Crash Halts Boonton Line

On Main Street in Montclair, a tractor trailer was hit by a train on the Montclair-Boonton Line. Approximately a dozen people were injured when a NJ Transit train on the Montclair-Boonton Line hit a paint truck at the Main Street and Fairfield Avenue crossing on Wednesday morning.

According to Nancy Snyder, a New Jersey Transit spokeswoman, the train struck a tractor-trailer carrying paint at approximately 8:15 a.m. 71 passengers were on board at the time of the crash on the commuter train. Visibility was limited this morning due to the thick fog. According to people on the scene, there is yellow and white paint splattered.

Under Pressure

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On Jan. 24: A staff member of I.T. reported the theft of a loaned laptop from University Hall. This matter is under investigation. (building #37)

On Jan. 27: Marc Seemon, 24, of Oak Ridge, was arrested for DWI while on Clove Road. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (near building #52)

On Jan. 28: A member of the Muslim Student Organization reported an act of criminal mischief to their bulletin board. This matter is under investigation. (building #40)

On Jan. 28: A female student reported the theft of her unsecured iPod from a treadmill inside of the Student Recreation Center. This matter is under investigation. (building #57)

On Jan. 29: Daniel Valles, 19, of Carteret, was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia while in Gordon Hall. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (building #49)

On Jan. 29: Austin Robinson, 18, of West Orange, was arrested for theft of an iPhone 4. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.
Sick Hawks Can't Fly

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According to the Associated Press, 10 passengers were seri-
ously injured in the crash. One person who was injured was a
school crossing guard, who was hit by flying debris after the
crash. The truck was carrying sup-
plies and was trying to make a
sharp left turn unsuccessfully,
according to a spokesperson for
the company, who was unnamed.
The truck then attempted to back
up over the tracks, at which time
their engine stopped and rail came
down to warn of an on-coming train. The
truck was unable to get off of the
tracks in time and was struck by
the train. 

"It was a matter of circum-
cstance, unfortunately," said N.J.
Transit spokesman John Durso
Jr. Of the 10 people injured, eight of their injuries were not critical.
However, the crossing guard and
the conductor of the train suf-
f ered serious injuries.

There was heavy fog when the
train crashed, but it has not yet
been determined if this played a
role in the crash of the train into
the track, or if the conductor's
t vision was impaired in any way
due to the fog.

The train only took approxi-
mately 400 feet to come to a com-
plete stop, but it was not enough
to prevent the train from colli-
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on the tracks.
The paint remains on the train
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as the crash is being cleaned up.

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guisher. While no damage was
caused by the fire and no stu-
dents were injured, the officer
who extinguished the flame had
to be treated for smoke inhala-
tion at the scene.

As a precaution, the Little
Falls Fire Department respond-
d to the scene and evacuated the
offices and classrooms in Life
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rium.

Students were allowed back
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Hack Jersey 2013 Winners:

Best Project for Dealing with Sandy: Hack Sandy NJ.

Best Design App: Cost of Medical Care in NJ.

Best Story: The Feed; Team Pancakes.

People's Choice Award: Because of Us.

Overall Winner: Crash Data NJ.

The Redeye Award was awarded to people who stayed the whole night.

Pelican Report from Around the World

- Yesterday, Toyota announced it was recalling more than 1 million vehicles sold in the United States due to faulty airbags and windshield wipers.

- Three people have now been arrested in connection with the deadly nightclub fire in Brazil, one of them the owner of the nightclub, Elissandro Sphor. Sphor was arrested at a hospital in Cruz Alta, Brazil.

- On Monday, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced that she is to abdicate her throne on April 30. It will mark 33 years to the day that she took over after her mother.

- The United States has signed a deal with the central African nation of Niger to host American troops and surveillance drones to keep tabs on Islamic militants in the region.

- Yesterday, heavy flooding in Australia caused by torrential rains forced mass evacuations from towns along the country's eastern coast, with critical patients and newborns from one hospital being airlifted to safety.

- Italian search teams have found debris that could belong to a U.S. fighter jet that went missing on Tuesday. Controllers lost contact with the F-16 around 8 p.m. Monday while the jet was on a training flight.

Information from cnn.com.

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Fabulous Fashion Without Frustration

Let's face it: In the wake of the year that we nev- er saw coming, we all found ourselves unceremoniously starting at the hollowing core of our closets. Being in pos- session of an underwhelming wardrobe is a catastrophic crime, especially at the start of a new year when the latest fashions are budding down catwalks all over New York City and Los Angeles.

The key is to be real- istic. Yes, we all know Jenni- fer Lopez looked more than marvel- ous in that cream lace Zuhair Murad gown at the Golden Globe Awards, but do you really think you’re going to find a frock that life changing at the mall—and in your budget? C’mon, ad- mit it, you’re a full time fash- ionista on a part-time pay. Even if you’re feeling cocky about that, remember, you still have to find some way to afford your textbooks this sem- ester.

The first step in reach- ing recovery is admitting you have a problem. Love BBBG Max Azria? Me too, but if you know nothing in that beauti- ful enchanting store is going to fit your budget, then do what’s best for you and cut it off like your last ex-boyfriend. Don’t even look at it. It does you wrong. How long are you going to keep hurt- ing yourself? Time to move on. It’s okay to cry, but re- member, you’re going to get through this.

Secondly, where there is a sale, there is a way. Okay, so you have to rum- mage through a couple bins and sort through the hangers to find your size. You’ll be sur- prised how much sexier you look in that distressed motorcycle jacket knowing that it cost only $17. Venture down the mall’s concourse until you see the heav- enly lights of Forever 21 and feed your inner bargain hunter. You won’t even think twice about laugh- ing at the poor soul who walks by you wearing almost the exact same jacket from Express for a staggering $118.

My next trick is online shopping. It’s a blessing, it’s a curse. You’re just a mouse-click away from fashion paradise and savings account hell. If you’re feeling strong and steady, post- New Year’s deals can be your savior with discount sites such as Urban Outfitters and Love Culture offering sales and (my favorite word) clearances on items around the clock. An add- ed bonus is free shipping to your home-sweet-home if you spend a measly $50! But online shopping addicts beware: You are enter- ing into a world where saying “SALE” and check your phone to comb through the latest dis- counts locally.

Take these next words to heart: Cut up your cards or at least freeze them. If you don’t have it, don’t spend it. Even “Bill Me Later” is a vicious thing. Paying cash may not come with a documented receipt of your spending every month, but it also doesn’t come with a load of debt and denial. Do the right thing. That being said, don’t be close minded—it’s beneath you!

Be cautious. If you love that hot-pink small Jet-Set Saffiano travel tote by Michael Kors for $228, take a deep breath and bookmark the page. Go bravely out into the world to attend class, work and see friends. Come back to it in a few days with a fresh mind and a free spirit. Do you re- ally need it that badly?

I know that some of us cannot be saved. So you slept on it and bought the bag the very next morning. So you chose to forfeit an entire month’s pay for that outstanding Classic Short Trench Coat for $348 from Coach? I feel your pain and avid worry. Don’t be the girl that can- not afford her textbooks despite her professors will not understand like your girlfriends do.

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Those that believe clipping coupons is for old maids have never seen what a few good coupons can do for a person’s life. Check out RetailMeNot. com for some serious steals in the wholesale world or join Groupon on your smartphone to comb through the latest dis- counts locally.

Remember this trusty rule of thumb: Be- fore you splurge—purge your wardrobe. When you feel like there’s just noth- ing to wear in your closet, make time to sort through your old clothes with a Hefty bag in hand. When you pick up that fraying old cardigan from Victoria’s Secret that just doesn’t fit like it used to, toss it in the bag while being mind- ful that someone will give it a home you never could. The Salvation Army is al- ways more than grateful to pick up donations right at your door. Do the right thing and give yourself a pat on the back afterward. Plus, you’ll love all the free space you’ve opened up to reorganize your sty- lettos by color and height. (We all do it. Don’t be ashamed!)

Until next time, follow the signs that say ‘SALE’ and check your expensive baggage at the dressing room. Remem- ber, just because you buy it cheap doesn’t mean you can’t look like a million bucks.

**Tips for stress- free fashion?**

Tweet us @MSU_fashion.

“A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous”

- Coco Chanel

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**What’s Trending?**

Fabulous Fashion Without Frustration

**Contributing Writer**

Denise Potter

**The Montclarion**
Clean water seems to be an active movement and a popular, important issue facing the world. Although headlines and programs urge you to provide your services for underdeveloped countries, I urge you to look at your own water. U.S. citizens that are naïve enough to believe that their drinking water is safe just because it is legal have another thing coming. Legal does not mean safe, but it does provide a free road for your local water supplier to not abide by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) guidelines. This means that your water may have more or less chemicals than it should.

Have you smelled your tap water lately? I remember as a child I would drink only tap water. It was easy and convenient as long as I could reach the sink. Those days are far gone and now I find tap water suspicious and smelly. The smell of chlorine and the accompanying chemicals in tap water unsettling, but the truth is that these chemicals are needed to clean the water. Although the earth is 70 percent water, the ocean accounts for about 97 percent of that total. The water that humans interact with is freshwater, only 2.5 percent of the earth’s water supply. Pollution from factories and other sources makes its way into our drinking water, both directly and indirectly causing contamination.

The EPA plays a huge part setting guidelines and standards for state governments to enforce their statewide water suppliers. The agency has the obligation to keep the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act alive. Unfortunately, the EPA has not updated their standards for over 15 years—until last month, when the EPA finally pushed out new regulations for states to follow. Still, the question remains: will these states push the new guidelines? I sure hope so, especially since super-storm Sandy hit the east coast.

In 2006, New Jersey American Water, which serves most of Union County, had 5 contaminants below the legal limit including Arsenic and Radium. Two contaminants, Radon and Uranium, were above the legal limit. The Newark Water Department, which serves Essex County, also had 5 contaminants below the legal limit including Lead and Uranium. However, Haloacetic acids were the only contaminants above the legal limit. Most of these contaminants can lead to cancer, illness, upset stomach and tooth decay.

In California, an incident occurred when chemicals in a local reservoir were exposed to sunlight, converting to cancer-causing chemicals. To prevent further contamination, black plastic balls were used to block the sunlight. The most shocking part of the article is the response from the surrounding homeowners who were upset that the black balls made the reservoir look unattractive. Their response came from their belief that the water was safe because it was legal.

If you ever feel suspicious about your tap water not being safe for drinking or for any use, there are ways to clean it. Of course, boiling is the best way, but make sure when boiling that the heat stays on for a few extra minutes after the water starts to boil. Bleach is also an alternative. Put in 8 drops (16 drops if water is cloudy), mix, then wait about a half-hour before putting the water to use. Never hesitate to contact your water company to make sure your water is not just legal, but safe.
**The Weekly Debate**

**Who Should Pay on the First Date?**

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<td>To group a certain gender into role-specific categories is a far-too-common practice in contemporary culture.</td>
<td>I do not believe that one specific person should be responsible for flipping the cost of the entire date. Sure, it would be a nice gesture for a guy to buy me a drink or two, but I don’t expect anyone to pay for an entire meal or film, or both combined.</td>
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<td>Equality, however, are the privileges and responsibilities that males have always had. We as men lose more and more of our identity to progressive views every day. We have lost the image of the “classic male,” the breadwinners who wear suits and provide.</td>
<td>As up and coming ladies, our mothers tell us that the man should pay for the meal. How-ever, I do not, nor have ever, expected a man to pay $50 or more to hang out with me. Now that I phrased it that way, it seems vaguely like prostitution.</td>
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<td>We as males are past the decade that was “metrosexual-ity.” We are slowly regaining our image as the classic American male. So ladies, let me pay for the first date and every date after that. It’s a male thing.</td>
<td>I’m not trying to make the claim that every man is trying to force women into gender roles. Maybe the guy is just following the advice of some of his female friends. The reason for paying is perhaps more important than the gesture itself. If a guy is paying for me simply out of the kindness of his heart, then by all means I will let him handle the dinner bill. However, if he is merely dishing out cash because he thinks it is his “role” in the relationship, then he won’t last more than the first date before I leave him with his money in hand.</td>
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<td>Individuals who claim that women should pay for the date or that it should be split “dutch” are attempting to subvert the classic image of a male into a form that does not have a discernable social difference. Feminists strive to achieve equality in social and professional environments.</td>
<td>The first date is often used to gauge compatibility. I don’t like when a guy expects me to pay for everything, either. I can’t stand when he doesn’t at least humor me by reaching for his wallet at the first sign of a cashier. He can buy me a drink but he better believe that I will be buying him just as many.</td>
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**We are looking for study participants:**

- Males, ages 18-50
- Evaluate a new blemish treatment regimen at home
- Must qualify to participate - must have mild to moderate blemishes
- Cannot currently be on any type of medication to treat blemishes or willing to discontinue treatment for several weeks prior to initial appointment
- 5 scheduled appointments over 12 weeks with exams conducted by a Board Certified Dermatologist
- You will be paid for your participation - $300

Bring a friend and receive an additional $40 Finders Fee if they complete the study.
Going Green
Easy Ways to Eat More Fruits and Vegetables

Dana Baardsen
Contributing Writer

With flu season in full swing and many beginning to think about slimming down and toning up for spring break, here are some fun tips to make sure you’re getting your daily dose of fruits and vegetables.

**DITCH THE OASIS**
Canned veggies may be high in sodium and lack flavor. Fresh vegetables tend to be naturally sweeter, more crisp and much more enjoyable to eat.

**MASH IT UP**
Cauliflower is high in vitamin C and contains phosphorous and potassium. Blend into mashed potatoes and you’ve just packed your starch with some extra nutrients.

**ROLL IT UP**
Serve bowls of taco-night-fixin’s sans the taco shells. Instead, offer a plate of large Romaine lettuce leaves. Roll the standard taco ingredients into a healthier alternative.

**PUT IT IN A POP**
Purchase some ice-pop molds and fill with yogurt and fresh fruits. Serve for a yummy vitamin-packed dessert.

**FREEZE EM**
Stick a bunch of grapes in the freezer and watch the new version of hard candy slowly disappear.

**CHIPS ANYONE?**
Instead of ripping open a bag of greasy potato-chips, make your own. Try kale chips by lightly salting and drizzling olive oil over fresh kale and bake at a low temperature until crispy.

**FOR MORE HELPFUL HINTS, VISIT**
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**Shake it Up**
Sunshine Salad
Add chopped carrots and lemon zest to orange Jell-O mix. Serve chilled.

**Juice It**
Juicing is a great way to reap all of the nutritional benefits of fresh greens while drinking something that tastes like sweet apples. Fruit flavors will overpower any bitter vegetable taste. Green monster juice, anyone?

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NO HANGING ON THE RIM.
NO HARD FOULS.
NO ANTI-GAY SLURS.

NOT IN MY HOUSE.

A message from the NBA and its players
Prime Great Notch Building Lot near MSU. Asking $325K Create your Dream Home for Approx. $110 per square foot. Century 21 Cedarcrest 973-228-1050 Ask for Lisa or Dennis.

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HAVE FRENCH WILL TRAVEL: Experienced tutor will prepare you for any exam, presentation or first-time travel to France. Learn just what you need to know. $40/hr. reginavandyke@hotmail.com or 862-596-7978.

Wanted: 29 serious people to work from home using a computer. Up to $1500 - $5K PT/FT www.ValleyIncomeOnline.com

Before school care and driver needed for 12 and 14 year old in our Cedar Grove home (close to campus) from 7A-8A Monday to Thursday. References, background clearances and car required for transportation to school. 610-993-8796 or nearrelli@carebridge.com

Needed ASAP: P/T caring babysitter for 2-yr-old daughter. 3 days/week, schedule flexible. Needed for morning routine and daycare drop-off, noon pick-up, afternoons. Must drive/have car, prior childcare experience, references. Extremely discounted apartment available for right person. Contact Logan 707-797-7773 for interview.

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LOVE TO DRAW?
Want to make people laugh?
Submit your comics to us to be featured in The Montclarion!
Email msuproductions@gmail.com for more information!
Despite all our gripes, we’ve all just some rats in a maze. With all the construction going on around campus, many of us feel the same way. Some of the best routes to our classes are blocked off due to the installment of our new heating and cooling systems, but will it all be worth it in the end?

Montclair State University is well known for its constant “campus improvement” projects. Besides the frustration going on around campus, many of us feel that the efforts made for this project have gotten in the way of many other campus projects. Moving into Blanton was a sheer disappointment when we saw that no effort or thought had been done on it whatsoever.

We are also concerned about the Alumni Greens, which was once the most beautiful place on campus. It was well kept, well maintained, and a great place to study. There was also the “bomb” incident last fall, where students were asked to stay far from the diner until further notifications. It is starting to seem that this effort is pointless and frustrating for everyone.

There was also some major questions about several pipe bursts occurring around campus. Cold weather may have caused some major complications, but we have had cold weather before and nothing like this has happened.

To have several pipe bursts throughout campus is uncanny to say the least. We can constantly point fingers at the cold weather, but considering we’ve survived colder days, we can’t help but be slightly suspicious that the construction has no connection to the multiple pipe bursts.

Along with this project being a major annoyance to students, it is also irrelevant to those poor delivery men muttering, “This is just the campus that I use to know.” It is very confusing and distracting for those who wish to visit MSU. Fair warning to all future Red Hawks, our school charm isn’t our pride. Our true trade mark is the debris in the air and the sound of dump trucks backing up.

Although the project is supposed to provide MSU with a sustainable way of providing energy, there are still doubts that all that’s been done to campus will be worth it.
Declaring War on the War Against Drugs

No-nonsense policy in drug legislation causes more harm than good

The whole issue surrounding gun control is one of the most politically charged topics in the United States. The recent "war on drugs" has been a contentious issue for decades. While it is true that the enforcement of drug laws has resulted in the confiscation of weapons, the argument is often made that the war on drugs has failed and has led to increased violence.

The concept of gun control is complex and involves a variety of factors. The issue of gun control is often linked with the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, which guarantees the right of citizens to bear arms. However, the interpretation of this amendment has been subject to debate and has been the subject of numerous court cases.

In recent years, there have been a number of high-profile mass shootings in the United States, such as those in Newtown, Connecticut and Las Vegas, Nevada. These incidents have led to renewed calls for stronger gun control laws.

Many argue that the war on drugs has failed to reduce drug use and that it has instead led to increased violence and crime. Others argue that the war on drugs is necessary to protect society from the harms of drug use.

As we approach the end of the year, there is a pressing need to reevaluate the war on drugs and to consider alternative approaches to drug control. The United States is the only country in the world in which the use of illegal drugs is legal in some form, but it is the biggest problem that needs to be addressed.

The U.S. might be considering drug legalization, much like Canada and the Netherlands. This would involve the decriminalization of drug possession, use, and sale, and the establishment of regulated markets for these substances. While this approach has been controversial, it has also been shown to be effective in reducing crime and drug-related harm.

In conclusion, the war on drugs has failed and has led to increased violence and crime. It is time to consider alternative approaches to drug control, such as drug legalization, in order to protect society from the harms of drug use.

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Cozy Hands Are Healthy Hands

Hot towels defeat the gloom of winter with warmth and hygiene

Well-sh-Shucks, The Ball Boy Is Down
Literally kicking your problems square in the gut

“...the difference between the right word and the almost-right word is the difference between the lightning and the lightning bug.”

—Mark Twain

January 31, 2013 • The Montclarion

OPINION
The first time I heard a song by indie rock sister duo Tegan and Sara, I was not impressed. I really couldn’t get into their music because there was never enough of a beat for me to be captivated by the heart of their songs. It mostly didn’t fit me and that isn’t well written. I just couldn’t get into the instrumentals.

However, I think I have to eat my own words because when I heard their newest album, *Heartthrob*, I was very impressed.

Released on Monday, Jan. 28, Tegan and Sara’s *Heartthrob* completely won me over due to its new alternative sound. The album opens up with their featured hit, “Closer.”

I first heard this song on the radio back in September and instantly had it on replay. While lots of artists are selling out and becoming mainstream, Tegan and Sara have evolved over the years and have struck back more powerful than ever. While “Closer” was definitely the right song to introduce Tegan and Sara’s new sound, I’m happy to say that it’s not the only awe-inspiring label.

If you’re looking for that “love conquers all” message for your significant other, you’ll find it in their song “Love They Say,” which sends out the message that love will always triumph, because “there’s nothing love can’t do.”

If you’re currently going through rough patches in your relationship and are beginning to feel it’s time to let go and walk away, or you’ve tired of waiting around for that guy or girl to open his or her eyes, their songs will definitely be their most popular hits.

“I Was a Fool” and “How Come You Don’t Want Me” illustrate both of these scenarios vividly. However, my personal favorite, “I’m Not Your Hero,” is about not having hope or getting discouraged, becoming your own person and ridding yourself of other people’s opinions and expectations.

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A$AP Rocky, born Rakim Mayers, rose to fame and a $3 million deal with RCA Records all thanks to YouTube. Despite his second single, “F***ing Problem” being certified gold and reaching the Top 5 on the Billboard charts, he’s also making quite a name for himself in the fashion world. While most Red Hawks were moving back onto campus and preparing for the first day of classes, A$AP accompanied rap industry vets Kanye West and Pharrell Williams to Paris Fashion Week, where he made blog headlines everywhere by sporting designer Shaun Samson from head to toe. “With clothes, I like mixing what different designers do until it becomes a personal expression of how I feel that day,” he told GQ in a recent interview. The Internet has been on fire recently with people saying that his flashy, high fashion threads might be taking away from his Harlem-based rap mentality too early on in his career. For now, it seems like he’s having no problem balancing sold-out 5,000 seaters every night and taking private jets during the day to cause trouble with his new partner in crime, designer Jeremy Scott. When asked about his new fashion sense, he replied, “I’m going to be a fashion icon in a minute.”

WTF is A$AP Rocky Wearing?!

Y-3 Paraffin Hooded Parka
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Styled in Shaun Samson
(Retail price unknown)

Ann Demuelemeester
Striped Long Shirt
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   Jonathan Molina, Assistant Arts Editor

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   Rashard Bradshaw, Arts Editor

3. “Dig It” – Cast of Hales
   Nick Verhagen, Sports Editor

4. “Better Dig Two” – The Band Perry
   Jessica Czarnogursky, Feature Editor

5. “Amish Paradise” – Weird Al Yankovich
   Kristen Bryfogle, Assistant Opinion Editor

6. “Poke” – Frightened Rabbit
   Lindsay Rassmann, Managing Editor

7. “Gold Digger” – Kanye West
   Catherine Baxter, News Editor

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Le1f returns with the ethereal Fly Zone

Rashard Brakhue
Arts Editor

The year 2012 strangely evolved into the year of the openly gay MC with the presence of trap instrumentals and Le1f's Mykkii Blance. The two gained some major international recognition with their original blend of rap music infused with various styles of dance and underground gay culture.

The wave of openly gay artists is also pushed by the current New Orleans “easy bechon” trend, an infectious rump-shaking genre of music that has been spreading across the country, thanks to the artists like Big Freedia and Nicky Da B.

These artists were stressing the boundaries that have confined urban music and its heteronormative constraints.

While many media outlets were quick to introduce the pack under the umbrella term “queer hip-hop,” many have shaken the brand and proved that their sexuality isn’t the driving force behind their distinct lyricism.

One example is Le1f, with the release of Fly Zone. His unique blend of aquatic drips and crashing waves is making him one of music’s incomparable artists.

Fly Zone is a 13 track trip into the outer limits of the stratosphere. A mix of hardcore trap instrumentals and Le1f’s distinct vocals that can be as light as a cloud on tracks like “Breezy” or sharp as a razor on “Airbending” where he spews, “I am whatever you say I am, stop worrying about how gay I am.”

The single “Coins” is an aggressive modern sonnet confessing his love of currency. His punchy flow is poured over the ringing of cash registers and the flipping of coins.

With production by wildards like Nueport and Philadelphia native Don Jones, Le1f’s Fly Zone is the perfect album to stroll to on a dewy day or anytime payday rears its pretty head. Download the free project via Fader.com.

TRACKS TO LIVE BY:

- BREEZY (PROD. NEUPORT)
- POCAHONTAS ft KITTY (PROD. DRIPPIN)
- AIRBENDING (PROD. LOLGURLZ)

The Walking Dead Is Back:

Television’s biggest show returns

Ken Macri
Staff Writer

The Walking Dead, television’s biggest phenomenon, is returning Sunday, Feb. 10th in what is sure to be a blood-soaked second half of Season 3. The midseason finale garnered over 10.5 million viewers, continuing to make The Walking Dead the highest rated and most viewed basic cable series in history.

The show, based on the graphic novels by Robert Kirkman, follows sheriff Rick Grimes and his band of fellow survivors to stroll to on a dewy day or anytime payday rears its pretty head. Download the free project via Fader.com.

Unfortunately for Rick, things still aren’t looking up. In the first half of the current season, Rick lost his wife Lori and now is preparing to face off with the show’s loosestave villain, The Governor, a prominent antagonist in the comic series. Kirkman left us with quite a cliffhanger after the series’ midseason break: The Dixon Brothers prepare to battle “till the death, and we were introduced to Tyreese and his group, something fans of the comic series have been desperately waiting for.

It has become quite apparent over this three-season span that The Walking Dead is by far televisions most bloody and violent show, and arguably the most suspenseful as well. I don’t remember any show willing to sever heads and chop off body parts like The Walking Dead does. The best part is every detail is showed and no character, no matter how popular, is invulnerable from death.

One thing fans of The Walking Dead love is the fact that Glen Mazzara, the current show-runner, is leaving the series for good after Season 3 concludes. It was just recently announced that Scott Gimple was taking over the reigns for Mazzara and judging by his resume, fans need not to worry.

As the ratings for the show continue to grow, more and more characters continue to fall. The tension and anxiety stemming from knowing that your favorite character could die at any moment, makes every episode of The Walking Dead a must watch and is something no other show is willing to offer or even could offer.

If you’re looking for a quality drama series about flesh-eating zombies and the preservation of humanity, then join the rest of us and tune in at 9 p.m., February 10 on AMC.
Swimming Strokes Towards End of Season

The Montclair State men’s swimming and diving team is currently 4-3 (0-3 NJAC), and will be looking to avenge their previous loss to the Ramapo College of Staten Island by a score of 133-94 last month.

In their final home meet of the regular season, the Red Hawks improved to 7-13 overall, 2-10 NJAC. The men’s swimming team fell short in their conference foe.

It has been a battle for the men this year, but these seniors that our underclassmen look to as role models are still pushing through, "Like they have been doing all year," said scribbles McLaughlin about who he feels has been the most consistent from the Montclair State men’s swimming and diving team.

Montclair State’s men’s swimming and diving team broke its three-game losing skid with a tightly contested win over the College of Staten Island by a score of 129-112.

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Hockey Back in Action

The Montclair State Red Hawks ice hockey team is back! In the month of January, the team went 3-3-0-1. The game of the month was a win over Rowan University in the Red Hawks’ first outdoor game. All proceeds from the game went to the National MS Society.

The Red Hawks played hard and it was a neck and neck game, but in the end the Red Hawks came out on top with a 6-5 win. The Red Hawks had goals from Sean Mertens, Cody Inglis, Brian Manning and Chris Preziosi for a 4-0 lead.

However, the Red Hawks saw their lead cut to just one after Rowan scored on three straight shots. Freshman goaltender, Trevor Tironi, was pulled from the game and replaced by junior, Anthony Palmieri, with 14 minutes remaining in the second period. Kevin Tempsick provided the Red Hawks some insurance in the period, scoring a goal off of a Rowan turnover, but Rowan continued to play hard.

Early in the third period, Rowan’s hard work paid off and they scored a goal from a point shot that got by senior goaltender, Joe Fede, who played the entire third period. He was solid in-net after giving up the tying goal, and he gave his team an opportunity to get that winning goal, which they would eventually get. Nick Farina, now to the Red Hawks team this semester, scored the go-ahead goal and the eventual game winner.

Coach Barone was very pleased with his team’s play and determination to win the game. “Seeing those guys give up their body and blocking shots, in the cold weather, was amazing. It goes to show you how important it was to them to win that game,” coach Barone said.

On Sunday afternoon, the Red Hawks took on Central Connecticut State University in a home match at the Floyd Hall Arena. The opening face-off was at 3 p.m. There was no shortage of offense from the Red Hawks as they took 47 shots throughout the course of the game.

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The second period started just as the first ended. MSU would score two more shorthanded goals. One was Lieback’s second of the game and the other from Christopher Preziosi. Montclair State’s defense and goaltending was strong all day. Before the end of the period, Central Connecticut State University cut the lead to just one with two more goals from Frank Pisano. One was scored on a power play to give Pisano the hat trick.

Just minutes into the third period, Central Connecticut State University was able to tie the score at 4-4. The game remained tied until the final minutes of the period, when the Red Hawks were able to score 3 more goals for insurance. Joseph Posee started in-net for the Red Hawks and stopped 28 of the 32 shots he faced. He finished the contest with a .875 save percentage.

The team is now 9-8-2-1 and will travel to Marist on Saturday, February 2 at 4:15 p.m. The Red Hawks will be looking for a big win to put their record back over the .500 mark.

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**Who’s Hot This Week**

**Zak Westerberg**  
Men’s Swimming and Diving  
Westerberg was awarded NJAC Men’s Swimmer of the Week for his performance in Montclair State’s 1-2 run last week. Over the course of the three dual meets, Westerberg won six individual events and one relay.

**Melissa Tobie**  
Forward - Basketball  
Tobie was named NJAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Week for the third time this season by recording an average of 20.5 points and 5.5 rebounds as the Red Hawks won their 19th and 20th straight games. Tobie currently leads the NJAC in field goal percentage (.533) and is fourth in points per game (14.4).

**Game of the Week**

Women’s Basketball  
vs. Richard Stockton  
February 2, 3 p.m.

The 8th ranked Red Hawks look to extend their winning streak against Stockton. MSU won its last game against the Ospreys 81-46.

For updates, check out:  
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Here's a motto that represents these two teams: "When the going gets tough, the tough gets going."

The Ravens especially had gone through tremendous hardships throughout the season. In Week 3, wide receiver Torrey Smith lost his brother to a motorcycle accident on the day of a Sunday night game against the New England Patriots.

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