EXCLUSIVE DEER TICK INTERVIEW

The Campus Herald discusses the new album release with RI native band

Running for an abuse-free future

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With the January signing of a memorandum to create a task force to respond to campus rapes, the topic of sexual assault in the US has been coming up in conversations everywhere. During his speech to the Council of Women and Girls, President Obama appeared appalled and saddened when he cited the statistic that one in every five college women is assaulted each year. And that’s just at the university level.

According to the Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network, an American is sexually assaulted every two minutes, resulting in approximately 337,608 victims of sexual assault each year. With statistics like these, people everywhere wonder what they can do to be a part of the change. For students in Rhode Island, an event to do just that is coming to Providence.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 5th, Day One RI is hosting their first ever 5K race. Established in 1973, Day One is committed to supporting local survivors of sexual assault and eradicating this growing epidemic.

Kristy Doehring, the director of communications for Day One, said, “We support and advocate for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and donations make that possible. From the cutting edge clinical services we offer to our trusted victim advocates, to our statewide training programs for law enforcement and treatment providers, we depend on contributions from the community.”

All of the proceeds from the Day One 5K will aid the programs Doehring mentions. So far, they’re looking to have up to 300 participants, but anticipate for the numbers to grow. So far, students have made up the majority of their sign-ups, but they’re...

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Remembering the Holocaust
New memorial meets 21st century technology

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As part of a Directed Work Experience (DWE) at Johnson & Wales University, four students in the School of Technology worked with members of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Committee to complete research that would enable them to create a technology component for the memorial. These four students are Eric Beltran, Hayward Gatch, Will Hill and Brandon Sciancapersa.

The DWE students assisted the committee by creating an interactive mobile app that makes use of iBeacon technology for a guided tour experience of the memorial. According to Jeffrey Tagen, the Faculty Advisor for this DWE, iBeacons are small transmitters that use the new Bluetooth Smart specification. They can run on batteries for about a year and, in this case, be buried or embedded around the memorial. As users approach one of the iBeacons with their smartphones, the app can exhibit location-aware behavior. An example of this behavior would be when a user walks up to something with Hebrew writing, and the app automatically generates a translation and explanation on the phone.

The proposed plan for the memorial has a great deal of symbolism, some of which is not immediately obvious to those who have not studied Judaism. Therefore, the app provides an educational component that helps everyone understand the significance of the various pieces. Similar technology is starting to be adopted by retail shops and museums, but this may be the first time that it is integrated in a memorial of any kind.

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial is designed to be a peaceful place of reflection and remembrance for all people, as well as an important source of knowledge about the Holocaust for all generations. It is located on the River Walk in the historic heart of Providence and is the most permanent and visible Holocaust memorial in the state. Appropriately, it will stand beside the World War I and World War II memorials. The memorial will also take its place among a new generation of commemoratory sites that bring history alive through leading-edge technology by introducing opportunities for interaction and auditory experience. Interactive technology will allow the memorial to come alive with the voices of survivors, historians and others.

For more information about the memorial, please visit www.shalomri.org.

Crime Log

Monday, 2/24/14 1:30 pm
Snatch & Grab / Off Campus / Broad Street Providence.

Suspect Description: The suspect is described as a black male, between 5’5” and 5’7” in height, between 30-40 years of age, wearing a red t-shirt with a black long sleeved shirt underneath and a black hat. No further description available.

A student reported to Campus Safety & Security that her necklace pendant was just ripped off from her neck while walking on Broad Street across from Xavier High. She reported that the area in the direction of Cathedral Square is a high crime area. The Providence Police Department is investigating the incident.

Monday, 3/3/14 at 4:20 pm
Summons Issued / Xavier Hall.

Student was issued a summons for a drug violation.

Tax tips for college students

Professor Steven Labush
Guest Contributor

It's that time of year: no, not the start of the third term's work. It's time to file your income tax return. So sharpen your pencil and make sure you don't leave any deductions sitting in the closet along with your books from the first term.

1. Exemptions: Check if your parents are claiming you as a dependent on their return. This can be done if they are providing more than half of your support and you are a full-time student. Let that be a warning to you so you don't drop too many classes.

2. Dependent: Just remember you can't claim Flauffy or Fido or even your best friend (even if he crashes at your place every night). Each dependent results in $3,900 taken off your income before it gets taxed.

3. Student loan deduction: When you start paying back those loans, you might be eligible to take up to $2,500 worth of interest paid on the loan as an 'above the line' exclusion from your income. This means you don't have to itemize to take the deduction.

4. Tax credits for tuition and fees: There are three different types which you or your parents can claim one per year depending on what the best fit for your situation is. They are: American Opportunity Credit, Lifetime Learning Credit, and Hope Scholarship Credit. This could be up to $4,000 on your tax return.

5. Retirement: It's never too early to start to save for retirement and Uncle Sam can help you. If you qualify you can put up to $5,000 into a retirement fund and have that amount taken off of your income to be taxed. It's not too late; you still have time to put $5,000 into a retirement fund in some money (at least until you file your tax return).

6. Residency: If you live in one state and attend college in another, and live there, you have to check each state to see the qualifications for where you file; it may be both.

7. Always seek advice from a tax professional or accountant before tax season.

If you need help with preparing your tax return, check the PMU announcements and the bulletin boards for when VITA personnel will be here on campus. They will be happy to help prepare your taxes for free if you qualify.

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looking for more runners from the Johnson & Wales community.

In fact, a Directed Work Experience (DWE) was set up specifically for the SK race. See major Sarah Rupert was one of the students involved in the DWE, and has found the program quite rewarding. "I've loved working with my DWE group and Professor Drohan," Rupert said. "We've really become a team, pairing with the amazing organization of Day One RI, to make this event as successful as possible because sexual assault and domestic violence are issues that should not be ignored.

If you're inspired to contribute, but can't make the April 5th race, there are still ways you can help out. Since April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, Day One will be hosting other events to spread the word and get support. The agency will also be holding its first annual conference in June with a focus on creating a future free of sexual violence.

Check out their website at dayoneRI.org to find out more about the agency and learn about their upcoming events. For race details and to sign up, go to dayoneRI.com.

In the words of Vice President Joe Biden, "Our daughters, our sisters, our wives, our mothers, our grandmothers, have every single right to expect to be free from violence and sexual abuse." With the help of the PMU community, Day One RI can help make this expectation a reality.
The 86th annual Academy Awards were controversial

Jess Stewart
Staff Writer

It's no surprise that Dallas Buyers Club took home two of the most important awards: Best Actor in a Lead Role and Best Supporting Actor. After all, Matthew McConaughey did lose a significant amount of weight to play an AIDS patient, and Jared Leto did give the role of playing a transgender AIDS patient justice. However, it is a surprise that there is so much controversy surrounding Leto's win. It's a debate that's dwelt in a network everywhere that Leto shouldn't have even been cast in the part of Rayon, and that part should have been given to a transgendered actress. Some forced me to re-think the Academy back take Leto's Oscar. People are going so far as to even dissect his Oscar speech and are angry that he generalized homosexuals and transgender people in the same group, when transgendered people are not always a part of the gay community.

Personally, I do not feel that it is Leto's fault that he won the role. The casting director had a chance to do something historic and cast an unknown transgendered actress. However, he did not take that opportunity and he went with a cis man (male assigned at birth) in what unfortunately missed a great opportunity to do something wonderful. We're one, no one seemed to be upset when he first got the role or when the first movie had come out. For this reason, I don't think it's fair that people are suddenly Size of Font: 20% decreased after he won the Oscar. Leto has been known for going all the way with his characters, and Rayon was certainly no exception. After viewing the film, I could not imagine anyone else playing that role as perfectly as he did. I think Leto was wrong for generalizing the transgender community, but I do not think he was wrong for accepting the role of a lifetime. I would also like to point out that when Felicity Huffman won an Oscar for playing a man to female transgender, there was no backlash. With that being said, I think that critics are just aware of what a controversy this has stirred, and I do believe that this could lead to more transgendered actors and actresses having more work in the media.

Do you have a St. Patty's Day traditions?

“I wear green with my Irish grandmother gave me. When I wear it, good things happen”

Tay-Naya Johnson
Hotel and Lodging Freshman

What's your good luck charm?

“Ming is a ring that my Irish grandmother gave me. When I wear it, good things happen”

Autumn Hawkins
Communications Freshman

Why don't you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

“I’ve never celebrated it since I grew up in Puerto Rico. I’m excited to celebrate it this year though with The Santana’s”

Gabriela Anna
Hotel and Lodging Freshman

Oh how entertaining March Madness was this year. No, no, I’m not referring to the basketball tournament, rather the annual Conservative Political Action Conference that took place this past weekend. With Senate Majority Mitch McConnell brandishing his anti-style rifle while walking on stage to “Sweet Home Alabama” and Rand Paul’s “lovers of liberty” malaprop, CPAC did not lack absurdist acts.

While I look forward to this conservative pep rally each March, I have to say that I get more and more frustrated for America's future with every winged speech. Although I’d love to cover every wild topic presented, I will focus on a few common themes that were the most disturbing for liberals and moderate conservatives alike. These topics include the rejection of respect for former politicians, maintaining what the Founding Fathers created, and, of course, war on women. Let’s get started!

Perhaps the most controversial comment was made by Texas Senator Ted Cruz, during his Thursday speech. While the point of his speech was to basically say politicians needed to be ultra-conservative to make any progress in polls or in elections, he managed to offend even the people who are a part of his niche. Here’s where things started to get hairy: “Of course, we all remember President Dole, and President McCain, and President Romney... When you don’t stand and draw a clear distinction, and you don’t stand for a principle, democrats celebrate.” This was met with Senator John McCain’s clear anger, but not for the comments made towards him. Instead, he questioned on Andrea Mitchell Reports, “If Cruz apologize to Dole, can you see what that was about me, and he can say anything he wants to, I think about Mitt, Mitt’s capable of taking it. But when he throws Bob Dole in there, I wonder if he thinks that Bob Dole stood for principles that hilltop in Italy when he was so gravely wounded and left part of our country?”

Ouch. Yet despite the backlash from seasoned conservatives, the anti-party bash seemed to continue. During an outlandish introduction for Sarah Palin (which I’ll get to later), one of the praising comments made about her was the fact that “she doesn’t care about the old dogs in the party at all.” Additionally, this was met with cheers from the audience... Am I missing something? Did Cruz and Palin miss the “respect your elders” talk in pre-school? Since when did blatant rudeness and disrespect become a laudable and “cheerleader” matter?

I suppose I’m not really surprised. After all, we are discussing Palin supporters here. As we all know, she is abnormal, intro and speech was just the longest 40 minutes of my life. So when you add in the fact that she was found to sequence quite appalling, given that the audience went wild at the sound of their favorite hockey mom’s name. What they thought the Bible was bulls**t. The Tea Party thinks that they’re pulling back to the Founding Fathers. Please. The Founding Fathers wouldn’t have had lunch with Sarah Palin.

And finally, the part of Palin’s speech that had me screaming from the rooftops. She had the audacity to announce on the podium that, “thinking-couch liberals white that we disrespect women. That’s bull. Hey, Demo- crats, it’s your leaders that are demeaning women.” She continued by shouting that left –wing leaders victimize women and treat them like “cheap dates,” and added, “honey that’s not liberation, that’s subjugation, and this sisterhood fights against that.”

While impressed that she knew what the term “subjugation” meant, I still couldn’t get over the things that were spewing from her perfectly lipidsticked mouth. But wait, it gets better. She ends her “girl talk” with this: “This sisterhood so believes in and respects the power and pursu-"poseful potential of every woman so much that, we are the party with the plank that protects even our little sisters... in the womb.” At this point, my pro-choice be- ing needed to leave the room for a while.

Upon returning, I analyzed a part of her speech that was met by a joyous uproar from the crowd. She quoted a country phrase, “if you see something that bothers you, buck up or stay in the truck” this saying makes me wonder of her opinion on women taking a stand on gender inequality and women’s issues of today. Am I to be considered “victimized by my government” when President Obama signs a memorandum seeking a task force to combat rapes on campus? Am I to be offended when a liberal politician says that I have a right to safely abort my baby if I so choose? No. Empowerment of women and finding safe and progressive solutions to the problems that women face is not victimizing. And to say otherwise is a blatant slap in the face to every woman trying to make some- thing of herself in today’s world. So there you have it. Unfortunately, I find the state of right-wing politics today to be a shame. Moderate conser- vative politicians are essentially silenced and laughed at by their more extreme, gun-wielding po- litical partners. I can only hope that there will be a time when I’m not truly frightened by the suggestions and values of our modern-day conservative party.
4 CULINARY ARTS

Leprechauns, shamrocks, and beer!

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Guess what colloidal drinking holiday is right around the corner? You guessed it, St. Patrick’s Day, AKA a college student’s favorite celebration. Why is it that students all across the country commemorate this holiday in a way that includes a tremendous amount of binge drinking? Is this the way the Irish celebrate? What exactly is the true meaning of St. Patrick’s Day anyways, and why is it a part of American culture?

Besides green beer, shamrock shakes and crazy leprechaun outfits, why else would anyone care to celebrate this holiday? Well, here is a brief history lesson for you all (I promise, it’s brief). The Charitable Irish Society of Boston was the first to organize the observance of St. Patrick’s Day in the Thirteen Colonies. The society’s main purpose for gathering was to honor the Irish-American Immigrant’s homeland by holding a service and special dinner. There are a number of cities in the country that go all-out for this holiday, but Boston, New York City and Savannah, Georgia are the top three. Boston didn’t necessarily honor Saint Patrick on March 17th, but both Irish and non-Irish Americans alike celebrate in his name. College students on practically every campus dress in green, drink green beer and depend on the day of the week, often skip classes to partake in the festivities.

So where did the green beer tradition come from? Most likely Boston, since there are a large number of Irish immigrants located in this city; however, no one is really 100 percent sure where this tradition truly started. Back in Ireland, men would use the term “drowning their shamrock,” where they would go to the local pub and drop a shamrock into their whiskey and beer and drink it down, including the shamrock, for good luck. Maybe since we don’t see too many shamrocks in America people decided to substitute the “luck charm” with the color green instead. Who knows? All most students care about is where the beer is, when the fun begins and where the party’s at. Make sure to be safe this St. Patrick’s Day, and may the luck of the Irish be with you! Cheers!

The Mews Tavern
A restaurant review

Alison Rugg
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The Mews Tavern, located in Wakefield, Rhode Island is a classic, all-American restaurant. Originally a small fishermen’s tavern, this restaurant was built in 1947 and was transformed into an iconic Rhode Island restaurant and bar. There are so many unique elements to this tavern. Some notable qualities include @ microbrews on tap, a spacious Celtic Pub dining room with a full size tree decorated by patrons, a hanging kayak and ski lift, and the amazing entries and desserts. You will never order a drink the same after using The Mews’ original idea of their “Need Beer” and “Got Beer” signs. This is just another fun way to tell your server that you need a drink.

This restaurant offers a consistently positive and impressive experience. The service is always great; every time you walk in, you can count on someone being there to greet you with a smile on their face. If there is a problem with your food or you need a special request, they are willing to work with you to figure something out. The atmosphere is very laid back and relaxing. It’s a great place to kick back, listen to music, and watch your favorite game on one of the many flat screens they have around the dining room.

A great part about the menu is that it marks their specialties, gluten-free and vegetarian options with icons, making them easy to locate. They have everything from wood-fired calzones and pizzas, sandwiches, and salads, to specialty entrees.

I decided to order the “Ranchero” calzone, which contained grilled chicken, bacon, jack and cheddar cheese and a little ranch dressing. I can only hope the food in heaven is this good. The temperature was just right, and the marinara dipping sauce complimented the dish very well. You got a little bit of everything in each bite, and because the calzone was on the bigger side, I was able to take some home with me. It was one of the best dishes I have ever had there.

To top off my flavorful lunch, I decided to order a little something off of the dessert menu. I ordered the gluten-free almond apple crisp, which contained apples and a cherry-spice filling, topped with an almond crumble, vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce (served warm). This dessert was quite hearty after eating a loaded calzone, but it was worth it. The cherry-spice filling gave the classic apple crisp a taste twist.

Try to make your trip earlier in the day. If you go on a weekend late at night, you may be looking at a 45-minute, to an hour-long wait. Definitely try to avoid the rush and go early, your lunch break or arrange an early dinner with your friends, that way you can get right to relax and enjoy your meal.

Infinite potential of coconut oil

Elizabeth King
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In a world that still tends to look at dietary fats as an evil taboo, it is amazing to think that coconut oil has been labeled as a “superfood.” This aversion to oil is unfounded though, as certain forms of fats such as the ones found in coconut oil, are essential to all of our body’s cells, particularly the neurons that allow our brains to function. The composition of fats and nutrients in coconut oil offers fantastic health benefits, but uses for coconut oil go far beyond eating.

Coconut oil is a strong antibacterial agent, and helps against:
- Salmonella
- HIV
- Herpes
- Influenza
- Heart disease
- Liver damage caused by alcohol consumption
- Low metabolism
- Ear infections
- Yeast infections
- Thrush
- Hemorrhoids
- Cold sores
- Nosebleeds
- Vaginal dryness
- Head lice

Coconut oil has many cosmetic and personal care applications as well, as it can be used as:
- Body and facial scrub (when mixed with sugar)
- Moisturizer
- Antiseptic shaving lotion
- Wipes and under-eye cream
- Lip balm
- Cuticle oil
- Pre-shampoo conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash (Google “oil-pulling” for more info)
- Insect repellent (in combination with other essential oils)
- Treatment for bug bites and bee stings

Believe it or not, coconut oil even has household uses such as:
- Cleaning, conditioning, and sanitizing wooden surfaces
- Reducing foam buildup in compost
- Metal polish
- Softening leather goods
- Seasoning cast iron pots and pans
- Lubricating squeaky hinges
- Removing residue from guitar strings
- Cleaning soap scum from showers
- Cleaning and conditioning car interiors
- Adding shine to household plants
- Sanitizing mouth-guards
- Removing chewing gum from various surfaces

When consuming coconut oil, look for virgin, unrefined, expeller-pressed varieties, as the nutrients such as vitamin E in this form of oil have not been destroyed by heat and/or processing. Don’t worry about your coconut oil going rancid, as coconut oil has a notoriously long shelf life, and has shown no signs of spoilage in tests where it was left alone for a full year. You can take a spoonful in your tea or coffee to replace a sweetener, or take it with supplements to help boost vitamin K absorption. Coconut oil lends itself well to a variety of cooking and baking applications, as well, as it can withstand high temperatures without burning in the way that many other cooking oils cannot. You can also find easy recipes at www.freecoconutrecipes.com.
**Natural hair conditioning tricks**

**Alexis Smith**
Staff Writer

Winter is a rough time for everyone’s hair, with more experiencing dry scalp and frequent damage due to straightening. But there are solutions to all your hair problems! Here are some tips:

- **Bananas:** These are not only a good source of potassium and a great fruit to eat, but they’re also a great source for conditioning your hair. Bananas contain natural oils that provide moisture to protect the hair. They prevent split ends and breakage, as well as leaving the hair very soft and shiny. Avocados are great for your body. They’re healthy to eat, and healthy to use on your skin, including your hair. It’s another great conditioner that can be combined with other ingredients to help protect your hair. Avocados have proteins and vitamins that help with hair growth. They prevent hair loss and revitalizes the hair, making it easier to manage and softer.

- **Next, olive oil is a** great source for moisturizing which is beneficial for damaged hair. It moisturizes the scalp, which in a plus because the scalp can get very dry during the winter, so it’s a good treatment to get rid of the dryness. Eggs help the hair because they are rich in protein which makes the hair stronger. You are less likely to get split ends or breakage, plus it moisturizes hair during the process. Lastly, honey has anti-bacterial properties and it’s great for keeping hair hydrated. Olive oil provides moisture which softens and smooths the hair and helps it to grow. Avocado oil contains these foods have their own properties that are beneficial for hair. Also, they all provide moisture which is important for the hair to keep healthy. When your hair is in a relaxed state, it is easier for you to judge yourself, then it is ten times easier for you to judge others. Ladies, loving yourself does not mean pampering yourself. Gentlemen, loving yourself does not mean buying or having the cleanest pair of new sneakers. Love is at the core of every human being, and is needed in some form to make a person feel whole, in a romantic and non-romantic way.

To know how to put love in the universe, you must understand what Gary Chapman calls your “Love Language.” It is a profile of your emotional communication preferences. Understanding this will help you to connect on a deeper level to those around you. For example, my top three love languages are Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, and Physical Touch. Since gaining an understanding of my emotional communication preference, I’ve made an effort to tell people how I feel about them and why, cleared time on my schedule to spend with someone one-on-one, and I give concern, supportive, and loving touches. In return, I’ve gotten most of the same love from loved ones, and even gained the affection of a new friend (who also happens to be cute). This can also help if you’re in a romantic relationship in which you love your partner but you don’t feel loved. After talking Chapman’s short quiz at www.Sloveanuages.com, you’ll receive advice on receiving and showing love and appreciation in a romantic and non-romantic way.

The quicker you share your love the quicker you’ll receive it. To make it easier, you can make a list of five things that you make feel good and share the list with your partner or say it as a reminder of how you like to be treated.
SMOKING STUDY

Brown University

Smokers who want to try new cigarettes that may or may not lead to reduced smoking are wanted for a research study. This is not a treatment for smoking.

Participants will be compensated for participation.

Call Emily at (401) 863-6463 or visit www.brownsmokelab.org for more information.

A 2014 music festival preview

Gabrielle Wilson
Staff Writer

Warm weather means that we can finally start taking our music experiences outdoors since it’s festival season! Start saving your money and making your travel arrangements because some of the best events of the year are right around the corner.

Boston Calling Music Festival
City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA
May 23-24th

Some of the biggest indie acts are taking over Boston on Memorial Day Weekend.

Who’s playing?

How much will it cost me?
A general three-day pass is $175, a weekend pass is $135. Single day passes for the weekend go on sale soon.

Newport Folk Festival
Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI
July 25-27th

One of the coolest festivals for folk fans is right in our backyard.

Who’s playing?
Band of Horses, Jenny Lewis, Nickel Creek, Houndmouth, The Oh Hellos and more.

How much will it cost me?
A general three-day ticket costs $230. Single day tickets will be released, as it gets closer to the festival. You can also buy the tickets on a payment plan through the festival.

Skeate and Surf Festival
Middletown Sports Complex, Middletown, NJ
May 17-18th

A good festival if you like alternative and punk music and also want to see DMX play "Party Up!"

Who’s playing?
Outkast, Jack White, Vampire Weekend, Skrillex, Phoenix, Foster the People, Childish Gambino, the 1975, Tyler, the Creator, Earl Sweatshirt, Bastille and many more.

How much will it cost me?
A weekend pass costs $195. Single day passes will be on sale soon.

Electric Daisy Carnival
Metlife Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ
May 24-25th

EDM fans, this one’s for you: Who’s playing?
Afrojack, Calvin Harris, Cash Cash, Krewella and more.

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Governors Ball Music Festival
Randall’s Island, New York
June 6-8th

Everyone is playing this festival! You should probably go.

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Powerpuffs: Save the day again
The Powerpuff Girls Dance Panted Review

 Elizabeth King
 Staff Writer

Sugar, spice, and everything nice. Add some Chemical X and you have a recipe for three of the greatest superheroines that the late 90s had to offer. Blossom, Bubbles, and Buttercup had some amazing adventures fighting villains like Mojo Jojo, and captured the hearts of millions of fans. This very year, fans were given a single-episode reboot of this classic Cartoon Network series, but it was met with a mixed reception.

The Powerpuff Girls was an Emmy-winning series created by Craig McCracken that aired on Cartoon Network from 1998 to 2005. However, in 2012, former Beetle Bingo Starr announced that he had performed a theme song for a new Powerpuff Girls episode, and had even done it, hiring for a group called Bronze named Fibonacci Sequins, a play on the mathematical phenomenon known as the Fibonacci Sequence.

This stirred plenty of hope for the new episode, but this excitement was obscured by the concept art that came with the big reveal. The girls took on an entirely new look for the show, and it was announced that the episode would air in CGI as opposed to the hand-drawn animation that it originally was. This angered many fans, and the new designs certainly take a bit of getting used to. However, Starr's song, I Wish I was a Powerpuff Girl, was well received, keeping hope high.

The new episode, Dance Panted, was eventually met with overall good reception, but with some points of critique. Many agree that it has the similar spirit of the original show, with plenty of whimsical puns and pop-culture references that helped make the series famous. A fun feature of the episode was its play on the Dance Dance Revolution series, from which the title stems. During the episode, Bubbles falls in love with a video game called Dance Pants Revolution and can't stop playing it, even when it comes time to save Townsville from crime! Mojo Jojo sees this weakness and creates his own version of the game to capture the girls and hypnthesize them into doing his bidding, so it is up to Professor Utonium, the Mayor, and Ms. Bellum to rescue the girls and stop Mojo's evil plans.

The episode keeps a very light spirit, which is not new to the series. The Powerpuff Girls classically had its share of serious episodes and comedies, so this one simply fits into the latter category. The writing still rings with McCracken's style, although there are some moments that seem a bit different from the original. For example, the girls seem a bit less mature, with Blossom being a bit less a leader, and Buttercup occasionally abandoning her tough exterior when throwing temper tantrums. This seems to be an attempt to adapt to the current cartoon market, as many recent cartoons use more simplistic comedy than some shows from the 90s and very early 2000s.

It is up to personal opinion as to how enjoyable the new Powerpuff Girls episode is. But it is difficult to deny that great love and care went into making it. The show, Beetle Starr, and it will definitely participate in the show was a great move, and many fans will be able to appreciate what Dance Dance Revolution has to offer.

It may not be the same, but this reboot shows that new isn't always horrible.

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The Spectacular Now

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A National Book Awards finalist, The Spectacular Now by Tim Tharp conveys the struggles and successes in the teen world. Tharp gives readers characters to love and hate, even long after you've finished their story.

Unlike most high school seniors Sutter Keely is determined to live in the now. He's not an academic star, but that's okay. His life of every party, has the best girlfriend in the world, and he has his trusty flask full of whiskey by his side at all times. That is, until his girlfriend dumps him and he finds himself waking up on a random lawn with a girl, who turns out to be Aimee Finicky, standing above him.

Sutter, a girl who believes it's good to have dreams. However, all the people around her are determined to stop her from reaching them. She's close to invisible at school, more of a work lackey at home, and doesn't know how to stand up for herself. That is until Sutter Keely suddenly comes in to her life.

Before he has time to think otherwise, Sutter finds himself trying to make a difference in her life, without ruining it. Yet, Aimee isn't like most of the girls he's used to, and he soon finds himself in over his head. As the story progresses, Sutter gets to see other sides of the characters. Aimee has all the rights to be considered a victim, but she doesn't see herself that way, making her stronger than you would think. Sutter, on the other hand, is a borderline alcoholic and once the whiskey is in his "7UP" you aren't sure if it's him talking or the alcohol. Yet, together while they fix each other, they also rear each other down. As they both start to face their problems, Sutter realizes that while Aimee might be good for him, he may not be good for her.

While the three main characters, Sutter, Aimee, and alcohol, make their way through the story you get to see what's so spectacular about The Spectacular Now. Humor-filled and intensely sad, the story is as real as it gets, it will open your heart and show you how hard it can be to climb out of the now that can sometimes hold you down.

If you aren't a book lover, you could always check out the movie. While now available to own, The Spectacular Now was one of the most buzzed about films at 2013 Sundance, Reigning Shailene Woodley and Miles Teller, the movie lives up to the readers standards. While some parts are different, you'll find yourself reliving the story all over again.
Test your Irish IQ

St. Patrick’s Day is about far more than shamrocks and smooching. How much do you know about the holiday and St. Patrick?

— Richard Atkinson/Clarity Newspapers and MCT

1. St. Patrick was born:
   A. A Frenchman
   B. A Briton
   C. An Irishman

2. Patrick was brought to Ireland as:
   A. A tourist on a Viking Lines cruise
   B. A slave of the Britons
   C. A slave of the Irish

3. Patrick had a dream in which he was instructed on escaping Ireland in a boat exporting:
   A. Potatoes
   B. Cattle
   C. Wolfhounds

4. Ireland was the only country in Western Europe whose conversion to Catholicism produced no:
   A. Female saints
   B. Legends
   C. Martyrs

5. The first bishop of Ireland was:
   A. Charlemagne
   B. Palladius
   C. Domnann Scoto

6. Besides the legend of banishing snakes in Ireland, Patrick is also said to have:
   A. Moved the rock of Cashel
   B. Raised the dead
   C. Altered the course of Viking ships

7. Which town has the most evidence to claim Patrick as its own:
   A. Tara
   B. Algonquin
   C. Armagh

8. St. Patrick’s Day was first celebrated outside the confines of the church in this city:
   A. Savannah, Ga.
   B. Boston
   C. New York

9. What pilgrimage site in Donegal, Ireland, famous in the Middle Ages, may have inspired Dante in writing "The Divine Comedy"?
   A. St. Patrick’s Popery
   B. St. Patrick’s Valley of the Lost
   C. Croaghpatrick

10. Patrick and Bridget are two of the three great saints of ancient Ireland. The other is:
    A. Michael
    B. Abélard
    C. Colmcille

11. Who was the most famous dean of St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin?
    A. Rev. Ian Paisley
    B. Jonathan Swift
    C. Richard Britsley Sheridan

12. The conflicting dates of Patrick’s years in Ireland, and the places where he supposedly lived, has prompted this theory:
    A. There were two Patricks
    B. Patrick is a myth
    C. There were dozens of Patricks

13. Irish is the ___ most frequently reported ancestry in the United States census.

14. Which is a traditional St. Patrick’s Day dish?
    A. Collard greens and rice
    B. Corned beef and cabbage
    C. Rack of lamb and asparagus

15. The world’s first St. Patrick’s Day parade was held in 1762 in what city?
    A. Chicago
    B. Boston
    C. New York City

16. The U.S. Congress proclaimed March an Irish-American Heritage Month in what year?
    A. 1995
    B. 1999
    C. 1993

17. St. Patrick’s Day became a holiday in Ireland in:
    A. 1848
    B. 1798
    C. 1993

Bonus Question 1: Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Match the description with these other great Irishmen:

A. Michael Collins
B. Eamon de Valera
C. Charles Stewart Parnell
D. Brian Boru

1. The uncrowned king of Ireland
2. The man who was Ireland
3. The man who made Ireland
4. The king of Ireland

Green: Not just for St. Patrick’s Day

A look at other things associated with the color green:

• Love: Green was a symbol of budding love in the Middle Ages. The Romans associated green with Venus, goddess of love.

• Symbol of poison: Green dye used to be produced with copper and toxic arsenic.

• Napoleon Bonaparte’s favorite color: His home on St. Helena had green walls, paint and furniture. He was poisoned by arsenic fumes from the green dye.

• Islam: The prophet Muhammad loved green and it became the holy color of Islam.

• Fertility: Chrisis was a god in ancient Egypt; he was regarded as a source of Earth’s fertility. Also called "The Great Green." Catholic worship: In 1750 Pope Pius V declared white, red, purple and green the colors of liturgy; green symbolized hope.
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Shamrocks, saints and shillelaghs

Here's the story behind some Irish icons and St. Patrick:

LEPRECHAUNS: Fairies who work day and night mending shoes of other fairies.

SHILELLAGH (shuh-lay-lee): A walking stick. The word is Irish for stout oak club or cudgel. It's also the name of a forest that once stood in County Wicklow.

PATRICK — SAINT AND LEGEND:

- 387: Born in Britain to a Roman family. His original name was Mawys.
- Early 400s: He was taken to Ireland as a slave; after six years, he escaped to France, where he studied for priesthood.
- 432: He was sent back to Ireland as a Christian missionary by Pope Celestine I, who named him Patricius, which means noble in Latin. He introduced the Roman alphabet, Latin literature and Christianized the land.
- Familiar legend: He drove the snakes from Ireland by beating a drum.

Bonus Question 2:

Four places in the United States are named Shamrock, the floral emblem of Ireland. Which of the following is not one of them:
A. Mount Gay-
Shamrock, W.Va.
B. Shamrock, Texas
C. Shamrock River, Ind.

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A look back at one of the most influential men in baseball

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After several seasons marred with injuries and absences, Major League Baseball will see the departure of one of its most beloved players. Derek Jeter announced in February that the 2014 season would be his last, after playing in Yankee pinstripes since 1996. He went on to lead one of the MLB's most distinguished careers, and has been called one of the greatest players of our generation.

Joe Torre pushed for Jeter's starting role on the team in 1996 after his spring training performance indicated he wasn't ready for the Major Leagues. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner was reluctant to trust young players, but sided with Torre and promoted Jeter to shortstop since 1986. Jeter proved himself on the field, building a reputation as a strong hitter and aggressive fielder. He finished the season as a World Series champion, and the 1996 American League Rookie of the Year.

Jeter continued to be a powerful asset to the Yankees, and helped the team to World Series victories in four of the next five years. He consistently held a batting average over .300, and put up high numbers for on-base percentage and slugging percentage. In total, he has earned five Golden Glove awards for his skill as a shortstop, surpassing all but a few legendary players who used to hold the position. In 2003, he was named team captain, and cemented his spot on the Yankees as not only a strong player, but as a role model for his fellow teammates.

One of Jeter's most remarkable qualities is his professionalism on the field. Over the years, he has proven himself to be dedicated to the game, staying above the petty scandals and controversies that professional athletes often find themselves in. Because of his actions and attitude towards baseball, Jeter is considered a highly respectable player by teammates and rivals alike.

Although most Yankee fans would love to see Jeter continue to play well into his 40's, a string of injuries and missed games has led him to make 2014 his final season. It will be sad to see Jeter go, though it is highly likely he will be seen in the Baseball Hall of Fame in the coming years. His huge contribution to the sport has earned him a spot amongst the all-time greatest of baseball, though in his absence, who will step and fill his shoes?

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**The Blue Blur's last hope, or the final nail in his coffin?**

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Many fans of the Sonic the Hedgehog series will attest that the world's most famous spiny hero is struggling to stay afloat. Since his transition from old-school platforming to 3D environments, Sonic has lost much of the charm he had in the original Sega games, and his recent titles have been a roller coaster of fan titles (Sonic Colors) and colossal failures (Sonic 2006). Sega recently announced the next game in the Sonic franchise, Sonic Boom, which will have a new TV series paired with it.

Sonic Boom is certainly an ambitious title, and has stirred plenty of controversy in the series' fanbase. Fans are either completely against the changes that have been made to the franchise, or are in adamant defense of them. Sonic Team gave us this title beforehand, so fans were taken aback, and it is likely that much of the commotion is due to utter shock.

The main source of controversy is by far the new character designs. Tails, Eggman (formerly Dr. Robotnik), and Amy have remained virtually unchanged, but Sonic and Knuckles have seen drastic variations. Sonic isn't too far from his original design, but his arms and legs have been stretched and recolored, and he now sports a bandanna around his neck. His limbs appear a bit too long in proportion to the rest of his body, though this change may have been made to help him transition into 2D, as his movements are very fluid. Knuckles' new look has earned plenty of criticism and jokes online, as he is now built with conically large chest and upper arm muscles. Many say that this contradicts his original style where his source of power was his spiked fists, while others are content that he now looks like a traditional boxer.

Regardless of these new designs, trailers seem to suggest that the personalities of the characters will remain very similar, which will help fans accept the alterations. In addition, this new series takes place in an alternate universe from previous installments, so it will be easy for Sonic Team to write this off as an experiment and scrap the concept if it does not succeed (ironically, this game will not see a Japanese release because of this removal from the main continuity). Two elements that are sure to stay for future games is the beautiful 1080p graphics and improved sound quality built off of the CryEngine 3. Developer Big Red Button was contracted for this game, and the artistic inspiration from their previous titles, such as the Crash Bandicoot and Jak and Daxter games, is apparent.

There are many big names involved in Sonic Boom, and regardless of personal opinion, nearly all of the Sonic fanbase is anxious to see how it turns out. Releasing a new cartoon and video game along the same new direction is an ambitious move, and no one truly knows if this will be successful yet. With the combination of a new artistic flair and elements from previous games (such as the tether mechanic from Knuckles Chaotix and the team-based combat that seems similar to Sonic Heroes), Sonic fans have a lot to look forward to. Hopefully this new direction will bring the Blue Blur back into the realm of gaming's greatest heroes where he deserves to be.
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