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Government Shuts Down

By Michelle Czaia & Hanan Aquil
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America faces the biggest ordeal yet, as the government shuts down. People all around the world are puzzled as the government shut down on Tuesday morning, Oct. 1.

Republicans and Democrats could not agree on a spending plan for the fiscal year that started Tuesday as they wrangled over Obamacare. "Congress has only

one key duty in the Constitution, to pass spending bills that fund the government. If it does not, most functions of government, from funding agencies to paying out small business loans and processing passport requests grind to a halt. Some services like Social Security, air traffic control and active military pay, will continue to be funded, as the Congress still gets paid," according to CNN.

Obamacare was put into effect

four years ago, yet Republicans are trying to revoke the law. According to CNN, "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the actual name of the law, requires all Americans to have health insurance." For the first year, citizens will be taxed \$95. For every consecutive year, the tax will continue to increase.

Americans question whether the government shutdown is necessary. Philosophy professor Matt Wion thinks the government

shutdown over Obamacare is unnecessary. Wion states, "The purpose of Obamacare is to expand coverage and lower cost for consumers and the country. It does expand coverage but it is debatable as to whether it lowers cost."

Harper students are not affected greatly by the shutdown. Social services such as passports are closed, however, unless you are a federal employee, students receive their paycheck.

40-billion-dollar cut on food stamps

By Juan Cervantes
Staff Writer

The House of Representatives approved reforms on Sept. 9, allowing a 40 billion dollar food stamp cut over the next 10 years. The food stamp reform will start in July 2014, and will effectively deny an estimated 3.8 million Americans from obtaining nutritional aid.

217 to 210 representatives allowed the decision justifying the food stamp cut, saying that it will help encourage Americans to get jobs. They also made the argument that Americans are only abusing government nutritional aid.

Certain local business owners feel the same way. One owner, who wished to remain anonymous, states, "A lot of times what people do with food stamps is, they take the food stamps, and they sell the food stamps. They sell the cards that are not really stamps any more.

So, then they take the money that they take for food stamps, and use them to buy something else. There should be criteria for being on a government program, a socioeconomic status, establishing a real need, like a woman with children who can't support herself."

The bill would require food

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State funding decreases for Harper

By Crystal Rohan
Sports Editor

Governor Pat Quinn recently announced a \$35.9 million state-funded renovation at the College of Lake County's Lake Shore Campus, and while Harper College has also been undergoing some new renovations this fall, its state funding seems to be decreasing each year.

The decrease in funds forces Harper to increase tuition for students. The college receives an estimated \$6.6 million in 2014.

This does not really compare to College of Lake County's \$35.9 million.

Tuition at Harper College has been increased the last three years. This year there was a \$2 increase per credit hour.

A \$35.9 million state-funded renovation would definitely help with the financial stress the college and its students are feeling this year.

"The tuition increase has definitely had an impact on me financially," said Student Jill Zelek. While the state funds increase for a school like College of Lake County, they are decreasing for schools like Harper College, Oakton Community College, and College of Dupage.

The decrease in state funding is deepening the financial burden for some students at Harper College, like Zelek.

She continued to explain how her parents struggled paying for her tuition last year. This year she had to use all of her work money to pay for her tuition.

Since state funds are decreasing at Harper College, the school has been forced to raise its tuition in order to do any kind of

renovations. Although the tuition may have been raised at Harper College, it is definitely not being wasted.

Students seem to agree when asked about the recent construction going on at Harper: "Construction is always a pain, but I feel like Harper College is putting the money to a good cause," said Student Tim Mednick.

He went on to say that Harper College needs the renovations, and by completing them, it is opening itself up to a lot of new students.

Mednick thinks the new renovations will help the school increase its number of students, as well as improving academically.

Currently at Harper College, there are some big construction projects under way. The two big projects most students are talking about are the parking garage being built and the expansion of building D.

The parking garage is supposed to help with the already hectic parking situation. The hope is that the parking garage will help shift traffic and create better access into the parking lot.

Despite the renovations benefitting the students of Harper College, some students still think it is unfair for the state to decrease funding.

When asked how she felt about the \$35.9 million state funded renovations at College of Lake County, Zelek said, "They are both community colleges that are struggling. Giving money to one over the other isn't fair."

This is an issue that Harper College has been struggling with for years. It has been making small tuition increases each year to avoid a dramatic increase in tuition.

Harper College is dealing with the state funds decreasing dilemma as best it can without jeopardizing the quality of education it intends to provide.



GRISELLE QUINONES

Harper students race to climb the rock wall outside of the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Sept. 25. See story, page 9.

Devastating floods in Colorado

By Nicole Wagner
Staff Writer

Picture sitting at your window watching the rain start to come down in easy strides, completely unaware of the natural disaster soon to befall not only your home, but also your family and friends. Now picture this tragedy not only consuming your county, but ravaging multiple ones.

Murky, contaminated water filled the streets from overflowing Colorado creeks, creating landslides and causing roadways to split, leaving little previous

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Jamestown, Colorado, Sept. 15, 2013—The small mountain town of 300 has been cut off because of the Boulder County flood. FEMA Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) teams deployed to the state to help in Search and Rescue operations.

Weather

Today High: 63° Low: 36° Showers
Tomorrow High: 68° Low: 41° Sunny



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Flooding: what people are facing daily in Colorado

resemblance of their original form. In addition to displacing communities, the destruction affected businesses, farms, roads, bridges and homes. 19,000 homes have been damaged and destroyed, and the water took eight lives in its fury.

The main flooding and downpour began Sept. 11 and continued for three days. This massive amount of flooding not only impacted Boulder county, but it also impacted 14 other counties in Colorado.

Kallie Barnes, of Jamestown, Colorado, had the misfortune of being caught up in devastation. Her home town impacted by the flooding. Barnes watched her neighbors' homes being swept away by the crashing waters.

"It was really hard to watch it all unfold next to the person next to me. I'll never forget the menacing sound of huge boulders being scraped along down our once very peaceful creek and the smell of the earth so strong..." said Barnes.

Her thoughts remained with everyone who experienced combined terror, along with the continued rainfall.

Barnes was mainly impacted by the sheer destruction and upheaval of her entire life, losing her home and her job. Snow has already begun to fall in Jamestown, Colorado, which doesn't look too promising for communities working on cleanup sites.

"Jamestown is just beginning to rebuild. It's going to take a while. Currently, I'm just working on trying to bring normalcy back into my life. I can't foresee what the next change in events will be. It's just best to deal with the moment you are in," said Barnes.

There are currently waves of community businesses and government organizations combining

their efforts to help victims. On Sept. 13, President Barack Obama, declared a state-of-emergency for Boulder, Larimer, and El Paso counties.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have deployed four rescue teams to the area. However, rescue teams are currently at a standstill in preparation for the government shutdown.

FEMA has assured that as soon as the government shutdown threat is cleared up, they will work hard on rebuilding roadways.

The nightmare adds more difficulties for immigrant victims who are left without flood insurance and legal citizenship. Residents without citizenship will not have access to the federal government's help. Many displaced immigrant families have been relying on friends and relatives for housing.

Volunteer organizations, such as the American Red Cross, churches, and the Salvation Army, have donated food, clothing, and other supplies to victims. Harper students and its community can help flood victims through visiting the Help Colorado Now Website, <http://www.helpcoloradonow.net/>. It brings together government agencies and non-profit organizations so they may better assist communities affected by disasters.

Another avenue of helping flood victims includes donating to the Foothills United Way, which has established the 'Foothills Flood Relief Fund' to be able to respond to the effects of these storms. Organizers expect to use this fund for immediate relief as well as long-term recovery in Boulder and Broomfield counties. The fund is accessible online at <http://www.unitedwayfoothills.org/>.

Food Stamps: the downfall for many

stamp recipients to pass income requirements, and to successfully pass a drug test.

However, this step seems counteractive, as most of the people that receive food aid are generally single parents, children, disabled persons, or people that don't make enough money at the end of the month to make ends meet.

The bill could also hinder people who are currently trying to sustain a family as a single parent and attempting to take on the challenge of going back to school to improve their situation.

Not many people are aware that

food stamp cuts are happening. However, it is definitely something about which to be concerned.

One Harper student, Jordan Mann, disagrees with the cuts and policy changes: "Give them less opportunity to get food that they need that they can't afford, so it leaves more people without food." Mann believes, "There are people who are taking advantage of food stamps," however, she feels, "There are plenty of people who actually need the food stamps as well." Mann feels that requiring a drug test will offend people.

Jose Montes, another Harper student, mentioned he wasn't

personally on food stamps, however, his sister is. He feels that she will not be affected by the governments decision to cut aid because "she makes enough money to support her daughter, but she doesn't make that much money." Montes feels the program can be easily abused by people who don't need it, by simply falsely filling out application forms.

Regardless of the controversy that comes with the new reform, the decisions of our politicians have a direct effect on the livelihood of those who cannot adequately support him or herself or a family.

The Syrian Conflict

By Jeffrey Nejd
Staff Writer

In the latest news there have been little to no major developments in the Syria conflict, but that does not mean that the issue is not still at hand. If you have not heard of the conflict or if you missed something, here are some facts to know.

Syria is a Middle Eastern country south of Turkey and neighboring Israel to the north. The country has been under President Bashar al-Assad since mid-2000. He is now accused of using sarin gas, a form of chemical warfare, against his own people. These attacks have killed an estimated 1,400 Syrians.

The Syrians have been engaged in their own Civil War. The war spawns from the idea that the minority has the power in the government and is oppressing the majority. Like in Christianity there are different branches of the religion: Lutherans, Baptists, and Catholics, in the Islamic tree there are Sunnis, Shiites and the Alawites. The Shiites believe that Muhammad designated his successor, 'Ali ibn Abi Talib, husband of the Prophet's daughter Fatimah. The Sunnis believe that Muhammad did not designate a successor, but the true successor is Abu Bakr, father of the Prophet's favoured wife, 'Aishah, elected by people of Medina. The Alawites are in similar beliefs to the

Shiites that Muhammad designated a successor, just that he assigned a different person.

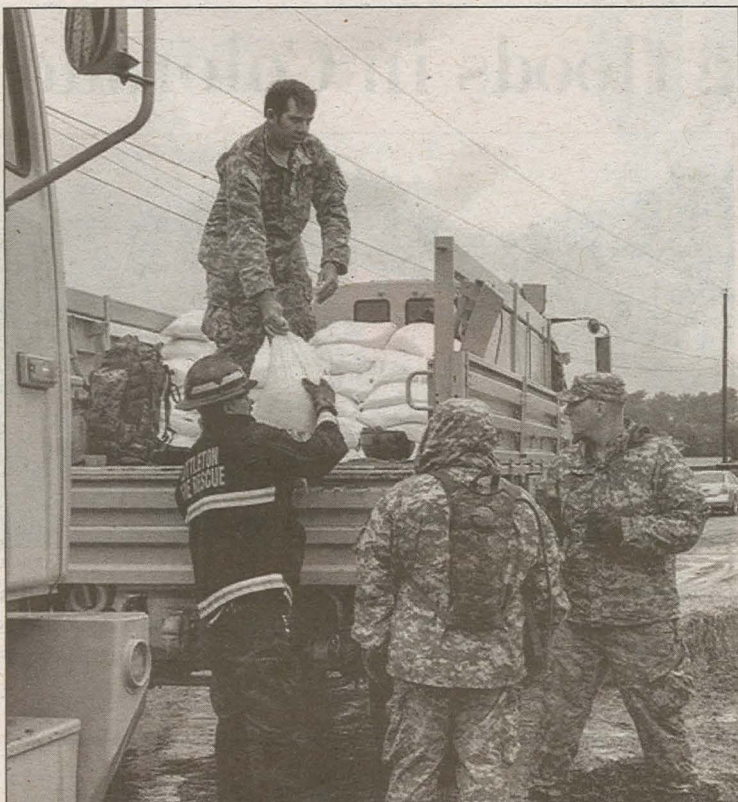
Bashar's father, Hafez al-Assad, was president of Syria from 1971 till his death in mid-2000. He was an Alawite, but his platform for equality and stability was what won over the people and the people looked past his branch of religion. He would provide the stability and security for his people if they gave him obedience. The scene in Syria has become this: the Alawites have the parliament protecting their rights and

any other minority like Christians and Shiites, while the Sunnis are being oppressed because of their beliefs in Islam and their belief in a dominated Sunni-state of Syria. Now that Bashar-al-Assad has the presidential power he has abused his powers and gone against the wish of the people for an equal Syria. There was hope, since as a Alawite he married a Sunni and allowed more free protests. But he was too comfortable with the power that he obtained. The Muslim Brotherhood is a party of Sunni Muslims that have been dedicated to put Sunnis in power of Syria and have made attempts to assassinate the Assads. They are the ones that are leading the rebel army against the Assad regime who are oppressing them.

When America had received word that the Syrian government had used

sarin gas on Syrians, a huge red flag was raised immediately. For weeks they wanted to not only prove Syria had chemical weapons in possession, but also force Syria to rid of those weapons, even if military force was necessary. Syria denied their use and possession of the weapons. After weeks of talk, Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, stepped in as a Syrian ally and did everything that America had asked of Syria: stand accountable of the use of the chemical weapons and to give them up. Syria complied easily and peacefully with Russia. The latest news is that United Nations inspectors have been sent back to Syria to investigate the potentially remaining weapons.

On September 27, the United Nations agreed to eliminate the chemical weapons of Syria. The timetable is to eliminate over 1,000 tons of chemical weapons from Syria by mid-2014. "A red light for one form of weapons does not mean a green light for others," the U.N. chief said. "This is not a license to kill with conventional weapons" (Associated Press). This issue will not go under the radar for a while. The Islamic and Syrian immigrants' communities will always have their own side to the issue. As for America, we should try to only aide when very necessary or when called upon.



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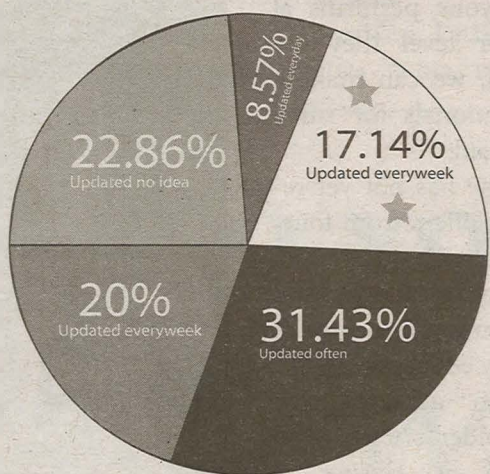
On Sept. 15, Soldiers and Airmen from the Colorado National Guard, along with members of civilian emergency response agencies, distribute sandbags to overly saturated areas of Jefferson County, Colorado.



Harper students' opinions on the Syria Issue

By Crystal Rohan
Sports Editor

Do you keep yourself updated on the events going on in Syria?



Do you think Syria will cooperate and hand over all of their chemical weapons?

11.43% of students think Syria will cooperate.

58.57% of students do not think Syria will cooperate.

30.00% of students do not have an opinion.

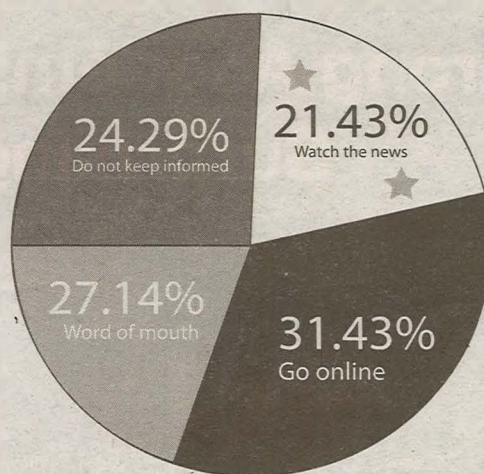
Would you support a congressional resolution authorizing the use of military force in Syria does not cooperate in eliminating its chemical weapons?

34.29% of students would support military action.

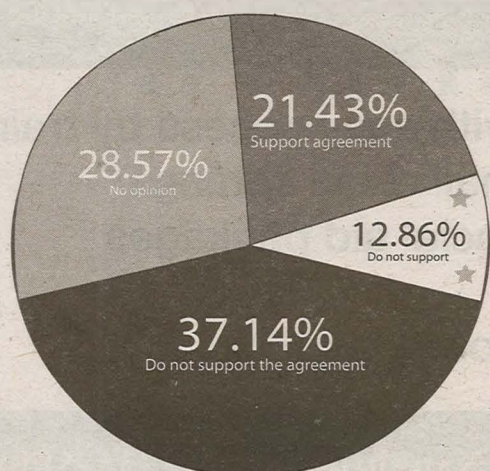
48.57% of students would not support military action.

17.14% of students do not have an opinion.

How do you keep yourself informed of the events happening between the U.S. and Syria?



Do you support the diplomatic agreement between Russia and the U.S. to get rid of Syria's chemical weapons?



Do you think the U.S. can trust Russia to disarm Syria of its chemical weapons?

11.43% of students think the U.S. can trust Russia.

20.00% of students think the U.S. can not trust Russia, but we have no other choice.

11.43% of students think the U.S. can not trust Russia.

48.57% of students have no opinion.

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Schaumburg's Annual Citizens' Police Academy

By Michelle Czaja
News Editor

It is that time of year again. Schaumburg is hosting its annual Citizens' Police Academy (CPA). The fall session of the Academy started Oct. 2 and runs through Dec. 11.

The CPA has proven to be a very popular program within our Community Policing efforts.

Residents and business community members will be afforded the opportunity to meet and interact on a personal level with many members of the Schaumburg Police Department.

People who apply and become involved will be exposed to many facets of law enforcement, through class topics that are both interesting and informative.

The experience is not limited to classroom lecture alone.

Each individual will be given the opportunity to participate in a patrol ride-along and firearms training, practice mock traffic stops, and conduct room searches.

Each CPA session runs for 10 weeks, with classes held on Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 9pm.

The Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association of Schaumburg (CPAAAS) is an independent, non-profit corporation that is governed by a Board of Directors.

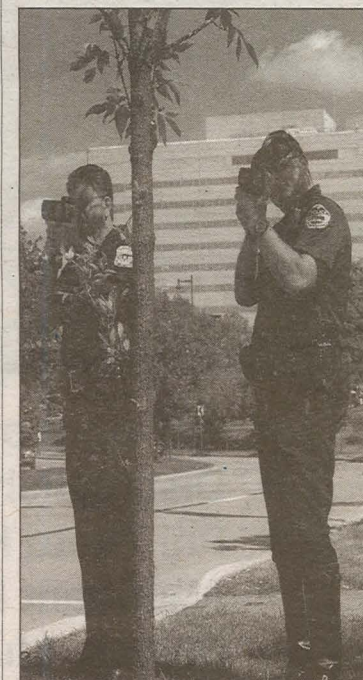
The association was formed in 1999 by graduates of the Village of Schaumburg Citizens Police Academy.

The purpose of the CPAAAS is to assist and support the Village of Schaumburg and the Schaumburg Police Department in its overall mission.

The association promotes awareness through volunteerism.

It also develops and coordinates meaningful and constructive projects for the community.

The association promotes the civic development of its members through educational presentations on law enforcement issues, community concerns, and the enhancement of quality of life.



Schaumburg Police officers record the speed of several vehicles.

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Athlete of the Week: Kelly Spychala

Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

PALATINE, Ill.—Sophomore volleyball player Kelly Spychala (Des Plaines, Ill./Elk Grove) had an outstanding week this past week with 141 digs in six matches and is currently the leading digger in the nation with 459.

Harper coach Bob Vilsoet said Spychala, the team's libero, is also the vocal leader and backbone of the Harper defense.

For these reasons she has been named the second Harper College Athlete of the Week for the 2013-14 school year.

Spychala came to Harper College in the fall of 2012 after her sister Katie played volleyball for the Hawks in 2008 and 2009 and was a key part of the team that made it to nationals in 2009 as well

as an Academic All-American.

This past week, the 5-foot-6 libero has elevated her play to new heights for the Hawks, who are ranked No. 7 in the most recent national poll.

Last Thursday against No. 1 Madison College, she tallied 22 digs. Against tough competition over the weekend, Spychala had 22 digs against D2 Black Hawk, 20 digs against D1 John A. Logan, 18 digs against D2 Lincoln Land and 31 digs against Marshalltown.

Finally, she recorded 25 digs in a victory over No. 5 Rock Valley, the defending national champion in D3.

"Kelly has an innate desire to play the best she possibly can on every point she plays," said Vilsoet. "She never takes a point off. If she doesn't make a play or dig,

she comes back and figures out where she should have been on that play so that point doesn't happen again against her."

Spychala's 459 digs are 87 more than the next closest NJCAA Div. III player, Tara Wogomon of Rock Valley.

Her 5.28 digs/set rank 12th in the nation. As a freshman, she totaled 338 digs in 101 sets (3.35 digs/set).

With about half of the season still remaining, Spychala could break the Harper record for digs in a year (811) and threaten the career record (1298).

According to Vilsoet, Spychala is not only all over the court on defense but an exemplary teammate who genuinely wants the team to win and is providing constant encouragement to her teammates who step in to fill her position at a given time.

"You can tell by her attitude that it doesn't matter to her who does what on the team – her one and only passion is to win that point, the game, and then the match," Vilsoet said.

With about half of the season left, Spychala feels the Hawks are improving and still have their best volleyball ahead of them.

"If everyone performs at the higher level they are capable of, we can make a run to nationals for sure," Spychala said.

While she has not yet received any offers from four-year schools, she said she'd love to play at the next level while pursuing her degree in elementary education.

She also acknowledged that her older sister's good experience at Harper is something she is now experiencing for herself.

The Hawks will continue to play good teams in the coming weeks, giving Spychala plenty of opportunities to impress four-year schools looking to recruit an agile and consistent defender, strong serve receive passer and most importantly a team leader with a strong will to win.



Sophomore Kelly Spychala #3



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Wrestling has made a huge comeback as an official Olympic event

Christian Ocampo
Staff Writer

It has come to people's attention that the International Olympic Committee made the decision to drop wrestling from the 2020 Olympics. Wrestlers from all over the world have reacted negatively to the news since its announcement in February of 2013.

The International Olympic Committee's decision has already taken effect on all levels of the sport of wrestling: kids, high school, and college-level teams have felt the shockwaves. However, this is only the beginning.

Harper's wrestling team is not immune to the effects of the International Olympic Committee's decision. USA Wrestling, the official governing body, sponsors the lower levels of wrestling, financial funding, tournament scheduling and various

preparations that are needed to keep the sport alive and well on a daily basis.

USA Wrestling is attempting to get the International Olympic Committee to reinstate wrestling into the Olympics. This fall there was a final vote to save wrestling. If the votes don't go through, the loss of wrestling would trickle down to the lower levels, causing funding cuts.

That being said, Harper's wrestling team depends on USA Wrestling, which also governs college wrestling divisions. These divisions include: NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA.

The National Federation of State School Associations (NFHS) represents the high school wrestling division, which is also important to the development of any wrestler.

On Sept. 7, 2013, the International Olympic Committee voted wrestling back

into the Olympics among the 25 core sports. Wrestling won with a vote of 49, beating baseball/softball with a vote of 24, and Squash with 22 votes.

In addition to wrestling being reinstated, new rules have been added to Olympic wrestling. One such rule is three minute matches with two periods and a ten minute overtime.

Wrestling has also now adopted some of MMA's (Mixed Martial Arts) superficiality, by having wrestlers enter with music.

They are also adding lighting and visual effects in order to make the sport more entertaining. Red mats will be replaced by blue colored mats, due to red being unappealing in front of TV cameras.

This was revealed by Nenad Lalovic, President of FILA, a popular sports equipment company. There

are also talks of the traditional Olympic singlets being replaced by fighting shorts with tight-fitting microfiber shirts, like Greco-Roman wrestlers. There is a chance that they will compete shirtless, as well.

Aside from the professional level of wrestling, Harper's wrestling team is glad to hear that the sport they love will remain in the Olympics. Wrestlers at Harper and other colleges hope to earn a spot on the American wrestling team for the 2016 and 2020 Olympics.

One former Harper wrestler is currently training in Michigan's Olympic training center. Chris Gonzalez, a former All-American of Harper College, took eighth place in 2012.

Gonzalez has created a website to fund his Olympic training at <http://www.gofundme.com/18nzyo>. Any supporter of Gonzalez can

donate any sum of money towards his competition expenses.

Unfortunately, most Olympic wrestlers train while they are financially unstable. Former UFC fighter Brock Lesnar stated in his autobiography that he did not want to train for the 2000 Sydney Olympics because he could not earn any revenue by just training.

At that time, he completed his wrestling career at Minnesota University with heavy loans that needed to be paid. Olympic wrestling will be different from now on.

The new rules and settings of Olympic wrestling are very important for the future of wrestling in general. Now that wrestling is an official Olympic sport again, it will inspire wrestlers to strive in bringing home a gold medal as they represent their home country at the 2016 Olympics.

Baseball team hopes to make it to the College World Series next season

Nick Sadowski
Staff Writer

Baseball doesn't officially start until five months from now, but the Harper baseball team is already geared up and ready to go.

Last season saw the Hawks come one win away from the College World Series, losing to Waubesa Community College.

The Hawks were off to a dismal 4-12 start last year but fought back to earn a spot in the Regional Final. Their final record ended at 20-22, while going 5-7 in conference play.

Last season was expressed as a good year in the view of Head Coach Clifford Brown. He stated, "I thought it was a good year as far as how the guys turned everything around. You start off 4 and 12, and then you're one game away from the World Series, so you kind of did something all right."

They didn't achieve their goal of making it to the World Series in Texas, but Coach Brown has emphasized how that will be the major goal this upcoming season.

The team is looking to exceed the performances of the last four years, as they made the Regional Finals twice in the last four years. They are looking forward to next spring, when they will have the chance to achieve their championship goal.

This year, the team is heavy with freshmen, along with some returning sophomore players. There are around 30 freshmen, but Coach Brown doesn't seem to think that will cause the team to be at a disadvantage.

"The way I look at it, once you play a game or two, then you're not a freshman anymore," said Brown.

The sophomores are expected to be the leaders and perform as well as, or exceed, last year's performances.

Some returning players include Third Baseman Kurt Becker and Shortstop Theo Yfantis. They were some of last season's top performers.

The team has been meshing for about a month, and already works well together.

Their work ethic has also been very strong this pre-season. Coach Brown feels comfortable with all of the

players this season and is ready to start.

The team has already started exhibition games and will continue throughout the fall, in preparation for next year. The next game will be against Morton College, at 5 p.m. on Oct. 11, in Cicero, Ill.

The regular season begins with a home game at 3 p.m. on March 14, 2014, against Aurora University.

If they fail to make it to Texas, it won't mean the season wasn't a success. In Coach Brown's view, he is happy enough if his players have a good experience at Harper, both athletically and academically.

The Harper team will also be hosting the Alumni Baseball Game, a game for former Harper baseball players. The event is set to be hosted at the Harper baseball field at 11 a.m. on Oct. 13.

There will be batting practice before the game, along with a cookout during and after the game. If you know any alumni who might be interested, have them contact Coach Clifford Brown.

Harper men top JC, sixth overall at DuPage

Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

WARRENVILLE, Ill.—The Harper College men's cross country team had a strong showing at the College of DuPage Invitational on Friday. The Hawks were the top junior college of 10 teams and finished sixth overall of 25 teams at the meet.

The talented freshman duo of Juan Barajas (Hoffman Estates, Ill./Schaumburg) and Zach Stella (Palatine, Ill./Palatine) once again led the Hawks. Barajas took 33rd overall out of 202 runners in the 8K race, finishing in a time of 26:58.9, and Stella captured 39th place in 27:09.7.

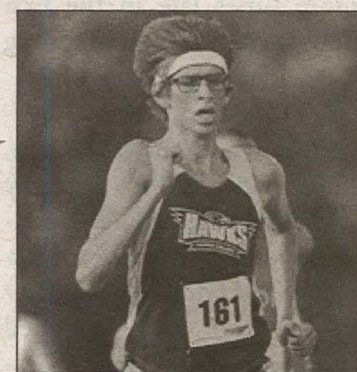
Sophomores Nick Modlin (Wheeling, Ill./Wheeling) and Jhoan Lino (León, Guanajuato/Streamwood) weren't far behind, as Modlin took 52nd place in 27:48.6 and Lino took 58th place in 27:49.6. Freshman Sebastian Ramirez (Lima, Peru/Palatine) rounded out the

top five for the Hawks with a season-best time of 28:09.4, good for 60th place.

Harper scored 35 points among the junior colleges to outpace College of Lake County (64 points). The Hawks finished with 215 points in the overall competition.

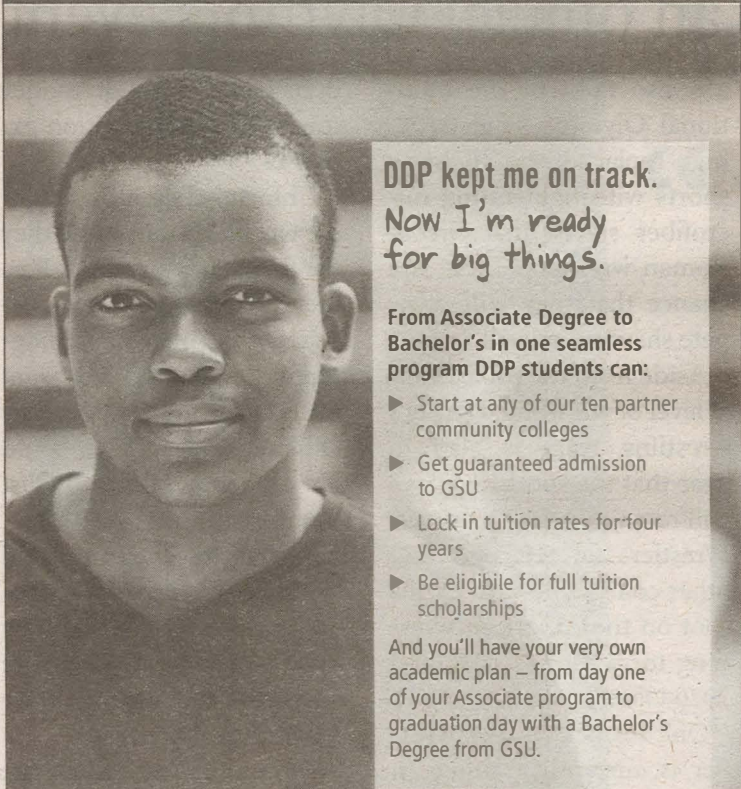
North Central College won the overall meet with 21 points, followed by UIC (47 points) and UW-Milwaukee (80 points).

The Hawks will continue to train in preparation for the Benedictine Invitational on Oct. 11.



JIM CUMMINS
Zach Stella was Harper's second finisher, taking 39th place in a time of 27:09.7.

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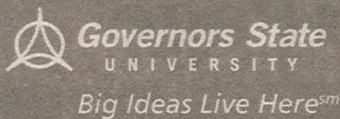


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Men's Soccer Beaten by Triton

Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

PALATINE, Ill.—The Harper College men's soccer team lost 6-0 to Triton College on Wednesday.

The Hawks fell to 1-6 overall and 1-5 in conference play, and the Trojans improved to 6-1-1 and 4-0 in N4C play.

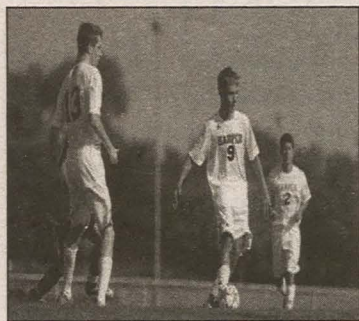
The Trojans scored in the ninth minute and then three more times late in the first half to take a commanding 4-0 lead at halftime.

For Harper, Kevin Engebretsen (Elk Grove Village, Ill./Conant), Ryan Murphy (Schaumburg, Ill./Schaumburg) and Benjamin Castellanos (Elk Grove Village, Ill./Elk Grove) each recorded shots on goal. Daniel Gescheidle (Long Grove, Ill./Stevenson) started in goal and made three saves.

The Trojans next play on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at home against Madison Area Technical College. The WolfPack topped the Hawks 3-2 back on Sept. 6.

North Central College won the overall meet with 21 points, followed by UIC (47 points) and UW-Milwaukee (80 points).

The Hawks will continue to train in preparation for the Benedictine Invitational on Oct. 11.



Kevin Engebretsen (#9) recorded a shot on goal in the loss. (Jim Cummins)

Harper Women Sixth Among JCs at DuPage

Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

WARRENVILLE, Ill.—The Harper College women's cross country team had six runners compete at the College of DuPage Invitational over the weekend.

The Hawks place sixth of 11 junior colleges 17th of 25 teams overall at the meet.

Marisa Andreuccetti (Elk Grove Village, Ill./Conant) led the Hawks with an 83rd place finish out of 167 runners, completing the 5K race in 23:11.7.

Stephanie Chaires (Palatine, Ill./Christian Liberty)

ran her first race of the season and placed 111th with a time of 24:30.2, while newcomer Mary Piltaver (/Conant) was Harper's third runner to finish with a time of 24:53.2, good for 117th place overall.

Gabby Beaupre (Elk Grove Village, Ill./Elk Grove) contributed to the team total with a 135th place finish in a time of 26:33.4, and Gabrielle Brosnan (Mount Prospect, Ill./Christian Liberty) rounded out the scoring with a 150th place finish in 28:47.7.

Cindia Salgado (Wheeling, Ill./Wheeling) crossed the finish line in 30:37.2 for the Hawks.

Of the junior college teams to compete, College of DuPage was the top overall finisher with a seventh place showing (236 points).

Harper took sixth of the 11 junior colleges with a team total of 127 points while finishing with 434 points in the overall competition.

The University of Illinois-Chicago was the overall winner of the meet with 36 points, followed by UW-Milwaukee (38 points) and UW-Green Bay (131 points).

The Hawks will continue to train in preparation for the Benedictine Invitational on Oct. 11.



JIM CUMMINS

The Hawks placed sixth of 11 junior college teams at the meet.

Harper Beats Triton, Loses to Moraine Valley

Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

PALATINE, Ill.—The Harper College volleyball team earned a straight sets victory over conference opponent Triton College (25-15, 25-11, 25-16) on Thursday night before falling in four sets to Div. II Moraine Valley Community College (25-21, 22-25, 23-25, 16-25).

In the first match against Triton, Veronica Dabrowski (Mount Prospect, Ill./Rolling Meadows) powered the team to victory with a team-high 12 kills. She nearly completed a double-double with nine digs and also added five service aces.

Rebekah Hischke (Algonquin, Ill./Dundee Crown) (11 kills) and Alyse Kolner (Crystal Lake, Ill./Marion Central) (10 kills) both notched double digit totals in kills for Harper (14-15, 5-3 N4C) in the winning effort. Setter Valerie Bazemore (Houston, Tex./Keller) led the team with 29 assists.

Against Moraine Valley, the Hawks played consistently with the lead and continued to earn sideouts until they pulled away at the end to win

25-21. The second set was also very close, with five ties along the way. Harper missed a crucial serve when the score was tied at 22-22, and Moraine Valley went on to win the game.

In the third set, the Hawks had a 19-15 advantage after an incredible dig by libero Kelly Sychala (Des Plaines, Ill./Elk Grove).

Harper later had a 23-19 edge but the Cyclones won the last six points of the game to take a 2-1 advantage in the match.

"They played brilliantly those last six points in a row," said Harper head coach Bob Vilsoet. "I suspect they became a better team as a result of that comeback, which was the point of playing a match like this against quality opponents."

Harper could not bounce back in the fourth set, missing serves and falling victim to a hard-hitting, well-coached Moraine Valley team.

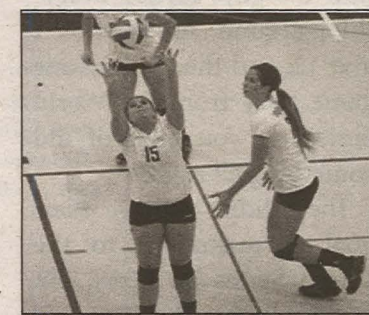
"Both teams played well in this match. Somebody had to win," Vilsoet said. "We are a much better team at this point during the season than we started out. Even in the

loss, our defense was spectacular and I was still very proud of how we played."

Three Hawks – Melina Villaber (Chicago, Ill./Taft) (12 kills, 12 digs), Alex Messner (Hoffman Estates, Ill./Fremd) (10 kills, 13 digs) and Lindsey Murphy (Lake in the Hills, Ill./Crystal Lake South) (14 digs, 33 assists) – recorded double-doubles in defeat.

Sychala led the team with 20 digs, followed closely by Morgan Peterson (Roselle, Ill./Conant) with 18 digs.

The team's next match is Tuesday night at home against Joliet at 6:00 PM. It is Harper's last home weeknight match, and the Hawks will recognize their sophomores for their contributions to the program on Sophomore Night.



Lindsey Murphy (15) recorded a double-double with 14 digs and 33 assists against Moraine Valley. (Jim Cummins)

Sports Calendar

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9 WSOC at DuPage 4:00 PM	10 WVB at DuPage at Central Athletic Center 6:00 PM	11 WSOC at Elgin Community College 3:30 PM WXC at Benedictine Invite 4:00 PM MXC at Benedictine Invite 4:00 PM	12 WVB vs Lincoln Land Invitational in Springfield, Ill. 5:00 PM/8:00 AM
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How much of what we read is banned?

Larissa Martinez-Szewczyk
Staff Writer

Jim Edstrom, professor of Library Services and History, lectured about banned books on Sept. 26, in the Wojcik Conference Center in honor of it being Banned Books Week.

Banned Books Week is celebrated Sept. 22–28, according to the American Library Association (ALA). It raises attention to the issue of censorship.

The difference between a banned book and a challenged book is that a banned book is a book that has been taken out of circulation in a particular area. If a book has been challenged, it means that an attempt has been made to ban a particular book. Many books are challenged, but end up not being banned.

The majority of the reasons that a book is challenged is to protect children from certain information or ideas that are thought to be unfit for them. There are three main reasons for challenging a book, according to the ALA: “sexually explicit,” “offensive language,” and “unsuited to any age group.”

In 2010, the hit book series “The Hunger Games,” by Suzanne Collins, was challenged. One of the reasons was because it was “sexually

explicit.”

J.D. Salinger’s “The Catcher in the Rye” has been challenged and banned for “offensive language” because the main character, Holden Caulfield, swears frequently throughout the book. “To Kill a Mockingbird,” by Harper Lee, has been challenged and banned for being “unsuited to age group,” which is typically freshman and sophomores in high school, mostly because of the language throughout the book.

Not even children’s books are immune to this form of censorship. For instance, the much-beloved Winnie the Pooh has been banned in some parts of the US because the talking animals in the book are considered an insult to God.

It is also banned in other countries, such as Turkey, because of the character Piglet, who is considered offensive to the Muslim community there.

On ALA’s website, there is a list called “the ‘Top 100 Banned/Challenged Books: 2000-2009’.” The first book on that list is the “Harry Potter” series, by J.K. Rowling, which is not surprising.

It has been banned and challenged because it deals with the “occult,” which is what most books that have magic in them are labeled.

Even good old “The Wizard of Oz” has been slapped with that label.

One of the most surprising books on this list is “Fahrenheit 451,” by Ray Bradbury, which comes in at No. 69. It has been banned in some places for being offensive to religion because it is mentioned that a Bible was being burned.

Ironically, Bradbury used that scene to show how bad things had gotten in the future America, and not in offense. Almost, if not every, book that is taught in high schools around the country today is on the list and has several bans and challenges under its belt.

After seeing how censorship in the form of banned books can limit a person’s choice of reading, is it really fair for people to force others to not read something because they find it offensive?

In many cases, the person who sets out to challenge a book has not even read it. They have reacted solely on the information and reactions they have heard from others. People need to have consideration for their fellow readers and respect that others may have different views or preferences when it comes to books. Why hinder another by one’s own personal choice?

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When a Congresswoman needed a hero, Daniel Hernandez answered the call

By Melissa Edwards
Staff Writer

On Monday, Sept. 23, 2013 Daniel Hernandez gave a lecture sponsored by Harper’s Office of Student Involvement in the J-Theatre and talked about his life and overcoming adversity.

Hernandez grew up in Tucson, Arizona, learned the English language when he was eight, and was first in his family to graduate college. He is a strong advocate for gun control and education issues in the United States.

From a young age, Hernandez always knew what he wanted to do: “I want to help people.”

In high school, he took courses towards becoming a nursing assistant and phlebotomist. Then, he took an interest in politics. Her-

nandez joined Hillary Rodham Clinton’s presidential campaign. When her bid for President was unsuccessful, he vowed to never enter the political arena again.

That lasted two days. He attended one of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords’ Congress on Your Corner events, gatherings that she held to remain connected to her community and to identify problems important to her constituents.

Hernandez liked her message, so he began working as an intern for Giffords during the evenings.

On Jan. 8, 2011, Hernandez’s life changed forever. At 10:10 that morning, a man opened fire at an Arizona Safeway hosting Congress on Your Corner, injuring 13 and killing six.

Hernandez is credited with

saving Giffords’ life with his quick reaction and use of the training he received while in high school.

There are two key points Hernandez wants everyone to understand education is a lifelong process and say yes to every opportunity that comes your way.

“It would have been easy to, once I decided I didn’t want to go into health care, to just stop and kind of let all that training go to waste,” said Hernandez. “But a few years later, the training that I had received as a high school student ... ended up being the most important thing because it helped me when I was trying to treat Congresswoman Giffords and when I was treating others.

“It’s never too late to learn new skills. It’s never too late

to learn new things. And to say yes to every opportunity if you can physically do it. Because you never know what will be useful down the line and you never know what connections can change your life and the lives of others.” said Hernandez.

From his ordinary beginnings, unremarkable childhood, and humble surroundings, Hernandez turned himself into someone remarkable. He didn’t set out with aspirations of fame nor fortune, yet his inner drive enabled him to take action when it mattered most.

He did not set out on January 8, 2011, to become the reluctant hero that he has become, yet his story should be an inspiration to us all. Everyday people can accomplish extraordinary things if

they simply try.

Wanting to change the world isn’t necessary, only the desire and willingness to try when the time arrives.

Read more about Daniel’s journey through life in “They Call Me a Hero: A Memoir of My Youth,” published by Simon & Schuster.



MELISSA EDWARDS

Daniel Hernandez speaks to the Harper community about his past experience in the J-Theater Sept. 23.

Racing Film Takes Audience through the "Rush" of Racing

By Larissa Martinez-Szewczyk
Staff Writer

A deadly, adrenaline-pumping race with fast cars, sex, and Chris Hemsworth, what else could you ask for in a film? *Rush* definitely delivers.

The film, directed by Ron Howard, tells the true tale of the rivalry between drivers James Hunt (Hemsworth) and Niki Lauda (Daniel Brühl) during the 1967 Formula 1 season.

Hunt is seen as a bad boy by the fans and audience. He sleeps around, does drugs, and gets wasted regularly. The Brit is determined to win the championship title, but his Austrian

rival Lauda gets in the way. Lauda is a reserved, calculating racer and knows how to make a car lighter and faster better than almost anybody else.

Both men desperately want the title of being champion and fight tooth and nail to get it. The way that each driver is portrayed makes the audience root for them both at the same time. There are some

moments where one is more favorable than the other, but the audience still wants to see each succeed.

Both Hunt and Lauda come from families that are not particularly fond of their career choice. In a way, both men are opposite sides of the same coin.

The excitement of every race is almost palpable. Each driver is risking his life every time he sets foot in his car. They could make it out alive, crash and get injured, or die. They know the risk involved, yet because they love the sport and what they are doing they take that risk anyway. If they are going to die, at least they'll have died doing something that they love to do.

One of the most heart-wrenching moments is when Lauda gets in a terrible accident, and his car catches on fire. He is trapped in the car for nearly a minute in a fire that is 800 degrees. He winds up severely burned and stays in a hospital, watching Hunt win race after race. He slowly catches up to Lauda's score

prior to the accident.

He is so fixed on Hunt that he watches Hunt race as he gets his lungs vacuumed. If you're squeemish, cover your eyes for this scene. You see the entire instrument going down his throat then coming back up.

Later Lauda's wife comes into his room after hearing his sounds of pain, only to see him trying to fit his helmet over his badly burned face. She tells him to stop, but he is so determined to get back to his dream that he puts himself through the physical agony.

His desperation to get back out there and go back to the one thing that he is good at even if it causes him pain is inspiring yet tragic.

The film ends with actual footage of the real Hunt and Lauda, which shows that the casting of Hemsworth and Brühl was nearly perfect. As the real footage plays, movie Lauda revealed that when Hunt died at age 44, he was genuinely sad over the passing of his rival.

Rating: 9/10

Reinventing Middle Eastern fashion

By Elizabeth Lynch
Staff Writer

Islam is essentially the backbone of traditional Middle Eastern attire and is shown through modern clothing by serving as inspiration behind designs. While these elements are still quite prominent in Middle Eastern culture, there is another side to fashion in the Middle East.

Still in its infancy, many high-end, haute couture designers have been emerging from the region. Designers are slowly reforming the reputation of Middle Eastern fashion through intricate techniques, contemporary styles, and fresh perspectives, all reflected by the new generation of modern Middle Eastern culture.

In 2005, Dubai, which is located in the United Arab Emirates, started their own fashion week featuring contemporary Middle Eastern designers. The yearly show has been a success and is now sponsored by major compa-

nies, such as Nikon and MAC Cosmetics.

The show allows novice designers to gain direct press and customer exposure. The fuse of Indian beading, Egyptian prints, and traditionally long dresses modeled in front of desert-dune backgrounds make for an innovative blend of eastern tradition infused with western trends.

While Dubai fashion week is perfect for Middle Eastern designers new to the industry, renowned designers get the privilege of showcasing at one of the top four fashion weeks held in New York, London, Milan, and Paris.

Only the crème de la crème of designers from across the globe get the honor of having their garments modeled during these semi-annual events. Rami Al Ali, a Syrian designer who had recently been added to the Paris Couture Fashion Week line-up, has made quite the splash in the global fashion market.

Despite lack of exposure in

Syria, he launched his brand in 2000 with large success. He has designed for multiple events, including the 2006 Olympics Games. His current A-List clients include Natasha Bedingfield and Ivana Trump (Donald Trump's former wife).

Alongside Al Ali, another Middle Eastern designer has become the king of modern haute couture. Elie Saab, a grand couturier from Lebanon, is arguably the most recognizable Middle Eastern designer in the global market.

Like Al Ali, Saab frequently incorporates intricate beading, sheer laces, and innovative laser-cut fabrics into his collections. Saab usually takes on a more European aesthetic in his work.

The reputation of the Middle Eastern fashion industry is evolving at a rapid pace. Through new designers, Middle Eastern dress is becoming more and more prevalent while still coexisting with tradition.

Rock Wall: Student Involvement is bringing more fun to Harper with rock walls and mechanical bulls

By Griselle Quinones
Office Manager

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, Campus Recreation sponsored a rock climbing event in a campaign to bring more extracurricular, fun activities to Harper students. The event was free of cost to Harper College students, staff, and faculty.

The climbing wall was approximately 30 feet tall and accommodated five climbers at a time. There were three levels of difficulty: lanes one and five were easy; lanes three and four were difficult; and lane two was of medium difficulty.

The difficult lanes had fewer stepping stones and one had a flow of water going down to create an obstacle. Lane two was timed to see how fast the person could reach the top and ring the bell. The timed lane had a replica of a tree with branches sticking out between stepping stones to create another obstacle.

The best part of the event was that the fastest time received a \$50 gift card to the bookstore. Books can be expensive, so it was a great way to grab the attention of Harper students. Although, it seemed that students were more excited to climb the distance and race with one another than they were concerned about winning the prize.

First, students waited in line in anticipation to climb the wall and race. Students had a harness placed on them before they were able to climb. The average time to climb up the wall was between 20-30 seconds. Professors, faculty, and students came to climb the wall, but one student prevailed to have the fastest time.

Harper student Francisco

Chico climbed the wall in 14.2 seconds after three attempts. "It reminded me of elementary school when I used to rock climb. I was always the fastest one on the team," said Francisco.

Students kept trying to beat the fastest time, but it just was not possible. Many students attempted multiple times to see if changing tactics would improve their times. One student tried at least seven times before giving up. The second fastest time was 16 seconds.

Harper student Amaryllis Rivera stated that the event had a huge turnout. "It has been busy throughout the day. The students of special needs came as a class to try out the climbing wall," said Amaryllis.

The students with intellectual disabilities are from the Career Skills Institute. Amaryllis signed students in and timed them if they wanted to compete.

Erin Morettes, the adviser of Campus Activities Board (CAB), said, "This is the first time we're trying to get the campus more involved with fun events such as the rock climbing wall." Through the Campus Recreation initiative, Harper has several more events planned for the year, such as three-point shootout, a mechanical bull ride, a chess tournament, and many more.

The organization is looking for more events to sponsor and hopes that students will bring suggestions to its office. "So far we have many suggestions and several students signed up for the upcoming events," said Amaryllis. The rock climbing wall was very successful and the future holds many more enjoyable activities from Student Involvement

Campus Activities Board to host 'Breaking Bad' star R.J. Mitte at Harper

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Office Manager

R.J. Mitte, from the Emmy-winning AMC show "Breaking Bad," plans to come to Harper with Jalen Little and Sarah Alhayek directing the event. The R.J. Mitte event is part of the "Becoming Aware" series of events that bring awareness and advocacy on certain issues as well as Disability Awareness month in October.

R.J. Mitte plans to talk about his life with cerebral palsy, a physical disability limiting a person's motor function, to inspire others to overcome personal struggles and turn a disadvantage into an advantage.

Students who don't watch Breaking Bad must wonder, "What's so special about R.J. Mitte coming to Harper?" This event is special because

R.J. Mitte relates to students at Harper. Alhayek remarks, "I feel like R.J. is a pretty special event because he has made so much of his life with the struggles given. He's twenty-one, not too much older or younger than most of us here at Harper and look at where he is!"

"He's a star on the hit show Breaking Bad. Yet he is more down to earth than half the people you walk by in the hallways. He has been through hard times; his life isn't what anyone would consider normal. He teaches you to be grateful and look at the positive side of life."

Alhayek can especially relate to R.J. Mitte as she has struggled with a medical condition that caused her to wear a body brace. Despite the odds, she was able to participate in sports and dance.

To her and people like her, this event is a testament that anyone can overcome a disadvantage and achieve success.

Students should not simply come to see R.J. Mitte because of his fame, but because of his inspiring message. Alhayek notes, "Many of us are at that point in life where our dreams and goals are pushing us forward towards success. We shouldn't allow the struggles or disadvantages stop us from reaching our dreams."

Students will come and hear R.J. Mitte speak and gain a new perspective on overcoming adversity and people with disabilities. Little states, "My plans are to make sure that everyone has a positive experience with this event and that they leave knowing some piece of information

that they weren't aware of before they came."

The event is expected to be huge and make a difference in the Harper community. Little states, "I'm very excited to not only be the event director for this but more so excited for people to hear R.J.'s story and to be inspired by it so they can go out and make a difference!"

Little and Alhayek are working with their committee to set up promotion tables, in-class presentations, mailings, posters, and informational flyers. With their efforts, the Harper community will be more aware of the event. Students can see large posters at Buildings A, L, J, and Z, among other buildings.

The Access and Disability Department (ADS) is thankful to CAB for hosting R.J.

Mitte. Debra Reuter of the ADS department explains, "We have worked collaboratively in the past with Student Activities to help represent disability issues during Disability Awareness Month in October. We do not have a budget for speakers to represent Disability out of the ADS Office and are grateful for the support and interest to raise awareness about disability as another form of diversity from the Student Activities Board."

This CAB-sponsored event is premiering at Harper on Tuesday, October 8th at 7pm at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are free to Harper students, \$3 to other students and \$5 for general admission and can be picked up at the J-box office. People have been reserving tickets early and it is expected to sell out.

Syrian music, the sounds that shaped Arabic culture

By Melissa Edwards
Staff Writer

Syria has long been one of the centers for cultural and artistic innovation in Arabic music, especially in the classical genre, for centuries.

The sound is uniquely Syrian. It is not even remotely close to anything you would hear on mainstream American broadcasts—in fact, it is so different that most Americans wouldn't even be able to identify the origin.

When most think of Syria currently, they think of a war-torn area with people struggling to survive. Not a country where many people are using music and art as a creative outlet.

"Syrian artists are expressing their desire and courage for freedom through peaceful artistic mediums."

Technically speaking, most Syrian music has an obvious beat and is easy to follow. Stringed instruments take a prominent role and the Syrian language provides a very melodic sound, even if you are not fluent in Arabic.

One might not be able to translate the words, but listen for a little while. You will soon catch yourself bobbing your head to the beat or tapping your toes. This music is powerful and has the effect of making you want to get up and move to the melody.

Syria has produced several Arab stars, such as George Wasouf and Shahd Barmad.. Wasouf has released over 30 albums. He became famous after appearing on the Lebanese show "Studio E!" when he was 19 years old. Barmad was runner up in a TV com-

petition show named "Super Star 3," the Arabic version of Pop Idol. If you dig even deeper, you can find heavy metal Syrian artists.

"Tanjaret daghet" in Arabic translates to "pressure cooker" and is the name of a three-piece rock band. It has been a struggle for them while trying to release and play their music, and like most popular Syrian artists, they have fled the country.

"In Syria, we don't have rights as musicians," said lead guitarist and vocalist Tarek Ziad Khuluki. "You need permission to perform and everything they don't like, they make illegal."

Once heavier music started getting more of a following in Syria, the Syrian government started punishing anyone who looked like they could

enjoy the music. Having long hair or wearing black t-shirts was enough to get you called a 'Satanist' and you might find yourself thrown in jail.

Techno music fans have been accused of being drug addicts, and although that's a common stereotype, unless you are in possession of drugs in other countries, no one can do anything. In Syria, you can get arrested. Even without drugs.

Eslam Jawaad, a Syrian-Lebanese rapper, has started rapping about current events in Syria.

"So, take note, I am against this system/ I want the fall of the conspiracy, I want security in the country/ I want reform, that's for sure; in a beneficial way, not chaotic/ So put your hand in mine; we'll walk together, we'll build to-

gether/ If destruction is the poison, then reforms are the remedy."

In times of conflict, people often turn to music as a source of relief and expression. While nobody can say how current events will evolve within Syria, continued musical expression is a certainty.



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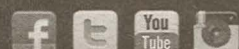
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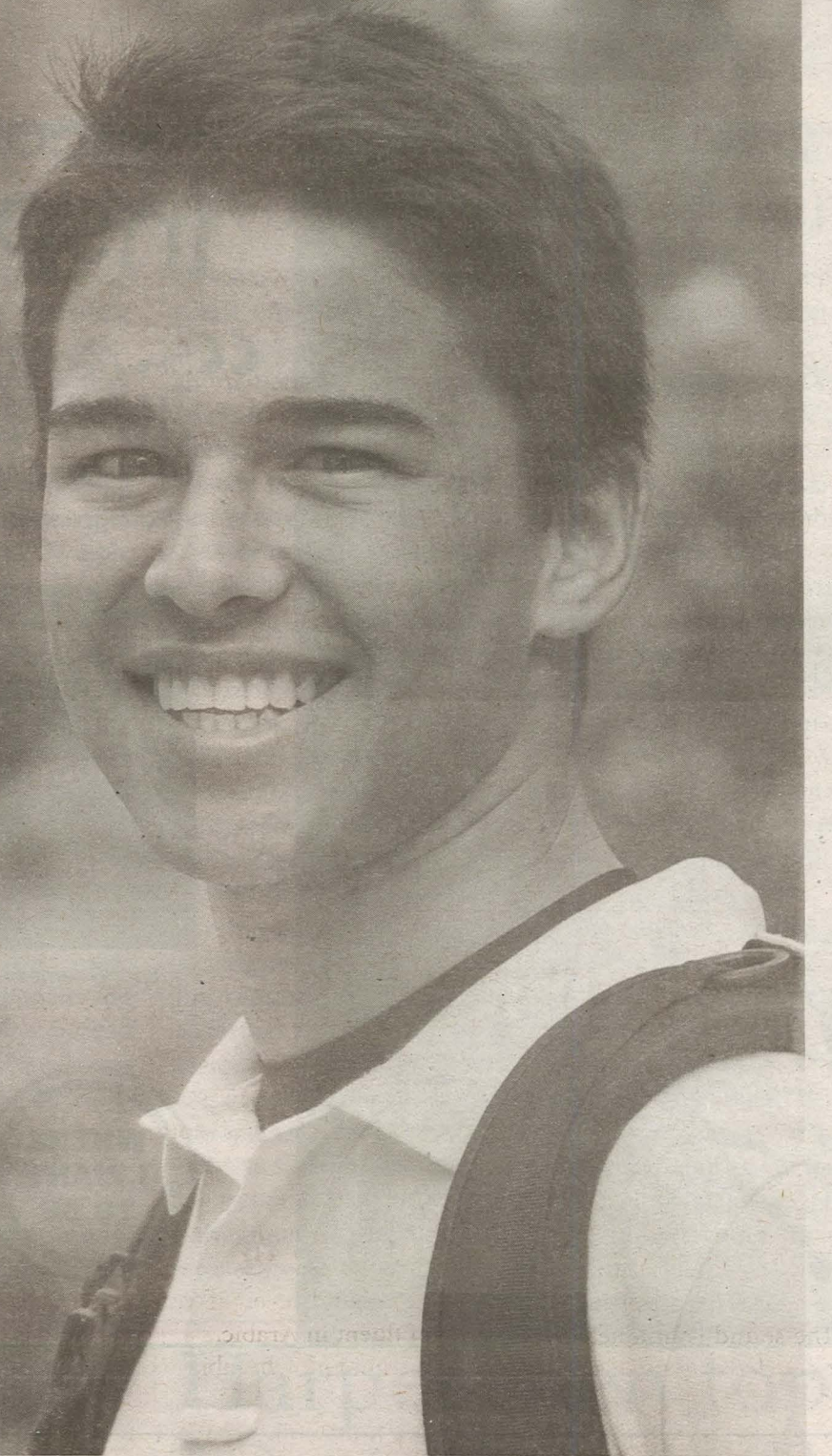
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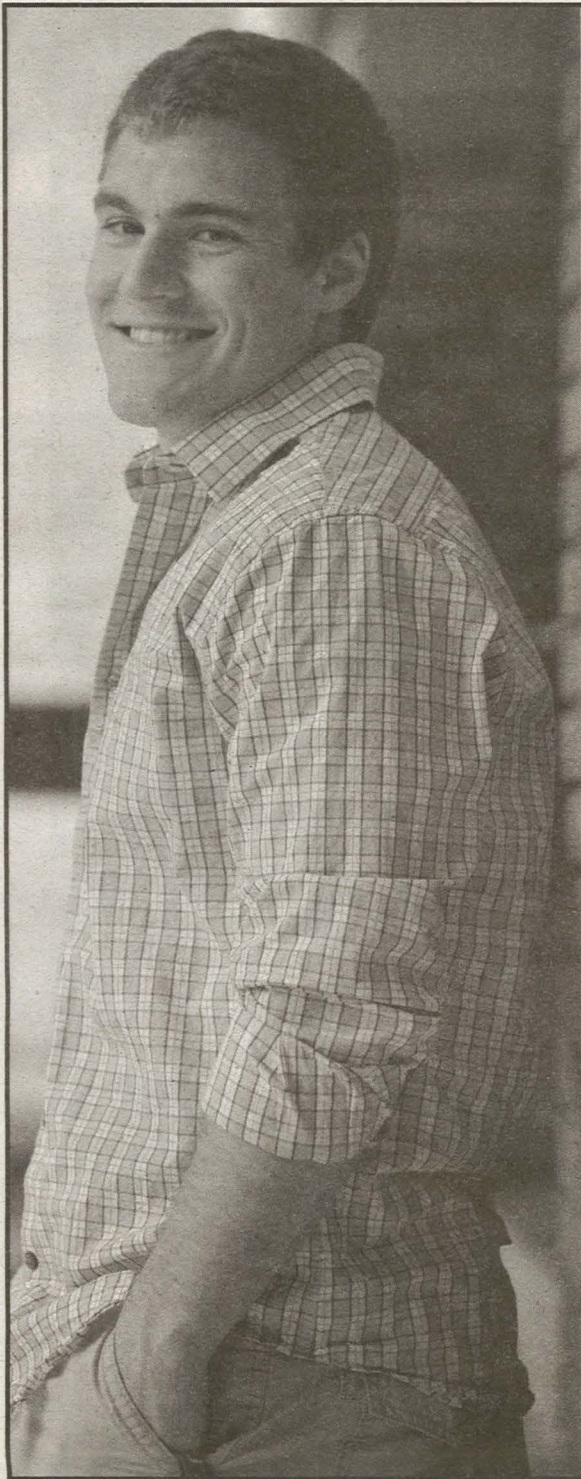
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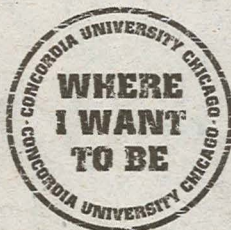
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International club serves as a place for students learning English as a second language to practice among their peers and make new friends. Their meeting time is coined "the Conversation Café" because you can interact with and talk in a multitude of languages. President Gabriela "gabby" Valcheva leads the club with conversation activities and events that bring students together from all over the world.

Food and drinks are provided at meetings, and students participate in games that help them practice English. Meetings end with a raffle for a ten-dollar gift card to Starbucks.

Students truly enjoy and benefit from joining the club. Gabby says, "I can also tell you how many of the students cannot wait for Thursday because they love to be able to communicate with others like themselves and feel comfortable in that place because they do not get looked up in a different way. My biggest thing in my speech for president was to unite and become one big international family, which we have"

Vice president Patricia Lopez enjoys being involved

too. To Patricia, "International club is not only where people from all over the country come to learn English but it's an opportunity for them to meet new and amazing people from all over the world."

Also, it's an amazing way to learn things from different cultures! I see the club as a bag of skittles or M&Ms... every individual is unique in their own way!"

Students play games from a variety of countries and take field trips to museums, downtown Chicago, and Springfield, to get a taste of our government and history. Patricia loves that the games and field trips are not only fun but also educational for international students.

Being a part of the club is rewarding to members. For Jennifer Garcia, International Club has helped her to find her passion in life. "it, "If it weren't for international club I wouldn't have realize what I wanted to focus on for my career," says Jennifer.

"At first I was studying to be a Nurse but because of international club I ended up changing my major to International Studies because I love learning about new culture and want to travel to many places."

Gabby also feels rewarded by International Club. An immigrant from Bulgaria, she has wanted to be an ESL teacher since elementary school. Gabby says, "I work with ESL students and

thanks to International Club I realized how real my love and passion is by being with ESL students and how much I want to become a teacher. There is no better feeling than to help someone who has been like me before."

Members do not have to be immigrants to benefit from International Club. Jennifer Cowell, an American student, enjoys learning from international students.

Cowell states, "I get to go to a place every Thursday and meet people from all over the world. I can talk to people from Poland, Ukraine, Syria, Mexico, Japan, Korea, China, Mongolia, Iran, Romania..." International club provides a great amount of diversity for students.

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10 perfect songs to listen to in the fall

By Kevin Tiongson
Staff Writer

The season of fall is simply lovely, so why should we starve ourselves from listening to equally lovely music? Here are my 10 top tracks that are perfect for the fall season, in no particular order.

First on the list is "New Slang" by The Shins, an American-indie band based out of Portland, Oregon. Formed in 1996, the band released their debut album, "Oh, Inverted World," in 2001.

This album spawned some of the most recognized songs by The Shins, including "New Slang". This song is perfect for that night drive or a quiet afternoon alone.

Next is Paul Simon's "Papa Hobo". We all know Paul Simon as "that guy in Simon and Garfunkel", but let's not overlook his extensive solo career. There's something about this song that will make your soul dance to the sweep of the tune. "Papa Hobo" was released back in '72, on his self-titled album. This song is just the one to listen to on misty mornings.

Third on the list is The

Weepies' "World Spins Madly On". The Weepies are a husband and wife duo from Cambridge, Massachusetts. "World Spins Madly On" was released on their second record, "Say I Am You." Since its release, the song has been in three movie soundtracks.

"You're a Wolf", by Sea Wolf is my next pick. The band is from Los Angeles, California, founded in 2001. "You're a Wolf" came out on "Get to the River" before it ran "Too Low" back in 2007. "You're a Wolf" is yet another song perfect for those night drives.

Another great one is "Learning to Fly" by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Tom Petty is up there among the ranks of the greatest songwriters ever. This is proven by his beautiful songs. To add to this, he was also in the short-lived band The Traveling Wilburys with Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, and Roy Orbison--all incredible artists! "Learning to Fly" came out on "Into the Great Wide Open" in 1991, and since then, has become one of the band's biggest hits.

Sixth on the list is "Aurora" by Foo Fighters. "Aurora"

was released on the Foo Fighters' third album, "There Is Nothing Left To Lose," back in '99. Dave Grohl, the band's founder, has stated that "it might be his favorite album that they've ever done."

"Aurora" is also one of my favorites, and it is a favorite of the band and the other fans, as well. Grohl says that the song is a "nostalgic look back at Seattle and the life I once had."

The next song needs no introduction: "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall" by Bob Dylan. "A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall" was written in 1963 and released on his second album, "The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan." The song is often associated as a protest song, though Dylan has never revealed the actual inspiration for the song. It is simply a beautiful song that everyone should know.

Eight on list is "Tender" by Blur, yet another classic. Blur was one half of the driving forces of Britpop in the 90s, along with Oasis. "Tender" came out on Blur's sixth album, "13", in '99. It was inspired by Singer Damon Albarn's breakup with his long-term girlfriend

and the book "Tender is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. "Tender" remains one of the fan-favorites, and it is the song most universally associated with Blur. It is perfect for anything and anywhere, whether that is mornings, in the car, or at night. Personally, I listen to it all the time.

Near the end of our list is "Time Spent in Los Angeles" by Dawes. Dawes is an American band fronted by Simon Dawes. He has a very 1970s, Jackson Browne vibe to it, very Americana. The song reminds you of a song you once heard somewhere, yet still remains original. This really is a perfect song for fun, long drives.

Our final song on the Soundtrack through Fall is "Stephanie Says" by The Velvet Underground. "Stephanie Says" came out in 1985 on the band's compilation album, simply titled "VU."

The song was written in 1968, but was not released until 1985. Singer Lou Reed drew the inspiration for the song from the band's manager, Steve Sesnick. It was used in the movie *The Royal Tenenbaums* and has been referenced in books, music, and movies.

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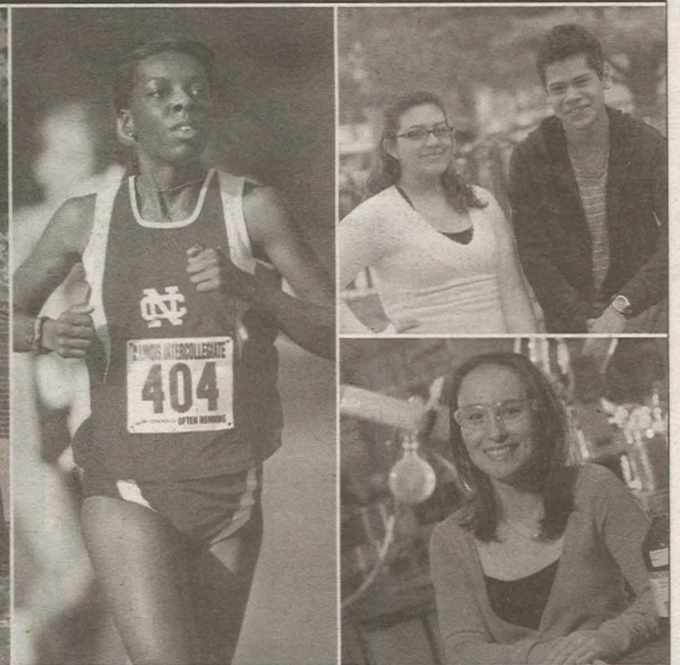
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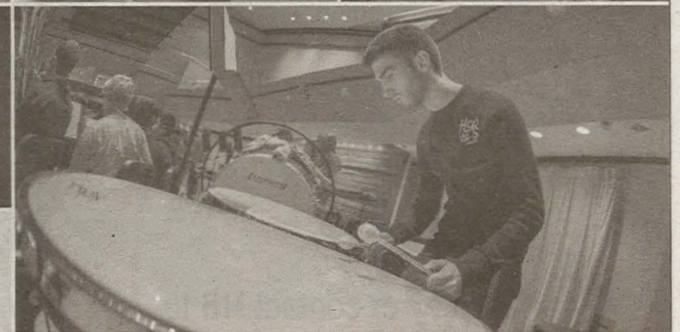
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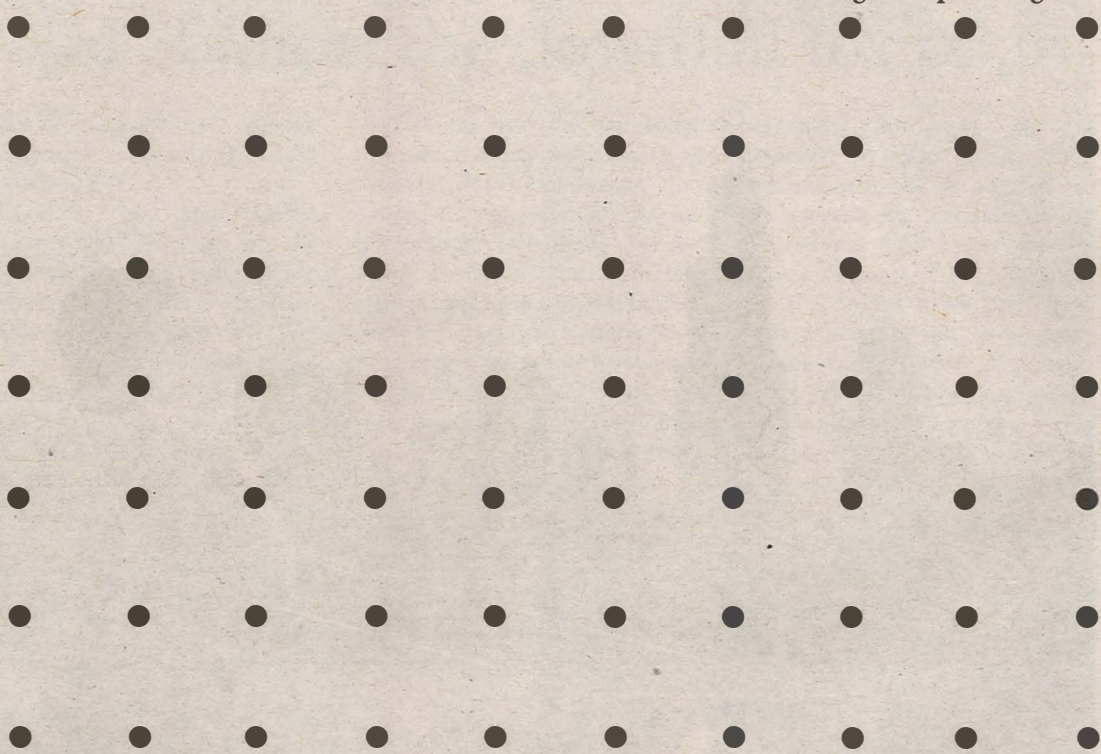
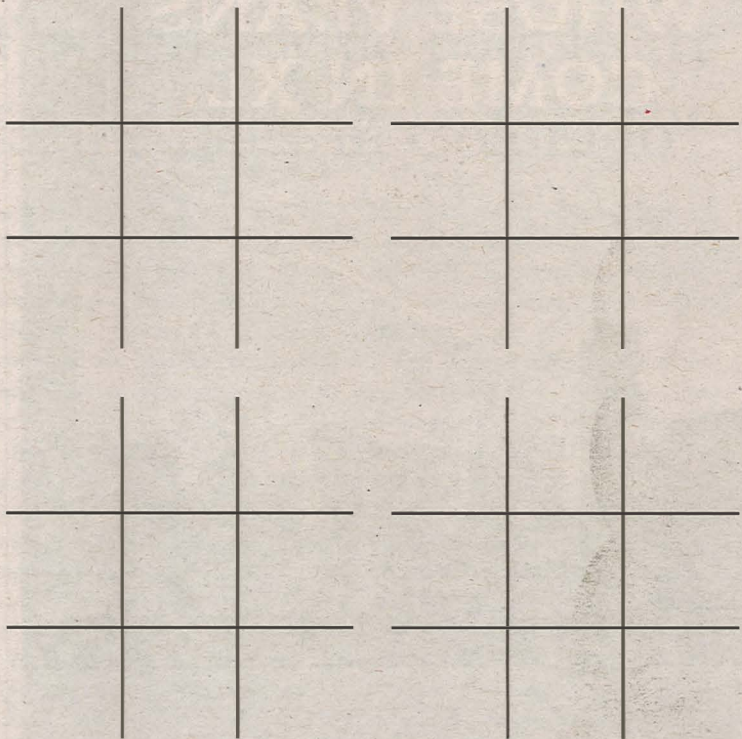
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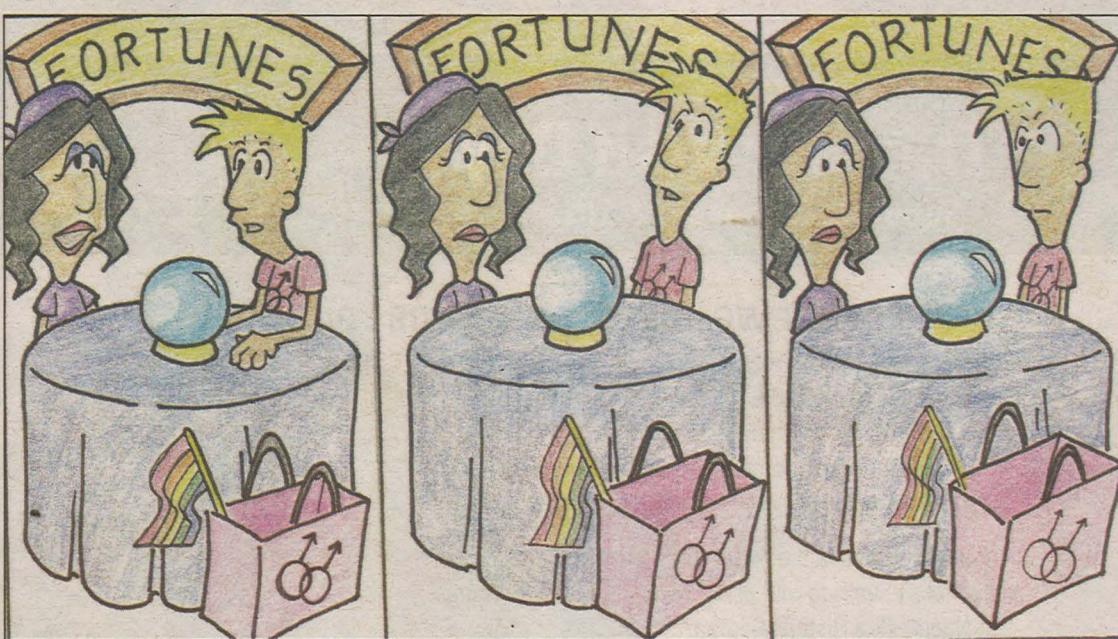
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