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Women take 10th at Nationals Middle East class opens at Ames Center

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

The Bears received the No. 4 seed in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II Women's National Volleyball Championship. The Bears returned home with a 10th place finish.

The women's volleyball team left DMACC early on Monday, Nov. 13, on a two day bus ride to Scottsdale, Ariz. The tournament was hosted by the Scottsdale Community College Artichokes from Scottsdale, Ariz. The Bears entered the championships at No. 6 in the nation with a record of 34-7 and 12-1 in the conference and the 2006 ICCAC Championships by beating Kirkwood.

In the first round of the double elimination tournament the Bears faced off against the 13 seed Longview Community College Lakers who had a 37-10 record. Game one between the Bears and the Lakers was the highest scoring game of the round. The real drama began when the Lakers were serving the match point at 29-26. Then Bears came back, tied it up at 29, but in the end the Bears let game one go to the Lakers 38-36. That game set the tone for the rest of the match. The Bears fell to the Lakers in games two and three with the scores of 18-30, 26-30.

In order for the Bears to stay alive in the championships they needed a win over the 12th seed, Genesee Community College Cougars from Batavia, N.Y. The Bears did a complete 180 after the loss to the Lakers and knocked the Genesee Cougars out of the championships in the second round.

In order for DMACC to stay in the championships and secure at least a ninth place finish, they needed another win, this time over the eighth seeded



Photo: Eric Ver Helst

Freshman Rachel Wenzel serves at the National Tournament in Arizona.

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

As the Middle East explodes with violence, students can take GLS 200 this fall at the DMACC Ames Center to learn more about it.

Cultural anthropology instructor Divinity O'Connor-Roberts said, "The class is opened for anyone who is interested in learning more about the history, religion, contemporary (and past) issues and the various cultural groups situated in what we call the 'Middle East.'"

GLS 200 courses cover countries in detail every year, and this year O'Connor volunteered to teach a course on the Middle East.

O'Connor encourages DMACC students to sign up for the class, which is to be held on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at the DMACC Ames Center. The class will discuss such diverse topics as gender, geography, history, religion, and contemporary social and political issues said O'Connor.

Many students share common misconceptions about the culture of the Middle East said O'Connor.

O'Connor said, "With this background, the class will have a better understanding of contemporary socio-political issues by critically analyzing the media in order to formulate their own interpretations and understanding of the Middle East."

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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day.
- Nov. 24, DMACC closed for holiday.
- Nov. 28, Beach Ball Volleyball tournament, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 29, 9 Ball Pool Contest.
- Dec. 6, Pool Tournament, 9 p.m.
- Dec. 6, Tree lighting ceremony.

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Julianne Hamil
Banner Staff Writer

Scholarships and grants are the number one way to pay for school. It's all free money. There are billions of dollars in unclaimed aid available to students every year.

"There is a scholarship available for every student who wants one," said Woods. "It is my personal goal to make sure every student gets the scholarship they deserve."

The first thing students need to know is this: if you're not flunking your classes, you deserve a scholarship. Each scholarship has different GPA



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Nancy Woods

and personal requirements, so many can qualify. The trick is finding which ones to apply for. Here is where Nancy Woods, physics instructor and the Phi Theta Kappa regional coordinator, can be helpful.

During her personal time Woods walks students step by step through the application process for scholarships. "I would like to personally invite every student to my office (Room 224) to schedule an appointment," said Woods. She is available after 3:30 p.m. daily. All she asks is that you help her by coming to

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Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Steve Krafcisin, head women's basketball coach, donates blood on Nov. 6.

Boone blood drive a success

Erick Ude
Banner Staff Writer

On Nov. 6 the Blood Center of Iowa, out of Des Moines, came to Boone Campus seeking blood donors. Boone students and staff responded by donating a total of 19 units (each unit is 450 ml) of blood.

Kay Smith, a customer service representative for the Blood Center of Iowa said that giving blood is important because "three different products come from one unit of blood that can save three different lives." The Blood Center of Iowa provides blood for hospitals all over Iowa, including 49 different hospitals in 44 different counties. The Blood center of Iowa has been in work since 1937.

The Courter Center was the home for the blood drive. There were four beds on which people could donate. Donors next were sent to the cookie table to get their blood sugar up and to regain some energy. Cody Barton, one of the first students to donate that day, said while sitting at the cookie table, "I did it because I like needles. It's important 'cause there's people all over the world that need blood."

The Blood Center of Iowa encourages students to donate blood throughout the year. Eligible donors must not have donated blood in the last eight weeks,

weigh at least 120 pounds, and be at least 16 years of age, and are in good health.

The nearest donor center is the Mary Greeley Donor Center in Ames. For more information please call (515) 239-6939. Scheduling a donation online is available online and donor centers are also located in Des Moines and West Des Moines.



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Cody Barton was one of the first students to donate blood.

NIGHT contests

Eligibility: Open to all DMACC students

Prize: \$100 gift certificate to the DMACC Bookstore

Deadline: November 28, 2006 (by 5 p.m.)

Winners Announced: Early December

Essay Contest

Topic: Is Night relevant today?
Length: 3-5 pages; double spaced; 12 font; any paraphrases or quotations must be adequately cited, with a Works Cited page included.

Location: DMACC Library - Boone Campus

Poster Contest

Topic: Create a movie poster for the movie version of Night. In a 250 word essay, explain your choice of color, layout, etc. as well as your choice of director and actors.

Size: 8 1/2 x 11 inches

Location: DMACC Library - Boone Campus

Art Contest

Topic: Remembering: images of holocausts (Judges will consider use of color, contrasts, creativity, and how the art honors the victims)

Size: Unlimited size, style, medium
Location: DMACC Library - Boone Campus

DMACC experiences Internet downtime

Jason Munday
Banner Staff Writer

The Boone Campus has been experiencing internet and network problems occasionally throughout the semester. At times, the entire DMACC network has been down. This has been problematic for many students and classes. Access to the internet from the Boone Campus was unavailable Nov. 5, as well as access to student servers from off campus.

Mark Clark, Director of Networking, working out of the Ankeny Campus, shed some light on the issue through e-mail conversation with the Banner. "Right now, the district internet connection goes through the Ankeny campus internet connection. We have a piece of hardware in place called ASTARO that allows the IT staff to block viruses, block spam, and block spyware from the Internet."

ASTARO creates hardware and software to help with internet security for large networks.

New hardware and software have been added to the system this semester. "We recently added the spam blocking module to the ASTARO box and discovered that with all the mail received at DMACC, we believe it began to overload the system," Clark continued. "This would cause the system to crash at a certain point and require a reboot."

In an attempt to ease the overload the heavy traffic flow on the DMACC network, the spam blocking software is now on its own system. The flow of e-mail is going to the new system while the new method is being tested.

Filtering all internet traffic moving through the campus has created a bottleneck in the network. While this is necessary to secure computers on campus, it also slows the speed of the network.

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Gas giveaway

Seven Boone Campus students win

Erick Ude
Banner Staff Writer

On Nov. 15, during the free Thanksgiving meal in the Courter Center, before John Rush's performance, the winners of the DMACC and Kum & Go gas giveaway were announced.

The partnership between DMACC and Kum & Go celebrates DMACC's forty years of helping students achieve their career dreams by giving out 40 gift cards worth \$40 each.

Of the 1,300 DMACC students who entered there were seven winners from the Boone Campus, but only one was present to pick up the \$40 Kum & Go gift card. Winners were Sara Gliem, Holly Griffith, Bryan White, Kyle Williams, Angela Lewis, Amanda Hern, and Nicole Meek.

The \$40 Kum & Go gift card can be used at any of the 445 Kum & Go Convenience stores across Iowa and throughout the Midwest for anything, including gas.

Women's basketball Assistant Coach Angie McGee drew the names of the winners.

Middle East

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GLS 200 isn't just for students majoring in international studies. O'Connor said, "This class will benefit students of any academic background."

Global studies instructor Jeff Schroeder said, "I highly recommend it. Country study is a comprehensive course that looks at everything, including history and current events."

Schroeder is teaching a country study on China as well as GLS 235, international studies. Schroeder said that any of the global studies courses will transfer to Iowa State University as an international study course. GLS 235 is required at ISU for a major or minor in international studies.

GLS 235, a three credit class, will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:15 to 12:10 p.m.

O'Connor has a master's in anthropology focused on the Middle East.

O'Connor said, "I have conducted research in Morocco, and I have visited Egypt, Jordan, The Holy Land and Palestine."

O'Connor is really excited about the class. O'Connor said, "Hopefully there will be a lot of engaging and lively discussions with reciprocated learning. This will be a fun class!"

For more information contact O'Connor at dboconnordlrroberts@dmacc.edu.

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Courtesy of www.sudoku-puzzles.net

Difficulty: Challenging

To play Sudoku, enter the digits 1-9 in each cell of the 9x9 grid until every region (3x3 grid), row, and column contains only one appearance of each digit.

Tune it up before you break down

Julianne Hamil
Banner Staff Writer

With snow days arriving in an instant, it's time to winterize your vehicle.

A complete tune up usually costs under \$100, versus \$100 or more to tow the vehicle, plus the cost to fix it. The damage to your vehicle for not tuning up can literally break the bank. The most cost friendly place I found in Boone for a tune up is Condon's.

They check everything under your hood at no additional cost during a tune up. Tires, belts, hoses, exhaust, anti-freeze, transmission and power steering

fluids are all included. If something needs to be changed, extra cost will apply. The initial cost usually is an oil change at \$25-\$30 and air filter change at \$20.

Here are a few things you can do from home: add a fuel injection cleaner every few tanks, switch to De-Icer windshield washer fluid, keep your gas at over a quarter tank and make sure your tires have the proper air pressure.

Here's a quick tip to save a little gas. Kurt Condon, part owner of Condon's said, "It takes more gas to keep your vehicle running, so turn it off when going in places."

ANSWERS
this week's puzzle

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7	2	3	8	6	9	4	1	5
5	9	1	4	3	7	8	6	2
2	4	9	1	5	3	6	7	8
3	1	6	2	7	8	9	5	4
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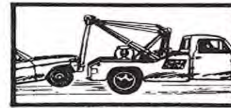
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your appointment prepared. Here's how.

Step 1: List what you have been involved in and any volunteer work.

Step 2: Get your GPA and transfer credit information.

Step 3: Know what school you plan to transfer to.

Step 4: Gather income records for you and your parents; last year's tax info will do.

Step 5: Find references. Always pick more than one.

Step 6: Make an appointment with Woods and bring all the above to Room 224.

"Before I met Nancy, I didn't know how to find scholarship opportunities," said Pamela Holt, DMACC student. "Now I've already submitted three applications, and I have two more in the works."

After years of working with scholarships, Woods can help by narrowing down what students may be eligible for. She can then print the applications and help make sure all the requirements are met. It is important to get help with this process; most students give up or submit scholarships without all the required information. Once the scholarships are located, it's time to work on the essay portion of the application.

Always answer the questions asked. Do not change the subject by going off on tangents about all you've accomplished. Just answer the questions. Stay within the word limit. Never go over. Make sure to have everyone you know, including Woods, check your essay for errors. Grammar or spelling errors will get your application trashed. Always concentrate on what's most important, and do not repeat yourself.

Next, get your letters of reference. Read all of them, and pick the most well written pieces that actually describe you without generic statements like "She's a wonderful student." The readers want to know why you are a wonderful student. If your reference doesn't tell them why, it won't work.

Woods will make sure the application process is complete. She can make sure the essay and reference letters are well written, and then you're set. Each scholarship essay will change, so each letter will need to be tailored to the specific scholarship. Students are invited to meet with Woods to accomplish her personal goal of aiding in their quest for free money.

Step 7: Deposit your check!

Six Quick Tips to Give Me a Scholarship

1. Do all the work yourself, no need for distractions
2. Try to have everything completed in under an hour
3. Extra words on your essay make you seem extra special
4. Spell check will correct all your grammar and spelling errors
5. Your parents are always your best reference
6. Mail a few days before the deadline

Great American Smoke Out

Jesse Blackwell
Banner Staff Writer

Thursday the 16th was the 30th anniversary of the Great American Smoke Out. This is a day used to build awareness regarding many programs that people can use to help them quit. Most of these programs are free, like the (ACS) American Cancer Society's Quitline. It is also a day when people around the country cut back on smoking or quit all together.

According to the ACS 17 states and about 2,500 communities are smoke free in public spaces. The states are all taking their tobacco laws serious, but tobacco still remains the leading cause of preventable deaths in the nation. Of the 560,000 yearly deaths in America caused by cancer, 30 percent is caused by tobacco.

DMACC has a no smoking policy within 25 feet of school buildings. But with new agendas and laws coming into effect, DMACC, along with many other Iowa colleges could soon be a smoke free campus. This would mean that all students wanting to smoke would have to leave school grounds. This rule would go into affect for all eight DMACC campuses, which is a total of 18,608 students on 457.5 acres. Some students like the idea, and others don't.

Cy Wynn, DMACC Freshmen said, "DMACC going to a smoke free campus is a great idea, because 550 Iowans die each year from 2nd hand."

For more information, visit www.cancer.org, or you can contact the local ACS in Des Moines at (515) 253-0147.



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DMACC student smoking outside the Boone Campus.



Photo: Tim Larson

Nancy Woods helps sophomore Hannah Blum with her scholarship process.



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Thanksgiving food, entertainment



On Wednesday Nov. 15 students and staff were treated to a full Thanksgiving meal with turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, and green bean casserole. The meal was made possible by Boone Campus Student Activities Council. The Courter Center was full with students and staff who came to eat and also to watch the free performer, John Rush.



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Beth Christianson (right) and others serve students and staff Thanksgiving dinner.



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Boone students (from left to right) Adam Crim, Kyle Anderson and Daniel Rinehart enjoy the free Thanksgiving meal.



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

The Human iPod, John Rush (above and right), performed cover songs as well as some of his original music while students enjoyed a free Thanksgiving meal Wednesday. In front of Rush were two books full of songs that he could perform on cue, and students were encouraged to request the songs they wanted to hear by writing them down on a post-it note. Rush would then ask the audience out of two or three requests which one they'd like him to play.



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

What are your Thanksgiving family traditions?



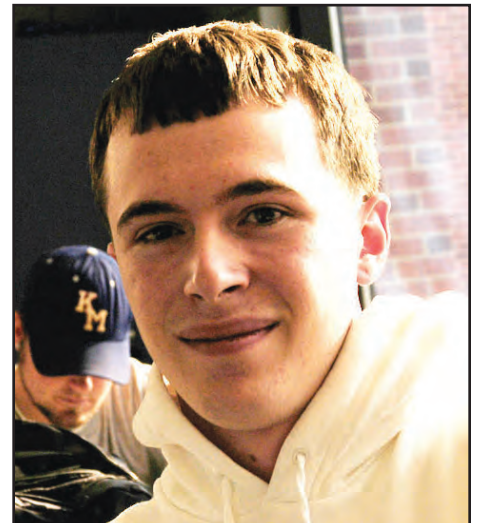
Marrona Chesnut, 21, Boone Student
“Last Thanksgiving I went to my boyfriend’s parents’ house, and they didn’t have turkey. I thought it was really weird. I was expecting turkey, and they had ham. My family thinks I’m weird because I don’t like pumpkin pie. I only like apple pie.”



Jacob Balough, 19 Boone Student
“I love green bean casserole and turkey. On Thanksgiving we go to my Grandma’s house. My family likes watching football on TV and eating a lot of food.”



Heather Oxley, 22, Boone Student
“On Thanksgiving my Mom’s side gets together and we have turkey and mashed potatoes. We visit, pray, eat, and visit some more and watch TV.”



Dan Reetz, 19, Boone Student
“Thanksgiving day the whole family comes to our house, and we have turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy. We like to watch football and we are big Cowboys fans. My favorite is my grandma’s homemade squash.”

Reporting by Erick Ude

Photos by Eden Hinrichs

Women take 10th

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Central Community College Raiders from Nebraska.

After winning the first and third games the Bears needed to win another to stay alive. In game four the Bears put themselves way out front with an 8-2 lead. The Bears continued to be a thorn in the Raiders side as they too needed to win to stay in. As the Bears increased their lead, the score was 27-20. The Bears knew they had the win within their grasp. The fourth game finally came to an end as Liz Schreck turned the lights out for the Raiders with the kill. They devoured the Raiders in four games 3-1 (30-23, 28-30, 30-24, 30-25).

With only one team standing in the way of the Bears ending with a ninth place finish, they knew exactly what to do—beat last year’s National Champions. However, this was not the first time that the Bears had seen the Cavaliers. The Bears had no trouble beating the Cavaliers in the Kirkwood tournament 3-1 (30-25, 30-28, 21-30, 31-29). Unfortunately, the Bears were unsuccessful in beating the Cavaliers this time.

The Bears started off on the right foot by taking game one 30-28. That all changed when the Cavaliers tied up the series at one game apiece, 30-24. So the Bears retaliated and took game three by a mere four points, 30-26. Soon it was the Cavaliers taking game four, 30-16. The Bears fought hard but it wasn’t enough to overpower the Cavaliers, as the Bears lost game five 15-12.

DMACC’s volleyball season came to an end as well as the junior college careers of two sophomores, Ashley Bayer and Liz Schreck.

Kishwaukee College won the NJCAA Women’s Division II Volleyball Champions. Kishwaukee entered the tournament as the second seed, but they destroyed the top ranked Chandler-Gilber Community College with a record of 3-0.

ICCAC names Brinkman scholar athlete of the week



Photo: Contributed

DMACC—Women’s basketball player Alisa Brinkman of Rolfe has been named the Women’s Basketball Scholar Athlete of the Week by the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC).

Brinkman helped the DMACC Bears to a 2-0 start. She had nine points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals against United Tribes Community College. She then had 18 points, five rebounds and seven assists against North Dakota SCS.

Brinkman is a second year player for DMACC Coach Steve Krafcsin and maintains a 3.8 grade point average. She has signed a national letter of intent to continue her playing career at Kent State University.



Photo: Eric Ver Helst

Freshmen Danni Richardson plays on despite injuring her ankle in practice.



Photo: Jennifer Spry-Knutson

DMACC men’s basketball players, Cy Wynn, Jesse Blackwell and Ashton Sauls, pose for a photo during the team’s visit Blank Children’s Hospital.

Mishaps plague volleyball team

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

According to the sports’ announcers on KWBG 1590 AM of Thursday’s evening broadcast of the DMACC Bears volleyball game, some of the women on the team weren’t at 100 percent.

Freshman Danni Richardson injured her ankle in practice two days before the regional tournament.

Then on Wednesday, Nov. 15,

sophomore Liz Schreck broke out in hives.

On the morning of Thursday, Nov. 16, freshman Becca Swalla tried to pick up her curling iron and dropped it immediately after she found out she had picked up the wrong end. Also during that same day Kayla Knobbe ran into a wall.

To make matters worst Ashley Bayer developed a rash over the course of the tournament because of her uniform.

Men dominate Grand View 71-54

Kal Schuller
Banner Staff Writer

On Nov. 9 DMACC’s 19th ranked men’s basketball team, in their second home game of the season, beat Grand View 71-54.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first half. The Bears shot 15 for 35. The game was close at halftime with a 30-25 DMACC lead. Grand View came out in the second half with a 6-0 run until DMACC’s Ashton Sauls took over. Sauls got hot early in the second half and put up

20 of his 22 points. Sauls led the team in scoring.

DMACC’s John Holmes contributed with 16 points and 6 rebounds. “I was satisfied with our second half; we were making our shots,” said head coach Orv Salman.

Late in the game the Bear’s Jesse Blackwell came off the bench and helped the Bears with 8 points and 4 rebounds.

The Bears domination of offensive rebounds and steals was a key factor of the game. The Bears had 12 offensive rebounds and 14 steals. Grand view had only two offensive rebounds and two steals.

After the game coach Salman said, “What we need to improve on would be playing like a team. We are very young, and when we learn to play together we will become stronger.” The Bears have only six sophomores this year but 10 freshmen.

Saturday, Nov. 11, the men took on Minneapolis JC at home. They started out cold and were 0-8 early on. They gradually pulled it together and went into the half down 34-38. The Bears turned it around in the second half as John Holmes scored 6 straight points. The game went back and forth, but the Bears were able to hold off Minneapolis JC and win 73-69.

On the 14th the Bears traveled to Oskaloosa where they swept through William Penn J.V for a second time this year with a 104-62 victory.

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Mirror, Mirror

Poem by Eden Hinrichs

Mirror, mirror for this I cannot see
Pieces that have broken every piece of me
Torment my body but leave my mind be,
None of this hatred should belong to me.

Mirror, mirror
I look to you fallen in some gaze that used to be me
The shell is hollow, do you see what you want?
You never do you look to me and taunt
Your river surface has betrayed me
Made me into to sometime I never thought to be
Set me free from this glass prison
The false image I give to them

Mirror, mirror Set me free
Allow me become all that I really do see
Cease the war against myself
For my image will never change
No matter where I go the reflection will follow me

Mirror, mirror I will smash you today
Disappear into the darkness
Where I will never see again
Instead of falling deeper into your river surface
Where seaweed will trap me once again
Turn me into your puppet
For it was your will
A reflection of what I was a shell of what I am

Mirror, mirror
I hate you so
May the fires of hell bring you to your knees
Beg and as you will
I will trap you give you the same pain that you gave me

Editorial

Thanksgiving is generally a time for gathering with family and friends. We will sit down for a big meal, watch the Detroit Lions get beat by someone, take a nap, eat more, then take another nap. This year will be different for hundreds of American families.

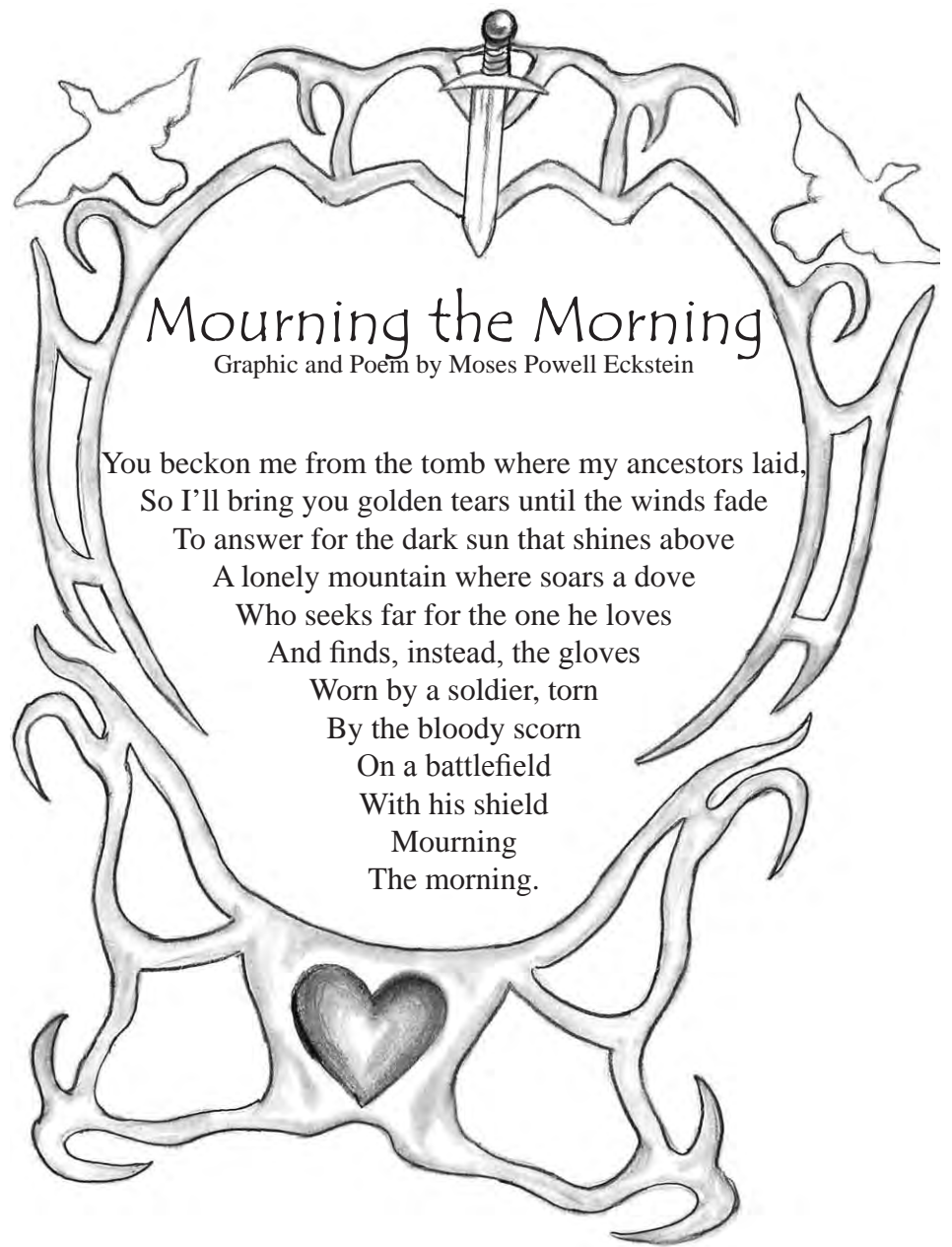
Four employees of Two Rivers Marketing and their pilot died in a plane crash last week. That crash left 12 children without their fathers, three wives without their husbands, one husband without his wife and one young woman without her fiancé. These five families will have an empty chair at their tables this year.

As we go about our everyday lives it seldom occurs that we may not have a tomorrow or that the friend we eat lunch with every day might not come back from his weekend trip. Everyone will die someday, but we don't ever think that that day will be today or tomorrow or next week. We go on, self absorbed and self centered, without a second thought to anything more than six inches from our faces.

Each person who got onto that plane expected to come home. But that's just it. No one ever expects to die. We leave things left unsaid because we can say them later; we leave things left undone because we can do them later. Not everyone will have a later.

Nearly 700 U.S. troops have died this year in Iraq. Since 2003 more than 2800 American men and women have died in Iraq. In the Sudan, over 450,000 men, women, and children have been killed in just three years. These numbers are not intended to spur you to protest the war or campaign for the people of Sudan. They are simply to put life in perspective. Through all the struggle and hardship of life we don't often realize what a gift it is to just be alive.

When you leave your house today, keep in mind that you may not make it home tonight. Be grateful that there isn't an empty chair at your table. Take advantage of the time you have. Make your words meaningful. Make your thoughts meaningful. Make your actions meaningful. Make your life meaningful. Don't think that you'll have another chance to say what you need to say. Tomorrow could be just another day, or it could be the last day.



Mourning the Morning

Graphic and Poem by Moses Powell Eckstein

You beckon me from the tomb where my ancestors laid,
So I'll bring you golden tears until the winds fade
To answer for the dark sun that shines above
A lonely mountain where soars a dove
Who seeks far for the one he loves
And finds, instead, the gloves
Worn by a soldier, torn
By the bloody scorn
On a battlefield
With his shield
Mourning
The morning.

O.J Simpson writes 'If I Did It'

Kal Schuller
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Eleven years ago football great OJ Simpson was found not guilty of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ron Goldman. In 1994 America was shocked by the trial result, and now America is shocked by the idea of his book.

According to Salon.com the book will be titled "If I Did It" and is published by ReganBooks. It is a hypothetical book that will take you through the murder scenes "hypothetically." The book will be very detailed and graphic. Simpson's book is being labeled a fictional confession.

Judith Regan, publisher of ReganBooks, said that to publish the book does not mean endorse it. She later said, "What I wanted was closure, not money." Regan on Nov. 16 stated in a press release that she set up Simpson in a bid to get a confession out of him on behalf of battered women everywhere.

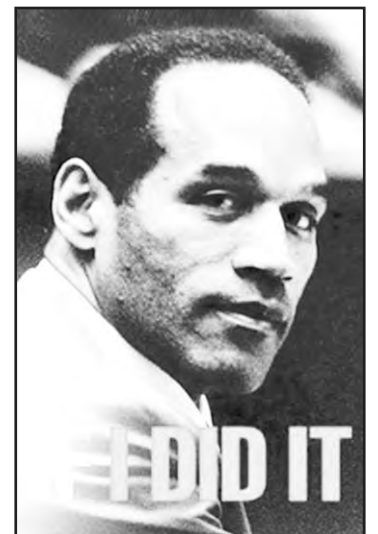
Family members of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman are calling for a boycott of the book. Ron Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, on "Larry King Live" said, "Shun the book, shun the book. Send a message loud and clear."

As of Nov. 17, "If I Did It" is number 21 in Amazon.com sales ranking. This number is especially high given that the

book is not yet available and is currently only available for pre-order.

Simpson cannot be retried for the murders because of the Fifth Amendment, the double jeopardy law. It is, however, possible that he could be tried for violating the Civil Rights of the two victims.

It has been reported that he will receive \$3.5 million to write the book. He owes around \$33 million to the families of the victims as a result of the judgment against him in the civil suite. Regan believes proceeds from "If I Did it" will go to Simpson's children, but it is not certain. The book will be released Nov. 30.



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Movie Guy Reviews 'BORAT'



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Two worlds clash in "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," which is directed by Larry Charles.

Sacha Baron Cohen tickles audiences with his portrayal of Borat Sagdiyev, a television journalist, in this mockumentary about a man traveling from Kazakhstan to the United States.

Borat is a tall, hairy man with a mustache some say makes him look like a Muslim terrorist. He lives in a dilapidated village in Kazakhstan where his sister is the number four prostitute. His best friend is Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), a short, fat man with a foul attitude.

He travels to the U.S. to gather information on its greatness for the benefit of his country. After shocking Americans with his strange cultural customs, he quickly falls in love with a former

"Baywatch" lifeguard, C.J. (Pamela Anderson). Borat convinces Azamat to come with him to California, so that he can marry C.J. and take her back to Kazakhstan.

Audience members will laugh out loud at many of the outlandish jokes in "Borat." Even Pamela Anderson makes a short appearance. Although many of the jokes are based on ethnic stereotypes, they are so ridiculous that only the most conservative will take offense.

However, several scenes are disturbing even to seasoned movie-goers. Especially distracting is the near gay porn scene between Borat and Azamat in a hotel.

"Borat" is rated R for pervasive strong crude and sexual content including graphic nudity, and language. It runs for about an hour and a half, and it's playing in theaters everywhere.

7.5 out of 10 Laughs

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Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Less homework this week gives you a chance to get ahead. Finishing assignments early will lighten your load.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Eat, exercise (any activity will do). Then sleep, or you could wake up with additional rolls.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Traveling could get scary if you forget to check under the hood.

Pisces (Feb.19-March 20) – While you're home for the holiday, help our around the house. More work = more pay!

Aries (March 21-April 19) – Try not to ask your parents for money. They will be so shocked that they just might give you some anyway!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Be thankful for the huge meal your family spent all day preparing. Don't drop in under an hour; talk to your family!

Gemini (May 21-June 21) – It's time to take your pants off for the one you love! It's the season for giving, right!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Want some brownie points? Offer to say grace during the big dinner.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) – No gasing at the table; it really isn't funny!

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept. 22) – Fill the first plate and maybe go back for seconds, but thirds are a little too much!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Remember during Thanksgiving you should give, not just thank!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - You often play cards all night with your buddies, so sit down and play spades with your grandma. She'll appreciate it more than they will, and you can keep your money!

'Lost' takes mid-season break

Jason Munday
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For those of you that just can't get enough Lost, too bad. The third season of "Lost" is now taking a break until Feb. 7, when it will proceed for sixteen straight weeks to the end of the season.

Only six episodes have aired this season but you know "Lost," always keeping viewers on the edge of their seat.

This season, we find our lovable main characters in captivity. Jack, Kate, and Sawyer are being held by the Others and are waiting to learn of their plans for them. Jack is being kept in an old aquarium where the Others are trying to slowly break him, while Kate and Sawyer are being kept in old bear cages and are being forced to work.

It seems the Others are far more advanced than anyone thought, and that they have been on the island for a very long time. Apparently, the Others really do know what's going on in the outside world and could leave the island if they wanted to, but they chose to stay for some reason.

Sayid leads Sun and Jin on a wild goose chase while he waits for a rendezvous with Jack. During an onboard attack by the Others, Sun ends up shooting one of them.

Back at the beach, Desmond, Locke, and Charlie begin trying to figure out what



Photo: wikipedia.org

is going on. Mr. Eko is missing, and in the midst of Locke's sweat lodge ritual, he has a vision that leads him to Eko.

Ben (formerly known as Henry Gale) takes Sawyer for a hike and shows him that the island they're on is actually different than the island where Flight 815 crashed.

Obviously, we continue to discover more about the secrets of the characters' past. Each episode continues to contain flashbacks from a certain character's life.

And of course, there has been a death or two this season.

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