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Women beat Kirkwood, head to Nationals



Photo: Eric Ver Helst

Bears volleyball players celebrate their victory over Kirkwood. The Bears will be playing for the National Championship in Scottsdale Ariz.

Andrew Penner
Sports Writer

Kirkwood gave the Bears a run for their money, winning the second and third games. The Bears fought against a tough Kirkwood team but managed to persevere in the end.

The final scores were 30-28, 26-30, 23-30, 30-25, 15-12. With that they qualified for the National Championships in Scottsdale, Ariz.. and are now rated 6th in the nation.

The Bears were followed closely in score by the Eagles. Neither team was backing down. It was the Bears who were victorious at the end of game one. Liz Scheck nailed a kill just barely over the net.

However the momentum shifted in the favor of the Eagles in the second game. At one point the Bears were trailing by seven points. The Bears would bring it back within four, but it was too late.

The third game started in a 0-6 lead for the Eagles, and Coach Patty Harrison had had it. Harrison called a time out to rally her players. It wasn't enough. The Bears lost another game to the Eagles.

This time the team decided to do their little cheer before the fourth game, and it paid off. Before long the Bears were up by five, but the game was later tied up at 22. That is when the Bears had had enough. They allowed two more points for the Eagles and eight more for themselves to tie the series at 2 a piece. They forced a fifth game.

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because you are a public servant. I don't know how you can try to make laws about things like gay marriage when you can't even do the job you have."

Juhl, who won his mayoral seat in 2005 with 48 percent of the vote, has had little trouble adjusting to his position. Parliamentary procedure has been Juhl's biggest hurdle, but "the city clerk [Deenan Frost] helps me a lot," said Juhl.

When asked what it's like to run a city at such a young age Juhl said, "it's a little odd, it's--different."

The Roland City Council is in the process of debating a half million dollar bond issue to build a new library in the city. Juhl said that there were some things he would have done differently if he had been involved in the process from the beginning.

The bond issue will be on the ballot in the upcoming election, and Juhl seems to keep a level head. "I think it's a little expensive," said Juhl. "Whatever the people decide, we'll do that."

Upcoming Events

- **Nov. 8**, Men's basketball plays William Penn JV at 7 p.m. Home.
- **Nov. 9**, Men's basketball plays Grand View JV at 7 p.m. Home.
- **Nov. 11**, Women's basketball plays Minneapolis JC at 1 p.m. Home.
- **Nov. 11**, Men's basketball plays Minneapolis JC at 3 p.m. Home.
- **Nov. 13**, Women's basketball plays William Penn JV at 6 p.m. Home.
- **Nov. 15**, Free turkey meal. "Human iPod" John Rush sings at 11:30 a.m.
- **Nov. 16**, Volleyball National Championships.
- **Nov. 16**, "The Pianist" plays in the auditorium.
- **Nov. 16**, Intramural Free Throw Contest.
- **Nov. 17**, Volleyball National Championships.
- **Nov. 18**, Volleyball National Championships.
- **Nov. 18**, Mass Flu Clinic for Boone County Residents. Colleen Farley.

America's youngest mayor attends Boone Campus

Tim Larson
Editor in Chief

In the whole of the United States there are only three town mayors under age 20. Sam Juhl, who turned 19 on Nov. 3, is a freshman on the Boone Campus and the mayor of Roland.

Juhl sits at a table in the Courter Center breaking a small Styrofoam cup into pieces as he discusses the current state of politics. "Ed Fallon should have won. He told the people what he felt," said Juhl. "I know who I'm going to vote for, but I'm not excited about the choices."

In 2008 Juhl plans to transfer to Iowa State and double major in history and political science with a teaching certification and run for re-election. "I need to have something to fall back on if politics doesn't work out. It'd be [a good area of study] for being in politics." Looking beyond college and his mayoral seat to a future in national politics Juhl said, "You go where you go."



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Roland Mayor, Sam Juhl

As the conversation moved into national politics Juhl laughed about the glut of Washington scandals, calling it "complete crap." "I could take money from [Roland] but you just don't do that

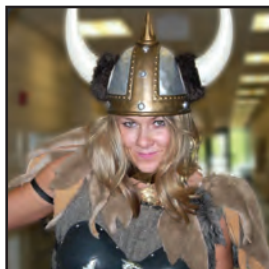
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BUS-eum stops at the Boone Campus.



Coat drive was a success



Photo: Tim Larson

DMACC student and Phi Theta Kappa member Adell Fellmet packs up coats donated in the Coats for Kids coat drive.

Boone instructor receives award

DMACC-Mary Jane Green is the Iowa Business Education Association's 2006 Outstanding Post-secondary Business Educator.

A business instructor for 35 years, Mary Jane is currently a Des Moines Area Community College, Boone Campus, business technology instructor and internship coordinator. She is also the Business/Management group leader, and Boone Campus Business Technology program advisory committee chair.

As an innovative teacher, she created "Kids College Tech Camp" a technical camp to introduce middle age students (grades 5 to 7) to the entertaining side of academic technology. One supporter said, "She pushes her students to be their best; teaching students to have high principles and be ethical."

The IBEA convention was held in Des Moines on October 13 and 14. IBEA is a state-wide professional organization for business teachers and proudly

names Mary Jane Green as Iowa's 2006 Outstanding Post-secondary Business Educator.



Photo: Dan Ivis

Mary Jane Green, business technology instructor, won an IBEA award.



Photo: www.johnrush.com

John Rush, the Human iPod, seen here in Chicago, IL, will be performing in the Courter center Nov. 15.

Human iPod shuffles into Boone

Erick Ude
Banner Staff Writer

A musician who has been heralded as "entertainer of the year" by Campus Activities Magazine, a dominant publication in the world for college entertainment, is coming to the Boone Campus.

John Rush, the human iPod, will be performing in the Courter Center Nov. 15 at 11 a.m.

Rush has been dubbed the human iPod because he can perform more than 55 hours of music. Rush is a solo act who sounds like a full band when he performs, thanks to the use of a loop machine. He knows more than 600 songs from over 175 different bands by everyone from Bob Marley to Staind to Tracy Chapman and can perform any one of them on cue. "You request it, he plays it," is Rush's performance motto.

Rush started learning the guitar at age 12 and has been in numerous bands throughout the years, but he never found the band that he was looking for. Rush prefers to be a solo act because then he

only has to rely on himself. In his performance Rush will play half cover songs and half originals. His performance consists of singing and playing guitar, bass, harmonica, piano, sax and percussion. Rush has recorded two studio albums as well as one album of live music.

When asked in an e-mail interview what he likes most about performing for college students Rush said, "There are two things about colleges that I really like. One is the energy on a college campus. The students are excited about the show and open to hearing new music. Another is the fact that I get paid to travel all over the country. It's like I'm always on vacation."

Rush, a current resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, performs over 200 dates a year throughout the country. For more information on Rush and his shows, visit www.johnrush.com. To hear some of Rush's music before the show, check out his website or mp3.com.

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Dodgeball no show

Kal Schuller
Banner staff writer

Dodgeball is a no go at the Boone Campus, but Coach Steve Krafcsin is coming up with new ideas this month.

"There has been no dodge ball tournament the last two weeks because no one has shown up," Krafcsin said. "The first week it seemed to work out well with 6 teams who had team shirts. Each week fewer teams have shown up, and this last week no one did."

"Many of our participants were athletes whose coaches did not want them to be at risk for injury," Krafcsin said. "We may try one-day dodgeball events, or have them after athletic events. We will try something new this month to get people involved."

Krafcsin suggested the idea of open gym on Tuesday nights with open volleyball, basketball or other activities. Krafcsin urges anyone to contact him with ideas for activities, and he would be willing to try it out.

If anyone is interested in dodgeball, keep your eyes open for an event sometime this month or contact Krafcsin at sjkrafcsin@dmacc.edu.

Ride sharing at DMACC

Jesse Blackwell
Banner Staff Writer

Students can spend hundreds of dollars a month on gas driving to and from school. The Commute Board, located on the wall next to the book store, was designed to reduce the amount of money students spend on gas.

The Commute Board is a board where people can place bulletins either requesting or offering a ride. Postings can range from regular commuting needs to long distance trips for athletic events.

Although the board has been up since the beginning of the semester, there had been no postings until Oct. 31 when Jan LaVille made the first post.

Maggie Stone, coordinator of Iowa New Choices said, "The board is up to help students save money on gas." If students don't use the board, it will more then likely be taken down.

In April of 1981 the Bear Facts ran a story on commuting and how it could benefit the students who travel long distances to get to the Boone campus. The idea of a commute board has been around since the early '80s but students are still hesitant to take advantage of it. Brienna Ott DMACC freshman said, "Commuting is a great idea, the only problem is finding people who I can trust to drive me too and from school."

To take advantage of the Commute Board go to the register window pick up a form, fill it out, return it and your request is on the board.

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“Once Upon a Broomstick” rocks

Eden Hinrichs
Banner Photographer

The theatre chimed with the voices of children before the curtain came up to reveal a brilliantly spooktacular set over shadowed by an equally amusing cast.

The story is circulated around a witch named Malvolia (Megan McMahon) whose crush on her apprentice Tobias (Thad Imerman) bring her to cast a love spell on him with the help of the zany Vinegar Tom (Mary Drahos) yet things go awry when Tobias falls for the house cleaner Belinda, (Kelsi Jurik) instead! Malvolia in spite turns Belinda in to a Caterpillar (Kristi Miller) yet with the help of the Professor (Pam Holt) Tobias and Belinda triumph and defeat Malvolia. Despite her character being defeated, the enigmatic Megan McMahon stole the show.

After the show, the Banner caught up with the director of this amusing play. “I would definitely consider doing another

production like this one. I enjoyed the creativity involved in designing the set and costumes. I think the DMACC students involved in the production and the elementary students who saw it all had a great time.” Kay Mueller said, “You should see the cool thank you note I got from one of the first grade classes.”

The cast interacted with the children of the audience by having them echo a rhyme said by the poor Belinda-turned-caterpillar “I can wiggle. I can squirm. I’m a squishy, squashy worm. I can creep. I can crawl. I’m a fuzzy fat green ball.” As the audience chanted along with her, you could see the giggling faces were enjoying the show. The great wholesome play appealed wonderfully to children who enjoyed the rich character and unusual circumstances.

In a world where children are held captive with video games and television it is heart warming to see that plays still have power to attract and entertain the young and the old.



Banner Staff Photo

Malvolia, played by Megan McMahan and Tobias played by Thad Imerman greet the Sacred Heart Students after the performance.



Banner Staff Photo

Casting Call from right: Mary Elizabeth Drahos, Ryan Hull, Megan McMahon, Thad Imerman, Kristi Miller, Jonathan Loutzenhiser, Cynthia Sari, Kelsi Jurik and Joe Drahos.



Banner Staff Photo

Vinigar Tom, (left) played by Mary Elizabeth Drahos, played by Thad Imerman performed in the fall play “Once Upon a Broomstick”.

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Halloween costume contest



Photo: Moses Eckstein

Tammie Foltz, instructor of philosophy and sociology, received \$25 by winning the Halloween costume contest for best staff costume dressed as a ghost buster.



Photo: Moses Eckstein

Boone students and staff dressed up for the Halloween costume contest on Oct. 31. Alisha Markuson won for best student costume, and Tammie Foltz, instructor of Philosophy and Sociology, won best staff costume dressed as a female ghostbuster.



Photo: Moses Eckstein

Alisha Markuson, Boone Campus student, won the Halloween costume contest dressed as a Viking warrior and received the \$25 prize.

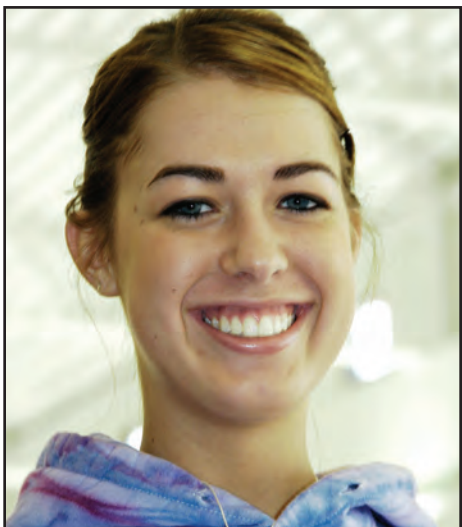
Pumpkin pie eating contest



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Pie eating contest participants (from left to right), Holly Griffith, Staci Clearwater, Alicia Lessard, and Justin Hemauer. Hemauer ate the most pie in 30 seconds and took home \$25.

Students answer questions about the election



Sarah Trudeau, 19, Boone Student

Banner: Are you voting next week?

Sarah: "Maybe."

Banner: Do you know who is running for governor?

Sarah: "Is that, like, Latham? Or the commercials on TV?"

Banner: What are some issues that are important to you?

Sarah: "Abortion, I'm against it."



Bryan White, 21, Boone Student

Banner: Are you voting next week?

Bryan: "Unfortunately."

Banner: Which gubernatorial candidate are you voting for?

Bryan: "I still don't know who I am voting for. They're both kind of useless."

Banner: What are some important issues to you?

Bryan: "Education, Iowa agriculture."



Emily Driscoll, 19, Boone Student

Banner: Are you voting next week?

Emily: "I didn't know there was voting."

Banner: Do you know who is running for governor?

Emily: "Nope."

Banner: Why aren't you voting?

Emily: "I don't vote because I don't know enough about the elections."



Molly Lumley, 20, Boone Student

Banner: Are you voting next week?

Molly: "Yes."

Banner: Which gubernatorial candidate are you voting for?

Molly: "Nussle"

Banner: Why?

Molly: "Because I don't like Culver. I don't vote Democrat, and I'm not a fan of his plan."

Nationals

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The fifth and final game to decide who would be going to Nationals finally started. The Bears went down 0-2, but came back with a kill from Ashley Bayer and Kelley Stitz. It was Rachel Wenzel who put the Bears out front with a serve that hit the net and barely made it over. The game ended with a win for the Bears with the kill coming from Stitz.

The Bears were without one of

their key players, Danni Richardson, as she had come down on top of Bayer in practice just three days earlier and twisted her ankle. Harrison had said that she, Richardson, would be back within a few days.

This was not Harrison's first time to Nationals. However the last time she was there it was in Miami, Florida. She was coaching for Iowa Central, which is also making the trek to Nationals this year.

The Bears go into the tournament with a 34-7 record.



Photo: Moses Eckstein

Students stand outside the BUS-eum in the Boone Campus parking lot.

Bus-eum 2 educates students

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

Students explored the Bus-eum 2, uncovering the history of one of the United State's best kept World War II secrets last week.

Librarian Rebecca Funke said, "The administration paid for [the Bus-eum 2]." Funke said it was relevant to DMACC because it corresponded with the Holocaust book "Night," which many of the Boone faculty and staff are reading.

The free exhibit on wheels parked for a day at the Boone Campus. It is one of two exhibition buses that tour the U.S., spreading information about the German and Japanese internment camps in the U.S. during WWII.

Executive Director Michael Luick-Thrams said, "People love the bus." He said that people thought it was unique and important. He also gave a short talk about the two movies that played in the rear half of the bus.

The front half of the bus contained material about WW II and internment camps. The rear half of the bus was a small theater. Many instructors took their classes to view the bus.

Sophomore Sherry Free said, "It was too crowded." However Free also said that the Bus-eum was a neat concept.

One of the theater films was a 15 minute NBC Dateline documentary about the kidnapping of Germans living in Latin America by the U.S. government. The other one was a 20 minute INS film that documented the conditions of the Crystal City, Texas internment camp.

Freshman Barnabus Lundberg, after watching the movies, said, "I thought it was good that they were trying to bring [the internment cover-up] out." He said that he thought the exhibit was unbiased because it only covered the reality of the internment.

Luick-Thrams said that the tour started in St. Paul. The bus toured all over the Midwest, including Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, western Missouri, and Iowa. Luick-Thrams said he sleeps in the back of the Bus-eum 2 behind a wooden door on tour.

The Bus-eum 2 remained in the faculty and visitor parking lot for much of morning and evening on Friday.

Free said, "If they had had it a couple more days, it would have been better."

World food prize winners attend dinner in Ankeny



Photo: Dan Ivis

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) President Rob Denson (left) presented DMACC 40th Anniversary Medallions to seven World Food Prize laureates, as well as to World Food Prize President Dr. Kenneth Quinn (right). The seven past or current laureates, who attended a gourmet dinner at the Ankeny Campus, include: Dr. Edson Lobato (front row, left to right), 2006 laureate; Dr. Allyson Paolinelli, 2006; and Dr. A. Colin McClung, 2006; Dr. Per Pinstrup-Andersen (back row, second from left) 2001; Dr. Hans Herren, 1995; Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw, 1991; Dr. Surinder Vasal, 2000; and Dr. Quinn. The medallions were made by DMACC's Tool and Die students commemorating the 40th anniversary of DMACC.

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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.

Difficulty: Moderate

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Julianne Hamil
Banner Staff Writer

Now that mid-term and the last day to drop classes have both passed by, here are a few ways to improve scores before the grades are set in stone. The Academic Achievement Center is something we all pass by daily. The AAC has many programs designed for students who are having trouble with any area of their studies.

"The AAC can help with almost any core class available on campus," said Jinny Silberhorn, director of the AAC. "If teachers aren't available, we hire a student that is doing well in the course to assist as a paid tutor for the classes we don't have teachers for." Any student needing this kind of help needs to stop in and fill out a request form. Math and English teachers are ready to assist at any time.

Students who aren't familiar with SmarThinking.com need to stop in the AAC and ask for their log in. This site offers free 24/7 online tutoring in writing, math up to calculus II, macro and micro economics, accounting, statistics, chemistry and English. SmarThinking.com is accessible from anywhere with an Internet connection. SmarThinking.com returns papers and projects quickly. Within 24 hours the service will send a revised copy, noting errors, with feedback on how to

improve the paper.

"I use the AAC about five hours a week," said Justin Haymar, Boone Campus student and baseball player. "It's where I go to make sure my work is always done right."

For students who have time to spend in the AAC, there is a program called Plato which has many online tutorials in a wide range of subjects. The program alternates between tutorials and mini quizzes to check what you have learned. Silberhorn mentioned that this is a great place to get help with grammar.

Students struggling with test taking, note taking or any other area of study can sign up for the three-credit course Study Strategies next semester. This course is beneficial to new students and transfer students whose study strategies didn't work so well here at DMACC.

Procrastination is a problem many students share. With only four weeks remaining in the semester, it's imperative students realize that it's now or never! Many teachers said they would offer extra credit points for those who were willing to work to make up for lost points. Students concerned about failing a course need to talk to the teacher. They all have their own suggestions.

AAC Hours
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Students enjoy Reality TV

Kal Schuller
Banner Staff Writer

Reality Television is defined as genre of television programming which generally is unscripted, documenting actual events over fiction, and features ordinary people over professional actors.

Reality television started off in the 1940's with shows like "Candid Camera" and "Truth or Consequences." PBS took a new approach in 1973 with "An American Family," which followed the daily lives of an outrageous family. Today reality TV dominates television with more extreme ideas than ever.

What is it that has America hooked on these shows? To some it may be admiring or making fun of other people's lives. Others may enjoy cheering for an event like a "Survivor" competition. We may watch because our lives are just boring.

Marcus Nagl said, "One of my favorites would be "Real World/Road Rules Challenge." It's hilarious to watch people overreact over nothing. It draws you back to see what stupid fight will occur next episode."

Television companies make millions of dollars because they seem to know what we like to see and how we want to see it. From watching the everyday lives of spoiled rich kids to people starving on an island, it seems there is something for everyone.

DMACC student Samantha Reinsch said, "My favorite show is definitely "Laguna Beach." When asked why she said, "Because their lives are much more interesting than mine and, of course, because of the drama."

Reality TV brings far-out ideas such as "VH1's Flavor of Love 2." It is the story of former star rapper Flavor Flav of the group Public Enemy and his quest to

find love. Flavor Flav's interesting personality involves wearing Viking helmets and a giant clock around his neck.

"Flavor of Love 2" is DMACC student Logan Witte's favorite reality show. Witte said, "There is hilarious drama on every episode, and it makes entertaining TV. The people they have on the show are crazy, and it's hard to ignore watching it."

Convenience

A poem by Julianne Hamil

How convenient are the gas stations
and fast food restaurants
One Stop shops for all you want
will keep you on the go
But, where will they take your gut
now sinking below your belt?
On to Trim Spa and Jenny Craig
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Recent studies show convenience
is making us fat and trashy
Did you forget about the trash
oh where does all of it go?
From the can to the truck
then it's on it's way
to join hundreds and thousands
of tons of non biodegradable waste

This waste releases carbon
which is heating our atmosphere
When convenience pollutes our planet
it now becomes a fear
Too bad all these packages
weren't made out of hemp
A biodegradable fiber
that could disappear in months

The War

A poem by Eden Hinrichs

The midnight drew over me with its velvet glove and left you to me,
The angel says no,
Your hand caresses my body yet nothing there to give my mind,
Lost in the words that command my love
The angel says no
One move of your hand tears me below the surface
Make me suffer are the whispers. To rip me open and be the doctor
Never the pain as I have felt as the void you have left in my life
The river never seeks an end like the reality that I live from day to day

My dreams as vague as you imprint on my soul,
You say to me "you'll understand some day" A cry ripples on,
My child torn from my arms and myself thrown to the dogs in hell
Oh Hades why must you punish my mind and soul with such burning
Why must my desire be greater then those around me?

To the heavens I cry to "Why?" Must you place burden so thick as this to my
lips so hurtful these tears
But yet heavens fury shall rein over should I spill a tear lest the heavens spill
themselves

The angel says no
I turn to the angel and the battle is waged. The man from the bitter dark
lands that lays in the north
Or to the angel in above.

My body torn between the earthly pleasures of him or the salvation my soul
desperately needs
Ease my burning god of metal! For I speak this name that is yours and yours
alone!

Why must there be no answers for me?
No court for me to rule! No world left for me

The darkness or the angel shall me soul be battled for or is it something
greater then I

I have not given up on you god

Only this darken battle

I lay within these dead trees of knowledge searching for the answer in which
my soul beckons

EDITORIAL

As the campaign season draws to a close and the airwaves are finally free of paid political propaganda we will become inundated with the un-paid political propaganda. Politicians of every stripe-- Tom DeLay, Duke Cunningham, Jack Abramoff, Robert Ney, David Vitter, Harry Reid, Bennie Thompson, Mark Foley--are embroiled in scandal and controversy, and those are just in the last year. Now even Ted Haggard, the head of a Christian organization claiming over 45,000 churches, has been fired after admitting to "sexually immoral conduct," presumably with a male prostitute. The Vatican bought off or intimidated victims of priestly abuse for decades before it became public. At what point do we simply say "Enough!"

The 104th Congress rode into Washington on the white horse of political, ethical and religious purity. That same group has produced no fewer than five felons and at least one pedophile. Every generation this country becomes less motivated, less well informed, more stratified and more arrogant. This trend is encouraged, at least implicitly, by the behavior of those in power.

We still look up to our leaders; the behavior of the people at the top informs and influences the behavior of those down the line. The leaders of our country lie, cheat, steal, manipulate and molest. Each person is looking out for his or her best interest. We can't even look far enough past our immediate desires to see that they will be our undoing. This thinking is only encouraged in our authorities' actions, if not their words.

Our parents, teachers, coaches, pastors and priests cover up or flatly ignore transgressions. Our leaders are so devoid of any moral authority or fortitude that they are either incapable of or unwilling to enforce their own rules. The privileged few in this country; the rich, the beautiful, the talented and the athletic, are sheltered from the consequences of their actions by the people who should be enforcing the law. The powerful, the rich and the talented behave as though they live above the law and the authorities do nothing to discourage their behavior.

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Apprentice Amanda takes some advice from her master, criminal mastermind Jigsaw in one of this fall's strangest and most frightening movies.

Movie Guy Reviews 'Saw III'

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

"Pain: it's a part of the puzzle. Blood: it's the price of freedom. Death: it's not that easy. Suffering: you haven't seen anything yet," said Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) in a "Saw III" trailer. This quote defines the third installment in the "Saw" series.

"Saw III" picks up where "Saw I" ended. Jigsaw expands his nefarious scheme to test the willpower of his human subjects with the aid of the tormented Amanda (Shawnee Smith).

Jigsaw's test subject is Jeff (Angus Macfadyen), a fuming father, who desires to murder the drunk driver who plowed into his son. He treads through a maze of dark hallways and discovers those responsible for his anguish. Jeff must either forgive his tormentors or condemn them to horrifying deaths.

"Saw III" is bloodier, darker, and

more elaborate than its prequels. Those who thought the first two movies were just too cuddly will adore the gory third installment.

On the other hand, "Saw III" contains some unpleasant scenes. In one pigs drop into a grinder and their viscera spill into a canister where a judge lies, restrained at the neck. Other scenes are too graphic to describe here.

Fans of the "Saw" series may find in it a dark chemistry to call their own. Those who are not fans of "Saw" can either skip it or bring a barf bag to the theater.

"Saw III" is rated R for strong grisly violence and gore, sequences of terror and torture, nudity and language. It runs a few minutes under two hours, and it's playing in theaters everywhere.

5.5 out of 10 Screams (8 out of 10 for fans of "Saw")

HOROSCOPES

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) – Procrastinating with your car isn't the thing to do with winter approaching. Tune it up before you tune it out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – This is your year to vote! Think of it as a time your opinion actually matters.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Spend some time on your closet this week, and the weather might be something you're prepared for.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Sick of being sick? Seek Airborne: a generous dose of all the vitamins your McDonalds is lacking.

Pisces (Feb.19-March 20) – Check your tires. The air pressure changes when the temperature drops. Save your tread.

Aries (March 21-April 19) – Save now for presents later. Yes, it's almost that time of year.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Keep your pants on! The only true side affects to sex are STD's and Babies!

Gemini (May 21-June 21) – Think of your family for the next two weeks! This will make convincing them you're thankful easier.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Prepare for winter: buy a hat, gloves, warmer coat, ice scraper, shovel, and if you have any money left, get snow pants!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't share Chap Stick. During cold sore season it's not safe!

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept. 22) – Buying a space heater for the floor might help you stay out of bed in the morning.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Cover your windows! The plastic looks trashy but the utility bill looks amazing!

Heroes save television



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Heroes, Mondays at 8 p.m. on NBC.

Jason Munday
Banner Staff Writer

Heroes, NBC's newest epic drama, debuted this fall. Many new shows seem to be old ideas with a novel twist, and this show is exactly that. The character development and multiple plots intertwine in just a way that captures viewers.

The show revolves around seven characters that discover they have extraordinary traits. One man, Mohinder Suresh (Sendhil Ramamurthy), is determined to continue genetic research involving abnormal human abilities that his father started, who recently died. He seems to be the man who might eventually be a hero to the heroes.

A young cheerleader, Claire Bennet (Hayden Panettiere), discovers that she is essentially invulnerable. She performs a series of tests to prove to herself that she can't be hurt and realizes that her body heals unusually fast. Several times, she gets injured only to return to normal in seconds. A lot of these events are fairly graphic, but are almost necessary to keep up with what will shock viewers. Claire's father (Jack Coleman), coincidentally was seen at the apartment where Mohinder's father lived just after he was killed.

Peter Petrelli (Milo Ventimiglia) begins to notice strange things about himself and tells his brother Nathan (Adrian Pasdar), a political candidate, about unusual dreams he has been having. After making the tie between one of Peter's dreams and reality, the brothers discover that Nathan has the ability to fly and that Peter can leach abilities from people near him. At this point, Peter is the one who really wants to investigate what is happening to him and why.

Hiro Nakamura (Masi Oka), a citizen of Tokyo, Japan, loves science fiction

and comic books. He longs to be able to control time and space, and he eventually realizes he has the power to do exactly that. Hiro just wants to be a superhero, providing a service to humanity. In one episode, he teleports himself to the United States, only to find out the horrible fate of the country. Hiro could be either the most lovable or the most annoying character because of his goofy nature.

Comic book artist Isaac Mendez (Santiago Cabrera) notices that all of the paintings he creates while high on heroin reflect future events. Isaac is still mysterious at this point and continues to bring up more questions all the time.

Matt Parkman (Greg Grunberg) is a police officer who has been having trouble with his relationship at home. While standing guard at a crime scene, he hears the voice of a little girl who is hiding in a secret compartment and finds where she is hiding. Matt then realizes that what he is hearing is the inner monologue of those around him.

Niki Sanders (Ali Larter) is having a hard time raising her young boy Micah (Noah Gray-Cabey) since her husband D.L. (Leonard Roberts) was arrested. Piles of bills have left her no choice but to do everything in her ability to provide for her son. A visit from a debtor brings to her attention that something about her is not normal. Whenever she faces a bad situation, another person comes alive. This plot seems like it will be one of the more explored story lines of the show.

"Heroes" has several suspenseful moments and cliffhangers that bring viewers back each week wanting more. The actors really fit their parts well, and although the writing isn't perfect, they do a great job of playing the roles convincingly.

5 / 5 stars

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