Making Art Authentic
Awie Bahrami
Entertainment editor

At times, we don’t realize when actors portray charac-
ters of a different ethnicity. When actors play their characters so convincingly that they even recognize them any longer, like Daniel Day-Lewis’ metaphorically disappearing performance as Abraham Lincoln in Lin-
coln, the ethnicity issue doesn’t even occur to us. The majority that watched Lin-
coln didn’t think that Day-Lewis was the wrong person to play this role, although he is an Irish/English actor. In Day-Lewis’ case, eth-
nicity wasn’t a big issue be-
cause the British, Irish and American have fairly simi-
lar appearances.

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Clove Road Lights Go Out

Jaya Gugliucci
News editor

Phenomenally separated from the main campus itself, students travelling to and residing on Clove Road ex-
perienced a powerful outage early Monday evening due to transformer failure.

Left in darkness, students in the residence halls relied on flashlight to find their way to the main hallways lit by back-up generators; students were encouraged to head to the main campus to find stable lighting. Meanwhile, those trying to leave the in the NJ Tran-
portation Center Quad, but be-
cause of the rainy weather, many different student organizations and clubs were a part of this event and professional goals. The conference was intended for activated students who are resi-
dents of New Jersey from around the state of New Jersey to aid low-income male and female students who lack the resources to adequately prepare for a college-level education.

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The Montclarion will have an additional issue for the remainder of the semester. That will begin again on Thursday, Jan. 22. We wish you the best of luck on finals and a great winter break!

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Katherine Aucena
Contributing Writer

As enrollment at Montclair State University has passed 20,000, students are concerned about the parking problems that already bedevil the campus. Students are even getting evicted.

However, school administration says they’re on top of the issue, having recently increased shuttle service and are exploring plans to make new parking lots or decks.

“We recognize that parking is a student issue on campus and we know it is never convenient, but we are doing everything we can,” said William Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of Facilities Logistics Support.

Student Gabriela Tarikhanian claimed that she has to arrive at the school an hour early to find parking even though she lives just five minutes away. “It doesn’t really matter how close you live because sometimes it is all about the parking situation,” said Tarikhanian.

Some students are refusing to buy the parking permit needed to use CarParc Diem because of the issue. “I didn’t even buy a permits because all of the complaints I’ve heard overheard were that they can’t get parking at CarParc even though they have paid $250 for parking, yet they can’t get any,” said student Jasmine Bussiere.

CarParc Diem is the go-to parking lot for students at MSU, with 1,152 spaces available. According to Facilities Logistics Support, the lot was expanded from 100 spaces, but it was expanded to serve the building can’t be expanded with extra floors or stories.

For those that are lucky enough to get a permit for the Red Hawk Deck, parking isn’t so bad. The deck offers short-term parking with 1,100 parking spaces available, according to Fitzpatrick, student and employees of the university. Only 400 of those spaces are intended for students with a permit.

Student Jenna Bussiere said she is happy to be able to park at Red Hawk Deck though it comes with a high price tag. “It was very expensive but worth it, because there is always a spot even though sometimes I have to go up to the seventh floor,” said Bussiere.

The luxury of parking at Red Hawk Deck is a perk for students costs $400.

The price of a commuter permit only costs $250.

Other students are feeling relief from the issue by parking off campus. Student Christopher Fortunato, 20, of Hilleborough, N.J. was arrested and charged in the NJ Transit Deck on Christopher Fortunato possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop. Fortunately is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Monday, Nov. 24

Vogi Berra Drive: Student Christopher Fortunato, 20, of Hilleborough, N.J. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop. Fortunately is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Blaunot Hall: Students arrested for possession of marijuana, both 20 and of Lin- coln Park, N.J. were arrested and charged for their involvement in a criminal mischief incident that occurred outside of Blaunot Hall available to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Monday, Nov. 24

Nestor Monbourn, 22, and James Silivon, 22, of Eleven Orange, N.J. were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop. Wallance is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

The Pelican Police Report

Monday, Dec. 1

Clifton Park: Student Terry Wallance, 20, of Eleven Orange, N.J. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop. Wallance is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at 1-973-655-5237. All calls are strictly confidential.

Bridget Gonzalez
Operation 24 hours a day and tallying thousands of hours, the Montclair State EMS department has seen a steady growth in the number of emergency medical calls to the campus community and has expanded to cover multiple locations. The department was founded in the early 1970s, and since then, it has undergone various changes and improvements. One of the significant milestones in the department's history was the implementation of the EMS 911 system in the 1990s. This system allowed the department to respond to emergency calls more efficiently and effectively, providing faster response times to the students and staff on campus.

In recent years, the Montclair State EMS department has also focused on community outreach and public education. They have conducted numerous training sessions and workshops for the local residents and emergency medical personnel. The department has established partnerships with local hospitals and other medical facilities to ensure a smooth and effective transfer of patients in case of medical emergencies.

In addition to providing medical care, the Montclair State EMS department also serves as a training ground for future emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics. They offer an EMT certification program and a paramedic program, which are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). These programs prepare students for careers in the emergency medical field and provide them with the necessary skills and knowledge to respond to emergencies effectively.

The Montclair State EMS department is proud of its accomplishments and is committed to providing excellent emergency medical care to the campus community. They strive to continuously improve their services and stay up-to-date with the latest medical advancements. The department is proud of its volunteer-driven model, where nearly all of its members are students or alumni, and they have a strong bond with the campus community.

At Montclair State University, the EMS department is an integral part of the campus community, providing a safe and supportive environment for all students and staff. Their dedication to public service and excellence in medical care has earned them the respect and admiration of the campus community and beyond.
**Friday - Dec. 12**
- Meeting on TF or WR at 07:00 a.m. - 09:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 02:30 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 04:00 p.m. - 05:45 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 02:30 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 04:00 p.m. - 05:30 p.m. - 06:15 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on F at 06:30 p.m. - 07:30 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on F at 08:30 p.m. - 09:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

**Saturday - Dec. 13**
- First or Only Meeting on Sat. at 08:00 a.m. - 08:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Sat. at 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Sat. at 02:00 p.m. - 02:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Sun. at 08:00 a.m. - 08:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Sun. at 11:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Sun. at 02:00 p.m. - 02:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.

**Sunday - Dec. 14**
- First or Only Meeting on Sun. at 08:00 a.m. - 08:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Sun. at 11:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Sun. at 02:00 p.m. - 02:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.

**Monday - Dec. 15**
- First or Only Meeting on Mon. at 08:30 a.m. - 08:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Mon. at 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Mon. at 01:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m. - 05:15 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Mon. at 05:30 p.m. - 05:30 p.m. - 07:30 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on Mon. at 08:15 p.m. - 08:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

**Tuesday - Dec. 16**
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 08:30 a.m. - 08:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 03:00 p.m. - 05:00 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 04:30 p.m. - 05:15 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on T or F at 08:15 p.m. - 08:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

**Wednesday - Dec. 17**
- First or Only Meeting on W at 08:30 a.m. - 08:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 11:30 a.m. - 01:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 02:30 p.m. - 04:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 05:30 p.m. - 05:30 p.m. - 07:30 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 08:15 p.m. - 08:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

**Thursday - Dec. 18**
- Meeting on MR or TR at 07:00 a.m. - 07:00 a.m. - 09:00 a.m.
- Meeting on MR or TR at 09:00 a.m. - 09:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on MR or TR at 02:30 p.m. - 01:00 p.m. - 03:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on MR or TR at 04:00 p.m. - 05:15 p.m. - 06:15 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on MR or TR at 05:30 p.m. - 05:30 p.m. - 07:30 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on MR or TR at 09:00 a.m. - 09:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.

**7:00 p.m. Courses**
- First or Only Meeting on T or W at 07:00 a.m. - 07:45 a.m. - 09:45 a.m.

(On regularly scheduled meeting day).

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**SGA: Dreaming of an ‘orgament’ filled holiday season**

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Students who donated $5 get a long-sleeve shirt, and all other donations made at the event were given to a Make-A-Wish Foundation. During an introductory speech, President Kristen Bunk told students, “We want to do well for Make-A-Wish and reach outside campus.”

During the event, the Student Government Association was also collecting winter jackets in all sizes for families throughout Monroe County. “Not just a business; they are our duty to bring a positive intellectual and social growth of community and holiday spirit,” describes the SGA as being the Student Quad Light-up’s chosen philanthropy. The winner this year was the Senior and Marine organizations’ chosen philanthropy, SGA and the event proved itself to be a success. The SGA was able to pull off this night two years in a row, as students and times of final examinations for each class period.

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**Policy on Final Examinations**

1. All final examinations must be given during the regularly scheduled examination periods. The Schedule of Courses lists days and times of final examinations for each class period.

2. No final examination may be given during the last week of classes before the examination period.

3. If no formal examination is scheduled, the class must meet for one hour during the scheduled examination time for a class evaluation session. Thus, all classes are required to meet during the examination period.

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**Faculty:** If you are teaching a hybrid course which conducts its final examination on-line, please notify the Registrar that you will not be using your scheduled examination room.

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**EOF: Conference Inspires**

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Potential for high achievement.

There are 41 higher-education institutions in New Jersey that participate in the EOF, including both public and private colleges and universities. Students who meet the EOF’s qualifications are eligible to receive a grant from $200 to $2,500 per year for an undergraduate degree program.

But the services that the EOF provides are not strictly financial. According to Jean, “The EOF Program provides access for motivated students who are residents of New Jersey from underrepresented populations and areas that meet State mandated income criteria and exhibit potential for high achievement.”

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Jean said the conference was extremely successful and he’s excited for the EOF’s next event, the fourth annual Boys to Men Conference. The conference will take place in the Spring of 2015. Last year, the third Boys to Men Conference hosted over 100 students, as Jean expects this year’s conference to be a success, like the conference’s previous, to grow even larger.

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The EOF Program will continue to grow here on campus. Jean expects that first or only meetings on the TF or WR at 11:30 a.m. - 01:00 p.m. will be participated in the third annual conference, which will be held in the fall semester of 2015.

Jean hopes to eventually hold the women’s leadership conference in the spring semester and the fall semester, rather than just once a year.

“The overall purpose of the event is to engage prospective students in the Montclair State University experience,” said Jean. “The event included a keynote address from coach Caryn Lucas of the women’s basketball, an open mic, Greek step exhibition, a professional swagger panel, a keynote address with self-esteem and purpose-
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Slippers: what purpose do they fill? In my own terms, slippers are a type of flat footwear primarily worn indoors. Some wear them to keep their feet warm while others wear them just for fun. Ladies and gentlemen (but especially ladies), it’s time to get loud about indoor shoe fashion. Slippers are not just for wearing with pajamas or heather gray sweats. Your Uggs and moccasins are more worthy to be worn in Blanton Hall’s foot court or outdoors on a breezy day. Here are some styles that will not only make you comfortable but will have friends smiling and inspired.

Depending on the style of slipper you buy, they should go with just about any style of clothing. I would give bonus points if the slippers match the color of your outfit. The sale of slippers coincides with the outerwear schedule, which is often the narrow window of late October through early January. It is currently the right time to meander your way into your local department or outfitter store and find a great selection waiting for you.

### The Scuff
It’s probably what most of you think when “slippers” pop into your head. Their simplicity enables them to slide on and off easily. In terms of warmth, they allow the most breathing room for feet in case you’re not fond of excessive warmth. It depends on what material to buy as well. If you buy ones that are furry, your feet are more likely to sweat easily, however, they’ll also get the most attention. Ditch the snoozefest suede-and-sheepskin for something more colorful and noticeable. Also, get creative; don’t be afraid to go for designs that have animals or cartoon characters.

### The Flat
No, I don’t mean Uggs boots. Yes, they do fall under the category of slippers, but from personally owning a pair of Tassmans, you have to admit they’re really not that comfortable. Real slipper boots have similar characteristics to the flat slipper, only they’re less and much warmer. They also don’t (and really, shouldn’t) have a thick, rubber sole more commonplace to its suede brethren. If there’s any rubber at all, it should be completely flat and hidden from view. Furrer boots are starting to gain popularity. They may get a bit warm, but you have to admit that they’re softer than any other boot you’ve ever worn. Once again, try to shoot for some color if you don’t want anything fluffy.

### The Slip-on
These slippers wrap around more like a shoe and are no higher than your ankle. These are often the fun category, as most animal and character slippers resemble this type. They can get really warm, coming in handy for those really cold days around your house or dorm. This goes out to the guys, too—don’t be ashamed. Get attention! I guarantee the ladies would love to see you wear polar bear feet. Go crazy when it comes to slip-on slippers. Everyone will love you for it.

### The Boot
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Nicholas Taylor
Chief Copy Editor

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While most colleges have a campus arts magazine, Montclair State University has been left behind in this tradition. We have the Montclarion, but there has never been a place for students to display their artwork. Luckily, thanks to senior Fashion Studies major Deanna Massa, there will be one launching next semester called 1908. The year the college was founded.

The Fashion Studies major program here at Montclair State University is still quite new. The magazine will be a chance to make people more aware of the fashion students and their talents.

As Michelle Alvarado, senior fashion studies major, explained, “It’s a good voice to not only the fashion community, but also the creative people on campus who write and do photography. Every creative outlet is for giving people that voice and a chance to demonstrate their work.”

The magazine will have seven different topics: Y Health and Beauty, Editorial, Fashion, Creative Writing and Student Spot-light. Writing and Danielle Pollar, a senior English major, helped the editors decide the artis- tics. The writers for the spring launch will be members of the staff of the magazine.

The magazine also collaborated with the photography. There are multiple photographers, but director is senior History major Justin Ng. The photos for the magazine were taken around campus and in the studio in Calcia. Ng explained, “We shot anywhere in the woods. We even shot behind Freeman and even by the Village area, we even started shooting in the studio in Calcia.”

Since 1908 is mainly a fashion magazine, the models and clothing are very important; as fashion director, senior Fashion studies major Michael Rosenberg is in charge of this. The clothes are from various places, but all the models are stu- dents on campus.

“Treasury’s clothes are from my closet that I wear for and a lot are from my own closet. My parents and relatives let me use vintage piece- es that they have acquired throughout their lives,” Rosenberg explained.

Another important aspect to models besides the clothes is makeup. As an as- piring makeup artist himself, junior Fashion Studies major Sadiq Treusty is the beauty di- rector. The makeup is done to match the photo shoot or an inspiration photo. Sadiq and other students put the make- up on the models before photo shoots.

“Treasury explained, ”I don’t do the makeup for the models. I make up my inspirations based on what he wants and I have a lot of clothes that have the makeup that’s in the photo. I use makeup for the editorial photo and based on the inspiration. He will send a magazine ad or an editorial photo and based on the makeup that’s in the photo and the inspiration. Even though the fashion atmosphere in the model’s campus, 1908 is being recog- nized. Junior Fashion Stud- ies major Richarda Simon, is excited about it, she said, “I think we’ll do it. I hope so. They haven’t had a magazine before and we could do something from the fashion people.”

Additionally, Professor Pascue from the fashion stud- ies department is also hoping it does well. Pascue commented, “People want a place for their work to be shown off. It’s good to have your work in a maga- zine, you can bring it to an interview and show off, and say ‘this is something I did. This is something on my cam- pus.”

1908 will launch in the spring priced for $3 per issue. As explained, it has taken a lot of hard workers to put it together. Putting together a magazine from scratch takes a lot of dedication that these students clearly have. It will hopefully be a creative outlet for people who are new to campus photography to writing. As Michael Rosenberg explained, “We didn’t have a magazine so I just went out and I created one.”

Run, Anthony, Run: From 5Ks to Public Service
A young man’s journey from student to leader

Jessica Mahmoud
Staff Writer

He started as a legislator. He then was promoted to director of Student Government Affairs which focuses on non-tradi- tional students. As the SGA president, he was the trust- ees on the presidential cabinet which is comprised of 10 to 20 officers. He makes sure the president’s wishes are conveyed to the cabinet and he puts in about 15 hours a week, as well taking full-time course load.

From the moment he grad- uated from high school, Fasano seemed to be a BOE mem- ber. “For better or worse, I’m going to do it,” he said to his parents, who were concerned about the pitfalls of political life. When he was elected as the youngest-serving member, he also had a plan. Before run- ning, he spent about a year speaking to students, staff or faculty. He wanted to know that they trusted him to be a leader, not complaiing. Fasano said, “My heart is in business; I personally love executive leadership, management and marketing style.”

His parents, teachers and coaches instilled in him the desire to create a difference. Challenges were met with action, not complaining. His friends and family provide his support system. He likes to travel, spend time with his family. He enjoys running and he is a runner, a newly-acquired interest; he participates in lo- cal 5Ks.

He recently organized a con- ference for the other 20 stu- dents across New Jersey, which was held at MSU. As the facilitator, he led the meeting and he formed an association. They plan to meet with the governor within six months to discuss university expenses and he said. Fasano sees a similar sentiment for the MSU Board of Trustees.

With his recently earned marketing degree, this future major is already brainstorm- ing and applies his BOR ex- perience to student relations. Although Fasano appears to have political ambitions, he said, “My heart is in business; I personally love executive leadership, management and marketing style.”

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Kim Silva-Martinez
Contributing Writer

Walk into Anthony Fasano’s office in the Student Center and you’ll find a large mahogany desk he carries his books, binders and files. This corner is a very personal space which was used to hang a suit, shirts and ties for Fasano’s full-time account executive for a business services company.

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5 Tips to Get By the ‘Cuffing-Season Being Single

Kimberly Asman
Staff Writer

It’s no secret that once the temperature drops, so does your desire for independence. During the fall and winter months, the single summer vibes slowly drift away with the warmer weather and the colder weather kicks in. But this doesn’t mean that your singles status is the only option. There are plenty of people who can help you find what you’re looking for.

1. Make plans with friends.
Be single, one of the worst things you can do is sit home alone feeling sorry for yourself on the couch. Plan some of your weekends and plan a night out on the town to ease your mind. Dress up, go to a nice restaurant or club and laugh it up. Spending time with friends makes you realize how insignificant the “cuffing” desire really is. Even staying in with your best friend and some freshly baked cookies will make you feel better.

2. Spend time with family.
Your family will be there for you through anything. Breakups, bad grades, fights with friends, you name it. They are the ones who know you best and know how to make you laugh. Setting aside some family time can go a long way. Bake holiday cookies with your mom, see a movie with your brother or even help your dad shovel the snow and drink some hot cocoa after. Bonding with your family can prevent the feeling of loneliness.

3. Set fitness goals.
We all know how low fitness gets on our list of priorities during the holiday season. Going outside in the cold vs staying snuggled up in bed is the constant battle. However, setting a fitness goal can help you feel good and will be even more so when you are going to use each day.

5. Explore your own happiness.
If it makes you happy, do more of it! Have hobbies you love and explore them. People who are happy are more likely to have a healthy work-life balance and to enjoy their work. They are more likely to have a positive outlook on life and to be more successful in their careers.

4. Focus on school work.
The thought of Thanksgiving and Christmas break can take up a huge part of our minds during the Fall semester. Leading to grades slipping and wellness of students. Don’t get too caught up in the excitement to the point of failing classes; make it a priority to do well during the Fall semester and take a break of this fact that you don’t have to deal with relationship drama taking up much of your time.

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Help Wanted

Babysitter wanted 24-32 hours a week to manage 3 kids, 12/30-4 a.m. Mon, Wed, Thurs. Looking for a “take charge” person with previous experience. Nannyemaker, fluent in English. Driving not necessary. Call Melissa 973-797-7885 or email Melissa@yucom.com

PT After School nanny wanted for 3 children ages 7, 5, & 2 Mon-Fri 2:30-6:30 p.m. Requires driving kids to activities, help with homework, light cooking for kids dinner & light cleaning/organizing. Call Helen at 973-498-6898 or email helen.applebaum@gmail.com

PT Chihuahua for 9 year old girl. Must be a mix of Wire-Coat & Pomeranian. Potty trained. P.E., 2 1/2 a.m. to 7 p.m. Child has some learning disabilities, so a Special Ed student would be great, but not necessary. $12/hr. Call Patti 201-549-6938 or email patti1123@hotmail.com

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Paid Intern needed for Montclair home-based Real Estate Marketing business. Excellent admin, HTML, social media (FB, You Tube, Twitter) skills a must. $15/hr to start. Raise on performance. Motivated & Confident, with an eye for detail. E-mail resumes to: Ann@MLSonline.com

PT Afternoon Nanny in Montclair to one sweet little boy age 10 months. Call Brooke at 631-327-5513.

Seeking reliable Morning Help / Driver in Glen Ridge for 3 children starting Jan 2015. M-F, 7-9 AM. Help with dressing, breakfast, school & day care drop off. Must hold valid drivers license & use our vehicle. Email michellefertig@gmail.com with resume/experience.

Seeking reliable Driving Babysitter in Livingston for two young girls starting Jan. 2015. Mon/Tues/Weds. Hours 5:30-10pm. Must hold valid drivers license & pick up children in your vehicle. Email Livingstonefamily2013@gmail.com with resume/experience.

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Nutley family seeks PT Nanny for the two kids ages 2 & 7. M-F, 9:30 - 7:30 p.m. Pick-up from school, homework help & dinner prep. Email bethecarey@hotmail.com.

For Rent

Private Room w/ Bath for Female. Near Campus off Valley Road in Clifton. Available immediately. $550.00 per month. Call Joan 973-379-7284.

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Directed by Heather Benton

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Gifts of the Season
Heather J. Buchanan, conductor
Dec. 6 – 8:00 p.m. | Alexander Kasser Theater

MSU Wind Symphony and MSU Symphonic Band:
The Price of Freedom
The Beatrice Crawford Memorial Concert
Thomas McCauley, conductor
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Take your seat!
A fire the announcement of the grand jury decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson for criminal charges associated with the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., the world seemed to explode with discussion and emotion. Across the United States, protests immediately began following the grand jury decision.

Many peaceful protests stretched across the country, including efforts to protest holiday events like the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and even Black Friday shopping, a movement known as Blackout Black Friday. Even over a week later, protesters are still demonstrating, creating unique ways of protesting like “Hands Up, Walk Outs,” where college students walk out of class with their hands up in the air to represent the claim that Brown allegedly had his hands up when he was killed, and “Die-ins,” where protesters lay on the ground for four and a half minutes to represent the four and a half hours that Brown’s dead body was left on the street in Ferguson following Wilson’s fatal shooting. Not all protesters are taking this peaceful route, however. Following the grand jury announcement, several people took to the streets in Ferguson to riot. One vehicle was burned, several buildings were set on fire and looted, shoreing that the initial violence in Ferguson was eventually met on fire and looted, several buildings were burned, several buildings were set on fire and looted, shoreing that the initial violence in Ferguson was eventually met with a violent outbreak of the people.

In his book Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos and Community, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, “Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” When it comes to protesting, we at The Montclarion support the type of civil disobedience and non-violence that Dr. King advocated during his work in the civil rights movement. We understand that people are upset about the ruling and encourage people to use their voice, not their fists, to combat injustices they see in the world.

Reforms introduced to stop police brutality

The Force Awakens teaser trailer

Better Call Saul spin-off

Egyptian president cleared of charges

Bill Cosby scandal
In response to the article, "Dirty Nine Too Dirty?" published on Nov. 17, 2014:

"My friend is a BA theater student and convinced me to come to the show. I was in so much pain because of how hard I was laughing. Although there may have been some offensive themes in it, it is a college comedy show and I know that everyone involved in the show understands that jokes about popeyes and rainbows. They're going to make light of situations that can be dramatized and make it relatable and comical. I thoroughly enjoyed the show and thought it was a great way to end the week as it was appreciated and appreciated." - Lizziaz Walsamton

"It is apparent that the point of view of this publisher was primarily biased. I am not a theater major and I will admit that some of the material in this paper went into this experiment expecting dirty jokes, hence the title in the paper, which I enjoyed at my time at the performances and I imagine it will entertain future audience members.

In conclusion, this play should not be discouraged from coming to these improve performances.

I will say however, that everyone should be more considerate of the audience members who may not have enjoyed this show and should remember that there is a wide spectrum of people who are interested in the arts. With that in mind, you should respect the topics and jokes made during the show to be humorous. I don't know any of the performers personally, but I doubt they are trying to make anyone laugh anyway."

-Jake Zachary

"I'm in sorry if this show isn't the best, but it's something with the theme of Dirty Nine not the 'everyone is sensitive to everyone.'

All of this show is obviously a comedic piece, so if you find serious jokes in a comedy show, you have to know that there are things to be said with more humor and something that is equivalent to the lotteries.

As for the team, "Dirty Nine" is not obvious. They made the show they were performing and validly went on to do it with joy anyway.

And, the women of The Dirty Nine aren't obvious. They knew the content they were performing and validly went on to do it with joy anyway."

-J. Kav

"In going into the show, knowing that it's a very very dirty joke out of it."

Dirty Nine didn't even have the content of the performers. They have to know that you are supposed to find that night, but maybe you should read a book.

As far as the joke about the "dirty" joke, it is a joke that left out, as they made it very clear, that diversity is extremely important to Montclair."

-PJ

The Montclarion has created "The Voices In Our Webs" in an effort to provide an open forum for the unheard voices of our community. All comments are edited for grammar and spelling. It is at The Montclarion's discretion to abstain from printing any comments submitted by offensive staff, students or persons in particular.
The Invasive Against Sexy Moms

Kardashian photos prove that we are uncomfortable idea of with MILFs

**In the past week, Kim Kardashian has made headlines for her new clothing line called “Shape Your Person.” The release of several glossy photographs of her, even while visibly pregnant, has been described as a backlash against society’s notion of what is considered “attractive.”**

However, the images have been met with mixed reactions. Some have praised them as a celebration of pregnancy, while others have criticized them for promoting an unrealistic and unhealthy body image.

Many of the women claim that the photos are intended to be empowering, emphasizing the fact that a woman can be physically attractive and also have children. Others argue that it is a way to challenge traditional beauty standards and to highlight the diversity of body types.

The controversy has sparked a broader conversation about the pressures women face to conform to beauty standards. Some have argued that the photos are part of a larger cultural trend that prioritizes thinness and youthfulness over other qualities such as intelligence and character.

In conclusion, the release of the Kardashian photos raises important questions about beauty standards and the role of media in shaping our perceptions of body image. It is crucial that we continue to have open and honest discussions about these issues to encourage a more inclusive and respectful approach to beauty.

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*Quote from the article: “If you’re going through hell, keep going.” - Winston Churchill*
The most recent Hunger Games film was unlike any other. Although you are unfamiliar with The Hunger Games movie series, this 2013 book by Suzanne Collins’ highly successful book series. There are 12 districts that essentially represent a hierarchy of control and subjugation. People are put into ethnic enclaves or what may be referred to as ghettos, or pockets, where they are both intellectually and physically oppressed to believe that they are inferior. The Capitol represents what some would see as the “privileged one” that has access and control over most of the resources within the society.

There is a battle that takes place every year called the Hunger Games. The Capitol chooses one child from each district to go into battle. The Capitol sees this battle as a source of entertainment and they deliberately manipulate the children and guggle on who will win. To win means that you were not killed by the hands of anyone else.

I’ve become a huge Hunger Games fan because I saw those movies as a beacon of hope, family and love. The Hunger Games Trilogy — Part 1 — received mixed reviews because it is meant to go against the usual elements of what happens in battle, as past movies have been.

This Hunger Games hits a deeper level of consciousness within me, as I saw how this wasn’t more so about young adults fighting one another. This movie was not about how the individuals can conquer the masses and overpower the oppressor, but about what great power can come from a love story. 

Mockingjay — Part 1 follows Hawtyn Evens (Jennifer Lawrence) as she begins to pave the way for a revolution. The mockingjay is the face of the revolution. The revolution sought to combat the oppressors that have been causing them to go into battle in the first place.

What makes this movie brilliant and better than its predecessors is the capitalistic messages that Austen expressed many of the themes and messages that are the majority and no longer tolerate what is unjust.

This movie isn’t focused on entertainment as much this time because they used 125 minutes for character development and for anticipation for what is going to come. Will many people watch Mockingjay — Part 2 and think that it is brilliant and that it is full of action? Yes. However, they will also be the ones that lose a piece of the strength in the story because they saw it as one-dimensional.

If you love Austen, then The Lizzie Bennet Diaries is a delightful way to see the love story of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. The series takes place in the 21st century which still shares many of the themes and messages that Austen expressed in her novel.

Although this series is already a few years old, it is one to enjoy time and time again. The high production value makes it one of the prettiest webseries to see, and its soundtrack is fantastic and the candidness of its members and their potential love interests.

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Although the series is quite long, you should be able to finish the whole series in 100 episodes. The series is available to watch on YouTube.com and has been received mixed reviews. It is of one of the most avant-garde webseries of the past few years. This series is a two-hour film that can getFedUp with clichés and unoriginal storylines. The final result is not mandatory that the series is easily dated as a two-hour film that touches many of the advantages that capitalism represents. Instead of a windowed view of the world, we can see a mirror that allows us to really evaluate what this movie tells us about our everyday lives.

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“Ask”
The Smiths

Here’s another throwback to the 80s. The Smiths are known as the indie rock band of the 80s, but they called it quits in 1987 due to personal differences between band members. This song has that 80s vibe, being a great throwback.

Selah is a Belgian singer who started writing songs at 15 and landed a record deal by 20. She can be compared to a mix of Adele and Erykah Badu, who was featured in the last Rapid Reviews. This song has a mix of jazz, soul and pop. It’s the kind of song you can sing at the top of your lungs or just relax and listen to as you study for finals. This mix is rare to find, so give it a listen.

“Angela”
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“Unchained Melody”
Cyndi Lauper

You probably recognize this artist for her song “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.” However, this song is a totally different genre; it’s slow and more classical.

“Changing of Season”
Two Door Cinema Club

You can always tell an indie band is good when it has a unique name like “one,” or Foster the People. The two are actually similar, so if you are a Foster the People kind of person, check out this song. It has the guy-sings-to-girl vibe, but in a relaxed, alternative feel. Unfortunately, this trio of talented men has not been active in months due to one of them having an illness.
Who’s Hot This Week

Green earned NJAC Men’s Basketball Rookie of the Week for the second time this season and currently ranks eighth in the NJAC in points scored per game.

Janitza Aquino
Guard - Women's Basketball

Aquino was named NJAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Week after a successful NJAC contest against Kean University. Aquino currently leads the NJAC in scoring.

Games of the Week

Men’s and Women’s Basketball
12/6 vs. Ramapo College
Men’s - 1 p.m.
Women’s - 3 p.m.

The Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams will face the Roadrunners sporting 3-2 and 5-0 records, respectively, as of Dec. 2. The Men and Women kicked off their home schedule at the Panzer Athletic Center on Dec. 3.

For updates on these matchups, check montclairathletics.com for the results.

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**Red Hawk Round Up**

**Men’s Basketball**

After defeating Kean and falling to the College of Staten Island and New York University in their home opener, the Red Hawks will face Montclair State University before hosting the MSU Holiday Classic.

Montclair State will face John Jay College of Criminal Justice on Dec. 27 to open tournament play.

**Indoor Track and Field**

The men’s and women’s team will open their season in New Haven, Conn., to participate in the Yale Season Opener on Dec. 6. They will return to action on Jan. 16 in New York City to participate in the Gotham Cup Meet.

**Swimming and Diving**

The Red Hawks will be in Dallas, Pa. to face Misericordia University on Dec. 6 in a dual meet. They will then be off until Jan. 3 when they face FDU-Florham at the Panzer Athletic Center.

**Athletics Shape a Brotherhood**

The Avedissian brothers use their close bond to their advantage

*Linsey Czajkowski  Contributing Writer*

As the sun was setting behind the home field bleachers at Sprague Field on a clear October evening, twin senior offensive linemen Jason and Justin Avedissian walked off the field after an intense football practice seeming lively and energized. Their passion for football was evident, but the passion does not stop there. "Baseball, football, hockey, basketball; we just did everything (growing up). In elementary school, before school, after school, we would play something in the backyard, some sport, at like, 9:30 in the morning," Jason said.

"I can’t ever remember not playing sports," Justin added.

With a sports foundation such as this, it was almost without question that the brothers would continue to participate in sports throughout high school and in college.

"The Avedissians spent their entire high school years living in Wayne, N.J. attending Wayne Hills High School. For anyone who knows New Jersey high school football, they would know that Wayne Hills High School was the team to beat. "We won 55 games in a row. We were state champions every year," Justin said.

With an outstanding record like that, it is easy to get a little cocky, but Jason proved that that is not exactly their style. After quickly explaining their high school football careers, Jason focused less on the wins and more on the experiences that we will all take forever and that’s what made it worth it.

Having a mentality such as this towards sports shows the type of athletes the Avedissian brothers are; highly skilled yet level-headed. Being a part of the game seems to be more of priority than winning. Fortunately, the Avedissians were able to build commendable character in high school and have been able to carry this positivity with them to college.

After a few other state school considerations, Jason and Justin decided to follow their family’s lead and attend Montclair State University. Mom, Dad and their older brother attended MSU, so deciding on this school was not too tough of a decision. But, a large factor that led the brothers to Montclair State is because playing both baseball and football was possible. With their past, being involved in what seems like every sport under the sun, it should come as no surprise that the brothers participate in two college sports.

Jason and Justin expressed, almost finishing each others thoughts, that they greatly enjoyed each team that they are a part of and that they were constantly surrounded by good students. It is clear that both Jason and Justin have the same opinion about their sports surroundings; they both enjoy the company of their fellow teammates and have a good time being involved in each sport.

Because they are involved in both baseball and football, this means that Jason and Justin are playing on a team together year round. This leads to a unique connection on the field.

"If he plays first and I play third (during baseball), we don’t really communicate a lot of talking," Justin said. If they talk on the football field anything like they talk off the football field, that would make for an interesting offensive line.

Off the field, the brothers are constantly joking and being competitive with each other, saying things such as, "Look at the record books from high school; I’m better in both [baseball and football]!" and "I’m just all around better," so on the field cannot be much different. "I say what ever the ball, whatever comes to mind to him [on the field]. There’s no filter; it can be about anything, sometimes nothing to do with football or practice," Jason expressed.

To be a fly on the wall, or a fly on a helmet in this case, an on-field discussion between these two would be interesting and comical to say the least. But with all the joking and competitiveness aside, Justin and Jason are each other’s biggest supporters.

"My dad wouldn’t have it any other way; that’s how he raised us. Mess around all you want, but when it comes down to it, you gotta have your brother’s back," Justin said.

They have kept this thought in their minds as they began their involvement in sports since they were children, as it has been able to shape both Jason and Justin as unique players. They have carried this mentality all the way through to their senior year at college, which has led them to a form an unbreakable brotherhood.

**Football Record Breakdown**

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Ray Rice Reinstated by NFL

Greco: Dynamic Duo

Ray Rice has been reinstated by the NFL, despite the fact that he faced much criticism after using violence against his then-fiancée, now wife Janay Rice, in 2014.

Speculation has arisen that the Arizona Cardinals might be one of the four teams interested in Rice, but with four players at the running back position, it wouldn’t make much sense to acquire the aging Rice, along with the media frenzy that would accompany him.

The Baltimore Ravens have since found their new starting running back in Justin Forsett, who had his breakout game against the Saints on Nov. 24, rushing for 182 yards and two touchdowns.

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"We're very family oriented and having some family away from the same school as Melanie, finally didn't want to attend when they both missed aousous incident earlier this season," she said. Melanie, a senior, and Daniella, a freshman getting a decent amount of playing time in her first year with the team, are playing together on a team for the second time.

Sisters Melanie and Daniella Cahill reflect the competitiveness of the women's soccer program at Montclair State. Melanie, a senior, and Daniella, a freshman, get along and are very competitive, even fighting over the ball in practice, earning a quip from their coach Pat Naughton: ‘Melanie would win that ball!’…It was a great decision and I couldn’t be happier.”

"I'm using the experience to grow as a coach," she said. "I'm using the experience to be a more vocal leader and it was a good move. It seems to have made the girls trust me more with the view of the game, how they're doing and how they're growing as a team." Melanie will pursue her goal to be a teacher and coach at the youth level someday as soon as the Red Hawks’ season ends.

"There was a practice early this year when we were working on turns. Melanie noticed," she recalled. "We were both going for the ball at the same time and we just stopped and looked at each other and said, ‘You have an older sister, Zarrely, who played at TCNJ and Zarrely won so many times! You're not going to win that ball!’...It is very competitive, so even though I get to play, I want to play. I want to contribute," said Melanie. Melanie has seen a sizable chunk of playing time on defense this season, and Daniella was offered a knee injury in the first half of the match against Vassar, when she suffered a severe injury and her final season was abruptly over. While it would be easy to be discouraged over such a devastating injury involving surgery and a long recovery process, Melanie said she's using the experience to be a more vocal leader and will work as a positive role model to her fellow sophomore Kayla Ceballos (who netted eight points and added 11 assists)."