



Jon Gilroy gave a presentation called "Stories of a Classroom" to members of the Council for Exceptional Children

# Unique Puzzle Pieces

## Look Who's 21

Police Athletic League

Presents Holiday Lights Fundraiser

By DANNI EPTING  
Contributing Writer

The Capital Holiday Lights in the Park fundraising event is what the organization may be most known for, but the Police Athletic League works with and for the community year-round.

The theme of this year's event will be, "Look Who's Turning 21," to commemorate their 21st year.

Lights in the Park, held in Washington Park, averages about 130,000 visitors each year. New interactive light displays and other surprises have been revealed since the event opened on Nov. 24. The displays will be open for viewing through to Jan. 2.

PAL will be celebrating their

2 millionth visitor at the lights. They expect to hit this number around the second week into the celebration.

A tremendous amount of volunteers show up year after year to assist with the setup of the lights, said Lenny Ricchiuti, the executive director of PAL.

"This is my fourth year volunteering," said George Habiniak, one of the volunteers.

Habiniak assisted in the setup of the Lake House this year. Some of the volunteers have helped out for more than 15 years, and even take off up to two weeks of their day jobs to help out. Girl Scout troops continue to volunteer, as new girls come into

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## Council for Exceptional Children Hosts Jon Gilroy

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If you are missing a piece when putting together a puzzle, you are left with a hole. What if the piece you have left is a different shape? This was an analogy used by Jon Gilroy, an educator and guest speaker at the College of Saint Rose.

His presentation 'Stories of a Classroom,' was given on Nov. 14 in the Touhey Forum in the Lally School of Education. Gilroy was born with Cerebral palsy, and in his presentation he shared his struggles in the classroom and how important the role a teacher can play.

Gilroy came to Saint Rose thanks to the invitation from the Saint Rose Council for Exceptional Children, an international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals

with disabilities and other gifts and talents

"We chose him because he is so motivational and inspiring," said Jacquelyn Fossati, president of CEC. "He is just such a kind and welcoming person to be around."

When talking about the different puzzle piece, Gilroy said to carry it; carry your unique shape and personality because it makes you, you. His message is that no matter who you are, you must learn to value yourself and love what you bring to the table.

Gilroy said he views his life as a book in which he is the author, just like everyone else. Through all of what teachers, family, friends told him, he got to decide if she wanted to write that in his book. Whether their opinion of him who weigh value on the way he thinks about ourselves.

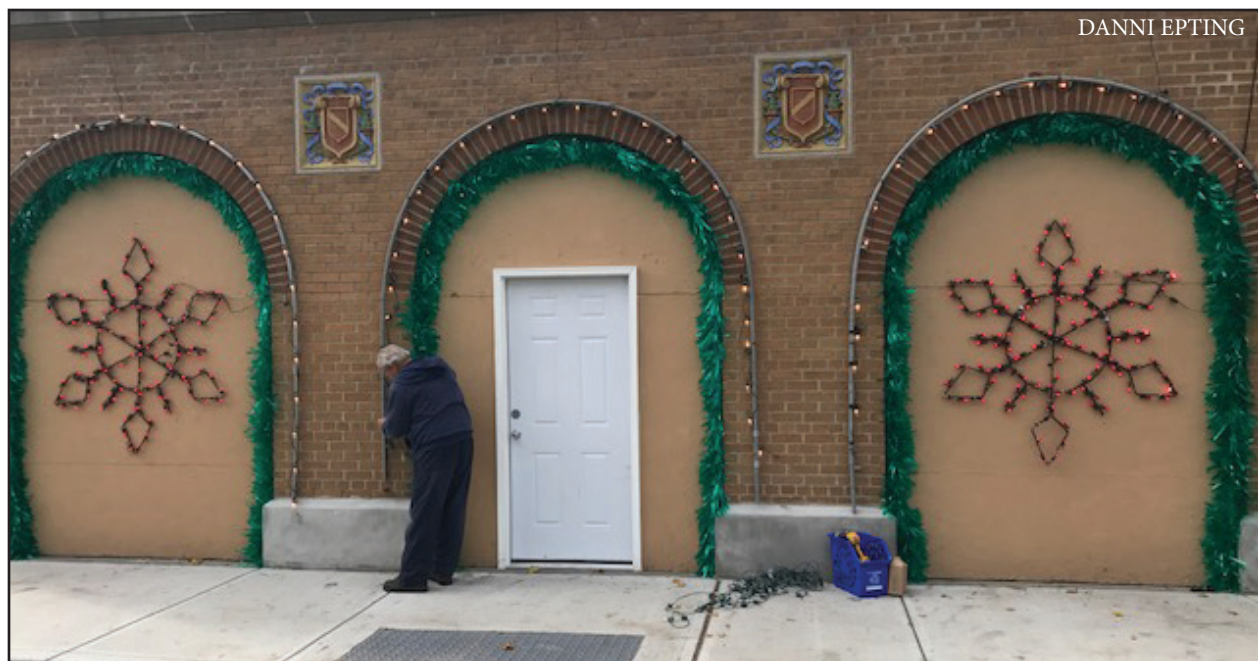
All these points lead him

to his main idea of how people need to be able to value and love ourselves before they can do so to others. He told the audience of 20 that each person should take care of or love him or herself. Gilroy went on to say that, as teachers, walking into a room with all of these repressed emotions and personal struggles, will not benefit us or our students.

"Growth is through truth and vulnerability," Gilroy said. By this we are able to find value in ourselves and love ourselves. We need to acknowledge the layers that are beneath each student.

He spoke about how a teacher's role as soon as they walk into that school is to be there for their students and create a safe place for them. Some students do not have a safe place in their lives. Gilroy recounted the story of a letter he received from a

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DANNI EPTING

The Police Athletic League hosts the Capital Holiday Lights in the Park as a fundraiser for the programs they provide throughout the year. The annual event is held in Washington Park.

## Sparks Fly, Budget Passes at Common Council Meeting

By KYLE PRATT  
Executive Editor

The Albany Common Council approved a 2018 budget last week that increases the city's property tax and increases Councilmembers' salaries. The vote was unanimous, but Council-members Frank Comisso Jr., Mark Robinson, and Judd Krasher were not in attendance and did not vote.

Krasher, who recently lost his reelection campaign for 11th Ward Common Council Member, voted "absolutely not" on amendments to the budget ordinance. He then left before voting on the actual

budget began.

"My proudest vote," Krasher said in a tweet response to a Pine Hills Blog tweet after the meeting, "raises for high level staff AND council members – appalling."

In that same tweet he referenced members of the public who spoke about the closing of public access television station Channel Albany.

"The speakers tonight are right," he wrote, "@AlbanyCityHall and their goons do NOT listen to the people."

A Delmar resident and supporter of Channel Albany

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## Anderson Cooper Broadcast

By ARIEL GONZALEZ  
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Anderson Cooper delivered a powerful story about his life and what life entails when you walk in another's shoes throughout the rebroadcast of his talk for students involved with the National Society for Success and Leadership.

The rebroadcast of the original presentation gave students the opportunities to learn about Cooper's transgressions throughout his life and get to know him as a news anchor on CNN.

Cooper spoke about his transgressions as a young man from high school through college. He finished high school a semester early and embarked on a trip to Africa. Throughout this time, Cooper was not really sure what he wanted to do with his life. Cooper's mother, Gloria Vanderbilt, simply told her son, "follow your bliss." After his trip to Africa, Cooper said it transformed his life.

He said that after he "learned to walk in other people's shoes," the experience prompted him to want to tell other people's stories.

In 1989, Cooper graduated from Yale University. He later began working on Channel One News but decided to move on after several years of work because he wanted to be more than a fact checker. Throughout this time and still to this day, Cooper considers himself an outsider as a gay man - despite his privileges of being a white male from a wealthy family.

After Anderson spoke for about 20 minutes he sat for a Q&A and answered questions that had to do with empathy,

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Carolyn McLaughlin, president of the City of Albany Common Council

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the troop, and the tradition gets passed on.

PAL will also be hosting their other annual holiday events, such as the Annual Craft, Beer, Wine, and Spirits Fest and their Chili, Chowder, and Soup Fest, which was sold out last year. Although these events alone are hard work, PAL does even more for the community throughout the other 10 months of the year.

Their variety of programs include the After School Club, Sports Clubs, Youth Leadership Council, Mentoring, the Explorers Club, and more. All programs are free and open to the youth, with the exception of the After School Club, which has a fee based on household family income.

The money raised each year by the Lights in the Park fundraiser allows PAL's programs to run for free. They are open to children from all over, not only those in Albany. Youth as far away as Bethlehem are involved with the Sports Clubs that PAL has to offer.

Dedicated staff and volunteers donate their time to the programs. They strive to help children see they are important members of the community, and that there are positive, compassionate people who care about them.

"I was one of those kids that was poor," said Ricchiuti. Born in the South End, Ricchiuti attended Giffen Elementary School. The school had the poorest performing student body and the social and economic status of its students was always in jeopardy.

Ricchiuti went on to dedicate his life to helping others. He has worked with PAL since first volunteering as an Albany Police Officer in '91.

"You do it to help these kids, but you're enriching your own life too," said Ricchiuti.

The After School Club at PAL is run by a combination of staff and volunteers, as are many of the other programs. The Club provides homework help for students, gym time, outdoor games, and more. Members attend everyday after school.

"One of the best parts of my job is when the children come in and they are so excited to be here and share their accomplish-



The Police Athletic League hosts many programs and opportunities for youth in the Capital Region

ments," said Sabrina Burke, the After School and Mentoring Club Coordinator.

School buses bring the children directly to the Albany PAL Center when school lets out. Children who attend schools that cannot bus them are instead picked up by the PAL vans.

The Mentoring Club is one of the programs available year-round for the community. It meets once a week, and participants work together on character development, arts and crafts, and other educational programs.

"Education is still the key to all of our problems," said Ricchiuti.

Ricchiuti discussed how PAL works with youth in an environment where they can grow, learn, and experience, all while allowing their parents to do what they need to do.

Basketball, lacrosse, running, and step team are several of the Sports Clubs made available by PAL. At their recent competition in the Bronx, PAL's step team won the Golden Boot.

PAL partners with several area colleges for After School and Sports Club volunteers. Saint Rose, Hudson Valley, and UAlbany all coordinate with PAL to offer their assistance.

Albany Police Officers are also involved. Officers coach the Justice League Basketball teams, which have become a huge success at PAL. Last year, there were enough participants for 29 teams. This sizable amount of teams brought on a cheer squad who then attended games and encouraged the players.

Officers act as advisors for the Explorers Club, which is open to youth in their eighth grade year, through to their senior year in high school. Club members have a serious interest in law enforcement and hope to one day go into the profession. Members are able to participate in a variety of activities with Albany Police, such as ride-alongs, trainings, and field trips.

PAL's Youth Leadership Council is open to the same ages as the Explorers Club, but instead focuses on community service. The Council aims to improve communication between PAL and the youth in the community. Sherry Rose, office manager, spoke of the Council's annual Halloween party.

"Hundreds of youth and their parents were in attendance and enjoyed the day's festivities," said Rose.

The party was hosted by the Youth Leadership Council on Oct. 28. It featured arts and crafts, a haunted house, balloons, face painting, a bouncy bounce, and costume contests.

PAL hopes to continue to grow their volunteer base. They have a future goal to work closer with other groups that provide for the youth, in order to create a more collaborative approach.

PAL's efforts never cease, as they work continuously throughout the year, hosting events and programs to benefit the community.

"If you dare to care, it will bring smiles to your face," said Ricchiuti.

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began shouting at the Council when it was her turn to speak.

Kimberly Krepp took aim at 1st Ward Council-member Dorcey Applrys, who she criticized for lack of action on re-opening the channel. Krepp directly addressed Applrys, who then stood up and called Krepp "disrespectful."

Krepp continued to shout over the council-members until an Albany Police officer escorted her out of the council chambers. She was later allowed to return.

The Pine Hills Blog and Times Union reporter Amanda Fries tweeted videos of the altercation. Krasher responded to Fries on twitter.

"The continued outburst wasn't ok," he wrote, "But Applrys was clearly ignoring the speaker. There's truth to what Krepp was angry about: most members don't listen."

Common Council President Carolyn McLaughlin attempted to reassure the members of the public who spoke.

"Some of us in here are very concerned about this," she

**"The continued outburst wasn't ok... There's truth to what Krepp was angry about: most members don't listen"**  
*Judd Krasher*

said referring to Channel Albany, "It is being worked on." She added that she believes the issue surrounding the studio will be resolved in 2018.

Applrys addressed the public comments later in the meeting.

"We hear your concerns," she said, "You have not been neglected, and we are doing our best to address your concerns."

No residents spoke about the budget, or the property tax increase it includes. The increase will total about \$14 a year for the average Albany property, assessed at \$150,000, Finance, Taxation, and Assessment Committee Chair Judy Doesschate said. The increase, along with better sales tax revenue projections will make up for over \$200,000 gap between the city's projected revenue for 2017, and its actual revenue.

"The Budget Office was very conservative in regards to sales tax revenue," Doesschate said.

The Budget Office projected a \$600,000 reduction in sales tax revenue, after the first two quarters of the year saw lower than expected revenue.

The Albany County Comptroller Office also released a report projecting lower revenue, said Michael Wheeler, Budget Director for the City of Albany.

The third quarter of 2017, however, brought the revenue up to 73 percent of what was projected, with the Christmas-shopping-filled fourth quarter still to go, Doesschate said. The County Comptroller's Office now projects a 2 percent increase in revenue over last year. The revenue of this year affects that 2018 budget, she said.

The sales tax reduction is now expected to be around \$500,000, leaving the city with an extra \$100,000 to budget, Doesschate said.

When creating the budget, the Finance Committee elected to follow a decades-old law which stipulates that whenever non-union city employees get a raise, elected officials, including the Common Council, get a raise. Originally, the proposal was not included in the 2018 budget, Doesschate said, but the consensus of the Council was to include it, so she did. The 2 percent raise will increase Council salaries by \$406 each for 2018. The raise is part of a separate proposal that has not yet been voted on.

The increase comes entirely from the Common Council's own budget, rather than being paid for directly through a tax increase, Doesschate said. In fact, the city's projected 2018 budget is a decrease from 2017's budget, which was a decrease from 2016's budget, she said.

This is the first consecutive expenditure decrease in the city in decades, according to a letter from Mayor Kathy Sheehan that is attached to the 2018 budget proposal, and available on the city's website.

"My 2017 budget included a 2% decrease in expenditures from 2016; the largest, and only the third annual expenditure decrease in more than 15 years," Sheehan wrote in the letter, "My 2018 budget builds upon my commitment to fiscal responsibility by implementing consecutive annual budget decreases for the first time in more than 60 years."

Back in the Council Chambers, McLaughlin made an emotional announcement. She will be resigning as of Dec. 8, making the Dec. 4 Council meeting her last. McLaughlin launched an unsuccessful bid for mayor earlier this year, meaning she could not rerun for Council President.

6th Ward Council-member Richard Conti thanked McLaughlin for her dedicated service Monday.

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**Left:** Judy Doesschate, 9th ward council member.



**Right:** Dorcey Applrys, 1st ward council member

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## Steamer 10 Renovation Plans

By LINDSAY DOXTADER  
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Steamer 10 Theatre has been in operation for 27 years and was formerly a firehouse, having been transformed into a 501-non-profit theatre organization between 1989 to 1991. Although the theatre covers a reasonable amount of property on Western Ave, it doesn't receive much recognition due to its outer appearance. One issue is that the building has never truly resembled a theatre.

"People literally drove up to the entrance, and still had to call to ask us where we were located," said Ric Chesser, executive director at Steamer 10.

A foundation which wishes to remain anonymous awarded the Steamer 10 Theatre a grant to allow the installation of a permanent roof, windows, and doors. Roughly a decade ago, in order to beautify the exterior of the Steamer 10 castle, direc-

tors began working on the castle entrance. The main goal was to address some safety issues while simultaneously renovating the aesthetic of the building.

This past summer, most of the brick work was finished, and on Nov. 8, Steamer 10 began the paperwork for another grant to finish the final interior and exterior work.

Chesser and Jacqueline Donnaruma, the education director at the theatre, said that the goal of Steamer 10 has always been theatre entertainment for younger audiences with an emphasis on education. Most all of the play productions put on at Steamer 10 are performed by Creative Arts at Steamer Ten (CAST). The works are choreographed by Eleah Peal.

"We usually start working with them when they are about seven-years-old, since it's easier for actors to work on script when they can read," Chesser said. "Then we begin helping them to develop their various talents."

In addition to the grants they have received, Steamer 10 also runs a campaign called Finish the Castle. If they raise \$50,000 in donations with the goal of finishing the castle, they will receive another \$50,000 in order to reach their goal of making the castle complete. They are at the half-way point right now in meeting their goal. Within the next few years, the Steamer 10 Castle will look the way it was always meant to.

The theatre recently held auditions for The Neverending Story for actors between the ages of 7 and 17.

"It appears that they've made a lot of improvements and seems as if they've achieved a lot of their financial goals already, even since last year," said Bobby Thrasher, a frequent attendee at the productions put on at the theatre. "It's a charming, small theatre in which audience members always feel welcome and at home."

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student in a class he presented in that said "I have never been told that I matter before."

Gilroy spoke about how children who are struggling to find their worth come into classrooms everyday and feel like they are alone and do not have a safe place to go. This is why he stresses that teachers need to let their students know that they are valued. Even if it is saying a simple "Good morning, how are you?" That could mean the world to a child.

When it was time for Gilroy's parents to enroll into preschool, the teachers at the school said Gilroy was to be put in the class with the nonverbal and not highly functioning children. Gilroy's parent fought that placement, stating that he was high functioning and he was eventually placed with the 'normal' children. He had this struggle again when entering elementary, teachers wanted to place him in the special education classroom, again his parents fought it and he was placed in a general education classroom.

In high school Gilroy graduated in the top 10% of his class of 771 students. When Gilroy and his mother met with his neurologist who specialized in Cerebral Palsy, he said the doctor looked at the mother and questioned him going to college and his ability to succeed.

Four years ago Gilroy came out as gay, and he talked about how he lost support from some of the people he knew. He went on to talk about how everyone had an opinion, however it was his choice whether or not the opinion of others would affect him.

"Highlight individuality," Gilroy said.

His speech can open teacher's minds to what might be going on in a student's head and how to be able to help. This can enhance the lives of every student in every classroom.

"He presented a good idea of simultaneously living your life while other people live theirs," said Whitney Greene, an education student who attended Gilroy's presentation. "It's a good way to look at your students."

## COOPER cont.

the advances of technology in news, and fake news. Anderson described himself as a very empathetic man and reiterated the point that people should learn to walk in other's shoes because it changes your perspective of life. He also said that this generation lives in a time where everything is at our fingertips - especially the news - but all of that digital access also brings great dangers when figuring out what is true and what is not.

The Cooper presentation was interesting for Destinee Colon, a sophomore at Saint Rose who intends to be in-

ducted into the program next semester and officially become a member. She mentioned that she joined NSLS because, "it looks good on your resumes in the long run."

This leadership society gives members the necessary skills to succeed in the real world, according to Autumn Lattera- Robinson, who was also in attendance. She has described her experience with the society as a great one because the society provides leadership experiences and it gives you the skills to use in the real world.

"Cooper managed to use his very own grief to go out and share others' stories," said

Lattera- Robinson. She will also be inducted into the program next semester to officially become a member.

Also in attendance at the event was the Co-Advisor of the Saint Rose NSLS chapter. Joachim Koka has been involved with the organization since it's beginning. Koka said the experience is beneficial for students.

Overall he believes that presentations like Cooper's help inspire many students to keep on striving and pushing for more in life.

"I wish as a student I would have had this opportunity because of all the benefits provided to the students."



Anderson Cooper is one of the presenters from a series through the National Society of Leadership and Success

# Game Corner

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## Celebrate Hanukkah

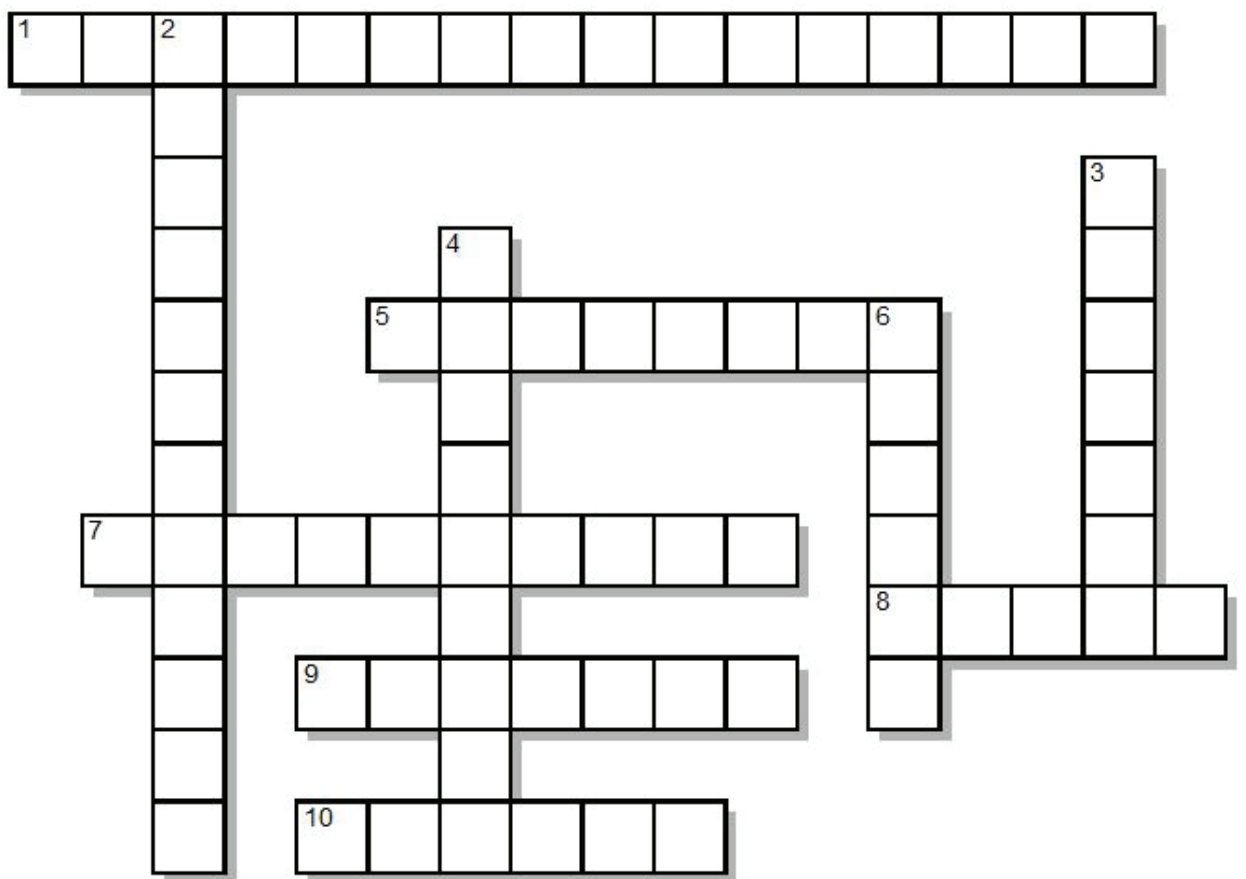
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- Jewish holiday celebrated using 3 down
- The original meaning behind the word "Hanukkah"
- The amount of days 5 Across lasts
- A four-sided spinning top, perhaps made of clay
- The third month of the civil year that 5 Across begins in

### Down

- A prayer meant to honor special occasions and new experiences
- A nine-candles lamp very important in Judaism
- Hanukkah celebrates the victory of this group of people
- A prayer from Psalms 113-118

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## “Justice League” Not DC’s Finest



The cast of DC's "Justice League"

By **JACKSON MURPHY**  
Staff Writer

DC finally delivered a post-“Dark Knight” winner earlier this year with “Wonder Woman.” But not even the presence of Gal Gadot’s Diana, along with the Caped Crusader and a few new and old friends, make “Justice League” worth getting excited about. This is a superhero film where nothing is super, and no one is exceptionally heroic.

Batman and Wonder Woman reunite to battle the evil Steppenwolf — a completely CGI (and quite dull) villain, who, if allowed to capture three powerful boxes and combine them together, can destroy the world. Three newbies recruited to join the good side are Aquaman, played by Jason Momoa, Ray Fisher’s Cyborg and The Flash, played by Jimmy Fallon look-alike Ezra Miller. These five form the Justice League.

But wait — what about Superman? Well, at the start of “Justice League,” the Man of Steel is dead, thanks to the events at the end of last year’s “Batman v. Superman.” It’s difficult to hide the fact that he makes a triumphant return here, considering Henry Cavill has been part of the film’s marketing from the start. In fact, Cavill receives 2nd billing. Logically, there was no way a Justice League movie could

be made without the Man of Steel.

There were also all those stories about Warner Bros. spending millions on last minute re-shoots (which reportedly make-up 15-20% of the movie). Cavill was in the midst of shooting next summer’s “Mission: Impossible 6” — with a full mustache — at the time. Paramount executives wouldn’t allow him to shave it. The “Justice League” digital team did their best to try to hide the stache, but a dark shadow is clearly visible just above Cavill’s upper lip in most of his scenes.

But that’s the least of the movie’s problems. This is director Zack Snyder’s third DC Extended Universe installment, and it’s his liveliest, though also the most off-kilter in tone. That may be because Joss Whedon had to step in for those re-shoots when Snyder left the production following the death of his daughter. You can tell the film wanted to go down a couple different paths, but instead plays it straight and bland. From the opening scene to the uninspired climax, nothing happens that you don’t expect.

J.K. Simmons’ Commissioner Gordon could be an interesting character, but he gets practically no screen time. Amy Adams, Jeremy Irons and Diane Lane all return, but they

also aren’t allowed to contribute in any meaningful way.

But the biggest injustice with “Justice League” are the visual effects. The green screen usage is heavy and obvious. All of the action scenes look corny and, frankly, cheap — especially in comparison to those of arch-rival Marvel. I was experiencing flashbacks to 2011’s “Green Lantern,” one of the cheesiest-looking superhero movies of all-time. It’s that bad.

However, even with their terrible batting average, DC keeps swinging: We’ll get an Aquaman solo movie next year (Momoa provides plenty of attitude here) and a highly-anticipated “Wonder Woman” sequel in 2019. Cyborg is set to get his own film in 2020; “Shazam” and, “Green Lantern Corps” are also in development.

Affleck’s future as Batman is currently up-in-the-air. Wonder Women tells him at one point, “You can’t keep doing this forever.” And she’s right. The once iconic character seems out of his element in this setting.

Outside of a few, rare moments, “Justice League” doesn’t feel like a very important movie. It just kinda “is,” serving more as a necessary way to move along DC’s plans for future films than as legit, stand-alone entertainment.

## For Those About to Rock, We Salute You

*Malcolm Young: 1957 - 2017*

By **ETHAN HERZINGER**  
Staff Writer

The rock and roll community suffered another tragic loss with the death of AC/DC’s Malcolm Young. With the death of Tom Petty last month, we’ve been through the ringier and thought things couldn’t get much worse. Young died peacefully in his sleep during the early morning of Nov. 18.

Born on Jan. 6, 1953 in Glasgow, United Kingdom (Scotland), he is the second oldest of three brothers. Young eventually immigrated to Australia in 1963.

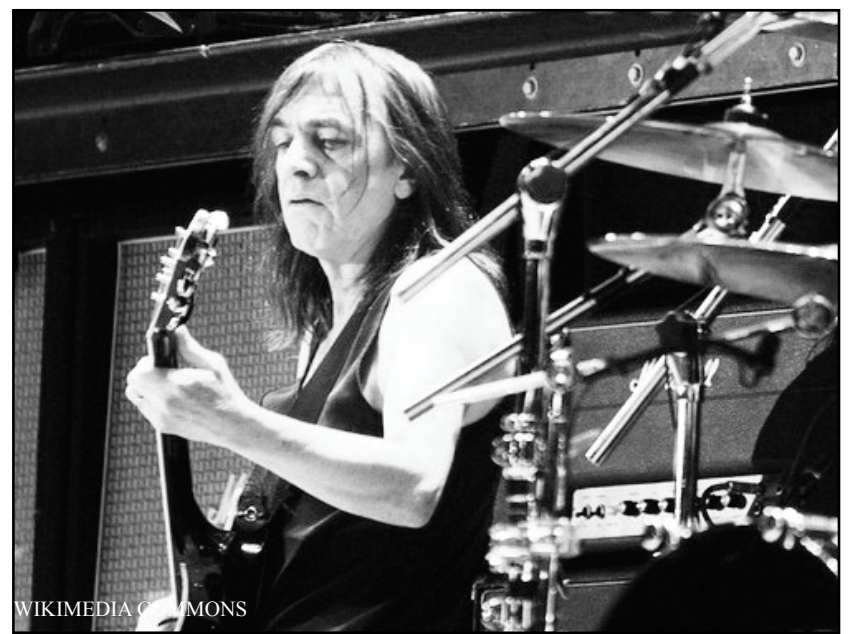
Malcolm was the co-founder of AC/DC alongside his brother Angus. The band auditioned singers, and eventually settled on Dave Evans. In 1974, Bon Scott joined as frontman and the band was born.

What made Malcolm an

equally respected and famous musician, even though he was overshadowed by his younger brother, was the way he played rhythm guitar. His skills were a force to be reckoned with. It was because of him that AC/DC has such memorable opening riffs. From “It’s A Long Way to the Top (If You Wanna Rock n Roll)” to “Dirty Deeds,” these easy to play riffs became rock n roll anthems.

In 2014, Malcolm’s health started to decline and his family officially stated that he was diagnosed with dementia, which put him out of commission for AC/DC’s upcoming recording sessions and tour of their 2015 album “Rock or Bust.”

Malcolm will be missed for his memorable and legendary rhythm playing, his amazing Gretsch G6131 guitar, and being the founder of the greatest hard rock acts ever assembled.



Young in 2010



Ben Parker as Macbeth and Chloe Vader as Lady Macbeth in Steamer 10’s Macbeth. See Story on A3

## Selena Gomez AMA’s Performance Raises Questions

By **ELIZABETH VALENTIN**  
Arts Editor

Selena Gomez had her highly anticipated performance of “Wolves,” her collaboration with Marshmello at the American Music Awards. It was her first performance in over a year, leaving people on the edge of their seats as they waited for what she had in store.

Her performance included a car wreck, which set the scene for her. She was surrounded by dancers, who acted as the wolves, as she wore fake blood on her head, arms, and legs, presumably meant to be because of the car crash.

She moved gracefully among her dancers throughout her time on stage, but when her performance came to an end, audience members im-

mediately became aware that Gomez appeared to be sad and that something was definitely wrong.

There have been a few rumors as to why Gomez may have been upset after her emotional performance. Some rumors speculate that she had a panic attack before going on stage. This is plausible considering that she had not performed in over a year and has been battling health complications from her lupus in that time period.

Another, less popular, rumor is that there was a group of people that were booing Gomez at the end of her performance, which upset the popstar. This could not be heard through the broadcast.

In addition to being clearly upset after her performance, Gomez was also slammed with lip syncing accusations. The

internet erupted with the allegations about her performance.

Since these accusations emerged, it has been reported that Gomez was, in fact, lip syncing, but only during the chorus, which is common practice by musicians. According to these reports, she was singing live during the verses and bridge. Her fluid movements around the dancers were a conscious decision made by Gomez to enable her ability to sing live, as dancing would make that difficult. Reports also note that the audio might have been distorted during broadcast, meaning that what was heard live in the venue could be different from what was heard on television.

Even if she was lip syncing, it would be safe to say that this girl deserves a break, especially considering the difficult year that she has been hav-

ing. Gomez received a kidney transplant during the summer, and it is still unknown if there are any other serious medical problems that she is facing. If she did have a panic attack, she would be further warranted a break, as performing

during or directly after a panic attack can take a toll on a person physically and mentally.

Selena’s performance was, overall, beautiful and was a great comeback for the former Disney star after a year away from the stage.



Selena Gomez performed her newest hit song “Wolves” ft. Marshmello at the 2017 AMAs.

# Not A Victory Just Yet: Australia and Same-Sex Marriage

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Seventy-nine percent of Australians took part in a two-month national survey by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as to whether or not same-sex marriage should be legalized. The results were released earlier this month with more than 60 percent of Australians voting in favor of the legislation. But don't start celebrating just yet, there is still some work that needs to be done within parliament first.

After the results flooded in, Dean Smith, a liberal senator in Australia, introduced a marriage equality bill to the Australian parliament. Senator Smith said in a speech that, "nothing speaks more of acceptance than marriage." The bill proposed by Senator Smith is limited to only making changes within the Marriage Act and does not go into detail on the topic of freedom of expression.

During the two-month window that the survey was available, rainbow flags were vandalized with Nazi symbols by those opposed to the legislation. Those who were not in favor of same-sex marriage claimed that voting yes and then passing the law, would inevitably mean sex education in schools would have to touch on the subject of gay sex.

Although a majority of Australians voices were heard voting in favor, this does not guarantee parliament will go forward with legalizing same-sex marriage in Australia.



Australians fill the streets of Melbourne advocating for same-sex marriage to be legalized.

lia. Even if it does, there are always loopholes. It is just a matter of finding them, and those opposed to same-sex marriage are doing their best to do just that. A proposal to allow those who are not in favor of same-sex marriage to opt out of performing same-sex marriages and allow business owners to refuse service to same-sex couples is in the works.

The topic of religion tends to be the backbone of objections to marriage equality, despite more than two dozen countries embracing same-sex marriage. "God would nev-

er allow it," some argue, or "The bible says that marriage is between a man and a woman." These rebuttals are sad attempts at looking to preach from a thousands-of-year-old book on how one should live this or her life. If you ask me, it is a load of crap. To use religious freedom as the grounds in which one is discriminating against another human being does not seem at all righteous. Doesn't the bible also say to "love thy neighbor?"

Before the results came in, Tony Abbott, former Australian Prime Minister and member of parliament, spoke to the

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a United States group that asserts religious freedom while vehemently denying the rights of members of the LGBTQ+ community. Abbott tried to build off of the fear of his allies within the ADF, and said legalizing same-sex marriage would be used as a tool to oppress those who were not in favor of the bill.

Malcolm Turnbull, Australian Prime Minister, would like parliament to legalize same-sex marriage before Christmas. The passing of the bill should ultimately pave the way for other members of the

LGBTQ+ community, such as transgenders, to be treated as equals in Australia. However, if the loopholes proposed by the more conservative bunch in parliament are to be instated, then this hardly seems like much of a victory.

Equality means just that, equal. Having a life of less value or worth than that of someone who is straight is in no way just. No one should be told that his or her rights as an individual are not paramount to that of a straight male or female.

Marriage is not to be defined as a union between a man and a woman, marriage is to be looked at as two individuals who love one another so wholeheartedly that they wish to spend the rest of his or her life with one another. When we are stripped from our skin and left only with bones, there is no difference that can be seen between the love of a man and woman, and that of two women or two men.

A country or government being challenged or changed can be frightening, most people dislike change, but sometimes change is for the better - and in the case of Australia, let the rainbow flags fly high and love conquer hate.

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## Kunis Makes Donations in Pence's Name

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Every month, US Vice President Mike Pence, receives a letter informing him that an anonymous donation has been made in his name to Planned Parenthood.

"It isn't so much as a prank, as it was a disagreement," said Mila Kunis, a celebrity, who put Pence on a list of recurring names who monthly donate to Planned Parenthood. Kunis fessed up to what she calls a "peaceful protest" on Conan in the beginning of this month.

But Kunis isn't the only one sending donations in Pence's name. According to the Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, they received thousands of donations in the vice president's name two weeks after election day.

Pence has a history of advocating for pro-life and recently voted to limit women's access to birth control, as well as defund Planned Parenthood. During his time as governor of Indiana, Pence signed numerous pieces of anti-abortion

legislation. A woman's right to choose what happens to her body is not something Pence appears to support. Kunis said in the interview that she wants to remind the Vice President that there are people out there who disagree with some of what he stands for.

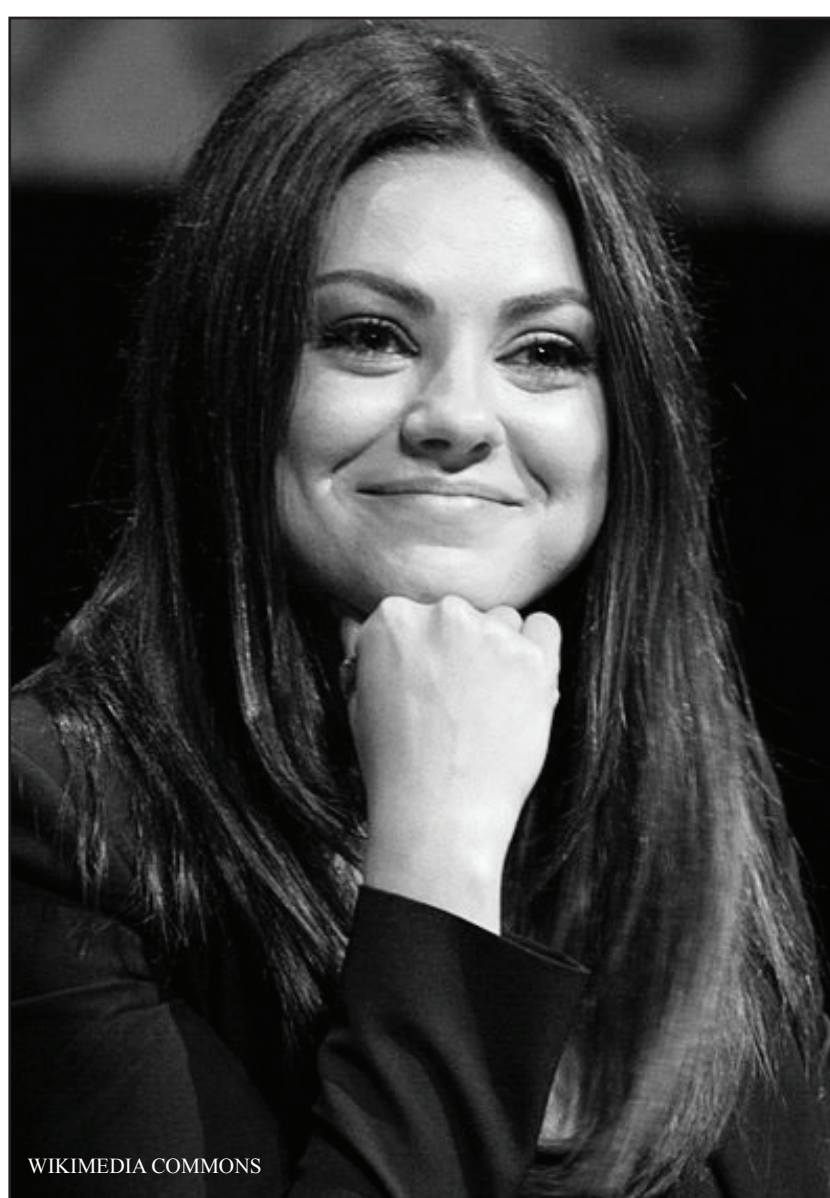
Since Kunis's interview with Conan aired, people have been protesting Jim Beam, given that Kunis is its spokesperson. A hashtag, #BoycottBeam, began on twitter by pro-life and Pence supporters. Some of the users who included the hashtag in tweets, asked that Kunis be removed from the brand. But the boycott didn't just stop at Jim Beam, social media users also requested that the actress's new movie, A Bad Moms Christmas, be boycotted as well. Some even suggested sending donations to the National Right to Life in Kunis's name, as well as the National Rifle Association (NRA).

What Kunis believed to be a peaceful protest is causing her to be labeled by some as a "baby killer," which is far from factual. Nowhere in Kunis's interview did she say she

"kills babies," and supporting a woman's right to choose does not make someone a "baby killer." However, extreme pro-life supporters would say otherwise.

When there are haters, there are also supporters and the supporters are making sure Kunis knows they appreciate her efforts. Instead of boycotting Jim Beam, some of the supporters are saying they will start drinking the whiskey now. Kunis has yet to comment on the boycotts, but she did voice her support of the vice president's opposing candidates in last year's election.

Kunis is fighting for a woman to have the right to choose what happens to her body. A woman should have equal access to birth control as a man would to Viagra. Just because Kunis is trying to voice her disagreement with the vice president's stance on a women's issue, shouldn't be reason for such backlash. However, Kunis was prepared for the hit as she mentioned before she came forward that "this is when a lot of hate mail" comes her way.



Kunis is receiving a lot of backlash after she announced that she has been putting donations in at Planned Parenthood under Pence's name.

# Golden Knights Rundown

By DAVID MEISTER  
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In women's basketball, the Golden Knights were up against the Pace Setters last Tuesday.

They were defeated 79-40. Despite the loss, Sophomore forward Leah Dollard led Saint Rose on the day with 12 points and going 5-8 in field goals on the day. The loss puts Saint Rose at 3-2 in the early going and will look to record another victory on Wednesday when they travel to Syracuse to take on the Le Moyne Dolphins.

In men's basketball, the team was also playing the Pace Setters last Tuesday, but they came out victorious 74-64.

Junior guard Shane Herryty lead the charge for Saint Rose with 15 points and six assists.

The Golden Knights led for the entire match and held the Setters to only 30 percent

shooting.

They looked to extend their winning streak to three on Friday, where they traveled to Erie, Pennsylvania to compete in the 34th Annual Gary Miller Classic, against the Northern Michigan Wildcats but were unable to do so, falling 71-69.

It was a heartbreaker for the Golden Knights as they tied the game at 69 apiece thanks to senior forward Jack Jones who nailed a three-pointer to tie it up with 49 seconds left.

But the Wildcats didn't back down as they scored on the next possession to seal the win.

"We had a tough outing against Northern Michigan, losing by two points, and we felt that our defense and rebounding was really poor in that game," said senior forward Julian Lipinski. "It showed that even playing like that we can still be in games. It was a wake up call

that our commitment to our defensive principles and overall energy, effort and focus needs to be better."

Saint Rose looked to avenge that loss against the winless West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats in the consolation game of the tournament, which they did, 71-64. Freshman guard Adam Anderson had a great day, scoring 23 points on the day, a season high for him while going 10 of 14 shooting.

"I believe we performed well this weekend, but there's always room to improve," said Anderson. "My teammates having trust in me and the energy as a team we had helped us come out with the win."

The team is off to a strong 6-2 start to the season and will hope to continue this hot streak when they travel to take on the Le Moyne Dolphins on Wednesday.

"We move on to a tough Le Moyne team on the road," Lipinski said. "We know we need to be locked into the scout and our defensive principles and continue to be aggressive offensively getting contributions from more guys who are starting to find their feet."



Kate Pierce

## Upcoming Sporting Events

Wednesday, Nov. 29 -

5:00 p.m.: Women's Basketball @ Le Moyne

7:00 p.m.: Men's Basketball @ Le Moyne

Friday, Dec. 1 -

9 a.m.: Men's Swimming & Diving @ Gompei Invitational

9 a.m.: Women's Swimming & Diving @ Gompei Invitational

Saturday, Dec. 2 -

1:30 p.m.: Women's Basketball @ New Haven

3:30 p.m.: Men's Basketball @ New Haven

Tuesday, Dec. 6 -

5:30 p.m.: Women's Basketball @ Adelphi

7:30 p.m.: Men's Basketball @ Adelphi

## Golden Knight Rewind . . .

- MidKnight Madness With The Men's Basketball Team



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Wednesday, November 29

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Thursday, November 30

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