)?" said GVSU senior Betsey Potter.

Potter uses her refund money to pay for rent and does not understand why the policy was changed. She said it was much easier when refund checks could be picked up the first day of classes.

However, the policy changed last semester and now students must wait until the second week of classes before receiving their refund money. Even though students can charge against that remaining balance at the bookstore, for those who buy their books elsewhere and for those who depend on that money for rent and food, yesterday was the first day checks were mailed out.

"This refund policy is a result of the installation of the new computer system," said Student Accounts Manager Karen Chavez.

When the university switched to the Banner system, many things changed, including how the system dealt with issuing refund checks for excess financial aid. The system became more automated, Chavez said.

As a result of this automation, there is no way of stopping refunds from generating after a student drops a class.

"That is why we must wait until after the drop and add period is over to begin the process," Chavez said.

Friday was the last day to drop a class and get a full tuition refund.

This two-week delay in funds can be troublesome for those who depend on that money to pay for living expenses and books, but other changes to the refund process have given students options.

"There is a way to get your hands on some money if needed before the checks are issued," Chavez said.

Emergency loans are available for students who are unable to wait for their disbursement, she said. For a \$10 processing fee students are able to get up to \$300 dollars once the semester begins. There were 268 emergency loans given out this academic year and 4,233 students charged their books to their student accounts at the University Bookstore, Chavez said.

However, some students not aware. When asked about the emergency loan program, junior Josh Sleutel said he was unaware it was available.

Although the remaining financial aid money was not a necessity for Sleutel, the delay did affect him because he had to exhaust almost all of his savings for winter semester expenses, he said.

In addition to the emergency loan program, the university sent letters to landlords of many nearby living complexes, asking for leniency in situations where students still owed rent, Chavez said. But the landlords were not under any obligation to follow the request.

Though Chavez acknowledges the system is far from perfect, the Student Accounts Office will continue to meet and analyze the policy.

"We have tried to make accommodations for students that may need this money at the beginning of the semester," she said.

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Teacher's pet: GVSU does not prohibit professor-student relationships to occur.

Dating the professor

By Alicia Wireman
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Dating has become a custom in a college student's life. Students may date classmates, mutual friends or even complete strangers. However, some students go against the crowd and date the person at the head of the class.

Teacher-student relationships are not that unusual and, in fact, they have become a common trend on campuses across the U.S. As a result, many universities are taking a stand against such relationships by implementing policies prohibiting students from dating faculty, including the University of Michigan.

But despite the growing number of teacher-student relationships and the outcry against them, Grand Valley State University continues to allow such relationships to occur.

"The university does not prohibit

such relationships because it is realized that students who are here are adults and capable of making their own decisions," said Jon Jellema, associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

GVSU's policy in regards to the matter is found in the Faculty Handbook, which states: "Consenting romantic and sexual relationships between faculty/staff and their students or between supervisors and their subordinates is inappropriate."

"It's difficult to have a blanket policy prohibiting all such behavior to occur because there are so many different scenarios and exceptions," Jellema said. "We just strongly discourage such unprofessional behavior."

Since 1972, Jellema said he can count

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BK lays whopper fine on GVSU students

Burger King near GVSU's Pew Campus implements no-parking policy, tows vehicles

By Danielle Arndt
GVL Senior Reporter

Students may want to think twice before messing with the King.

The Pearl Street Burger King, adjacent to Grand Valley State University's Pew Campus, has implemented a new no-parking policy. Any non-patrons who park in the Burger King lot now risk having their vehicles towed at the price of \$179.

YMCA members, museum-goers and GVSU students are among the accused for unlawfully parking in Burger King's conveniently-located, cost-negligible parking lot.

"The decision to tow was not an easy one," said Jeff Deraway, Burger King's district manager. "But after customer complaints, lost business and outright defiance of our parking policy, we felt we had no other choice."

Other area businesses have struggled with parking as well. Deraway said Burger King consorted with managers at the Adobe restaurant on Fulton along with the Big Boy across the street before reluctantly resorting to towing.

Big Boy also instituted a towing policy about a year ago, but have been towing less this year, said Big Boy Manager Jennifer Johnston.

Deraway said students tend to be the greatest problem.

"The final straw was the day before we decided to tow I stood in the parking lot for six hours and told 225 students not to park there," he said. "I really just thought to myself, 'This has got to stop.'"

Prior to towing, the Grand Rapids

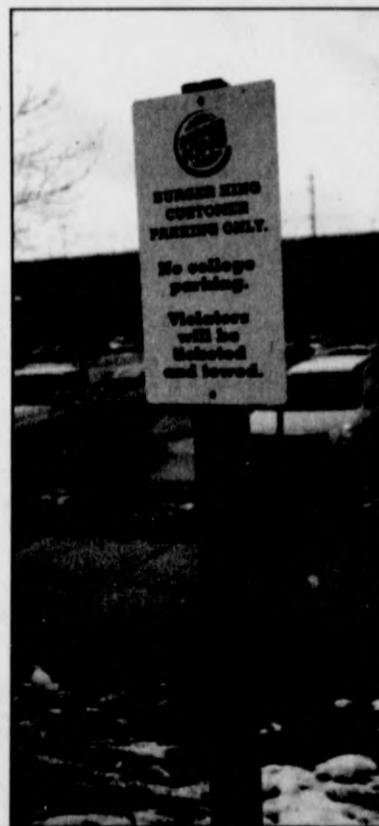
Police Department was issuing \$30 tickets to violators.

"But, the GRPD has better things to do than come ticket a private residence," Deraway said. "Plus, we've gotten the indication that many students would still prefer a \$30 ticket to a GVSU parking pass."

Deraway said he gets it. It starts with one student thinking "I'm only going to be five minutes."

"Five turns to 10, turns to an hour and each student thinks he or she is the only one," he said.

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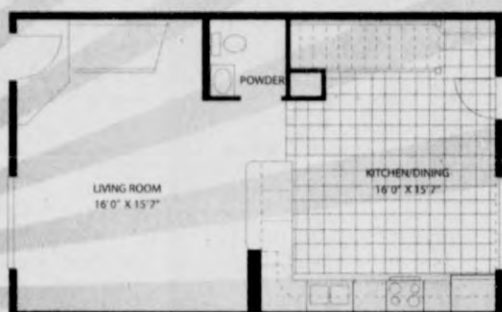


No parking: There is a no student parking sign in the Burger King parking lot next to GVSU's Pew Campus. Violators will be ticketed and towed.

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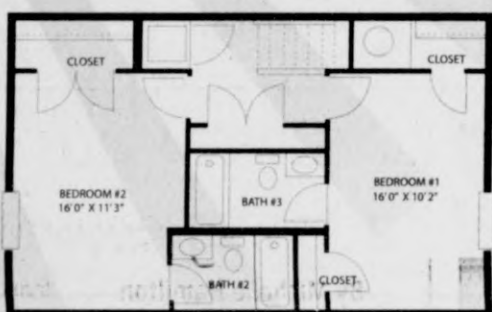
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on one hand the number of instances where teacher-student relationships have been a problem. The university becomes involved with situations when a professor is behaving inappropriately or unprofessionally, he said.

"(The relationship) may be perfect and mutual, but when a professor is responsible for assigning a grade to someone he or she is dating, it changes everything," Jellema said. "That is something the university does not tolerate."

One GVSU professor, who has been dating a GVSU student for nine months, said teacher-student relationships should not be that much of an issue.

"I don't think it should be a problem because I'm doing my job," he said.

Although his girlfriend is one of his former students, they did not start dating until after the class was over, he said.

"A lot of my friends ask me if we hit it off during the class," he said. "My response to that is 'No way!' I can't imagine running those wheels

in my head when there's that kind of conflict of interest involved."

He said the 10-year age difference between the two of them does not seem to pose a problem in the relationship, but he would like his relationship to remain confidential.

Pam Miller, assistant director of GVSU's Counseling Center, agreed with GVSU's policy that such relationships are "inappropriate."

The large amount of criticism and rejection against the subject is not stopping him from dating a former student though. He said in the end it does not matter to him what people think.

"I guess dating a student seems kind of creepy at first, and having the job security is an important thing," he said. "But then I realized that we're just people. It's just another person, and by the time we're adults, it's just the way it goes."

GVSU's classification of teacher-student relationships as "inappropriate" is opening up the freedoms and flexibilities that exist between a professor and a student, which does not necessarily mean dating, Jellema said. However, GVSU

warns that any "faculty/staff member who enters into a sexual relationship with a student (or a supervisor with a subordinate) where a professional power differential exists must realize that if a charge of sexual harassment is subsequently lodged, it will be extremely difficult to use mutual consent as a defense," according to the Faculty Handbook.

"What you have in this kind of relationship is an unequal power dynamic that is not that easy to escape," Miller said. "There is a level of influence, whether intentional or not, when you have that kind of power differential."

Although Miller has never seen this instance as a problem at GVSU, she said it is problematic for everyone involved.

"If something were to go wrong at the end, the student is vulnerable to emotional and psychological stress," she said. "If the student comes back and claims that (the relationship) was inappropriate and not a mutual consent, then the professor really doesn't have a lot to stand on."

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The king: Cars fill the Burger King parking lot next to the Pew Campus. Unauthorized vehicles will be towed at car's owners expense.

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Since Dec. 6, when the towing policy went into effect, Burger King has towed approximately 125 vehicles and ticketed about 75. When GVSU let out for winter break, Burger King did not have a single vehicle towed.

"We want Grand Valley business. We do," Deraway said. "But they're hurting us more than helping us, currently. We have little old ladies driving around the lot at lunch hour looking for a spot only to then have to walk a ways on slippery pavement."

Deraway said sometimes it's so bad that there are 40 to 50 cars in the parking lot and less than 10 people in the restaurant.

"You'd think we were the

most happenin' restaurant in Grand Rapids," he joked.

Since Burger King began towing, Deraway said they have seen a massive decrease in the number of students parking unlawfully.

GVSU student Scott

Johnson said he used to park in the Burger King lot. When asked if he still did, Johnson responded, "Are you kidding me? I don't want to be towed. Now I park at the YMCA."

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Cash award available for GPA improved engineering, science students from 2006

The engineering or science student at Grand Valley State University with the greatest increase in cumulative grade point average from fall 2006 to fall 2007 could receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Applications for the D.J. Angus-Scientech Award for the most improved student are now being accepted by the Advising Resources and Special Programs Unit. To be eligible for the award, students must have attended GVSU during the fall semesters of 2006 and 2007, be an engineering or science major and be of sophomore or junior standing with a good citizenship record.

Applicants should bring an unofficial copy of their transcripts to the Advising Resources and Special Programs Unit in Room 200 of the Student Services Building by March 14.

Car runs down teenagers in Ottawa County, kills boy

A 15-year-old boy died Friday after an accident in Ottawa County, according to a report from WZZM 13 News.

A car traveling East on Stanton Street at about 6:30 p.m. hit four teens walking along the road near the intersection at 146th Avenue, according to reports from law enforcement.

WZZM 13 reported the 15-year-old Christopher Brown died at the scene and the three teenagers were taken to the hospital. Donna Thomas, 16, and 15-year-old Christian Johnson each sustained minor injuries. The fourth teenager was not hurt.

Law enforcement is following up on the incident with an investigation.

First traveling beer pong tournament comes to GR

Traveling Beer Pong Tournaments, which hosts non-alcoholic beer pong tournaments across the U.S., is bringing their first event to Grand Rapids in April.

The grand prize starts at \$1,000 and will increase based on the number of teams that sign up to play. Up to 64 teams of one to four players each can sign up to compete.

The BPT Grand Rapids event will take place at 2 p.m. on April 26 in the DeltaPlex Arena. Tickets go on sale this weekend at the DeltaPlex box office and online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

For additional information send an e-mail to travelingbpt@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.travelingbpt.com>.

DAAC house benefit show to raise funds next weekend

Indie band Native and local soloist musician Jes Kramer will be playing at a benefit show for the DAAC on Jan. 26.

The show is being hosted at 115C S. Division, above the DAAC. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, but donations will also be accepted. This is a house show and spacing will be limited.

Michigan's primary results:

Democratic
Hillary Clinton — 55%
Uncommitted — 40%
Dennis Kucinich — 4%
Chris Dodd — 1%
Mike Gravel — 0%

Republican (GOP)
Mitt Romney — 39%
John McCain — 30%
Mike Huckabee — 16%
Ron Paul — 6%
Fred Thompson — 4%

McCain campaign trail stops in GR



Presidential hopeful's wife, supporters rally on his behalf Monday

By Brian Beaupied
GVL Senior Reporter

The campaign to the White House for presidential hopeful John McCain (R-Ariz.) made a pit stop at the Kent County Republican Headquarters Monday evening in a



Top: Cindy McCain, wife of presidential hopeful John McCain, addresses a crowd of supporters at the Get Out the Vote rally held at the Kent County Republican Party Headquarters Monday. John McCain was originally slated to speak but was held up in Detroit.

Bottom: At the Auto Show 2008, Republican presidential hopeful Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., left, and Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., walk through the Chrysler exhibit at the North American International Auto Show Monday in Detroit.

last minute effort to win votes before Tuesday's Michigan primary.

Though McCain was not able to attend the rally because of obligations at the American International Auto Show in Detroit, the senator's presence was still felt vicariously through a couple hundred supporters along with his wife Cindy McCain, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina and Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) speaking in support of him.

The rally concluded the Straight Talk Express tour of Michigan during the weekend, which included stops in Muskegon and Spring Lake.

"John has tremendous integrity, character and leadership," Cindy said. "He takes a common sense approach. I may not like (the truth) all the time, but I like being told the truth."

West Michigan, considered by political analysts to be a conservative stronghold, has been visited extensively by McCain.

Mitt Romney (R-Mass.), who has ties to Michigan as a native of the state and son of former governor George Romney, had a two percent lead over McCain in Michigan as of Monday's rally, according to recent polls by the American Research Group.

Mike Huckabee (R-Ark.) also made campaign stops across the state on Monday.

All three candidates pledged to turn around the state's economy, but Fiorina said McCain has the best credentials for the job.

"I've been a CEO, and someone who buys and sells companies for a profit doesn't mean he knows business," she said. "He has an exciting vision for opportunity in innovation, an exciting vision on how to bring Michigan back to life."

However, Romney held onto his lead Tuesday when he won the Michigan primary for the Republican candidate with 39 percent approval. McCain was not far behind, with 30 percent of voters choosing him on the Republican ballot.

The McCain economic plan revolves around retraining Michigan's workforce and cutting excessive government spending, Fiorina said.

"You can't cut taxes until you cut big government spending," she said. "Economists endorse John McCain because his record is clear."

Cindy McCain pushed a "grassroots" effort from West Michigan supporters, urging them to get others active and excited in the campaign.

"Go out and make sure everyone votes, we look to you for inspiration," she said.

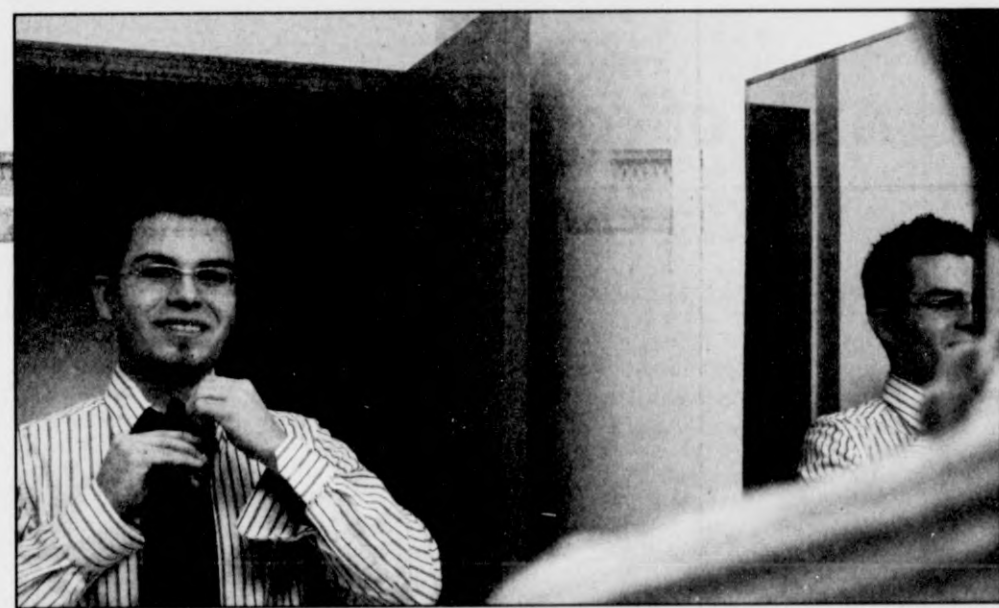
Matt Viau, a Grand Valley State University political science major and student coordinator for the McCain campaign, said he hopes to see a record number of students voting in Tuesday's primary.

"These primaries are important, these help to decide who is going to be our next president," Viau said. "People often criticize our government and how things are run but they don't get involved."

The 18 to 24 demographic of voter turnout has been an issue in the past come election time, but Thune said McCain's straightforward approach resonates with younger voters.

"With John it's what you see is what you get," Thune said. "Younger voters are tired of politicians who speak out of both

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Job hunting: GVSU seniors need to prepare for their search for jobs after graduation. Dressing professionally is an important part of making a good first impression at any interview.

Campus workshop to teach networking skills

By Catherine Dugan
GVL Staff Writer

Seniors can learn strategies for finding jobs after graduation tonight.

Job Search Strategies for Seniors, an event held by Career Services, will share the proper techniques when searching for employment, said Chris Plouff, director of Career Services.

Anywhere between 75 to 85 percent of open job positions are never posted, Plouff said. Companies do not post those jobs because it costs them time and money and these jobs go to potential employees that companies meet through networking.

"If they know people and have gotten a good reference, they're not opposed to go through those channels to hire someone," Plouff said.

Another thing students can do to prepare for jobs is start a resume. Students should have a base resume and cater it to each job they apply for, Plouff said.

"People don't often highlight enough the specific skills they've learned," he added.

When writing a resume for a specific job, students should focus on past experiences and knowledge that relates to the position, he said. Projects done in classes can be put on resumes if they are extensive and demonstrate

qualities necessary for the job.

Students should also research and gain understanding of the career they want to go into, the possible employers and what skills the employer desires for the position.

Then students should find out where they can gain those skills, Plouff added. "The number one thing is to get experience," he said.

A common misconception among students is they will not be able to get a job in Michigan after graduation. In the last six to eight months there has been strong recruiting in the state for Grand Valley State University graduates, especially throughout West Michigan, Plouff said.

About 88 percent of graduates who responded were employed in Michigan according to 2005-06 statistics from Career Services. However, not all students want to be employed in Michigan. GVSU senior Alison Zinn said she has been looking for jobs outside of Michigan. Zinn has

been using newspapers and search engines to find job postings in other states, and she was recently offered a position in Houston doing marketing strategy.

Throughout her undergraduate studies, Zinn has been preparing herself for getting a job.

"I'm taking every opportunity to show leadership positions and going above and beyond," she said. "I'm leaving something behind in every position."

Zinn also had a job with Ottawa County as a circuit court intern where she sat in on court cases and met judges from the area. Zinn will graduate in April with a psychology major and a minor in criminal justice.

Search Strategies for Seniors takes place tonight in Rooms 215 and 216 of the Kirkhof Center at 7 p.m. Students wishing to attend can still register by calling (616) 331-3311.

Students can also attend the West Michigan Career Connections and Health Career Day on Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. in DeVos Place.

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On-campus housing, advising benefits students

By Michelle Hamilton
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Combining university housing with academic advising services may prove to be beneficial to students, according to the research of two housing administrators at Kansas State University.

Students who live on campus fare better in the classroom, which may be because of the extra academic services available to them through their living centers, said KSU housing administrators Derek Jackson and Nick Lander.

"In any case, I think the benefits of collaboration with housing and advising are better communication between two areas that greatly impact a student's life," said Lander, leadership development coordinator of KSU's Department of Housing and Dining.

Helping students realize they have multiple people who can help them succeed will ultimately have a positive impact on their success in college, Lander added.

A handful of Grand Valley State University faculty and staff attended a web-based seminar Lander and Jackson presented Tuesday on the models universities use to integrate academic advising into campus housing facilities. The presentation was part of a series of 12 webinars GVSU will be hosting as professional development activities for faculty and staff, said Leijhi Koval, director of GVSU's Early Alert and Student Success Program.

Graduate Assistant Shannon Streeter attended the webinar because she hopes to pursue a career in academic advising. It is not really well known that many of the departments at GVSU have their own advising centers, she added.

There are advising centers for general student use on each of GVSU's campuses, as well as those available through specific academic departments. Students studying health professions, engineering, business, psychology and many other concentrations at GVSU have major-specific advising available to them on campus. In addition,

faculty advisers are assigned to students with declared majors.

Jackson, KSU associate director of Administrative Services and Residence Life, wanted Tuesday's webinar participants to gain an understanding of the models advising centers are employing in residential settings and how they impact students in a positive way, he said.

"My view on the benefits of having academic advising services in the residence halls is one that in the big picture helps students achieve at a higher level," Jackson added.

GVSU offers career development advising on site and faculty fellows are assigned to residential communities for both formal and informal advising, said Andy Beachna, director of Housing and Residence Life at GVSU. Faculty fellows are professors who have some office hours each semester in offices located in some of GVSU's living centers.

Filiz Dogru, faculty fellows for the Women Science and Engineering building, is available about two hours per week for her residents.

"I really love interacting with young ladies who are interested in sciences," Dogru said. "That gives me chances to talk and interact with them."

Beachna thinks offering on-site advising for students can have benefits, he said.

"Often, students find it easier to stop in for advising in their own living center," he added.

For more information on academic advising at GVSU, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/advising>.

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Webinar: (R to L) Shannon Streeter, Theresa Vitale and Melissa Selby-Thout of Academic Resources & Special Programs attended the webinar.

EDITORIAL

Dating the student

Although Grand Valley State University has no official policy against professors dating students, instructors need to be more responsible and not flaunt their relationship on social networking sites such as Facebook.

Although the Faculty Handbook states sexual and romantic relationships are "inappropriate," consenting adults are allowed to do as they please. Some professors have nontraditional students in their 30s, making an age difference almost obsolete.

However, age is not the main concern. Although professors cannot date current students, those that engage in these relationships often do so with former students. We wonder if professors could have possibly been fair to students they later struck up a romantic chord with. Professors are also putting themselves in a dangerous position, as charges of sexual harassment or assault can arise if the relationship turns sour.

And what about publicizing the relationship?

The anonymous source used on A1's "Dating the professor" asked that his relationship remain confidential. Last semester, however, neither he nor his 10-year-younger former student had a problem broadcasting their relationship on Facebook.

Although both profiles are now unavailable for public viewing, during the fall semester both the professor and the student's Facebook profiles were visible to the public with their relationship displayed for everyone to see.

Both were listed as "In a relationship" with one another. Their walls held numerous public messages to each other, including one where the professor called the student "hot." Most disturbing, however, was a picture that looked like the professor mock spanking the student's buttocks at a Halloween party. This hardly seems to be in line with a request to keep the relationship confidential.

We have longed warned students about being careful regarding what they post on sites such as Facebook and MySpace. Apparently it is time to warn professors as well. Instances such as these discredit the instructor as unprofessional.

Some professors also accompany their students out to the bar in a completely platonic setting. While these occasions do not cross the relationship line, professors should rethink the benefit of such outings. Even instances that seem as innocent as these can turn south. A student may think it is something more. A resulting rebuff could cause retaliation. Even a later bad grade could be spun by the student into a tale of revenge because they rejected a professor's "advance."

Though the entire situation is very difficult to wade through, just because GVSU does not have a policy against it does not mean professors should engage in these relationships. At the very least, however, if a professor does enter into such a relationship, they should take extra steps to keep it private.

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Scott Johnson
GVSU student who previously parked in the Burger King lot next to the Pew Campus

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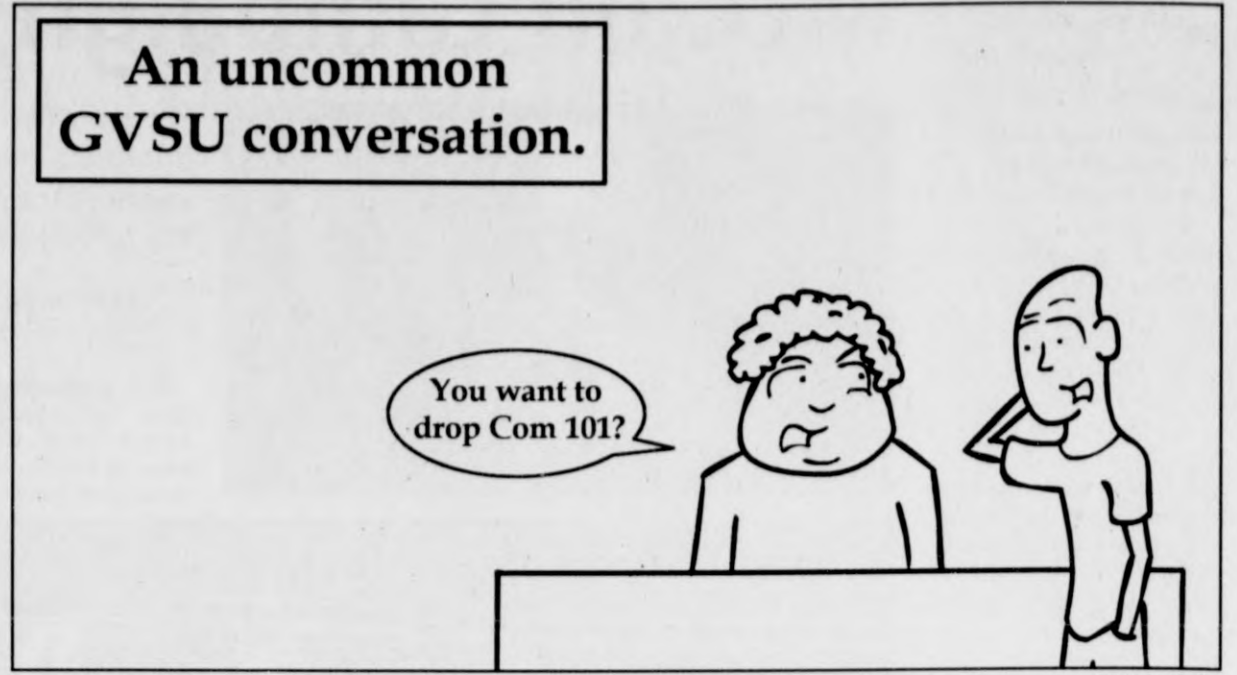
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An uncommon GVSU conversation.



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YOUR INSIGHTS

Are you being affected by the delay in financial aid disbursement?



"It hasn't affected me so far, but I was using it for tuition." "I actually live at home, so no." "No, my family has money." "I'm not, but my roommate is. His rent was late because of it." "No, I don't have financial aid."

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GVL STUDENT OPINION

A bit of community never hurt anybody

By Gary Nye
GVL Columnist

Perhaps you read the front page of the Lanthorn on the 10th of January, making note of the front page headline: "The DAAC is down, but not out." To many of us, and by us I mean those kids who like music, like going to the DAAC, like avoiding the 12-year-olds at Skelletones and prefer the bands featured at the DAAC, this was a huge blow. To others, well, perhaps you're simply uninformed or even apathetic.

As much as I love(d) the DAAC, I have some grievances with the current state of the DAAC's representation in the community.

There was a meeting on Jan. 5, 2008, regarding the state of a DAAC planet. I, unfortunately thanks to the man, was stuck at work,

hustlin' computers and so on. I heard, and as the aforementioned article made note of, the numbers were pretty good and a good amount of people made their presence felt. This is great news.

The downside to this, however, is that it took this long to get people motivated about the DAAC.

I'm not from around here. I grew up in another, smaller city. A city, that when it came to any sort of independent music scene, exhibited a great deal of community as far as going out to shows and supporting bands.

I'm certainly not calling out the DAAC here — I'm calling out you, you, you and



Nye

you. The DAAC and its promoters do the best they can to bring bands here that we, as a body of people, who like music — either like, listen to or need to listen to.

I have seen a great number of good shows at the DAAC and have always been super excited about getting to see a band that would otherwise come to Detroit or Chicago and pass over our little city, but the DAAC has put that band on its tiny stage and said, "Here, Gary, for you!" I have gone and supported that band, bought a record or a T-shirt, paid the doorman my \$5 and enjoyed the show.

Unfortunately, of all the shows I've attended at the DAAC, only one has been packed (the show that, realistically, probably should've shut the DAAC down).

There's a problem with that. There's a problem with

the fact that I can see bands in a room filled with 30 people when there should be 100 people.

Now somebody will probably go on and say that, "The advertising is bad. I never know when shows are," or "I live on campus and don't want to drive out there." And there are solutions to both of these.

Solution one: Do something about it. You could always go out and put some flyers up around campus. Lend a hand.

Solution two: Give it up man, some of the bands playing at the DAAC drove from California to play for you and whatever little money they're going to get out of the deal. It won't cost you more than a five spot to make it down here and back.

If you love music then you've got to give a little.

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Big girls don't cry — yeah right

By Danielle Arndt
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Tears. It's common knowledge that as a woman shedding a few can help get what you want.

For example: The illustrious speeding ticket maneuver.

This little trick is second in the book of womanly moves, following the "Bend and snap."

But seriously, every woman is coached to turn on the faucets to get out of a speeding ticket. It's a trick passed down from generation to generation.

You bat your eyes, let a few tears roll down your cheeks, smile politely with a hint of sadness and innocence just detectable in the corner of your mouth and give a simple, heart-warming story as to why you were speeding, why you would never dream of doing it again and how well-aware you are of deserving that ticket.

But who would have guessed one female could

have fooled her own kind with these well-known tactics?

It's one for the books, but after taking third in the Iowa Caucus and a predicted similar fate in the New Hampshire primary, Hillary Clinton became misty-eyed when a Portsmouth, N.H. woman asked, "How do you do it?"

I still wonder if this woman was another "plant" by the Clinton clan.

The woman was of course referring to how Clinton remains "so wonderful" despite stress and mounting pressure to become the first female president.

Clinton's response could be placed in the same category as Miss America hopefuls.

When asked, "What is the one thing our society needs," these pageant queens answer



Arndt

with a cliché scripted, "World peace."

Hillary's blubbing, self-absorbed and self-serving response? "I couldn't do it if I just didn't passionately believe it was the right thing to do."

She went on to say, "This is very personal for me ... not just political. I see what's happening (in America). And we have to reverse it."

Later to the New York Times, Hillary defended her "emotional" moment by saying, "It was just so touching when this woman said, 'Well, what about you.' I just don't think about that. I just think about what I can do for other people. ... I'm very other-directed."

Sadly, her tearful tactics worked. More women showed up to vote in the primary than anticipated and cast their ballot in favor of Clinton — buying her "crusader-for-humanity," "anti-power-hungry" rhetoric.

I find it unbelievable that a woman who watched

with stoic indifference her husband's affair in front of an entire nation could conjure that much altruistic emotion.

You may think I'm just another Hillary "basher" or an anti-feminist, but I would disagree. I don't dislike Clinton and would support her stance on many key issues. However, the first woman to the oval office is going to be highly scrutinized, and I don't know if a woman whose notoriety has stemmed from riding the coattails of her husband's success and experience is the right woman for the job.

The first woman president will set a precedent for all those to come, and if she fails even remotely, it will only feed the skeptics that a woman cannot do a man's job. It will take the right female to earn the respect of patriarchal males in Congress, as well as foreign diplomats. We need a strong female who will represent us well.

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WEEKEND SCENE

THURSDAY

• 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — "Highly Favored: Contemporary Images of the Virgin Mary" exhibition at Calvin College Center Art Gallery. Also on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• 5 p.m. — Opening reception for the exhibition, "My Ol' Man by Patricia Polacco: A Children's Book from Concept to Completion." In the GVSU art gallery of the Performing Arts Center.

• 6 p.m. — Ice Skating at Rosa Parks Circle. Also on Saturday at noon and Sunday at 2 p.m.

• 7 p.m. — WGVU Jazz Night at Z's Bar & Grill

• 8 p.m. — "The Miracle Worker" at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Also on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

• 8 p.m. — Grand opening of Eve Nightclub in the B.O.B

FRIDAY

• 7:30 p.m. — Contra dancing at Park Township Hall in Holland

• 7:30 p.m. — Live music at Schuler's Books on 28th Street

• 8 p.m. — "Gotta Dance: Symphonic Night at the Movies" at DeVos Performance Hall. Also on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

• 9:30 p.m. — Duffy and Happy Hour perform at Jukes Bar

SATURDAY

• 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Ethnic Heritage Festival at the Grand Rapids Public Museum

• 5 p.m. — All Time Low performs at The Intersection

• 7 p.m. — Illusionist Aaron Radatz performs at the Allendale High School Fine Arts Center

SUNDAY

• Noon — Jazzy Brunch at The Melting Pot

• 2:30 p.m. — "Caterina in the Big City" at Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts. Free admission

• 3 p.m. — Grand Rapids Art Museum Winter Concert

• 7:30 p.m. — Martina McBride at the Van Andel Arena

Week in pop culture

Billboard Top 10 albums

1. "In Rainbows" — Radiohead
2. "As I Am" — Alicia Keys
3. "Growing Pains" — Mary J. Blige
4. "NOW 26" — Various Artists
5. "Taylor Swift" — Taylor Swift
6. "Exclusive" — Chris Brown
7. "The Ultimate Hits" — Garth Brooks
8. "Juno" — Soundtrack
9. "Coco" — Colbie Caillat
10. "Long Road Out of Eden" — Eagles

iTunes Top 10 downloads

1. "Low" — Flo Rida feat. T-Pain
2. "Love Song" — Sara Bareilles
3. "Take You There" — Sean Kingston
4. "Paralyzer" — Finger Eleven
5. "Apologize" — Timbaland feat. One Republic
6. "Clumsy" — Fergie
7. "No One" — Alicia Keys
8. "Kiss Kiss" — Chris Brown feat. T-Pain
9. "With You" — Chris Brown
10. "Tattoo" — Jordin Sparks

DVD releases

1. "Good Luck Chuck" (R) Starring Dane Cook, Jessica Alba and Dan Fogler
2. "Mr. Woodcock" (PG-13) Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Seann William Scott and Susan Sarandon
3. "The Ten" (R)
4. "Criss Angel Mindfreak: The Complete Third Season" (Not Rated)
5. "Family Guy Presents: Blue Harvest" (Not Rated)

Illusionist to trick Allendale

Aaron Radatz to perform at Allendale High School on Saturday

By Brandy Arnold
GVL A & E Editor

A child levitating and a woman being cut into five pieces — it sounds like a new horror film, but it is all in good fun.

The audience will enter the magical world of illusionist Aaron Radatz at 7 p.m. in the Allendale High School Fine Arts Center on Saturday. The Central Michigan University alumnus who has traveled to 37 states, 20 countries and five continents will be back in Michigan to perform.

"I knew Aaron when he was performing as a college student at Central," said Jim Crawley, president of the AHS music boosters, the organization that is bringing Radatz to Allendale. "I was impressed with what he did even back then. He has great audience appeal and provides a good family show for all ages."

Because he has performed on cruise lines, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas and for U.S. troops, Radatz has three different sized shows to cater to the needs of his clients. He will perform the mid-sized show on Saturday, which also features a dancer among his illusions.

"We would have loved to bring

in his larger show, but it's a little too expensive for us," Crawley said. "I'm sure he's going to give it his all — he always does."

After the cost to bring Radatz to AHS, the music boosters will use the profits from the show for music scholarships and to send the high school band to Florida. In 2009 the band will perform at Walt Disney World.

"We want every student to go," Crawley said. "So if there are students who need a little help we want to get them there."

The music boosters appreciate the support the Grand Valley State University community has given for past shows, Crawley said. They hope to see many people out on Saturday, he added.

"Magic is a wonderful experience," Crawley said. "It makes you stretch your mind."

The wonder of magic drew Radatz in at an early age. After receiving a magic kit when he was six years old, Radatz was hooked, he said.

"It was mostly just a hobby until I was about 14," he said. "When I got into high school, I really started plugging away at it. I saw it could transfer into something that could make money."

Once he began at CMU, magic really took off for him, he added. Because of his hectic performance schedule, he had to finish school through online classes.

"It has never felt like a job," Radatz said. "It's something you eat and breathe everyday.

Entertaining is generally never an easy road and with any artist you have to have passion for it."

The AHS music boosters performance fits perfectly into Radatz's repertoire as he feels very strongly about doing benefit shows, he said.

"I've been able to accomplish so much, I just like to give back when I can," he said. "That in itself is the nature of magic. Hopefully I am able to make people forget about their problems."

Of all the shows he has done, Radatz cites his performance for the U.S. troops as the most memorable.

"You feel like you're somehow playing a part in helping these men and women in what they're doing," he said. "Their jobs are so mentally and physically exhausting. I try to bring magic into their day."

Saturday's show will be chock full of magic, including a tribute to famous magician Harry Houdini, in which Radatz attempts to escape from a straightjacket.

"Aaron does a great job of entertaining and interacting with the audience," Crawley said. "I'm looking forward to watching everyone's faces."

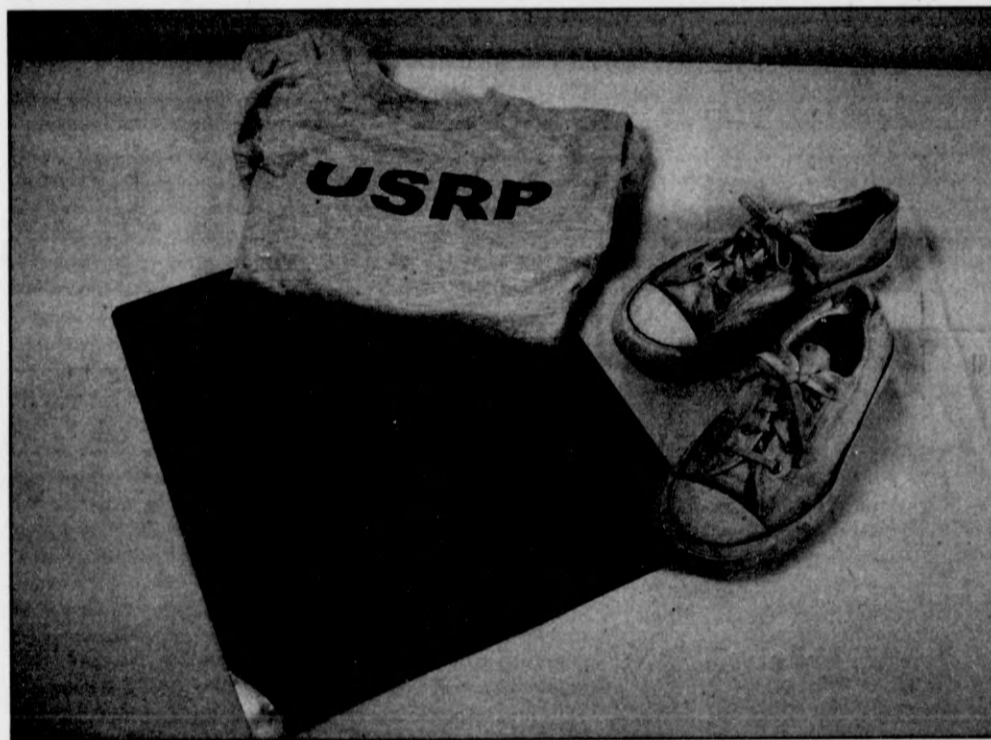
Tickets for the show are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and \$30 for a family four pack. They are available at the Allendale Pack & Mail Plus. For more information about Radatz, visit <http://www.aaronradatz.com>.

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Courtesy Photo / Aaron Radatz

World of magic: Illusionist Aaron Radatz will perform at 7 p.m. on Saturday.



Courtesy Photo / Grand Rapids Public Museum

Ethnic escape: Sudanese "Lost Boys" came to Grand Rapids in 2000 wearing United States Refugee Program-issued sweatshirts and sneakers, and carrying X-rays that proved to customs agents they were free from tuberculosis.

GRPM to highlight ethnic groups in festival, exhibit

'Newcomers: The People of This Place' to open for Ethnic Heritage Festival Saturday

By Jessica Pawlowski
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As part of their annual Ethnic Heritage Festival, the Grand Rapids Public Museum will open a new permanent exhibition, "Newcomers: The People of This Place," on Saturday.

The festival is a day-long celebration of ethnicity in West Michigan, said Kristy Harrington, marketing and public relations specialist at the GRPM.

It will feature music, dance, craft demonstrations, food and vendors from various West Michigan ethnic groups.

Harrington said part of GRPM's responsibility as a museum is to educate people.

The festival, which took about six months to organize, is a "great opportunity for people to learn about other cultures and celebrate them," she added.

"Newcomers: The People of This Place" is a 4,000 square foot exhibition seven years in the making. It is a companion exhibit to "Anishinabek: The

People of This Place," which examines Native Americans in the area.

"Newcomers" highlights more than 40 ethnic groups and explores and celebrates the ideas of ethnicity and immigration in West Michigan from the founding of Grand Rapids to the present.

"It's our first permanent exhibit that we have added to the museum in quite a few years," Harrington said. "It talks about the journey people take in coming to West Michigan and becoming part of the West Michigan fabric."

The exhibit will feature more than 600 artifacts and images, which have been donated by people from around the area.

"I think people will be touched by how personal these objects are," Harrington said. "The stories that people see behind the objects is one of the most interesting parts of the exhibition."

The artifacts illustrate the lives of different ethnic groups once they have settled in West Michigan.

Aspects of their lives such as loss of belongings, assimilation into the society, employment, interaction with each other and celebrations of births, deaths and marriages are all examined.

The exhibit is a chance for the public to see diversity

in West Michigan and to see the large amount of people who call this region home, said Matthew Daley, a Grand Valley State University history professor and a member on the board of the Grand Rapids' Historical Commission.

"It's a chance, if you're not from here, to learn about the area around you," he said. "History didn't just happen a long time ago in a place far away...it happens right around you and in your own backyard. It's a great way to see that up close and personal."

The GRPM is located at 272 Pearl St. NW and will stay open for an extra hour during the festival from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free to the festival and exhibition.

Harrington said she hopes this will attract people who might not ordinarily come.

"We are hoping that people of all ethnic backgrounds will come," she said. "We hope the place will be filled."

Everybody who visits the exhibition will find something they can take away that is meaningful for them, Harrington added.

"I think people will walk away knowing more about who they are and who their neighbors are," she said.

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Grand Rapids Symphony to wax nostalgic through music

By Sarah Stonestreet
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The Grand Rapids Symphony's performance, "Gotta Dance: Symphonic Night at the Movies" is reminiscent of a time when people could fall in love through a dance and a song.

The 78-piece ensemble will perform songs from five classic films as the images dance above their heads on the big screen at DeVos Performance Hall on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The show features scenes from "An American in Paris" (starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron), "Brigadoon" (also starring Kelly and Cyd Charisse), "Singin' in the Rain" (Kelly and Debbie Reynolds) and "Madame Bovary" (Jennifer Jones and Van Heflin.)

"Gotta Dance," the fourth concert in the Symphony's Foz Motors Pop Series, will start with scenes from "2001: A Space Odyssey." The Kelly theme of the show came pre-made, said Carol Tanis, public relations manager.

"The movies came as a package from the company that we ordered the program from, so we weren't able to pick them," she said. "But they all have to do with dance."

The company also picked out which scenes will play while the symphony performs the score, Tanis added.

Music Director David Lockington said the Symphony only has two weeks to practice the score. Lockington, a nine year

veteran to the symphony, said of all the songs the Symphony will perform for the show, he does have a favorite.

"I love the song 'Gotta Dance' (from 'Singin' in the Rain')," he said. "It is absolutely fantastic."

Tanis said with the popularity of reality dance shows, such as "Dancing with the Stars," this program will entertain dancers as well as dance fans.

"I think these (movies) are classics and very popular," she said. "Anyone who enjoys the movies, dance or music is going to have a good time because it involves all those interests."

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances range from \$27 to \$56 and from \$18 to \$52 for Sunday's show.

"It's so nice to see some of these older movies that you can see in a large screen with music from a large orchestra performed live," Tanis said. "You can't get that experience anywhere else."

The concert is unique in that it would hearken back to the days when movies first became popular and had no sound except for the music played live, Lockington said.

"We are doing something of the old tradition, but also something that is a new experience," he said.

For more information on this and future concerts, visit <http://www.grsymphony.org>. To purchase tickets, call Ticketmaster at (616) 456-3333, visit Ticketmaster.com or go to the GR Symphony box office.

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Courtesy Photo / Grand Rapids Symphony

Classic hits: Gene Kelly performs in "Singin' in the Rain."

Film gives worship material to fans, little else

By Dani Willcutt
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☆☆☆1/4 out of ☆☆☆

"Joe Strummer: The Future is Unwritten" is the latest documentary by director Julien Temple. In the film, Temple not only answers the question of who The Clash frontman Joe Strummer was, but also reminds us all of why we should care.

The film conveys the way in which the end of the hopeful hippie counterculture of the '60s made way for the angry disenchanting punk movement. Strummer's generation was a part of that idealistic hippie movement, but they were left with nowhere to go once the '70s rolled in and proved nothing had changed. The world was still a mess, showing none of the peace and tolerance championed in the '60s made a difference. The generation then became pissed off — enter punk rock.

Temple's previous fame came with two documentaries featuring the Sex Pistols — "The

Filth and the Fury" and "Who Killed Bambi?" "The Future is Unwritten" stands out from Temple's other work as there is much more to be said concerning the film's subject, Joe Strummer. Strummer's childhood, as Temple depicts, was spent traveling and living across the globe due to his father's job as a diplomat. Strummer's knowledge of the world was later incorporated into his music, adding to his lyrics a social and political consciousness that set a new bar for punk rock music.

A most telling aspect of "The Future is Unwritten" is Strummer's story isn't hidden in folds of entertaining frippery. Sure, there are clips of "Animal Farm" that make the audience laugh, but it largely sticks to archival footage of Strummer and those close to and around him. As is told in the film, Strummer left his band The 101'ers in order to take up arms in the blossoming punk scene. He saw the destruction, mayhem and general stir-fellow London band the Sex Pistols was creating, and Strummer knew that was the outlet

he needed. However, The Clash didn't need to result to clever antics to get noticed — they were not there for pure entertainment. Strummer's agenda went well beyond getting under people's skin by shocking and offending, the goal of other London punk bands. Strummer meant to take on the world.

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I'm not buying it. The big problem with Temple's documentary is, frankly, his subject is not very interesting. This documentary

lasts for more than two hours and it feels like four. Never once did the audience learn anything not found in a Wikipedia article, which would have been faster and less annoying, but still kind of boring.

The arc of Strummer's life is not the stuff of legend. Basically, he was born, wrote some OK songs, was the lead singer in a semi-big band, couldn't get anything together after the group broke up and then died suddenly. Strummer was also liberal — very liberal. So liberal in fact that a lot of the movie consists of celebrities telling us how great his ideas were. At times the movie seems like a filmed Kucinich rally.

However, the problem is not Strummer's politics, but the fact he (and Temple's movie) presents them in an overly serious and preachy manner. There are frequent references to the works of George Orwell, and interview subjects repeatedly tell us

Strummer stood up against oppression, as if that makes him some kind of saint or genius.

It's worth noting rock stars like Bob Marley had a direct emotional passion in their political message that Strummer lacked.

Also, based on the film, it is not even apparent Strummer was a great musician or songwriter. He has a singing voice that is actually less appealing than Bob Dylan's and The Clash's only top 10 hit (and best song), "Rock the Casbah" wasn't even by him, but the band's drummer, whom he promptly fired. Great.

Obviously, my esteemed associate Ms. Willcutt really liked the film, perhaps because she is a fan of the band.

If that's true, this film has appeal to hardcore Clash fans, Green Party members and no else.

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The Clash: "The Future is Unwritten" movie poster.

New nightclub brings big city feel to GR

By Brandy Arnold
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Located on the fourth and highest level of the B.O.B., eve is the beginning. Revolutionizing Grand Rapids' downtown night life, eve will be unveiled tonight during a gala celebrating the newest club in town.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. inside Crush nightclub with a fashion show presented by A.K. Rikk's, a menswear store located at 5761 28th St. SE. The night will continue upstairs with the formal unveiling of eve accompanied by champagne and butlered hor d'oeuvres.

eve began as the vision of Greg Gilmore, chief executive officer of The Gilmore Collection, which owns all nightclubs and restaurants in the B.O.B. among others.

"We're trying to bring something completely different than anything else in town," said Heidi Beyer, event coordinator for The Gilmore Collection.

The club features a glass lit entrance suspended above four floors, sleek-contemporary furniture, VIP bottle services and specialty upscale cocktails. Catering to varying tastes, eve's atmosphere ranges from a high-energy scene to a more relaxed ambiance.

"Many places in Grand Rapids play the same music so we're looking for different kinds of music to play," Beyer said. "But there is also a private room and more subdued areas, little nooks and crannies to get away from all the noise if you want to talk without it feeling like you're in the corner."

eve is also outfitted with all white leather furniture and equipped with the latest in audio-visual components.

"They're the best on the market right now," Beyer said. "There is a wave wall like wind running across the dunes on a beach that really gives you a feeling of movement and texture. There is also a 9-foot fireplace that is unlike anything I've ever seen."

The club promotes full-circle service, "making sure guests needs are constantly met," said Shane Philipsen general manager of the B.O.B.

"People can rent out rooms for bottled parties with a server to pour the drinks for you, and we feature nothing but premium alcohol," he said.

The featured drink for eve is a martini consisting of organic Ocean vodka straight from Maui, Hawaii and Mona-Vie acai berry health juice.

There will be a \$10 admittance fee for the event. Tickets for the event can be purchased through <http://www.ETIX.com> or at the B.O.B. Guests must be at least 21 years old and appropriate evening attire is required.

At 11 p.m. eve will open to

the public. Regular business hours for the nightclub are on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. While alcohol sales will end at 2 a.m., guests are invited to stay and dance away that final hour.

"(eve) fits a demographic that I know is here in Grand Rapids," Philipsen said. "It's very metropolitan."

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Big city B.O.B.: The B.O.B. is opening a new nightclub on their fourth floor called eve.

INFO TO KNOW:

Discussion addresses homophobia

Today at 7 p.m., the Office of Multicultural Affairs and C.L.O.U.D. N.I.N.E. will co-sponsor Hip-Hop and Homophobia, a discussion exploring the lyrics, images and messages of homophobia found in hip-hop, past and present. The event will also explore homo-hop, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) artists who are finding their place in today's hip-hop culture. The discussion is held in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

Actors wanted

The Student Technicians and Actors Guild for Entertainment is holding open auditions for its full length spring play and second variety show.

They will be held on Sunday from 8 to 10 p.m. in Room 072 of the Kirkhof Center and on Monday from 8 to 10 p.m. in Room 250 of the Kirkhof Center.

Those who are interested are welcome to come to both auditions, although only one is required. For more information, e-mail stage@student.gvsu.edu.

Calling all comedians

Spotlight Productions is now accepting applications for the comedy competition Last Laker Standing. Those who are interested should e-mail lastlakerstanding.gv@hotmail.com with their name, contact information and any questions they have by Jan. 28.

Comedians will need to prepare three to five minutes of audition material.

Auditions will be held Feb. 4 and 5 from 8 to 10 p.m.

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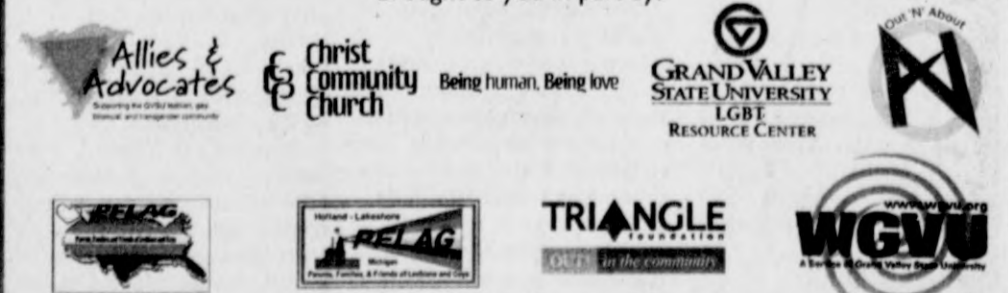
Connected by having a son or daughter who is gay, parents across the country discuss their experiences in the documentary **Anyone and Everyone**.

Join **WGVU** for a FREE screening of the film, followed by discussion with families who share their own stories.

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Dave and Doogie by Jeremy Leiter



What are some signs he is not the one for me?

We all have been there. It seems great at first, but those little red flags creep up all over the place signaling it is time to move on.

Despite the signs of trouble, women turn the blind eye to relationship problems in favor of seeing where it will go. But not for long. We have compiled a list from LifeScript Magazine and Women's Life of the type of men you should steer clear from, because in the end, it will just end in disaster.

1. Still living at home — OK, we know what you are thinking: "We are still in college, so living at home is not all that bad. It is a common trend for people our age to still be living with their parents." True, but just remember: Men who still live at home are usually in

no hurry to grow up, become independent or financially responsible.

2. Never inviting you over — A clear-cut sign he is cheating or it could simply mean he is embarrassed of something. Either way, you want someone to be open and honest with you, even about the simple things.

3. Moving too quickly — Asking for intimacy or marriage too quickly or spilling loads of very personal information point to desperation. It is usually a sign he is uncomfortable being by himself or he is looking for a woman to help solve his problems.

4. Constantly talking bad about an ex — Not only is he offering too much information, but it makes him look tacky, resentful and unwilling to take responsibility for his shortcomings in the

relationship. He may be dealing with a heavy load of unresolved anger rather than moving on with his life.

5. Excessive parental attachment — In other words, "Being a momma's boy." When a man only has his parents as friends or lets them influence every facet of his life — it is not good. He will most likely put them ahead of you, which will end up damaging your relationship.

6. Fresh out of a relationship — While a rebound relationship can work out, it is normally something to avoid. Chances are he is still going through the recovery process, which leaves him little time to completely focus on you. He could also be using you to temporarily fill his loneliness.

Sources: LifeScript Magazine, Women's Life

Strange, but true

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Masking his appearance with a coat of drywall compound wasn't enough to protect the identity of a bank robber, authorities said. A NASCAR plate on the getaway car led police right to him.

Robert Coulson Lavery, 56, was convicted Wednesday in the Nov. 24, 2006, robbery of the New Cumberland Federal Credit Union, which netted \$7,910, Fairview Township police said.

He was charged along with Robert Steven Miller, 53, who drove the getaway car, which bore a Rusty Wallace NASCAR plate on the front. A tip from someone familiar with the car led police to Miller, who confessed to helping Lavery in the robbery, police said.

When Lavery was arrested at Miller's home in Harrisburg, police found \$3,775 in cash, clothing with smears of drywall compound, and more drywall compound in the passenger side of the car.

Miller pleaded guilty to robbery and theft in October.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Rena Wilkey has plenty of parking around her home. In fact, that's pretty much all she has.

Now that most of 73-year-old woman's neighbors have sold their properties to Memorial Medical Center, Wilkey's one-story house is ringed on three sides by parking lots. Wilkey said a hospital representative calls every year to politely ask if she's willing to sell.

"I told them I'm not selling," Wilkey said of the home she's lived in for more than 50 years. "I'm comfortable here. And I don't care about the money. Money don't buy happiness."

The hospital has bought dozens of nearby properties over the years to build the parking lots.

Wilkey said the lots are well-lit and that the hospital even clears the snow from her sidewalks. And she said she doesn't mind losing some of her

neighbors — including those she said were troublemakers.

A message left for a medical center spokesman was not immediately returned Sunday evening.

Wilkey said it's the memories of living in the house with her late husband and their daughters that keeps her there.

"That's the reason I don't want to move," she said.

FRASER, Colo. (AP) — A feud between Fraser and International Falls, Minn., over who owns the trademark "Ice Box of the Nation" is heating up.

Fraser Town Manager Jeff Durbin said the Minnesota town has replied to a lawsuit filed by Fraser with a countersuit.

Fraser officials say their town has used the phrase since 1956, and officials in International Falls say they've used it since 1948. The dueling lawsuits ask city officials to prove it.

The two chilly municipalities fought an earlier cold war over the motto decades ago that ended in 1986 with Fraser giving up its "official" claim to the trademark in exchange for \$2,000 from International Falls.

But the Minnesota city last year acknowledged it had failed to renew its federal trademark back in 1996, even while keeping a state trademark up to date. That allowed Fraser to file its own application.

To outsiders it might seem ridiculous, but Durbin said it's important to Fraser's residents.

"We ought to get something out of it after having to live through winters here," resident Joan Christensen said.

The Summit Daily News in Frisco, Colo., reported an attempt to settle it with a duel failed when Fraser wanted it to be a contest on snowshoes and the Minnesota mayor wanted a snowball fight.

On Sunday afternoon, the National Weather Service said, Fraser was two degrees warmer than International Falls at a

balmy 19. Overnight the wind chill was expected to drop Fraser's temperature to minus 19. International Falls was to drop to minus 4.

WASHINGTONBOROUGH, N.J. (AP) — Two weeks after a Florida man found a rare pearl in his seafood, it's happened again — this time to a New Jersey man who was eating fried oysters.

Mike McHenry thought he had chomped down on a piece of shell Wednesday night but spit out a pea-sized pearl.

"You might break your teeth on it if you crunch down too hard," the 60-year-old Washington Township man said of his discovery at Russo's Ristorante in Washington Borough.

McHenry's find was rare, according to Gef Flimlin, a marine extension agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, who said 95 percent of pearls are cultured for production, unlike the naturally formed pearl McHenry found.

"It's unusual to find one in this type of oyster," McHenry said. "Like one in a million."

Not quite.

Last month, George Brock of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., found a rare iridescent purple pearl in his plate of steamed clams while dining in South Florida.

Russo's owner, Rick Giacobbe, said McHenry's discovery marked the first time in his 33 years in the restaurant business that a customer found a pearl in an order of oysters. He said the guy he orders seafood from is flummoxed, too.

"He said maybe once in a couple of years his girls will find something and it's a teeny tiny thing," Giacobbe said. "This was half the size of a jellybean."

While Brock's purple pearl may be worth thousands, it appears McHenry isn't so lucky.

Greg Fliegauf, who manages Fliegauf Jewelers for his uncle, thinks the pearl isn't worth much because it's misshapen and has some discoloration.

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Whether students want to be a little more active, kick back and relax or relive their past, downtown Grand Rapids has what people are looking for.

For those seeking an active Friday night, check out the ice skating at Rosa Parks Circle. Skating only costs \$1, and the skate rentals are free with I.D. Located at Monroe Center NW and Pearl Street NW in Grand Rapids, couples can skate from 6 to 10 p.m.

If you want to leave the skating to the professionals, try checking out a Grand Rapids Griffins game at the Van Andel Arena. This Friday the team is hosting Detroit Tiger Brandon Inge, who will meet fans and sign autographs prior to the game. Upper bowl tickets are just \$5, and Bono's Pit BBQ is hosting student night, where students with an I.D. can purchase a lower bowl ticket for just \$10. Not forgetting food and drink, fans can also get hot dogs and beers for just \$1 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Van Andel Arena is located at 130 Fulton St. W in Grand Rapids.

The '80s is already making its way back by the return of leggings. If you want to add big hair and leg warmers to the mix, try Nightclub Moxie. Moxie is hosting "It's Totally '80s" on Friday starting at 9 p.m. Although it is limited to age 21 and older, the bar features \$2 u-call-its until 11 p.m. And of course, '80s costumes are encouraged. Moxie is located at 70 Ionia Ave. SW in Grand Rapids.

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Ric Wesley



Dear Laker Nation,

I would like to take a moment and thank you for your support last Saturday versus Ferris State as we had the first sellout (3,834) of a Grand Valley State basketball game during my four years as men's basketball coach. It was an incredible atmosphere and I know our team was extremely excited during warmups when they came out in front of a packed house.

Coming off an Elite 8 appearance last year and returning the winningest senior class in GVSU men's basketball history, we were looking forward to this season. We are currently ranked #2 in the country, the highest ranking a Laker men's basketball team has ever had, and are in the midst of a special season.

I would like to encourage you to continue to support our team as we have two big games this week in the GVSU Fieldhouse Arena. Tonight, we take on Mercyhurst and a victory would tie the state of Michigan record for most consecutive wins (19) to open a season by a Division I or Division II team. Saturday afternoon we will entertain nationally-ranked Gannon at 3 p.m. in a game that could well decide who will host the GLIAC post season tournament.

Again, thank you for your loud and proud support and we look forward to seeing you at our home games this season. Go Lakers!

Sincerely,

Ric Wesley

Head Men's Basketball Coach

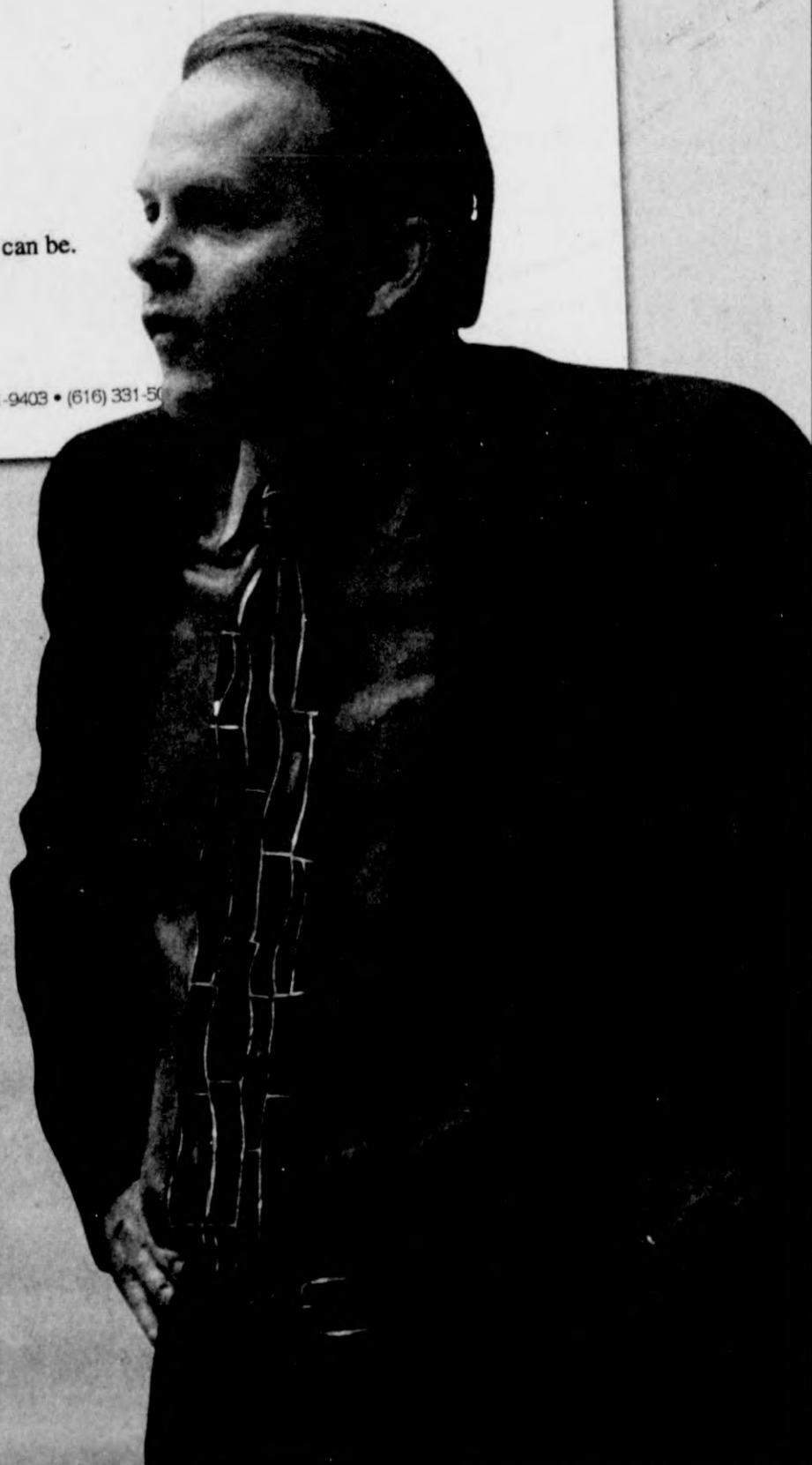
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- Saturday (1/19) at 3:00 PM
vs. #15 Gannon "Kids Club Day"
- Thursday (2/7) at 8:00 PM
vs. Michigan Tech
- Saturday (2/9) at 3:00 PM
vs. Northern Michigan
- Thursday (2/14) at 8:00 PM
vs. LSSU "1983 Night"
- Thursday (2/21) at 8:00 PM
vs. Northwood



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Women's Basketball vs. Mercyhurst, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Mercyhurst, 8 p.m.

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Swimming & Diving vs. Calvin, 6 p.m.
Hockey vs. Central Michigan, 9 p.m.

Saturday:

Women's Basketball vs. Gannon, 1 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Gannon, 3 p.m.
Swimming & Diving @ Indianapolis, 2 p.m.
Hockey @ Central Michigan, 9 p.m.

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With two wins this weekend, the Grand Valley State University men's basketball team would move to 20-0 and lay claim to the best start for any Division I or II school in Michigan.

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Saturday's women's basketball will be a matchup between Gannon's No. 1 scoring offense in the conference and GVSU's No. 1 scoring defense.



Show stopping: Callistus Eziukwu jumps over a Ferris State University player for two points.

Lakers ready for weekend

Men's basketball team prepares for big games against Mercyhurst tonight, Gannon on Saturday

By Marc Koorstra
GVL Sports Editor

Mercyhurst College is all they can think about.

It does not matter that those Lakers sit in last place of the GLIAC South Division. It also does not matter that Saturday's opponent, Gannon University, sits in first.

The Grand Valley State University men's basketball team knows they got to 18-0 by taking every game just as seriously as the others.

"Our biggest game is our next game," said junior Pete Trammell. "Right now, our biggest game is Mercyhurst."

Senior Jason Jamerson said that kind of focus has come naturally with this team.

"We all just know our roles," Jamerson said. "We're not really cocky and we know that we all fit in together. We work well together and we all have the same goal."

But this team does have a reason to be excited to play Mercyhurst tonight. GVSU was upset 79-74 when they visited Erie, Pa. last season.

"We kind of owe them one," Trammell added.

The series with Mercyhurst has been a tough one during Ric Wesley's time as head coach.

After last year's loss and a tough overtime win three years ago, they have served as a learning experience several times.

"We've got great respect for their program," Wesley said. "They have a lot of the same perimeter guys back this year. They've been up and down but we've seen from last year that they can really get it going."

The team's motivation might be a little different on Saturday.

Gannon ranks No. 13 in the nation thanks to a 14-1 start. The team's 6-0 record in the GLIAC matches the Lakers'.

Although it might be too early to say this game will decide who hosts the conference tournament, it has some postseason implications.

GVSU claimed a comfortable win when they paid the Golden Knights a visit last season, holding them to just 28 percent shooting. Gannon finished the season with a 9-17 record including a 4-13 mark in the conference.

"Right now you would have to say they are the surprise team of the league," Wesley said. "They've really come together, they've got good chemistry and they've had some

See Men's Bball, B4

"I always feel like the best way to get ready for that Saturday game is to play well Thursday."

RIC WESLEY
BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

NFL conference keeps up surprises

Four teams competing for Lombardi trophy should make for good playoff action this weekend

By TJ Taylor
GVL Staff Writer

Who would have thought the teams left to compete for the Lombardi trophy would be these remaining four teams?

Other than the presiding — let alone perfect — New England Patriots, the other three teams competing this weekend in their respective conference championships may come as a surprise.

There is not a better story than ageless quarterback Brett Favre and his Green Bay Packers this season. After a lackluster 8-8 campaign in 2006 that was completely centered around Favre's retirement, the Pack is beyond back.

And if you are pondering how Green Bay has caught everyone by surprise this entire season, look no further than Favre. He is the soul, the heart and a god for the Packers faithful fans. Without him, there would be no NFC Championship at Lambeau Field this weekend.

Green Bay's combatant, the New York Giants, is a team that has already gained two playoff road victories led by stellar play from quarterback Eli Manning.

This has to be the first time Eli has come out on top of his brother, Peyton Manning, with regards to their football careers. Eli has always been seen as the little guy who could be good, but never as great as his brother. Well, you can throw that idea out the window after this past weekend.

Don't think the Giants will be anywhere near intimidated at Lambeau. Lately, this team has looked unstoppable. And after beating Dallas, the top seed in the

NFC, they have obviously shown their worth of being one game away from the Super Bowl.

With the American Football Conference, it's all about one question — Can the San Diego Chargers pull off another stunner? And to add insult to injury, can it be done with the two key players nursing injuries?

The Chargers' performance against the Indianapolis Colts was indeed one of the gutsiest in recent playoff memory. But they are going to need a lot more than that if they plan on dethroning the perfect Patriots.

To put it to you straight, if the likes of Billy Volek and Michael Turner are playing significant roles in the game, they don't have a chance. Although, even if quarterback Phillip Rivers and sensational running back LaDainian Tomlinson are holding up their end of the bargain, they still don't have a chance.

The story of the NFL season this year has been the New England Patriots. With the pursuit of perfection near completion, the Patriots look unstoppable. Even with a shaky division and close calls toward the end of the season, the bottom line is the team is perfect.

It doesn't matter who this team is playing or when or where because it always ends with the same result.

Quarterback Tom Brady, wide receivers Randy Moss and Wes Welker and genius head coach Bill Belichick are the sole reasons the teams are denied victory.

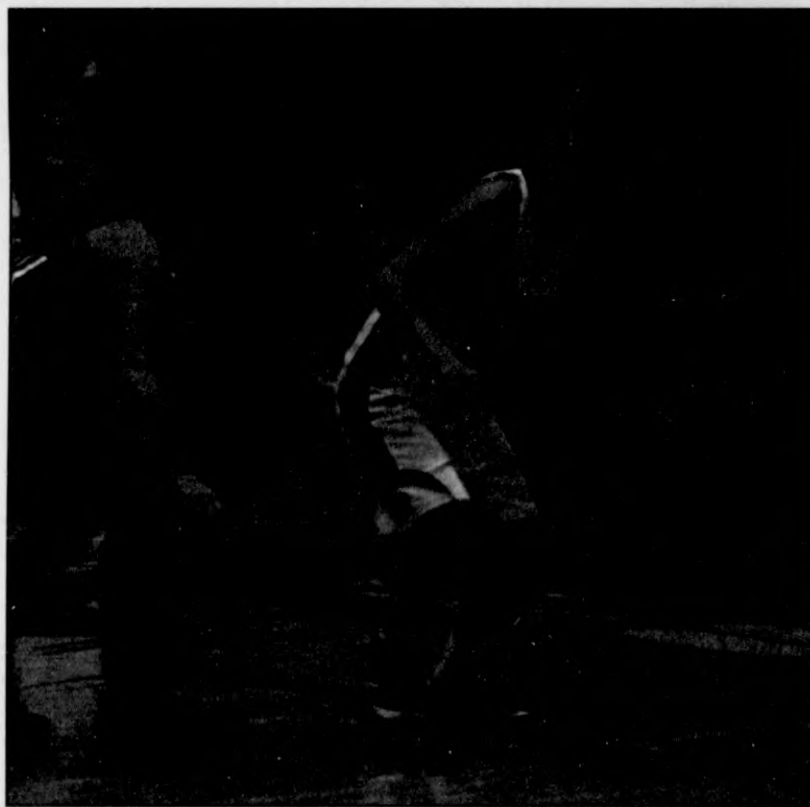
Add in a defense full of all-pro players and talent, and you get one phenomenal group of players functioning as a single unit.

The bottom line is last weekend was a great weekend of playoff action. This weekend will be no different. So in the sage wisdom of Terrell Owens, "Get your popcorn ready."

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Making a move: Crystal Zick looks to move around her Ferris State University defender.

GVL Archive / Katie Mitchell

Women's basketball aims for improvement

Team looks to play better by meshing talent despite injuries, sidelined players

By Rob Rosenbach
GVL Staff Writer

The Grand Valley State University women's basketball team has yet to play a full 40 minutes the way Head Coach Janel Burgess wants.

"We have not reached our potential," Burgess said. "We have been able to mesh a lot of talent. I think we are beginning to see, especially in practice, our cohesiveness on offense and defense is beginning to come together."

Although the team has yet to peak and play a full game all the way through, Burgess said the team is not far away from that happening.

"Everyday in practice something clicks," Burgess said. "You will have one kid walk up to you and say that they understand this now. A new system creates new situations, new plays, new concepts, new roles for every player and especially when you have a lot of immaturity in sense of

playing time, they have to really feel comfortable within themselves to feel comfortable with the competition."

The team has dealt with tough situations from the beginning of the season. Senior Courtney Hammond went down with an ACL injury before the year even started, sidelining her for the entire season. Leading scorer Crystal Zick has been bothered by an ankle sprain since mid-December and sophomore Taylor Silas is no longer available to the team since she also tore her ACL.

However, other players have stepped up to play key roles for the Lakers.

"You look at (Elizabeth) Van Tiflin, she has stepped up as a freshman and became a very good shooter and defensive player for the program," Burgess said. "Every situation happens for a reason and you have to continue to expect more out of the people you have."

GVSU is coming off a heart-breaking loss to rival Ferris State University on Saturday — a game in which the Lakers held a five-point lead with 2:23 left to play, only to see the lead slide to a three-point loss.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team | GLIAC | Overall

Grand Valley St. #2	6-0	18-0
Northwood	4-4	7-8
Michigan Tech	3-4	8-7
Ferris State	2-4	7-10
Lake Superior St.	3-6	4-10
Saginaw Valley St.	2-5	6-8
Northern Michigan	2-5	2-13

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team | GLIAC | Overall

Michigan Tech	6-1	13-3
Ferris State	5-1	10-5
Northwood	6-2	10-5
Grand Valley St.	4-2	9-6
Northern Michigan	2-5	7-8

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After an intense debate about the BCS that saw Kyle Meinke (above right) come out on top, The Battle of the Kyles this week will be decided by their picks on several college basketball games. Thanks to the two points earned by his victory last week, Meinke holds a 5-3 lead.

See how this week plays out and check the Lanthorn Web site for the complete list of picks.

USC at No. 4 UCLA

Meinke: USC began the season ranked No. 18, but the Trojans have dropped out of the polls after losing three of four, including a beat down by the same Washington State team that fell last week to the red-hot Bruins. Just too much (Kevin) Love for UCLA, especially at home. **UCLA 81, USC 68**

Paffhausen:

Two big games, two weekends in a row for UCLA, but I think they will get it done again. They are too talented, and USC is too much of an underachiever. This one should be a highly competitive PAC-10 game. **UCLA 81, USC 70**

Iowa at Michigan

Meinke: Iowa is feeling good after its big win over Michigan State, but remember the Hawkeyes still nearly lost that game despite a Spartan shooting night of archaic proportions (30.8 percent). And it's tough to win on the road in the Big Ten, something even Michigan can prove. **Michigan 68, Iowa 64**

Paffhausen:

Iowa is riding a big high after their upset of MSU on Saturday. I still do not buy Michigan as a legitimate Big Ten team, either. Iowa's defense is too much here. **Iowa 65, Michigan 59**

No. 11 Michigan State at Minnesota

Meinke: The Spartans scored just 36 points and committed 18 turnovers in its Saturday loss to Iowa. But is it a sign of things to come? Doubtful, considering MSU averages 74.6 points on the season. Plus, Minnesota will be coming off a tough game against No. 10 Indiana.

Michigan State 74, Minnesota 66

Paffhausen: MSU is going to have to rebound, and should come out with a chip on their shoulder. In a stellar coaching matchup, the Spartan offense wins out. **Michigan State 77, Minnesota 72**

No. 18 Gannon at No. 2 GVSU

Meinke: GVSU may be facing its toughest test of the year, but the Golden Knights stand no chance against the streaking Lakers. The real question is whether Gannon can come within 17 points of GVSU, something no team has accomplished since Dec. 21. **GVSU 80, Gannon 68**

Paffhausen:

The Golden Knights have finally cracked the top 20 for the first time since 2001. Their vigor should shine in a tough GLIAC game, but experience wins out this time. **GVSU 73, Gannon 68**

Gannon at GVSU (women)

Meinke: The Golden Knights are off to a fast start and are led by GLIAC Player of the Week Kristina Freeman (15.7 ppg), who netted 24 points against Ashland last week. But the struggling Lakers will find enough offense to pull off the upset on their home court. **GVSU 65, Gannon 62**

Paffhausen:

Gannon is riding a hot streak, but their defense is not proven. On the other side, GVSU cannot seem to score at a consistent rate. The Lakers are overmatched in this one. **Gannon 80, GVSU 70**

See more: Visit www.lanthorn.com for an extended version of 'Battle of the Kyles'.



Courtesy Photo / Russell Correll

Pinned: Sophomore Matt Goetz works to pin his opponent. The Laker wrestling team attended the NWCA National Duals at the University of Northern Iowa on Saturday and Sunday.

Wrestling wins dual national championship

GVSU wrestling takes second consecutive championship against Newman

By Matt Kuzawa
GVL Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year the Grand Valley State University club wrestling team raised the championship trophy at the Cliff Keen National Duals.

"We set our expectations high," said head coach Rick Bolhuis. "The plan was to go out and win three duals and come out as champions of the tournament."

The No. 1 ranked GVSU team (9-3) defeated Newman University in a close championship match, 31-21.

The champion was not determined until the final match of the event between GVSU freshman wrestler Matt McHugh and Newman's Zach Hanford in the 285-pound weight class.

The anticipation did not last long when McHugh's pin two minutes into the match sent the Lakers home with the championship.

The final score is somewhat misleading since Newman was rewarded 12 points due to injury defaults to two GVSU wrestlers.

Russell Correll, senior wrestler and president of the club team, credits team depth and conditioning to the three victories in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"We knew everyone worked hard enough," Correll said. "All we had to do was stay positive and remain focused on winning."

Correll, who is ranked No. 2 in the country in the 157-pound weight class, contributed to the team with wins in all three of his matches, including two overtime wins.

"Russell showed a great amount of leadership after we had the two injuries in the finals," Bolhuis said. "He was a spark plug and headed our team back in the right direction."

GVSU also received strong

performances from junior Kelvin Miller, who had two pins in the 197-pound class, and junior Joe Kuzmicz, who won all three duals in the 235-pound class.

In route to the finals, GVSU ousted Kansas State University 43-8 in the opening round before dominating Marion Military Institute in the semi-final round, 42-10.

There is no doubt the Lakers' success this year has been a team effort, but some of that can be credited to junior grappler Richard Doherty, who remains a threat to the opposition with an 18-1 record, but is also a good motivator.

"Richard always has a great attitude and work ethic," said senior wrestler Jeff Skinner. "He's the type of guy that has enough energy to fuel the entire team."

Also contributing to the success of the team is the hard-working manager Katie Haynes, who "does everything and anything" to help out, Correll said.

"She is like the mother of the team," he said. "The team simply would not function correctly without her."

The GVSU wrestling team is trying to become the first team to win three consecutive National Collegiate Wrestling Association Championships.

However, Bolhuis does not want his team to think they are defending the title and reminds them it is a brand new season with new guys and a new goal to win the championship.

"When the season started it was a little awkward for us older guys, but as the season went on, we stepped into the leadership role," Skinner said. "This is a talented team, and whatever talent we don't have, we make up for with hard work."

On Jan. 27, the Lakers will travel to Olivet College in a dual for bragging rights within the state.

The GVSU wrestling team will make its final home appearance of the season Feb. 2 when the Laker Open takes place in the fieldhouse. It will be the first open tournament hosted by GVSU.

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Sports in Brief

T. Haas' shooting skills to be displayed on Saturday

Grand Valley State University President Thomas J. Haas will not just be watching the men's basketball game on Saturday against Gannon University.

Haas will take on WOOD-TV 8 sports director Jack Doles in a free throw shooting competition during halftime. The winner will get to work the other man's job for one day.

Barnes wins Upshaw Award

For the third year in a row, a member of the Grand Valley State University football team has been named the top lineman in Division II.

Senior Brandon Barnes join two-time winner Mike McFadden as Laker recipients. He was also recognized as a First-Team All-American for the second straight year.

Barnes was presented with the award Thursday night at the Valero Cactus Bowl banquet. He played in the game Friday night and was joined on the field by fellow Lakers Anthony Adams and Brandon Carr.

Eziukwu honored again

Senior Callistus Eziukwu has been named the GLIAC North Division Player of the Week for the second straight time.

He averaged 18.5 points, 8.5 rebounds and three blocks in a pair of wins over Tiffin University and Ferris State University. He had his 22nd career double against FSU.

Lakers extend Adidas contract until 2011-2012

GVSU's 19 athletic teams will continue to display the Adidas logo for at least four more years.

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Six slain in coordinated militant attack on Afghan hotel

By Fisnik Abrashi
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Militants with suicide vests, grenades and AK-47 rifles attacked a luxury hotel on Monday, killing at least six people in a brazen attack on Western civilians in Kabul, witnesses and a Taliban spokesman said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the Norwegian foreign minister, who was not hurt, was the target of the assault, which came as the Norwegian embassy was holding a meeting at the Serena Hotel. Two State Department officials said at least one American was among the dead. A Norwegian reporter also died.

It was the deadliest assault on a hotel in Kabul since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. The assailants appeared to concentrate on the hotel's gym and spa, where foreigners relax and work out. An American inside said she saw a dead body and pools of blood in the lobby.

The militants killed six people and six, said Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary. One of the attackers was shot to death and the Taliban spokesman said a second died in the suicide explosion. It was unclear whether the Norwegian journalist was counted among the six dead.

More than 30 U.S. soldiers in a half dozen Humvees rushed to the hotel, and security personnel from the U.S. Embassy raced through the building searching for Americans.

Suzanne Griffin, a Seattle resident who works with the aid agency Save the Children, said she was in the gym's locker room when the attack started.

"Thank God I didn't get into the shower because then we heard gunfire, a lot of it. It was very close, close enough that plaster came off the ceiling," said Griffin, her voice shaking. "We all just sat on the floor and got as far as we could from any glass and huddled on the floor. We turned our phones on silent."

Griffin, 62, said hotel staff evacuated the women to another part of the hotel.

"We had to step over a woman's dead body. She was one of the gym people," she said.

She contacted the U.S. Embassy, about a mile away from the hotel. A switchboard operator told her not to open the door unless she heard an American voice. U.S. soldiers evacuated her.

"There was blood on the floor all the way to the

kitchen. There was a lot of blood in the lobby. There were empty shell casings outside," she said.

Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, told The Associated Press that four militants with suicide vests attacked the hotel — one bomber who detonated his explosives and three militants who threw grenades and fired guns and then fled. The claim could not be verified but came very soon after the attack.

Norway's Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre, who was in the hotel basement with a Norwegian delegation at the time, said he was about to start a meeting when the explosions hit, and everyone was ordered to lie on the floor for about 10 minutes.

"I don't think anyone could experience this without feeling you are in a serious situation," Støre said on the TV-2 television network.

"Our security guards undertook an armed evacuation, where we went from corner to corner in the cellar until we reached a safe area," he told Norwegian reporters.

The U.N. secretary-general said Støre was the target but could not say why.

"They do not care whoever, whatever. This is really a serious crime against humanity," Ban told several reporters at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Norway in past years has been singled out at least twice among nations al-Qaida has said should be targeted because of its participation in the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan and a previous deployment in Iraq. However, there have not been any recent threats that authorities took seriously.

The founder of the al-Qaida-linked Iraqi extremist group Ansar al-Islam, Kurdish leader Mullah Krekar, is a refugee in Norway but was declared a threat to national security in 2005 and ordered deported. He has not yet been expelled.

Støre arrived in Kabul on Monday and had been scheduled to meet top leaders and some of the 500 Norwegian peacekeepers stationed in Afghanistan in NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Stian L. Solum, a photographer from the Norwegian photo agency Scanpix, said a Norwegian journalist from the Oslo newspaper Dagbladet and a Norwegian diplomatic staff member were wounded and the journalist later died.

"There were two or three bombs, and there was complete chaos," Solum said on the state radio network NRK. "When I started to walk out (of the elevator) a bomb went off, a little way from me. There were shots fired by what I think was an ANA



Afghanistan attack: A U.S. soldier chats with an Afghan security man near the site after the suicide attack on the Serena Hotel in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan on Monday. An explosion and several rounds of gunfire went off Monday at a luxury hotel frequented by foreigners, and a Taliban spokesman said a suicide bomber and three militants with grenades and guns were responsible for the attack.

(Afghan National Army) soldier."

The 177-room Serena is a newly built hotel frequently used by foreign embassies for meetings, parties and dinners. The nicest hotel in the city, Westerners often stay or eat dinner there. Located in downtown Kabul, it is near the presidential palace though separated by fences, blast walls and checkpoints. It is also near several government ministries and a district police station.

On its Web site, the hotel claims it is an "oasis of luxury in a war-ravaged city."

Aftenposten journalist Tor Arne Andreassen told the Oslo paper's Internet edition that he heard a grenade explode.

"Out the window I could see shots being fired at the guardpost by the gate," Andreassen said. He said he saw a female hotel employee so badly wounded that he did not believe she could have survived.

"The plaster flew around our room and the whole building shook," Andreassen said.

In Washington, two State Department officials said that at least one American was among the dead. The identity of the victim was being withheld until family could be notified, the official said, speaking

on condition of anonymity ahead of a formal announcement of the death.

Earlier, the officials said no U.S. government employees were believed to have been in the hotel when the attack occurred. They said several Americans who had been there had called the embassy in Kabul to say they had not been injured. But the officials could not say if any private U.S. citizens were unaccounted for.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said it unclear who was responsible for the attack.

"It underscores the reason we have to stay on the offense against the extremists in places like Kabul but also in other places around the world," she said.

She said U.S. and NATO forces were waging a strong stand.

"But we're in for a long, hard fight. These are deliberate, patient people who will murder innocents, including our own people."

In 2003, a rocket exploded near the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul, knocking some guests from their restaurant chairs and shattering windows across the lobby and in many bedrooms. No injuries were reported.

Baltimore librarian wins Newbery medal for best children's book

By Hillel Italie
AP National Writer



Award-winning librarian: Park School of Baltimore librarian Laura Amy Schlitz tells a story to second grade students Monday in Baltimore. Schlitz, who wrote, "Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village," is this year's winner of the John Newbery Medal for best children's book.

NEW YORK (AP) — A Baltimore librarian's classroom project is now part of publishing history. "Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village," first conceived a decade ago by Laura Amy Schlitz, is this year's winner of the John Newbery Medal for best children's book.

The Randolph Caldecott award for top picture book went to Brian Selznick's "The Invention of Hugo Cabret," a 500-plus page hybrid of a graphic novel and traditional illustration about an orphan boy and a robot

in Paris at the turn of the 20th century.

Also Monday, science fiction author Orson Scott Card won the Margaret A. Edwards Award for "lifetime achievement in writing for young adults." Mo Willems' "There Is a Bird in Your Head!" received the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for "the most distinguished book for beginning readers."

"Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!" began in 1997 at the Park School of Baltimore, where Schlitz has been working since the early 1990s. Working with fifth graders on the Middle Ages, she noticed the students were so enthusiastic, "going at it

hammer and tongs," that she saw a chance to combine education and entertainment.

"I wanted them to have something to perform, but no one wanted a small part," Schlitz, who has written three other children's books, said in a statement issued Monday by the Park School. "So I decided to write monologues instead of one long play, so that for three minutes at least, every child could be a star."

The Coretta Scott King Book Award for best African American young adult author went to Christopher Paul Curtis for "Elijah of Buxton." Ashley Bryan's "Let It Shine" won the King award for illustration.

Walter Dean Myers, a frequent winner of children's book awards, was this year's recipient of the May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture Award for "contributions to children's literature." Geraldine McCaughrean's "The White Darkness" won the Michael L. Printz Award.

Previous winners of the Newbery, founded in 1922, include such favorites as Louis Sachar's "Holes" and Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time." The Caldecott prize, started in 1938, has been given to Chris Van Allsburg's "The Polar Express" and Robert McCloskey's "Make Way for Ducklings" among others.

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A first: New Orleans Archbishop The Most Reverend Alfred Hughes, right, blesses Gov-elect Bobby Jindal and his family Sunday during the Inaugural Prayer Service at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge, La. When Bobby Jindal takes office Monday, he'll become the nation's first elected Indian-American governor and the first nonwhite governor of Louisiana since Reconstruction.

Nation's first Indian-American chief executive becomes first nonwhite governor of Louisiana

By Melinda Deslatte
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Republican Bobby Jindal, the nation's first Indian-American governor, was sworn in Monday in Louisiana and moved quickly to make good on a campaign promise to clean up the corrupt image of this hurricane-battered state.

"We have the opportunity — born of tragedy but embraced still the same — to make right decades of failure in government," Jindal said in his inaugural speech, referring to hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005.

Jindal, a former congressman, became Louisiana's first nonwhite governor since Reconstruction. He took the oath from the state Supreme Court's chief justice, Pascal Calogero. Jindal's wife Supriya held the Bible.

He said he will call a special legislative session Feb. 10 to address the state's image as a haven for cronyism and self-serving politicians. In his speech, he made numerous references to a "new Louisiana" and a "new beginning" for the state.

"We can build a Louisiana where our leaders and our people set the highest standards and hold every member of our government accountable, a Louisiana where incompetence is not a synonym for government, a Louisiana where corruption does not hold us back," he said without providing specifics.

Jindal, 36, a conservative Republican, won more than 50 percent of the vote in October's primary election.

He takes over from Democrat Kathleen Blanco, who had defeated him four years earlier.

Blanco chose not to run after heavy criticism of her performance

after Katrina.

While Jindal has focused on fixing the state's shady reputation and overhauling ethics laws, he inherits an array of problems that have dogged his predecessors.

Louisiana is among the nation's most unhealthy and poorest states, its students still perform below average on national educational tests and its population is dwindling.

Worsening the state's long-term history of problems, back-to-back blows from hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated much of south Louisiana and left New Orleans struggling to recover.

The pace of hurricane rebuilding has been sluggish, with thousands of homes left abandoned, thousands of residents displaced and basic government services destroyed.

The boyish-looking Jindal will be the youngest U.S. governor in office, but he's used to being among the youngest people in the room in his previous posts.

By the time he first ran for governor at age 32, Jindal already had served as Louisiana's health care secretary, president of one of its university systems and an assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under President Bush.

Republican former Gov. Mike Foster tapped Jindal to be the state's health secretary in 1996, when Jindal was only 24.

Earlier Monday, newly elected legislators unanimously backed two of Jindal's choices for leadership posts.

Republican state Rep. Jim Tucker was elected Speaker of the House, while Democratic state Sen. Joel Chaisson was elected president of the Senate. Both were elected without opposition.

On Sunday, Jindal attended a prayer service where churchmen from around the state read scripture and offered support.

49 states, MySpace make pact

Agreement includes new technologies that will prevent child predators from using Web site

By Michael Gormley
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — MySpace reached an agreement with legal authorities in 49 states on changing its social networking Web site to help prevent sexual predators and others from misusing it, state officials said Monday.

Several states' attorneys general said in a statement that Myspace will add several protections and participate in a working group to develop new technologies, including a way to verify the ages of users. Other social networking sites will be invited to participate.

MySpace, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., also will accept independent monitoring and changes the structure of its site.

The agreement was announced in Manhattan by attorneys general from New Jersey, North Carolina, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York.

"The Internet can be a dangerous place for children and young adults, with sexual predators surfing social networking sites in search of potential victims and cyber bullies sending threatening and anonymous messages," said New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram.

Legal authorities have long been seeking greater controls for networking sites to prevent predators from using them to contact children.

"We thank the attorneys general for a thoughtful and constructive conversation on Internet safety," MySpace Chief Security Officer Hemanshu Nigam said in a written statement. "This is an industrywide challenge, and we must all work together to create a safer Internet."

He said the agreement includes measures "to provide a safer online experience for teens, and we look forward to sharing our ongoing safety innovations with other



AP Photo / Mark Lennihan

MySpace reconstruction: New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram, right, speaks at a news conference in New York to discuss an agreement with MySpace on Monday. MySpace, the huge online social networking Web site, has agreed with 49 states to add extensive measures to combat sexual predators. North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper is at left.

companies."

Among other measures, MySpace agreed to:

- Allow parents to submit children's e-mail addresses to MySpace to prevent anyone from misusing the addresses to set up profiles.
- Make the default setting "private" for 16- and 17-year-old users.
- Respond within 72 hours to complaints about inappropriate content and devote more staff and resources to classify photographs and discussion groups.
- Strengthen software to find underage users.
- Create a high school section for users

under 18 years old.

Investigators have increasingly examined MySpace, Facebook.com and other sites where people post information and images and invite contact from other people.

New York investigators said they set up Facebook profiles last year as 12- to 14-year olds and were quickly contacted by other users looking for sex.

The multistate investigation of the sites — announced last year — was aimed at putting together measures to protect minors and remove pornographic material, but lawsuits were possible, officials said.

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tremendous wins."

The team was voted to finish last in the South Division in the preseason poll, but this is not the same Gannon team.

The Golden Knights are led by a trio of transfers — Vince Mosley, Kyle Goldcamp and Pierre Howard. Mosley has been the biggest offensive threat, averaging more than 18 points per game. Goldcamp and Howard have contributed with 13.8 and 12.5 points per game respectively.

The trio has created a nice inside-outside game for Gannon with 6-foot-10-inch Goldcamp playing down low,

6-foot-3-inch Howard playing on the perimeter and 6-foot-6-inch Mosley in between.

"That's why they're good — they have good balance," Wesley said. "They have a good inside attack, their guard play is strong, they've got some good depth and that's why they're winning."

But the team's focus right now is entirely on Mercyhurst, a game Wesley said will help them against Gannon.

"I always feel like the best way to get ready for that Saturday game is to play well Thursday," he said. "Then your morale is good and your chemistry is still good."

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and get better," Zick said. "You can't dwell on it, just decide what we have to do and focus on the next game on Thursday."

Burgess said the players have responded very well to the loss on Saturday with two good practices, knowing they need to be prepared. If that situation is presented again, she said she wants them to be prepared to finish strong.

With 12 games left in the conference schedule, Burgess sees a lot of parity in the league and said they will have to grind it out the rest of the season.

"You are seeing a lot of scoring going on (in the conference)," Burgess said. "I think it is going to be one of those seasons where losses are going to be had as you continue down the last few games."

The Lakers conclude their three-game home stand tonight against Mercyhurst College at 6 p.m. and on Saturday against Gannon University at 1 p.m. The Lakers dropped a 69-60 decision to the Golden Knights a year ago in the regular season and that was followed by Gannon ending GVSU's season 66-59 in the Great Lakes Region Tournament.

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Steroid report names entertainers

New York prosecutor names involved celebrities in ongoing steroid investigation

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A number of entertainers were named in connection with an Albany-based steroid investigation, but they are not part of an ongoing criminal probe, according to a published report.

The Times Union of Albany cited unidentified law enforcement officials in reporting Sunday that R&B music star Mary J. Blige, rap musicians 50 Cent, Timbaland and Wyclef Jean, and award-winning author and producer Tyler Perry may have received or used performance-enhancing drugs.

Law enforcement officials have said evidence does not indicate that the celebrities broke the law, but that investigators are focusing on doctors, pharmacists and clinics that provide the drugs.

Albany District Attorney P. David Soares launched the investigation into steroid trafficking last year.

Soares is "not confirming, denying or discussing any of the names" involved in the investigation, said spokeswoman

Heather Streeter Orth.

A spokeswoman for Blige denied the singer had taken illegal steroids.

Ken Sunshine, a spokesman for Perry, declined to comment.

There was no response to calls Sunday and Monday seeking comment from representatives of other entertainers.

While athletes use steroids and human growth hormone to get bigger, faster and stronger, the drugs can also lure other people with their supposed anti-aging qualities.

Soares' multistate investigation has focused on Signature Pharmacy of Orlando, Fla. So far, 10 defendants have pleaded guilty and news reports have linked some professional athletes to Soares' probe.

Soares has said Signature was at the center of a web of businesses and

doctors that illegally wrote prescriptions for steroids. Authorities raided the company almost a year ago and its owners and operators are awaiting trial in Albany on related charges.

Records shared with the Times Union and information from several cooperating witnesses on Long Island allege the celebrities received prescribed human growth hormone or steroids, the newspaper said.

The newspaper said that Blige received the human growth hormone Jentropin and Oxandrolone, an anabolic steroid, in orders sent to her at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

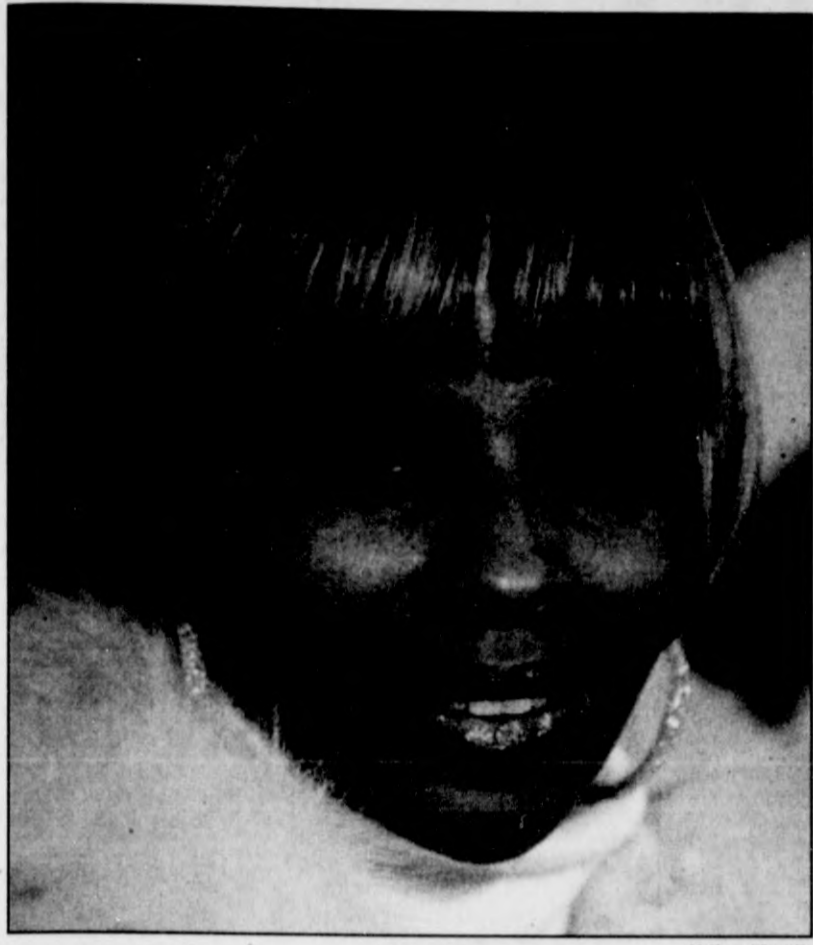
Her spokeswoman denounced the report. "Mary J. Blige has never taken

any performance enhancing illegal steroids, or any anti-aging steroids," spokeswoman Karynne Tencer said.

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Famous steroids: Recording artist Mary J. Blige arrives for an event at the SoHo Grand hotel in this Dec. 18, 2007, file photo in New York. Blige was named as someone who may have received drugs.

Female suicide bomber kills nine civilians in attack near Iraqi Shiite mosque

By Christopher Chester
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — A woman wearing a vest lined with explosives blew herself up near Shiite worshippers in turbulent Diyala province north of the capital Wednesday, killing nine of them — the latest in a growing number of female suicide attacks.

Six people were wounded in the bombing in Khan Bani Saad, a town nine miles south of Baqouba, Diyala's provincial capital, police said.

Although female suicide bombings have been fairly rare in Iraq, extremists have been using women more frequently in recent months. U.S. officials say this indicates the militants are running short of male volunteers. However, it also could be that al-Qaida in Iraq believes women are less likely than men to be searched and that explosives are easier to conceal under women's clothing.

Wednesday's bombing was the fourth female suicide attack in Iraq since November. All have taken place in Diyala, which has been a major focus of a nationwide campaign the U.S. military launched last week against al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni extremists.

According to residents and police, the woman detonated her explosives when she saw Shiite men in black about 50 yards from a mosque making preparations for a ceremony marking Ashoura, the holiest day in the Shiite calendar.

Sunni Arab militants have repeatedly targeted Ashoura processions since 2003, with hundreds killed by mortar shelling or car bombings. As a precaution, authorities announced a 48-hour ban on the use of vehicles in Baghdad and nine provinces south of the capital starting Thursday at dusk.

Ashoura, which comes later this week, commemorates the death in a 7th century battle of Imam Hussein, one of Shiite Islam's most revered saints whose tomb is in the city of Karbala, about 60 miles south of Baghdad.

The U.S. military announced Wednesday that one of the key al-Qaida in Iraq leaders in Diyala, Abu Layla al-Suri, also known as Abu Abd al-Rahman, was killed in a military operation Dec. 30 near Muqadiyah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

Diyala has defied the trend toward lower violence over the past six months in Baghdad and much of central Iraq. Insurgents who were pushed out of the western province of Anbar and out of Baghdad have shifted their

operations into the farming region of palm and citrus groves, where Shiite and Sunni communities press up next to each other.

At least 273 civilians were slain in Diyala last month, compared to at least 213 in June, according to an Associated Press count. Over the same span, monthly civilian deaths in Baghdad dropped from at least 838 to at least 182.

But after several months of relative quiet in Baghdad, fighters believed allied with Iran have resumed mortar and rocket attacks, with several big blasts heard shortly after dawn on Wednesday as well as a few more later in the morning.

On Tuesday night, at least five mortars crashed into the fortified Green Zone, site of the American Embassy and Iraqi government, not long after Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice held a news conference after making an unannounced visit.

Mortar and rocket attacks on the Green Zone, which had been a daily event, virtually stopped about mid-October. The quiet followed a six-month cease-fire announced by radical Shiite leader Muqtada al-Sadr and his Mahdi Army militia in August, though some breakaway factions of al-Sadr's group continued to launch attacks.

The resumption of the attacks coincided with a sharp rise in

U.S. rhetoric against Iran by President Bush during his tour of the Middle East.

Two Mahdi Army commanders have told The Associated Press the uptick in mortar and rocket attacks is not the work of their organization, which continues its cease-fire.

Instead, they said the attacks are the work of a new organization with ties to Iran. The group, called Italat, which means "information" in Farsi, was formerly the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's liaison to the Mahdi Army and its rogue factions, the commanders said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they did not want to advertise their jobs to the U.S. military.

Not all the attacks in Baghdad may be linked to Shiite extremists. About 10 a.m., two mortar rounds slammed into Palestine Street in east Baghdad.

Three pedestrians were wounded, police said. The target was unclear, but the neighborhood is dominated by Shiites.

But other types of attacks linked to Iran also appear to be on the rise.

On Sunday, Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, told reporters that the overall flow of weaponry from Iran into Iraq appears to be down, but that attacks with "explosively formed projectiles" tied to Tehran

are up by a factor of two or three in recent days. "Frankly, we are trying to determine why that might be," he said.

The roadside bombs, known as EFPs, are armor-piercing explosives that have killed hundreds of U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

U.S. military officials have said for months that mainly Shiite Iran has been supplying the devices to Shiite militias in Iraq. Tehran denies it.

In other attacks Wednesday, a roadside bomb exploded at 8 a.m. in the commercial Bab al-Muadham district of Baghdad,

killing two civilians and wounding four.

The blast appeared to target a passing police car but instead hit a civilian car, a police officer said.

About the same time, another roadside bomb went off southeast of Baghdad at an intersection where U.S. and Iraqi troops often pass, police said. The attack killed one civilian and wounded four others.

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Attack victim: A man injured in a suicide attack lies inside a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday. A woman wearing a vest lined with explosives blew herself up near a popular market and Shiite mosque in turbulent Diyala province north of the capital Wednesday, killing eight civilians, the latest in a growing number of female suicide attacks.

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"It gives us a chance to attract non-traditional athletes," said John Rosick, assistant director of the Intramural Sports Program.

The winter semester is a good chance to utilize facilities on campus, he added.

Rosick said the winner of the tournament will receive the prize of an Intramural Billiards Tournament T-shirt and will also be featured on

their Web site. The tournament attracts about 10 students, but Rosick hopes for a better outcome this year, he added.

"We'd love for it to take off," he said.

Junior Aaron Pittenger, who worked at the tournament in 2007 and is also planning to attend the event on Sunday, said he is impressed with some of the players who participate.

Different strategies are involved with the two different types of billiards, and Pittenger said he has learned a great deal about the game since he helped with the program.

"I've played billiards for fun, but it's a completely different game when you know all of the rules," he said.

Many students would most likely be interested in participating, he added.

Students typically gather in the Kirkhof Center to play pool before, between and after classes. Junior

Josh Poth, who has participated in the tournament in the past and may do so on Sunday, and his friend, freshman Ryan Gainer, were doing the same on Tuesday when asked about the tournament.

"It's fun to play, and if you do play, you might as well (join the tournament)," Gainer said.

He started playing a lot this year and he was planning to attend the event, he added.

"I enjoy the excitement and having fun, and not getting upset if I don't get shots," said Devon Radford, last year's tournament winner. "Just to do your best."

Although Radford said he intends to defend his title on Sunday, he said students should participate in the tournament because they would enjoy it.

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For upcoming Relay for Life events, visit the newly updated <http://www.relayforlifegvsu.com>.

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Event kickoff: Last year Relay for Life teams decorated cars to support the cause of fighting cancer.

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According to the American Cancer Society, 15 to 25 percent of people diagnosed with cancer do not seek treatment because the costs of transportation and lodging are so great. This year marks the opening of Grand Rapids' Hope Lodge, a place where cancer patients and caregivers from outside the Grand Rapids area can receive free lodging during treatments. Open houses will be Jan. 24 to 26, and the Lodge will begin serving guests on Feb. 4.

Some important annual events for CAC other than the relay include Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Grand Rapids' "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" in October and the "Great American Smokeout" in November.

For upcoming Relay for Life events, visit the newly updated <http://www.relayforlifegvsu.com>.

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Event kickoff: Last year Relay for Life teams decorated cars to support the cause of fighting cancer.

Intramural Sports Program to host billiards tournament

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Students will be chalking their cue, practicing their trick shots and pocketing the 8 ball in preparation for a billiards tournament on Sunday afternoon.

The Grand Valley State University Intramural Sports Program is hosting their annual

billiards tournament in the Kirkhof Center Lounge at 1 p.m. Registration is being held on Sunday from noon to 12:30 p.m. The event is free of charge, available to students, staff and faculty and will consist of an eight-ball and nine-ball tournament in a double elimination format.

"It gives us a chance to attract non-traditional athletes," said John Rosick, assistant director of the Intramural Sports Program.

The winter semester is a good chance to utilize facilities on campus, he added.

Rosick said the winner of the tournament will receive the prize of an Intramural Billiards Tournament T-shirt and will also be featured on

their Web site. The tournament attracts about 10 students, but Rosick hopes for a better outcome this year, he added.

"We'd love for it to take off," he said.

Junior Aaron Pittenger, who worked at the tournament in 2007 and is also planning to attend the event on Sunday, said he is impressed with some of the players who participate.

Different strategies are involved with the two different types of billiards, and Pittenger said he has learned a great deal about the game since he helped with the program.

"I've played billiards for fun, but it's a completely different game when you know all of the rules," he said.

Many students would most likely be interested in participating, he added.

Students typically gather in the Kirkhof Center to play pool before, between and after classes. Junior

Josh Poth, who has participated in the tournament in the past and may do so on Sunday, and his friend, freshman Ryan Gainer, were doing the same on Tuesday when asked about the tournament.

"It's fun to play, and if you do play, you might as well (join the tournament)," Gainer said.

He started playing a lot this year and he was planning to attend the event, he added.

"I enjoy the excitement and having fun, and not getting upset if I don't get shots," said Devon Radford, last year's tournament winner. "Just to do your best."

Although Radford said he intends to defend his title on Sunday, he said students should participate in the tournament because they would enjoy it.

"It's a new sport to try out," he said. "You can meet a lot of new people and have a lot of fun."

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Six slain in coordinated militant attack on Afghan hotel

By Fisnik Abrashi
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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Militants with suicide vests, grenades and AK-47 rifles attacked a luxury hotel on Monday, killing at least six people in a brazen attack on Western civilians in Kabul, witnesses and a Taliban spokesman said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the Norwegian foreign minister, who was not hurt, was the target of the assault, which came as the Norwegian embassy was holding a meeting at the Serena Hotel. Two State Department officials said at least one American was among the dead. A Norwegian reporter also died.

It was the deadliest assault on a hotel in Kabul since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. The assailants appeared to concentrate on the hotel's gym and spa, where foreigners relax and work out. An American inside said she saw a dead body and pools of blood in the lobby.

The militants killed six people and six, said Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary. One of the attackers was shot to death and the Taliban spokesman said a second died in the suicide explosion. It was unclear whether the Norwegian journalist was counted among the six dead.

More than 30 U.S. soldiers in a half dozen Humvees rushed to the hotel, and security personnel from the U.S. Embassy raced through the building searching for Americans.

Suzanne Griffin, a Seattle resident who works with the aid agency Save the Children, said she was in the gym's locker room when the attack started.

"Thank God I didn't get into the shower because then we heard gunfire, a lot of it. It was very close, close enough that plaster came off the ceiling," said Griffin, her voice shaking. "We all just sat on the floor and got as far as we could from any glass and huddled on the floor. We turned our phones on silent."

Griffin, 62, said hotel staff evacuated the women to another part of the hotel.

"We had to step over a woman's dead body. She was one of the gym people," she said.

She contacted the U.S. Embassy, about a mile away from the hotel. A switchboard operator told her not to open the door unless she heard an American voice. U.S. soldiers evacuated her.

"There was blood on the floor all the way to the

kitchen. There was a lot of blood in the lobby. There were empty shell casings outside," she said.

Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, told The Associated Press that four militants with suicide vests attacked the hotel — one bomber who detonated his explosives and three militants who threw grenades and fired guns and then fled. The claim could not be verified but came very soon after the attack.

Norway's Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Stoere, who was in the hotel basement with a Norwegian delegation at the time, said he was about to start a meeting when the explosions hit, and everyone was ordered to lie on the floor for about 10 minutes.

"I don't think anyone could experience this without feeling you are in a serious situation," Stoere said on the TV-2 television network.

"Our security guards undertook an armed evacuation, where we went from corner to corner in the cellar until we reached a safe area," he told Norwegian reporters.

The U.N. secretary-general said Stoere was the target but could not say why.

"They do not care whoever, whatever. This is really a serious crime against humanity," Ban told several reporters at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Norway in past years has been singled out at least twice among nations al-Qaida has said should be targeted because of its participation in the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan and a previous deployment in Iraq. However, there have not been any recent threats that authorities took seriously.

The founder of the al-Qaida-linked Iraqi extremist group Ansar al-Islam, Kurdish leader Mullah Krekar, is a refugee in Norway but was declared a threat to national security in 2005 and ordered deported. He has not yet been expelled.

Stoere arrived in Kabul on Monday and had been scheduled to meet top leaders and some of the 500 Norwegian peacekeepers stationed in Afghanistan in NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Stian L. Solum, a photographer from the Norwegian photo agency Scanpix, said a Norwegian journalist from the Oslo newspaper Dagbladet and a Norwegian diplomatic staff member were wounded and the journalist later died.

"There were two or three bombs, and there was complete chaos," Solum said on the state radio network NRK. "When I started to walk out (of the elevator) a bomb went off, a little way from me. There were shots fired by what I think was an ANA



Afghanistan attack: A U.S. soldier chats with an Afghan security man near the site after the suicide attack on the Serena Hotel in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan on Monday. An explosion and several rounds of gunfire went off Monday at a luxury hotel frequented by foreigners, and a Taliban spokesman said a suicide bomber and three militants with grenades and guns were responsible for the attack.

(Afghan National Army) soldier."

The 177-room Serena is a newly built hotel frequently used by foreign embassies for meetings, parties and dinners. The nicest hotel in the city, Westerners often stay or eat dinner there. Located in downtown Kabul, it is near the presidential palace though separated by fences, blast walls and checkpoints. It is also near several government ministries and a district police station.

On its Web site, the hotel claims it is an "oasis of luxury in a war-ravaged city."

Aftenposten journalist Tor Arne Andreassen told the Oslo paper's Internet edition that he heard a grenade explode.

"Out the window I could see shots being fired at the guardpost by the gate," Andreassen said. He said he saw a female hotel employee so badly wounded that he did not believe she could have survived.

"The plaster flew around our room and the whole building shook," Andreassen said.

In Washington, two State Department officials said that at least one American was among the dead. The identity of the victim was being withheld until family could be notified, the official said, speaking

on condition of anonymity ahead of a formal announcement of the death.

Earlier, the officials said no U.S. government employees were believed to have been in the hotel when the attack occurred. They said several Americans who had been there had called the embassy in Kabul to say they had not been injured. But the officials could not say if any private U.S. citizens were unaccounted for.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said it unclear who was responsible for the attack.

"It underscores the reason we have to stay on the offense against the extremists in places like Kabul but also in other places around the world," she said.

She said U.S. and NATO forces were waging a strong stand.

"But we're in for a long, hard fight. These are deliberate, patient people who will murder innocents, including our own people."

In 2003, a rocket exploded near the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul, knocking some guests from their restaurant chairs and shattering windows across the lobby and in many bedrooms. No injuries were reported.

Baltimore librarian wins Newbery medal for best children's book



Award-winning librarian: Park School of Baltimore librarian Laura Amy Schlitz tells a story to second grade students Monday in Baltimore. Schlitz, who wrote, "Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village," is this year's winner of the John Newbery Medal for best children's book.

By Hillel Italie
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A Baltimore librarian's classroom project is now part of publishing history. "Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village," first conceived a decade ago by Laura Amy Schlitz, is this year's winner of the John Newbery Medal for best children's book.

The Randolph Caldecott award for top picture book went to Brian Selznick's "The Invention of Hugo Cabret," a 500-plus page hybrid of a graphic novel and traditional illustration about an orphan boy and a robot

in Paris at the turn of the 20th century.

Also Monday, science fiction author Orson Scott Card won the Margaret A. Edwards Award for "lifetime achievement in writing for young adults." Mo Willems' "There Is a Bird in Your Head!" received the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for "the most distinguished book for beginning readers."

"Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!" began in 1997 at the Park School of Baltimore, where Schlitz has been working since the early 1990s. Working with fifth graders on the Middle Ages, she noticed the students were so enthusiastic, "going at it

hammer and tongs," that she saw a chance to combine education and entertainment.

"I wanted them to have something to perform, but no one wanted a small part," Schlitz, who has written three other children's books, said in a statement issued Monday by the Park School. "So I decided to write monologues instead of one long play, so that for three minutes at least, every child could be a star."

The Coretta Scott King Book Award for best African American young adult author went to Christopher Paul Curtis for "Elijah of Buxton." Ashley Bryan's "Let It Shine" won the King award for illustration.

Walter Dean Myers, a frequent winner of children's book awards, was this year's recipient of the May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture Award for "contributions to children's literature." Geraldine McCaughrean's "The White Darkness" won the Michael L. Printz Award.

Previous winners of the Newbery, founded in 1922, include such favorites as Louis Sachar's "Holes" and Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time." The Caldecott prize, started in 1938, has been given to Chris Van Allsburg's "The Polar Express" and Robert McCloskey's "Make Way for Ducklings" among others.

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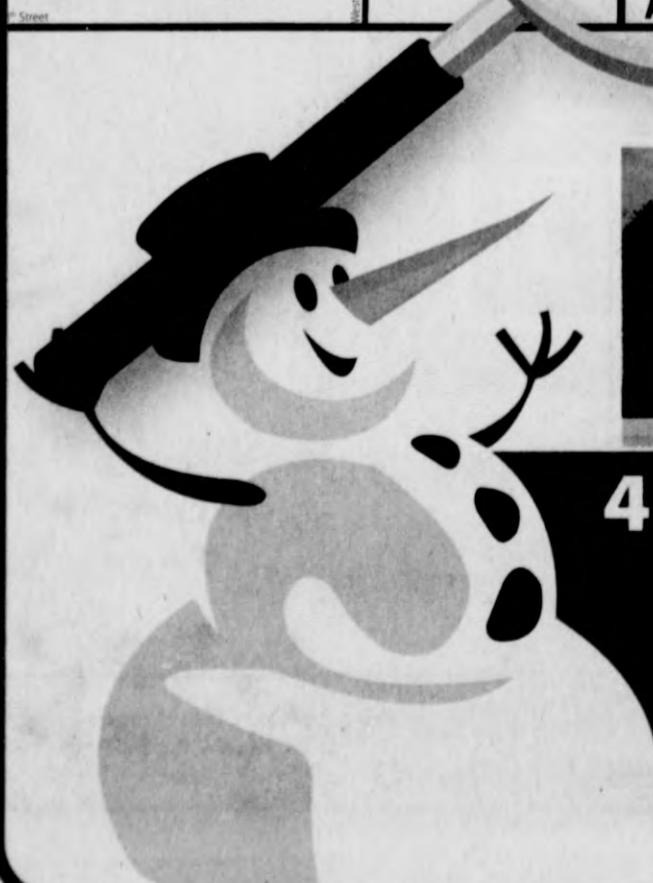
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