DALLAS - In July, Mountain View College lost an inspirational mentor and friend, Adjunct Dance Professor Darrell Cleveland, who was shot while driving through downtown Dallas. Although we mourn the loss of Cleveland, we focus on his life and the exuberant legacy he created; the influence that echoes in the hearts and minds of his colleagues, associates, students, and friends.

Darrell Cleveland started his professional modern dancing career as a principal dancer for the Dallas Black Dance Theater in the 1990s, traveling around the world, including trips to South Africa and Sicily.

In addition to his career as a dancer, Cleveland became a choreographer and teacher. Although he started teaching at Mountain View in 2015, MVC Dance Professor John Merrifield knew him for about 13 years prior. Having met him through the Dallas Black Dance Theater, he was impressed with Cleveland’s professional performance and work ethic. After Merrifield hired him for professional shows outside MVC, Cleveland expressed interest in teaching.

Cleveland was hired to teach modern dance for Mountain View, but also displayed versatility and proficiency in dance styles such as ballet, jazz, and The Horton Technique. With Merrifield’s encouragement, Cleveland earned an MFA in dance at Texas Woman’s University and became an adjunct dance professor.

“He was one of the kindest, compassionate individuals and everybody loved Darrell. I can’t think of one person over the last 10-15 years who has said one negative thing about Darrell,” said Merrifield.

Not only was Cleveland a kind person, but also an inspirational teacher and mentor. “He inspired so many of his students because he embraced...”
Led by the conservation organization Africa Parks Network, Malawi has taken a huge step towards securing their elephant population. 520 elephants were sedated, airlifted, and transported over 200 miles to Nkhotakota Reserve in central Malawi. “Rehoming more than 500 elephants, and knowing they will thrive in Nkhotakota, is a story of hope and survival, and a real example of what is possible with good collaboration,” said Peter Fearnhead, head of the African Parks Network.

“West Point Cadet Makes History”
Cadet Simone Askew of Fairfax, Virginia has made history by becoming the first African American female selected as First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy’s Corps of Cadets, the highest position in the cadet chain of command. Among other responsibilities, she will be tasked with implementation of a class agenda and act as a liaison between the 4,400 member Corps of Cadets and school administrators.

“Five-Year-Old Girl Saves Mother’s Life”
Caitlin Walsh suffers from a rare childhood illness known as Perthes disease, which causes a severe disruption in blood flow. Recently, her daughter, April noticed that mom was not feeling well. As Caitlin began to lose consciousness, the five-year-old picked up the phone and called for help. She calmly explained in detail what was happening to her mother and politely asked for an ambulance. The hospital now shares the phone call with other children so that they will know exactly what to do in a similar emergency.

“Montreal’s Olympic Stadium Opens to Welcome Refugees”
Refugees who fear an uncertain future in the USA due to the current political climate have crossed into Canada seeking asylum. About 90 percent of the new arrivals are Haitians who came to the US after a deadly earthquake ravaged Haiti in 2010. Within 24 hours, volunteers from the Quebec Red Cross transformed the stadium into a welcome center, where 450 people will be able to until while a permanent shelter is provided.

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HP, Google, and the Clooneys Partner Up to Send 3,000 Refugees to School

The Clooney Foundation is partnering with UNICEF, Google, and HP to donate $3.25 million to seven public schools in Lebanon. This funding will cover the costs of registration fees, teacher salaries, textbooks, and extended school hours for 3,000 Syrian children.

“Thousands of Syrian refugees are at risk,” stated UNICEF spokeswoman Laruen Davitt, “we don’t want to lose an entire generation because they had the bad luck of being born in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

Kopan Nuns Become First Women in Nepal to Obtain Geshema Degrees

Nambdrol Phuntsok and Jangchub Gyalmo, nuns based out of Kopan Monastery in Kathmandu, have made history by becoming the first women in Nepal to obtain the Geshema degree. This degree is equivalent to a Doctorate in Buddhist Philosophy. After 20 years of intensive study, the women acquired the distinguished title, making them eligible to assume roles that were previously only available to monks. A German nun, Venerable Kelsang Wangmo, is recognized as the first female Geshe in history, earning her degree in 2011.

8-year-old Becomes Youngest Girl to Climb Mount Kilimanjaro

In the family trip of a lifetime, 8-year-old Roxy Getter successfully made it to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, making her the youngest female to complete the trek. Roxy made the climb with her mom, dad, and 10-year-old brother. Roxy’s mom Sarah explained, “When we got to the top, we just started tearing up. [The kids] were in front of us walking and we both just held hands.” Roxy has plans to break more records in the future, as she revealed that she “simply wanted to maximize” her options.

23-Year-Old Haizi Becomes Oldest Panda to Give Birth

A 23-year-old panda at the China Conservation and Research Center for Giant Pandas gave birth to a beautiful set of twins on July 30, 2017. One year in a panda’s life is equivalent to about four years for humans, putting Haizi at the ripe age of 80 in panda years. This is particularly exceptional because pandas usually reach maturation around four years of age. Haizi is now the proud mom of one female and one male cub.

High School Senior Gets Accepted to 149 Colleges

Shariah Edwards, a recent graduate of Power Center Academy High School in Memphis, TN, is making waves by being accepted into a whopping 149 colleges. “She has totally blown us away,” says Tamara Woods-Wormley, counselor at Edwards’ high school. Woods-Wormley provided the straight-A student with a list of colleges that did not charge an application fee. She never imagined that the student would apply to all of them! For her part, Shariah says that she “simply wanted to maximize” her options.

Darrell Cleveland

students that never had danced before and students that had been dancing for several years. He was able to collectively work with those students and push them at a high level… They loved that he challenged them… He expected you to try your hardest and do what you could,” recounted Merrifield.

Cleveland believed in never giving up on his students. This is what made him an effective teacher. He worked with students, regardless of their experience level and encouraged them to do their best.

Cleveland also taught at Brookhaven and Richland Colleges, SMU, Tarrant County College, Dallas ISD and Grand Prairie ISD, The Ballet Academy of Texas, and many other local private dance studios and dance companies throughout his 20 years of teaching and dance experience.

Merrifield consoled, “I know he’s dancing in heaven and he’s having a great time up there, dancing with the angels.” Cleveland’s philosophy of never giving up on his students is an exemplary motto for all teachers to embrace.

Professor Darrell Cleveland was laid to rest on August 5, in his hometown of Jacksonville, FL. Details of a Dallas memorial for him are still pending.
Since the dawn of civilizations, clear divisions have existed between the ruling class and those under their rule. Even now, as capitalism reigns supreme in American economics, those with exuberant wealth wield extraordinary influence over the decisions that affect rich, poor, and everyone in between. While the balance of power has often shifted between a prominent upper class and a massive working class, the treatment of both individuals and specific groups has been plagued by cruelty and redeemed with righteousness throughout time. Born a child of Mexican descent and raised in a country that refuses to accept the atrocities it has committed, I was given the opportunity to go on a tour through history led by Robertus van der Wege to see how various leaders and rulers have enhanced or suppressed the rights of mankind.

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By Dan Macias

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Republicans Attempt to Repeal the Affordable Care Act

By Dan Macias

Former President Barack Obama’s landmark domestic achievement, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), informally known as Obamacare, helped millions of citizens afford health insurance. The ACA consists of several factors that allowed many Americans to become insured. According to the official website (www.healthcare.gov), there are three key goals of the act: to ensure the availability of affordable health care to as many people as possible, expand Medicaid coverage, and support medical care delivery methods to lower health care costs across the board.

Obamacare has been through a rough journey in the political arena. Since its inception in early 2010, Republicans have adamantly resisted and demonized the health care bill, specifically a mandate requiring every citizen to have health care coverage. Intense legal battles ensued and eventually reached the Supreme Court on two separate occasions. The Supreme Court battles demonstrated just how lengthy and complicated this bill is. In the end, a large majority of the ACA was deemed constitutional, including the individual mandate and the availability of tax credits for those who could not afford health care.

Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Programs Face Potential Cutbacks Under New Administration

By Isaac Yanez

What might happen to the livelihoods of hundred thousands of people if their student debt cannot be forgiven through public service?

The Public Loan Service Program is a federal program created under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007. It promises to cancel any remaining student debt for those who work for the governmental and have been making on-time payments for ten years.

Eligibility for this program has five steps:

1) Have a quality government job, working for a 501(c)(3) non-profit, or a non-profit that does not have a 501(c)(3).
2) Employers must be approved via annual employer quality certification from the loan servicing company.
3) Have Direct Loans as the agent of one’s federal student loans.
4) Enroll in an income-driven plan for a portion of your repayments. These plans cap your monthly bill at a certain portion of your income.
5) Finally, make 120 qualifying monthly payments (10 years) toward FedLoan Servicing.

The Public Loan Service Program was designed, according to the Washington Post, “to encourage college graduates to pursue careers in rural areas. There are at least 552,931 people on track to receive the benefit, with the first wave of forgiveness set for October 2017.”

It is proposed that this program will be eliminated as part of the $10.6 billion cut from federal education initiatives by the Trump administration, though it is only a proposition so far. Hopefully, ending this program will not nullify the sacrifices of people who have contributed to the program or end the aspirations of those who could benefit from this program in the future.

Attorneys for the Department of Education have stated that borrowers cannot rely on prior notices for qualification certainty. The confusion of unclear qualifications from the loan servicing companies have engendered waves of confusion among society, and has exacerbated the problems for borrowers. For example, as reported by the former ombudsman at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Rohit Chopra, “It’s one of the more convoluted programs that Congress has designed.”
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nized and attributed with many shortcomings in the health care business. Big Pharma refers to the belief that large pharmaceutical corporations work in tandem with Congress and insurance companies to keep the populace sick and misinformed for the sake of generating profits.

As recently as September 15, 2016, a former hedge fund manager reinvigorated the Big Pharma controversy by raising the cost of a vital anti-parasitic drug by roughly 560 percent. Martin Shkreli, using his company, Turing Pharmaceuticals, bought the license for the drug Daraprim and proceeded to raise the price from $13.50 per pill to about $750. Criticism of this move swiftly through several medical associations and was amplified by public outrage, eventually culminating with presidential candidates.

Ironically, once President Trump was sworn into office, the fight against the Affordable Care Act, and ostensibly affordable medicine, stirred up again. Adding his voice to a seven-year long cry to “repeal and replace Obamacare,” Trump insisted on reversing his predecessor’s signature accomplishment. However, as drafts of replacement health care bills were drawn up, Republicans found themselves in a quandary. Their earliest attempts to replace the ACA would remove the individual mandate, reduce Medicaid expansion, and decrease tax subsidies for lower income citizens.

As the Congressional Budget Office found, although the new health care bill — labeled the American Health Care Act (AHCA) — would lower the national deficit, it would also kick roughly 24 million off their health insurance over the next few years. Further amendments to the AHCA would lower the number of citizens who lost their health insurance, but not by much.

Ultimately, the AHCA lost nearly all its traction in the last week of this July, with three Republican senators and all Democrats voting no on changes to the existing ACA. Before the votes were cast, the fate of the ACA was up in the air, largely due to the alarming revelation of Senator John McCain’s brain cancer, and the established opposition from Republican senators Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. The Republican aisle could afford only two dissenting votes, with Vice President Mike Pence available to cast a tie-breaking vote. Unfortunately, when Senator McCain returned to cast his vote on July 28, he did so with dramatic flair: a thumbs-down and terse “no.” With the votes tallied, the measure to strip the ACA down failed, 49-51.

After the stunning defeat to repeal the ACA, President Trump voiced his displeasure in an interview with CNN: “Let Obamacare fail, then the Democrats are going to come to us.” While many people are questioning the legality of actions Trump may take to “kill” the ACA, several of his critics are calling into question the fate of the next major Congressional task on the table: tax reform.

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The capping of the program began for undergraduates in 2015 during the Obama administration, when the amount of debt was proposed to be capped at $57,500. The income repayment paradigm under Trump will increase the percentage that borrowers pay of their disposable income toward loan balances, from 10 percent to 12.5 percent. The repayment terms would decrease from 20 to 15 years for a bachelor’s degree, and 25 to 30 years for a graduate degree.

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By Isaac Yanez

Many students want to use more effective learning strategies and remove any ineffective learning strategies that block their potential for learning.

The following six activities offer alternative learning strategies, and are attributed to study tips provided by Elaine Shpungin, Ph.D., and Mikhail Lyubansky, Ph.D., of the Psychology Department of the University of Illinois.

1. Take notes when reading text. Do not simply underline or highlight the text, but write down one or two main points from each section of the chapter.
2. Seek out and examine concepts that are novel and seem arduous and take notes on these concepts. Studying these kinds of notes is much more effective than simply reading the whole chapter again.
3. Create practice questions that are analogous to the test questions expected on the exam. Write challenging questions that specifically cover the material to enable exceptional comprehension and performance.
4. Interlock your prior knowledge with the new knowledge. By engaging this action, one gives the new knowledge a more profound meaning because one sees that the new knowledge is merely an extension of the prior knowledge.
5. Study for recall, rather than for recognition. Recall is the act of remembering information after studying it. Recognition is the action of recognizing information repeatedly. For example, when one knows that the exam will be multiple choice, he or she should use recall for these exams. Read the question, ignoring the answer choices at first. Write out your own correct answer, then, choose the answer that most resembles your written answer.
6. Focused concentration on the study material, in which one studies (Continued on page 8)

By Ian Grey

When you are driving at night and the vehicle on the other side of the lane has their high beams on, it is more than just annoying — it’s dangerous. When police or military conduct a raid, they almost always use what are known as tactical flashlights as part of their equipment.

Light can be a weapon, no doubt about it. Like so many other tools and weapons humanity has developed, it comes as no surprise that even light has been misused, and it hurts us all.

The threat is known as Light Pollution, and is defined as “the inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light” by the IDA (International Dark-Sky Association). It is a serious hazard. It is wasteful, damages the environment, hazardous to health, and manages to defend itself with a lie.

Like almost all issues, especially environmental ones, light pollution isn’t just one thing. It has parts, complexities, and policies, all which must be taken into consideration. The IDA identifies four components to what is overall known as light pollution:

Urban sky glow: the brightening of the night sky over inhabited areas.
Light trespass: light falling where it is not intended, wanted, or needed.
Glare: excessive brightness that (Continued on page 9)
new knowledge in a quiet area for 45 minutes. By establishing this habit on a daily basis, students cultivate concentration and creativity.

The following strategies are attributed to *Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning* by Peter C Brown, Henry L. Roedinger III, and Mark A. McDaniel (2014).

Instead of rereading, one’s goal needs to be retrieving. The testing effect, also known as the retrieval-practice effect, is much more effective than mere re-exposure to the original material.

It also means to space practice sessions out for retrieval, setting a timed break between each session, to roughly the point when one starts to forget the material, as shown in *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. Many students incorrectly believe that they have mastered something because of their initial sense of ease of learning that occurs in the classroom or reading.

For example, when a student listens to a lecture or reads a text that is clear, the ease with which the student follows the argument gives them a sense of understanding and gives the impression students do not have to study. This false impression also arises when rereading a text or material to the point of fluency.

Active retrieval has two major benefits. First, it reveals what is known and unknown, and offers the student clarity about weaker areas. Second, recalling information strengthens connections to what is known, and makes it easier to recall information in the future.

When studying or reading a text, pause periodically to ask the following questions: What are the key ideas in this text? What are the ideas or terms that are new to me? How do I define them? How do the ideas relate to what I already know?

One can either use the quiz questions at the end of each chapter, or generate original questions and write down the answers.

The perplexing thing about retrieval is the way it makes one feel toward learning. It can feel frustrating and awkward, since recalling information is harder than simply rereading the material. Actually, what one is not sensing is that recall strengthens memory.

As we practice something repeatedly, we often see our performance improving, which serves as a reinforcement strategy. Unfortunately, the gains acquired from repetitive practice only benefit short-term memory and are quickly forgotten.

The next is to space the retrieval practice out, which means studying the information more than once, but leaving considerable time between practice sessions.

Using this as a study strategy requires establishing a schedule of self-quizzing that allows time to elapse between study sessions; the amount of time depends on the type of material.

When one is learning names and faces, for example, one needs to recall them minutes later. If not, the associations can vanish. For example, students can start by recalling a name in five minutes, next it can be one hour, then a day. To ensure that this name is in their long-term memory, they should recall it a month or so later.

While new material in a text may need to be revisited, practice quizzes periodically throughout the semester for mastery of the material, retrieving prior knowledge and relating it to current knowledge.

Another way of spacing practice of retrieval is the blending of two or more topics so that alternating between them requires continually refreshing the mind on each topic when returning to it.

These strategies, when used conscientiously on a regular basis, should help new students and seasoned ones to revise their approaches to academic success, particularly regarding preparation for midterm and semester exams. *The Lion’s Pride* wishes that every MVC Lion finds study methods that help them earn the academic success they deserve.
Light Pollution

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causes visual discomfort. High levels of glare can decrease visibility.

Clutter: bright, confusing, and excessive groupings of light sources, commonly found in over-lit urban areas. The proliferation of clutter contributes to urban sky glow, light trespass, and glare.

There have been numerous studies documenting measurable negative impact on aspects of human health, including immune function, sleep cycle disorders, and even a possible increase in cancer risk. Humans have evolved over millennia with a day-night cycle, governed by the rotation of the Earth and the procession of the seasons, yet in the last several hundred years we have completely isolated ourselves from those natural cycles.

The effects are not limited to humans. All life, for the history of the planet, has developed in accordance with the natural cycles of the Earth, Moon, and Sun, until now. Adverse behavioral changes have been documented in insect and animal populations. Many animals’ nesting seasons are disrupted, as in sea turtle hatchlings moving toward city lights rather than toward the moonlight reflected off the ocean. Birds have broken their necks and wings by slamming into building windows that were either flooding or reflecting excess light.

Yet there is this idea that, despite the negative effects that too much light “might” have on the environment, we are still better off with more light than less light, because of a notion that more light equals more safety. This is the lie that light pollution hides behind, like a thief in the glare of a parking garage light.

Too much light in the wrong place makes you much less safe. We have night vision and additive vision. Our eyesight adjusts to varying levels of light. Light pollution disrupts those processes. It is why astronomers use red lights at star parties, because red light doesn’t break down the rhodopsin that our eyes need to function in low light conditions. It is also why you will get yelled at if you pull out a bright cellphone light in the middle of a real star party. It can take up to half an hour for the light-sensitive pigment to reform and night vision to adjust. Law enforcement agencies around the country have witnessed direct correlations between areas with excess lighting and increases in accidents and criminal activity.

Even with all the safety concerns, the impact on wildlife and human health, and the tragic loss of our ancestral night sky, resplendent with our Milky Way and stars that cannot be counted all in one sitting, keep in mind one final thought: light pollution is wasted light.

We spend upwards of $3.3 billion annually on electricity that is going where it doesn’t need to. That equals up to 21 million tons of carbon dioxide per year in our atmosphere to produce that power.

The solution is not to get rid of all the light; it is to use light more responsibly, to place it exactly where we need it, and not where we don’t. Energy efficiency and conservation are what is needed.

The IDA suggests solutions like upgrading outdoor light fixtures to “be fully shielded and direct light down where it is needed, not into the sky, as fully shielded fixtures can provide the same level of illumination on the ground as unshielded ones, but with less energy and cost.”

Upgrading lighting could reduce energy used for outdoor lighting needs by 60–70 percent.

Simple solutions, like turning off indoor lights in empty offices and homes, and replacing older lights with more sensitive and efficient lights, don’t have to be strictly done at a state or corporate level. Many of the IDA suggestions can be done at home every day.

The biggest challenge to combating light pollution is awareness. We understand the problem, and we even have effective solutions for it; there aren’t many sustainability issues that are so easily addressed. What is needed is activism and for people to talk about this problem, because right now it is not seen as the problem we know it to be.

The next time you get blinded in the parking lot or on the highway, or next time you come to one of the MVC Astrophysics Club Star Parties to view what’s left of our night sky, take a look at the fixtures around you, notice where the light going, and ask yourself: does it really need to go there?

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Let’s Do the Time Warp (Again and Again and Again)

By Joe Collier

From the Editor: For two weeks in July, the Brookhaven Performance Hall was transformed into a gothic, alien, mad scientist's mansion for Theatre Brookhaven's production of “The Rocky Horror Show,” written by Richard O'Brien. The show featured Mountain View College's own Dean Martin Guerra-West as Dr. Everett Scott.

Guest columnist and MVC adjunct professor Joseph Collier attended a performance of the show, and recounts his experience for The Lion's Pride:

This past July, I attended the Rocky Horror Show at Brookhaven College. I am the first to admit that my pop-culture knowledge can be limited at times, and I was a Rocky Horror Show "virgin," meaning I had never watched the play, or even seen the movie. As a musician and English major, I soon realized that I had cheated myself out of a theatrical production that, to this day, has me tapping my feet to the "Time Warp," again and again.

After the initial instructions to the audience from Theatre Brookhaven Director Darise Error, the orchestra came to life, building the audience up with hope and anticipation for the start of the play. The Usherette (Mary Gilbreath Grim, who also doubled as Magenta) established the B-movie motif with the theme song, "Science Fiction / Double Feature."

Soon thereafter, the audience met the two main characters, Brad and Janet (Jade Terrell and Sally Armstrong). At this point my lack of experience left me befuddled, as members of the audience began to shout epithets at them every time their names were mentioned.

The character of Frank N. Furter (Tom Roma) took me by surprise; not merely because of his unique costumes, but because of his voice and ability to deliver the character through the entire play. As the “Sweet Transvestite,” Roma brought Frank N. Furter so colorfully to life that he could not have been better cast to play the protagonist. While visiting with Guerra-West I learned that this was Roma's first musical. His confidence and ability to command the stage made it difficult to convince me of this.

In addition to learning their acting and singing parts, each actor’s role challenged other talents, as well. Jayden Russell, as Columbia, had a small tap-dance solo during the "Time Warp." Her tap dancing was not only on point (no pun intended), but also perfectly timed. Riff-Raff (Daniel Hernandez) dazzled the audience with his smooth voice, wit, and funny facial expressions.

The title character, Rocky, performed by Jake Bullock, might have been the most difficult character to play, not least because of his costume (or lack thereof); however, this obviously did not hinder Bullock, who portrayed his role with complete confidence. The Phantoms’ mesmerizing

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background chorus perfectly accompanied Roma’s rich, baritone voice.

The second act showcased Mountain View’s own Martin Guerra-West as Brad and Janet’s friend, Dr. Everett Scott. Dr. Scott’s song, "Eddie," created a musical crescendo to challenge the imagination; even though his character was in a wheelchair, the audience concentrated on his singing and his ability to completely change his accent.

Another highlight of the second act comes near the end, when Frank N. Furter sings the plaintive, "I’m Going Home." The lyrics of this song add to the poignant ending, as they foreshadow Frank’s death. Since seeing the play, I have listened to the soundtrack many times. There is something about "I’m Going Home" that humbles me. After the dramatic climax, The Usherette closed the show with a reprise of the “Science Fiction / Double Feature” theme.

This production displayed a vivid depiction of the plot and fantastic imagery in the background to carry the audience into a land of mystery, seduction, and discovery. The main characters dominated the stage at all times and captivated the audience. The supporting cast shone brightly throughout, proving that every role is critical to the story. The characters were brilliantly cast, and the story could not have been better told. Guerra-West declared that “There was not one weak link in the entire cast," and I agree with him.

After enjoying the spectacle of Brookhaven's "Rocky Horror Show," I am going to seek out more plays because my eyes have once again been opened to the excitement of live performances. Thank you to the cast of the Rocky Horror Show, thank you to Brookhaven College, and thank you to Martin for the invitation.

Remember that Mountain View College has its very own theater department, ably led by Amy Jackson. See the schedule below for upcoming performances and other important dates.

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MVC Suggests top 10 Anime to watch

By Megan Medina

Do you love to watch anime, but are confused about what to watch next? Or, are you a novice just starting to get into the world of anime? This list offers some suggestions on what anime to view next, for both experts and novices, from Shonen (a genre of anime that usually contains a lot of action and strong male leads), to psychological thrillers, and space-westerns.

10) Death Note

Light Yagami finds himself disgusted with the high amount of crime in the city. One day he finds the “Death Note,” a notebook that allows him to kill anyone by writing their names in it while picturing their face. Light resolves to act as “god” of a new world without criminals, along with the Death God Ryuk, the original owner of the book. L, a detective, begins to play a game of cat-and-mouse to bring Light to justice for the killings. This psychological thriller is suspenseful and one of the most well-known anime among fans.

9) Cowboy Bebop

If you’re looking for an action-packed space western anime, then Cowboy Bebop is a great anime for everyone to see, expert or beginner. The Bebop crew is a ragtag team of intergalactic bounty hunters chasing down criminals for cold hard cash. Spike Speigel is an exiled member of the Red Dragon Syndicate and leader of the Bebop crew with his partner Jet Black, a former Inter Solar System Police officer. The crew gets into some crazy mishaps that threaten to make them go broke and face ghosts from their pasts. Cowboy Bebop will leave you on the edge of your seat and wondering what will happen next.

8) Fruits Basket

This fantasy, reverse-harem, comedy anime brings together an orphan girl and an entire family cursed by the Chinese Zodiac. Tohru Honda is an orphaned high school girl who decides to live in a tent in the woods...
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while her grandfather’s house is under construction. One day, she is invited to live in the home of Yuki, Kyo, and Shigure, where she accidentally discovers the Sohma family’s curse: if any of the Sohmas come into contact with the opposite gender or become stressed, they will turn into their respective zodiac animal. Tohru promises to not tell anyone about their secret and the Sohmas allow her to continue living with them. As the story continues, Tohru helps many members of the Sohma family with their curse and becomes a positive influence on them. This anime is a must see for anyone who loves a funny, heartwarming story.

7) Black Cat

In the world of bounty hunters and underground crime organizations, none rule more than Chronos and their elite group of assassins called the Chronos Numbers. Number 13, Train Heartnet, a.k.a. Black Cat, is a top assassin for Chronos, who kills his targets without a second thought. One day, he meets a bounty hunter named Saya who makes him realize that he has a choice whether to kill or not. However, their friendship is short-lived when Creed, another Chronos Number member, takes Saya’s life. Train Heartnet, with help from Sven and Eve, now seeks vengeance against Chronos and Creed. Black Cat is filled with action and hilarious moments that make this series a good choice for new anime watchers.

6) Sword Art Online

Sword Art Online is a game within the anime that lets players control their avatars with Nerve Gear technology. One day the players discover they have been trapped by the creator and cannot log out unless they reach the 100th floor. If any player should die in the game, they die in real life. Kirito is a former solo player who ends up on the front lines alongside his friend and love interest, Asuna, as they work to free everyone. This fantasy shonen has amazing fight scenes, comedy, and moments that will both melt and break our hearts. The fight to escape Sword Art Online starts now.

5) Luck and Logic

The year is L.C. 922, and mankind faces an epidemic of ungodly proportions. After a hundred-year war in the mythical world of Tetra-Heaven, the losing demon gods sought shelter in the human world. A special team of people called Logicalists can “fuse” with the goddesses from Tetra-heaven to combat the demons. The main protagonist, Yoshichika, is a former logicist who lost his logic card many years ago in a fight with a demon in Tokyo. One day, his card is returned by the goddess Athena who becomes his partner to help defend the human world. This new mythical, action anime is definitely worth the watch.

4) Snow White with the Red Hair

“This is it, my own path. It’s my story.” Shirayuki is a skilled herbalist who lives in Tanbarun and is blessed with beautiful red hair. However, her unique hair catches the attention of a snobbish prince who wants her as his wife. Instead of agreeing to marry the prince, she cuts her long red hair, leaving it behind, and flees her home to escape him. Not long after this, she meets the Second Prince of Clarines, Zen Wistalia, and his two aides, Mistuhide and Kiki. Zen and Shirayuki grow closer as the story unfolds, but will his royal status force them apart, or does true love really conquer all? This new anime has action, romance, and comedy; a wonderful series that everyone can enjoy.

3) Rurouni Kenshin (Samurai X)

Japan is in the aftermath of a long and terrible civil war, and is experiencing an unrestful peace and renewal in the Meiji Era. Many of the swordsmen who fought in the war lie in the shadows, waiting to exact their vengeance. Kenshin Himura is a former government assassin who gave up his life as “Battousai the Man Slayer” to become a wanderer until he comes across the Kamiya Dojo and gets a chance to start his life over and to protect the people of Japan. This classic 1994 anime is an excellent combination of action and romance and is a pleasure to watch.

2) Soul Eater

When monsters and ghouls threaten the lives of innocent souls, it’s up to the students of Death Weapon Meister Academy to defend them. DWMA Meister, Maka Albarn, uses her weapon, Soul Eater Evans, who can turn into a scythe which Maka can effortlessly wield. They work alongside other DWMA pairs to stop the evil threatening Death City and those who inhabit it. This shonen anime has action, comedy, and Lord Death himself. This should be a definite watch for anyone who wants to see an anime that strays from the norm when it comes to its art and style.

1) Fairy Tail

Dragons, mages, and magic: these are some of the wonders that make this shonen adventure a must-see. Fairy Tail follows Lucy Heartfilla as she seeks to join the most notorious guild in Fiore, Fairy Tail. During her travels, she encounters trouble and is helped by Fairy Tail mage Natsu Dragneel, who invites her to join the Fairy Tail guild. Join Lucy, Natsu, and the rest of Fairy Tail as they journey on various missions and adventures.
Student Life

TLP Speaks With MVC Police

By Colleen Harris

DALLAS—The Mountain View Police Department has the important job of keeping everyone on the whole campus safe. Sergeant Curtis Black is the head of the MVC Police Department, and he was kind enough to answer a few questions for The Lion’s Pride. Sgt. Black says, “interaction with other people” is the most important aspect of being a police officer at MVC.

The MVC police perform many important public safety tasks, such as “jump-starts for your vehicle [and] escorts to your vehicle upon request. We also handle the lost and found for the campus,” explains Sgt. Black. MVC is like a second home for some of the officers, such as Sgt. Angela Willie and Corporals Shonda Johnson and Sylvia Tobias, since they are former MVC graduates. “I know there are also other officers, including myself, who are taking or have taken classes here at Mountain View College,” Sgt. Black reflected.

Other officers go beyond their daily duties to perform outside tasks in the community. The Sergeant boasts of his staff, “Our department does interactive programs with Mary Bethune Elementary on occasion. Sgt. Gonzales has also done ‘Trunk or Treat’ at a local church the last couple of years.”

The recent tragedies at El Centro and North Lake campuses have

Yu-Gi-Oh! Trading Card Game Completely Redesigned, Introduces “Link Monsters”

By Matthew Cloyd

If you are currently playing the Yu-Gi-Oh trading card game or at the very least you are kept up to date on the current events then you might have come across the words “Link Monster” a few times. Link Monsters are the new type of monsters being added to the game.

Most new cards only make a few small changes to the game, but Link Monsters are completely redesigning the game itself. If you are a recent Yu-Gi-Oh player, then you would easily notice one thing: the game moves too fast. More adept players are capable of utilizing their cards and making strategies so complex that they can end the game in a few minutes, and it is all on account of the extra deck.

When Yu-Gi-Oh first came out, the extra deck was meant to be a simple extension, but now the game has changed so much over the years there isn’t really a deck that doesn’t rely on it.

Nearly every kind of deck type these days depends on the extra deck to function properly, but there’s a difference between depending on something and abusing it entirely.

Players use the extra deck to take complete control over the game and make it so the other player can’t do anything. With the players taking advantage of the extra deck so much, Konami had to think of a new way to slow down the game. Yu-Gi-Oh is meant to be fun and enjoyable, but it’s hard to have a fun game if you lose after the first few turns. Therefore, Konami devised a solution to help fix this problem in the form of Link Monsters.

Link Summoning is the new mechanism being added to the game in attempt to slow the game down. In order for players to use the extra deck properly, they need to fix their decks so they can work with the new Link Monsters.

Konami has altered the game mat, so there is now only one slot where you can place an extra deck monster called the Extra Deck Monster Zone. If you summon one of your extra deck monsters immediately to that zone then you have already used your slot and cannot play any more cards from that deck unless you use

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everyone in the District both heartbroken over the loss of life and concerned for their own safety. “I believe those events will make people more aware. In general, people do not think things like that can happen to them or in their environment,” cautioned Sgt. Black. The Mountain View police vow to do everything in their power to prevent similar tragedies.

Though there is no certain method to avoid such horrific events, the department works hard “educating and training our community on things to look for in someone who may need help. Noticing a friend or acquaintance who has unusual or erratic behavior, [is] despondent over a failing relationship, feels depression due to the loss of a loved one...should be reported. The police department is one place to turn, yet you can also report these to faculty or staff members of the college. They will contact the police department, Title IX Coordinator Regina Garner, or Counselor Dr. Jesse Gonzalez. Together, we have been educating the faculty and staff for some time now through various presentations. I am not sure how you can completely prevent something like what happened at our sister campuses,” advised Sgt. Black.

A police officer’s job is often tedious and stressful, and sometimes goes without recognition, but is an honorable vocation. Anyone interested in becoming a police officer should “first and foremost, get an education. This will help you to better communicate with people at all levels. Do not go into police work thinking you are going to save the world. Remember, being a police officer is about service and sacrifice for your fellow man. Being a police officer is a privilege, not to be taken lightly. In the event you do become a police officer, remember that you are human and not ‘super human.’ Finally, treat people with respect and listen to what they have to say,” recommended Sgt. Black.

The department holds frequent meetings or workshops to provide information and answer questions. “Every semester, the police department has ‘Conversations With A Cop,’ where we discuss relevant topics and have Q & As,” informed Sgt. Black.

If you need any of the services the MVC police offer, want to schedule a class orientation, or have questions for the police, Sgt. Black suggests they contact the police department at 214-860-8758 or email mvpolice@dccc.edu.

**The Lion's Pride**, on behalf of the entire Mountain View College community, thanks the MVC and DCCCD Police Departments for their tireless efforts and sacrifices in the performance of their duties.

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Link Monsters. Link Monsters allow the player to use the extra deck to its full capability without taking complete control of the game. If you want to take full advantage of the Extra Deck Monster Zone, then you need to summon a Link Monster first.

Link Monsters have their own unique abilities, but their most incredible feature is that they can extend the Extra Deck Monster Zone. Link monsters have special arrows on their cards called Link Markers. Each monster has a certain number of link markers, depending on the level of its link. For example, a Link Three monster would have three link markers. Each link marker points to a different sector of the main monster zone.

When a link monster’s marker points to one of the main monster zones, that zone becomes linked. When a main monster zone becomes linked, it connects the two monster zones together. This allows the player to summon more extra deck monsters to the newly formed linked zone. Link monsters are capable of slowing down the game without hindering the player’s strategies to such a degree that their decks become unplayable.

Link Monsters are an excellent addition to the Yu-Gi-Oh card game for several reasons. The most important reason, of course is that it slows down the game. Now players can take their time and enjoy themselves. The new mechanism also means players have to think about things that had never crossed their minds before, like where to put their monsters. If a player summons a basic monster to a linked zone, then they’ve wasted that zone. Players now need to be careful of what monsters they play, where they play them, and how they play them. Link monsters have completely changed the way players see the game. Now, link monsters have just been released, so we don’t know how well these new changes are going to work. Players are going to need to adjust their decks and make new strategies in order to compensate for these new mechanics.

It’s going to take a lot of time for people to get use to these new monsters, but that’s the way the game works. It’s always changing, so the players need to learn how to change, too.
Across
3. Students tend to run on this during finals.
5. What is the principals of the college called?
7. My ______ tend to be expensive.
9. 7.3 million ________ attend college.
11. I need ______ for my math class.
12. A four-year institution of higher education.
13. My professor always suggest to have college ruled ________ for class.

Down
1. You can get a great __________ by attending college.
2. Professors seem to give a lot of ________.
3. Dual-credit ________ can provide you with college credit during high school.
4. You can have up to four classes per __________.
6. Are you living on or off ______?
8. Talk to my advisor about my ______ plan.
10. I’m up all night ________ for finals.

Sudoku

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