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Advocacy and **Partnership**

By SERIAH SARGENTON Staff Writer

Sexual assault continues to be a major issue for many college campuses, but the fight to educate others on this issue is much larger.

At Saint Rose, Amanda Bastiani works closely with members of the college community on learning how to facilitate conversations and identify issues relation to sexual assault.

Bastiani started working as the associate director of violence prevention and non discrimination in August 2017, and she is piloting the position as it is brand new to the campus.

Part of her job includes overseeing prevention education and training for all students and employees at the college relating to Title IX, Title VII, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Article 129-B or "Enough is Enough". She works closely with Dennis McDonald, the vice president of Student Affairs and the Title IX coordinator.

One of the biggest accomplishments Bastiani has had since she started are partnerships with students and staff from other departments to work on changing the current culture in relation to relational and interpersonal violence.

"Another thing I'm proud of is the number of students and departments who are willing to work on the escalation workshop," said Bastiani.

The Escalation workshop is a film based program that is designed to open people's minds about the signs of abuse in relationships. The workshop consists of members watching Escalation and then having a discussion about he film which is led by trained facilitators, according to the One Love founda-

The One Love foundation was started after Yeardly Love, a University of Virginia student, was beaten to death by her former boyfriend weeks before her graduation. After Yeardly's death, her mother and sister decided to begin the foundation in her honor to bring awareness to relationship abuse.

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Amanda Bastiani the associate director of associate director of violence prevention and non discrimination

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Late Knight Committee hosts game competition

By KATE PIERCE Executive Editor

With only a minute to complete a task, students participated in the The Late Knight Committee "Minute to Win It" event.

Some of the tasks included popping an entire sheet of bubble wrap, sticking your nose in vaseline to move cotton balls into a bowl, and transferring ping pong balls from a glass atop a helmet into a bucket on the ground.

"It's a great time," said Lauren Pelletier, a member of the planning committee. "And you can win great prizes."

Prizes for the minute to win it event ranged from gift cards to Panera, Starbucks, and Regal Theaters, to Saint Rose "swag," a beauty kit, and an introductory yoga book, among others.

Late Knight events are coordinated by students, for other students. The committee meets at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Student Affairs conference

"We provide late night alcohol free events as an alternative to partying," said Theresa Belfance, a member of the commit-

Upcoming events include a trip to Dave and Buster's, a casino night, and a paint and sip

"They come up with really great events," said Chereva McClellan, the advisor to the programming committee. "They give up their weekends to put on events for the rest of the campus."



Photo Captions:

Top: Students had a minute to keep two balloons floating in the air

Bottom - A transfer of ping pong balls as students raced to fill their buckets the most in only a few minutes.

Late Knight Minute to Win It

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Women of Saint Rose Believe and Volunteer



Members of WEBelieve will volunteer with middle school students at St. Anne Institute



By KATE PIERCE

Executive Editor

A group of women from Saint Rose are using their experience and education to prove that they believe in women everywhere, by volunteering with local young girls.

Women Everywhere Believe is a national organization that now has a chapter here on campus.

"Our goal is to inspire young girls to believe in their power to change the world," said Breanne Colon, president of the chapter at Saint Rose.

The organization took off at Columbia University after Chelsea Miller, the founder and CEO of WEBelieve, launched a pro-

gram to help young women in underserved communities. The founders of the program developed curriculum programs they believed is crucial to growth for the young women. Today there are 13 chapters throughout seven different states.

The chapter at Saint Rose is planning an eight week curriculum to work with middle school girls at the St Anne Institute. Some of the topics include community service, self care, and financial literacy - which they plan on calling "money moves."

"It's a lot of learning from them as they're learning from us," said Colon. "I didn't realize what self care was until I got to

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Feature: Share Love with the Environment

By ENVIRONMENTAL **CLUB** and **COLLEGE DEMS**

This week, many of us will show our love and appreciation to those around us that we care about. Husbands, wives, boyfriends, girlfriends and everyone else that we hold a special place for in our hearts. We also strongly believe that it is important to show our appreciation for our plant and the environment that we live in too, which does

not require going out on an expensive date, or spending lots of money.

It is relatively simple to show your love to the environment, and you can do it every single day. When you and your significant other finish a bottle of wine on Valentine's Day, make sure you recycle it. If you are cooking a romantic dinner, make sure you know what you can recycle and what you can't.

This is important because when you put garbage in the re

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Members of the environmental club with a newly planted tree on campus

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college."

St Anne Institute, located less than a mile from the Saint Rose campus, is a private non-profit resource for families and young girls from 12 to 21 years old who have unique issues hindering their success in public schools and at home.

"Some of the girls have been in foster care, and some are runaways," said Colon.

Dayana Pichardo, the vice president of the club, currently works at St Anne Institute to provide therapeutic recreation for the students.

"They are girls like us who've been through traumatic incidents," said Pichardo. "Be a listener, and not a talker."

The club will be volunteering from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers will walk from campus to the Institute and back together.

"It gives an opportunity to grow, and give insight into students like you will have in your

classrooms," said Janay Salter, a sophomore studying education. "You're stepping out of your perspective and into theirs."

Around twenty female students gathered for the club's interest meeting at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday Feb. 6 in the Neil Hellman Library.

The meeting began with an activity to get to know one another. Everyone took a piece of paper and wrote down a fact about themselves that nobody in the room knew about. The papers were shuffled and passed out again, and the group had to guess who they thought wrote the fact.

After the icebreaker, the premise of the club was explained and the executive board and other students offered advice on what to expect while working with the middle school girls.

"They're at a point in their life where they're trying to figure out their identity," said Jalissa Chaney, a transfer student from Hudson Valley community

college who is studying social

The most important aspect of volunteering with the girls will be helping them but not doing things for them, according to Chaney. She said that setting boundaries is important.

"We need to take the time to address the problems that adolescents face on a day to day basis," said Chaney. "There's not a lot of opportunities for them, so I'm trying to help with that."

The website for the national organization identifies and describes the target demographic of young girls as being in transitional periods in their life. At this stage, they need assistance which can be provided through the organization with preventative rather than reactive programming. This programming serves to address inequality in providing opportunities for young girls.

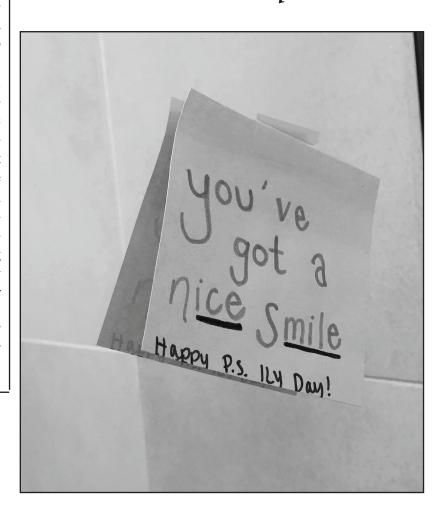
"Children are voiceless," said Salter. "They need a voice."

Samuel Lund and Briana Spina



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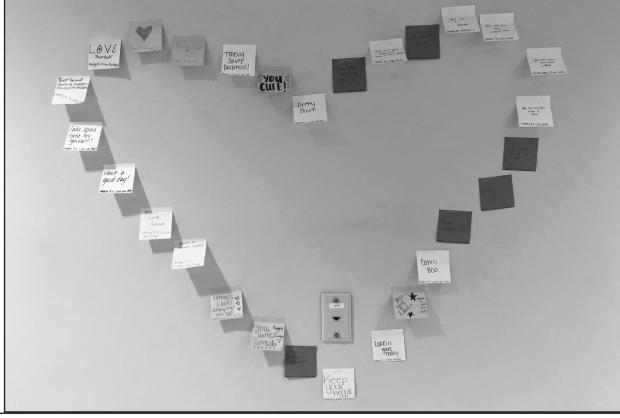
Notes of Positivity Around Campus







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Through the Escalation workshop, Bastiani has trained numerous students and staff in facilitating conversations about abuse within the relationship.

She hopes that by training faculty and students, she can begin shifting the campus mindset to one where people will feel comfortable about speaking out issues of abuse, including sexual assault.

Bastiani said she has a deep emotional connection to the issue of sexual assault that drives her to educate other in learning about assault and combating it.

In addition to the Escalation workshop, she has worked hard to change the mindset of students on campus.

"Amanda spent her initial months on campus at the college introducing herself and the work she does around the issues of sexual violence to faculty, students, and administrators," said McDonald. "She has formed partnerships with athletics to provide training to all athletes, coaches, and athletic staff."

Bastiani is making big moves for the college. On April 19, she hopes to convince student clubs, performers, staff, and the general student population to partake in "Take Back the Night" which will be held from 5 to 8 p.m in the Lake House at Washington Park.

"Take Back the Night" is an annual event where people come together to march against sexual assault, domestic violence, and relationship abuse.

For more information on how to learn more or to participate, reach out to Bastiani.

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cycling container, the entire bag of recycles becomes garbage when it is collected. Also it is important to not put recycles in the garbage, as they take over 500 years to decompose in a landfill.

Items that you cannot recycle include: broken glass/ mirrors, ceramics, light bulbs, waxed paper/cardboard, styrofoam, silverware, straws/napkins/paper towels, paper plates and plastic bags.

Before recycling, it is important to make sure that all cans, bottles, cartons and food containers are rinsed out. The labels and plastic windows in envelopes do not need to be removed. Plastic bags can also be returned to some stores and businesses to be recycled or reused.

While some of the ways we

can love the environment are simple things we can do in our daily routines, sometimes there are larger issues in our local communities that require action. About 10 minutes from our Saint Rose campus is a low-income neighborhood called Ezra Prentice. The residents suffer illnesses related to air pollution in multiple places.

Behind the Ezra Prentice homes is the Kenwood rail yards, where oil tankers are parked and switch tracks every day. Not only does this create air pollution, but also risks an oil explosion about 50 feet from a children's playground.

South Pearl St. near Route 32 is an extremely high traffic area for tractor trailers and diesel trucks, due to the nearby 787 highway entrance. The route runs directly through the Ezra Prentice neighborhood, drasti-

cally increasing the amounts of hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide in the atmosphere.

To get more information on this local environmental crisis or to get involved, email avillageworks@gmail.com. Another great way to get involved is to contact local representatives about the issues in our backyard. Those representatives are Kathy Sheehan, Albany Mayor, Senator Neil D. Breslin, Assemblyman John T. McDonald III and Congressman Paul D. Tonko.

Make sure to check out our showcase in the Events and Athletics Center this week themed "Love the Environment," and always remember to recycle!

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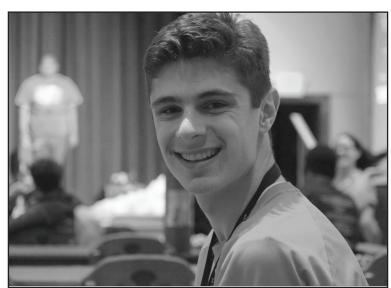
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In Brief

What's happening in the community

Graduate School Week

Admissions at Saint Rose is hosting several events this week to help students as they prepare for pursuing graduate degrees. Students who attend one of the information sessions will have their application fee waived.

The schedule is as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 13-Education Open House, Wednesday Feb. 14-Business and IT Open House, Thursday Feb. 15-Counseling, Psychology,

The Office of Graduate and Social Work Open House, Friday, Feb. 16-Putting Together a Competitive Graduate School Application.

> Students must RSVP by going to www.strose.edu/ admissions/graduate-students/ connect-with-graduate-admissions/upcoming-events/ graduate-school-week/. Those who cannot attend any of the events can contact Graduate Admissions for more information at grad@strose.edu.

Poverty Advocacy

The Poor People's Campaign has reached the Capital District, and the Saint Rose community is organizing to join the cause. This organization focuses on raising awareness of poverty and the issues it creates. Additionally, it works to include members of the lower class in their advocacy and campaign efforts. In June, the PPC plans to march on Washington DC.

The Interfaith Sanctuary will hold an interest meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss future

courses of action. Some possibilities include recurring dialogues about personal experiences with poverty, tabling in the Events and Athletics Center, marches or rallies on the State Capitol, and teaming up with other colleges in the area. The local and state PPC committees are also looking for students to serve on their boards. Attend the interest meeting or contact Ken Scott, Director of Community Service, at scottk@strose.edu for more details.

Friday Knights

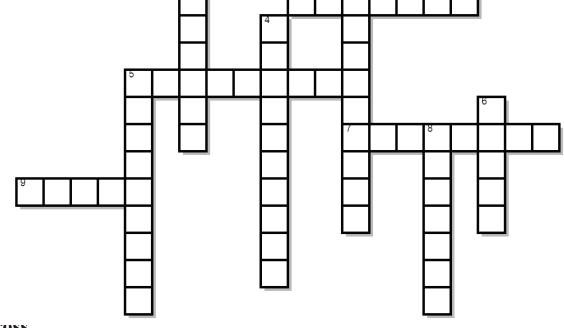
The Friday Knights program begins this Friday, Feb. 16, and they are still in need of volunteers. This program is especially valuable to Saint with children and teenagers on soon as possible. the autism spectrum. Being a

volunteer qualifies as community service, and the program takes place for about 3 hours in the early evening on five Fridays throughout the semes-Rose students who are inter- ter. Anyone who is interested ested in getting experience in should contact Dr. DeLuke at a classroom setting or working fridayknights@strose.edu as

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Take a break to solve some puzzles! Answers posted online at strosechronicle.com

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2. About 220,000 couples will get on Valentine's Day.

5. About 36 million heart-shaped boxes of are sold each Valentine's Day.

7. Who will receive the most cards on Valentine's Day? It's not children, parents, or significant others.

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1. Each Valentine's Day, this city receives about 1,000 love letters because it served as the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

3. February 13th has been deemed 's Day by the character Leslie Knope from *Parks and Recreation*.

4. Valentine's Day was originally a day to celebrate Saint

"Valentine" is his nickname, but his real name is slightly different.) 5. You would think that this is the most popular holiday for buying cards, but it is surpassed only by

6. Cupid is the son of _____, the Roman goddess of love.

invented the first Valentine's Day candy box. (Hint: His last name is the name of a popular chocolate company.

Clever Marketing Can't Save "The Cloverfield Paradox"

By MARK O'CALLAHAGN Staf Writer

Before the Super Bowl, there were some rumblings if Netflix would show a teaser for "The Cloverfield Paradox" during the game. Well not only a dull pace like a car breakdid we get our first look but it said the movie would come "very soon". By very soon meant that it was available to stream immediately after the game was over. Sadly, this great marketing was deflated by a boring sci-fi movie.

It begins with exposition given out about how Earth is running out of energy and on a ticking clock. In order to save the world, an international alliance is formed.

Representatives from each country come together to create a powerful particle accelerator. Despite some success, trouble comes when the Earth disappears and the crew must find a way home.

The main thing that this movie has going for it is the acting ensemble. These are some talent stars that bring its clever marketing but everytheir all despite a weak script. thing is dull to watch.

You got Gugu Mbatha-Raw, David Oyelowo, Daniel Brühl, Chris O'Dowd, and Elizabeth Debicki together. They all do have nice chemistry together but it's not a lot to keep the movie going.

Everything moves at such ing down. You just want this movie to pick up speed but it explains too much instead of showing. It's not a good sign if you keep checking the runtime just to see when it will

Now you might have some enjoyment if you're a Cloverfield fan. This franchise has tons of little Easter eggs and fans tried to see how they connect to each other. So that aspect is fun but only if you're a

If this wasn't connected to anything Cloverfield and had nothing to do with the franchise, it just would have been a boring sci-fi film. There's nothing really special that makes it sound out and instead takes sci-fi clichés. I'll praise "The Cloverfield Paradox" for

Selena Gomez Checks Back into Rehab

By KAYLA ROYSTER Staff Writer

Selena Gomez has checked herself into rehab for the second time since 2014.

In 2014, Gomez checked herself into rehab. Her emotional issues sent her to a rehab facility for a two week

The facility that she stayed at, Dawn at The Meadows specializes in caring for patients ages 18 to 26 who are struggling with emotional trauma or addiction. By going Gomez hoped to heal the substances that she was abusing to cope with the emotional hardships

That was in 2014, fast forward 4 years later. Why has Selena Gomez decided to return to a rehab facility again? The 25-year-old checked herself into a New York treatment facility.

In in January she decided to enter the facility that focuses on mental wellness and empowerment.

"It's about physical, mental wellness and clean eating" she shared with US Weekly. While she will only be at the facility for two weeks, she

checked in because she wanted to be proactive in her life. Never retreating back to the depression and anxiety ridden state she was in back in 2014.

The star has checked herself into rehab more than just these two times, though. She also checked herself into a Tennessee rehab facility in October 2016, cutting her Revival tour short.

Back then Gomez spoke out intimately about her struggle with depression, low selfesteem, as well as loneliness on her cover debut of Vogue. She shared that taking the step to get better and entering rehab was extremely hard for her, but something she had to

The switch from performing on tour for kids to adults took its toll on the star. She went from pinky promising fans to believe in themselves and stay healthy, to adults drinking.

"My self-esteem was shot. I was depressed, anxious. I started to have panic attacks right before getting onstage, or right after leaving the stage" she shared.

It has been brought to the public's attention within the last year that along with suffering from an autoimmune disease, as of 2017 she also received a kidney transplant. Gomez suffers from lupus and discovered that the anxiety, panic, and depression attacks are a side effect of the illness. She felt that with her health and current mindset rehab would be the best choice to reassure her that she was moving forward.

Shortly after her release in 2014 Gomez was seen at the park with some friends wearing a pair of overalls, where she stopped feed some ducks at a pond. Later taking off her shoes and sitting on the edge of the pond watching the an-

Back in 2014 Justin Bieber played a part in Selena Gomez decision to go to rehab.

In her 2018 return, her on again boyfriend played a different role this time supporting her. It seems like has Gomez entered rehab quite often, but at least she is brave enough to reach out for help when she feels he needs it. She always wants more for herself in order to become the best person she could be for her fans.

New Information Revealed About Actress Natalie Wood's Drowning

By SUNNY NOWACKI Staff Writer

Actress Natalie Wood's mysterious death is being investigated once again, now thirty-seven years later. In 1981, the actress drowned on a boating trip with her husband Robert Wagner and her friend and costar Christopher Walken. Officials are now saying that her death has been ruled "suspicious," changing the report that initially claimed her death was accidental.

The official ruling of Wood's cause of death was "accidental drowning." However, because of recent evidence, it has been deemed a "drowning and other undetermined factors." Wood was an A list actress, starring in classics such as "Rebel Without a Cause," where she starred opposite James Dean, "West Side Story," in which she played the memorable role of Maria, and "Splendour in the Grass," which earned her an Oscar nomination.

The case was reopened back in 2011 when the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department claimed they had additional evidence and testimonies. However, they had to sift through over a hundred false tips before finally finding eye-witness testimonies of the night of her drowning. One of these witnesses told investigators there were "yelling and crashing sounds coming from the couple's stateroom that night." Another witness said a woman and a man were arguing on the back of the boat, officials disclosed.

Wood, Wagner, and Walken set sail on the couple's yacht Splendour on a late November weekend in 1981 off the coast of California's Catalina Island. Witnesses, one of which was the captain of the boat, Dennis



Robert Wagner has become a person of interest in Natalie Wood's reopened case

Davern, reported that it was a tense trip for the three actors. Wagner himself even wrote in his 2008 memoir Pieces of My Heart: A Life that he was angry with Walken during the trip. He felt that Walken was trying to take control of the direction of his wife's career.

There are also rumors that he feared Walken was getting too close with his wife, but there is no evidence to support these claims as of yet. He also admitted to losing his temper that night, breaking a wine bottle over a table as he argued with Walken. Davern stated that alcohol was a large part of this tension, and it helped fuel the arguments that ensued.

Wagner told officials that Wood stormed out of the room on the night of Nov. 28 after their argument and then went missing.

The next morning, the 43-year-old mother of two was found in her nightgown in the water, not far from an inflatable dinghy that had previously been tied to the boat. The autopsy found her blood-alcohol levels to be in the intoxicated range, and her death was ruled accidental. The autopsy also found bruising all over her body that appeared to be

new just before her time of

Officials state that Wagner is a person of interest, and that this is not a murder investigation. It was the suspicion that something was wrong that caused the case to be reopened

in 2011, however. Detectives who spoke with the producers of 48 Hours, a CBS broadcast that highlighted the reopening of the mysterious case, said that details Wagner gave after the initial incident and again when the case was reopened in 2011 did not match up with other witness' testimonies.

Since new evidence has been found in the case, Wagner has not given any comment, and has refused to speak with investigators. He is now 88-years-old and married to Jill St.John. The two have been married since 1990.

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Jets Vs. Sharks - Take 2

By KAYLA DEMICCO Staff Writer

The remake of West Side Story is finally in the works and it is all thanks to Steven Spielberg. Even though Spielberg is mostly notable for science fiction and dramatic type films (along with The Post, his current Oscar nomination for Best Picture), he is making it a goal of his to have this new movie for Hispanic and Latino/Latina actors to have the leads. While the casting process is still in development, the script will be written by Tony Kushner, who has won a Tony Award, a Primetime Emmy Award, and a Pulitzer Prize, just to name a few out of many.

Back in 2014, Spielberg was merely interested in the idea of taking on this project in partnership with Fox/Dreamworks. Back then, Deadline. com wrote in an article about the topic and said, "the Robert Wise original musical 'West Side Story' is about as sacred a cow movie as you are ever going to find", which seems kind of negative in their perspective. Then in 2016, in an interview with HollywoodReporters.com, Spielberg said that the concept is something that he has dreamed about for decades with an attempt of 15 years of trying to get the rights to actually start making the movie. In this attempt, he promises not to whitewash it, unlike the original.

What kind of people are they looking for to fill these roles? VanityFair.com reported that they are "explicitly seeking" for Hispanic and Latino/Latina actors. Additional requirements are they must be between the ages of 15 to 25, be able to sing, and having dance experience is a huge bonus. Since Spielberg wants the movie to be authentic, he would also like for

the actors to know and speak Spanish.

What most people don't know about the original film is that Natalie Wood, who had the role of Maria, was a white woman who portrayed a Puerto Rican woman. Then George Chakiris, who played Bernardo, is actually a Grecian man portraying a Puerto Rican. However, Rita Moreno, is actually Puerto Rican but was given the supporting role of Anita. Even though the search of Latino/Latina actors is still in the works, a Caucasian man for the new Tony is still trying to be finalized.

Most of the Internet loves the idea and have already picturing their perfect cast. Suggestions for Maria (on Playbill.com) have been former Fifth Harmony member, Camila Cabello and Jane the Virgin star, Gina Rodriguez. (However, some people are not too thrilled for the possible idea of Camila for this

For Tony, the thought of Zac Efron is something that lots of people can get on board with as he already has the experience from High School Musical and recently, The Greatest Showman. Rosario Dawson and America Ferrera are thought of to play the possible role of Anita. One suggestion for Bernardo that seemed interesting was Danny Pino from Law and Order: SVU.

With Ryan Coogler, director of Black Panther, and Spielberg taking a hint from the public opinion on white washing and diverse casting, hopefully this trend of having POC actors in the roles that they deserve and were meant to play, will continue for entertainment in the future.

Along with West Side Story, Spieling is also in the process of making the 5 installment of Indiana Jones.

Kylie Jenner's "Secret" is Out

By LAUREN KASZUBA Contributing Writer

Well, the speculation is over, everyone. Kylie Jenner was actually pregnant, so I guess this means we can finally continue on with our regular lives. The guessing game is over.

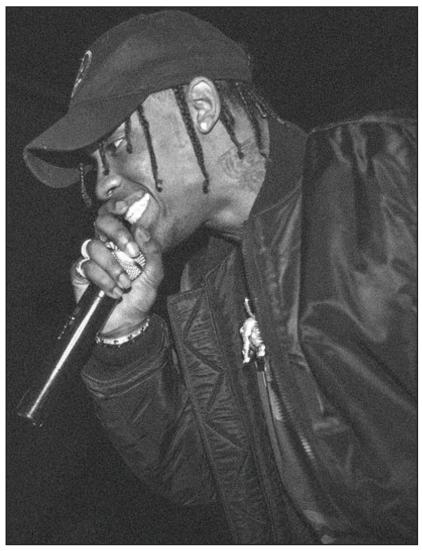
With complete honesty, I must say that I was swept into the black hole that was the news of Jenner's pregnancy. In the beginning, I thought I wasn't going to care that much, but as soon as the news broke, I found myself looking on Google every few weeks to see if she had confirmed or denied this.

Jenner has been subject to multiple pregnancy rumors in the past and none of them were ever true, so this time around I was definitely checking sources left and right.

I, however, can't say I'm the largest supporter of Jenner or her family. Sure, I have a few Kylie "lip kits" and I'll watch "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" on Sundays to see what drama is fueling their ratings that week, but again, I can't say I support them completely.

Jenner confirmed on Feb. 4 that she gave birth to a baby girl on Feb. 1. The father to the baby is rapper Travis Scott. I've never heard Scott's name prior to all of this speculation beginning. Last time I was aware, Jenner was with rapper Tyga. I guess I just can't keep up (no pun intended).

Many speculated that this baby (and some still believe this). To my knowledge, Jenner has only been with Scott for a few months and had this baby out of wedlock. Having a baby out of wedlock isn't something that really concerns me in this situation. The main thing that concerns me is that she has only been with Scott for a short amount



Travis Scott, the father of Jenner's baby, performing in February of 2016

of time.

The other concerning aspect is that Jenner is only 20. She has the means to take care of a child, do not get me wrong; her net worth is reportedly around \$50 million.

The youngest of the Kardashian-Jenner family, she continues to rise in popularity with her cosmetics company and social media following. At 20, she still has so much to experience in life.

So, was it the right time for her to have a baby?

Tyga was even the father of it was. From all my years of watching KUWTK, I have witnessed Kylie's personality firsthand. Granted, her personality may be different off-camera, but I don't believe she is fit to be a mom just yet. I respect Jenner but I also do not believe that she can take on the responsibility of a child just yet. In a video released the same day as her

daughter's birth announcement titled, "To Our Daughter," friends and family of Jenner boast that being a mom is something that Jenner has always wanted and that Jenner will be the best mom.

So maybe I'm wrong - after all, her friends and family know her better than I do. I have to say, though, that the video was well done and I think Jenner hiding her pregnancy the entire time was a smart, professional decision. Celebrities deserve their pri-Personally, I don't think vacy during certain moments in their life and I think Jenner keeping to herself during a special time in her life was a great move. I'll give her that.

> But, again, I don't think Jenner should be responsible for a child at this point in time.

> All in all, there's no going back now. Kylie Jenner is a mother and we can focus on the next big Kardashian-Jenner move, right?

Macy's Introduces Verona Collection

By SERIAH SARGENTON Staff Writer

It might seem like Islamophobia is spiking, but the United States is moving in a positive direction. Nowadays, the fashion industry is taking an interest in representing women of all kinds of cultures.

Mainstream department stores such as Macy's are celebrating diversity and putting it as the forefront of their new ad campaign. According to a press release on Feb. 8, Macy's is set to release the Muslim friendly Verona Collection in-store and online on Feb.15.

Verona Collection is described as a modern clothing line that has hijabs that are hand dyed, maxi dresses, long tops, cardigans, and pants. Verona Collection was founded by Lisa Vogl, a single mother who converted to Islam in 2011. She created Verona collection as a way to empower both Islamic and non Islamic women to love themselves for who they are.

By bringing a Muslim fashion company into their lineup, Macy's is proving that diversity can be profitable and in general the fashion industry is moving in a positive direction. By expanding their company to not only to Muslim population, but to Americans who see diversity as a positive, they're hitting to new markets that were not being targeted before.

In addition to this diversity, maybe people will start thinking differently about the Islamic culture. Now the hijab and Islam won't be seen as something alien because it just shows that it's an article of religious clothing

This is a big deal for Islamic women in the United States because they finally have mainstream representation. The idea is that Muslim women can actually display themselves within popular culture rather than society basing it on Islamophobia.

Islamophobia is the fear and hatred of Muslims and is a rising issue in America. Though it seems like an issue that continuously can't be solved, mainstream fashion companies are making an effort to put a positive light on the Muslim community. In 2017 American Eagle Outfitters introduced the denim hijab and in 2016 Dolce and Gabbana designed a collection of hijabs.

No one knows why western fashion companies took an interest in hijabs, but it's good that they did. Now American-Muslim can be equally represented in the field. Of course islamophobia will always be issue, but fashion is a good place to start solving the problem.

When Ibtihaj Muhammad become the first female fencer to wear her hijab at the Olympics in 2016, Nike created the athletic hijab in her honor called pro hijab, a lightweight hijab that would allow Muslim athletes to play their sports free from interference.

As the fashion industry moves down the line, more companies seem to be noticing this trend. Hopefully this will spark a change in the way designers, executives and companies decide to represent the American people. Maybe other mainstream departments like TJ Maxx, JC Penny, and Marshall's will follow in Macy's footsteps because America is not just one race; we're a melting pot of cultures.

Much like the dove of body positivity started a new trend, maybe Macy's adding Verona Collection will start a new trend of accepting different religious and cultural fashion.

The "Stupid" Threat to National Security

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The day after the Super Bowl LII, CNN finally released a story that they have been holding for about two months: someone left classified documents regarding anti-terrorism efforts for the Super Bowl in the seat-back pocket of an airplane. Not a private jet, not government-officials-only plane, but on a commercial airline. By a potentially life-saving coincidence, these documents were discovered by a CNN employee.

Along with other confidential paperwork from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the reporter found the travel materials of the government scientist who oversees BioWatch. This is a DHS program intended to conduct bioterrorism drills and assess the responses of emergency personnel. Some of the documents left on the plane detailed the results of one such drill in Minneapolis, where the Super Bowl LII took place, and

highlighted vulnerabilities and failures of the city's ability to deal with this simulated bioterrorism attack.

There is nothing particularly unusual about these reports themselves, as far as the public has been informed, but the unusual thing is that a government employee could be so careless as to lose the documents in a public place. People make mistakes, sure, but his mistake could have been deadly.

CNN consulted DHS upon finding the sensitive material, and the news outlet was directed not to release the story until after the Super Bowl, as it would be a threat to national security. Imagine then if it was not a CNN reporter who found these documents. Imagine if someone involved with an anti-American terror group found them. Right in the enemy's hands would be a description of our weakest points as well as the opportunity to launch an attack while around 100 million people across the country would be watching on television.

Along those lines, recall the events leading up to the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. Not any of the "Bush did 9/11" stuff, just the facts. The attackers were merely regular passengers on the planes before they hijacked them. Airport security has been heightened since then, but a metal detector can't tell whether or not a person is a spy. This may sound paranoid and conspiratorial, but there is no denying that the coincidence of who found the documents could have gone in a dangerously negative direc-

Further, why was this scientist reading sensitive, need-toknow basis material on a public plane? I'm no government official, but it seems especially risky to mull over anti-terrorism efforts for the biggest sports event in America in a place where anyone could look over your shoulder. And to top it off, he thought it was a reasonable idea to put these classified documents concerning national security in the pocket of the seat in front of him. The

documents had explicit instructions for them to be shredded before being thrown away. If the DHS is concerned about garbage pickers finding these documents, then one would think that they should be stored in a safe and secure place at all times, not in a publicly accessible place where they could be easily forgotten.

Trump has not commented on this, though he would never forget about Hillary Clinton and her emails. Yes, Clinton used a private email server, but out of the tens of thousands of emails recovered, only a small fraction of them were classified. Additionally, Clinton's server was a secure one and there has been absolutely no evidence of any security breaches to her account, nor any threats to national security, as proven by several investigations and as stated by former FBI Director James Comey. This is not a defense of Clinton's choices, but she did not make such an embarrassingly incompetent mistake as this scientist did.

To borrow the words of Juliette Kayyem, a former DHS official, the fact that these highly sensitive documents were left on a plane by an experienced head of a government organization is "really stupid."

It amazes me that more people are not talking about it because of just how stupid it is. And since Trump always has his thumbs at the ready to fire out criticism and insults, this situation seems like a gimme. Maybe Trump didn't notice because the scientist was not a strong and experienced woman who won the popular vote over



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Golden Knights Rundown

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The Saint Rose women's basketball team was looking to snap a two-game losing streak when they traveled to Adelphi last Tuesday but were unable to get the win, falling 87-48.

The Panthers got out of the gates quickly, beginning the game on a 10-2 run.

Leading the Golden Knights on the day were junior forward Karissa Birthwright with 13 points and sophomore forward Leah Dollard who had 12 points of her own.

"One of the reasons that we're not playing our best is that the entire team has been battling some illnesses recently that have gotten us out of our rhythm," said Dollard.

"Coach has been saying the team who wins is the team that makes fewer mistakes.

We're going to have to limit our mistakes and play smarter."

They looked to bounce back on Saturday against the New Haven Chargers but could not notch the victory, losing 70-58.

Birthwright once again lead the way for Saint Rose with another strong performance of 17

points.

"Great performances" don't come without great teammates," said Birthwright.

"I have a great team around me, and we are trying to find ways to make good things happen despite our diversity."

Behind her were teammates Ashley Vanderwall and Nina Fedullo who each contributed seven points.

This contest was also the team's annual Pink Zone game which featured the team writing a check to Camp Bravehearts which is an oncology camp co-founded by Coach Karen Haag.

"The Pink Zone game means a lot to the team and really hits home for Coach Haag," said Dol-

"Having a coach who is a two time cancer survivor, really reminds all of us everyday of how grateful we are for each other and how precious life is."

The two losses puts the team at 9-14 on the season with three games left to go and will look to snap this losing streak when they travel to take on the American International Yellow Jackets to-

"Even though we didn't win

the game, it was important for us to keep our good health and ability to play a collegiate sport in mind," said Birthwright.

The men's basketball team was also on the road against Adelphi last Tuesday and suffered the same fate as the women's team with a loss, 88-62.

This game saw the Panthers once again jump out in front early, with a 22-7 run.

Senior forward Julian Lipinski lead the Golden Knights on the day and with 13 points and 12 rebounds, his fifth double-double this season.

"Remaining confident through the misses has been a focal point of mine - moving on to the next play, the next shot," said Lipinski.

"Being able to play through slumps is something I'm working on and I'm hoping that come playoffs I will have gotten all the misses out."

Behind him was Jack Jones with 15 points.

The team looked to snap a two-game losing streak on Thursday against the American International Yellow Jackets and were successful in doing so, winning

"Coming off the back of two

straight losses for the first time this season (Southern Connecticut State & Adelphi) we had a big team meeting emphasizing going back to our foundation and core defensive principle," said Lipins-

"We really stepped up the effort, energy and focus on that end and it equated to keeping both AIC and UNH to under 70 points, unlike Adelphi and South-

Boyd paved the way with 16 points and Lipinski once again had a good day with another 13

The team is now 18-7 with three games left until the postseason and will travel also travel to take on the Yellow Jackets again tomorrow.

"We want to be firing come playoff time. We really found our defensive stride the last two



Matt Cerutti gets the basket to fall in the first half against American International last Thursday.

ern Connecticut State who we let up nearly 90 to, which was the most all year."

The team made more than 50% of their shots on the day to propel them to the win.

Jones led the team for the game with a season-best 21 points and Lipinski was behind him with 13 points.

Saint Rose looked to ride this momentum into a match Saturday against the New Haven Chargers and did just that, winning 84-68.

Senior guard Mical-Ryan

games," said Lipinski.

"We know we have a huge matchup with LeMoyne next Saturday on senior night.

That's circled in our calendar. We want to be a tournament team but we know nothing is given, it will be earned right up into our NE10 playoff opportunity."

And finally, both the men's swimming and diving teams were competing in the NE-10 Championships last weekend.

Freshman Grant Tinsley Little took home the conference title in the one meter dive and sophomore Roko Jelavic won in the 100 yard breaststroke.

The men's swim team also had two third place finishes in the 200 yard medley relay and the 400 yard medley relay. The relays were swam by Carl Nico Laborera, Jelavic, Charles Nicholas, and Piotr Czajkowski. On the women's side, Colleen Quaglia took home the NE-10 title in the 100 yard backstroke while breaking her own school record in the process.

Quaglia also finished fourth in the 200 yard individual medley and the team of Jessica McMillen, Gabrialla Ficano, Quaglia, and Olivia Stebbins-Hopkins finished fifth in the 400 yard medley

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Celtics Lose Big to Cavs

By LOGAN RIPLEY

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In dominating fashion the new look Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the same old Boston Celtics 121-99.

Lebron James had another stellar game amounting 24 points, 10 assists, and eight rebounds.

But in a unlikely twist the game wasn't made or broken by the sole excellence of James. His young core picked up the slack.

With a starting lineup that featured a "guess who" layout of faces, George Hill and Cedi Osman contributed solid minutes. Totaling 12 points a piece.

New comers off the bench were Rodney Hood, Jordan Clarkson, and Larry nance Jr. Clarkson led the way with 17 points and three rebounds for the second unit. Hood and Nance Jr. with 15 and 10 respectively.

Flipping the coin, the

Celtics weren't good on the defensive end. They could not defend James in the pick and roll. Using his size to attack the middle he used a jump pass to swing the defense.

So the age old question again falls on the Celtics... who is going to guard James?

Jaylen Brown when drafted was thought to have the size to match up with James and keep him in front.

But his body type after a few seasons is looking too slim to handle the brute force of his full developed counter-

Rookie Jaylen Tatum is bigger than Brown but lacks the speed to and agility to keep James in front. Enter Al Horford and the same thing applies.

When the Celtics have managed to beat the Cavaliers in the past and this season they saw James settle too much for his jumper that drilled the Cavs into a hole. But knowing that the green and white have

no response down low like a cause of his ceiling. Jae Crowder his game plan is primarily attack the rim.

That is why it was surprising the C's stayed still at the trade deadline. I thought the bench would be beefed up with a Tyreke Evans or another star would be added like

Anthony Davis. But Danny Ainge insisted that there wasn't a deal that was good enough to pull the trigger. But isn't the NBA sometimes about giving up a little for the lone fact it gets you closer to your goals.

If you told me that the offer of Horford, Brown, and high picks for Anthony Davis was on the table I would pull the trigger immediately.

The only reason I can think of, of why Ainge didn't is because he didn't want to trade youth and development for the now. Brad Stevens probably had a hand in players leaving and coming too and Brown might be someone he didn't want to part with be-

Not to mention Horford who is putting up all-star numbers in a offense that is built around his passing and

If the game last weekend has any foreshadowing of the playoffs it doesn't look good for young and lone star Celt-

Kyrie hasn't been the same player since returning from injury just a few games ago. Before he could put the team on his back in all four quarters and give the Celtics victory after victory.

Now he looks like a shell of fatigue that can't make it through half time. He did end up with 18 points on 7-14 shooting, but his passing wasn't sharp only obtaining five assists with two turn-

Brown was also lackluster in his attempt to compete with the best team in the eastern conference. He only managed five points in 32 minutes.

You would think a team that hasn't added much to their roster besides Greg Monroe would be cohesive enough to stay in the game against a team that just unloaded almost half their team including their starting point guard, at the trade deadline.

This is a huge step back for the Celtics who dominated the Cavs in their last matchup 102-88. And only lost by three in their first matchup of the season, 102-99.

Rest is something that they need desperately. Tatum is playing starter minutes in his first go-around in the NBA, something that can be intimidating off the tip.

I wouldn't be surprised if we saw the Celtics come out strong after the all-star break because of that rest alone.

But first they need to finish strong going into the break, they have one game left against the Clippers at home that should be an easy win.