



## The End of Athletics at MCC

By Zachariah Hand  
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Since the early 1970s, Manchester Community College has featured a popular athletics program that has allowed students to grow as individuals while participating in sports. During this time, MCC's baseball, basketball and soccer teams have been highly successful, appearing in many championship games and winning several titles. MCC was the only community college in Connecticut that offered any kind of athletics program.

But that time seems to have come to an end. With the state facing a budget crisis, MCC has had to cut the athletics program in order to save money.

Talk of ending the athletics program had been swirling around campus for weeks, but an official announcement did not come until Feb. 12, when MCC President Dr. Gena Glickman responded to a question about the wisdom of cutting such a popular program that was circulated in the campus newsletter.



"We carefully consider the cost and benefits of each program and the FTE [full-time enrollment] it generates, and did not decide to cut athletics without serious deliberation and consideration of the impact on the college community," she said. "The Enrollment Management Team has begun to discuss the impact the elimination of athletics may have on FT [full time] student enrollment and is formulating strategies to offset this impact."

The move has angered and saddened many in the MCC community.

"It's a terrible disappointment," said women's soccer coach Jeremy Wilson. "We've invested time and energy into the program for kids who want to play sports in college and it's all being taken away from them."

Women's basketball coach Katie DaCosta agreed.

"The news was frustrating," she said. "[Athletics] allows student athletes to grow and flourish on and off the court. It isn't fair to them."

Cynthia Washburne, MCC's director of athletics and fitness, noted that some student athletes that did not do well in high school come to MCC mainly for the purpose of playing sports, and are inspired to pursue higher education during their collegiate athletic careers.

"We have student athletes here for two years, and we mentor them and help them grow," she said. "They may not have the grades to get into a four-year school [out of high school], but they can work towards their associate degree here. We have an academic support system for the student athletes, and great coaches that are really good role models."

This is not the first time athletics has had its offerings reduced.

Among the most successful of MCC's athletic squads was the baseball team, which captured several Region 21 Championships and participated in six NJCAA Division III World Series. However, in 2011 MCC was again faced with a budget crisis, and the baseball team was eliminated despite its success and popularity.

This time all three of the college's remaining teams – women's basketball and men's and women's soccer – got the cut.

Washburne also stressed that doing away with athletics will cost the college more money than it will save.

"We have invested over 40 years of facilities and infrastructure, and all that money is now gone," she said. "We can't recruit athletes, and that means several students that won't come here."

In addition to losing prospective student athletes, MCC may also face an exodus of current students. Since learning about the athletic cuts, many players have expressed sadness, and some plan to transfer to other schools in order to continue playing sports.

"I was upset," said Stacey Lambert, a soccer player in her fourth semester at MCC. "Sports are a huge part of school and they help the players stay focused on school work. A lot [of the soccer players] are transferring."

Haley Cole, a basketball player in her second semester at MCC, said she will also probably have to leave MCC.

"It's a disappointment," she said. "Sports are a great way to get aggression out and express yourself, and that's hard to lose. The team was definitely upset. I'm looking in to transferring."

There is a slim chance that the athletics cut could be avoided if MCC is able to receive funding for the program from the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education, said Washburne. However, the Board is currently dealing with other issues, and Glickman just announced earlier this month that MCC will have to cut another \$300,000 from its budget in the next few weeks. Allocating funding to the athletic program does not appear likely.

"The saddest thing is what will happen to this group of kids," said Paul Ofria, MCC's assistant director of student life. "It's a nice experience for student athletes to grow and we aren't going to have that anymore. I hope someone steps in. At this point, we need a Doug Flutie pass."

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## Connecticut, Home of Sandy Hook, Wrestles with Gun Control

By Patience Collier  
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The state of Connecticut, since the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting of 20 children and 6 adults by Adam Lanza on Dec. 14, has been at the center of a great deal of debate focused on gun control, gun legislation, gun restrictions, and the Second Amendment in general.

Meanwhile, despite tensions across the state and nation, students and staff at Manchester Community College say they still feel safe on campus.

"I feel completely fine here," said Jessica Fraleigh, a freshman at MCC. She added that she feels safe even though the MCC campus police are not armed with guns.

"I don't think it matters if security is armed," she said. "If people are going to be criminals that's not going to stop them."

Since the Sandy Hook shooting, public opinions have diverged wildly on the effectiveness of gun regulations. Some, like Fraleigh, believe that no amount of counteraction is going to stop a determined criminal.

Kathy Schmidt, a staffer at the Tower Café in the AST, agrees with Fraleigh.

"I feel pretty safe, I trust most of the kids here," said Schmidt.

She said she does not worry about students at MCC acting out in violence, but added that she does not agree with those whose response to gun violence is armed security and staff.

"I feel like you're opening a can of worms, because what if somebody gets it away from them?"

But Schmidt does believe that stricter gun legislation, and the restriction of assault rifles, would be a good step to take in general.

"I don't see any reason for anybody to have one, unless you're in the service," she said.

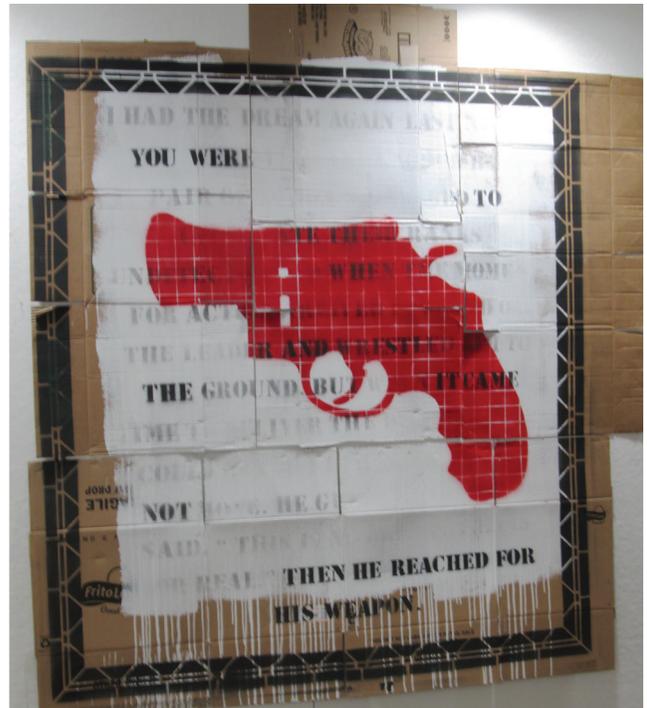
But others on campus do not think more legislation is the answer to the problem. Student Government Association Vice President, and gun owner, Josh Quintana said he disagrees with a ban on assault rifles.

"It's a Band-Aid solution," he said, disagreeing specifically with the idea that it would make people safer. "There's no working definition of an assault rifle. Manufacturers can just change the blueprints, and they're legal again. We do need tighter regulations, but current legislation is just a Band-Aid; they throw legislation at the problem and hope it sticks."

The Connecticut legislature, specifically the Public Safety and Security Committee, has walked into the middle of the debate and has been working on introducing bills that they hope will make citizens safer from gun violence.

Among the proposals are bills that require fingerprinting for gun sales other than revolvers, bills requiring individuals to be over age 21 in order to purchase a firearm, and bills requiring background checks.

Other proposals address school shootings directly. For example, one suggestion is to use the statewide Police Emergency Network to alert local police to an event in progress. A faster



Gil Scullion's "Recurring Dream from Not Just Another Good Night's Sleep."

### Walk through History

Feb. 6 - 28, Lowe, AST Rotunda and LRC

Take a look back in time at iconic figures who changed history in politics, science and technology, music and entertainment and the arts. Stop by the Office of Minority Students and Mentoring Programs, Lowe 154i, to pick up a scavenger hunt form and complete it for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to the MCC Book-store! When the form has been completed, return them to the same office. The answers can be found in the biographies of iconic black figures located on A-frames around campus. Completed forms must be returned by Thursday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. in order to be placed into a raffle. The winner will be notified on Tuesday, March 5. Good luck!

### Closing Celebration of African American Culture

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

GPA Commons

Together let's celebrate the end of an amazing month by enjoying some of African American Culture. Come see African dancers, gospel choirs, jazz artists, spoken word artists, and more. So let's end this month with a BANG!

### Film Reveals Cracks in U.S. Criminal Justice System

The Criminal Justice Department presents a showing of a documentary "The House I Live In," Thursday, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m. in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium. From the dealer to the narcotics officer, the inmate to the federal judge, the film offers a penetrating look inside America's criminal justice system, revealing the profound human rights implications of U.S. drug policy. There will be a panel discussion following the film. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Donna Nicholson at 860-512-2613 or [dnicholson@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:dnicholson@mcc.commnet.edu).

### Unsolved Crimes Discussed in "Working on Mysteries Without Any Clues"

Author Michael C. Dooling will discuss his book "Clueless in New England" on Tuesday, March 12, from 4 - 5 p.m. in the GPA Commons. The presentation will discuss three of New England's oldest, coldest unsolved cases. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Donna Nicholson at 860-512-2613 or [dnicholson@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:dnicholson@mcc.commnet.edu).

### Fine Arts Faculty Displays its Work Through March 25

An exhibition of work by the Fine Arts Faculty of Manchester Community College will be in the Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery in the lobby of the AST building through March 25. This exhibition includes painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking and video. It is free and open to the public. For more information contact Susan Classen-Sullivan at 860-512-2693 or via email to [sclassen-sullivan@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:sclassen-sullivan@mcc.commnet.edu).

### Connecticut Student Poets Read Works

On Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Commons, LRC Building, several student poets from colleges and universities across the state will read from their latest works. Since 1970 the best of Connecticut's college poets have toured the state each spring. This year's poets come from the University of Connecticut, Trinity College, Wesleyan, the University of Hartford and Yale. Sponsored by the MCC Cultural Programs Committee and the Connecticut Poetry Circuit, this event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Steve Straight at 860-512-2688 or [ssstraight@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:ssstraight@mcc.commnet.edu).

### Music Faculty Offer Recital

The faculty members who teach music at MCC will present a concert featuring a

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response could mean fewer deaths. Still other proposals address the needs of those with diagnosed mental illnesses. Lanza has been described as an angry man who played violent video games excessively and suffered from Asperger's Syndrome, both of which may have led to his actions.

All of these bills are current proposals in the committee; it is uncertain as yet which, if any, will be signed into law.

Meanwhile, the debate goes on, in the state legislature, on the national level, and everywhere else. It may be impossible to craft a bill that will satisfy all sides of the debate, but the overall goal remains: to make citizens safe from gun violence, and to help prevent situations like the shootings at Newtown, Aurora, and Columbine from happening anywhere in the future.

variety of genres, periods, and instruments on Friday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium. A reception will follow the recital. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Carolina Flores at 860-512-2640 or [cflores@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:cflores@mcc.commnet.edu).

### Active Adults Explore a Live Musical Chronology of Opera

The MCC Organization of Active Adults will explore the musical languages of composers throughout the vast history of opera on Friday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium. A wonderful range of arias will be sampled in live performance. Andrew Pergioanni, founder of Hartt's Composer Ensemble Chorus, will lead the program. Amanda Kohl, a Hartt graduate and accomplished soprano, will sing. Accompanying will be Miguel Campinho. Miguel has performed in his native Portugal and in several European countries, as well as the United States. Sponsored by the MCC Organization of Active Adults, the event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jim Reuter at 860-649-9116.

### Mishi-maya-gat Spoken Word & Music Series Continues

The March edition of the [Mishi-maya-gat Spoken Word & Music Series](#) will take place Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the gallery at MCC on Main, 903 Main St., Manchester. The evening will begin with guitarist Frank Varela, who is a graduate of the Berklee School of Music, teaches at Summit Studios in Manchester, and has recorded with such jazz legends as Larry Coryell, Jimmy McGriff, and Max Roach. At 8 p.m. poets Ellen LaFleche and Michael Casey will present their work. Ellen has published three chapbooks, including *Workers' Rites*, which won the Philbrick Poetry Award. Michael, a Vietnam War veteran, has published widely since his 1972 Yale Younger award, including his newest, *Check Points* (Adastra Press). Sponsored by the MCC Foundation, the event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Stephen Campiglio at 860-512-2824 or [scampiglio@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:scampiglio@mcc.commnet.edu).

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## The Live Wire Wants Your Old Blankets, Sheets, and Towels to Donate to:



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**March 5, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

In the Cougar Cafe:

Bake Sale - All proceeds will go to the CT Humane Society

**March 6, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

In the AST Tower Lobby:

Donation Collection (clean blankets, towels, sheets, animal toys, etc)

For a complete list of possible donations, visit <http://cthumane.org/>

## Meet a Professor - Jay Gibson, Biology

By Alta McKinney  
Live Wire Layout Editor

### Where did you go to college?

I went to school at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

### Why did you become a biology professor?

Biology was always a sincere interest and the aspect of being able to manipulate biology for medicine and technology as well as generating therapeutics and a potential cure for a vast array of diseases in the environment.

### How long have you been teaching at Manchester Community College?

I've actually only been here for one year.

### Where do you work when you're not at MCC?

I'm a research scientist at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington.

### What is your favorite part of your job at the UCONN Health Center?

So I work the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and the research, as laborious as it is, is intriguing because we're always finding something new. Every day is a surprise, so it keeps me on my toes and keeps me looking for new avenues of research. There is no monotony to it.

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### What do you see yourself accomplishing in the future?

My future goals are to contribute to the concept of cell based therapy using stem cells. So, if we can utilize stem cells to generate tissue sources for therapeutic cell-based therapies I think that would be awesome. However, I know that we're still a long way off, so my goal is to do anything I can to contribute to that avenue.

### Do you have any advice for any future scientists or doctors planning to go into research?

Well, science is a very laborious field. It can be tedious at times and frustrating all the time. But if your passion truly lies in the realm of scientific research, then sticking to it and keeping an open mind is key. Always be willing to switch avenues, and when you confront new ideas that may not be your own or new concepts you may not agree with, always give them a chance.

## Lowe Building Transforms into Student Services Center

By Amber Roberge  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Have you noticed that the Lowe building has a new nickname: the Student Service Center? The abbreviation "SSC" appeared on Manchester Community College student class schedules for the first time this semester.

The so-called "name change" of the Lowe building in fact is not a name change, but a part of a grand scheme to better the campus, said Darlene Mancini-Brown, director of Facilities Management and Planning recently. Over the past 13 years, the college and hired planning professionals have been working to make the campus more pleasing for students, Mancini-Brown said.

When the school hired a professional to help with new signage to make getting around campus easier, they came to the realization that the Lowe building was the only one whose name did not hint at its function.

For example, the name of the AST, or Arts, Science and Technology building, describes the classes that are generally held there and the LRC, or Learning Resource Center, is home to the library and computer labs as well as classrooms. But the Lowe building is named after Frederick W. Lowe, Jr., an early supporter of the college. It is also the oldest building on campus, opened in 1984.

It was time for the Lowe building to get a new, more functional, name, the planners suggested. The Student Resource Center was chosen because the building houses the Cashier's window, the Registrar's office, Financial Aid and other places new and current students would need to visit.

The new name of the Lowe building is not the only change that MCC administrators have in store for the campus community.

"There is a 10-year-plan to better the campus for student life," said Mancini-Brown.

This summer work will be done on the B parking lot to create a loop road that will go around the entire parking lot instead of just cutting through it, and better drainage. The work is scheduled to be completed by the fall.

Next in this 10 year plan is a better student lounge, but those plans are still being discussed, Mancini-Brown said.

## Ask Jason



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One of the biggest mistakes I see is that students begin studying too late and then they attempt to memorize too much information in a short period of time. The brain can only handle so much before it will just not be able to absorb any more. Ideally you will begin at least a week before the exam and you will be studying for 40-50 minutes each time you hit the books.

Here is a little schedule for how it should go:

- Day 1:** Study the first "bite sized" chunk of information for 40-50 minutes.
- Day 2:** 5-10 minutes reviewing the information studied on day 1 then 40 minutes of a new "bite sized" chunk.
- Day 3:** 5-10 minutes reviewing what you learned day 1 and day 2 then 40 minutes of a new "bite sized" chunk.
- Day 4:** 10-15 minutes of reviewing what you learned day 1, 2 and 3 and then 40 minutes of a new "bite sized" chunk.

Do you see the pattern here? If you study this way you are doing lots of great things. You are studying in small manageable pieces of time. You are studying small, manageable pieces of information and you are constantly reviewing what you have already learned. Repetition leads to retention! The more you repeat something the better you will know it.

Also do not forget about great study aids, namely flashcards. These are easy to make, inexpensive and portable study tools. A pack of note cards will cost you what, maybe \$2 for 100 notecards? Then you can create flashcards and quiz yourself whenever you have a few minutes handy, waiting in line at the grocery store, during TV commercial breaks, you get the point.

So remember the key points here:

1. Begin studying early
2. Study in "bite sized" chunks, do not overwhelm your brain with too much information
3. Review what you study
4. Try a study aid like flashcards

For more great study ideas and assistance studying I have a dedicated staff of employees who would like to help you. We are located in L125 in the SSC. Drop in and see us some day. Also don't forget about the tutoring you can get at the Academic Support Center.

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Dear Jason,

**Does the college have any mental health services?**

-From Feeling Mental

A: Dear Feeling Mental,

Yes we do! Counselors at MCC are able to provide short term, solution focused interventions for students in need. We help students who are experiencing emotional crises, and are able to connect students who need higher levels of mental health support with community-based providers. There are also resources on our website, including a free anonymous mental health screening tool that can help a student to decide if they need more assistance. If you need to speak to a counselor they can be found in the Academic Advising and Counseling Center in the Student Services Center, room L108.

Feel better soon!

Jason

Dear Jason

**My first exam is coming up fast and I am nervous. How do I study?**

From Freaked out Student

A: Dear Freaked Out Student,

Don't freak out, I get this question a lot! An exam that covers everything taught since the beginning of the semester can be really intimidating. Don't worry; there are two strategies to tackling all the material.

1. Begin studying early!
2. Break the material up into "bite sized" chunks of information.

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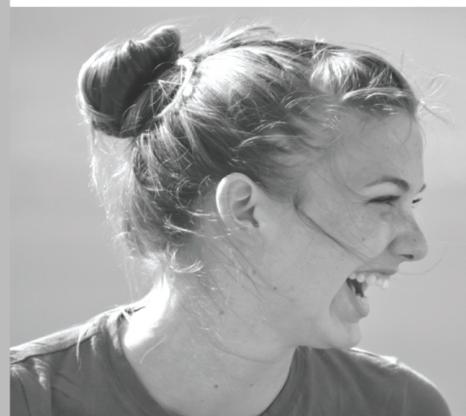
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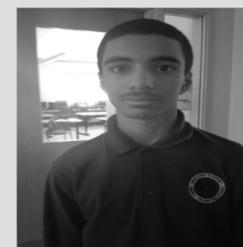


## Shining Diamonds at Great Path Academy

By Selena Coley  
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As a freshman, **Obdulio Santiago** is a very strong student, according to his teachers. But, that's not all there is to Obdulio. He also has a blue belt in judo (a martial art) and is nationally ranked, giving him the opportunity to travel because of his commitment to working hard and accomplishments. Even with judo in his life, Obdulio still makes his education a top priority. He works hard, tries his best, studies, demonstrates good citizenship and creates great relationships with his teachers. When asked about his inspiration, he stated it had a lot to do with his brother. Due to their friendly brotherly rivalry, he is inspired by his brother to find success in all that he does. Obdulio plans to attend Full Sail University in Florida and study graphic design in order to become a computer programmer or game developer. Well, GPA sees all this and more for Obdulio.



**Nataly D'oleo** is a new sophomore to Great Path Academy and already she has accomplished so much. She continually demonstrates how much of a hard and determined worker she is and she always gets her work done. In her free time she likes to draw and read. She is currently in love with the book series, "House of Night." Nataly puts school above all her other loves because she knows how easily she can get distracted. She claims her mother is the reason she is so focused because her mother tends to keep her on task. Nataly wants to go to either Princeton University or Yale University and works hard to achieve her goal of becoming a doctor in a practice she has not yet chosen. Well, GPA has no doubt that this sophomore is well on her way!



**Sierra Rice** is a junior at GPA and is spending her time doing something beneficial. She is constantly broadening her knowledge by reading and focusing on her school work. Sierra has continually proved she is a hard worker, determined and passionate about all that she does. She keeps her school work as her top priority and everything else is balanced around it. Sierra says that her mother is the reason she works so hard. She believes her mother is living proof that hard work pays off. Sierra plans to go to Springfield College and study biology. She wants to eventually go to the dental school at the University of Connecticut and become an orthodontist.



For **Shakira Lugo** it's the final year as a student at GPA and she is making something of it. As busy as Shakira is with her studies, she still makes time to volunteer at her church and stay true to her passion for music and playing the bass. She states that even with her love of volunteering and music, her top priority is her education with college right around the corner. Shakira is working hard to get into Yale University and study criminal law. She wants to be a criminal lawyer and prosecutor and maybe one day, lead a law firm. Shakira also says her mother is her inspiration and she owes part of her success in school to her. We say Shakira, is on a great path!

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## Immigration Reform Will Solve All Our Problems, or Will it? Not for One Connecticut Family and MCC Alumni

By Nathan Cheatham  
Live Wire Editor

Since our nation was formed in the late 1700s, immigration has been a topic of division in American politics and this is still true to the present day. Even President Barack Obama mentioned immigration in his State of the Union address two weeks ago, and the GOP lost its chance at retaking the White House, last November, in part because they were on the wrong side of the issue.

Did you know that Obama cited that there are around 12 million illegal immigrants currently living in the U.S.? In his address to the nation on Feb. 12, he called for a comprehensive immigration reform package. This reform package would be designed to take care of all current legislation problems. But to me, it is a failure from the start.

As students, as citizens, as human beings, we need to speak out and demand that Congress look not only at legalizing the 12 million potential citizens already living in this country, but also reshaping the deportation laws that are tearing apart families of green-card holding permanent residents. Not far from Manchester, in Farmington, there is a family being ripped apart by these laws, and students at Manchester Community College can have an active voice in deciding if the family remains together.

Anthony Lococo was born in Australia, and lived in Italy before his family moved to Connecticut in 1967, when he was just seven years old. Though he is married to a U.S. citizen, Karen, and has a full-time job, pays taxes, and co-owns their house in Farmington, he never applied for his citizenship. And because of a mistake he made in 2004 Lococo is now facing deportation to Australia.

In his affidavit to the immigration court, Lococo explained.

“On 6/12/2004, I was addicted to heroin and crack. I was purchasing drugs in Dutch Point Housing Project in Hartford, CT and when I saw the officer coming toward me, I attempted to throw the drugs out of my left pocket under a car.”

Under federal drug laws, Lococo’s crime was considered “drug trafficking.” He was advised by a public defense lawyer to plead guilty to the crime of possession in exchange for probation and drug treatment. Never was Lococo advised that in eight years, after he had recovered from his addiction, he could be potentially expelled from the country or that his punishment would be worse than that any U.S. citizen would get for the same crime.

For Lococo, his arrest was a wake-up call. He went into treatment and came out a success story. He met his wife in 2005 and began living again, not knowing what was playing out in the courts and behind the scenes that would one day affect his freedom.

With the public eye focused on immigration, Obama and the executive branch have begun enforcing some of the deportation laws, reviewing cases from more than 10 years ago, and states began releasing records to federal authorities. This is why it took eight years for officers from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement department to catch up to Lococo.

The Lococo family is made up of the two parents, who each have a child from outside their marriage and a five-year-old daughter together. Removing him from the country would cause the whole family to move to Australia just to remain intact.

Right now, Lococo's fate is in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court justices.

In 2007 the court heard the case *Padilla v. Kentucky*. They ruled in favor of the plaintiff that states did not do enough to warn people who were not U.S. citizens of the collateral consequences of a guilty plea.

José Padilla emigrated from Honduras in the 1950s and became a permanent resident of the U.S. He joined the military and served in Vietnam, later receiving an honorable discharge. In 2001, he was arrested for smuggling marijuana while working as a truck driver in Kentucky. He was advised by his attorney to plead guilty, and that it would not affect his immigration status, which turned out to be incorrect as he was immediately flagged for deportation.

The court ruling in *Padilla v. Kentucky* means that, going forward, all attorneys have to warn their clients of the penalties associated with a guilty plea if they are not citizens of the U.S. A case currently being heard by the Supreme Court, *Chaidez v. U.S.* will determine if *Padilla v. Kentucky* will be considered retroactive and could allow Lococo and others in his situation to remain in the United States.

Had Lococo applied for his citizenship after his marriage, he would probably have also been in the same position, only earlier.

As I discussed in my editorial for the Jan. 28 issue of the *Live Wire*, our justice system needs more flexibility and judicial discretion when sentencing on the federal and state level. The federal deportation law is rigid. Lococo has no ability to appeal the deportation order. Connecticut is allowing defendants to open their state level cases to avoid deportation, but only for the past three years.

Since Lococo was found guilty eight years ago he has few avenues to pursue fighting for his freedom.

Currently, Lococo has an attorney and a court date in March where a judge will hear arguments for expungement proceedings that could wipe his record clean.

Karen Lococo, his wife, who is an alumnus of MCC. She will be on campus in March to inform students on ways to get involved in joining the advocacy for her husband and others in situations similar to his. Lending your voice to this cause can have immediate results as decisions are happening quickly in cases of deportation. The date for Karen Lococo’s appearance on campus will be announced soon once decided by the Student Government Association.

In the meantime you can sign a petition calling for prosecutorial desecration in deportation hearings so that the circumstances can be taken into consideration before an order is handed down. To sign this petition go to [www.change.org/petitions/use-prosecutorial-discretion-do-not-deport-anthony-lococo](http://www.change.org/petitions/use-prosecutorial-discretion-do-not-deport-anthony-lococo). It will be submitted as evidence in his hearing, showing community support for his situation. It will also be sent to the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of both Connecticut and the U.S. government to show that the citizens demand fair justice.

For more information on how to get involved, contact me at [writingreiter@gmail.com](mailto:writingreiter@gmail.com) or Karen Lococo at [karenlococo@gmail.com](mailto:karenlococo@gmail.com).



Anthony Lococo and his family relaxing on the beach. Photo by Nathan Cheatham.

## Giving UCONN Billions is a Crappy Move for Malloy

By Jelani Burrell  
Live Wire Staff Writer

I’m appalled. Not because Frank Ocean didn’t win Best New Artist at the Grammy’s Feb. 10 (okay, yes I am still pissed about it, but only because the winner, Fun, was nominated in the previous Grammy season; they can’t still be new).

No, what’s appalling to me now is that our lovely Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy doesn’t understand math.

Earlier this month he announced that he’s pledging \$1.5 billion to the University of Connecticut in the hopes of expanding the school’s engineering, science, and technology programs. This is in the sole expectation of raising the school’s profile and attracting more engineers, mathematicians, scientists and the like to our state.

In other words, prestige. Prestige!

Malloy wants to wrap a pretty (expensive) dress around UCONN so it can attract a bunch of nerds on the off chance that he’ll secure our economy in the future and draw in more qualified

citizenry. Hmm, I wonder if Malloy forgot about the fact that the state is once again in more debt

than most other states; or that there’s \$3 billion that we currently need to spend on transportation

infrastructure maintenance ALL over Connecticut; or that here at Manchester Community College we had to cut the entire athletic program in an attempt to balance the budget. And let’s not forget that offices and institutions all over the state that depend in

## No More Black History Month, Black Progress is a Year-round Effort

By Nathan Mair  
Live Wire Assistant Editor

I am sick of it. Every Black History Month, it’s the same damn curricular passed out in schools. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had a dream, Rosa Parks refused

to give up her seat on the bus, and George Washington Carver did interesting things with the peanut.

The accomplishments of the mainstream heroes in Black history are always important to look back on, but what about those “unsung heroes” who rarely get mentioned in the Black History Month curricular? What about Toussaint L’Ouverture and Dutty Boukman, who led a revolt in Haiti against colonial rule in the early 1800’s? What about Nat Turner, who led one of the bloodiest slave revolts in America in 1831? And did you know about Dangerfield Newby, the real “Django,” a former slave who saved up \$1,500 to buy his wife from the slaveholder that held her?

I strongly believe that if the stories of these rebels were taught in predominantly black inner city schools, the dropout rate would decline significantly. As a matter of fact, if the black youth knew about the beautiful kingdom that we had in ancient Africa, they could avoid the prison system that sees a disproportionate number of African-Americans and instead help come up with strategies to rebuild that kingdom with economic power and control.

When I was in grade school, the history books used in class were teaching students more about the white colonialists and slave masters than about courageous black individuals who rebelled against the oppressive system. The only time we learned about those people was during Black History Month, but even then they weren’t deeply explored. Youth, especially black youth, need more of an Afro-centric educational information that they can better relate to.

Our history is just as significant as that of White colonialism and supremacy. If it were up to me, there wouldn’t be a designated month for Black History. With all due respect to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who helped found the observance of Black History Month in 1926, the teachings and studying of black history should be a year round thing.

To me, waiting for the month of February to celebrate black history is like waiting for a designated day to tell your wife that you love her (oh yeah, that’s Valentine’s Day), or to tell your mother that you love her (oh right, Mother’s Day), and then your father (Father’s Day? Man what’s wrong with this world?)

Anyway, my point is why limit the study of black history when it is an essential piece to solving some of the problems that affect many in the U.S. black community, such as the educational achievement gap and the large numbers of black men in jail? These are problems that affect the entire country, not just a few.

So, in conclusion, having a Black History Month does more harm than good to the psyche of black people. Every Black History Month we hear about the same safe people and that ignores a chance to explore the history of revolutions led by blacks. We aren’t getting the real backbone of black history during February so what is the point of having Black History Month?

part or in whole on state funding are selling their souls to meet economies.

You can’t secure something in the future if it’s screwed up now.

But there’s one more little thing about this that irks me to no end: I don’t understand why

Malloy would play favorites with Connecticut students, especially when it’s students who are the future. Literally, we’re going to take over as the older generation dies out.

Knowing this, why would you grant such a high monetary privilege to one set of students or all the others? This is tantamount to placing UCONN on a pedestal and ignoring all the other schools in the state. It reminds me of how my father favors my siblings over me.

If you want to make sure that our state has a properly educated citizenry, one should make sure that our high schools aren’t graduating massive amounts of students with subpar English and math skills, because the community colleges, including MCC, are drowning with them. Stop that.

I’m only 23, and there are days when my checkbook doesn’t seem to balance. But I know problematic spending when I see it. I’m getting real tired of your crap, Malloy.

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## Yes, We Still Need Black History Month

By Patience Collier  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Black History Month, or African American History Month, has been debated about since it began, often for the wrong reasons.

Rather than debating what area of history teachers should focus on, how schools could best cover millenniums of history in a single month, or how best to transition into a more inclusive year-round curriculum, the debates have been far uglier.

The simplest opposition to Black History Month tends to be a vague dismissal, often posing as “comedy,” and I use that term loosely at best. Up here in the Northeast, people get defensive.

They ask “why do we have to have Black History Month? There was never slavery or segregation up here.”

This is said by students or parents or unasked passers-by in an injured tone, as though all black history consisted of slavery, segregation, and then the magic of equality (brought to you by President Abraham Lincoln.)

And this is said almost as though the only parts of black history that need to be studied are those which affect the white history that we study the other 11 months of the year. And it’s not even true: the Northeast has a history of slavery, though a somewhat briefer one than the South. Even so, this region had its racism and segregation, through various other means.

The fact is many people consider black history different from “real history,” and what they mean by “real history” is white history.

I won’t deny there’s a problem with the curriculum that tends to come with Black History Month: learning about the Civil War, the Civil Rights Act, and, if you’re very lucky, the Harlem Renaissance, is not in and of itself a bad thing. The problem is that often the history stops there.

We need Black History Month, and we need it to be deeper, to teach students that black history matters. The impression that, up until the institution of slavery, the world was made up entirely of civilized white people and a few benighted, indigenous populations is one that has spread from the history classroom into literature, television and video games.

When most people think of history, they think of white men, and sometimes, white women. When most students think of black history, they usually think of Martin Luther King Jr, and then Lincoln, for some reason. That’s not because we have a Black History Month; it’s because for every school, every teacher, and every student who takes learning black history seriously, there’s a good handful of schools, teachers, and students, saying things like “Why do we need a whole month for black history? We studied the Civil War in October.”

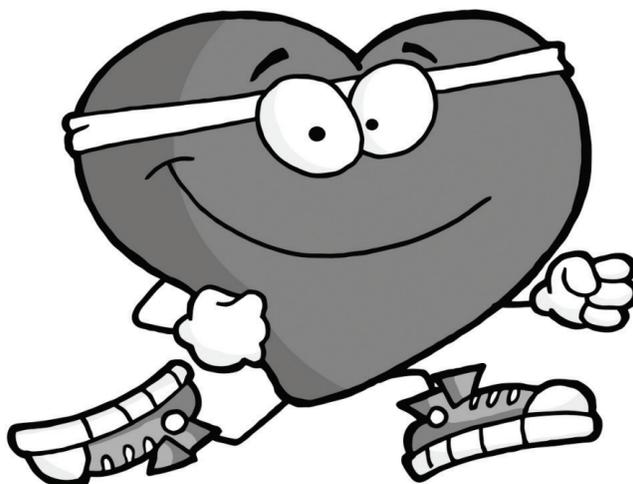
Observing Black History Month is not the ultimate answer to fixing the holes in the U.S. history curriculum. But until we have one that speaks to the reality of the past, rather than a watered-down, white-washed version, I think it’s important to have even just one month where kids learn about Frederick Douglass, rather than just The Great Savior Abraham Lincoln.

## Not Too Late to Keep Working on those New Year's Resolutions

By Alta McKinney  
Live Wire Layout Editor

New Year's resolutions seem to never stick. We promise ourselves to start eating healthy, to start going to the gym every day, and the list goes on. Two months later, March rolls around and those vows are just a distant memory. Why are these resolutions so hard to keep, and what can we do to stick to them? Here are some ideas. Don't throw in the towel just yet!

- 1. If you fall off the wagon, get back on!** If someone stopped going to the gym for a few weeks, that isn't a legitimate reason for them to never go again. Start exercising again, but make sure to take it slow. Throwing oneself headfirst into the active world doesn't work for most people.
- 2. Make sure to have support.** Whether "support" means joining a fitness/nutrition community (such as *Weight Watchers* or *Jenny Craig*) or having a work out buddy, it can be helpful to have someone to talk to about staying active and eating healthy.
- 3. It's okay to indulge a little.** Swearing off junk food for eternity sounds impossible and it can prove to be more harmful than helpful. Allowing yourself to indulge in some of your favorite foods will not kill you. In fact, allowing a treat now and then is said to help those trying to maintain a healthy diet. By indulging your cravings on occasion, the chance of bingeing is much less.
- 4. Don't use fad diets.** They seem tempting, I know. Stop eating meat, cut out all carbs, etc. Instead of giving in to promises of quick weight loss, it is much healthier to adhere to a balanced diet of whole grains, lean meats, and nutrient rich vegetables.
- 5. Little changes will make a big difference.** Try taking the stairs instead of the elevator. Choose some fruit instead of French fries with lunch. Making little changes in a daily routine can really add up in the long run. For example, exchanging a can of soda a day for water can reduce more than 50,000 calories per year.
- 6. Stop obsessing about the scale.** Body weight fluctuates as much as five pounds per day because of water weight and mealtimes. Rather than fretting about such a fickle number, it's crucial to meet all your dietary needs. Lowering calorie intake too much will lower energy, and not having routine meals will confuse your metabolism, which will cause weight gain.



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The most important thing to remember is to not rush your body into something it can't handle. Make realistic goals, and try to realize that things will be slow and gradual. Focus on the journey and don't give up. Listed below are some helpful websites for weight loss/healthy recipes/fitness/support:

<http://sparkpeople.com/>

<http://socialworkout.com/>

<http://breakingmuscle.com/>

<http://lovingfit.com/>

<http://tweakfit.com/>

## Let's Be Real for a Minute

By Kamariah Jackman  
Special to the Live Wire

With us being in the month celebrating Black History (mind you, it is the shortest month), I felt the need to bring in some well needed positivity amongst my people.

To this day, black people are still dealing with disparagement and suppression. Not from other races, no, but from ourselves. We as a people that harbor so much history and rage that came along with it still can't seem to get it together to help each other, to recognize strength, intelligence and prosperity.

Our younger generation seems incapable of even applauding one another because they are too busy fighting to be on WorldStar or trying to be better than someone they feel threatened by. Being a leader, a TRUE leader, is being a threat and there will always be someone trying to knock that one person off their pedestal.

Why? The answer seems simple enough: jealousy and envy. That's usually what happens, though the pointlessness of it all seems not to register in with many of us. It takes nothing to congratulate someone, to let a person know they are doing good and how that has affected you. It takes nothing to smile and complement. It takes nothing to recognize potential and push the envelope to help attain goals and greatness.

We *are* great and we've come too far up to continue to bring ourselves down and be laughed at on the low because, rest assured, that is what's happening.

I don't want to preach (maybe it's too late for that), I just want to put it out there that we need to do better. We need to stop smiling in each other's faces but then have cruel intentions and/or thoughts once backs are turned. So much has been accomplished and so much more can be done if we worked together. We may be able to vote for a black president, but we are still in a struggle, today. Remember that.

How can we do all of this? How can we grow and uplift each other with positivity? Well, we have to first start within ourselves, see the magnitude of power only attainable with the desire to have it. Self-love and respect is crucial to this equation as well. You have got to correct yourself before correcting others and once that gets dealt with, you can move on to the universe. Being selfish is the last thing that one needs to be worried about, though, because it is not selfishness. It is personal development. It's the foundation of a better you, a better society and better people.

We aren't going anywhere. Folks aren't going to just go poof and vanish without a trace because their clothes are fresher, their "swag" is dope (I really hope that word is done with), or whatever the case.

So take the fact that people aren't going anywhere as an advantage; overcome small-mindedness and be a better YOU because that will always be the best middle finger to the naysayers. So much time and energy is being wasted on "hating," for lack of a better way to put it. As the saying goes, "Ain't nobody got time for that!"

## Habitat for Humanity Builds Homes and Communities

By Anne Hawthorn  
Co-president of MCC Habitat for Humanity

*"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."*

-Anonymous

"Habitation" is more than just a construction methodology. It comprises of the human and social act of inhabiting. As the philosopher Martin Heidegger put it, "We build because we inhabit; we do not inhabit because we build."

The non-profit organization, Habitat for Humanity, is an international, non-governmental, and non-profit organization founded in 1976, which is devoted to this philosophy. It strives to build simple, decent, and affordable housing, a self-described "Christian housing ministry," and has addressed the issues of poverty housing all over the world. In building these houses, you are building more than just a house; you're creating a habitat – a system that makes life possible – more than a series of objects arranged within a space.

From the heart lens of the homeowner who is hands on in creating their new home, it is evident that they feel the blessing of what is being created; not only a roof over their heads, but an environment that enables a family to prosper with respect and show pride within the community.

Martha Witkens, a homeowner of six years, said she feels that "it is opportunities like these that bring people together. Whether it is a neighbor down the street or people outside the community we are all working towards a common goal, which in turn deepens our sense of humanity and obligation to help others."

It is through these interactions among strangers that we realize when people work together for a common goal, we can conquer what is deemed to be the impossible.

In the course of volunteering on the build sites, people increasingly transform communities to make it better serve the people living in them. And, in the process of transforming communities, they transform themselves.

One of the benefactors who have been volunteering for Habitat for Humanity for six years proclaims that, "I have underwent such a change since my first volunteer project with Habitat for Humanity. My view on those less fortunate and the neighborhoods where people lack the necessary means to a sustainable life has forever changed. I know now, something I wish I knew then: that it's not merely taking pieces of wood and screws to create a place for someone to live, it builds a structure much stronger than that – it builds a community."

Every human being deserves the right to adequate housing and when people from all segments of society work together to address the problem of poverty housing, it demonstrates what is possible when a group of people working towards a common goal can accomplish.

For more information about joining MCC Habitat for Humanity contact [Anne.Hawthorn@aol.com](mailto:Anne.Hawthorn@aol.com), or co-president Sean Sieben at [SeanSieben@aol.com](mailto:SeanSieben@aol.com).

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Services like Dropbox, Google Drive and Microsoft Skydrive allow you to use the Internet like a flash drive you can access from anywhere. You can save and upload your files to their servers. Later you download those files on another computer or mobile device. It's another option you have when moving files around.

Remember, the Computer Repair and Share Club is open to everyone as a technological resource and we welcome anyone with questions or problems to come stop by room LRC B204, across from the Rockville Bank computer lab, anytime for help with your computer or other devices or just some help getting onto the cloud. For more information about CRS email [info@crsclub.org](mailto:info@crsclub.org).

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# Author Tells Hartford Audience about the Roots of the First Lady

By Nathan Cheatham  
Live Wire Editor

The tangled web of ancestry that led to U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama reaches back more than 150 years, includes both slaves and slaveholders, and stretches from Africa to Ireland to the U.S.

These rich roots are researched by author Rachel L. Swarns in her book *American Tapestry: The Study of the Black, White, and Multiracial Ancestors of Michelle Obama*. Swarns came to Hartford to discuss her book and the process of writing it on Feb. 7 at the Wadsworth Atheneum. Her appearance began the first of four events comprising the "Authors of Amistad" series at the Wadsworth. The event was paid for by dues from the members of the museum, and a minimal charge of \$5 per attendee.

During a pre-lecture reception Swarns, a New York Times reporter, greeted attendees and signed several copies of her book, which spent several weeks on the bestsellers lists when it came out last year.

The lecture itself was in an informal interview style, where Pamela Trotman Reid, president of St. Joseph University in West Hartford, talked with Swarns while seated on cushioned chairs around a coffee table. They talked about the challenges of doing research and Swarns at times read from her book.

Swarns said the book rose from her coverage of Obama during the 2008 election. Her editor had asked her to write about the First Lady's genealogy for an article.

"We heard a lot about the background of Barack Obama, but not much about Michelle's, which turned out to also be very rich," said Swarns.

After the piece ran in the Times, Swarns said she received

an email from the publisher Harper's Collins offering her a deal to delve deeper into Obama's genealogy and write a book about her findings. After a leave of absence from the newspaper, and more than a year of research and writing, *American Tapestry* debuted.

The hardest part, said Swarns, was talking to people who were reluctant to discuss their family history, especially when it came to the touchy subjects of race and slavery. Objectivity was the greatest concern for many of the white people she contacted because Swarns, like her subject, is also African-American.

"[It's] most meaningful to trace the story and find ordinary people pushing the family forward," Swarns said. "In many ways Michelle's story is also the story of many African-Americans."

She gained much of her information from researching records kept by the communities Obama's ancestors lived in, including old property manifests that included the number of slaves owned, along with livestock and equipment. And she also was able to have an interview with a friend of the oldest known ancestor in Obama's lineage, which can be traced back to Melvinia Shields, born in 1844.

But there were also disappointments, said Swarns. For example, she was not able to learn what part of Africa Obama's ancestors came from, even with DNA testing. And, though she tried, she was not able to interview Michelle Obama herself.

"She has a standard policy where she doesn't do any interviews for books and that included mine," Swarns said. "I guess we'll have to wait for her to come out with her own book."

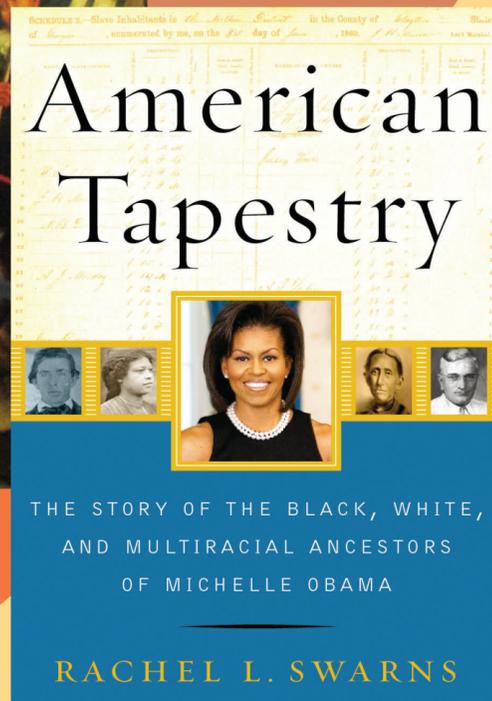
For more information about the Authors at Amistad series visit [www.wadsworthatheneum.org](http://www.wadsworthatheneum.org).



(above) During MCC's Black History Month Opening Ceremony, teachers and students alike came to listen to speakers. (left) Deborah Simmons, a music professor at MCC, speaks at the event. Photos courtesy <http://facebook.com/myMCC>.



(above) Joseph Young poses with Rachel Swarns. Photo by Stephen Patitucci. (right) Swan's newest book, *American Tapestry: The Study of the Black, White, and Multiracial Ancestors of Michelle Obama*.



## African American History Month Films: Rosewood

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, Manchester Community College will be showing *Rosewood* from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the GPA Commons. It is a dramatization of a 1923 horrific racist lynch mob attack on an African American community. After the movie there will be brief conversation debating the themes and controversies of the film.



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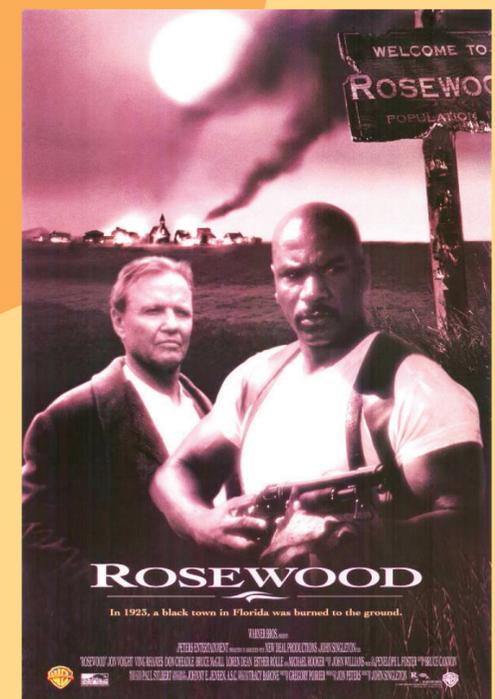


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## Live Wire Music Calender

By Brian McPhearson  
Special to the Live Wire

- Feb 18 Amity Teen Center Show @ Toads Place, New Haven, CT
- Feb 19 Dave Sadloski @ The Hungry Tiger, Manchester, CT
- Feb 20 Harlem Globetrotters @ Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, MA
- Feb 22 Slipknot @ Webster Theater, Hartford, CT
- Feb 23. Max Creek @ The new Palace Theater, Stafford Springs, CT
- Feb 24 Shawn and Marlon Wayans @ The Funny bone, Manchester, CT
- Feb 26 - Mar 3 American Idiot The Muscial @ Bushnell theater, Hartford, CT
- Feb 27 Three Wheeled Fonk Cirkis @ Allstars, Manchester, CT
- Mar 1 Ha Ha Hartford @ Bushnell theater, Hartford, CT
- Mar 1 College Night @ The Paladium, Worcester, MA
- Mar 2 Groundhawgs w/ SuperScenics @ Sully's Pub, Hartford, CT
- Mar 5 Straw Dogs Writers Guild Presents: Writers Night Out! Featuring An Open Mic (for readings!)-Music--Food--Spirits--Meet/Greet @ The Elevens, Northampton, MA
- Mar 8 Talib Kweli @ Toad's place, New Haven, CT
- Mar 15 Rihanna @ XI center, Hartford, CT
- Mar 18 Blues Jam w/ Tim McDonald @ The Hungry Tiger, Manchester, CT
- Mar 24th Orgy @ Webster Theater, Hartford, CT
- Mar 27 Pink @ Mohegan Sun, Montville, CT
- Mar 30 Hey Ocean!, Civil Pilots, Cheeky @ The Space, Hamden, CT
- Apr 2 Straw Dogs Writers Guild Presents: Writers Night Out. Featuring an open mic (for readings!)-Music--Food--Spirits--Meet/Greet @ The Elevens, Northampton, MA
- Apr 4 Candy Hearts, Allison Weiss, Pentimento, Anchors Away @ The Space, Hamden
- Apr 5 Eric Clapton and the Wallflowers @ Mohegan Sun, Montville, CT
- Apr 6 Green Day @ Mohegan Sun, Montville, CT
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- Apr 7 Hartford Whale Vs. Providence Bruins @ XI Center, Hartford, CT



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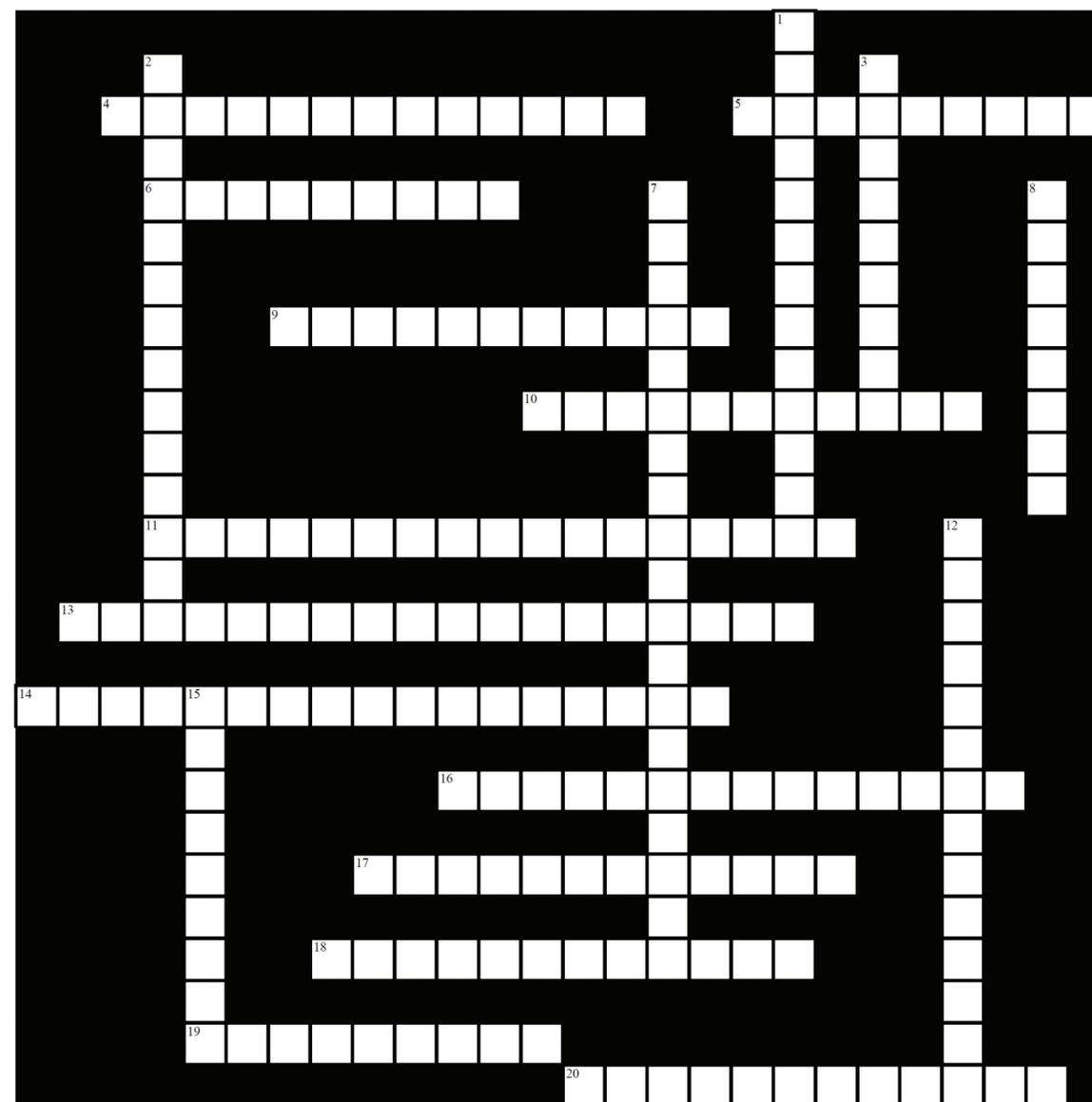
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## Black History Month Crossword

Think you know what's what in Black American History? Challenge yourself with these 20 famous men and women.

Difficulty: *Medium*



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4. "Father of Black History", he helped found the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915.
5. March 6, 1857, the decision on this man denied Blacks U.S. citizenship and refused to let Congress restrict slavery in any federal territory.
6. He started one of the most well known slave rebellions in 1831, "slay my enemies with their own weapons".
9. In 2008, he became the first African-American President of the United States of America.
10. Cofounder of the International Committee on African Affairs in 1937, and his refusal to sign an affidavit declaring he was not a Communist made him one of the most famous Americans questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.
11. She served as a member of FDR's "Black Cabinet", founded National Council of Negro Women in 1935.
13. He delivered the unforgettable speech, "I Have a Dream", during the 1963 March on Washington.
14. Raised in Poverty, he worked tirelessly for racial equality until his death in 1915. Using the "Tuskegee Machine", he dominated the National Black Agenda from Alabama.
16. One of the nation's greatest strategists, he is sometimes referred to as "the Man Who Killed Jim Crow".
17. Openly gay, African-American writer in the 1950s, his novels and essays (ex. "Go Tell It on the Mountain") often explored themes of racial, national, and sexual identities.

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18. He founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Jamaica in 1914 and then the American chapter in NYC in 1917.
  19. December 1, 1955, she refused to give up her bus seat to a woman, inspiring the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
  20. This Reverend created Operation Push and the Rainbow Coalition, and was the first African American to make an official bid for the presidency in 1984 and 1988.
1. Called the Moses of her people, she lead other slaves to freedom for over a decade, regardless of the many bounties on her head.
  2. Key member of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, she served as Vice Chair of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that publically challenged Mississippi's all-white, anti-civil rights declaration at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.
  3. Known for her anti-lynching crusade, she wrote "Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All Its Phases and A Red Record, 1894" and refused to bow down to the white supremacy she faced. 7. In 1944, he was the first African-American to be elected to Congress.
  8. Though he first supported the Nation of Islam, this radical activist later denounced their teachings and was assassinated by the NOI in 1965.
  12. Famous jazz poet of the Harlem Renaissance, "Let America Be America Again".
  15. Less known than other activists, she worked as a director branches of the NAACP from 1943 to 1946. She was also heavily involved with SCLC, SNCC, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, and the Southern Conference Education Fund.

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## “Magic: the Gathering” Still Casting Spells 20 Years Later

By Stephen Patitucci  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Have you seen people playing “Magic: The Gathering” and wondered what in the world it was all about? Allow me to educate you.

Magic is a trading card game that was developed in 1993 by a man named Richard Garfield. While he was developing the game he was a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania. He was eventually taken on as an adjunct professor at Whitman College, where he showed the idea for his game to Peter Adkison, who was CEO of Wizards of the Coast, a game publisher, at the time. Garfield wanted to create a game that could be played during down time at gaming conventions.

This year, Magic is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For a while it was the major card game played around the world, until “Pokémon” and “Yu Gi Oh!” came out. With the debut of those competitors Magic took a major hit in sales and production. But recently the game has started to make a comeback. It now has its own Pro Tour just like poker. Many people have started playing once again due to the last two expansions to the game called “Return to Ravnica” and “Gatecrash.”

Each new expansion adds more creatures and spells to the game. Wizards of the Coast has also reprinted some old favorites such as “Gilded Lotus” and “Rancor.” And new elements have been added to the game with cards like “Murder” and any of the “Guildgates.” This combination gave old players something to hang on to, while new players gain a sense of comfort knowing that veteran players also have to learn what the new cards do.

Magic debuted in 1993 and, with four expansions coming out in a year, it went quickly from a small-time filler to a massive worldwide game that can bring all kinds of people, of any ethnicity or gender, together.

Magic is not hard to play. The game takes place in an imaginary realm called the multiverse. Within the multiverse there are an infinite amount of planes, or worlds. The player is a planeswalker, or a creature that can travel across the multiverse, and can engage in epic battles with other players.

The battles are fought with creatures and monsters that are summoned using mana. To get mana one must have basic land cards. They consist of forests, swamps, plains, mountains, and islands. Each land has a specific color. Forests

give green mana, plains give white mana, islands give blue mana, mountains give red mana, and swamps give black mana.

Decks can be mono-colored, meaning they use only one mana type. Most people create decks with two colors. The combination of colors has different names; each pair of colors has its own guild name. For example a red/black deck would be a Rakkos deck, while a green/black deck is a Galgori deck. There is no best guild; each guild has its ups and downs.

Decks must have a minimum of 60 cards but there is no limit to the number of cards as long as the player can shuffle the deck with no assistance. Also, there can be no more than four cards with the same name in a deck.

While Magic is a game of luck, one must also have skill when playing. One wrong move early in the game can leave a player defenseless later on in the game.

Why are so many people enchanted by Magic? Many people end up playing Magic to escape from everyday life. For most players the thrill of controlling an army and having powerful spells at one’s disposal allows them to escape the pressure of everyday life.

Magic offers a safer way for players to relieve stress.

Derick Hayward, who plays Magic at Ice Imports in South Windsor and at Time Machine in Manchester, said Magic offers an escape fantasy.

“Most people walk by and see a confusing card game, where I see myself as a planeswalker,” he said. “I can create massive armies and control powerful spells. I like being able to raise armies and take control of the battle. I guess Magic lets me be something I could otherwise never be.”



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## Game Reboots Feature Hits and Misses

By Brandon Fern  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Over the past century or so pop culture has become accustomed to the concept of “rebooting” and now it has been applied to video gaming.

A reboot means taking an established media series or franchise and starting from another point in the story – earlier or later - to try and revitalize the original concept and keep things fresh. Some notable examples include the 1990’s Batman TV show, rebooting the Batman and Robin show from the 1960s starring Adam West. You could also count the “Batman Begins” trilogy of films as a reboot.

Reboots, occur in the world of film and television most often, with mixed results. However, a category of reboots that usually gets a raw rap involves video games. Video Game reboots try to reinvigorate the franchise and get people interested in it again.

One example is “Castlevania: Lord of Shadows,” the first successful 3D Castlevania reboot. While there were others, such as Lament of Innocence, they usually lost out to the 2D handheld games.

This year, there are a few games receiving reboots, and some have their series fans in an uproar. DMC: Devil May Cry was released last month. The original Devil May Cry games follow the Cambion (half human, half demon) Son of Sparda Dante, who specializes in protecting the world from the demons, while seeking vengeance for the murders of his mother and corruption of his brother at the hands of his father’s enemy Mundus.

The reboot (and keep in mind the last game that came out in the original series was 2008) was met with a lot of backlash from the fan base, just from the first teaser trailer. At first glance you may think the complaints stem from Dante’s hair color and the British flag on his jacket. In fact most of the complaints are about the complete redesign of Dante’s character. The 2010 Tokyo game show teaser gave him a gaunt physique, a much more tired look in his eyes, and pegged him as a smoker. Fans said Dante’s character as “too cool to smoke.”

While Capcom had told Ninja Theory, the company they partnered up with to make the game, to be as drastic with the change as possible, fans saw this as inexcusable and sent large amounts of hate mail to Capcom, some of which included a few death threats, one set to music.

The design was later changed so that Dante looked somewhat reminiscent of his teaser design, but less gaunt, like actor Christopher Nolan from “The Dark Knight.” This was done to appeal to a younger demographic and make him more realistic. After the release of the reboot fans who still felt like the game “insulted the fan

## TECH 2013 Freshman Class of Products Feature Exciting Launches

By Jelani Burrell  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Okay, so 2012 brought us amazing devices such as the Samsung Galaxy Note, Samsung Galaxy SIII, and the LG 55EM9600, that stunning 55” OLED TV from LG that’s thinner than a credit card. That was all well and nice, but now we’ve got the 2013 Freshman Class of technology tools and it’s already loaded with competition.

Let’s take a look:

### Microsoft Surface Tablet PRO

The Microsoft Surface came out last year, but the PRO version that due out in the first quarter of this year will boast a legit Intel i5 processor and will have additional professional features. Despite my bias as an android boy, even I have to admit that the Windows Metro user interface looks sexy and productive.

### Amazon Kindle Phone

Amazon has been tight-lipped about this buzzworthy device. They’ve been so silent on the subject that even as of now they’ve not said a word about it this year. But industry insiders say a release date is “in the works.” Looking at today’s tech, you can almost be sure that the phone will include:

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- 4.5” SAMOLED Display
- 8, 16, or 32 GB of storage
- 1GB of RAM
- 8-10 MP Rear Camera

base,” petitioned the White House and the Obama administration to pull the product off shelves. The petition actually got 66 signatures before it was removed from the White House Website.

The other game that has received some controversy is the new Tomb Raider game coming out later this year. While some hardcore fans are upset that Lara Croft’s chest isn’t as large and buoyant as it is in some of the earlier games, a big controversy the game faced was the attempted rape charges the game faced.

In an interview with the website Kotaku, Executive Producer Ron Rosenberg said that Lara is hostage by scavengers who attempt to rape her, essentially turning her into a cornered animal, who must fight back or die. After complaints mounted on the web, designer Darrell Gallagher stated that the scene was meant to show Lara’s reaction to killing a man, not the man failing to rape her. Story writer Rhianna Pratchett later confirmed this, saying that the trailer cut out some of her reactions and that once in the context of the game, the scene will make more sense.

I think there is some value to this particular game reboot. The Tomb Raider team wanted to give a different view of how Lara Croft became the hardened survivalist she is. While this version of the game has a lot of blood and gore – making it the first version of the game to receive an “M” for mature rating - it has also received many major awards, including the “E3 Most Valuable Game Award” and “Most Anticipated Game of 2013.”

The new Devil May Cry reboot is debatable. Capcom tried to appeal to a new generation of players and, as I said, one of the purposes of a reboot is to keep things fresh. If Capcom kept going with the set continuity, they could start to become lazy and uninterested with the series. This way when Devil May Cry 5 does come out (if there is a DMC 5) they will have had plenty of time to actually develop a game fans deserve, one that will still have the same Devil May Cry quality fans have come to know.

So, while it does seem like there are reboots flying around everywhere in pop culture and the media today, just know that they usually have a valid purpose to them. The 2012 Mortal Kombat, for example, went back to its roots and made up for some of the mediocre games that came before it, including Mortal Kombat VS DC.

Then there are the reboots that are unnecessary and useless, like Bomber Man: Act Zero, which completely diverted from the original Bomber man games and, well, bombed.

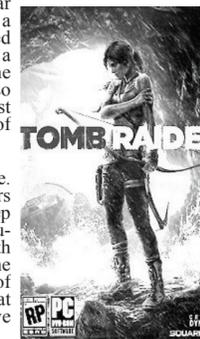


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With all of these features, not only would this be an amazing device, it’s a smart move for Amazon because it may be tied into the online retailer’s Amazon Prime service. Given that Amazon has its own app store, music store, and film collection, you just may never be without digital media again. If Amazon doesn’t offer the Kindle Phone in Prime, order it. With Prime’s included unlimited two-day shipping, nothing would really be out of your reach anymore.

### PS4

The PlayStation 4 already took the world by storm in 2006, and now the all new PS4 can do it all over again. Scheduled to be released in Manhattan on Feb. 20, the PS4 will most likely be streaming movies, especially after Sony spent \$380 million on the purchase of streaming service Gaikai and all of their proprietary technologies. No doubt that this will enable them to stream games and possibly even movies. Sony hasn’t said a word of anything to anyone about how it’s going to use it, but I’m pretty sure cloud gaming is a potential destination. The PS4 is expected to cost \$499-\$699.

### Google’s Augmented Reality Glasses

Google’s been working with Vuzix for quite some time now and have created Android-powered glasses that will keep you connected at all times. It’s too soon for this to be an actual, full-fledged computer (if you were expecting anything like Tony Stark’s IronMan helmet, you’re sorely mistaken) but you will be able to use Bluetooth to interface with your current device and it will show you text messages, use facial recognition to display friends’ info, and those sightseeing tours on Google earth may get just a little more interesting. The glasses are expected for release this summer for about \$500. (Image courtesy of Scott Stein/CNET).

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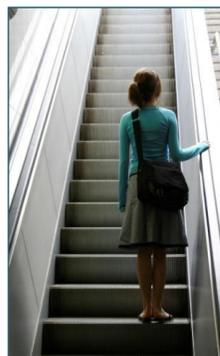
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## MCC Women Overcome 20 Point Halftime Deficit to Upset Massasoit CC

By Paul Ofria  
Mcc Sports Informantion

Things were not looking good when the Manchester Community College women's basketball team boarded a bus heading for Brockton, Mass., Feb. 2. Coaches Katie DaCosta and Alyssa McGhee had just seven players available to them, most nursing some sort of injury acquired over first four months of the season.

The Cougars were preparing to play Massasoit Community College, who had beaten them by 29 points in Manchester on Jan. 24 and probably had reason to believe they would be dealing out more punishment in their own gym.

MCC had other ideas.

Former Manchester High School star Arianna Rivera gave MCC its first lead of the game with 1:29 left on the clock to cap a dramatic, come-from-behind, 59-54



Arianna Rivera scored 16 second-half points and the eventual game-winning basket as MCC upset Massasoit Community College on the road Feb. 2. Photo by Jerry Rowan.

road victory and snap a three-game losing streak.

The Cougars trailed by 20 points at the half, but induced Massasoit's Ashley Andrade (14 points) to foul out with less than 3:47 elapsed in the second half, leaving the Warriors with just four players.

"We had a game plan to close down number four (Andrade), who had 32 points on us the first time around," DaCosta said from the team bus. "And the girls executed that. When we closed her down, we were able to pull out from a 22 point deficit."

The victory may be the pinnacle of the basketball season for MCC. The team's record improved to 5-9 after the dramatic win, but it will not qualify for post-season play this season, which most likely will be the last for athletics at MCC.

Rivera scored 16 points in the second half and finished the afternoon with 22, while Haley Cole was the game-leader with 28 points. Cole, who set a school record with 44 points against Bristol Community College in December, made a game saving defensive play with 29 seconds left.

"I think she may have missed the layup, but then sprinted down the court and just blocked the girl," said DaCosta, 27, of Cole. "It was a huge block with 29.2 seconds left on the clock that could have made it a one point game."

Rivera and Cole did most of the offensive damage, along with sophomore Janell Smith who checked with seven points, but it was clearly a team victory with all seven players contributing.

"In order to get (Andrade) in foul trouble, I had to switch back and forth between a box-in-one and try different things," DaCosta said. "Everyone had to work. Janell came out with a big rebound and huge put-back and Kailee [Doerfler] made a big basket. Ally [Nuccio] was just a spark on defense. Haley just got hot, Ari had her moments when she was driving to the hoop and Brittany [Barber] had four big stops."

Nine days earlier, Massasoit ran out of Manchester with a 72-43 victory, but on Feb. 2, it was MCC's turn to run away with victory.

Saying that DaCosta was proud of her team is an understatement.

"We have kids who have never played before and could have easily just thrown in the towel before we stepped on the bus," she said.

MCC finished its home schedule with a game against Quinsigamond Community College on Feb. 19 and travel to Dean College Feb. 23 and UConn-Avery Point Feb. 25 to close out the season.

the making: Cole herself.

"I thought I had about 20. Or 15," Cole said in a moment of reflection after the game. "I didn't think I had anything."

Cole said she thinks she may have gotten caught up in the game and was concentrating on winning.

"That game was a team effort," she said, downplaying her special performance. "I was thinking about the team and what everyone else was doing."

Cole, who had a 3.42 GPA in her first college semester last fall, averaged nearly 20 points and seven rebounds through 14 games this season, and made 70 percent of her free-throw attempts (44 for 63).

Cole said she was looking forward to a second season as an MCC student-athlete, but with the cancellation (see Page 1) of athletics at the college, she is considering a transfer.

"I would stay for basketball because I made a commitment and I kind of want to see it through," Cole said before a February practice. "But everything is up in the air so it's hard to make a decision right now."



Haley Cole makes a shot. Photo Courtesy of MCC Sports.

One person in particular was not aware of the special performance in

## Let the Madness of March College Basketball Begin

By Paul Kleef  
Special to the Live Wire

March Madness is the time of year where college basketball fans all over the country fill out their brackets, ending with the team they think will win the NCAA championship. It's the time of year where friends compete with friends, die-hard fans come out with their faces painted and athletes play at the highest level possible.

On the other hand, it's also the time of year the hearts of fans and athletes break; many gamblers begin the tournament with more money than they end it with. Still, March Madness brings people together on a competitive level, making it all too addictive and fun.

But 2013 "Bracketology" for men's teams will be a little different simply because there is no sure fire, number one team. In past years there has undoubtedly been a top team in the country. Last year it was the very experienced Kentucky Wildcats. In 2010, the Duke Blue Devils were the heavily favored team throughout the year, and who could forget the dominant 2004 University of Connecticut Huskies? All of those teams went on to win the National Championship. This year, however, there isn't a single team that has separated itself from the rest, possibly making this tournament one of the most unpredictable and competitive in years.

The preseason number one ranked team this year was the Indiana Hoosiers. They are followed by the Louisville Cardinals, the Kentucky Wildcats, Ohio State Buckeyes and the Michigan Wolverines.

That top five at one point seemed hard to argue against, but then the season started.

By week five the top five consisted of (in order from 1-5) Indiana, Duke, Michigan, the Syracuse Orange and Louisville. In just five weeks, two new teams entered the top ranking and Kentucky had dropped below the top 25 mark.

By week 10, Indiana was no longer the top team in the country, Duke was. The top five then were (in order from 1-5) Duke, Michigan, Louisville, the Arizona Wildcats and then Indiana.

By week 13, two more new teams entered the top five and Duke was no longer number one, making the leaders Michigan, Kansas Jayhawks, Indiana, the Florida Gators and then Duke.

By week 15, two more new teams had entered the top ranks, the Miami Hurricanes and the Gonzaga Bulldogs, and Indiana had regained the top spot in the polls.

In 15 years, the top five list has never fluctuated as much as it has in the 2013 season. On average, in a full season only three teams ever reach the number one spot in the polls and about nine teams reach the top five. In just 15 weeks, about three quarters of a season, the lead spot has been held by four different teams. And to think, March Madness hasn't even started yet.

So who should you pick to win the championship in your bracket?

You could take the defending champion Kentucky Wildcats and hope that they play their best basketball during the tournament. You could pick Duke, who is coached by the great Mike Krzyzewski and has enjoyed a few weeks as the number one team in the country. You may also consider Indiana, who, despite losing its top ranking midseason, regained it weeks later and has been the top ranked team for the most weeks in the regular season.

What about Michigan? They do have the possible favorite for player of the year in Tim Hardaway Jr., and also have enjoyed a few weeks in the top spot. Or you could take the underdog Miami Hurricanes, who have shredded their Atlantic Coast Conference opponents all the way to the third spot in the polls as of week 15. A total of 64 teams play in this tournament and, quite frankly, any one of them has a decent chance at winning, considering the way the season has gone.

March 17 is selection day, the one day of the year that all college bas-

ketball players either dread or can't wait for. It's the day where teams find out if they'll be playing for the NCAA championship or just the National Invitation Tournament championship. That date is still a few weeks away, and a lot can happen.

Whatever does occur, when March 17 arrives and the 64 teams are put in place, you better know that this is anyone's tournament.

Remember the 2011 NCAA tournament where the underdog UCONN Huskies and player Kemba Walker won the championship? It just may be another one of those years. The only difference is UCONN, which has been banned from postseason play by the NCAA because of longtime academic shortcomings, won't be playing in it.

For women's college basketball however, the season has shaped up differently. Unlike the men, the women have at least four legitimate title contenders.

Defending champion Baylor Lady Bears were once again considered favorites to repeat and thus far have proven they are worthy.

"When you have a 6'7" center on your team in a league where the average height is 5'11", your chances are pretty good," said Geno Auriemma, head coach of the Connecticut Lady Huskies at his week 15 press conference.

He is of course referring to Baylor senior Brittney Griner who leads the nation in blocked shots and is once again in line to win the player of the year award.

"Yea, it's hard to argue that Baylor isn't the best team in the country, but I like my team too," Auriemma added.

Connecticut has fluctuated between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in the polls throughout the season and it isn't likely they'll crack the number one spot by seasons end. Nevertheless, they are a force to be reckoned with. You can never count out a school and coach with such a winning tradition.

The other two teams that have rounded out the top four in women's basketball are the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Stanford Lady Cardinals. Notre Dame has been back and forth with Connecticut between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in the polls. They also have arguably the best female point guard the NCAA has to offer in Skylar Diggins. The senior and her team came close to winning the National Championship last year, but fell short against Griner and the Lady Bears.

Stanford is the last team to round out the top four, carrying the 4<sup>th</sup> spot in the polls nearly the whole season thus far. Known mostly for their ferocious frontcourt presence in Chiney Ogwumike, they can very easily compete with the likes of Baylor, Connecticut and Notre Dame for the championship.

Other teams to look out for come bracketology time for the women are the Duke Lady Blue Devils, the California Golden Bears and the Penn State Lady Lions. All have made strong cases this year for contending with the top teams for a championship. Whatever the case may be by the end of the regular season, it's hard to say that Baylor, Connecticut, Notre Dame and Stanford won't round out the top four.

Unlike the men this year, the women are far easier to at least try and predict considering how much further away those four teams have separated themselves from the rest of the competition.

Predicting is what bracketology is; it literally is a guessing game. Then again, that's why it's fun. It gives fans a reason to watch and cheer for their favorite teams.

So if you didn't know already, you now know at least a little about what to expect when March Madness begins March 17. You know the contenders and you know the underdogs. Unfortunately though, bracketology isn't about what you know, it's about how much luck is on your side because at the end of the day, anything can happen. That's why they call it March Madness.

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## Final Thoughts on Super Bowl XLVII

By Zachariah Hand  
Live Wire Senior Staff Writer

The NFL added another classic to its recent string of great Super Bowl games on Feb. 3, when the Baltimore Ravens defeated the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 in Super Bowl XLVII at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. From controversial calls to flashy half time shows and blackouts, this Super Bowl had it all.

For the first time in NFL history, two brothers, Jim Harbaugh of the 49ers and John Harbaugh of the Ravens, faced off against one another as head coaches in the Super Bowl. The two had previously gone head to head once before on Thanksgiving Day during the 2011 regular season in a game that the Ravens won 16-6 in Baltimore.

The pre-game festivities began with "America the Beautiful" performed by Grammy-award winning singer and actress Jennifer Hudson and, in a surprise, students from the Sandy Hook Elementary School Choir.

Songstress Alicia Keys then proceeded to deliver the ceremonial performance of The National Anthem, performing the loooongest rendition of the song in Super Bowl history. After that, the game officially began.

From nearly the opening kickoff, the Ravens dominated the game. Colin Kaepernick, the 49ers quarterback who had played so well since taking over for Alex Smith earlier in the season, suddenly seemed human, struggling to complete passes or find running lanes. When Kaepernick was intercepted by Ravens safety Ed Reed in the second quarter, he became the first 49ers quarterback in history to throw an interception during a Super Bowl game. The 49ers mistakes, combined with inspired play by the Ravens and Ray Lewis, allowed Baltimore to take a 21-6 lead at halftime. Lewis had announced before the game that this would be his last season.

Providing the halftime entertainment for Super Bowl XLVII was Beyoncé, who performed many of her classic songs such as "Crazy in Love" and "Baby Boy." Towards the end of her performance, Beyoncé was joined on stage by Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams, her former band mates from Destiny's Child. Together, the trio performed Beyoncé's hits "Bootylicious" and "Single Ladies."

At the start of the game's second half, Baltimore continued its dominance, as Jacoby Jones returned the opening kickoff 108 yards for a touchdown, giving the Ravens a 28-6 lead and putting the game seemingly out of reach. The 49ers then got the ball back on offense, and were soon faced with a third down.

What happened next was quite possibly the strangest occurrence in Super Bowl history.

As the teams were preparing for the next play, half of the Superdome suddenly went dark, and the game had to be stopped. The players, looking confused, walked around the field, stretching to stay loose. After 35 minutes of darkness, the power came back on and play finally resumed.

Shortly afterward, the 49ers seemed to come to life, scoring 17 points before the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ended and cutting the score to 28-23. Baltimore then proceeded to put together a long drive, which ended in a field goal and expanded their lead to 31-23. However, the 49ers answered back, driving 76 yards and scoring a touchdown on a 15 yard run from Kaepernick. They then attempted a 2-point conversion to tie the game, but were unsuccessful.

On the ensuing possession, the Ravens drove 59 yards down field and added another field goal, expanding their lead to 34-29. Despite failing to score a touchdown, Baltimore had put a serious dagger into the 49ers' comeback hopes, taking over five and a half minutes off the clock. San Francisco got the ball back, but there was very little time left.

Yet it appeared that time would not be an issue, as the 49ers drove the ball 73 yards and into a 1<sup>st</sup> and goal situation before the 2-minute warning. It was then that the Baltimore defense had its finest moment. In four downs, the 49ers were able to gain only two yards, failing to score the go ahead touchdown.

The 49ers final drive ended with an in an incomplete pass on 4<sup>th</sup> down intended for wide receiver Michael Crabtree. However, this incompletion was shrouded in controversy, due to what appeared to be a missed holding call on the Ravens. The non-call caused Jim Harbaugh to throw his headset to the ground and scream at the officials, but to no avail. Baltimore got the ball back with less than two minutes to play and the 49ers down to one timeout.

The Ravens were unable to gain significant yards on their final possession, but did succeed in running the clock down to 12 seconds. Baltimore punter Sam Koch then took the field on 4<sup>th</sup> down to kick the ball away, but instead ran out of the back of the end zone, intentionally taking a safety (which gave the 49ers two points) and running the game clock down to 4 seconds.

Baltimore then had to kick the ball away to Ted Ginn Jr., who managed a decent return but was taken down as time expired. After the final whistle, the Ravens ran onto the field in celebration of their first championship since the 2000 season.

In all, Super Bowl XLVII was a great game. The Ravens and soon-to-be retired linebacker Lewis got their storybook ending, and quarterback Joe Flacco backed up his claim of being elite. The 49ers also had a successful season, despite being unable to achieve their ultimate goal.

In about a year, Super Bowl XLVIII will be held at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey. If it is anything like Super Bowl XLVII, the world is in for another great afternoon of football and entertainment.

## Allen Iverson Surprises Many by Declining D-League Offer

By Laskia Lightner and Zachariah Hand  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Former NBA shooting guard Allen Iverson recently declined a two-year, \$4 million contract from the Texas Legends, a Developmental League basketball team operated by the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, surprising fans who thought he would jump at the chance.

The developmental league, known commonly as the "D-League," acts as the "minor leagues" of basketball; it is traditionally designed for younger players to gain experience playing against strong competition so that they can be ready for the NBA. Many NBA veterans have also spent time in the D-League later in their careers.

Iverson, who was born in Hampton, Va., but who has family roots in Hartford, is perhaps best known for a 2002 rant during which he used the word "practice" 24 times. However, this moment overshadows the overall greatness of his career.

After playing college basketball at Georgetown University, Iverson was drafted by the Philadelphia 76ers with the first overall pick of the 1996 NBA draft. He went on to win the NBA Rookie of the Year award during that season, and was selected as an NBA All-Star 11 times. He also won two Most Valuable Player awards.

After the 2009-2010 NBA season, Iverson spent time playing basketball abroad in a Turkish league. In January 2013, he expressed his interest to return to the NBA. He was subsequently offered a contract by the Legends.

After considering the offer, Iverson announced on Jan. 29 via Twitter that he had declined the opportunity to join the Legends, saying "I thank...Dallas for the consideration and, while I think the D-League is a great opportunity, it is not the route for me."

During his career, Iverson is estimated to have earned about \$154 million. However, recent financial difficulties have lead to the former MVP losing most of his fortune. This culminated in February, when Iverson lost his Atlanta mansion in a foreclosure auction.

Despite his recent struggles, Iverson should still be remembered for what he really is: a great basketball player, and a possible Hall of Famer.

# MCC Summer Job Fair



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**For more information about the MCC Summer Job Fair, please call Julie Greene, Sr. Assoc. Director of MCC Career Services at (860) 512-3374, or stop by Career Services in Lowe 120, opposite Counseling.**



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# March

### Hours:

Wednesday	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Thursday	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday	11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Closed Sunday through Tuesday <i>(some events occur outside scheduled hours)</i> Free Wi-Fi access.	

## upcoming events

March 1-April 7

**Art Exhibit: Scalene Evidence**  
Dehn Gallery. Show runs to April 7.

Friday, March 1

MCC on Main presents  
**Tony Harrington & Touch Band**  
R&B, Jazz, Reggae. 7-9 p.m.,  
Dehn Gallery. Fee: \$10.

Saturday, March 2

MCC on Main presents  
**The Stretto String Trio.** Classical,  
Jazz. 7 p.m., Dehn Gallery. Fee: \$10.

Wednesday, March 6

**Open Mic.** 6-8 p.m., Dehn Gallery. Sign up at the door to perform or just drop in and listen.

Thursday, March 7

MCC on Main with Imagine Main Street  
**Tony Harrington & Touch Band**  
R&B, Jazz, Reggae. 7-9 p.m., Dehn  
Gallery. Fee: donations accepted.

Friday, March 8

Book to Film Series  
**Pitch Perfect**, inspired by a Mickey  
Rapkin book. 7-9 p.m., Seminar Room  
2. Rated PG-13. Discussion to follow. To  
reserve your seat, call 860-512-2874.

Saturday, March 9

MCC on Main presents  
**JoyCo Jazz Trio.** Soul and Jazz.  
7 p.m., Dehn Gallery. Fee: \$10.

Thursday, March 14

**Business After Hours.** 5 p.m.,  
Dehn Gallery. MCC on Main and the East  
Hartford Chamber of Commerce present  
a social networking event featuring  
the music of **Theresa Wright.**  
R&B, blues, jazz.

Friday, March 15

MCC on Main presents  
**Nick Cutroneo.** Classical guitar.  
7-9 p.m., Dehn Gallery. Fee: \$10.

Saturday, March 16

Book to Film Series  
**The Vow**, inspired by a Kim and Krickitt  
Carpenter book. 7-9 p.m., Seminar Room  
2. Drama/romance, rated PG-13. Discus-  
sion to follow. To reserve your seat, call  
860-512-2874.

Wednesday, March 20

**Open Mic.** 6-8 p.m., Dehn Gallery.

Thursday, March 21

Mishi-maya-gat Spoken Word  
and Music Series  
Dehn Gallery, 7 p.m.,  
jazz guitarist **Frank Varela,**  
8 p.m., featured poets **Ellen  
LaFleche** and **Michael Casey.**

Friday, March 22

MCC on Main presents  
**The Guinea Pigs.** Folk and rock  
standards. 7-9 p.m., Dehn Gallery.  
Fee: \$10.

Saturday, March 23

**Jazz Jam Session**  
7 p.m., Dehn Gallery. Free-form jazz jam  
session featuring vocalist **Theresa  
Wright!**

Sunday, March 24

Connecticut Guitar Society's  
Spotlight on CT Artists Concert Series  
**Norman Johnson,** jazz guitar,  
3 p.m., Dehn Gallery. Coffee and snacks  
available.

Thursday, March 28

**Women's History Month  
Celebration.** 6 p.m., Dehn Gallery.  
Invite the women who inspire you  
for an evening of discussion and  
musical entertainment.

INFORMATION: 860-647-6030  
Visit [www.manchestercc.edu/mcc-on-main](http://www.manchestercc.edu/mcc-on-main) or  
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[www.manchestercc.edu](http://www.manchestercc.edu).

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# Word On Campus

*What do you do on campus outside of classes?*



“Play my guitar and just hang out with friends”

**Derrius Armstrong**  
General Studies



“Hang out with friends and play video games in the Cougar Cafe. I also join in on group studies when tests are around the corner.”

**James Christie**  
General Studies



“Homework, playing the piano in the Village’s practice room, and assisting professors.”

**Christian Ratcliff**  
Engineering Science



“We work in the Information Center and hang out in the AST; it seems like the hotspot for students.”

**Mellaney Castro & Jessenia Gonzalez**  
Communications/General Education



“Homework, surf the Internet on my iPad, and if we still had the Engineering Club, I would be active in that.”

**John Fulcher**  
Engineering Science



“I eat lunch, read, and do some video-recording. Occasionally, I study in the library and rent DVDs from there.”

**Becka Vees**  
General Studies

## Blizzard 2013 Hits Connecticut



(top) Sisson Ave On-Ramp covered with snow in the aftermath.  
(bottom right) Local Hartford bar is blanketed in white.  
(bottom left) Halls Market in Hartford.  
Photos by Nathan Cheatham.

