The Crucible premieres tonight

By Janish Shah

The idea of witchcraft today represents a more fictional concept that arises when Halloween comes around. The idea comes from the realistic fear people held of witches back in the 1600s during the time period known as the Salem Witch Trials. This year's school play, The Crucible, set in the late 1600s, depicts this historical crisis. “This year’s play is very unique in that we are conducting a play about an important point in our history that actually occurred,” junior Drew Machal said. The play premieres October 26th and will host one show per night through October 30th. The plot entails a young man, John Proctor, played by junior John Wolf, who claims on his wife, Elizabeth, played by senior Alvon Levy. Proctor and Elizabeth WolfKEYS takes the role of a young woman by the name of Abigail Williams whom Mr. Proctor commits adultery with. As the story unfolds, Williams starts the Salem Witch Trials by claiming that several women are witches and partners of the devil. Machal plays the role of Judge Danforth and arbitrates the role of Judge Danforth and arbitrates

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by Keelin Martinek and Reejuta Joshi

Of all the elaborate awards that DCDS presents to its students, one of the most distinguished awards one can receive is the Outstanding Alumnus Award. On select years, the DCDS Alumni Council chooses an Alumnus who they feel has contributed greatly to the community. On Thursday, October 5th, 2006, the DCDS Alumni Council honored Navy SEAL Commander Michael Reilly with this prestigious award. Reilly graduated from DCDS in 1982 and went on to study military strategy. He served in the U.S. military for 20 years as a Navy SEAL, helping develop strategic vision and contingency plans, implementing a plan to protect foreign heads of state in Iraq, and advising U.S. Ambassadors. After Mr. Reilly was awarded, The Day Times had an opportunity to interview Mr. Reilly and have him share his experiences when he was at DCDS, in the American military, and about his life in general. INTERVIEW WITH REILLY, continued page 5

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From October 22nd through October 26th, the DCDS Girls Ten- nis team won all four of their matches, giving them their fourth straight win. They’ve won for the past three years, making it a four-peat for the girls tennis team. “We have a significant amount of pressure when we compete,” senior Ana Griggs said. “We have strong enthusiasm for the play. The idea is to keep the audience on their toes.”

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In the wake of the recent airplane crash in New York City that claimed the life of Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and his flight instructor, a viewer wrote in to CNN's Jack Cafferty to answer the question of "the day." The question, posed by Cafferty, asked viewers what they believed was the major current cause of concern for our country. 27 percent of viewers believed that the major current cause of concern was the Foley scandal. Another 27 percent believed that there were no more pressing matters of national concern. In the meantime, in the eyes of the media outlets, the major current cause of concern for our country.

To answer Cafferty's initial question: what is the major current cause of concern for our country? First and foremost, Libby, one of the Foley scandal reports involved the recycling of the same story, the same names. It was the same story, just the same names with a different twist. The problem is that in our modern-day, fast-paced, after-school existence, filled with no-time-for-family dinner and child care, the news moves in a series of quick hits that heavily stress breadth over depth. We want our news, our news, our news, leaving no time for the details, the nuance, the depth of what we lost in the end.

Americans are turning to the news to get the facts. They want to know what is happening now, not what happened in the past. But the news is not as simple as it seems. It is not just a matter of delivering the facts. It is about how the facts are delivered. It is about how the facts are perceived. It is about how the facts are understood. It is about how the facts are remembered. It is about how the facts are acted upon.

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Spanish Teacher

“The workload here is much worse than the Middle School, but I like it because it has a lot more freedom. Everyone is given a lot more time to just spend with their friends, and it’s a lot less rushed than last year.”

Maggie Shannon
Freshman

“Our school sets itself apart from the others because we’re involved in UNICEF, and the feeling of helping others makes the school more enjoyable.”

Morgan Piscopo
Sophomore

“The environment here is really friendly, although I noticed there are lots of random celebrations by seniors! The workload here is also pretty stressful, and I think many students worry too much!”

Irini Symeonidou
Junior

“We have an awesome computer lab!”

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Senior

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“The atmosphere at DCDS is very academic and disciplined, and the students here are all very unified. The community is much busier than where I used to teach, but I’m adjusting pretty well.”

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“So I have this love-hate relationship with the state of Michigan. I love the snow—I can’t imagine living somewhere where it doesn’t snow. At the same time, I complain nonstop every single day of winter (except of course, on Christmas—don’t love a white Christmas)! I love the laid-back way of life that I enjoy living in a Midwestern suburb. I love visiting big cities, but I could never imagine myself living in one. But even though I say I love living where I do, every time my friends and I want to make plans, we whine about how there is absolutely nothing exciting to do. I love the fact that Michigan is shaped like a hand.

I know it sounds stupid, but it makes explaining where I live to people I don’t know that much easier. I love how unpredictable the weather is in Michigan—I like to say making things interesting. Yet I hate not knowing what kind of weather to dress for at any given time. It might be snowing when I leave the house in the morning, but by the end of the day, it could very well be sunny and relatively warm outside.

The reason I bring all this up is because I’ve been thinking about what’s been going on in Michigan lately. I have unemployment rates that are way lower than the national average and just a couple days ago, Mr. Corwin told my government class that when we graduated from college, unless things change, we’d probably have to move out of state if we wanted to find jobs. Even though I complain about Michigan a lot, I always imagined myself living here for most of my life. Regardless of whether or not I attend college in-state, I’ve wanted to find a job in Michigan so I can continue living in a state that I constantly complain about but secretly love.

I’ve decided that just because there’s a lack of jobs in Michigan doesn’t mean I’m going to leave all my plans behind. Even though I’m still pretty young and I haven’t experienced living anywhere but in Novi, Michigan, I still feel pretty confident about wanting to live here for at least a couple more years. If it’s not meant to be, then I’ll think about moving out of state.

Right now, all of my dad’s friends are looking for jobs in other states. A lot of them work in the auto industry and they’re worried about their jobs. I don’t want to be placed in a situation where I’m downsized and become comfortable with my lifestyle and then have to pack up all the months of my life. I’ll give Michigan a shot, but I don’t know how confident I am that things will work out.

Even if I don’t end up living in this state for many more years, I’ll always love it. Feeling frustrated at such things like snow at the beginning of October (which is just completely absurd) is balanced out by the comfort I feel in living somewhere that suits me so perfectly. I’m not sure whether it’s the fact that I truly love the state of Michigan, or just that I’m so comfortable living here I don’t want to try living anywhere else. Either way, I should be thankful that at least I don’t live in Ohio...”

Senior considers a change of state

A Day Times Editorial

The editorial is included in every issue of The Day Times and is written on an important topic in the community. It represents the opinion of the majority of the editorial board, which is comprised of the editor-in-chief, assistant editors-in-chief and all of the editors and interns of each of the sections.

DCDS stressed the importance of community service, and as a result introduces new opportunities and perspectives to students’ everyday lives. DCDS requires that every student complete ten hours of community service per year, in hopes that they will evolve into moral and caring people. Aside from the beneficial effects community service has, the central purpose of the service requirement is to develop the character of the students. But does the community service requirement actually build the generosity and the good will of the students?

The Day Times believes that the service point system at DCDS is in fact beneficial for the students as it acts as an introduction to seeing the positive effects of their efforts. The idea is that students will find a motive to carry out more projects that will benefit the community. An example of this is seen in senior Caroline Rooney, Rooney, who talked for her involvement with UNICEF, agrees with the Day Times in that although many students initially participate in community service for the sole purpose of fulfilling the white point requirement, their participation eventually creates a genuine desire to help others. “The DCDS white point requirement gives students opportunities to give back to the community,” Rooney said. “Their service still benefits the community, and in the process students can find their passion and motivation for participating in future projects.

The requirement help students get started, and then they really get into it.” Rooney wouldn’t have been so involved in UNICEF had it not been for her initial push from the school, and her major involvement with the program inspires others to participate in community service exceeding the school requirement. “I had my initial encounter with UNICEF at a UN-US delegate youth summit where I met other kids from around the world,” said, “We pick an idea and I started to get really into it.”

Not only do students create community service opportunities, but teachers also make it easy for others to get involved. Upper School Media Specialist Mrs. Carol Keeler and the community service club take an annual trip to Logan Elementary School in Detroit; this opportunity gives students a new look on the world as they interact with kids who are less privileged. “Logan gives students leadership qualities and makes them aware; their relationship with the kids at Logan makes community service less fearful,” Keeler said. “DCDS kids have the opportunity to venture outside of their bubble. They reflect and realize how lucky they are to be born into a privileged family.”

The entire student body is obligated to participate in community service every year and their participation promotes a sense of unity. “Community service allows people to cross lines; it forms a gigantic team of students with a common goal,” Keeler said. “Students may start interacting with someone on a regular basis whom they have never really spoken to before. This year, the community service club would also like to unify all four campuses of DCDS to participate in a unified service.” The service requirement also gives students a new perspective on other aspects of life. “Through community service, we not only get exposed to the economically disadvantaged, but also the physically and mentally disadvantaged people,” college counselor Mrs. Anne Sandoval said. “We then learn to appreciate our own health.”

The white point requirement really benefits all: the students and the community alike. Once pushed to participate in community service, students find a passionate, driven and good character, and a genuine desire to give back to the community and make a difference. “Students who start thinking something half-heartedly come out with a better understanding of why community service is important,” Sandoval said. Community service not only benefits students during their DCDS years but also prepares them for for years ahead.

“Because students develop a passion for a certain cause or a desire to give back to the high school community, high school community service becomes something they want to do in the future,” Keeler said.

Although some may argue that students engage in community service activities merely to fulfill their blue point requirement, certain individuals prove that is not true. While looking at people like Caroline Rooney, Danielle Still, and Mrs. Keeler, the members of the Day Times agree that moral and character development is one of the direct results of the service requirement, and those who initially serve the community to complete the required hours more often than not come out with more than just white points in hand, but also an honest concern for the world around them.

We would like to thank the Upper School Parent’s Association, Blue and Gold, and the Friends of the Arts for their generous donation of thirteen new computers for the computer lab. We look forward to putting them in good use and appreciate their contribution.
Many students choose to participate in Super Science Saturday for multiple years in a row. "An advantage of doing this for so many years is that you get to choose the experiment you want to teach," junior Kaila Clarke said. "As each year goes by, I can pick a new experiment that I want to teach or change the method of an old experiment that I might be interested in and teach it in the grades younger than me."
Students show class spirit

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Seniors Virat Gupta, Alexis Ott, Karl Noller; a group of seniors; seniors Kate Wasicky and Olivia Wiener; Freshmen Austin Ang and Dominick Moceri; juniors Will Brown, Abhishek Mishka, Ben Liu, Adriana Berger; and a group of sophomores each display their class spirit in various festivities during Spirit Week.

DCDS congratulates outstanding alumnus

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Q: Do you think that DCDS does a good job of preparing students for life after completing high school?
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Fall play sparks excitement

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On-stage chemistry and connection, “The Crucible” is the story of Abigail Williams and Samuel Proctor, who are accused of witchcraft. The actors involved in this play have put an extraordinary amount of effort into portraying the emotions of the characters involved in the play and making sure to keep the audience captivated. “The tension on-stage between the actors is really incredible,” Machak said.

Under the lead of director Mr. Jeffrey Nahan, this year’s Crucible is expected to be a success. “Mr. Nahan has really been helpful and assisted us all develop as actors and has contributed a significant amount to the DCDS performing arts program,” Machak said.

The members of the cast along with other students helping in technical areas have spent a great amount of time in order to ensure the quality of the play. “We have practiced for hours upon hours,” Machak said. “The class effort along with extensive out-of-school practices will definitely pay off when we present the play.” Following and continuing a tradition of the successful DCDS school plays, the Crucible is likely to draw in a large audience.

DCDS had its 2006 Homecoming on Saturday, October 7th. The DCDS football team defeated Claremoreville 46 to zero, with many DCDS students and alumni present. There was also a presentation of Homecoming court during halftime.

Student celebrates Homecoming

by Kelsey Mekomick, Opinions Editor

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The Democrats also have opposed the recent NSA Surveillance Terrorist Program. Several polls have indicated that citizens are most concerned with domestic safety. The GOP has attempted to spin this point as one of their major strengths in comparison to the Democrats. The GOP has legislated several effective counter-terrorism measures such as the NSA Surveillance Terrorist Program and the Patriot Act, all of which the democrats oppose. Most recently, Bush passed through a new Terror Bill which the Democrats voted against as well. The main point the Democrats have argued on national security is the war in Iraq. In battle. In order to take charge of Congress, it will have to capture the extra 15 House seats and 6 Senate seats. The security remains one of the key issues that will impact the fate of the midterm elections. Several polls have indicated that citizens are most concerned with domestic safety. The GOP has attempted to spin this point as one of their major strengths in comparison to the Democrats. The GOP has legislated several effective counter-terrorism measures such as the NSA Surveillance Terrorist Program and the Patriot Act, all of which the democrats oppose. Most recently, Bush passed through a new Terror Bill which critics have opposed. Most recently, Bush passed through a new Terror Bill which they highlighted the shortcomings of Bush’s War on Terror in a successful attempt to lessen the public perception of a GOP that maintains a secure nation.

The press also complains about holding the detainees with out justification. Suspension of involvement in terrorist activity is enough justification. According to the Associated Press, Guantanamo Bay’s ranking officer announced that three-fourths of the 680 detainees have confessed to terrorist involvement. Interrogations have also led to tips about terrorist recruiting techniques and plots that were planned against the United States.

When this country was in the throes of the terrorist creation, the Bush administration’s Bill of Rights ensured a few basic liberties for all citizens of the United States with the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments. These amendments secured the right to a fair trial and protection against cruel and unusual punishment. So, why is it now that the country is quannantly floating the dictates of laws that were passed over two hundred years ago? Not only does the government deprive people of constitutional rights within the bounds of a U.S. territory, but it also disregards international diaporal and the United Nations Convention on Torture. We don’t need Guantanamo Bay to win the “war on terrorism” or for any of the other multitudes of invalid reasons related to national security that Bush administration rhetoric has attempted to justify. Torture won’t get the right answers. Think about it. You’re going to tell whoever is threatening you with excruciating pain anything possible to make the pain stop. The information coming from torture of detainees is hardly going to thwart the next September 11, considering most of it is probably inapplicable, irrelevant, or just outright untrue.

So why undermine human rights for a practice that has few, if any strategic benefits? The detention at Guantanamo is gratuitous violence and needs to be stopped immediately. These human rights abuses are almost ludicrous; how is it in any way justifiable to throw people into a hole in Cuba without charging them with a single crime? How is it justifiable to keep them there for unlimited periods of time, denying them access to lawyers or any fair trial? How is it justifiable to torture and disrespect these people, stomping on the safeguards of the Constitution within U.S. territory?

Not only is it appalling, but detention at Guantanamo internationally embarrasses the US, and crushes our credibility abroad.

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-Sudanese Janjaweed militia and Chadian rebels have spread Darfur violence into Chad. Ten villages in Chad have been attacked, causing deaths of 100 people.

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GOP Foley scandal elicits student response by Rajen Kumar and Haidar Skeire

News Columnists

“How’s my favorite young stud doing?” That’s a quote from the instant-message logs of former Republican senator Mark Foley’s conversations with an 18-year-old boy. The boy’s identity was later revealed to the public as Jordan Edmund. A total of 52 conversations, which took place when the boy was between ages 16 to 18, were collected by ABC News in late September. Foley was also reported to have interrupted a House vote in 2003 to have a conversation with the teenager. The fact that Mark Foley had an AIM screen-name [Mail if you really want to talk to him] in the first place is strange enough, but the fact that these conversations went on so long (about 3 years) without being noticed is even stranger.

Foley dealt with his sudden “notoriety” by first resigning his Senate position and handing it to Joe Negron. Through his lawyer, Foley then made excuses explained that he was intoxicated at the time he was writing his messages and that he had been molesting by a clergyman at the age of 15. In addition, Foley proclaimed that he was “a gay man.” During Foley’s congressional term, he was considered to be one of the greatest opponents of any legalization of child pornography. He was also part of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, serving as Chairman, and introducing a bill that would outlaw any websites showing suggestive images of pre-teen children. However, it is thought that most of Washington already knew that Mark Foley was a homosexual, as he responded to speculations about his sexual orientation by saying they were “revolting,” while never directly answering the question. Was there a type of cover-up taking place with certain members of Foley’s party looking the other way?

With the upcoming Congressional elections on November 7, one can only wonder what impact the Foley scandal will have on Republicans. The GOP party is often associated with “family values,” and the result of this scandal can only hurt the image of the party. The scandal had an immediate effect on the Congressional campaigns. According to a Newsweek poll that came out shortly after the scandal, 53% of Americans wanted Democrats to retain control of Congress, while only 35% wanted the GOP to retain power. In District 16 (Foley’s former district), the public’s support quickly shifted to Tim Mahoney—the Irish Catholic Democrat. It may be time for the Republicans to give up their hold on Congress or it may not be, but we will all find out after the elections. In any event, one can only hope that no more Mark Foleys or Tom Delays make their way into Congress this next term.
The Day Times searched far and wide to find you the best costumes to shock, amaze, and even amuse your friends this Halloween. We ended up hiring a costume designer extraordinaire, but then... Eric Lee showed up. Still, he ended up being perfect for the job. Who knows more about fashion than Eric Lee? Here are some of his top picks. Enjoy. You’ll look as stunning as Eric does in them.

**Eric Lee’s GUIDE TO DISGUISE**

*"If you want to be the next McDreamy, or McSteamy, or McVet, this costume is what you want to wear."

*"You got to fight for your right to party...in this costume."

*"Trick or Treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat. If you don’t I don’t care as long as you buy this costume to wear."

*"Fried’s got nothing on this costume."

*"Wear this costume if your hips don’t lie."

*"Yo quiero taco bell. Think outside the bun and buy this costume."

*"Seriously guys stop clowning around, get your act together and buy this costume."
Seniors Nicole Watkins and Nithin Ravi have great conversation over a lunch at Olga's discussing eating techniques, etiquette, and plans for college.

Nicole: I can’t believe we’re going to be in college next year.
Nithin: I know, I’m so excited, are you happy to leave high school?
Nicole: Well, actually, yeah. It should be really fun.
Nithin: Do you want to go out of state?
Nicole: I haven’t really decided yet.
Nithin: What schools do you want to go to?
Nicole: Haha, I don’t really know that either, I’ve really put off college and just making early decisions till now, I haven’t really come to terms that I’m going to college.
Nithin: How about you?
Nicole: Well, I don’t have my complete list but the basics, Michigan, MSU. I’ll make an early decision and we’ll see from there. I also am looking at some colleges for football.

Nithin: Oh man, I’m really self-conscious when I eat with girls because I try not to order a lot to make me look like a pig plus I’m a really messy eater as you can see.
Nicole: Yeah, I’m just going to watch you eat; it’s really interesting to me.
Nithin: Thanks, that’s not going to make me feel more self-conscious.
Nicole: I also notice that you hold your utensils strangely.
Nithin: Haha, I know! Everybody tells me I hold them weirdly, but I know nothing else, nobody taught me the right way to hold a utensil.
Nicole: I just hold it like a pencil.
Nithin: Yeah. I’m not so graceful, I like eating barbaric like this; it’s easier for me. Indians are just barbaric people when we eat. We don’t have many manners, our parents never sent us to etiquette classes or anything like most people. Did your parents send you to etiquette classes?
Nicole: Actually, they did yes.
Nithin: See. In fact, we have our own etiquette. It’s normal for us to eat with our hands, we don’t need your utensils, we just grab head first into our food with our hands. Like rice, we just eat with our hands.

Nithin: Really, that’s unique.
Nithin: Yeah, you should try it next time at home, just to see what your parents would say.
Nicole: Yeah, just say “I’m trying new cultures.” No, I’ll pass.

Students await Halloween festivities

by Arushi Hukku
Features Editor

Trick-or-treating, eerie ornaments, interactive costumes, haunted houses, and a chilling presence in the air around this time of year, excitement builds among DCDS students as they anticipate the many fun filled festivities incorporated with Halloween.

When it comes to Halloween, dress is essential, whether dressed as a gumball machine or a horrifying ghost, students want to look their best. “It always takes me a long time to figure out what I want to be for Halloween,” junior Virat Gupta said. “I always want to have a creative idea and an appealing costume.” Students can dress up alone, or come up with a group idea integrating several of their friends’ costumes to ensure the best time. Halloween USA, Party City, and Gagz n Gifts in Olga’s Kitchen. They have a great time getting to know each other on their date.

Disney movie appears on Broadway

by Sonia Havele
Features Editor

Did the creators of Disney’s High School Musical have any idea that this made for TV movie would turn into a craze? Did the creators of Disney’s High School Musical have any idea that this made for TV movie would turn into a craze? Did the creators of Disney’s High School Musical have any idea that this made for TV movie would turn into a craze?

“High School Musical 2: Sing it All or Nothing,” is scheduled to release in 2007. According to MSNBC, a Broadway play is even probable. “It would be no exciting it High School Musical went to Broadway,” sophomore Catherine Larson said. “I can’t wait.” There are now two DVDs, two CDs, ring tones to download, novels to read, and posters and shirts to buy. With all the publicity and media hype, the cast and producers have a lot to live up to. “Hopefully the sequel will be as good as the original,” said junior Virat Gupta. Until then, audiences can only anticipate what’s to come in the future of Disney’s High School Musical.

Fall movies arrive

by Daniella Smith
Staff Writer

With cold weather approaching, we all need to find entertaining ways to spend our free time indoors. For many, the movie theater is one of the most satisfying places to hang out on the weekends. With several new movies releasing within the next few weeks, the theaters are sure to be packed.

“Stranger Than Fiction” is an inventive comedy about a novel-ist struggling to complete her latest, and potentially finest, book—she only has to find a way to kill off her main character, Harold Crick, and she’ll be completely finished. Students have contrasting thoughts about how the movie will turn out. “It sounds cool,” junior Hailee Korotkin said. “It has Will Ferrell, so it must be funny.” Other students disagree. “It seems like it should be more of a thriller, what with the impending death,” junior Brittni Nowicki said. Premiering at the Toronto Film Festival, “Stranger Than Fiction” will be released by Columbia November 10.

Emilio Estevez’s “Bobby,” is set at LA’s Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. It re-images one of the most explosively tragic nights in American history, the fateful day that Robert F. Kennedy, who was at the time Presidential hopeful, was shot. “I think this movie would be interesting to see,” technical director, Jim Da vis said. “Bobby” celebrates the spirit of Robert Kennedy as an extraordinary human being. Serving as a snapshot of this symbolic time in our country’s rich history, the intertwined stories in “Bobby” intermix fact and fiction, legend and destiny. “Bobby” will be released into movie theaters across the country on November 16.
Online companies supply DVDs

by Sally Salari
Features Editor

With a frantic schedule and barely any time to breath, sometimes staying at home and watching a movie is just the remedy. Rented movies are fun to watch alone, with family, or with friends; but frankly, who wants to waste gas money, walk around for an hour to rent a movie, and open the door only to get disappointed? That’s why many people have started to use online movie rental plans. Blockbuster Online started in the summer of 2005 and is starting to give Netflix a run for its money. They both have the same plans, varying from three, two, or one at a time unlimited rentals at $17.99, $14.99 and $9.99 a month, respectively. They have no late fees, and offer free shipping, both ways. Believe it or not, they are not exactly the same; Blockbuster Online offers a whopping 60,000 selection to choose from, whereas Netflix offers only 5,000 more. However, at Blockbuster Online, you must fulfill certain requirements in order to watch the movie, whereas Netflix lets you order any movie you want. Naturally, Netflix is more popular because it’s more customizable, and you know exactly the movie you are going to see from the beginning. Blockbuster On Demand gives you a bit of freedom if you want to try out both services, to see which one is best suited for you.

Snicket completes popular series

by Arriva Mallory
Staff Writer

“If you are interested in stories with a happy ending, you would be better off reading some other book,” wrote the late, great Lemony Snicket in the final chapter of his eleven-volume children’s series, “A Series of Unfortunate Events.” However, a goldmine of fans may disagree. Snicket's final book in the series is titled “The End,” and it is a series of epilogues, each in the voice of one of the orphaned Baudelaire children, who were the central characters in the series. The orphaned Baudelaire children, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny, were separated from their parents as young orphans. Each book in the series followed a particular character through a series of misfortunes and was written in Snicket's unique and unique style. The final book in the series, “A Series of Unfortunate Events,” is a collection of these epilogues, each one written from the point of view of one of the three Baudelaire children, as they reflect on their lives and the lessons they have learned.

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Seniors Adam Bowman and Subha Perni debate which film industry surpasses the other: Bollywood or Hollywood?

by Adam Bowman
Senior Opinion Editor

Bollywood is a large and quick- ly growing film industry epicenter, but it remains a little brother to the h bosnia that is Hollywood. Bolly- wood, whose name is derived from a combination of the English term “Bombay” and Hollywood, boasts about their high quality and high demand. 
Well, to say the least, Bolly- wood is not as great as they think they are. Take for example the Hollywood smash hit Water for Elephants. A monster movie raked in nearly $53 million dollars in North America alone! This large profit made the top grossing Bollywood film ever in the continent of North America. That’s impressive. Unfortunately, Deepa Mehta’s Water has no real standing among the big dogs of Hollywood. There was this little movie, we’ll call it, that grossed over 600 mil.

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by Subha Perni
Assistant Editor-in-chief

There’s something that I have been try- ing to get off my back, a secret so shocking that I cannot hold it back any longer because I have never ever needed to. But it’s been long enough! Finally, I’ll come clean to the world, throwing off this oppressive guilt. You see, I love Bollywood! I love its mind-blowing music, its mesmerizing dance, its captivating stories, and its incredible acting. It’s now time to see the new and fascinating Harry Potter which is so dearly loved by all, while Bollywood helplessly revives its so called supremacy.

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Fast food deceives student body
by Nisha Sarg
Features Editor

In today’s fast paced life, very few get to enjoy the luxury of being able to eat a nutritious meal. This especially applies to high school students. Even with the academic pressures put on them, hard working students have no time to eat a healthy meal, let alone relax a family dinner at a nice restaurant. But not to worry, fast food will come to the rescue, right? Not quite.
Studies have shown that on a typical day, almost one-third of U.S. youngsters eat fast food and that fast food restaurants currently target the typical “student-on-the-go.” Students at DCDS have mixed feelings when it comes to fast food. “When I eat fast food, on the one hand, I am losing the moment and the food, but on the other hand I feel guilty about eating very unhealthy food,” one student said.

Models of Spain transform the “iin”
by Vindhya Baddigam
Features Editor

It is no longer “in” to be anyone anymore. The Spanish movies discovered in the month of September.

One of Spain’s top annual fashion shows in Madrid’s Fashion Week, Pasarela Cibeles, decided not to let models that were beneath a predetermined body mass index (BMI) to walk the catwalk. This decision was made because of an agreement between Cural Solana, Pasarela Cibeles’ organizer, and the Madrid regional government.

The decision between the two was made because of the demands last year at the show. Many, including women’s rights groups and medical professionals, gathered to protest that the models used in the Pasarela Cibeles’ show did not meet the criteria. During that time the Madrid regional government did not do anything in response to the protests. However, this year the government has begun to pressure the organizers of fashion shows in the capital to act after they refused to do so before.

Cura Solana, Pasarela Cibeles’ organ- izer, decided to set these new standards for the Spanish models so that the models that walked down the runway were not so grand in stature. He decided that he wanted the models in his show to display an image of health as well as beauty. Therefore, garments that were rejected were replaced by new ones.

A team of specialists who assessed the models were to participate in the fashion show were Doctor Simon Moncayo, part of Spain’s national endocrinology society, and Barihi Moreno, the obesity consultant of Gregorio Maranon hospital. These doctors assessed the 86 mod- els and determined that five of the models failed the criteria.

“They had a body mass index well be- low 18.5 which is considered normal not just for women, but also by the limits set by the World Health Organization.” said Dr. Mo- nesos. The criterion for the model to not be suitable was that the Typical Fashion Industry was that a person was five feet and seven inches tall and could not have a weight of less than 121 pounds.

While models went to their exams to see if they met the criteria, some of the better known models did not attend the exam.
Even though the Spanish fashion industry has supported the moves to fuller models, other Euro- pean countries have not supported the move. Spain is not one well- known for its fashion. Instead cities like Paris and London are known as the fashion centers of the world. However, these cities have decided not to follow in pursuit of Spain. They have continued to allow their models who appear to be too thin to walk down the runway, unlike Spain where there are now fuller models.

While the fash- ion capitals of the world have rejected Spain’s daring move, many have admired the move and believe that fuller models on the runway will project a better image that all women can relate to and feel beautiful and healthy at exactly the same time.
This season the great swimming team has the good fortune of returning a great number of seniors, of which could prove to be a source of leadership. Therefore, Hannah's role as captain of the swimming team is a great achievement in itself. "To be a captain in a leadership situation that can garner respect really speaks volumes about Hannah's character," coach and advisor Marc Fisher said.

However, Hannah's character extends beyond just the pool or the field. Teachers notice her extreme sense of loyalty. "At the moment of truth, you can count on Hannah," Fazio said. "Many 'insider' friends won't always be there for you, but you can count on Hannah." Such a quality of loyalty and character is hard to come by, I wish I knew more Hannahs.

Hannah has numerous athletic accomplishments to her credit that accompany her strong character. In lacrosse, she has earned All-State honors for the past two seasons, with a third year likely to follow. As for swimming, she has qualified for the State Championship for two years in a row.

As a captain, Hannah plays an essential role in the success of her teams. "By being a captain I try to lead by example by doing my best at every practice and game. They've aptly named this season the BCS National Title Game, an original name for an original idea. Rather than creating a plus system, in which the top four BCS teams play each other and then the winners advance, the BCS creators have created an extra money making opportunity. They have relayed four previously prestigious and prominent bowl games to nothing more than a side show to the "championship game." The games are now 14 million dollar paydays. Rather then solve the championship dilemma that plagued college football, they have watered down the viewers experience and more importantly undercut the players enthusiasm. Bowl games were once the unknown. Each team in the Top 5 had a legitimate chance to be crowned the national champion, whereas only two teams now have the opportunity. Not to mention, these two teams might not even be the best in college football...

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The BCS is the biggest disappointment since New Coke. The great hope of nine years ago has faded nothing more than renegotiation. It pits the number one and two teams in the nation based on a point system too complex to comprehend. The Harris poll, the coaches poll and a computer ranking choose the two participants in the National Championship game. Two years ago the AP was used instead of the Harris, and two years before that 10 computer polls counted more than the human polls. Each year has brought on onslaught of new changes. First coaches needed to run up scores to gain entry BCS points, then they didn't, and now they do.

Exactly, the people who created the system cannot even settle on a decent and stable rule system for determining the formula.

This season the great minds of the BCS have created an extra bowl in addition to the Rose, Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls. The mentioning of the BCS National Title Game, an original name for an original idea. Rather than creating a plus system, in which the top four BCS teams play each other and then the winners advance, the BCS creators have created an extra money making opportunity. They have relayed four previously prestigious and prominent bowl games to nothing more than a side show to the "championship game." The games are now 14 million dollar paydays. Rather then solve the championship dilemma that plagued college football, they have watered down the viewers experience and more importantly undercut the players enthusiasm. Bowl games were once the unknown. Each team in the Top 5 had a legitimate chance to be crowned the national champion, whereas only two teams now have the opportunity. Not to mention, these two teams might not even be the best in college football.

The men's and women's varsity and junior varsity cross country teams are all amig for high school and college standards. We basically have an entirely new team," senior captain Alex Lee said. "This year's girls and guys teams are always there for each other as well as for all of their individual personal goals as well. The girls and guys teams show strong individuality in qualifying for the state meet. By uniting in team efforts, the players as weekend activities such as cross country runs, they have set goals which she will strive toward achieving. For example, the seniors and juniors cross country teams are on a fast track towards success.

The women's field hockey team has bounced back from being humiliated in October by the Cider Mill, and we had an overnight tournament in England. The unique nature of lacrosse allows her to learn qualities that are essential in the real world. "Lacrosse allows me to really put into play something that I really love to do," Rokie said. "Every practice and every game I play everything that I have to give onto the field with me. To be the best you need to have to learn the qualities of teamwork which is not something that I can use just on the lacrosse field but in everyday life as well."

For the upcoming seasons and beyond, Hannah has set goals which she will strive toward achieving. For example, she hopes to continue her great playing level for the past years from past years. After reaching the state championship for two years in a row, she hopes to make the playoffs for her favorite sport, lacrosse, her goals are more profound. She hopes not only that her team gets to the state championship but that they win.

The state meet for both cross country teams was held on November fourth, a week after the cross country teams' regionals. The season's successes and struggles will eventually culminate in the state meets. "We've been practicing in the rain, the heat, and the cold," junior Kevin Grafmiller said. "And we hope that all our hard work will result in some type of success." The teams were Fighting to earn their bid to the state meet before the big day. As the final stretch of the season approaches, the teams are gearing up to finish their final effort and attempt to finish their season on a strong note. "After all our hard work and long days of training and their unified goals of achievement, the men's and women's cross country teams are on a fast track towards success.

The coaches, the captains are a very important leadership aspect of the team. All of them have expectations of their players. "There are two things that they need in order to play," coach Fisher said, "They need to make sure that they enjoy the game and they need to have a passion for the sport."
Ben Rosenfeld by Spencer Jackman

SENIOR BEN ROSENFELD drops back for a pass.

On the surface of the page, excellence athletes also step up, contributing to the state championships along with individual accolades. However, for the sports enthusiasts who share a passion for the journey of a season and care for the achievements and experiences provide greater joy and fulfillment than the reception of an award. While a state championship symbolizes the unity, dedication, and achievements of a team, relationships created, and values instilled among athletes have a greater impact on athletes. Senior Ben Rosenfeld interspersed athletes into his family life and education. Pick up games in the middle school and 'four square' in the playground served as the shot for Rosenfeld's sports endeavors. His evolution into a confidant, composed, and team-oriented athlete is largely attributed to his grandfather's, father's, and coach's advice and inspiration.

Throughout his tenure at DCDS, Ben has developed chemistry with many of his teammates in environments away from the playing field. During his freshman year, Ben spearheaded the 'four square express,' which secured the lunch bunch of many students desiring to compete. The double walloff-the-pipe was a once-in-a-life time shot. It was meant to be done by Ben,” senior Mike P. Palmer said. Rosenfeld's historic shot first ricocheted off of batters balls surrounding the four square court, and then shot of the double walloff-the pipe into the corner of the ace's square for a winner. "I gained my competitive edge from recess and lunch sports," Rosenfeld said.

Rosenfeld's athletic talents also developed under the reigns of his grandfather and father. From an early age, Ben published his 'golden arm' while throwing toss with his grandfather at the family backyard, and in brother Victoria Park. "My grandpa and father helped me improve in all of my sports," Rosenfeld said. Ben intended to impart the knowledge he acquired from his grandfather and father to his younger brother, Harrison, who currently attends DCDS as a 7th grader.

Ben has been accomplished many honourable athletic achievements throughout his high school years, earning seven varsity letters in four different sports. "I hope to win football and lacrosse state championships before I graduate, as well as make a deeper run into the hockey playoffs than in previous years," Rosenfeld said. Rosenfeld's ability to inspire his teammates has led to their success. "Ben’s leadership has blossomed in football as a team captain," assistant football coach Tim Reuter said.

According to Reuter, Rosenfeld's ability to inspire his teammates has led to their success. "Ben’s leadership has blossomed in football as a team captain," assistant football coach Tim Reuter said. "He's not only a good leader, but he has the ability to make big plays in the clutch," junior Ted Brady said. With the help of junior Alyssa Ahmad, the team will hopefully continue to compete successfully and forge future new team records. "Though it is hard being the only diver and practices with girls from other teams, I will continue to do my best and be the team's leader," senior Alyssa Ahmad said. On the day of Homecoming, the women’s varsity tennis team competed at the Oakland County meet in which the team scored their first win in over a year since 2002. "We haven’t competed well in the 0.4 a at a County meet in awhile, but the girls surprised me well," Fazio said.

The team looks to improve even more in the remainder of the season. "We will compete against the same teams in October and we should be able to win that meet," Fazio said. The team will also compete against Royal Oak Shrine, Avondale, and Ann Arbor Huron, all respectable teams before the regional meet in early November. The team's skills, garnered by hard work, will lead to the success that the Lady Jackets hope to see. "We are all excited for the regional and state meet this year," senior captain Hannah Roose said. "We have our eyes set on competing, finishing, and finishing well!"

Women’s swimming enjoys success

By Lyndsay Maxwell Staff Writer

With winter approaching, women’s varsity swimming has faced many obstacles. With some graduating seniors, DCDS swimmers now face the demands of improving their times in individual events and relays, in addition to keeping their bodies healthy during the cold months. "It isn’t easy to swim when the pool is only 64 degrees," senior Lauren Stevenson said. "You have to be aware of the conditions outside." Cardinals can make sure you protect your hair because you can get sun and skin becoming sickier if you continue to sun swim."

Staying healthy is only the first part to being great at swim competitons. "Drills, workouts in practice that train the girls to compete in meets are essential in improving times and achieving state cuts," Fazio said. "We work very hard in practice, staying late on school nights most times because we want to be the best," Coach Marc Fazio said. The girls have shown that hard work pays off during their regular season. With a record of 3-3, the team has beaten some top teams and, though falling short to a few schools in higher dividends. "We will likely have a winning record this season which hasn’t been accomplished in a long time," Fazio exclaimed.

The FREESTYLE RELAY team poses after a race.

The Cardinals’ accomplishments in the pool are due in large part to the work of senior captain Hannah Roose. "We have our eyes set on competing, finishing, and finishing well!" Fazio said.

Women’s tennis hurdles over states to obtain four consecutive championships

By Alissa Ott

Editor at Large

Women’s varsity Tennis has turned state championships into an annu- al tradition for DCDS. For the past three years, women’s tennis has won the Division IV state championship. Outstanding individual performances all come together for a common purpose in this high achievement sport. Outstanding and essential players from the 2005 season were lost to graduation, but the women’s tennis team quickly found a solution with a fresh talent base. Specifically, several juniors along with freshman sensation Chloe Krouth have stepped up, further boosting the success of the team. “We’re lucky to have Chloe. She has a lot of talent and contributes single very well, especially for a fresh- man” junior Ariane Thielan- hao said.

Expectations for another state championship were high among the mem- bers of the team. Especially after another dominating win at regionals. On October 15th on DCDS’ own courts, the women’s varsity tennis lineup won another regional championship for the fourth time in a row. It is rare that any team is able to enjoy such successive achievement. One, two and three singles all played well, especially for three and four doubles all won their respective flights. "We have met double and first singles all played as runners-up，“ said junior Alice Roke. "They are the ones of our exceptional likeli- hood in attaining their fourth state championship. After playing all day in the freezing cold, we felt like we deserved it!"

Junior Shranov Miklinikins said. “It was a lot of fun to win.” On October 20th and 21st, the women’s varsity tennis team participated in the state championship. The final state dual that determined who was the most accomplished of the women’s varsity tennis teams. The team achieved its goal of four championships in a row. “With the help of our new members, we have gained a lot of depth to our team,” senior Kaitlin Kinsaid. “We’re bound to get stronger as years go on.” Capturing four consecutive state championships was no small order, but with a little luck and exceptional skill, the Lady Jackets have yet again cemented their names in DCDS sports history.
Detroit Tigers head to the World Series
by Spencer Jackman
Sports Inter

On September 24th, the Detroit Tigers held a celebratory parade after clinching their first playoff berth since 1987. By winning their district championship, they would’ve avoided playing the red-hot Yankees, you know, the team that’s playoff is roughly a half-time misfit than the Tigers. The failure to clinch before the last regular needle fans reeling. All they had to do was win one game against what most thought a Tiger-less field of roughly two and a half times larger at the fans reeling. All they had to do was win one game against what most thought a Tiger-less field of roughly two and a half times larger.

Returning from a suc, Detroit Tigers held a celebration that many fans thought was overdue. It is the Tigers’ first World Series appearance in 22 years.

TIGERS’ RETREAT BY THE NUMBERS:
- 109 - number of losses during the 2003 season, the 2nd most all-time
- 18 - years since last winning season
- 18 - years since last playoff appearance, a loss in the ALCS

Despite the team’s long absence from the World Series, there is a sense of excitement and anticipation building in Detroit. The Tigers have made significant improvements on both offense and defense, and many fans believe this could be the year they finally bring home a championship.

“Tigers fans have waited a long time for this,” said one fan. “We’re ready to support our team and cheer them on to victory.”

The Tigers have a talented roster, with stars like Miguel Cabrera and Justin Verlander leading the way. However, they face stiff competition from the New York Yankees, who are also considered favorites to win the World Series.

Despite the pressure, the Tigers remain focused on their goal: bringing home a championship for Detroit fans. With each day that passes, they work harder and harder, determined to make Tigers fans proud.

“I think we’re ready,” said manager Jim Leyland. “We’ve got a great team, and I believe we can do it.”

So let the games begin. The Tigers are ready to take on the world, and bring home the championship for Detroit.”

Sports writer Ben Weinstein interviews men’s varsity football coach Dan MacLean.

BW: Can you tell me about your high school playing days?
DM: My first year I played on the freshman team, and the following year I played on the varsity team. I mostly played linebacker but I was versatile enough to play guard and tight end sometimes. We won a state championship in 1974.

BW: Do you feel it’s fair to coach at DCIS after playing at Brother Rice?
DM: I am proud of both accomplishments and they have both been gratifying experiences. Mr. Delogue was an influence for me on my coaching career.

BW: Which player do you resemble most on the current varsity squad?
DM: I was a combination of Ronnie Demens and Tori Brady. They were both I liked to play and had tons of grit.

BW: What are your goals, strategies, and expectations at the end of the season?
DM: We have a bright future ahead of them, as the team continues to grow and develop. The girls have the right attitude, intensity, and consistency to successfully finish the season.

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The Detroit Pistons have added a new ingredient to their recipe, an ingredient that is likely to help create the recipe for success that they’ve looked for these past two years without a title. In fact, it seems like every team in the NBA has got the same idea. Everyone appears to be heavily re-vamping their rosters to about the commensurate due to the strength of the Jacks. The only problem is since the season we played a bunch of difficult difficulties, the team has prepared for the playoffs. Most teams are facing a difficult road to the playoffs, but the Pistons have been prepared for this.

The biggest news around the Pistons’ organization isn’t what they did do, it’s what they’re going to do. With a defensive mind, has quite a resume under his belt during his 6 years in the league. A 4th center, he was a 4-time defensive player of the year, a 4-time All-Star, the 5th player in NBA history to record 100 blocks and 100 steals in 5 straight seasons, 1 of 3 players in NBA history to lead the league in blocks and steals in the same season.

Though the league’s most consistent, he’s most consistent in his heart and soul of not only the team, but also the city of Detroit. Having offered Wallace more than $20 million during the lockout, most of his services, the Chicago Bulls are now a serious threat to overtake Detroit as the new Central Division champions.

After losing Big Ben, the Pistons signed Nazr Mohmed, a taller, thinner center with less defensive ability than Wallace but far more offensive talent, to the mid-level exception. His ability to play in the post and his solid jump-shooting will allow the Pistons to better stretch a faster, more offensively-minded team. With Mohammed opening up the floor, opponents won’t dare double team any of the starting five, or they would risk an easy open shot from any of the offensive-minded players.

It’s not just the starters who will be more offensive-minded however. The reserves have also received an offensive boost. Joe Dumars signed former Cleveland Cavalier Ronald “Flip” Murray to a two-year contract, and Will Bynick, the 605 pickup in the 2006 draft out of Iowa State. Both are speedy guards who can shoot, pass, and defend. All this will give the Pistons the depth at the guard positions that they didn’t have last year.

Many analysts are writing off the Pistons, what could be a dire mistake. Ben Wallace, going on 32, is aging and his defensive numbers have declined every year for the past two years. He is no longer the defensive stopper from the field and the free throw line, and his disputes with coaches stirred up a lot of talk with the NBA’s new rules which include no hand-checking or use of the forearms on the baseline defensive players. Wallace and the Pistons are at an extreme disadvantage. While the Pistons won’t be as good defensively (although they still have one of the best defenses in the NBA), they won’t try to be so now that the rule of the game have changed and they have a vastly improved offense.

The 2005-06 Pistons are going to be younger, faster, better offensively, and will still retain their elite defense. Now that’s a recipe for success in today’s NBA, no matter how perfect.
Play-offs. Two syllables have never sounded so sweet. After stumbling through a five year playoff drought, the DCDS football team has, at last, returned to the grand stage. Following up a season of disappointment and underachievement, the football squad has united to double their win total from last season. “I’m feeling great,” senior captain Chris Rucker said. “I’ve never felt this proud. I actually have a reason to give it my all.” For some, it may seem as if the football team spontaneously improved, but it was a rigorous off-season that primed the Jackets for triumph. The Jackets’ success hasn’t gone unnoticed. With a steady stream of fans heading out to Friday night games at Shaw Field, football has returned to prominence in the DCDS athletic program. “From empty stands to actual fans, it’s amazing,” senior lineman captain Nithin Ravi said. “I’ve been used to bleachers full of our opponents parents, but I’m definitely enjoying the change in faces.” The success of the DCDS football squad has propelled them into the playoffs, but it has also led to the rejuvenation of Friday night football in the DCDS community.

The DCDS football team has been slightly off the radar since its 1999 State Championship. The past season ended with yet another losing season and changes were necessary. Head Coach Dan Maclean addressed the need, beginning the preseason training back in January of 2006. The team conditioned together, as one unit, throughout the winter, spring, and summer, not only achieving physical fitness, but team chemistry as well. “Those conditioning sessions really brought our goal into focus. We all bonded together and realized that we all needed to work harder than ever before,” junior Darwyn Fair said. The preseason culminated with a four day session at Camp Leelanau, dubbed “Camp Happy.” After returning from camp, two-a-days commenced with full padded practice as the team prepared for the first game of the season against Monroe. “We were uneasy, we had beaten [Monroe] last year, but we really wanted to set the tone strong for the season,” Ravi said. The team certainly set the tone for the season with a 39-20 win which was followed by five more victories and a tough loss to nationally ranked Nouvel Catholic Central High School.

The change in record is significant, but it’s the team’s collective change in mindset that has led to their vast improvement. “I’ve never had my motor running like this before,” Rucker said. “I really want to give it my all because now I know that my efforts amount to something. Last year, I worked hard and we lost, but now that I’m seeing some results, I want to put in the work.” The offense and defense have been very productive throughout this season with a number of playmakers on both sides of the ball. “Our team is just really comfortable together,” senior quarterback Ben Rosenfeld said. “I can depend on Kenney [Demens] out of the flat, Jonas [Gray] in the running game, and Erik and Rucker to go get the deep ball, it’s great.” Last year, the football squad aimed to scrape some wins into their record, but this year it’s all about the margin of victory rather than just the victory itself. The team has accumulated a couple of close wins, but in their other four victories, the team has won by an average margin of 30.25 points a game. “We’re winning and we’re playing well,” Rucker said. “I’ve never had this much fun playing the game.” Friday night football is now back in full swing, now, it’s upon the Jackets to bring home a long awaited state championship and validate the claim that DCDS football is back intact.
The Breaking
There was a time I would throw any rider,
The blood in my mouth not my own,
But the bit is there to stay
And the crack of my back echoes with your voice,
Simple Spitfire. The eclipse on my throat
shudders as your winter fur sprouts before my eyes,
His fastidious body from fingers to neck
Leaving my mind and moving my heart
Escaping my grasp, she is not my friend
And the crack of my back echoes with your voice,
Instead of feeling lifted, I feel fatuous.

His melodies are fragment
And his harmonies amorous
His fastidious body from fingers to neck
Arouse wings on his beholder
To float up, up, up above his
Resonating sound, to break
From an unfledged title
But even as I speak, she is
Slipping away from me. Her
Delicate hair passed through
My fingers
This sound rings through my Ears, and yours.
Her ears twist and turn
And no longer keep my life in tune.

She is falling from the realm of
The sublime, my passion fleeting
Losing her identity of being atypical
Not getting the high as usual
Yet hearing a foreign voice,
Smelling a foreign thing
Instead of feeling lifted, I feel fatuous.
I'm actually playing her - this is new.

She is not what I know
Her face is floating from my mind
And no longer amorous for me
She is simply notes on a page
Dynamics not dynamic
Rises and falls not worthy of my time
Escaping my grasp, she is not my friend
Anymore
O, how I wish I could be in love
With it again
Leaving my mind and moving my heart
I'm losing my love for music
He's drifting away
I'm losing my love for music
She's beginning to fade.

---Adrienne Robinson---
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Wings of the Morning

And the sun peaks over the horizon
Like angels
Tentatively stretching their wings
With clandestine brilliance and
Shy glory
Delicate wings of gossamer
Float quietly into the sky.

Morning
And the light flows
Like angels
Dancing with sublime grace
And glowing warmth
Gently spinning
Halos eclipse the darkness,
Like the crescent moon.

Morning
And the sun blossoms
Like angels
Their wings extend
With faceted feathers and
Eminent distinction
They rise with passion,
Sprinting into blue.

Morning
And the illumination is intense
Like angels
Smoldering with fire
Eyes blazing with luster and
Effulgence
Figures blur in motion
Become the resplendent dawn.

Morning
Like no other morning
Like angels
That unleash the day.
-Marisa Coury-

No More Signs of Sun

Lithic labyrinth beholds
the bedlam of the seas,
And silent pariahs
indulge illicit luxury.
The blade, the scabbard left behind
Remained within the mist
The graves obscuring otherwise
And what the truth consists.
A dragon’s scorching smile,
A curse upon the skies
Gave little trust in destiny
And more into lies.
No legend could relate
Or fairy tale forlorn
The cavernous residing of
The valiant hate and scorn.
No crecent moon mounting
or far-off distant star
could deter all the darkness
and memories still ajar
of all contempt and shadow
and no more signs of sun
the regal reign commanding
of what was to be done.
-Emily Corwin-

Let’s relax... Shall we?

Let’s relax
By sitting down at a table
And tracing the grain in the wood with our finger.
Let’s relax
By watching a little bit of television
And put more laughs into our giggle accounts;
Store in our minds to keep us young!
Let’s sit out on the front porch
And enjoy the passers-by
As they move effortlessly along in the sky!
Let’s lie in our beds and stare at the ceiling,
And think of memories
That remind us of being young children!
Let’s not act like adults
And walk around upright
As if we have bills to pay…;
No, we are going to calm down;
And hopefully not just for today!
I do not call for indolence;
But I call for requiescence.
Let’s allow our tempers to falter
And not make our day
But rather let tranquility pave the way
To a place of relaxation…
Shall we?
-Khari Jones-

Silken Flight

As the dove awakens,
slightly before dawn,
He stretches his wings,
strong and smooth.
He gently descends from his high perch,
in a slow, sprawling sweep.
The dove passes below the tree line,
to the pink bud blossoms,
spring’s first opening.
The delicate fragrance envelops the air,
as he soars across the petals.
His strong wings,
skillfully keeping his rhythm smooth.
Then he is surrounded by the colors,
the first sunrise of spring.
As the faint sunlight bunshies his soft wings,
he flies higher and higher,
almost to the cloud-filled
dome.
Filled now with the joy of spring,
he keeps his balanced rhythm.
Elated and carefree,
his flight stays smooth
smooth as silk.
-Christina Brown-

Mourning to Morning

Friday night under the lights,
We were down with frowns till our smiles were bright,
Mourning is to defeat as morning is to win,
The other team playing better brought frowns to us again,
Losing horribly felt like flying with no wings,
But that Friday was a night without hope for the home team,
Keeping in mind the colors blue and gold,
Down, out and as silent as a soul,
Friday night under the lights,
We were down with frowns till our smiles were bright,
Being a private school we as a team were doubted,
But glad to see the whole stadium crowded,
With victory in mind the Jackets prevailed,
One team one heartbeat the Jackets can’t fail,
Keeping in mind the colors blue and gold,
Down with confidence but rising like a soul,
Friday night under the lights,
We were down with frowns till our smiles were bright,
Fourth quarter came both sides let out sighs,
Down with fourteen seconds we won here’s why,
We wanted the victory like a kid wants pie,
Keeping in mind the colors blue and gold,
HURRAY!! We won the game with a soaring field-goal.
-Morning Sun Ascending

As Nature’s Alarm Clock rises in the east,
A seagull soars up and down the drafts
Eyes staring down upon their morning feast.
As the light blue lake gleams in refraction,
The fish stare back.
Knowing their fate, they take no action.
The majestic bird cuts the air like a knife.
One less fish in the lake,
it completes the circle of life.
The water is calm and clear.
There are no disturbances.
Nature has nothing to fear.
As the seagull flies to its nest,
It sees a new creature and stops to watch.
Unaware the creature will cause much unrest.
The creature has a peculiar form,
Two legs Two arms.
All four limbs capable of creating a storm.
More awkward creatures arrive,
All taking land around the lake.
Much more than they need to survive.
Hundreds of years go by,
And the population has multiplied.
The lake has changed in a blink of an eye.
The humans don’t seem to care.
They dump their waste around the lake.
In the water, ground and air.
The fish choke on foreign objects,
The birds can’t fly through the smog.
The humans are not aware of their effects.
The story is the same everywhere,
New York, LA, Chicago,
No one seems to care.
Global Warming, Overpopulation, Pollution
When are we going to find the solution?
When are we going to change?
Mourning Sun Descending.
-Ashish Shah

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