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Opposing Sides in Rec. Center Battle Conflict on the Initial Termination, Lawsuit May Ensue

Shayna Jacobs
Staff Writer

The takeover of the $22 million student Recreation Center's completion will remain in limbo until possibly next week, when a conference between the two parties may take place. The controversy has become a potential cause for litigation as both sides are adamantly disputing whether the university was justified in its termination of the project's general contractor, Controlled Construction, Inc., of Fairfield.

ARCH Insurance, based in Philadelphia, is Controlled's surety. Negotiations between the representatives of university, ARCH and Controlled have been taking place since the termination of the contract on Feb. 15. Communication between the parties is at this point is strictly between legal counsel. Representing the university is deputy attorney general from the attorney general's office, said Greg Ressler, associate vice president for university facilities. According to university counsel Valerie Van Baaren, ARCH is currently changing its representation because its initial appointment faced a conflict.

At the March 28 University Board of Trustees meeting, Professor Van Baaren said, "The initial termination of the project's general contractor, ARCH Insurance, the surety of the project, indicated to the counsel for the university that they would like to convene in person next week to discuss the takeover.

Confidence Presents Different Faces of Peace

Douglas McIntyre
Staff Writer

"People seem overwhelmed by the concept of peace... The human race seems incapable of peace." Esmilda Abreu, director of Equity and Diversity Programs

建设新大学校园，需要考虑的因素很多。例如，需要考虑项目的需求、预算和时间表。这些因素与教育质量、校园文化以及学生、教职员工和社区的利益密切相关。因此，建筑项目管理需要一个综合的方法，包括项目规划、项目执行、项目控制、项目沟通和项目收尾。
‘Stop Racism’ Event in Williams Held in Response to Village Racial Vandalisms of Late

Robert Aitken
Assistant Sports Editor

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of students and staff gathered in the Williams Hall lounge in the Village Apartments for a program called “Stop Racism.” The panel attending the event included Sergeant Kieran Barrett of the Montclair State University Police, Jhon Velasco from The Center for Non-Violence & Prevention Programs, and Esmilda Abreu, Director of the Women’s Center. Abreu and Velasco also brought up their involvement in a relatively new organization, called the Bias Response Task Force.

The organization has existed for about a year and is in place to look for the best interests of people in issues of race, color, gender, sexual orientation and religious views. They feel as if the organization has the responsibility to defend the social rights of all students.

“If the community stops feeling that they have the right to respond, we will have lost the power,” said Abreu.

This program was inspired based upon the recent hate crimes going on. In this semester alone, three such acts have happened, all of which occurred in the Village Apartments. The first act, which was reported on Feb. 7, was a derogatory slur directed toward the African-American community written on a person’s door.

Last week, the second act occurred when previous writing on the wall was added onto to create yet another African-American slur. The most recent occurred on early Wednesday morning, when a homosexual reference was written on a wall in the Village. Shortly after these attacks began, signs in Bohn Hall began to appear on every floor. These signs stated: “Attention Community: Please be advised someone has been identified in our area playing vulgar pranks. Be sure to keep your doors locked at ALL TIMES.”

At the program, the panel made the seating arrangements into a circle, opening the program up to an open discussion. Among the attending were Dean Rose Mary Howell, Director of Bohn Hall Ariyan Bryant and six CAS from various buildings in the Village.

Instead of talking about racism directly, the program asked the question: “What forces people to be racist?”

It was touched upon that racism is a natural feeling and cannot be avoided. “We all have some form of racism and prejudices,” said Velasco. However, the main point of the program is to show that even if people do have racist thoughts, the solution is to not let people’s opinions affect the safety of students. “There has to be a level of stability and respect,” said Velasco.

The program acknowledged the attempts already in place, such as the skits put on by the Peer Leaders at Freshman Orientation and the required New Student Experience class in the first semester of every student’s freshman year. Comparing to other schools, Montclair is more diverse than most. At the same time, Montclair has a relatively low crime rate.

“I think that Montclair is moving in the right direction,” said Bryant. The next step for the organization will be next week, when they will hold a rally in the Student Center Quad. The rally will be called “Take Back the Night,” and will include students with candles in the dark.
**The Police Report:**

**Thefts Scurry Across MSU**

3/27/07 - A student reported the theft of his cell phone from his unsecured gym bag in the Panzer Gym hallway.

3/27/07 - A student reported the theft of his laptop computer and $80 cash from an unsecured locker while in Panzer Gym.

3/27/07 - A student reported being harassed by another student while at the Montclair State University Bookstore. Student does not wish to press criminal charges at this time.

3/28/07 - A student reported the theft of his iPod nano from Panzer Gym.

3/28/07 - An MSU employee reported the theft of five diabetic needles from Panzer Gym.

3/29/07 - A student reported the theft of his cell phone and vehicle key while in the Panzer Gym hallway.

**Corrections**

The author of “Innovative Budget Makes the Cut” on p. 31 of last week’s issue was Trevor Cahill.

**National News**

**EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP -** Authorities searched the home of a man who used to work at a motel near the bodies where four post-mortem findings were made in a drainage ditch last fall, according to a law enforcement official. The search began Monday and continued into Tuesday morning at a house in Alloway Township, Salem County.

The owner of the house is a former employee of the Golden Key Motel, one of a string of motels near where the bodies were found. In 1999 and 2000, the motel was closed after police who mistakenly believed the diabetic bodybuilder was involved in shootings in Newark early Tuesday morning, police said.

Detectives are also investigating the death of an unidentified woman whose body was found in a garbage can by construction workers last night. The shootings started shortly after midnight, when a man was hit in the shoulder at 496 N. 4th St., police said. He is not expected to survive.

TRENTON - After a nearly seven-hour rescue operation by emergency responders on Monday, a woman reportedly weighing more than 700 pounds was extricated from the second floor of her home and taken to the hospital.

At around 8:45 p.m., rescue workers were called to the woman's home in the 100 block of Halifax Ave on reports that she had fallen and injured herself in the bathroom.

Firefighters dismantled the bathroom, opening up a wall and removing the window. They lowered the woman out of the bathroom window and down a ladder in a large rescue basket, emergency responders said.

The woman was removed from the hospital at around 12:05 a.m., officials said.

They then were carried by a team of 15 workers into a special ambulance ordered from Monmouth County.

**International News**

ZIMBABWE - The state media began its campaign attack on Western diplomats accused of supporting government opponents Tuesday with a seeming death threat against British Embassy political officer Gillian Darroch.

The state Herald, a government mouthpiece, called Darroch "the British ambassador's bitch and financier" of an alleged violence and terror campaign by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change.

"It will be a pity for her family to welcome her home at Harare Airport in a body bag just like some of her colleagues in Iraq and Afghanistan," wrote David Samurrai in an article prominently displayed on the newspaper's leader page.

It said Darroch, "labelled in some sections of the media as a British spy, could one day be caught in the crossfire as she plays night nurse to arrested MDC 'moguls'."

The threat was the strongest

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**SGA Notes**

Psychology Club appro

**Local News**

BEDWOOD CITY, CALIF. - The reigniting Mr. Universe faced assault and resisting arrest charges following a run-in with police who mistakenly believed the diabetic bodybuilder was intoxicated.

Doug Burns, 43, was sprayed with Mace and wrestled to the ground by officers who were summoned to a movie theater Saturday night by a security guard, authorities said.

Burns, who was trying a new diabetes drug that night, said he was threatened by two of the most active serial killers in Los Angeles and raped and stranded him in a motel near where the bodies were found.

He claimed their lives depended on it.

Now they are closer to that goal. An immigration judge in Chicago granted asylum to the Congolese couple Monday after hearing their plea that they would be tortured or killed if deported to their African home.

They sobbed after the ruling at a farewell conference at St. Mary Parish in suburban Milwaukee, which supported the couple's efforts.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. - A former pizza delivery man accused of being one of the most active serial killers in Los Angeles history was headed to trial on charges of murdering 10 women and the unborn fetus of one victim.

Authorities charged Chester D. Turner, 45, in October 2004, with the slayings after his DNA was linked to the woman, who was killed between 1987 and 1994.

Police allege Turner, most of his victims on a street in crime-plagued South Los Angeles and raped and strangled them before dumping their bodies.

Prosecutors say they plan to show jurors DNA connections analyst made between Turner and the 10 women.

The trial is set to begin Tuesday. Turner has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych's supporters expanded a tent camp outside the parliament, while those of opposition leader President Victor Yushchenko announced plans to set up a stage in Independence Square — echoes of the mass protests more than two years ago that helped to propel the pro-western reformers to the presidency.

Lawmakers also fired the Central Elections Commission and vowed to withhold the money needed for May 27.
hosted two such weeks since it was started two years ago, though others were held in the past. "It is our intention to create a tradition of holding it every first week in April," he said.

Abreu noted that Peace Week was being held during a holy week, including Passover, Easter, the Buddhist new year and the yearly Jehovah’s Witness holy dinner.

She introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Deborah Ragin, an associate professor at Montclair State University and a member of the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence, a division of the American Psychological Association.

Ragin kicked off the conference by talking about the historical perspectives on peace. In creating the Nobel Peace Prize, Alfred Nobel defined one of the goals of peace as "the abolition or reduction of standing armies."

But in today’s world, Ragin said, “That’s a challenge.” She said that peace needs to be about more than ending war and that we should seek to equalize society and prevent the inequality that leads to conflict. "Economic inequalities are one of the founding stones to a lack of peace," she said.

“Peace has different faces,” she said. The Red Cross, for example, helps the war effort; it is not a “peaceful” approach to peace,” which Mahatma Gandhi represents.

The most important part of the United Nations’ peace goals, Ragin said, was to “cooperate in solving international humanitarian problems and in promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.”

According to Ragin, “It goes beyond the let’s be nice... to the what are the tenets of peace?”

Ragin also discussed the apartheid in South Africa. Desmond Tutu started the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in response to a different model of addressing conflict. Instead of pointing to one side as the oppressor and naming the other the victim, it sought to heal all problems.

The Nguni language has the term ubuntu, which means the “essence of being human, generous, compassionate and caring,” Ragin said. Tutu adopted this idea as the driving force behind his commission.

Following Ragin’s presentation, there was a series of discussions held by student organizations and other members of the Montclair State community.

From 10-11, the first set of sessions ran. Four discussions were presented in four different rooms in the Student Center. Spectrums held one on ending global homophobia with two of its members discussing laws around the world that represent homophobic ideas and some of the most and least gay-friendly places to live.

According to Natalie Rusciani, Spectrums vice president, it was well-attended. “I think they had about 25 people in their room,” said Yankouski.

Immediately following, in the same room, ASSIST, the other student organization involved, held a presentation on making a service fun. They were not so lucky, getting no attendees.

“They got there late,” Velasco said of ASSIST. “People thought their room was cancelled.” ASSIST member Jimmy Nye, however, said that they were there right on time, but thinks people expected them to be there earlier.

CNVPP advertised to student organizations to get involved through flyers in their mailbox and sending personal e-mails, but only these two organizations responded. “I would have liked to have seen more representatives,” Yankouski said.

Yankouski said he would like SGA to be involved in future peace weeks "as a way to get students more involved in the peace movement.”

The purpose of the camp was to get these youths talking (no one was eligible to attend the camp if he or she could not speak English) and working together. It worked to tear down the differences between the campers and make them understand that they aren’t as different as they thought.

There were weekly religious sessions, and campers were invited to attend any religious session they wanted. Wroblesky, raised Catholic, attended Christian, Jewish and Muslim sessions. "We got together and discussed how similar our religious reeal are,” she said.

There were also discussion groups held every day, addressing all sorts of issues, from suicide bombings and whether the history books were correct. "We would walk by, and I would hear crying, yelling and screaming.”

At the end of the camp, the youths all held hands and sing together. "It seems so surreal,” Wroblesky said. "It seems so unrealistic. But it works.”

The hardest part for Wroblesky was to watch her new friends go home. “Watching everyone go back to wars and homes with no windows ... really was one of the hardest things I’ve ever had to do in my life.”

Velasco ended the program, discussing his goals for the Peace Week and inviting everyone to come back to the next one on the first Monday in April 2008. “We are an incredible place at this university,” he told the crowd. “There are amazing services and resources for all of our communities on this campus. We need to help ourselves as we can help others.”

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Senator Bressler said the Rec. Center project was "at the top of the list of construction projects" at present.

Since the termination of the contract, the university has on its own enclosed the building in an effort to protect the work that was already done from deterioration from weathering, said Bressler. He said subcontractors, like the carpenter and roofer, were contracted again by the university in order to advance the project.

Vice president of Controlled Construction John Polster returned a call from The Montclarion after the news story of the contract termination on March 8 went to print.

Controlled and its surety ARCH has been "trying to have MSU come to its senses and rescind this wrongful termination," Polster said.

"This project has been plagued since day one by the poor architectural drawings and by the repeated turnover of MSU supervisory personnel," said Polster.

He was referring to the supervisory roles in the MSU construction and engineering department (the title of which has varied in recent years), with direct involvement with the Rec. Center project. Harry Schockel, former vice president for budget, planning and information technology, left his post Saturday, which is considered "premium time in a near-future sit down. Until then, further progress at the Rec. Center cannot happen.

"We're in the middle of all kinds of legal processes," she said. "Everything is going as well as it could be as far as moving ahead to the next phase." Bressler indicated last week that the university was planning to move ahead with plans for a takeover under procurement advisory provisions from the attorney general's office, because there has been no clear intention from ARCH on whether they wanted to assume the completion of the project. The university, according to Bressler, had begun preparing to take over. A takeover would require new agreements with subcontractors and a front of the extra monies by MSU.

If such a plot were to pan out, the university would seek reimbursements from the surety, and likely through a legal process. The parties have held out for an attempt for a diplomatic solution, which may be reached in a near future sit down. Until then, further progress at the Rec. Center cannot happen.

He said the "language of love was love." Another audience member asked about the difference between songwriting and poetry, and Strand said, "I have often wished some of my poems become songs.

He also went on to say that the words in songs rely on the instruments, while the words in poems rely on just that: the words. Strand's presentation was truly inspiring. His words were carefully chosen and well articulated.

Strand was born in Prime Edward Island and grew up in South America. His works are inspired by that of Carlos Drummond de Andrade and Rafael Alberti. He received his B.A. from Antioch College in Ohio and received his M.A. from the University of Iowa.

He is a Professor of English at Columbia University of New York and was the Poet Laureate of the United States of America.

Strand has received many awards, including the Rockefeller prize, Fellowships from the Academy of Poets and is a former Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.
President Susan A. Cole addressed the representatives of the Student Government Association, Inc. at Wednesday's meeting.

Although legislator-attendance at the start of the meeting was standard, a call to quorum two and a half hours later forced the session to end before voting on nearly 20 bills could take place.

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Overheard at MSU

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**Guy #1:** Well, he doesn't wear deodorant ever since he found out he likes getting his armpits eaten out. Apparently it tastes bad.

**Guy #2:** And B.O. doesn't fit.

I CAN CRACK A WALNUT BETWEEN MY KNEES.

It's official. After 11 years I finally like Gwen Stefani.

My fetus is bleeding.

### The Extraordinary Powers of Physical Activity

**James Carpenter**

Staff writer

If there were one way to make dramatic changes in your body — the way you look and the way you feel — starting now, this spring, it is physical activity. And to emphasize the extraordinary physical and mental benefits of physical activity — be it walking more frequently, bicycling, hiking, taking an exercise class, playing sports, lifting weights, jogging, gardening, dancing, cleaning a room or stretching your upper and lower body — this article will present eight good reasons to spend less time sitting and more time moving. The recent March 30 issue of Newsweek devoted several pages on the numerous health benefits associated with exercise and physical activity in general:

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4. **Balance and Stability are Improved With Exercise.** Exercise can minimize falls resulting in injury by 30 percent by improving muscle coordination, strength and reaction time, all of which are needed for balance and stability.

5. **Exercise and Physical Activity Boost Brainpower.** Newsweek mentioned how exercise does more than build muscles and decrease heart disease risk; it also enhances brainpower and may also reduce the risk of
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Sororities and fashion shows in your platform statements? Lame.
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Top Signs That Say it’s Spring in Montclair

David Clarke
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

1. The skirts are getting shorter and the days are getting longer. Girls, longer days and even longer baseball games... I love spring.

2. It’s so hot in the Student Center annex, I’m shivering like Liberace in a bathhouse in the middle of July. We may not have an air conditioner here in The Montclarion office, but it’s O.K., cause we can cool down by getting some hot coffee at Café Diem.

3. Orange skin galore! Who needs sun block? Just butter up your back and let it sizzle like bacon on a George Forman Grill

4. My pasty, pale skin burns when I step outside. I feel like a vampire in this weather.

5. Those greenhouse gases are really stinking up the place. Open up the windows, cause there ain’t nothing like the smell of sweaty skunks.

6. The Nasanex bee’s warning has come to pass! So how do you get rid of that allergenic cold? Why, pump your body full of prescription drugs, of course! It’s the American way!

7. Mmm... smells like global warming. I’m super serial, you guys! Global warming stinks in April.

8. I finally have the chance to show off my sexy body. Seriously, you could grate cheese on these abs. Ladies, ladies, ladies. Calm down please. There’s plenty of me to go around.

9. Protests! Protests! Protests! It’s protest season! All those wacky college kids who still believe in something (all three of them) are hitting the streets, whether it’s protesting Darfur on the streets of New York or on the streets of Bloomfield Ave, social optimism is in the air for the first time since ’90.

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**Twelfth Night ... Or What You Will**

Shayna Jacobs

Twelfth Night

By Christopher Byi
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Larry P. Sullivans


**Who to woo and who not to woo is a dilemma that was never smoothly resolved by Shakespeare. This is especially true of Twelfth Night, where genders and identities are frequently askew.**

Keeping in sync with the racy spring theater lineup that commenced with Cabaret, the Department of Theatre and Dance's production of Twelfth Night (March 29 to April 1) at the L. Howard Fox Studio Theater was likewise a tale of sexual ambiguity that dazzled audiences through its easy costuming and the occasional hyper-suggestive feminisation sequence.

Twelfth Night is often seen as a cautionary tale about the futility of desire. The play revolves around the character of Orsino, a young nobleman in love with a woman named Viola. However, Viola is actually a distant cousin of Orsino, and she disguised herself as Cesario in order to be near Orsino. The play explores themes of love, gender identity, and the power of disguise.

Twelfth Night is a play that has been performed many times over the years, and it continues to be a popular choice for theater companies around the world. Despite its age, the play still resonates with audiences today, and it remains a testament to the enduring popularity of Shakespeare's works.

The Secret

By Rhonda Byrne

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Forever in Blue

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**Rocco DeLuca and the Burden Shines Colorful Light for New Music**

Christina Marie Reynier

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Label: Innovare
Released: March 2007

"The blues died when they took the 'P' out of it," says Rocco DeLuca, the front man for the band Rocco DeLuca and The Burden, whose innovative music is undoubtedly about to affect a life or two, if not the world.

DeLuca stays true to his words and brings the 'P' back to blues in his debut album. The album is a melting pot of sounds including hints of blues, rock, punk and blues — something rarely created or experienced until now.

Rocco DeLuca and the Burden hail from California and was, until 2005, a one-man gig for DeLuca. DeLuca is far from new to the scene, opening for such acts as John Mayall and Johnny Cash and coming from a musical family where his father was backup guitarist for musical legend Bo Diddley.

DeLuca believes this is where his unusual choice of sound comes from. "Most of my friends were into punk, and my family's roots were in blues, so the two extremes were really all I listened to," he explains.

Leave Ares and other "free" music downloading sites behind — DeLuca's first album, I *Trust You to Kill Me*, is undeniably a record worthy of ownership status. Tracks like "Dope" and "Swing Low" show off the band's country bluegrass sound with guitars twang and drums booming, evened out with tracks like "How Fast" and "Gravitate," which show off the band's rock side with shwvy guitar solos.

Despite the constant changing of the music, one thing stays constant — DeLuca's
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6 april

Grindhouse
Movie geeks across the country are pulling out their collective hair waiting for this Robert Rodriguez/Austin-Tarentino double feature, complete with fake movie trailers and scratched up screens. An homage to the grindhouse cinema of the ‘70s, the film is split up into two separate segments: Rodriguez’s zombie film Planet Terror (the chick with the leg gun) and Tarantino’s slashers film Death Proof (Kurt... freaking... Russell). Just go see it.

13 april

Disturbia
The unfortunately named Shin LaBeouf stars in a film about a teenager under house arrest who, out of sheer boredom, becomes a voyeur. While spying on his neighbors, he begins to believe that one of his neighbors may be a murderer. The title, Disturbia, was changed from the original title, Rear Window 2: The Next Generation.

20 april

Hot Fuzz
The makers of Shaun of the Dead and the under-seen British show Spaced turn to deconstructing the action film. If it’s as good as the loving Romers homage that Shawn was, then audiences are in for a real treat.

in the Land of Women
Adam Brody takes Zach Braff’s place as leading man in the “rich white guy with the emo” genre. In the Land of Women, the plot... does it really matter? It’s Aqua Teen’s movie. Expect explosions, references to ’80s rock culture and more Carl than anyone would ever want.

27 april

Kickin’ It Old Skool
As if the title weren’t repugnant enough, this film stars Jamie Kennedy (repurposing his white rapper character; not exactly getting him any closer to that NAACP image award) as a preteen who goes into a coma while break dancing in the mid-1980s, and wakes up 20 years later. I can imagine the pitch of this film. “It’s Austin Powers meets Malakar’s Most Wanted with a dash of The Wedding Singer, but with a heart.”

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Let the Phony-Hawk Reign
With American Idol on its sixth season, the country seems to be losing interest in the show, and it makes sense. Every season is exactly the same. You get the diva who should win but won’t, the generic rocker chick, wacky show guy and, of course, the guy who sucks enough that the producers let him through strictly for the laughs.

Well, what if that guy who sucks actually made it to the Top 10? What if they made it even further? That’s exactly what’s happening with Sanjaya Malakar. For some strange reason, he got high praise from the judges in the first round of American Idol, and since then, he’s proven the most entertaining train wreck since Star Jones-Reynolds.

Malakar was pretty bad from the beginning, but he kicked up the crazy when he displayed his “special” ability to hula dance. The hula prince, after making it to the final 12, gave week after week of bad performance, singing boring songs off-pitch and consistently forgetting the words, until it reached a fever pitch and he entered his own universe.

During last week’s episodes, Malakar butchered No Doubt’s “Bathwater” (in front of lead singer Gwen Stefani). That was no big deal. What was a big deal was Malakar’s faux hawk, which took his long hair and formed a mohawk with seven mini-ponytails, causing fans to create the phrase “Phony-hawk.”

Since then, Sanjaya-mania has taken the country by storm. Howard Stern is prompting his viewers to vote for Malakar, making him the number one contestant on his “Vote for the Worst” campaign.

Stern’s plan has been working, much to the chagrin of village idiot “J,” an oddly overweight girl who stupidly decided to hunger strike until Malakar gets voted off. She claimed on her YouTube video blog that it wasn’t fair to the contestants who might have had a chance to win. Of course, we all know American Idol isn’t a singing competition but a reality show, and we just want the most entertaining show possible.

Either way, it doesn’t matter, since theassing strike on day 16, on the order of her doctor. Hey doc, you should have let her continue. It’s called natural selection.

Sanjaya fever has even been turned into a viral web video, consisting of a guy with a Sanjaya hairdo hula-dancing and singing over and over “Sanjaya. Sanjaya. We’ll set this place on fire.” The video, like Malakar, is simultaneously funny and annoying.

Malakar is one of the worst contestants on American Idol, as if Janet Jackson had an illegitimate love child with William Hung.

One could make the argument that this is a perfect example of corporate America co-opting the salt-of-the-earth people like William Hung and Sanjaya Malakar as losers, as laughing stocks, to get some cheap laughs. One could say that, but writing snarky articles like this is way more fun.
While I was going for a walk the other day, I thought negatively (“I'll never do well on tests”), and anticipated bad things will happen to you. Think negatively (“I never do well on tests”) and anticipate bad things will happen (I’ll fail), and they will happen (Grade: F).

Thinking negative thoughts about test-taking will only make you more anxious and plummeting GPA. On the other hand, approach that incidence with positive thoughts (“I will do well on the test”) and anticipate good things (“I will pass”), and they will happen (An excellent grade). Watch your GPA magically rise.

Magical thinking is all about the Secret. I do believe that positive people attract more positive people into their lives, which can help people have a better life. I also believe that being thankful for what you have makes people happier and better life. However, I don’t agree that I can “manifest” things, such as a parking spot at MSU, simply by “manifesting” it. If I don’t get the parking spot, then it’s my fault for not leaving earlier to get a parking spot.

The Secret claims that those who experience widespread tragedies, such as terrorism, hurricanes and diseases like AIDS, experience it because they are “vibrating” in an exact place based on their vagaries. Whatever we have in life — even the bad stuff — we are manifesting, whether we know it or not. I’d like to see the authors walk amidst the AIDS sufferers in Africa or those in Louisiana who survived Hurricane Katrina and preach that to them. Oh, wait! We shouldn’t think such negative thoughts, or else it’ll happen to us. Too bad the authors don’t know that people can vibrate at a high level with compassion and not be “negative” — while offering comfort and aide.

The following people have to “manifest” their way out of their situations since they manifested their way into it: those dying of AIDS, cancer, starvation and addiction; abused children; the troops in Iraq; the poor; those with a lottery ticket seeking to win; and students who want a decent parking spot.

These people have no one to blame but themselves. They’ve got what they’ve focused on. This means women who got raped were focusing on being raped. This is dangerous thinking. The Secret can cause stress and depression in people because they will constantly worry if they’re causing cancer by having the wrong thoughts and emotions. It’s ridiculous to assume that you get what you focus on, or that what you’re getting is the result of what you focus on. If an airplane passenger is afraid the plane will crash, and that person focuses on that, how come the plane doesn’t crash? The gurus of self-improvement claim it’s because “there were more people on the plane visualizing the plane arriving safely than there were visualizing it crashing.”

A group has magical powers to make something happen just because it focuses on some outcome. If all little girls got what they’ve focused on, they would have gotten on the plane under their Christmas tree. Either Santa thought I was naughty all these years, or it was just my fault for not focusing enough on getting a white pony or manifesting it the right way.

The Secret resembles the campaigns for magic diet pills that require no exercise. Diet and exercise is the key to weight loss. People have to act on it. It’s not just enough to think or visualize desires. People who want to win the lottery are supposed to visualize winning, how they’ll feel and what they’ll do with the cash.

To their dismay, they don’t win, even though they know The Secret. Why isn’t the law of attraction giving them what they’re visualizing? They’ve bought The Secret — but they didn’t buy the winning ticket. It argues that they’re not visualizing it clearly or often.

Perhaps they’re visualizing incorrectly or they have some external obstacles or inner conflicts, such as unresolved emotions or conflicts that are stopping them from getting what they want. They need to fix their visualizing because they’re doing it wrong. However, visualizing something doesn’t make it come true.

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California-based band Rocco DeLuca and The Burden released their first album If Trust You To Kill Me in March 2006. The songs range from bluegrass to astonishing guitar solos which makes this album unique and fresh.

set and is regarded mostly by the troop that accompanies Olivia — categorical outcasts, but essential contributors to the plot. Maria (Desiree Rodriguez), Sir Toby Belch (Doug West) and Sir Andrew Aguecheek (Joe Barker) were in cahoots in a subplot to sabotage the prissy Malvolio (Ariel Frenkel), Olivia’s steward.

The jester is treated like an oracle by all characters seeking his intuition. His thoughts tend to cost a penny or two, as Orsino and others pitch jewelry and coinage at the gypsy-esque figure. Griffin-Smith slightly exaggerated the role and was not so believable as the jester.

The strange euphoria that dominated her performance was disingenuous, although there was a clear attempt on her part to embody the mysticism and intrigue of the oddest character in the play. Granted, Feste is one of the most, if not the most, challenging roles in Twelfth Night.

The cast generally seemed to have mastered the Shakespearean parlance that perpetually frustrates students and theater-goers, and it was an impressive rendition overall.

Understanding that theater majors study, perform, and produce all types of theater as a student and spectator, I’m more inclined to attend a modern drama or musical production.

Last spring’s production of Cider House Rules, also at Fox, came to mind this weekend. I’d prefer an O’Neill or Williams over such a medieval soap opera as MSU theater ticket-holder any given season.

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"Racism isn't born, folks; it's taught. I have a two-year-old son. Anti-Racism Team, Assemble!"

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"They will have a rally," said Velasco, Wednesday night, "called 'Take Back Our Community'. We have to come together. We have to work at this together."

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"As a school and as a community, we should not let these acts reflect on the rest of the student body. First off, we do not even know if an MSU student wrote that hateful word on the apartment door, and secondly, we do not know what ethnicity that person is. As for Velasco, he said, "I look at this as raising awareness. As a community, we are not going to stand for this."

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"We need to take classes about non-western cultures, to have a better understanding of different perspectives."

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"If we should blame anyone, it should be the family and friends of the person who wrote this, who filled this person up with so much ignorance and hate that they felt compelled, whether drunk or sober, to write this message loud and clear."

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"MSU is on board with the rest of the student body in taking preventative measures. For example, The Anti-Bias Task Force, which formed about a year ago, protects students of race, color, gender, sexual orientation and religious beliefs. We can't help but think that, in a student body this size, we are going to get drug, it's statistically credible, an inevitable unfortunate event we'd like to control, but for a small majority, we cannot. Will the media attention spawn another ugly hate crime? It's uncertain."

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"Let's be clear, the ILeague's not the only group that is dealing with issues of diversity and inclusion. As a school, we are taking steps to address these issues, but it's important for our students, faculty, and staff to continue to engage in discussions about how we can do better."

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Almost every day, I am frightened by the horror and violence that is still persisting and worsening in western Sudan. Darfur. It is sad enough that 200,000+ lives have been taken, along with thousands of homes burned and lost, thousands more, and tens of thousands of people from the northern part of Central African Republic (CAR) having to leave their homes as well due to the escalating violence between the CAR's army and rebel organizations.

As if Chad does not have enough problems with the Darfur crisis, there are now 7,000 more refugees fleeing from the CAR over the past few weeks. According to the BBC news website, "50,000 more refugees are thought to be in hiding in the forest after being forced to flee their villages." BBC News. "Thousands flee from CAR Violent." Saturday, March 25, 2006.

The United Nations refugee agency has announced warnings that this could create a "catastrophic situation." If you ask me, the whole situation has become catastrophic. The violence in Darfur has spilled into Chad, and now we have the people of CAR also in danger. If left unaddressed, this could create a catastrophic event, I don't know what event.

Every day I read the newspaper, and just when I think things could not get any worse in those regions, I am sadly proved wrong by the newspapers. I am left puzzled and amazed at what little improvement we have made for those nations that are suffering tremendously.

The violence that has started in Darfur has now spread to two other nations. That was three years ago.

On March 26, the Pentagon released their report on Tillman's death and cover-up. U.S. Defense Department's Acting Inspector General Thomas Gibson, who headed up the investigation, stated, "We thought there was never an attempt to cover up what we saw," meaning now the Army will have to decide if charges should be handed out to soldiers and high-ranking Army officials who allegedly covered up Tillman's death.

If you're not familiar with the story of Tillman's death, it unraveled as follows: after the 2005 NFL season, Tillman, a professional football player, joined the second battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment with his brother, Kevin, who turned down a professional baseball call-up to combat terrorism.

Both were stationed in Afghanistan, and on April 22, 2004, Tillman was killed in action. At first, the Army reported he was killed by Afghan insurgents while charging them in battle. This was a fabrication. It is not clear what the Army's motivation was for this lie, but shortly afterwards it was found out that Tillman was not killed by Afghan insurgents but actually his own men (unnamed) after a "friendly fire" accident. Tillman was shot three times in the head after a second U.S. Ranger squad fired at him multiple times, despite Tillman signaling them to cease-fires. He threw a smoke bomb as an act of desperation to show he was an American soldier, and when he rose from his cover, he was shot and killed. His body armor was burned by his own men to prevent any suspicion of fratricide, but within three days, it was known by high-ranking Army officials, including General John Abizaid, who awarded Tillman the Silver Star and Purple Heart despite the lie.

Tillman was buried without his parents knowing his real cause of death until almost a month later, when the Army confirmed it was because of friendly fire. Mary Tillman, Tillman's mother, when finding out the truth, stated, "The fact that he was the ultimate team player and watched his own men kill him is absolutely heartbreaking and tragic. The fact they lied about it afterward is disgusting."

Would Tillman be any less of a hero if the public, and especially his parents, knew of his actual death? Probably not. This man turned down a $3.6 million contract to fight for his country, and the Army covered it up for political means. They wanted to raise Tillman as a national combatant celebrity.

The cover-up is not only downright deceptive; it is an absolute disgrace to America. How can Tillman's name be spoken daily in the United States in 1975 from Portugal. I was born and raised in a rural village called Martins, where people raised their livestock and lived without luxury. My father obtained his American citizenship in the early 1980s. My mother never became a US citizen, but instead remained a permanent resident of the United States. (You, she has a green card and a social security card, just like me.)

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I am one of those "disreputable" people who have a flag hanging from my rearview mirror. I like American football. Instead, I am criticizing her article, because there are points she makes that I do not agree with. There are also points that I do agree with. I start with my responses to her points, ridiculous as they might be, let me first declare my level of "Americanness." I was born here, as well as my siblings. I was born and raised in a rural place currently living in Newark. My parents immigrated to the United States in 1975 from Portugal.

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I am one of those "disreputable" people who have a flag hanging from my rearview mirror. I like American football. Instead, I am criticizing her article, because there are points she makes that I do not agree with. There are also points that I do agree with. I start with my responses to her points, ridiculous as they might be, let me first declare my level of "Americanness."...
TRAPPED IN THE MIDDLE
TIRED. WORN DOWN.

The illegal work jobs that we Americans are too lazy to do build roadways and construct buildings. If we stop complaining about illegal’s taking your job, pause and consider where your “American job” has really disappeared to. Blame corporate America for shipping their headquarters and the majority of their jobs overseas to India and Hong Kong. That is where your job is going, not to an illegal in California.

Another ridiculous point Gabel makes is that Russians are the greatest nation to ever live in a country in which a sole language doesn’t exist. Here’s a little tidbit of information for you, the United States, which has an official language. English. Is not the official language of the United States; it is simply the most predominantly spoken. Also, there are numerous nations around the world that have more than one language as the official language, and they exist harmoniously.

Spain and Italy, to which Gabel attributes her ancestry, are two countries in which a sole language doesn’t exist. Italy has dialects that are incomprehensible unless you are from that region, such as Neapolitan, Sardinian and Sicilian, not to mention that French is spoken in Northwest Italy. Spain, even more interestingly, has languages completely different from Standard Castilian Spanish, such as Galician, Catalan and Basque. Other nations with several official languages are Canada (French and English), Switzerland (German, French and Romansh), Paraguay (Spanish and Guaraní), Finland (Finnish and Swedish), South Africa (Afrikaans, English and 9 others) and India (Hindi, English and 21 others).

On the topic of language, Gabel expects everyone in the United States to speak English. How about when Americans travel to other countries? How many times do you see Americans even attempting to speak the language of whatever nation they are visiting? We assume that wherever we go, we will be able to speak English and be understood. When we attempt to speak another language while visiting another country, we typically mimic it and joke about it, which is definitely disrespectful. An aunt of mine owns a café shop in Southern Portugal in the tourist region of Algarve, and many times American tourists show up speaking nothing but English. That’s a definite sign of assimilation right, Gabel?

Another point Gabel makes is that we don’t quite understand how being aware and engaging yourself in your ancestral background dishonors the United States. More important than dishonoring your nation is dishonoring yourself. When you rid yourself of your heritage or when you refuse your heritage, you dishonor yourself. You will never know yourself if you allow yourself to be dishonored, and you will create a narrow-minded and ethnocentric society.

This kind of society might have gone down well in the 1500s but not in 2007.

While these countries look beautiful in the brochures, our families left them for a reason. Another terrible point made by Gabel. If our families were basing it on aesthetics, we wouldn’t have picked Newark to live in, of all places. But they did pick Newark because it’s where the opportunity to make a living was.

Surprisingly, I do agree on some points.

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ACROSS
1. Inhabitant (11)
2. Floaters (9)
4. George (7)
5. Mary (6)
6. Muscle (6)
7. End (6)
8. Pusher (6)
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27. Supervisor (9)
28. Hone deaths (9)
29. Selectivity (9)
30. Mutilate barrier (9)
31. Pain change (5)
32. Alien or Cheryl (11)
33. Butler (7)
34. Presents in a PC (9)
35. Can of song (9)
36. Eugene (9)
37. Retained (9)
38. Transmit (9)
39. Inuit (9)

DOWN
1. Pummery fox (11)
2. Away from the wind (11)
3. Movie (9)
4. Carryall bag (9)
5. Take by (9)
6. Fold (9)
7. Alias acronym (9)
8. Stuck in the mud (9)
9. Fences off (11)
10. Maximum (11)
11. Rich Man, Poor Men (11)
12. Retail in the microwave (11)
13. Heaped (9)
14. Wish (9)
15. Cover (9)
16. Exposes (9)
17. Not stepping (9)
18. Kept for later (9)
19. Before, once (9)
20. Under (9)
21. Iron trophy (9)
22. Fast-moving serpent (9)
23. Resilience (9)
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27. Windsor or Tracy (9)
28. Stoned (9)
29. Agreed (9)
30. 46 AWOL word (11)

Solutions

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58. Terrible rulers
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60. Estatio
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What Rustles My Feathers

Mike Johnson Returns With a Controversial Discussion About Sports, Race and the Call for Equality

Mike Johnson
Assistant Sports Editor

It was 60 years ago this season when Major League Baseball allowed Jackie Robinson to finally play ball in the major leagues. Not only did he prove to all baseball players, owners and fans that he was worthy of playing with the best, but he also showed Major League Baseball that allowing black athletes to participate would improve the overall competition in the majors.

Since then, the percentage of black players has been on a steady incline, and Major League Baseball has become a very diverse sport. That is, until recently. Both blacks and whites have been on a decline, while Latinos and Asians have become more prominent in the sport. While Asians currently make up approximately three percent of baseball, Latinos make up a surprising 30 percent, a 16 percent increase since 1991. Since 1991, the white percentage of baseball players has dropped eight percent, and the black populace has dropped 10 percent, the smallest number of black players in about 40 years.

A call for more black players in MLB has been made by Cleveland Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia and others, but can we really ask people to do something they don’t want to do? It would be impossible to force people of any gender or race to play in a sport they have no interest in.

So, what is the reason for the decline of white and black players in MLB? Is it the overwhelming talent of the international players who are emerging from countries like the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Venezuela, Panama and Japan? The scouts are looking for talent, not race.

Moving away from MLB, the NBA has become the dominant league when it comes to black players. As of 2007, black players make up approximately 90 percent of the league, and those numbers are still growing, seeing that 65 percent of Division I basketball male athletes are black. What’s even more astonishing is that 95 percent of these schools have 50 or more percent of their white student athletes graduate, whereas only 54 percent of these schools have 50 or more percent of their black student athletes graduate.

This doesn’t mean that they fail or drop out due to academic reasons. What it means is that black student athletes declare themselves eligible for the NBA draft more commonly than white student athletes do, resulting in a heavier influx of black players into the NBA.

The NHL, which historically has had the highest percentage of white people in its league, has made few attempts to attract black athletes, but over the past decade, that has been starting to change. The NHL is currently made up of 95 percent whites, but only 5 percent of the league is American. The NHL has been called a racist league and has been targeted by many people, but the fact is that there aren’t many black athletes who are interested in playing hockey.

The NFL, which is made up of 70 percent black people, has taken major steps to get more black head coaches by instituting the Rooney Rule, which requires any team engaged in hiring a head coach to assemble a racially diverse candidate slate.

I can understand this rule because there are some owners who would never want to hire a black coach, and it is extremely narrow-minded to think this way. There are a lot of black players who played for teams that never had a white coach in their lives, so it may be difficult to transition, but quotas are meant to help, not hurt, teams and should be kept separate from players and coaches. It would be one thing to hire a coach due to quotas, but signing players to fulfill minority quotas would be absurd.

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Quotas in the workplace may work, but racial quotas would not suit what sports are all about. The whole purpose of competition is to have the very best players all face each other and see who wins. If we start needing to fulfill quotas, then teams will be gathering people from all around the globe only to lose to better players. If our favorite baseball team were made up of all Mongolians and won the World Series, would we honestly be mad because there wasn’t one white, black or Spanish player on the team? We would be ridiculous to feel that way.

The idea of rostering for a team is to cheer them on unconditionally. If you still can’t comprehend that, Webster’s Dictionary defines unconditional as: “adjective: not limited by conditions; absolute: an unconditional promise.” After all, when a player puts on his jersey, he is no longer black, white, Asian, Hispanic or any other race. He becomes part of that team, and that is his race.

Let’s all stop looking for ways to make our own race the superior one when it comes to sports. We could argue that the best player in any sport is either white or black, but when it comes down to it, does it really matter what color they were? It’s all about how many championships they have or how they helped their team, but it will be a long time before people come to realize that.

And that is what rustles my feathers!

Percentage of Black Athletes by League

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2007 Season Stats

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Mike Johnson
Assistant Sports Editor
# Game of the Week

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2007**
1:00 P.M.

**Montclair State Red Hawks**

19-2 (4-0)

**vs.**

**Rutgers Scarlet Knights**

14-8 (3-1)

## Lacrosse (Men)

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This Week
Sat. vs. Manhattanville, 1 p.m.
Wed. @ Centenary, 4:00 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
4/1 - MSU 13, Farmingdale State 12

## Lacrosse (Women)

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This Week
Sat. @ Farmingdale State, 12 p.m.
Wed. vs. Manhattanville, 7 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
4/1 - MSU 22, Centenary 3
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## Baseball

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This Week
Fri. @ NJCU, 3 p.m.
Sat. vs. Rutgers-Camden (DH), 12 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
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## Softball

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This Week
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Sat. vs. Rutgers-Camden (DH), 1 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
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4/3 - MSU 8, Rutgers-Newark 2

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