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Your Life, Your Campus, Your News

Two Faculty/ Staff members new to DMACC this semester

By KayCee Purdy
Staff Writer

The Boone campus has seen two more faculty/staff members join the full-time roster this semester. Network system analyst Michael Le provides his services with the technological components throughout the building, and Business instructor Chris Moon is the adviser for Phi Beta Lambda.

Le, a Clive resident, commutes to Boone and (the) four other campuses. He not only deals with the tech systems on the Boone Campus, but he adjuncts for Informatics and other computer classes. He's a family man, with two kids and a wife.

"My long-term goal is to become a permanent faculty member at DMACC," he said. "The closer to home the better."

Le went to DMACC Urban, and achieved his associate's degree in MIS/BIS (Management Information Systems, Business Information Systems). He went on to Upper Iowa University to earn his Bachelor's degree in MIS and his MBA (Master's in Business Administration). He continued his education at Des Moines University to achieve his Masters in Health Care Administration. Le is currently working on his Doctorate in Health Services at Walden University.

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Guys lead 'Leading Ladies'

Fall production set
Nov. 15 and 16

Theater department presents Ken Ludwig's "Leading Ladies". The play is at 7:30 in the auditorium at DMACC Boone campus. Admission is 5\$ for all non-DMACC students.

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(Left) is Zach Clarke, (Middle) is Danny Philpott, (Right) is Nickademus Hicks

(Stephanie), Danny Philpott, gets ambushed by kisses from (Butch), Nickademus Hicks, and (Doc), Zach Clarke, in the play "Leading Ladies".

War Veteran speaks of living with the "crazy"

By Jessica McNeece
Editor and Chief

On Tuesday Oct 29, Brian Castner came to speak at the Ankeny and Boone campus about his experience with the war and his book "The Long Walk".

"The Long Walk" was the One Book, One College, One Community program for all

DMACC campuses this year.

Castner had a full auditorium at the Boone campus and a lot of interested students to speak to.

Castner talked about the struggles of the war and trying to overcome the Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome that he acquired after leaving it.

"I think writing it down and forgetting is the helpful

part. For a veteran, writing can help put it in our background," said Castner.

Castner often referred to the PTSD as the "crazy".

"I knew I was home but it was a matter of melding memories and reality."

"My wife noticed the gage on the tank gradually lowering but I thought I got crazy all in one day," said Castner.

Castner spoke about his almost divorce and the family issues that he went through.

"I was so trapped in my own head that I didn't know what my wife was going through," said Castner.

Castner's family and friends didn't realize how bad his illness was until Castner

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What two celebrities would you pick to be your parents?

Brandi Botkin

Jeff Munoz

Laticia Joens

Eric Otis

Monica Mehl



"Misha Collins and Sigourney Weaver. She has been my childhood hero since I was 5 and their lives on Super Natural are crazy."

"Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt because they are both rich."

"Jennifer Aniston and Josh Duhamel. Josh is good looking and Jennifer seems like a good person."

"Aaron Rodgers and Mia Hamm because I like sports."

"Blake Shelton and Carrie Underwood because they both seem awesome and easy going."

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Big Racket Nerf badminton

Join your fellow badminton competitors for a Big Racket Nerf Badminton competition on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Boone campus gymnasium. Division winners get a free T-shirt. Divisions include male student, female student, faculty/staff. Participate in four intramural activities and get a free T-shirt.

Student Activities Council meeting

Be involved on campus. Join the Student Activities Council for its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in Room 152.

Hunger games: Student v. Staff/Faculty

Be a part of the fun and help to reduce hunger. A "Hunger Games" Kickball Classic will pit students against staff/faculty on Friday, Nov. 8, from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the gymnasium. Bring donations (canned goods, cash, etc.) All proceeds will go to the DMACC Boone Campus Food Pantry. For more information, contact Kerry Newbanks at ksnewbanks@dmacc.edu. This event is sponsored by SDV108, section BU.

Calling all creative writers

Students, submit your creative work by Dec. 5 for the opportunity to win cash prizes (top 3 stories and poems) and scholarships (1st: \$1,000 and 2nd: \$500), to be published in Expressions, to work one-on-one with a professional writer, and to present your work at a reading. For rules, regulations, and entry forms, please email Caitlin Hainley at creativewritingcontest@dmacc.edu.

Childcare and Transportation help

A program called Iowa New Choices offers assistance with childcare and transportation for qualifying single parents and displaced homemakers (separated, divorced, widowed or spouse disabled.) For information, contact, Erin Neumann, Room 124, eaneumann@dmacc.edu. Or call 515-433-5037.

London Study Abroad Program

The London Semester Abroad application deadline is Nov. 8. Interested? Go to <http://go.dmacc.edu/study-abroad/Pages/welcome.aspx> or contact Maria Cochran at mecochran@dmacc.edu or 964-6482. Scholarships of \$500-\$1,000 are available for students of Ankeny, Urban, Boone, Newton and West campuses. Information is on the web page.

Wonder of Words Festival

The Wonder of Words Festival began Sat., Nov. 2, featuring more than 15 events around Des Moines. Since DMACC is a sponsor of the Festival, discount prices are being offered for two Festival events—"An Evening with Mary Swander" on Fri., Nov. 8 and "House of Cash" featuring John Carter Cash on Sat., Nov. 9. Use the discount code "WOW20" at checkout to receive a 20 percent discount when purchasing tickets online. Visit the Wonder of Words Festival web site at www.wonderofwordsfest.com to learn more about all the events.

Writing Center open for business

Writing Center consultants are available to help with any writing assignment, during any part of the writing process. With their experience in different types of writing (technical to creative writing) and a broad range of life experience (journalism, firefighting, novel writing, Hawaiian culture, literature, and veterans affairs), you're sure to find someone that "gets you." Stop by Room 170 during office hours. No appointments are necessary for this free service. For more information, contact Krystal Hering, WC coordinator, klhering@dmacc.edu. Or visit <http://go.dmacc.edu/boone/writingcenter/>

Health care workshops

2014 brings many changes to health insurance. Are you wondering what these changes mean for you? If so, attend a free workshop sponsored by ISU Extension. Monday, Nov. 18th - 6-8 p.m. - Ericson Public Library, Boone Questions?

Contact Boone County Extension at 515-432-3882

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for two-year colleges. Students are invited to attend to find out more about joint PTK. For more information, contact Nancy Woods, nawoods@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5061. Or Stacy Amling, slamling@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5089.

Honors Program seeks applicants

The DMACC Honors Program is seeking highly motivated students to apply for honors. With nearly 20 students graduating from the Honors Program this year, there are openings for current DMACC students who want to challenge themselves further and graduate from the Honors Program.

To read more about Honors, find out what current DMACC students have to say about Honors, and submit your online application, go to www.dmacc.edu/honors and get started on your way to a rewarding, challenging educational opportunity—right here at DMACC. Contact the DMACC Honors Director at honorsdirector@dmacc.edu.

Let's Talk Turkey

Learn about the health benefits of turkey and turkey production in the state during a lunch & learn on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 11:15 a.m. to noon in Room 173. The guest speaker will be Gretta Irwin from the Iowa Turkey Federation. A light lunch will be provided. This event is sponsored by DMACC/Boone Student Activities Council and Fitness & Sports Management.

Differences United (LGBTQSA)

Differences United (LGBTQSA) is a student organization to support students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, or questioning, and their straight allies. We'd love to hear your suggestions and ideas for making this a great resource for DMACC Boone Campus students. Contact Krystal Hering, klhering@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5212.



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Two past DMACC students become DMACC professors

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Le says that the most frequent issue he faces involves the printers.

He urges anyone who needs technological assistance to reach him at his office, which is located across from the financial assistance windows.

"My door is always open," he said. "If I am out of the office, the door is shut, though. I used to just say that I was gone when the lights are off, but I've had them go off while I was reading before," he said with a laugh.

Like Le, Moon also went to DMACC to earn her associates degree. She then went to Iowa State to get her Bachelor's in accounting, and earned her JD at Drake University Law School. Prior to teaching, Moon practiced law for 13 years in Ames, where she resides with her husband and two children. Her husband adjuncts Business Law at DMACC, and is also a district court judge.

Moon herself had been



Michael Le



Chris Moon

an adjunct at DMACC for 12 years at Ames, Ankeny and Boone, also in Business Law.

She said that she likes the family environment in Boone, and loves teaching. "I love teaching so much, I quit practicing law so I could do it," she said.

Moon teaches a plethora of business classes on campus including: Business Law, Intro to Business, Business Math, Human Relations in Business, and Business In-

ternship, along with performing duties as adviser for PBL.

She declined to comment on any future activities involving PBL, hinting that it was a surprise.

Moon likes fitness, and enjoys running in marathons. She has completed an Iron Man Competition in 13 hours, 19 minutes. Moon had to tough through a 2.4 mile swim in the ocean, a 112 mile bike-ride and a 26.2 mile run all in one day.

Veteran feels guilt of not reenlisting with friends



Photo by Cainon Leeds

Brian Castner, author of "The Long Walk," speaks to a full-house in the Boone Campus Theater on Oct. 29. Castner shared his struggles with returning home after serving in Iraq. His experience formed the basis for his book, which was selected for the One Book One Campus One Community project at DMACC this year.

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wrote his book.

"The number one thing I heard from my friends was 'you should have told me.'"

"Even my wife said she didn't fully get it until she read the book," said Castner.

Barbara Soranzo is a student at DMACC in Boone and attended the speech on Tuesday.

"I think the speech was good. Castner explained how he started writing the book and he said some details about the war that is not in the book,"

said Soranzo.

Castner said that the military gave him friends that were closer to family while at the war.

He describes the guilt that he feels for not going back.

"In a heartbeat I would go back," said Castner, "My friends are getting shot at and I could help that."

Castner also spoke of how he coped with the war.

In a conversation with Soldier and DMACC professor Sean Taylor, Castner said he would try to find beauty in a place where there was little beauty around.

"It's like Forest Gump, when he is in Vietnam and he looks up at the stars and thinks of Jenny," said Castner.

Taylor elaborated on that feeling of trying to find beauty.

"I was really upset one day and I took a picture of a flower. I went back and looked at it and there was a little bee on it. After that I would go out to find something everyday to capture that beauty," said Taylor.

Now that Castner is home from the war he has a new outlet, running.

"Running is an outlet and helps the crazy a little bit."

Publication highlights DMACC graduation rates

DMACC's graduation rate is the best in the state and in the top 10 in the country among two-year public colleges, according to a recent issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"We're thrilled that so many students are choosing DMACC to launch their college education or learning skills for the many jobs that require less than a four-year degree," said DMACC President Rob Denson. "While DMACC has one of the best graduation rates in the country among two-year colleges, we're aggressively taking steps to help more students walk across the stage at commencement."

According to the latest list released by The Chronicle of Higher Education, DMACC's 2011 graduation rate was 10th in the country among two-year public colleges, with 41.7%.

DMACC is in the second year of implementing the "Completion Agenda," a program designed to get more students through graduation.

"We're moving from a philosophy of access to one of completion," said DMACC Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska. "Our challenge is to communicate the benefits of graduation and then provide better support and services to help each student plan and pursue a career."

New strategies include:

- Hiring more student advisors
- Implementing Degree Works, a new student tracking and degree audit software
- Requiring orientation for all part-time and full-time students
- Offering more professional development initiatives for faculty

· Commit to Complete campus events, including support from DMACC's Phi Theta Kappa honors program

Hundreds of DMACC students from all six campuses have pledged their commitment to complete a two-year degree.

News briefs

(MCT)

Some TSA agents should be armed, union says

LOS ANGELES _ The president of the union representing more than 45,000 Transportation Security Administration agents urged Congress and the agency Monday to create a new class of officers that would be armed with weapons.

The request comes in the aftermath of Friday's shooting at Los Angeles International Airport that left one TSA agent killed and two others injured. The suspect in the shooting, 23-year-old Paul Ciancia, was targeting federal security officers, authorities said.

Charlie Crist joins race for Florida governor

Former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist announced Monday that he is running for his old job by casting the 2014 election as between someone who can represent all Floridians and someone he contends represents the "ideological fringe."

Crist's announcement on the St. Petersburg waterfront sets in motion what could become one of America's biggest campaign battles of 2014: incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Scott vs. Crist, his predecessor and a former Republican who lost the confidence and trust of the GOP in 2010 and has re-emerged as a Democrat.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year



By Trevor Gutknecht
Staff Writer

That cool breeze as you walk out the door. The leaves turning the different shades of orange and red. That smell of the crisp autumn air. There are many reasons to like fall.

But the best of all is simple. The sports. There is no other time like it.

Whether you want to watch baseball, football, basketball, or hockey, it's all happening right now.

The biggest event, the World Series has just passed. This year, two of the most storied franchises in the sport, the Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals took the field. Not only are the teams historic but Boston is home to one of the most famous venues in baseball, Fenway Park, and it was all the better that the Sox clinched their third World Series title in 10 years on those hallowed grounds.

In this series we saw a 37-year-old David Ortiz go 11 of 16 at the plate. This is the same Red Sox team that finished at the bottom of their division last year and sent off half their roster in a blockbuster trade. And the city that was rocked last spring with the tragedy at the Boston Marathon. This team

was #BostonStrong and they proved it on the biggest stage in front of their loyal fans.

The sport most associated with this time of course is football. With college on Saturday where you can watch a game in the ACC as early as 11 a.m. and watch the Pac-12 game until past midnight. With all the networks clamoring for live sports coverage there are as many as six games for your viewing pleasure.

Right now the college ranks are full of explosive players looking to play on Sundays. You can look at a player like Marcus Mariota the 6-4 Sophomore at Oregon, has 20 touchdowns and no, repeat no, interceptions. Or take "Famous" Jameis Winston from Florida State who is completing 70 percent of his passes while averaging 12 yards per attempt.

If defense is more your thing, look no further than the number 1 ranked Alabama Crimson Tide. Their defense is giving up a staggering 9.8 points game. The Tide is beating teams by an average of 31.5 points a game. The National Championship looks to go through Tuscaloosa. But with the high octane offenses in Oregon, FSU and Baylor the Crimson Tide will have some stiff competition.

Now, every Sunday has a chance to be something special. We just watched Calvin "Megatron" Johnson put up a crazy day with 329 receiving yards. To put that in perspective the New England

Patriots only had 252 yards, the entire game. Calvin Johnson, the Seattle Seahawk's defense and the Denver Bronco offense are just making it look unfair for the other teams in the league.

The Denver passing offense is on pace to pass for an astonishing 5,840 yards on the season and with three very talented wideouts in Wes Welker, Demaryius Thomas and Eric Decker, they show no signs of slowing down.

As for the Seattle defense labeled "The Legion of Boom", they are second in the league in yards allowed, third in passing defense, and third in scoring defense. And with the loudest stadium in the league they are something to be reckoned with in when they play at home.

As for the playoff picture, the one seeds are the Kansas City "Who would have seen this coming" Chiefs with a record of 9-0, after finishing last season with a league worst 2-12, in the AFC and the aforementioned Seahawks in the NFC with a record of 8-1. The Denver Broncos are lurking right behind the Chiefs

in the AFC at 7-1, with the New England Patriots, Cincinnati Bengals and Indianapolis Colts leading their divisions, respectfully.

There are six teams all within two games of the final two playoff spots. In the NFC the Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints and Dallas Cowboys lead their divisions. So it's shaping up to be another wild second half of the season.

The next sport on the docket is the NBA. The Heat are fresh from their ring ceremony and looking to "three-peat" doing what only a handful of franchises have done in the league.

This year is a little different than the last two, experts have been saying this is the most open the league has been since LeBron James has taken his talents to south beach.

With former MVP Derrick Rose rejoining the Chicago Bulls they pose the biggest threat in the East. There's also the Indiana Pacers with Danny Granger back and the new look Brooklyn Nets with the additions of Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett from the Boston Celtics.

In the West the defending

conference champs the San Antonio Spurs are still a threat with the best coach in league, Gregg Popovich and the best power forward of all time, Tim(less) Duncan.

Just north of San Antonio the Oklahoma City Thunder have the second best player on the planet in Kevin Durant, and as long as he has two arms and heart beat, he could go off for 50 at any time. And the Los Angeles Clippers, not the Lakers, have a good chance to make noise with the best point guard in the league, Chris Paul. They also have a new coach in Doc Rivers.

The other team to look out for in California is the Golden State Warriors with Steph Curry leading the way, and with the acquisition of Andre Iguodala they can cause a lot of problems for everyone else.

So no matter what sport you're into, what team you root for or what player is your favorite, there's something to keep an eye on in sports. So

whatever the reason to like this time of year, there's no time quite like this for sports fans.

But the window does not stay open forever eventually the fun ends. So take it all in because the carriage turns into a pumpkin around January 1.



Photo courtesy of Robert Cohen/MCT



Photo Courtesy of Scott Strazante/MCT

DMACC Cross Country goes National

By Jessica McNeece
Editor in Chief

Nationals are hosted at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Nov. 9.

Coach Jim Dose is very optimistic for Nationals because the location is so close.

"Our girls have ran that course and so we will have an advantage coming into the race," said Dose.

Regionals in cross-country are different from other sports. Any team can go to Nationals but mainly the teams that have a solid team to compete will

come because it is an expense if you can't, said Dose.

"Our first year I only took one runner. It is a financial expense to take all the runners if they can't compete," said Dose.

Runner Kimberly Teno has placed the highest in the Regional Tournament. She has a calm attitude for Nationals this Saturday.

"Our main goal is to try to all get our personal best time and run as hard as we can knowing this will be our last meet of the year. If we can all do that, we would consider it a good Nationals," said Teno.

Dose also has a goal for the

National Tournament.

There are about 90 teams in the nation. We are hoping that most of the teams will be at the meet but that won't be the number at the actual meet said Dose.

"I would be thrilled to finish in the top 30. That will be a good result," said Dose.

Teno and teammates are constantly pushing each other to get their best times.

"Working together is probably what pushed us the farthest. We really encourage each other to push as hard as we can, in practice and meets," said Teno.

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Baseball sets sights on seventh championship



By Trevor Gutknecht
Staff Writer

The DMACC baseball wrapped up its fall season Oct. 16 in Council Bluffs. They will begin their offseason, and look forward to next season that will begin in February.

Looking back on the season that was the team finished with an overall record of 44-11 and 19-7 in the conference. They finished as the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference champions and a second ranking in the NJCAA.

But the season did not end the way they had hoped as they were bounced in the Region XI elimination game against Iowa Central. "We still think about it every day," said Coach Kyle Hanna. "We just ran out of gas. We will use it as motivation for next year."

DMACC usually ends its fall season with the "Blue and Gray World Series." This is a scrimmage within the program, but there simply were not enough bodies to field two teams due to injuries. The team had a combined six injuries at the end of the season.

There were some shining moments for the team, they had an All-American in sophomore center fielder Edwin Medina from Puerto Rico who had a batting average of .449 over last season. "That has nothing to do with me, he's just an incredible kid," said Hannah. There were also four players named to the to the All-Region team including Tyler Wolfe. "It's just a great place for baseball players."

As for how they played on the diamond, first baseman Charlie Coghlin, a freshman this year, said this "We were a good hitting team. We had

lots of good starting pitching. We played well all around, we just let things go a little bit in the bullpen." As for things they need to do better next year, "We just lost too early," said Wolfe.

While they won't lose anyone from this season, there will be an addition. "We have a pitcher coming in from Kansas State, so we're pretty excited about that. We will have five to six good arms in the rotation," said Kelly.

The players credited the culture and the tradition of DMACC baseball. "When you come here, winning a (NJCAA) World Series is an expectation not a goal," said Coghlin. "You just have to trust in the process. We have a long tradition of winning here and we want to keep that up."

With a track record of six conference championships, it's hard to argue with results like that. "It all starts with recruiting. We are incredibly busy in the summer. We go to Minnesota to Wisconsin to South Dakota. If it's a Saturday and there is a tournament I might watch five maybe six games" said Kelly. "We hate losing, I hate losing. Winning is expected. We don't have individual goals, we don't go around talking about stuff like that."

Unlike the NCAA where you have restrictions on how long you can practice and how many games can be played the NJCAA does not have those kinds of restrictions. "We try to take full advantage of that, we want to get in as much work as possible, we want to develop as much as we can." That is what allows the team to have their fall season and continue playing games into mid-October.

Sports Round-Up

Men's Basketball

The Bears opened the season at home with a dominating win over Graceland University junior varsity. The team shot 55% from the field while holding Graceland to 22%. The Bears also dominated Graceland on the boards with a 59-31 edge in that statistic. Freshman Jamar Hurdle of Milwaukee WI led all players with 23 points on 10-13 shooting in just 25 minutes, he was also the leading rebounder with 12 boards. Sophomore Derrick Williams also from Milwaukee WI had a nice stat line of 12 points, 7 assists and 7 rebounds. The team will look to get its next win over perennial Vincennes in Olney II on Nov 8.

Women's Basketball

The women's team played in the Microtel Inn and Suites Classic in Council Bluffs IA. The team won both games against Briar Cliff junior varsity with a final score 82-53. The other win was over Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa, 95-70. Their next games will be at the Hawks Classic in Norfolk, NE.

Sports Calendar

Men's Basketball

Nov 08	Vincennes+	@	Olney, IL	5:30 PM
Nov 09	Olney Central+	@	Olney, IL	7:30 PM
Nov 12	William Penn J.V.	@	Boone, IA	7:30 PM
Nov 15	County Upper Academy	@	Boone, IA	7:30 PM
	Baymont Inn Classic			
Nov 16	John Wood	@	Boone, IA	4:00 PM
	Baymont Inn Classic			

Women's Basketball

Nov 08	North Platte	@	Norfolk, NE	2:00 PM
Nov 09	Northeast (NE)	@	Norfolk, NE	4:00 PM
Nov 15	Illinois Central@	@	Cedar Rapids, IA	5:30 PM
Nov 16	Parkland	@	Cedar Rapids, IA	1:00 PM
Nov 20	NIACC	@	Mason City, IA	5:30 PM

Cross Country

Nov 9	NJCAA Div I Cross Country National Championship Fort Dodge, IA
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4:00pm DMACC vs. John Wood

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WHAT: Food, beverage and a ticket to both afternoon games.

COST: \$10.00

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'Leading Ladies'

Latest DMACC play takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15-16

Boone students will perform the play "Leading Ladies" by Ken Ludwig on Nov. 15 and 16. Tickets are \$5 at the door for all non-DMACC students. The play is about two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, who find themselves down on their luck. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA, is about to die and leave her fortune to her long, lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, they're nieces! Leo falls head-over-petticoat in love with old lady Florence's vivacious niece Meg, who's engaged to the local minister. Meg knows there's a wide world out there, but it's not until she meets "Maxine and Stephanie" that she finally gets a taste of it.



Director – Kay Mueller
Mueller is enthusiastic about this year's production, and said that she can't wait for the performances. She added that "Leading Ladies" has been performed for many audiences all over the globe. Mueller urges everyone to come. "Tickets are only \$5 for non-DMACC students, and proceeds go to support the theatre department."



Photo (top-left): The cast and crew of "Leading Ladies." Front row at left: Kay Mueller, Corrisa Ahrens, KayCee Purdy (Stickley), Andrea Anderson and Nick Hicks. Back row at left: Danny Philpott, Zach Clark, Brett Edmundson, AJ Woolson, Chris Shannon, Keith Schreiber. **Photo (bottom-left):** Jack (Danny Philpott) holds back Leo (Brett Edmundson) from attacking an unruly Moose Lodge patron (Keith Schreiber). **Middle right:** Meg (Andrea Anderson) and Butch (Nick Hicks) plan their wedding. **Bottom right:** Auntie Florence (KayCee Purdy) closely scrutinizes her long-lost nieces Maxine (Brett Edmundson) and Stephanie (Danny Philpott)

*Rehearsal photos by Dan Ivis/DMACC.
Cast/Crew photos by KayCee Purdy/Banner News*

Meet the cast and crew



Meg – Andrea Anderson
Anderson is a full-time student, and a mother of a 4-year-old girl. She is a member of Phi Theta Lambda, and is set to graduate in the spring of 2014. This is her first play at DMACC. "The cast is fun to be around," she said. "This has been a wonderful experience and I am honored to be a part of this production."



Leo – Brett Edmundson
This is Edmundson's fourth play on campus, and he is graduating in the spring of 2014. He is planning to be a physician's assistant, works part-time for the military, and is a full-time student. Edmundson likes the slap-stick and cleverness of the humor. "But Maxine is simply gorgeous," he said.



Jack – Danny Philpott
Philpott is a father of five children and has been married for 14 years. He will be graduating after this fall. "Leading Ladies" is Philpott's second play at DMACC, and he said that this is the funniest play he's seen. "The toughest part will be acting and saying the lines without laughing," he said.



Audrey – Corrisa Ahrens
Ahrens is an honor student and is attending DMACC to get her nursing degree. She is a CNA at Eastern Star, and she plans to continue her education to become a midwife after graduating from DMACC in 2016. "Leading Ladies" is her first play here on campus. Ahrens said that she enjoys the company of the cast the most. "The cast is great, I am happy about all of the new friends I have made," she said.



Moose Frank – Keith Schreiber
This is Schreiber's first play at DMACC. Schreiber has helped with the set and filled in for people who couldn't make it to practice along with his main role. He is planning to graduate in 2015. Schreiber works at HyVee, and is a member of the USBC (The United States Bowling Congress). "I enjoy getting to work with my new classmates the most," he said.



Florence – KayCee Purdy (Stickley)
Purdy is a full-time student, mother of a 3-year-old boy, and recently married her fiancé of 10 years. She plans on graduating fall 2014. "Leading Ladies" is her first play at DMACC, but she had been involved in theater in grade school. "I am excited to be back in theater," she said. "I have a lot of fun getting into character and hanging out with everyone backstage."



Butch – Nick Hicks
"Leading Ladies" is Hicks's first play at DMACC, but he is not new to acting. Hicks had been Conrad Birdie in his high school's play, "Bye Bye Birdie". He currently works as a dietary aid at Eastern Star, and plans to graduate in 2015. "Meeting new people is great," he said. "But I just enjoy acting the most."



Assistant – Elizabeth Bane
Bane is new to the theater program. She is a future graduate of 2017. When not at practice and school, Bane works at an ice cream shop in Perry. She said that she liked how being in the play gave her the opportunity to meet new people. "I enjoy getting involved too," she said.



Assistant Director, Sound – Aimee Jacobson
This is Jacobson's second play at DMACC. She is set to graduate May 2014. She can be found working in the kitchen of the Boone Campus Courier Center. She said she liked the hilarity of the script, and the acting from the cast. "It's very funny and inappropriate," she said.



Prop Master – Chris Shannon
Shannon has been involved in theatre for five years. He says he prefers acting in comedies. He is graduating May 2014. Shannon said, "I liked working on the set and painting walls." Shannon has provided props to the theater department, leaving a bit of his legacy behind for the next round of thespians.



Doc – Zach Clark
Clark is participating in his second play at DMACC. He is a self-proclaimed "Jack of all Trades, and a master of none." He thinks he will be graduating next year. Clark enjoys being a part of the performance, and says he has a lot of fun. "Especially our backstage shenanigans," he said.



Duncan – A.J. Woolson
This is Woolson's second play at DMACC. He said he likes to have a lot of fun and write lyrics. "I liked meeting new people and getting involved on set," he said. Woolson is set to graduate this spring.

The Bear Essentials

Wealth gets redefined



By Zach Kowalic
Columnist

What do you think of when you hear the word “wealth”? For many, wealth is associated with fancy cars, nice houses, early retirement or “James Bond” status. Others define wealth as having a high net worth, or a good income. This monetary definition of wealth seems to be the generally accepted version, but for arguments sake here is a formal description, as defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary:

wealth noun \welth also welth\:

a large amount of money and possessions:

the value of all the property, possessions, and money that someone or something has

These first two definitions include money and possessions as the source of wealth. They correspond with the monetary perception of wealth, but there is a third definition that is quite different:

wealth noun:

a large amount or number

With this definition, a large amount of “anything” could qualify as wealth. This ambiguity offers a valuable extension of the traditional understanding. It validates that wealth is more than just money and possessions, and requires a large amount of something. Defining that “something” is essential for an explanation of wealth that transcends money.

So, how would you define wealth if it had to be a large

amount of something that wasn't money?

Would it be love, happiness or maybe freedom? One thing that these have in common is that they exist independent of time. Love does not set with the sun, and happiness is not closed on weekends. Time is the scarcest resource we have and many people spend most or all of it trying to acquire monetary wealth. If someone is lucky enough to achieve their monetary goal, they spend that money in their old age on things that make passing the time more enjoyable, like retirement. Essentially, these individuals are trading time (often the best years of their life) for money and then trading that money for... time. The problem with this model is that by the time the monetary goals are achieved, the individual is too old to truly enjoy it. This is what entrepreneur MJ DeMarco calls “wealth in a wheelchair”, and it is a frighteningly common outcome of conventional financial intelligence.

By shifting the focus of wealth from money to time, we can affect a better outcome. The truly wealthy are masters of time. They are not enslaved to the ticking hands of a clock but instead engage in “hands-free” living. They do what they want, when they want, and within their means. Their wealth is created independent of time and instead of trading time for money, they spend their time doing the things that they love. By using the time and money they have available to achieve a balance between short and long term happiness, the truly wealthy are minute-hand millionaires. This leads to what I believe to be a better definition:

wealth:
an abundance of time absent of monetary burden
or:
contentment achieved by effectively balancing resources (time and money) and desires.

Taking the lead

Real leaders learn



By Cainon Leeds
Columnist

I want to reveal a well known but little acknowledged truth: we all mess up. And when I say, “we all,” I mean everyone. I'm talking about priests, football players, parents, prime ministers, news reporters, toddlers and leaders.

We say or do the wrong things in the wrong places at the wrong times with the wrong people. We lash out at our loved ones when we've had a bad day, bend the rules until they break, commit heinous crimes and make genuine mistakes.

But there are differences

between us, and one of the major differences between a good leader and a bad leader is the ability to mess up, take responsibility, make things right and move on. I call this ability learning.

For example, when learning to ride a bicycle, a girl may fall down. If she is going to continue to learn to ride the bicycle, she must realize what she did wrong, fix it and have the courage to try again; otherwise, she will never learn to ride a bicycle.

However, some of us act and seem to genuinely believe that we know all that we need to know. I think we all know at least one example of this person: the coach who sticks to the same play and won't take any suggestions, the teacher who refuses to change the course structure when such a change may be beneficial or the general store manager who doesn't respond to what customers want.

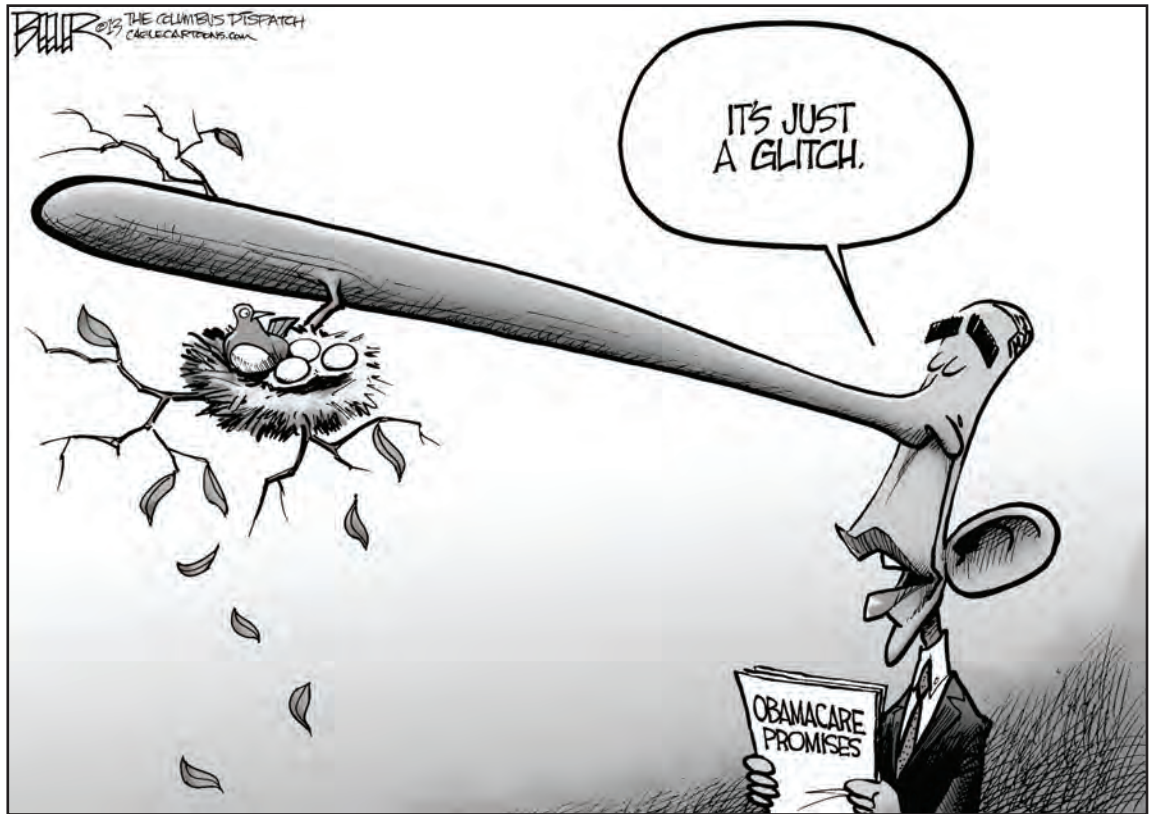
That “know-it-all” attitude can be dangerous not only to leaders, but to everyone around them. Unrecognized mistakes, if continued to be ignored, will only get worse. So as the old saying goes, real-

izing that you have a problem is the first step to solving that problem.

A good example of this learning concept that was in the media not too long ago would be President Obama apologizing for the multiple problems surrounding health-care.gov, the website used to sign up for access to health insurance services provided by the Affordable Care Act. He addressed the issue at a press conference, assured the public that the problems with the website would soon be resolved and promised to move forward with his plans for the Affordable Care Act.

Although some media sources like Businessweek and the New York Times deemed the President's apology a let-down and answering very few problems, I believe a leader, the President in this case, was learning a valuable lesson by facing a mistake made under his watch.

I want to end on an important point: learning is a positive thing. Learning is not a time to dwell on mistakes, but to realize them, take responsibility, take a new course of action and move forward.



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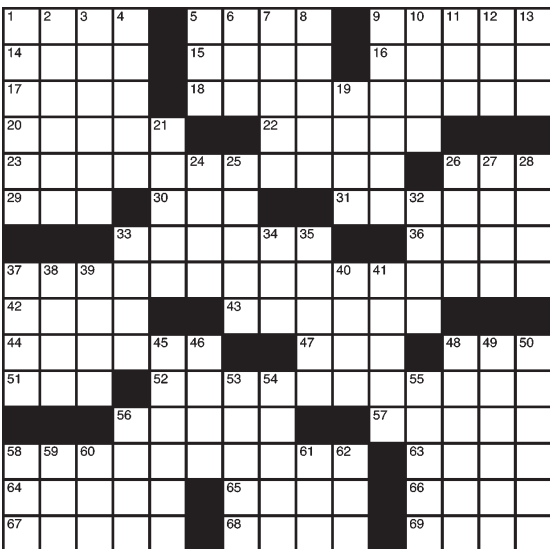
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Lies as a whole?
 - 5 King who raged to Edgar on the heath
 - 9 Turbaned Punjabis
 - 14 Matty or Felipe of baseball
 - 15 Puffs additive
 - 16 Pistons great Thomas
 - 17 Hog product
 - 18 *Madonna
 - 20 Leave open-mouthed
 - 22 Gets under control
 - 23 *Ivy League professional school
 - 26 PC brain
 - 29 Skier's challenge
 - 30 Tuna holder
 - 31 Sci-fi hybrid
 - 33 Running or jumping
 - 36 Mideast flier
 - 37 *Fruity dessert with sweetened crumbs
 - 42 Wrath, in a hymn
 - 43 Writes to, nowadays
 - 44 Green stuff
 - 47 Transfer
 - 48 Orchestra site
 - 51 Say more
 - 52 "The Lord of the Rings" genre
 - 56 Liszt or Schubert
 - 57 Plaque honoree
 - 58 Prize for an aspiring musical artist, perhaps from the first word of the answer to a starred clue
 - 63 Avatar of Vishnu
 - 64 Congo critter with striped legs
 - 65 Golden St. campus
 - 66 Grace ender
 - 67 Concise
 - 68 Use FedEx, say
 - 69 Male deer
- DOWN**
- 1 Versailles attraction
 - 2 Los ___: Manhattan Project site



By Gareth Bain

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Review: 'The Counselor'

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By Nick Hamden

The initial trailers for "The Counselor" quickly caught my eye, but one thing really bugged me: I had no idea what the movie was about. It looked like some combination of drugs, sex, high life living and death, I guess.

In fact, if the trailer was just a tad bit more artsy, I would compare it ahead of time to the very strange "Killing Them Softly," but from the trailer it looks like it might just be another "Savages."

Unfortunately, I was wrong. It was worse than both of them.

It turns out that this movie is indeed about drugs, sex, high life living and death. I guess the trailer told me all I really had to know, for once.

The main character goes by Counselor (Michael Fassbender), so try not to get confused. He is a lawyer, a decent one, but lawyering doesn't pay the bills — not if he wants an extravagant lady like Laura (Penelope Cruz) in his life.

So he dabbles in the drug trade a bit, doing some smaller deals to get extra funds. His hook up for these trades is Reiner (Javier Bardem), who loves to show off his wealth and possessions. He is currently with Malkina (Cameron Diaz), a sex crazed woman, who owns two pet cheetahs.

Well, the Counselor decides he is only going to do one more deal, a much bigger deal than normal, worth over \$20 million. He wants to marry Laura, so he won't be able to keep up his secret lifestyle. But when has "one last job" ever worked out for anyone?

Brad Pitt has a small role in this as well, as Westray, a middleman between Counselor and the drug kingpins.

The actors in this movie are all fantastic professionals at their craft. Thankfully, they all act wonderfully in this film, and I will not think less of them because of their roles.

No, this mess of a film has to be blamed on Ridley



Photos courtesy Kerry Brown/MCT

Above: Westray (Brad Pitt, left) outlines the harsh truths of the Counselor's (Michael Fassbender) predicament in "The Counselor." Below: Director Ridley Scott (left) discusses a scene on set with Michael Fassbender and Javier Bardem.



Scott and Cormac McCarthy. Strong words, I know. Scott is a fantastic director, but this movie is nowhere close to his finest work. McCarthy is a great writer, and most of the films based on his novels have been excellent, but this is his first time writing a screenplay. Somehow, the two of them managed to mess up a great thing and produce a film that feels like a waste of time and talent.

What is wrong with the movie? Basically everything. The editing, the plot, the dialogue and the resolution.

I only cared about one character, Laura, and that was because she was too naive to realize what she was getting in to, or she chose to ignore it all. Yeah, the rest of the cast members are all immoral people, but many movies have made me at least hate those bad characters and want them to face justice in some way. In

this movie, I did not care if they get out alive or not. The development did not give me any reason to care.

My biggest problem with this film is that it did not end up making a lot of sense. The plot has holes everywhere and the only major scenes only happen due to coincidence. Things go badly for this drug deal, but because the movie did not explain a lot of important details, it took me awhile to realize that any of the characters were actually in danger. In a movie about drug deals gone bad, you should be able to realize when the deal has officially gone bad (and that the deal has even started).

"The Counselor" will not tarnish the good names of Ridley Scott and Cormac McCarthy any time soon. No, this film will instead be swept under the rug quietly in a few weeks and be promptly ignored.

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This week's horoscope



(MCT)

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Look beyond your own self-interest. What can you provide for your community? Your leadership skills are in demand and get tested. Read the manual or consult an expert when needed. Pass with flying colors. Make your family proud.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Your research flourishes. Build a strong foundation for the future. The small steps you take now will benefit you tenfold later. Invest in energy efficiency. Find ways to conserve resources. For the next month, travel is easy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You're on fire when it comes to finances. Consider new elements, or ones you'd forgotten. With organization and discipline you can't be stopped now. Partners hold the key. Look for what's missing, and provide that.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- This phase is good for compromise. Stick to your budget. Really listen to your partner and to your own words, so you don't say something you don't mean. Keep or change your promises.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Creativity floods your zone. Dive into imagination and discover something you didn't know about yourself. Take care of your physical body. You're asked to assume authority. Your willingness to stand firm helps.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Shift your approach from

the analytical left brain to the creative right. Love continues to be part of the big picture. Friends help you keep priorities straight. Repurpose something that would have been tossed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Add enthusiasm and inspiration to your projects by looking for the heart connection. Use what you know and what you feel. Can you hear the sound of love? Fill your home with space and lightness.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Confront what you think you know. Watch what you take for granted. The prize is not in the answer but in the questioning. Make an important long-distance contact. Take care of a friend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- New opportunities for making money keep showing up. Revise your budget, planning for the long term. Don't forget to consider expenses. Everything's easier when you love your work. If you don't, look for the silver threads.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- You're surrounded by love these days. Add extra doses of self-confidence to the equation, and the result can be explosive. Take charge of your destiny without breaking the rules. Get creative. Involve someone fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Find the time and space for quiet contemplation. Disconnect from social media or other distractions for a while. Focusing on a personal passion project could yield surprising results.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 8 -- You're inclined to play, and that's fine. But don't let it distract you from accomplishing your goals. In fact, use your playfulness to increase your productive output. Your friends are a big help.

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