



Regional Economic and Community College Summit Examines the Importance of 2-Year-Schools to State's Future

By Sally Garvey-Lumumba
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The first area Regional Economic and Community College Summit of 2011 held at Manchester Community College Jan. 14 revealed both the good and the bad of state's community colleges and their impact on its bruised economy.

The event, which was sponsored by the Rockville Bank Foundation, was a forum for state government officials, business representatives and community college leaders to discuss the importance of community college students in today's economy. More than 200 people came to the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium for the two-hour summit.

After a welcome from MCC President Gena Glickman, Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman stressed the need for more communication between community colleges and businesses. She also highlighted that a student that is a graduate of a community college or state university has an advantage when applying for a job.

"Eighty percent of our graduates of community colleges or CSU [a Connecticut State University] have jobs within months," she said.

But those jobs are often not those that can help the graduates rise to a better income bracket, said Mark Herzog, chancellor of the Connecticut Community College System. Herzog noted that for the first time this generation of students on average has a lower educational level than their parents.

"The education system is creating a generation of students who are less educated than their parents," he said. "That's a scary thing for the economy."



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Herzog explained that community colleges educate 50 percent of post-secondary students in the United States. He also offered interesting statistics about Connecticut's community college system, including the fact that though Connecticut is high on the list of states with the most college graduates in recent years it has fallen from number 1 to number 3 in that ranking.

But the state has taken steps to stop that decline, said David S. Baime, the Senior Vice President of Government Relations and Research at the American Association of Community Colleges, a lobbying organization for the 1200 community colleges in the U.S.

Moderator (in the chair) Sen. Gary D. LeBeau addresses the panel.

The panel from Left to Right:

Dr. Cathryn Addy, President Tunxis Community College

Colin Cooper, CEO/CFO Whitcraft Aerospace

Peter M. Gioia, Vice President and Economist, Connecticut Business and Industry Association

Theresa Janeczek, Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship and Business, Manchester Community College.

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Thomas Philips, President and CEO, Capital Workforce Partners

Craig Stevenson Manchester Community College class of '92, Consultant, South Windsor Economic Development Commission

Richard J. Trachimowicz, Executive Vice President, Rockville Bank

Baime, who was the first of two keynote speakers at the summit, praised State Rep. John Larson for proposing the Community College Emergency Stabilization Fund Act that would provide funds to hire and retain faculty. He also highlighted Larson's work to provide financial support for community colleges so they can provide staffed computer labs for community members.

Baime said there is less "social cohesion" in the U.S. as the economic divide continues to expand. He said community college students are critical in the creation of a healthy economy because they fill "middle skill jobs" which are 30 percent of all jobs in America. Middle skill jobs are those that require a certificate, extensive previous job skill or an associate's degree.

But getting more high school graduates to attend college is more than a matter of money. Baime offered the statistic that 82 percent of Connecticut high school graduates are not prepared for community college courses. Baime explained that the difficulty of the "open door" community college system is that students are often unprepared to take courses for credit when they arrive and fail to make it beyond remedial courses.

"Most students are not ready to do community college credit work toward their degree," he said, "while remedial students often don't make it in to credit bearing courses."

Students that do take even a few courses will make more money over their lifetimes than those that do not, statistics have shown. Students with some college earn 17 percent more than a high school graduate, while students with an associate's degree have 24 percent more earnings than a high school graduate over their

MCC Wins Three in a Row to Start New Year



Photo By Rich Carpenter

Sagay's Rebounding Leading the Way for 14-1 Cougars; Duncan-Clarke Assisting

By Paul Ofria
MCC Sports Information

Sophomore Ericka Sagay had at least 20 rebounds in three straight games as the Manchester Community College Women's basketball team opened 2011 with three straight victories.

The Cougars, who had 14 days off after a crushing defeat at home to Region 21 rival Roxbury Community College on Dec. 21, returned from the holiday break on Jan. 4 with a road win over Quinsigamond Community College and a pair of wins over Naval Academy Prep and Trois Rivieres (Quebec) at home.

Sagay averaged 22.6 points and 23 rebounds over the three games as the Cougars improved to 14-1.

The 14 wins are impressive, but the one loss could hold MCC back. The Cougars need to close the gap on Roxbury if they are to return to the national tournament. Roxbury beat MCC 112-57 in the much hyped December match-up and will be the clear favorite in this year's Region 21 tournament, which will be hosted by

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Pink For the Cause



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Pictured from left to right: MCC basketball player Rebeca VanGuilder; Britton; Komen representative Chelsea Fortier; MCC basketball player Callie Tambling and MCC athletic director Cynthia Washburne.

The Manchester Community College Women's Basketball Team and Fitness Department wore pink for the cause on Dec. 21 and raised \$410 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Connecticut Chapter.

The evening event started with a high energy hour of Zumba Fitness®, led by MCC's assistant director of fitness, Joanne Britton and other certified Zumba Fitness® instructors, followed by an NJCAA Region 21 matchup between no. 3 Manchester and no. 6 Roxbury Community College. The game was played in front of a standing room only crowd at the Great Path Academy gym. Roxbury (15-2) beat the previously undefeated Cougars 112-55.

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The second keynote address was by Dr. Steven P. Lanza a professor of economics at the University of Connecticut and the executive editor of "The Connecticut Economy: A University of Connecticut Quarterly Review."

Lanza focused on the economic framework of Connecticut, emphasizing the migration of young people out of the state. Perhaps Lanza phrased the theme of the conference best when he summed up the economic need for students educated to be members of the modern workforce.

"What we need is to train our kids for the jobs of the future and the jobs in need," he said. "That is the unique role community colleges play when we face these kinds of economic challenges."

During a panel moderated by State Sen. Gary D. LeBeau, who is a member of the Commerce Committee and the Senate Vice Chairman of the Education Committee, summit attendees heard from the business community.

Peter M. Gioia of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, Colin Cooper of Whitcraft Aerospace and Craig Stevenson of the South Windsor Economic Development Commission all stressed the need for outreach and company investment in community colleges. They explained the need for more company specific training, which would create programs to prepare students for the exact jobs a company would need.

Stevenson also said that the need for community colleges would increase. He argued that to prepare students for the workforce they must be taught how to think critically and have the ability to foster their own creativity and the ability to adapt to new realities facing them.

After a somewhat pessimistic program, the summit closed with a call to action by Dr. Wilfredo Nieves, the president of Capitol Community College. He said that this summit was simply the first in a number of steps to make Connecticut a better state and more competitive in the world economy.

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Roxbury at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston Feb. 26-27. The winner moves on to the NJCAA Division III National Championship Tournament in Rochester, Minn., March 10-12, where MCC finished fourth in the eight-team field a year ago.

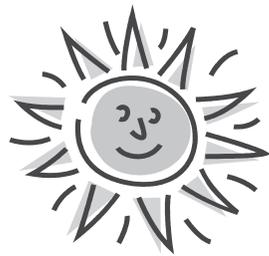
Coaches Robert Turner Jr. and Peter Harris, along with Katie MacVarish and Juan Cains are working on ways to slow Roxbury down and shrink the 57-point margin between the two teams. The Cougars have 12 games left over seven weeks to prepare for the tournament.

MCC's 2010-11 roster is dominated by tournament tested sophomores, starting with the 6'2" Sagay, who is one of eight players returning from last season's Region 21 championship team. Her former Bloomfield High teammate Shenielle Duncan-Clarke continues to lead all NJCAA Division III players with nine assists per game while Callie Tambling is averaging 14.8 points and playing a team-high 31 minutes per game. Tambling has 39 three-point baskets and 108 over 43 games at MCC.

Jazlynn Canino has emerged as a rebounding force (7.1 per game) and Tyra Brooks has been carrying the ball with authority while hitting big shots from the backcourt. The team's lone freshman, Elise Chase, is rapidly emerging as a key player, contributing 6.5 points and 4.1 rebounds in 15 games. Kate Gazdzicki, Rebeca VanGuilder and Kasiana Goodman have provided depth off the bench.

The Cougars, who are averaging 81.3 points per game while yielding just 42.6, have two home games left in January – Lincoln College on Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. and Dean College on Jan. 29. There are five home games scheduled for February. All home games are played in the gymnasium in Great Path Academy. To view the team schedule visit www.mcc.commnet.edu/athletics/wbasketball.php#schedule.

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Peace and Conflict Lead to Award for MCC Professor

By Susan Garvey
Live Wire Staff Writer

Bolton resident Diana Hossain, a professor of English as a Second Language and Spanish at Manchester Community College, has been selected to receive the MCC Educational Excellence and Distinguished Service Award for 2010.

The Award is given annually to a full-time faculty or staff member with 10 years of service. Faculty and staff can apply or be nominated by their colleagues.

Hossain was recognized for her work on peace and conflict issues. This is Hossain's third year teaching "Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies" at MCC and she said she hopes to continue teaching it until she retires. She was awarded a fellowship to Yale University in New Haven in 2007 where she devised the curriculum after noting with surprise that there was no such course at any of Connecticut's 12 community colleges.

"Given the fact that community colleges have the most diverse student body of all the higher learning environments, it seemed the ideal place for such a course, even if it was just a survey course to begin talking about the issues," she said.

It took her a year to actually develop what she termed the "nuts and bolts" of the course and when it was presented to the curriculum committee here at MCC it was approved enthusiastically.

Hossain said that she is not naïve and that she knows that there are a lot of reasons why students initially sign up for her class, including the fact that they just need a humanities class to graduate or it is the only thing that will fit into their schedule. The students come to her class with a wide range of opinions as to peace and conflict, she said, but that's fine since "who would want to be in a class where everyone shared the same opinion."

To keep things interesting, students say Hossain has invited a variety of speakers to come to talk to class, including veteran Aaron Jones, a former MCC student and one of the founders of the OASIS, the on-campus center for MCC veterans in the Lowe building. Jones shared his graphic experiences of war and also the ups and downs of adjusting to civilian life after the military. Another speaker was a Jesuit priest who talked about the Augustinian Just War theory and how it was developed to help the originally pacifist Catholic Church justify its participation in the conquests of the Roman Empire. Another speaker had been a union advocate and shared information about the dangers that we in Connecticut face living just down river from the



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old and perhaps leaky Millstone Nuclear Power Plant in Vermont.

"I hope the class will help students to connect the dots about these issues as well as issues including environmental and ecological sustainability, disarmament, world government and negative and positive peace," said Hossain.

Hossain said she finds that when she asks students to evaluate not only the class but also themselves at the end of the semester that they were pleasantly surprised that they had gotten so much out of the course. They also actually learned how to use nonviolence as a strategy to solve conflicts in their everyday lives and in their per-

sonal relationships.

After taking a seminar on nonviolence based on the teachings of Martin Luther King this past summer, Hossain said she devoted more time to the techniques of conflict resolution and in the future she hopes to develop a separate class on conflict resolution techniques.

Besides teaching, Hossain said she has four great passions: her husband, her two sons and cooking.



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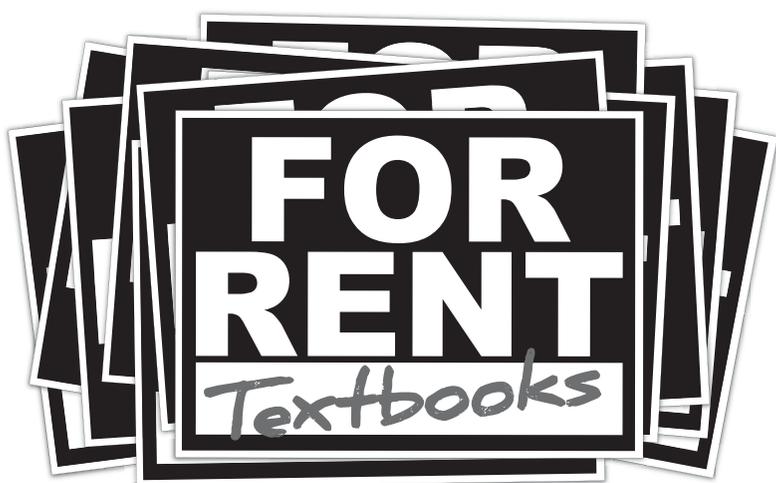
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Meet an MCC Graduate: Christopher “Hutch” Hutchinson

By Samson Hampton
Live Wire Assistant Editor

Christopher “Hutch” Hutchinson, 27, is a former Manchester Community College student who ran for Congress in Connecticut’s First Congressional District. He ran as a candidate for the Socialist Action Party. Hutchinson received 976 votes in the Nov. 2 election, losing to incumbent Democrat John Larson. Hutchinson talked recently about his views and why he ran.

Where did you grow up?

Newington

Where do you currently live?

Hartford

What do you do for work?

I am an art teacher.

Where did you go to high school?

Newington High School.

Where did you go to college?

I attended Central Connecticut State University and MCC.

When you were at MCC were you active in any activities?

Not officially, but I would always hand out fliers on campus for anti-war or socialist forums.

Has the campus changed since you went here?

Well, the campus has been less than amicable to our campaign for congress. The administration used the campus police to harass our volunteers and denied us access to hand out campaign information on campus.

How did you get involved in politics?

Shortly after the invasion of Afghanistan, I went to my first anti-war rally and march in Washington, D.C. I was 19 at the time and didn’t buy into the governments reasons for invading Afghanistan. The wars and occupations continue today because big business in the U.S. needs control of the resources of those countries in order to maintain profits. Our campaign says “Bring all troops home now from Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Haiti, Yemen, and everywhere else in the world. Close all military bases. Cut all aid

and political ties to Apartheid Israel. No blood for oil.”

How did you find socialism?

I joined the Socialist Action Party in 2006 during the immigrant rights marches that brought millions of undocumented workers into the streets demanding their basic human rights like decent working conditions and a livable wage.

What made you run for Congress?

I’m fed up with the wars and occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the bank bailouts, layoffs, and low wages. We also pose an independent alternative for workers other than Glenn Beck and the racist Tea Party.

What is Socialist Action?

Socialist Action is a group of revolutionary socialists committed to the emancipation of working and oppressed people everywhere! We are active in the labor, anti-war, human rights, student, women’s, Black and Chicano liberation, queer and all other social movements that challenge the injustices of capitalism and organize people to stand up and fight in their own interests. We’ve set up this website – www.SocialistAction.org - to introduce you to our organization and the struggles we support. We welcome any questions or feedback you may have and, if you like what you see here, we invite you to contact us about how to join.

How did you get ballot status?

We gathered nearly 6,000 signatures in the first district. It was a great summer of talking socialism with many working people who are looking for a serious alternative to the two party system.

If you had to pick three hot button issues that are most important to you what would they be?

1. Establish a mass jobs program; Create full employment by reducing the work week while increasing pay and spreading out the available work.
2. Amnesty and equal rights for all immigrant workers



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and students regardless of immigration status. End the raids, E-verify and all attacks on immigrants. No guest-worker program. No militarization of the border.

3. End all military and military-related spending. Use the money saved towards a massive jobs program designed to combat the climate crisis and make an environmentally healthy and sustainable economy. And spend billions to care for veterans returning from war.

If you have one political inspiration past or present who would it be? Well there are four:

Che Guevara, Malcolm X, Leon Trotsky, and Celia Hart.

Get involved now! Get involved in a movement you feel a connection with for example, anti-war, LGBT, immigrant rights, etc. Students and younger workers can also join our youth organization, Youth for Socialist Action. You can email me to find out more info: Christopher.hutch@gmail.com

At different public events you speak of a “Revolution.” What is this Revolution you speak of?

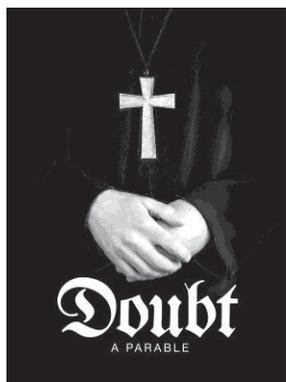
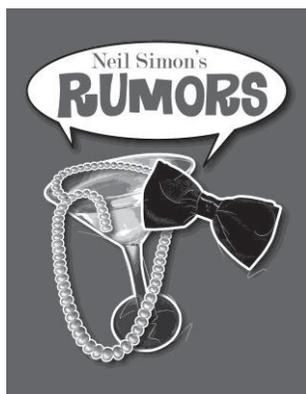
The revolution I speak of will put the masses of workers and students in power. Workers create all of the wealth, why shouldn’t we decide how it is used? Our campaign says place the largest banks and corporations under public ownership and worker’s control and then we can organize worker’s committees to direct investment and production towards human needs instead of profit.

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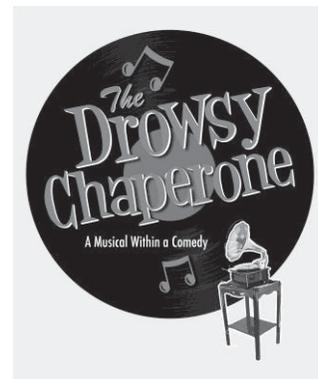
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Co-ops Offer Opportunities that Often Lead to Jobs



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By Bokyung Choi
Special to the Live Wire

Since 1992, the Cooperative Education Program at Manchester Community College has provided students with opportunities for on-the-job learning experience. Only a handful of schools in Connecticut, and only three of the 12 community colleges offer cooperative education programs. MCC Co-Op students have earned more than \$4 million through their Co-Op jobs but no price can be placed on the amount of life experience gained.

To help them reach their career goals, students are placed in government agencies, small, medium and large businesses and charitable organizations.

Most students appreciate that the Co-Op offers a chance to see what their career choice is really like. Also, many students who hold paid positions and some students who intern are offered long-term employment at the end of their work obligation.

Jorge Chuquihuanca, who is majoring in Graphic Design, has been working at a local small company called Ajar Communications.

“So far, it’s going great and it’s really a place full of creative minds working towards accomplishing the tasks that clients have hired us to fulfill,” he said. “Through the program, I have been given the opportunity to work with a graphic designer and experience what it is like to work in the field I hope to be going into one day.”

Chuquihuanca said he plans to transfer to a four-year college after MCC. After he graduates with his bachelor’s degree, he said, his internship will be a great advantage for when he applies for jobs because not only will he have a degree, but he will also have work experience.

Students who have completed co-ops in college generally earn higher starting salaries after graduation and have a better track record of finding employment in their field than non-co-op students. In addition, many companies now have unofficial hiring policies in place that grant interviews only to students who have completed an undergraduate internship or co-op.

Many students report a substantial increase in their overall feelings of self confidence and self esteem during the internship program.

Myonghee Cho, a sophomore student at MCC, had an internship as a baker in the Hospitality Storeroom for the spring semester. “I felt my self-confidence increase throughout the year,” she said. “My supervisor often appreciated my work, and I became confident in my own ability as I learned more about the job and all the policies and procedures of the department.”

As an international student, Cho said, she had a great chance to improve her own ability and to establish a good relationship with her employees through the co-op program.

Robert Henderson, the Director of Cooperative Education, said that an internship program can be a life-changing experience.

“Some of the students call it ‘super-school’ because it’s such an intense learning experience,” he said. “The expectations are really high and you need to be on your best game to be successful.”

But for the students who work hard at it, the pay-off can be enormous. About a third of the students in the program get offered long term employment at their internship sites and make that first important step into the transition to professional employment.

Most co-op employers thought that student performance was outstanding, and substantially exceeded expectations, and met all performance standards. According to a recent survey conducted by the co-op office, 82 percent of co-op employers would offer students long term employment if it was available.

Some people are already working in their field and want to use their job as their internship site. The co-op program has a system where they can make this work. The student would have to talk with their supervisor and identify some additional responsibilities or special projects that they can take on during the window of time that they are using their job as their co-op, said Henderson. About 10 percent of the students in the program chose this option. They got the benefit of the class component of the program, and the co-op had several students actually get promoted as a result of this because their employers appreciated their initiative in asking for more responsibility.

The biggest single factor in finding a good placement is how early you start working with the co-op office. If you start the process in the middle of the semester prior to your co-op, you greatly improve your chances of being selected for the internship you want.

For more information, contact Robert A. Henderson, the Director of Cooperative Education at (860) 512-3371.

Well Hung: The Winter Arts Festival Shows the Best of MCC Artists



Photo by Sally Garvey

A self-portrait of MCC student Mariclaire Cole shown during the Winter Arts Festival.

By Sally Garvey-Lumumba
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The Annual Winter Arts Festival showcased the work of Manchester Community College students on the evening of Dec. 17. The exhibition jam-packed the Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery with paintings, pottery, sculptures and sketches by MCC students together with food from Culinary Arts and singing from Performing Arts.

Students from Fall 2010 art courses including drawing, ceramics, oil painting and 3D design created much of the work in the exhibit, which overflowed the gallery confines, and spilled into the corridor. The exhibit was flawlessly assembled; the hodgepodge of artistic styles easily complemented each other. The exhibit ran through Jan. 19, and while the pieces in the Gallery can no longer be viewed, many of the pieces debuted at the festival can be seen in the AST hallway outside the Gallery and through other main corridors in the AST.

The Newspace Gallery is a great place for students and other to show their hard work and a great place to see new and unique art. The gallery also shows very diverse exhibits including traditional and new medium creations, like film displays. Thanks to the Newspace gallery, students at MCC get a real miniature museum at their fingertips. If you have time to spare or a whim to be an art connoisseur give Newspace a chance.

A new exhibit will open at the Gallery Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. and feature works of art by MCC fine arts faculty. The opening reception will include a panel discussion in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium.

For more information contact gallery Curator/Director Susan Classen-Sullivan at sclassen-sullivan@mcc.commnet.edu or 860-512-2693.



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One of the many works on display at the Winter Arts Festival was this painted pottery piece by Meghan Westbrook.

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By Samson Hampton
Live Wire Assistant Editor

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Compiled by Alex Obert

1. "Life is like a confused teacher, first she gives the test and then teaches the lesson." – Drake (actor/rapper)
2. "You, me, or nobody is going to hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard ya get hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward." – Rocky Balboa (film character/boxer)
3. "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did." – Unknown
4. "Be yourself, everybody else is already taken." – Oscar Wilde (writer)
5. "Every experience feeds ideas." – David Lynch (filmmaker)



Krystian Tkaczewski rehearses on stage in an empty concert hall in preparation for an upcoming concert.

THE WINNER
by Joanna Ramocka



Hands and keys are reflected in the highly polished finish of this Yamaha baby grand piano.



Tkaczewski's selection rests on the piano during a break in his practice schedule.

Krystian Tkaczewski was born in 1980 in Tarnow, Poland to an accomplished musical family. He began studying piano at age 7 as a student of the Paderewski Music School in Poland. From 1995 to 2000, he was a student of Chopin Music College in Warsaw. In 2000, he studied with Olga Rusina of Wroclaw. Krystian is now pursuing his piano career in both Europe and the U.S. and in 2004 he received his masters from the Academy. He is currently studying at the Hart School of Music at the University of Hartford.

Krystian believes he was destined to play the piano. "I was born into a family with a very long musical heritage. Even my name Krystian was adapted from the superb pianist Krystian Zimmerman. It was my mother's dream for me to become a concert pianist and I owe it all to her," he said.

When Krystian begins to practice, he always focuses on what he needs to understand about the music as much as possible. "I strongly avoid practicing mechanically, if possible. I try to understand the entire structure as well as the form and style of the music as a whole," he said.

Krystian loves to dazzle the audience with his technical skills but believes that bringing out the deep personality using a variety of color and expression to decorate the music is most important to him.

But music is not all that Krystian is all about. He has extensive interests in sports, politics and other art forms. He loves to visit galleries around the world when he performs in other countries.

Currently Krystian is organizing and performing the second annual Chopin Festival that will take place in Hartford in February. The competition is open to performers 18 and younger and will help young pianists to succeed.

It was the show before the show. While an audience of students and faculty filled the auditorium out front, the best seat in the house could be found backstage, behind the scenes of MCC's third annual drag show on Thursday November 18. The show was hosted by Pride Club, with proceeds in support of the charity True Colors.

"We are showing the faculty, staff and students that there are a lot of creative ways the LGBTQ community can connect," says Pride Club president Avalon Quental. "I also believe it helps the aforementioned people broaden their horizons and experience new things."

Members of the audience were treated to performances by four drag queens and one drag king, MCC student Samson Hampton's alter ego Paxton. The queens—Holly Pock-it, Milan Sheraton and mistress of ceremonies, Harlette LeFleur lip-synched and danced to a variety of musical offerings from contemporary artists such as Katy Perry and Taio Cruz, in addition to two memorable renditions of Barbra Streisand's "Don't Rain on My Parade" from the Broadway musical Funny Girl.

The standout performer of the night was Chastity, whose live covers of "Song for the Lonely", "Dove L'amore" and "We All Sleep Alone" were worthy tributes to their originator, Cher. During one performance, Chastity came out in an oversized, feathered headdress that would make Bob Mackie proud.

LADY
by Ysann



Chastity completes her look with the application of mascara to fake lashes.





Skateboard fans work out their routines in front of the Eight-sixty Skate shop, a small store on Park Road in West Hartford that specializes only in skateboards.



Jami Dolce, the owner of Eightsixty Skate shop in West Hartford, discusses some skateboard components with some of his young customers.

EIGHTSIXTY SKATE by Heather Corrigan



Jami Dolce sits at his computer, hat backwards with Motorhead blasting over the speakers as he puts together an order for skateboard decks. Staring at the screen, he looks at each board, commenting on which ones are junk, the ones he would never bring into his shop. Jami is the owner of Eightsixty Skate shop, a small store on Park Road in West Hartford that specializes only in skateboards and apparel. Inside the small building, the feel is casual and intimate. There is a blue couch next to the front door for his young customers to hang out and watch skating videos on the flat-screen TV. Jami's open door policy is well known among the crowd that frequents the shop after school lets out. They know they are welcome to stop in, use his tools to tighten and tune their boards and get some advice about tricks or equipment.

Skating since he was thirteen, Jami was on the professional circuit for a number of years starting when he was in high school. Now in his early thirties with two children, Jami decided it was time to give the kids of West Hartford a place to get good, reasonably priced equipment and share their love of skating.

Word of mouth has been the best form of advertising for Eightsixty. Opening in late September, Jami was unsure how successful his grand opening would be but was surprised and excited to find kids bating down his door to get in. Jami estimates he had about 150 kids come through the shop. On most days, after three, there are skaters watching videos on the blue couch and often an impromptu skating competition outside.

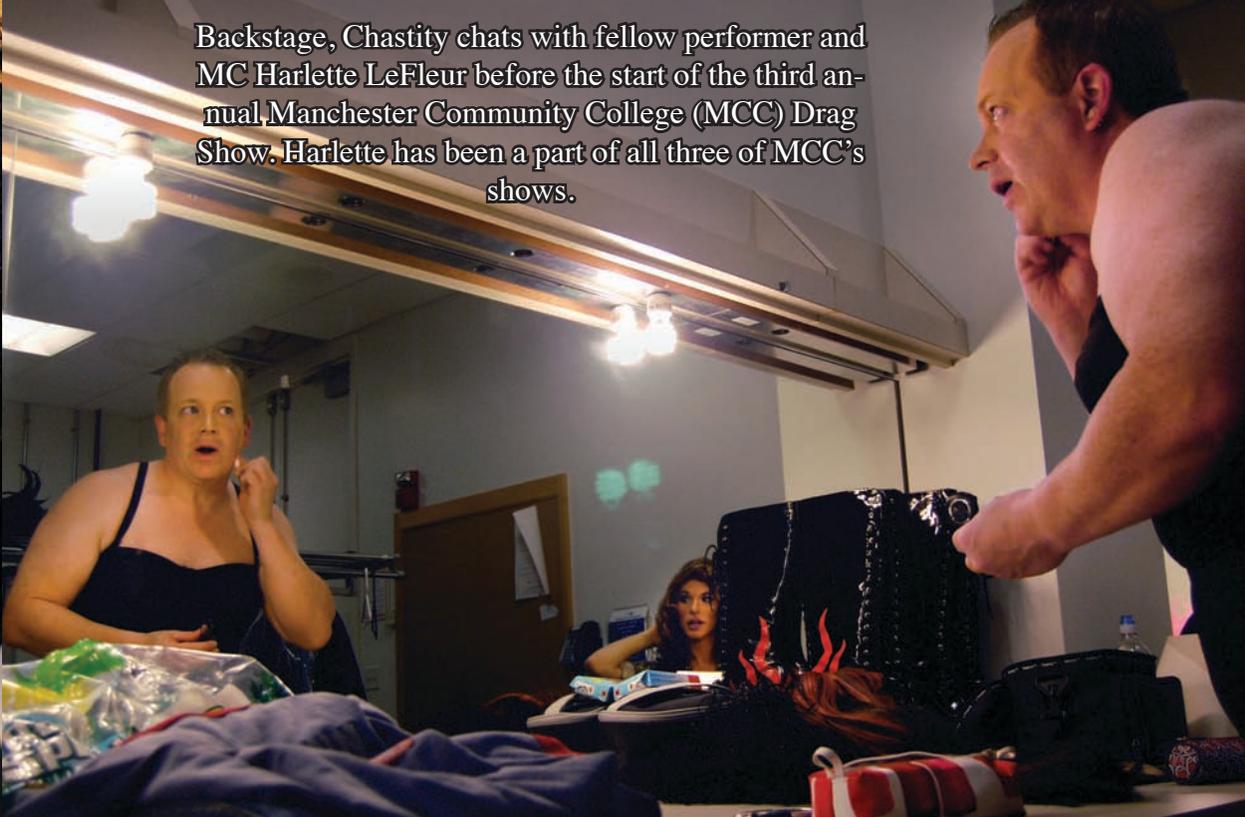
Jami, a West Hartford native, knows exactly what the kids in his town are going through because they have nowhere to skate. There is no skate park in town and it is not uncommon to pick up a ticket from the local police. Jami has come up with a plan to raise money to build a skate park in town and is working to make it happen. He made a call to the Tony Hawke Foundation, owned by the iconic skater, who has funded at least one skate park in every state in the country, except Connecticut and they are showing interest in the project. Thrasher, a skateboarding magazine, seems to think Jami is something special too. Eightsixty has been awarded Skate shop of the Month for February and will get a spread in the magazine. Not too bad for a shop that has only been open for less than three months.

Leopard print peep-toe heels and studded corsets—think Madonna circa 1990s Vogue—were just a few of the standout pieces the queens had in their beauty bags, in addition to the requisite false lashes and colorful wigs.

Throughout the program, the audience was educated, as well as entertained, regarding Pride Club activities and the nonprofit, True Colors Inc, Sexual Minority Youth and Family Service of CT. Started in 1992, by Robin Mchaelen at the UCONN School of Social Work, it serves as a resource for at-risk lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender youth. Its mission, according to its website is “to improve and enrich the lives of sexual minority people through support, education and advocacy in each of the systems necessary to their development as full and productive members of society.” In addition, one of its key programs is “the Safe Harbors Project, designed to identify and resolve gaps in services for LGBT youth in Child Welfare. The project now includes training, foster parent recruitment, a state-wide task force, and with start-up funding provided by the Connecticut Health Foundation, Connecticut’s first LGBT mentoring program.”

*All projects were created in Stephen Dunn’s Intro to Photojournalism class.

LIKE Harper



Backstage, Chastity chats with fellow performer and MC Harlette LeFleur before the start of the third annual Manchester Community College (MCC) Drag Show. Harlette has been a part of all three of MCC’s shows.

Tough Customer Will Blow You Away

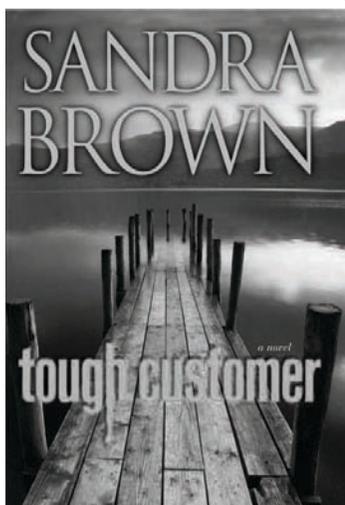


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By Rhonda Ransom
Live Wire Staff Writer

Tough Customer by Sandra Brown will keep your heart-racing and on the edge of your seat wondering whether Dodge Hanley will catch the stalker. Will Caroline and Dodge get back together after 30 years? Brown certainly knows how to write an excellent mystery/thriller that will keep you guessing to the very end. I couldn't put the book down.

Brown is a #1 New York Times best-selling author of more than a dozen novels. She has written *Rainwater*, *Smash Cut*, *Smoke Screen*, and *Play Dirty*, just to name a few. Brown's to-the-point style makes the novel an easy and interesting read.

Tough Customer is about Dodge Hanley, a private investigator, who doesn't let rules get in his way whether he's breaking a heart or bending the law with no hesitation no apology. After 30 years, though, Caroline, the love of his life, still haunts his dreams. Then Caroline calls him in the middle of the night, asking for help when a stalker attempts murder their daughter, who he has never met. But he reluctantly goes to Houston anyway so he can meet her. While there, he later teams up with deputy sheriff Ski Nyland.

Brown reveals that Dodge has a guilty conscience: in 1978, Dodge beat up Caroline's fiancé when he thought the man had assaulted her.

The first time Dodge meets up with Caroline after so many years he is astonished by how beautiful she still is and wants to talk about their daughter, Berry. Caroline's husband is now deceased, which leaves the way for romance to blossom, if Caroline and Dodge still care about each other.

What makes this novel an excellent read is it is contemporary. If you read any mystery/thriller novels they're very similar. For example, the author tells you where the story takes place, the time frame and the crime incident at the beginning of the book then sets out to tell the story of how it all happened in detail. But authors add their own style and twists.

To me, Brown is more of a serious mystery/thriller writer than, for example, Janet Evanovich, whose books I have also read.

I wish the author would make Dodge more sympathetic towards people because he is a private investigator and he doesn't care whether he is breaking a heart or the law. *Tough Customer* also has some racy language that may not be appropriate for all.

But the book is an excellent read that puts you on the edge of your seat. I'm going to read another book by Sandra Brown.

Dancing Made Dangerous

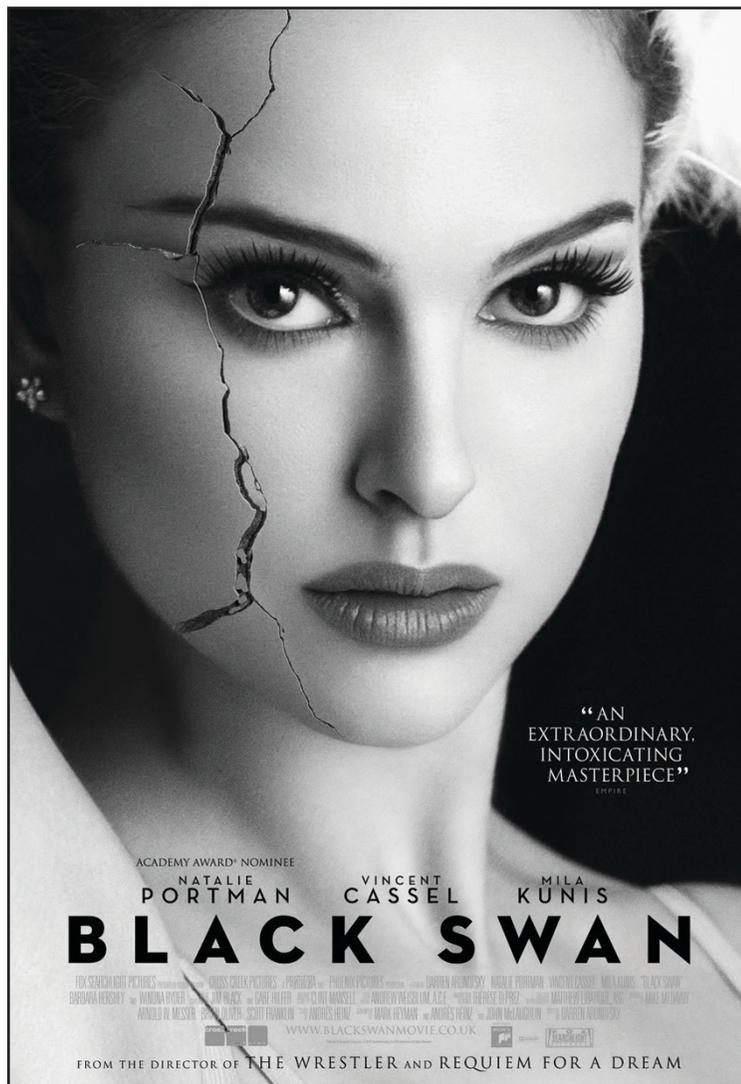


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By Sally Garvey-Lumumba
Live Wire Staff Writer

Black Swan is a stunning psychological drama that deserves its critical acclaim.

The story unfolds around Nina, played by Natalie Portman, a ballerina who discovers that the most difficult part of success is not becoming the best but remaining so. The movie follows Nina as she strives for her one goal: perfection.

Her already fragile life is put under more strain when she is cast as the Swan Queen in Tchaikovsky's legendary ballet "Swan Lake." While preparing for the part Nina meets Lily, played by Mila Kunis, a fellow ballerina who also wants the coveted role. While introducing us to Nina the film also offers both the gritty and gilded sides of ballet.

As ballerinas Kunis, Portman, as well as Winona Ryder, who plays Beth Macintyre, dance the line between chilling and believable with ease. *Black Swan* is rated "R" for good reason. It has strong sexual and dramatic elements; genteel or squeamish audience members might look away when the film hits its fever pitch and at Nina's attempts to unleash her seductive side.

The film has been nominated for both Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards, including Best Picture, Best Actress for Portman, Best Supporting Actress for Kunis, and Best Director for Darren Aronofsky.

Aronofsky, who also directed *Pi* and *Requiem for a Dream*, adds cinematic tension while never over-powering Portman's performance, which is wonderful to watch. It would be very surprising if the cast of *Black Swan* doesn't get some recognition during the 2011 awards season.

Walking out of the theater it's impossible to not feel as though your very psyche has been tested and perhaps even irrevocably twisted. *Black Swan* is a film worth seeing, and like any good ballet it keeps you enthralled even as the house lights come up.

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The Top 10 Moments in Sports in 2010



By Dan Dobbyn
Live Wire Sports Writer



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2010 had its iconic moments here and around the world. Many firsts came to pass, and many constants were broken. There are plays that will be forever frozen in time, and events that we'll be talking about for years to come.

1. Tracy Porter's Pick-6 wins New Orleans their first Super Bowl

Hard to argue a team winning their cities' first professional sports championship ever as number 1 here, right? This play will define Saints cornerback Tracy Porter's career and New Orleans Saints football forever.

With 3:12 left in the 4th quarter, Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts have the ball while trailing the Saints 24-17, and are marching towards the end zone with a tie game in their sights. That is until Porter jumps in front of Colts receiver Reggie Wayne and intercepts Manning's pass, and returns it all the way for the touchdown. The game would end with a score of 31-17.

Porter claimed that he knew to jump the route on that play. He claimed he knew what Manning was going to do, and pounced on it. Whether it was film study, an epiphany before the play, or a lucky guess, Porter made a play that will make him a hero of a city forever. A hero who, like every other denizen of New Orleans (not including the Mannings), didn't stop partying until training camp started.

Other 2010 NFL News

- Cardinals QB Kurt Warner retires with the three best performances in Super Bowl history for passing yards, becoming a shoe-in for the Hall of Fame
- Eagles QB Michael Vick rises from the ashes of obscurity to become a league MVP candidate

- The NFL cracks down on helmet-to-helmet hits, including 4 fines for Steelers linebacker James Harrison for a total of \$100,000

2. Armando Galarraga's 28-out perfect game

It was the year of the pitcher. No one in either league could be hit upon. Strikeout speed records were broken, the all-time saves leader went over 600, and Yankees third basemen Alex Rodriguez was demanded to get off Oakland Athletics pitcher Dallas Braden's mound. Justifiably so, Braden would pitch one of the 6 no-hitters and the 2nd of 2 perfect games in the 2010 season following the incident.

However, the perfect game that really defined this season in Major League baseball will not be going into the record books. Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga was 1 out away from the 21st perfect game in major league history when he caught the throw to after an infield grounder. He was a full step ahead of the runner when the ball hit his glove. The runner was called safe.

Umpire Jim Joyce, after being cussed out of Comerica Park twice by Tigers manager Jim Leyland, admitted after seeing the replay that he blew the call. He apologized multiple times, once in tears, to Galarraga after blowing his perfect game. Not once did Galarraga scorn the man for only being human. He told Joyce it was alright, and shook his hand. Although the MLB decided not to overturn the call and award Galarraga his perfect game, this will go down as one of the great acts in American sportsmanship, the likes of which we don't see too often nowadays.

Other 2010 MLB News

- The San Francisco Giants end a 57-year championship drought as a franchise by winning their first world series since moving from New York
- 6 total no-hitters are pitched in "the year of the pitcher," including Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay's playoff no-hitter, the 2nd no-hitter in playoff history
- The New York Yankees lose to the Texas Rangers in the American League Championship Series, and both teams fail to sign current Phillies pitcher Cliff Lee

3. Duke and Butler Men's March Madness Final

In my opinion, this was the game of the year. After tuning in for the second half, I didn't get leave my television until the game was over. I didn't go get a drink, go to the bathroom, check any other stations on commercial breaks and rarely looked at the bottom of the screen for scores on ESPN's scroll.

It was close the whole way between Duke, the best NCAA men's program of the last 2 decades and Butler, the lowly mid-major with only 4,200 students.

In the end, it came down to a half-court heave toward the basket from Butler Forward Gordon Hayward for the win after Duke opted to miss a free throw intentionally to give Butler less time. It went off of the backboard, hit the front of the rim, and came out, thus ending one of the greatest games ever played in NCAA men's hoops.

Other 2010 Men's March Madness news

- UCONN and North Carolina miss March Madness
- Overall #1 seed Kansas eliminated by Northern Iowa and forward Ali Farokhmanesh's bold 3-pointer with 34 seconds left in the game
- Kentucky has all 5 of their starters drafted to the NBA in the first round, including Guard John Wall, who went #1 overall to the Washington Wizards

4. Canadian Sidney Crosby's overtime goal in the Men's Olympic hockey final vs. America

This was basically an attempt at redemption to the Canadians more than a shot at the gold medal. Certainly, with the tournament being held in Vancouver and the Americans being their only realistic competition, it looked like a shoe-in for the gold, right?. Oh, if it were only that simple.

Similar to the NFL, the Olympic hockey tournament has 12 teams, with four teams getting a bye in the first round. The Americans and Canadians were put in the same pool of play for tournament seeding, and America, led by goalie Ryan Miller, won their game against Canada.

With the Canadian faithful in full panic mode, their hockey team shakily advanced to the final, while the Americans made the finals handily. After 59 minutes of great play from the Canadians in the finals, American Patrick Kane scores the game-tying goal, giving America the momentum going into overtime. However, Canadian Sidney Crosby would score a fluke goal in overtime, giving Canada yet another Olympic gold medal in hockey.

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Other 2010 Winter Sports News

- The Philadelphia Flyers lose to the Chicago Blackhawks in the NHL Stanley Cup Finals in 6 games, earning Chicago's first Stanley Cup in 48 years
- Shawn White destroys the competition at the Winter Olympics and wins the gold at the men's snowboard halfpipe with his patented "Double McTwist 1260"
- America wins the most Winter Olympics medals with 37, 9 of them gold. Canada wins the most gold medals with 14

5. America scores exciting game-winning goal against Algeria to get past pool play in FIFA World Cup

Was there a better match played this World Cup? Maybe speaking from the perspective of an American, there wasn't.

The pressure was on. After a huge mental error by England goalkeeper Robert Green, the US national team was given a goal and a tie in their match with England. Then, after the game-winning goal was taken from America against Serbia by a bogus offsides penalty (the offender of the penalty has yet to be named), it was win or go home against Algeria to advance to the round of 16.

A tie wouldn't do the Americans any good. They needed to win. After 90 minutes of suspense and amazing goalkeeping by Algeria's Faouzi Chaouchi, American captain Landon Donovan kicked in the game winner into the net in stoppage time off of a good rebound, and the celebration was on. America won the match, 1-0, a signature win going forward for an up-and-coming team in the FIFA circuit.

Other 2010 International Sports News

- Spain and the Netherlands make their first FIFA World Cup Final, with Spain the victor, 1-0
- America's new dream team easily wins the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) World Championship without anyone returning from the 2008 Olympic's redeem team
- After playing for 11 hours and 5 minutes over the span of 3 days, America's John Isner wins the longest professional tennis match in history against France's Nicholas Mahut at Wimbledon

6. The UCONN women's basketball team break the UCLA men's 88-game streak

The UCONN women's team, led by Senior Forward Maya Moore, has broken every record there is to break for the women. So, the next logical place for them to go was towards the men's records.

After winning their 88th in a row against Ohio State at Madison Square Garden, they had tied coach John Wooden and the UCLA men's record of the early 70's. So, everything is all peachy in Storrs, right?

Not according to UCONN coach Geno Auriemma. He lashed into the media and men's basketball fans when he said, "All the women are happy as hell and they can't wait to come in here and ask questions. All the guys that loved women's basketball are all excited, and all the miserable bastards that follow men's basketball and don't want us to break the record are all here because they're pissed."

With that said, the lady Huskies would defeat Florida State at home to break the record, and after one more win, their streak would end at Stanford after 90 wins.

Other 2010 Connecticut Sports News

- The UCONN football team makes the BCS for the first time, playing Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl
- The AHL's Hartford Wolfpack announce they will rename themselves the Connecticut Whale in honor of Hartford's former NHL team
- Manchester Community College wins the NJCAA March Madness tournament

7. Favre sits out a game after 297 starts

We've witnessed the Boston Red Sox win a World Series after 86 years, the Chicago White Sox win a World Series after 88 years, and the UCONN women break a men's streak (see #6).

Alas, when I saw the bottom scroll of Sportcenter's breaking news saying Brett Favre is going to miss his first game after 297 straight regular-season starts, I was shocked. It seemed to be a clichéd addition to the cliché of death of taxes. He always

found a way to get in there, but between his ankle, face laceration, elbow and ultimately his shoulder, it was too much in the end for him to handle, even with an extra day of rest due to the Vikings' Mall of America Fields' dome collapsing.

There's only one guy in sight to break Favre's streak, and that's Colts QB Peyton Manning, who's only missed 1 play in his NFL career due to injury. He's currently at 208, needing 90 games to pass Favre. Even if it happens 6 seasons from now, assuming he hasn't retired or missed a game due to injury, it wouldn't be the same. Peyton is magical, but Favre was pure magic, and the things he played for and stood for will be sorely missed. The NFL will be a weaker league without him.

Other 2010 Favre News

- Brett Favre leaves his last Monday Night game with a concussion at the University of Minnesota's outdoor stadium after the Metrodome's roof collapses
- Brett Favre is fined \$50,000 by the NFL for not cooperating with the NFL's investigation of his alleged contact with Jets employee Jen Sterger
- Brett Favre retires for a 4th time

8. Lebron takes his Talents to South Beach

I don't think there are words in any dictionary of any language on earth that can begin to describe what the city of Cleveland felt about this. After being drafted by Cleveland first overall in the 2003 NBA draft, Lebron James was deemed a hero and a savior of a city that has been arguably the most downtrodden in American sports. He was going to win scoring titles, MVP's, and championships. Well, 2 out of 3 isn't bad, right? Wrong.

Most people will tell you that Lebron leaving Cleveland via 1-hour ESPN special where he admitted he didn't tell any of the teams where he was going except his suitor, Miami, was unacceptable. It was a death blow and a low blow to Cleveland Cavaliers fans everywhere.

While he and his new teammates, Heat players Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade led the trampling at the Cavs in Lebron's "homecoming," the crowd gave chants of "Akron hates you" and "Scotty Pippen." They let him have it with signs, t-shirts, rallies and burnings of his jersey. It's safe to say he's not welcome in Ohio anytime soon.

Other 2010 NBA News

- The NBA All-Star game is hosted in Dallas Stadium, with 108,713 fans present, a new attendance record for any basketball game
- The Los Angeles Lakers defeat the Boston Celtics in 7 games in the Finals, giving the franchise their 16th NBA Championship and Head Coach Phil Jackson his 11th, an NBA record
- 6-time NBA Champion Michael Jordan becomes majority owner of the Charlotte Bobcats

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Cont. from **Top 10****9. Jimmy Johnson's 5th NASCAR Championship**

The keyword here is 5. NASCAR driver Jimmy Johnson and his team in Hendrick Motor Sports have won 5 Sprint Cup Championships in a row. No American athlete has won more championships in a row since Cyclist Lance Armstrong won 7 Tour de France titles from 1999-2006, and no team has won more titles in a row since the Boston Celtics won 8 straight titles from 1959-1966.

The greatest part of this Cup victory was that as opposed to Johnson's first 4 titles, he actually had to compete in the final race to win. In his first four titles, he won The Chase by ridiculous margins, but going into Homestead-Miami Speedway in NASCAR's final race, he trailed by 15 points to Denny Hamlin.

Finally, the pressure was there and it wasn't a mortal lock, and instead of collapsing under it, he took second in the final race behind Carl Edwards, and overtook Hamlin in the standings, solidifying himself and Hendrick Motorsports as the Evil Empire of NASCAR.

Other 2010 Racing News

- Danica Patrick becomes the first female NASCAR Nationwide series driver since 2002 while simultaneously racing in Formula 1
- After being dead last for most of the race, Zenyatta loses to Blame in a photo finish at the Breeder's Cup, losing her first and last horse race of her 20-race career.
- Tyson Gay defeats Olympic Gold medalist Usain Bolt in the men's 100 meter dash in Stockholm, Sweden

10. Tiger Woods returns to the PGA Tour after his sex scandal went public

In the grand scheme of things, there is no American-born athlete who matters more to the world than Tiger Woods. It isn't a baseball player or a basketball player and certainly not anyone from the NFL. It's a golfer, the likes of which golf has never seen.

This man had everything. He had records in his mind, and his image in the minds of his opponents. He'd get a trophy in his hands, and then Nike at his feet. He had endorsements, fame, power, and money, unofficially becoming the world's first "billion-dollar athlete." Apparently, he had all the women in the world, too.

After he crashed his SUV on Thanksgiving 2009 and all the details of his multiple infidelities became public, he came out of the silence with a press conference in mid February. He apologized for all his transgressions and promised to become a better man.

He would return 20 weeks after the crash at the Masters, and would fail to win a tournament in 2010. Now that he's divorced from now ex-wife Elin Nordegren, Woods can look forward to a decrease in distraction in 2011, and get back on track to passing Jack Nicklaus for most career Major titles, which stands at 18.

The Biggest Winners and Losers of the MLB Off Season So Far

By Zachariah Hand
Live Wire Staff Writer

The year 2010 has come and gone. The San Francisco Giants won the World Series for the first time since 1954, an event that was un-foreseen by nearly all baseball fans at the beginning of 2010. Nevertheless, the Giants proved that there is a reason that games are played, and not just talked about. They brought the World Series trophy to San Francisco for the first time since their move from Brooklyn following the 1957 baseball season.

Although they will be referred to as defending champions throughout the 2011 Major League Baseball season, how strong of a chance do the Giants have of defending their crown? Will their star players, such as National League Rookie of the Year Buster Posey, be able to repeat their strong performances of 2010? Or will the Giants 2010 World Series victory be remembered as nothing more than a fluke during a year that there was no exceptional team in Major League Baseball?

The key to answering these questions is assessing what has occurred during the off-season, when teams shape their rosters for the upcoming year. So far, several teams have made acquisitions of important players, while other teams have done very little to increase their chances of winning in the 2011 season.

The teams who have had the best off-season to this point have been the Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Phillies, who have both made key acquisitions of star players. On Dec. 6 the Red Sox traded for All-Star first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, and then stunned the baseball world on Dec. 8, with the signing of free agent super star Carl Crawford. Later in the month, the Red Sox also signed free agent pitchers Bobby Jenks and Dan Wheeler to improve their relief pitching, which had been a big problem during 2010. With these moves, the Red Sox quickly became the favorite to win the 2011 World Series.

The Phillies did not wait long to respond to the Red Sox with a big acquisition of their own. On Dec. 15, they signed 2008 American League Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee, who had previously played with the Phillies in 2009 before being traded. Lee, who pitched the Texas Rangers to their first World Series berth in franchise history in 2010, was expected to either re-sign with Texas, or join the New York Yankees for a very large amount of money. However, he shocked the baseball world with his decision to return to Philadelphia. Lee is expected to join a rotation that already features former All-Star pitchers Roy Oswalt and Cole Hamels, as well as reigning National League Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay. This addition to the Phillies already formidable pitching staff has made them the favorites to win the 2011 World Series in the eyes of many fans and experts.

While the Red Sox and Phillies have seemingly prepared themselves for a serious run at the 2011 World Series Title, other teams have done little to nothing to improve their rosters. The Texas Rangers and New York Yankees were favorites to sign Lee, and one of the teams was expected to acquire the left-hander. However, both were spurned once Lee chose to take his talents to Philadelphia.

Following this development, both New York and Texas were expected to enter a battle for 2009 American League Cy Young Award Winner Zack Greinke, who ended up being traded to the Milwaukee Brewers from the Kansas City Royals. With both teams seemingly desperate for an ace pitcher, options were beginning to grow thin. However, the Rangers were able to sign former star Brandon Webb, who had missed all of the 2010 season due to an injury, along with Arthur Rhodes, a solid relief pitcher.

The Yankees, on the other hand, still have not made a key acquisition. Their biggest move to date this off-season has been the re-signing of shortstop and captain Derek Jeter, whose best years are most likely behind him. In an effort to improve their pitching staff, the Yankees signed Mark Prior, who has not appeared in a Major League game since 2006, as well as former Mets left-hander Pedro Feliciano.

The 2010 off-season has been a very memorable one. Big name players have found new homes, and teams have made themselves better. Is it possible for the Giants to repeat as World Series Champions? It is possible, but not likely. Both the Red Sox and Phillies seem to be extremely determined in 2011, and could very well end up competing against one another in the upcoming Fall Classic.

But there is no sure way to tell. The eventual champion could once again end up being a team that no one expects. Any team can appear to have a great off-season, but no matter what happens, they still need to play the games.

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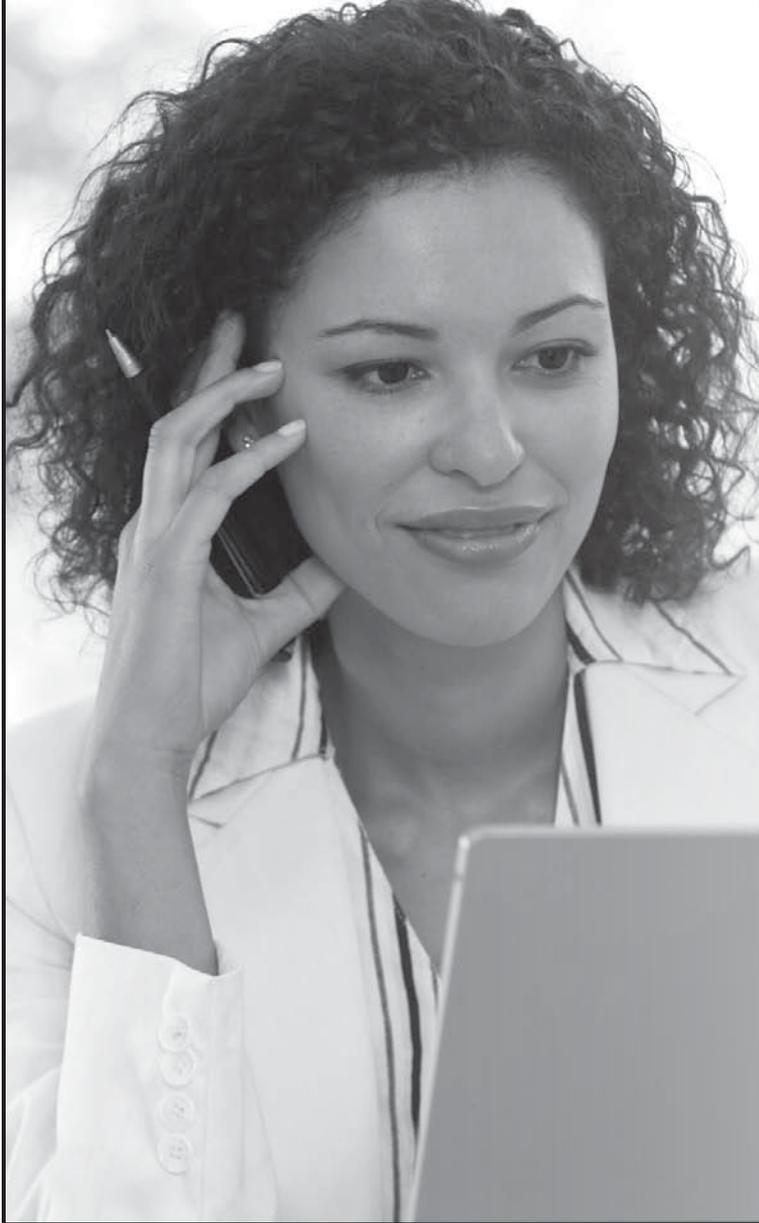
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