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IS LIFE REALLY A BIG BANG?



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In the past, science has only appeared in the limelight via television networks such as Discovery Channel, Science or even SyFy without much room for anecdotes to pop culture social experiences. Times have changed for the better since then because of more awareness to basic scientific principle as a result of showing off cool experiments that would otherwise go unnoticed. In part, The Big Bang Theory has been responsible for this movement. The Big Bang Theory is a sitcom and has been around for the past eight years. It seems to have spark an interest in young people to pursue a career in science over that time. It started by meticulously capturing the average geeky and nerdy lifestyle and bringing its awareness into pop culture by blending it with an avidly social milieu. In other words, it makes the scientific research lifestyle appear cool, thriving, and very active. During each season of The Big Bang Theory, the main characters have experienced major life changes for better or worse. As hard as it may be to believe, geeks and nerds have a social life too and this is the exact notion that the show exemplifies to the public, even if it may seem rather underground at times. The main writer, Chuck Lorre, has always ended each season with a cliffhanger of what the following season will uncover. With only six episodes left in season eight, there is no telling what event it will end on, for season nine to begin this time around. For example, [SPOILER ALERT] season 1 ended on Penny and Leonard's official first date. Season 2 ended on a summer-long arctic expedition to the North Pole. Season 3 ended on Sheldon meeting his current and only girlfriend Amy. Season 4 ended on an accidental encounter of Raj and Penny spending the night together. Season 5 ended on Howard traveling into space. Season 6 ended on Leonard joining a North Sea expedition for Stephen Hawking's research. Season 7 ended on Leonard and Penny finally being engaged and Sheldon experiencing an epiphany of changing his career. There is no telling how season 8 will end; it's just

that exciting for all the fans of the show.

Throughout this show's time on the air, it has had countless accurate references to science and technology, thanks to their technical coordinator David Saltzberg, a University of Chicago Ph.D. graduate and specialist in particle physics (NPR). Before this show ever existed, there has never really been a relationship between science, comedy, and pop culture, unless you considered the cartoon series about a decade ago: The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius. Considering that The Big Bang Theory's pilot episode started out during the 2007 Hollywood Writers' Strike, the show has succeeded extremely well.

Of the first seven episodes of 2015, only two episodes relate to remotely real life scientific events or scientific research. The other episodes mostly depict their geeky, social lives. In the first episode of this year, Raj worked on a new space probe that was just launched and directed towards Pluto. Ever since Sheldon has had Amy in his life, he has always seemed to display more social norms like other people around him. One recent instance happened during the sixth episode of this year. Sheldon and Amy mutually decided to apply for the Mars One colonization project together as a couple. After evaluating several episodes, it's very fair to say that Amy makes Sheldon a better and more emotional person, as hard as it may be for some to believe. Season 8 has had a lot of changes for all characters of the show. Most recently, [SPOILER ALERT] Howard's mother passed away. We will never hear her nagging voice in the background for the remainder of the show. Chuck Lorre has proven to his audience in the past by showing a deceased character on a show without actually having the character present. [SPOILER ALERT] This was exhibited rather cleverly in the recent series finale of Two and a Half Men. On the other hand, Mrs. Debbie Wolowitz may perhaps appear in a dream scene in Howard's or Bernadette's sleep. As a television writer, Lorre has proven that he can do anything his heart desires.

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HARPER HAPPENINGS...



Photo by Kevin Tiogson

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MUSIC INDUSTRY IN 2015

BY KEVIN TIOGSON
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On Feb. 28, 2015 Harper College held a lecture/workshop hosted by music critics, radio hosts, music curators, authors and whatever else you'd like to call the nationally syndicated Sound Opinions co-hosts Jim DeRogatis and Greg Kot.

The workshop was part of these Music classes set to be held this semester. Kot and DeRogatis shared their years of priceless experience and knowledge of the music industry. Kot has been a writer for the Chicago Tribune since 1990, and DeRogatis, a writer for the Chicago Sun Times from 1995-2010, is now teaching at Columbia College Chicago.

Kot and DeRogatis have each amassed quite a few books as well. Kot was known for being one of the writers to address the issue of illegal downloading in its heyday in his book *Ripped: How the Wired Generation Revolutionized Music*, among others. DeRogatis, notorious for his honest though sometimes harsh reviews, edited *Kill Your Idols: A New Generation of Rock Writers Reconsiders the Classics*, an anthology of pieces written by a number of music critics, and wrote *Let It Blurt: The Life and Times of Lester Bangs, America's Greatest Rock Critic*, among others.

The workshop was entitled "Everything You Need To Know About The Music Industry in 2015" and it did exactly that. Together they shared some history, personal stories and opinions on the music industry. "This workshop will benefit anyone interested in the music industry, from professionals to novices, and from music faculty to promoters," said Michael Nejman on the description for the show.

Kot and DeRogatis chronicled some of the changes in the short history of pop music, from the change from the big recording companies to what is now, which is mostly done DIY or by an independent label. Kot and DeRogatis believe that to make it as an artist, you need to have a story or at least to get traction in the beginning. But, of course, quality work trumps all.

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Days in History with Dr. Lacus...

BY SIRIKORN SUNGPHAN
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Hello again! It has been quite some time since I last wrote this particular column. As usual—unless you're reading this column for a very first time—I'm going to take you back in time and take a look at some of the most significant moments in our history. However, instead of my usual recap of wars, battles and politically important events, we are going to take look at the events that are far more subtle, heart-warming and definitely less likely to be used as a cure for insomnia like my previous issue (or issues if I've bored you to death more than once). While these events may not necessarily change the world, they still have cultural and historical significance in their own right.



4th April 1964: The Beatles occupied the Billboard

In 1964, a group of musical artists from Liverpool arrived in the United States and changed the landscape of the music industry, not just in America and in their native land Britain, but around the world in general. They are The Beatles. Despite that they were still in the early days of what is called "The British Invasion," The Beatles set a record as five of their singles—"Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand"—occupied all top five position of the top 100 Billboard chart, which made them the first and only band on the planet to achieve this near impossible feat.



10th April 1970: The end of The Beatles

This is how the front page of the Daily Mirror looked on April 10, 1970 as Paul McCartney announced that he quit The Beatles, which signified the end of one of the most influential musical groups in history. Throughout their ten years of existence, The Beatles set many remarkable records, made a long-lasting cultural and social impact around the world, and also revolutionized the music industry. Overall, about 600 million records were sold around the world, which made them the best selling artists ever. Despite that it has been 45 years since the band dissolved, they left behind some of the greatest songs ever written, like "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "Yesterday," "Norwegian Wood," "Strawberry Fields Forever," "Hey Jude," "Let It Be," and many more. Further than that, they have inspired many other artists around the world who came after them.



10th April, 1972: Charlie Chaplin Received an Honorary Academy Award

"Oh, thank you so much. This is an emotional moment for me, and words seem so futile, so feeble. I can only say thank you for the honor of inviting me here. And you're wonderful, sweet people. Thank you." It was a short, brief, yet very emotional and powerful speech from the man who spent his entire life making audiences in the cinemas laugh. Charles Spencer "Charlie" Chaplin was born in Victorian era London in 1889. Despite a difficult childhood, Chaplin rose to become one of the greatest actors of his generation. Through his iconic screen persona as "the Tramp," Chaplin earned admiration from audiences around the globe and is considered one of the most important figures in the film industry. Despite a series of controversies during the later stage of his career that eventually led him to leave the United States, Chaplin returned to the US one final time in 1972 to receive an Honorary Academy Award. At the award ceremony, Chaplin received a twelve minute long standing ovation from those in attendance, the longest in the Academy Award history.



12th April, 1961: The First Human Ever in Space

"I see Earth. It is so beautiful!" Those are the words from Yuri Gagarin when he saw planet Earth for the first time. On April 12, 1961, Gagarin was aboard in the Soviet Union spacecraft Vostok 1 set on a journey that defined the human race. The flight lasted around 108 minutes and completed an orbit around the planet once before it descended back to Earth. While the Vostok 1 remains the shortest manned orbital flight in history, it was enough for Yuri Gagarin to become the first man in outer space and also the first man to complete an orbit around the earth. After this historic mission, Gagarin became a national hero for the USSR and a worldwide celebrity.



18th April, 1930: A Day without News

It's hard to imagine our lives without watching, reading or listening to the news, since news is the place where we learn about the events that occur around us. Somehow, on the evening of Friday, April 18, 1930, the BBC decided that there was nothing to report—no accidents, no murders, no crimes, no sports matches. Literally nothing was considered newsworthy. By the time the evening news bulletin aired at 6:30 pm, the BBC presenter announced, "Good evening, today is Good Friday. There is no news." The announcement was followed by some piano music to fill up the air time before it continued on its normal schedule.

And that would be it for what turned out to be a one year anniversary edition for this column. I would like to apologize for my absence in the past three issues, and also I would like to thank you for reading this column throughout its one year existence. I hope that I will continue to give you the content at the highest standard and produce an even better quality column in the future. Until then, this is Dr. Lacus. Have a lovely spring.

-Dr. Lacus

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...When it comes to the group's romantic lives, this has been the first season when each main character has experienced a steady and serious long-term relationship at the same time. A little recap may be necessary. Sheldon and Amy are pair-bonded. Leonard and Penny are still together and officially done with their "on-again, off-again" relationship phase. Howard is still married to Bernadette. Raj is dating Emily.

Overall, it seems to be a toss-up in the way season eight will segue into season nine. Chuck Lorre and the other writers may give either a more social and romantic approach or a more scientific approach to the season's end. An example of a more social ending would be another happy, compatible couple gets married. An example of a more scientific approach would be to crash Rai's space probe from ever reaching Pluto. With perfect timing of the season finale airing in May of this year, this probe is expected to fly by Pluto sometime in July of this year, as an allusion to real life. Viewers can make their own rationalized predictions of the season's end. There are still only six episodes remaining to mention and justify any new scientific breakthroughs through the mind of Dr. Saltzberg, as the television show's primary scientific advisor. Anything can happen during these six remaining episodes and fans of The Big Bang Theory are sure to be setting their DVRs for upcoming episodes of this television show. Will it end on a whim with a social experience dilemma? Or will it end with one of the nerds making a possible scientific breakthrough?

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...If your music doesn't hold up, then sorry.

One of the best things for me, personally, was seeing two of my modern heroes when it comes to music writing. I've always looked up to Greg Kot and DeRogatis as some of my favorite music curators. Being a Sound Opinions listener for about a year (still late, but hey), seeing them in person and in action was a treat. They even sound exactly the same as they do through my headphones.

The workshop was very thorough. They went through a lot of things that any aspiring musician, or anyone going into the music business, should know. At the very least, it was very entertaining.



Jim DeRogatis and Greg Kot speak of the music industry during the workshop.



Aviation Electronic Technician Airman Jacob R. Stilke, from Woodstock, Ill.; and a 2011 graduate of Woodstock High School, was selected as Fleet Readiness Center Southwest Detachment Point Mugu Bluejacket of the Quarter, 1st quarter for fiscal year 2015. This award recognizes individual Sailors whose performance of duties went above and beyond during this period. When asked how he felt about this accomplishment, ATAN Stilke said, "It was an honor to be nominated and selected as Fleet Readiness Center Southwest Point Mugu Bluejacket Of the Quarter. I would also like to thank my Leading Petty Officer for the push into the right direction." Stilke has been in the Navy for a year and 4 months and is currently serving as a Communication/Navigation technician at Fleet Readiness Center Southwest Detachment PT Mugu. His father Richard and mother Cari are residents of Woodstock, Ill. Congratulations on a job well done!

CHICAGO BULLS OUTLOOK

BY SEAN GROEBE
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SPORTS

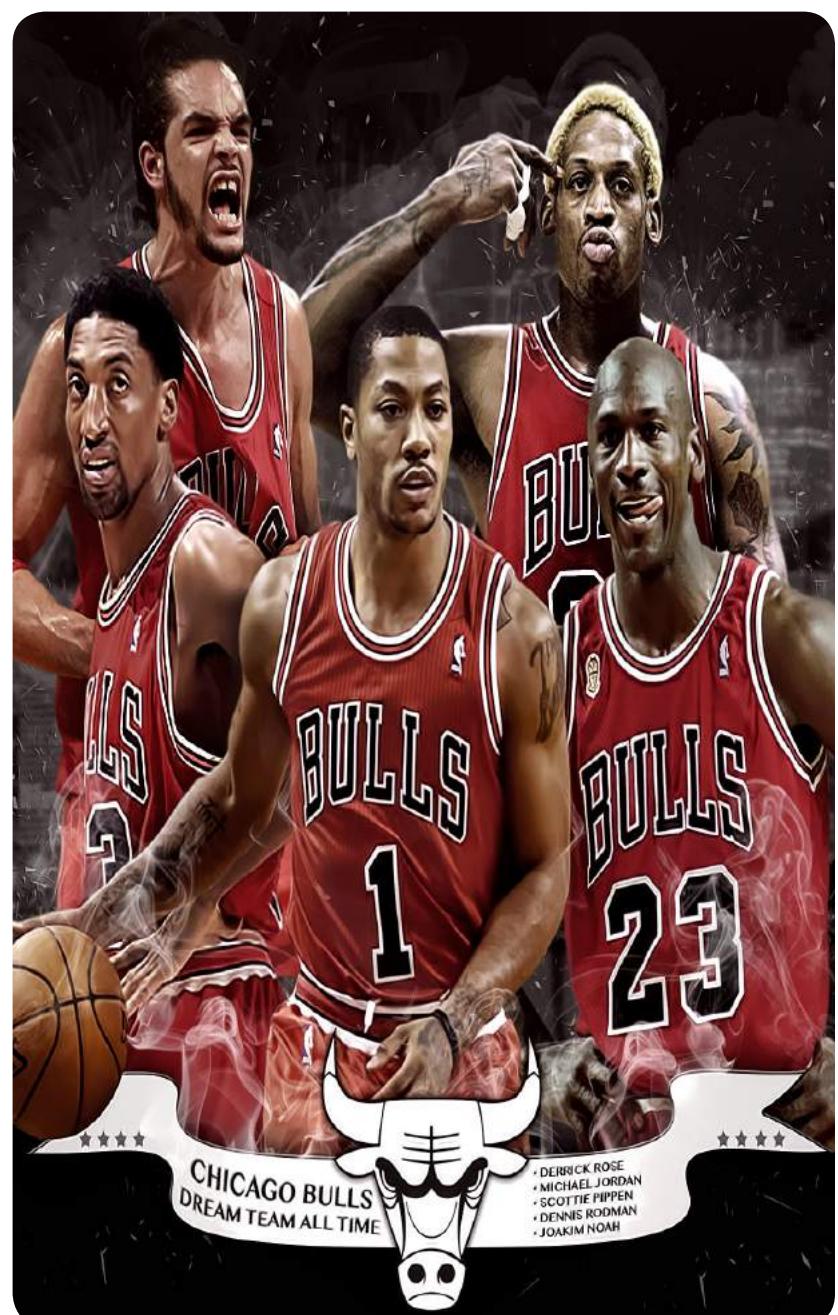
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The Bulls have been in a bit of a tight spot recently. The team announced on Feb. 24 that superstar point-guard Derrick Rose would have to have surgery on his right knee—the same knee he had injured on Nov. 22, 2013. Bulls fans everywhere erupted with a unanimous cry of panic, but those fears were subdued after the surgery was deemed a success. The expected return for the former MVP is four to six weeks. He could be back as early as the team's March 20 contest with the number two seed, Toronto Raptors. While these next few weeks are going to be tough without Rose commanding the floor, Kirk Hinrich, Aaron Brooks and E'Twuan Moore have all shown recently that they are fairly capable of filling the gap left by Rose's absence.

While the Bulls are currently battling for a top three position in the Eastern Conference, it is going to be a true test of the bench mob as the Bulls are notorious for having year in and out. Not too long after Derrick Rose was sidelined with his knee injury, all-star small forward Jimmy Butler also went down with an elbow injury. It will be especially rough for the Bulls to be without Jimmy's team leading 20.9 points per game. His return time table is listed at three to six weeks, about the same time as Rose's. During Butler's absence, the Bulls are going to continue to utilize their deep, young bench. Tony Snell and Doug McDermott will be thrown extra minutes to make up for the all-star's absence.

The absence of two of the Bulls' most vital players has allowed many of the other guys to step up and keep the Bulls charging toward post-season success. Rookie forward McDermott recently scored a career high 16 points against the Pacers. While the Bulls didn't win that game, it is nice to see the younger players taking the extra workload in stride. McDermott put on a great show for the Bulls that night, but another rookie is really turning heads by dominating opponents. Nikola Mirotic has been absolutely incredible for the Bulls as of late. He is averaging 21.4 points and 7.2 rebounds in March thus far, and there is no indication of him slowing down any time soon.

While one all-star is out, the other Bulls player to get an all-star nod is having a phenomenal March to help keep the Bulls in the race for the one seed. Pau Gasol has been a monster in March, averaging a double-double every game. Gasol's impact goes beyond the stat-line, though. The future Hall of Fame big man has plenty of experience winning in the League. His knowledge and guidance will be of vital assistance to the young team while they wait out the absences of D-Rose and Jimmy Buckets.



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MARCH 30

ROCK BAND 4 ANNOUNCED

BY NICK SADOWSKI
SPORTS EDITOR FEATURES

Previewed on front page...

Developer Harmonix has announced that Rock Band 4 will be released later this year for PS4 and Xbox One.

Harmonix knows how much the series means to the gamers and is trying their best to please them. You will now be able to transfer your old DLC songs from previous games to the new title. Since the game is only a current gen exclusive, fans won't need to buy songs they already own.

There will also be new DLC songs that will be made available. The developer has stated that they will be going through a number of pricing experiments to determine the best price for songs. Harmonix has stated that there will be a brand new "top-tier" soundtrack.

If that wasn't enough good news, your previous gen equipment might be compatible with the new game. It is still not certain that they will be, since the current gen equipment uses a different controller communication. Harmonix is currently trying to set up a deal with Sony and Microsoft that would let them sell wireless adapters separately.

Rock Band 4 very well might be the last game in the series. Harmonix doesn't see themselves making any more titles. They plan to make this one the last as they will continue to add new updates and music.

If you happen to pre-order, there will be exclusive color instruments for you to get your hands on.

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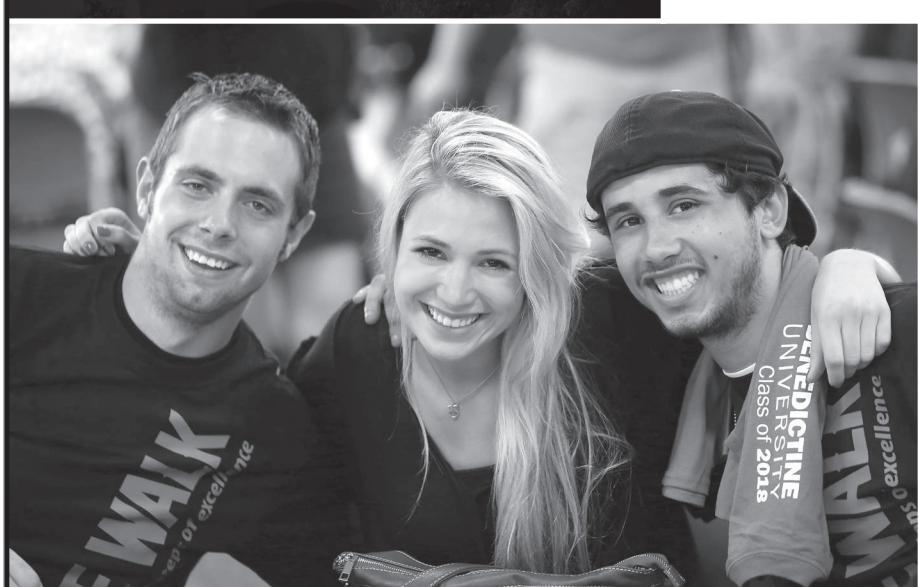
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ASK THE TWINS

Q: My ex-girlfriend basically broke my heart after a year and a half of dating. Even after over a month apart, I still can't shake off my feelings for her. I don't want to call or text her because I want my feelings for her to go away and don't want to make it worse for myself. But I'm still so tempted to pick up the phone and text her anyways. What should I do? Should I text her? If not, how do I get rid of the urge to talk to my ex?

- Anonymous

A: This situation really depends on how you truly feel. Analyze the breakup, why did it happen? How did she break your heart? Is it worth going back to someone who did that to you? If it was over something completely ridiculous, then I would consider thinking twice about the break up since you still have feelings for her. Also, if she hasn't contacted you at all yet, there is a chance that she is doing well with the break up and is moving on. There is an equal chance that she feels the same way as you and is in the same exact position as you and doesn't know what to do. The only way of knowing, is flat out talking to her—attempting a friendship or talking to a mutual friend. The worst thing you could do for yourself is sit there and wonder what to do and what she is thinking and feeling.

Also, it's only been over a month since the break up after a year of being in a relationship with her. A year and a half is a long time (at this age) to be in a relationship with someone. If you have this unsure feeling of reaching out to her, I would also give it more time to really make sure you want to open up that closed door. After over a year, it would take at least three months, I'd say, to really have a definite grasp as whether or not you are "over" her or not.

It can be difficult to just "shake" off strong feelings you have for someone. The best way is to distract yourself with activities, hanging out with your dudes, or focusing on your studies. But sometimes, trying too hard to not think about someone, will make you think about that person even more—don't fight it.

Regardless, whether she has contacted you or not and after a couple more weeks or months you can't shake off your feelings for her, be a man and text her and tell her how you feel.

Best of luck!

-The Twins

Have a question? Email us anonymously at: askthetwins23@gmail.com for an answer in the Harbinger's next issue!



PEAKY BLINDERS REVIEW

BY ELIAS SALAS
STAFF WRITER FEATURES

Set in 1919 Birmingham England, comes the 2014 Netflix Original Series, Peaky Blinders. This gangster drama features A list actors such as Cillian Murphy, Tom Hardy and Annabelle Wallis. The show's creator, Steven Knight, made sure not to leave anything unexplained in this densely nail-biting drama that provides robbery rackets, robbery, murder and betting scams at the core of family loyalty.

Murphy plays the protagonist, Thomas Shelby. He is a World War I veteran who has returned with hopes to make his family's gang, which runs an illicit horse betting operation, into a legitimate business.

While involved in shady business to further secure their town territory of Small Heath, Thomas is surprised with an opportunity to expand the family's power when his gang robs what they thought were import motorcycles but instead turned out to be military contraband that belonged to none other than Winston Churchill.

This in turn prompts a young Mr. Churchill to send Chief Inspector Campbell to recover the stolen guns from the midst of Small Heath, which is not just home to the Peaky Blinders but to other dangerous groups such as rival gangs, communists and the IRA.

While the central plot is around the stolen guns and illegal bookmaking, this would not be a proper drama without a bit of romance. Wallis holds the female lead as Grace Burgess, the

gorgeous spy working with the chief inspector to discover who took the guns. She fronts as a barmaid in the local pub the Peaky Blinders like to use as their daytime headquarters. Grace's loyalty sways as she gets to know the charmingly guile, Thomas Shelby.

Continuing on the theme of a family gang, the Sheldys are incarcerated in a certain lifestyle that chips away at their sanity, takes them to new found heights and, most of all, tests the value of their loyalty to each other.

With each episode stretched out to a full hour with no commercial breaks, it is difficult to binge watch a season of just six episodes. Though, if done, the show provides a rewarding ending.



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THIS WEEK IN SPORTS...

BY NICK SADOWSKI
SPORTS EDITOR SPORTS

March 30

1916- Montreal Canadiens beat Portland Rosebuds three games to two to win Stanley Cup.
1970- American Racehorse legend Secretariat is born.
1986- Spanish footballer Sergio Ramos is born.

March 31

1878- Jack Johnson, first black Heavyweight champion, is born.
1928- NHL legend Gordie Howe is born.
1931- Football legend Knute Rockne is killed in a plane crash.
1973- Ken Norton defeats Muhammad Ali in 12 rounds.
1976- Cleveland Cavaliers clinch their first ever playoff berth.
1980- Larry Holmes TKOs Leroy Jones for Heavyweight title in eight rounds.
1995- A federal judge orders an injunction to end the baseball strike.
1998- Tampa Bay Devil Rays play their first game. Detroit Tigers beat them 11-6.

April 1

1876- First official National League baseball game is played. Boston beats Philadelphia 6-5.

1938- Joe Louis KOs Harry Thomas in five rounds for Heavyweight title.

1970- Bud Selig, future MLB commissioner, becomes CEO of the Milwaukee Brewers.
1972- MLB Players strike collectively for the first time.
1980- Wayne Gretzky breaks Bobby Orr's record of 102 assists.
1992- NHL Players stage first ever strike.

April 2

1907- White Sox legend Luke Appling is born.
1927- White Sox legend Billy Pierce is born.
1931- Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig are struck out by a teenage girl in an exhibition girl.
1969- NBA's Milwaukee Bucks sign Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
1980- Wayne Gretzky becomes first teenager to score 50 goals in a season.
1986- NCAA institutes the 3-point line in basketball.

April 3

1923- Swede Risberg and Happy Felsch, of the infamous 1919 White Sox, sue the club for back pay.
1982- Current Chicago Bears player Jared Allen is born
1988- Mario Lemieux wins the NHL scoring title. He stops Wayne Gretzky's seven year run.
1988- New Jersey Devils beat the Chicago Blackhawks to gain playoff entrance for the first time.
1991- Bo Jackson signs one-year contract with the Chicago White Sox.



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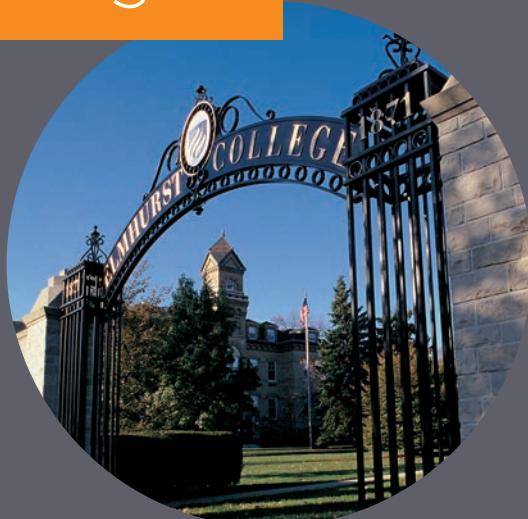
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Samsung Galaxy S6...

BY NICK SADOWSKI
SPORTS EDITOR FEATURES

Samsung unveiled their newest flagship smartphone last week in Barcelona.

They hope their newest models, the Galaxy S6 and the Galaxy S6 Edge, will be the flagship of all flagship smartphones. Powered by Samsung's new processor, Exynos, Samsung thinks they have finally solved the problems that have plagued the phone series before. The new processor has 64 bit capability, which is a first in the smartphone business.

Issues such as lag, reliability and battery performance are going to be solved all because of the new processor. The S6 comes with a new 5.1" Quad HD Super AMOLED display at 2560x1440p with 577 PPI. This display is a first for the Galaxy S line of phones.

Both phones come with a new design. The outline of the phones are smoother than previous models. Also, Samsung did away with the plastic design of the other S phones. They chose a metal and glass design for these devices. Both sides are backed by Gorilla Glass 4. The sides of the phone are outlined in magnesium alloy.

A 5-megapixel front facing camera

as well as a 16-megapixel camera lies underneath the hull. The camera has a .7 second activation for a rapid response. It also comes with auto HDR.

Samsung has taken the battery to a new direction. The battery included is 2550 mAh for the standard S6 and 2600 mAh for the S6 Edge. For one of the first times in a Samsung phone, the battery will not be removable. Samsung has been known as one of the only companies that has a removable battery. A new feature to the S6 is Quick Charge. They claim that the phone will get an extra four hours of usage from a ten minute charge. Despite the smaller battery power, Samsung states that their new processor is so small that it will have virtually no effect on the battery.

Another big change for the line is the removal of the MicroSD slot. No longer will consumers be able to expand their memory beyond the stock level by inserting a MicroSD card. As with the battery, Samsung was also known for their ability to add expandable storage. These are two huge changes that Samsung was known for. We will have to see if those changes will have any effect in sales.

The S6 is set to be launched April 10. As of March 11, price has not yet been established.



V.S.

HTC One H7 + H8 = H9...

BY KEVIN TIONGSON
A&E EDITOR FEATURES

Every year in Mobile World Congress the big boys of the tech world unveil their latest gadgets and refined successors. And the HTC One M9 is just that.

The HTC One M9 is equipped with the Qualcomm Snapdragon 810 Octa-core, 5.0 sized LCD with 1080p display, 3GB of RAM, 64-bit operation and the HTC One staple that is the dual front facing "Boomsound" speakers equipped with Dolby Technology. All changes to the previous One are quite incremental but an upgrade nonetheless.

HTC is sticking with they're running mantra that seems to be "if it ain't broke don't fix it". And many have noticed that the changes on the M9 are mostly just an overall upgrade spec wise but many traits are still there. And that's a good thing. The M7 and M9 were both awarded by numerous tech sites as phone of the year for 2013 and 2014 respectively. The M9 incorporates the best things that the M7 and the M8, it keeps the brushed aluminum exterior and brings back the edgy sides of the M7 for better grip.

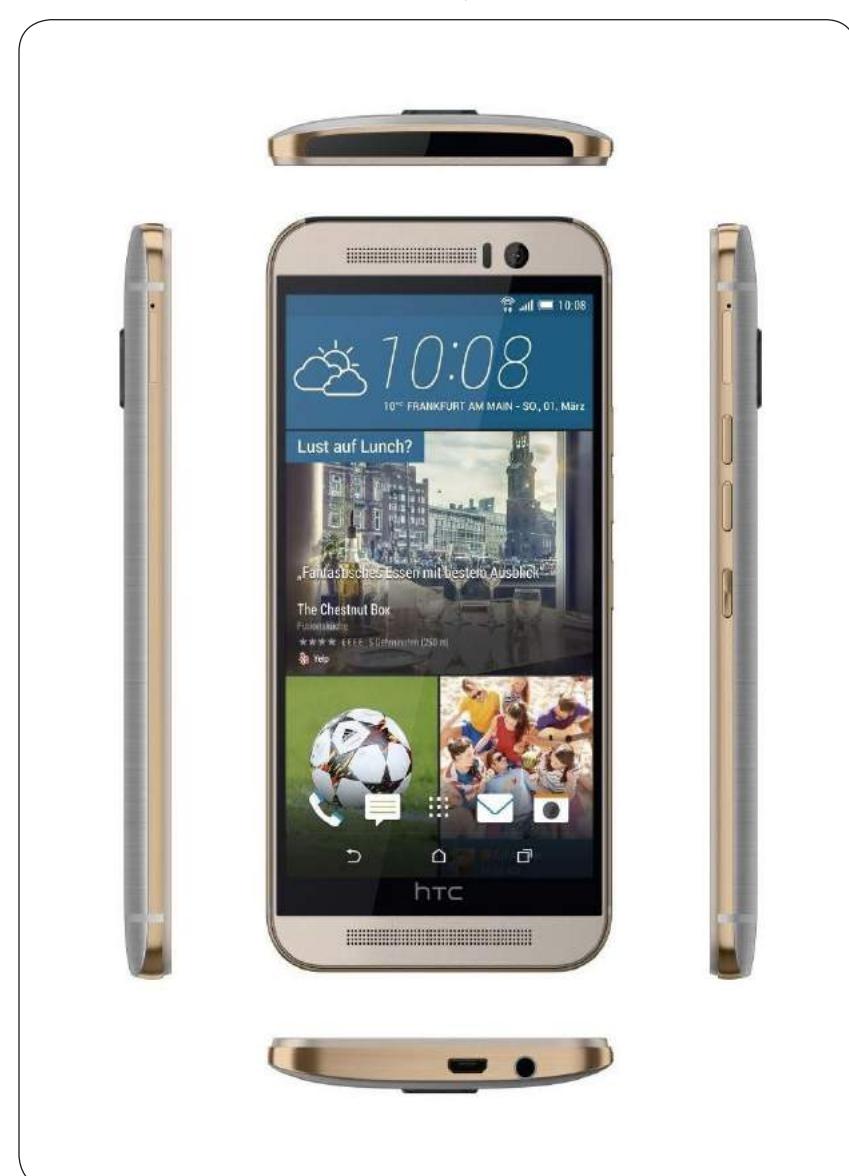
The biggest drawback on the previous One's was the "UltraPixel" camera. They stuck with that camera that was

introduced with the M7. But for the M8 they added another camera that helps for focusing called the "Dual pixel camera". Another big improvement is the battery which yields 2,840 mAh, 240 more than the M8. They've taken all the gimmicks out of this device, no more "Dual pixel" nonsense.

HTC has been very consistent in the flagship market, HTC, which slogan is "Quietly Brilliant". And that holds true to their phones. HTC has never been that company that came out and screamed out "ooooh look at us, we're the best". They been quietly brilliant.

The only thing loud about the HTC One is those speakers. The speaker since the M7 have been regarded as the best sounding speakers of any smartphone. Hardware has been one of the top priorities of HTC every version of the One have more and more metal in the construction.

The button layout has changed as well, gone are the top buttons, the power button has moved to the right hand side of the device right by the volume buttons. They've also got rid of the volume rocker, it's not dedicated buttons. And this is a huge change that will make a lot of people happy.



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LET'S TALK, LA LIGA

BY ELIAS SALAS
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The Spanish Primera Division holds some of the most respected and praised football clubs in the world. Out of 20 teams this season, the three clubs at top of the table are Real Madrid, Barcelona and Athletico de Madrid. The past 27 weeks of the season have had mid table teams beating the leaders, players reaching new heights and breaking records, and every participant giving it everything they have in order to help their team come victorious in every game played.

Teams at the bottom of the table scramble to avoid finish the season at the last three spots, which means they will get sent to the second division football league. Something more valuable is at stake for the top three teams: ego, pride and bragging rights.

Barcelona- Barcelona has played extremely well in the past couple of months, even after a horrific game against Malaga in the third week of the season. Barca has had an amazing start of 2015. Winning 14 out of their 16 fixtures, these results have put the Spanish Football Club at the top of the table. Messi has continued to shine, clocking in 18 goals in 16 games. And after five months in the shadow of the table leaders, Barcelona has overtaken Real Madrid for the first place spot after their triumph over Rayo Vallecano. With only a point clear of Real Madrid, Barca is in lead position for the Blanco's visit to Camp Nou for el Clasico. Now that Messi, Suarez and Neymar lead La Liga, they are finally fulfilling the potential the manager and the fans expect of them.

Athletico de Madrid- The former La Liga Champion holds the third place spot, currently seven points behind the table leader. The main talk of this team is Fernando Torres. From the lease Chelsea had on him, Torres has returned to the club where he started his football career, already having had some success. Athletico's manager has credited him with raising the team's performance and team morale. Athletico is the underdog this season, which may be creeping

up on the the top two if they aren't careful. After beating Real Madrid in the earlier fixtures of this season, they know they have the the team skill to find themselves again in the first place spot.

Real Madrid- Los Blancos have taken their fans on a roller coaster of emotions this season. The new transfer of James Rodriguez gave breath and sparked newfound creativity into the team. Giving them the pace and chemistry to go on a 22 game streak mid season. But things soon changed with a bad turn of events when injuries to James, Sergio Ramos, and Luca Modric happened. James, Modric and Kroos ruled the midfield. Now, with two of the starting midfielders out of commission, Kross has to develop a new understanding with the replacements. Although, that is not the worst. Team captain, and considered as one of the best defenders in the league, Ramos suffered a torn hamstring against league team Sevilla in February.

These injuries have caused Real Madrid to lack efficiency, get confused on the pitch and find difficulty attacking. This moved them from having a healthy four point lead over Barcelona to being second in the standings. This has crippled the team. Hopefully, with the return of Sergio Ramos and Modric, Los Blancos can end the season better than how they started it.

Overview- With only a couple of handfuls left in this season, the race for the championship has become even more nail biting. A definite match to look out for is the clash between the top two teams, otherwise known as El Clasico. The winner of this will most likely determine which team stays on top. There is no denying that it will be an intense battle between Barcelona and Real Madrid. Barca comes with a vengeance after losing their last encounter with the former leaders. This cannot end without the mention of the defending Champions. They may be in third at seven points behind the leaders, but that does not mean they can't surprise the world with back-to-back titles.



FALLING IN REVERSE- JUST LIKE YOU

BY JAKE BOSCHOLD
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MUSIC



Rating: 8/10 Stars

"I am aware that I am an asshole / I really don't care about all of that though / I'm living my life the way that I want to / and you can't deny / that honestly, I'm just like you," Ronnie Radke boasts on the chorus of the title track of Falling In Reverse's third studio album, *Just Like You*. That chorus right there pretty much sums up what the band—mainly frontman Ronnie Radke—have been up to the past few years. The public eye mainly sees Falling In Reverse's lead singer Ronnie Radke as, well, an asshole, basically the Kanye West of post-hardcore. But, he knows what people think of him and he just doesn't care. In fact, he embraces it.

During the past few years since Falling In Reverse released their critically panned second studio album, *Fashionably Late*, Radke's wife gave birth to their first daughter, and he squashed the beef between longtime enemies Escape The Fate. Radke was the frontman of that band before he was kicked out due to his past drug addiction and time in jail. He even had Falling In Reverse join Escape The Fate on a joint tour called the Bury The

Hatchet tour, so you can say that Radke's also been "living his life the way that he wants to" as well. But how is Ronnie "just like us," you may ask? Pain. Suffering. He endures it as well and has in the past. Shortly after the release of *Fashionably Late*, his brother Anthony died in a car crash. He also broke up with his wife soon after the birth of his daughter. So, as well as the moments of happiness that Radke has experienced in between 2013-2015, he has had some painful ones as well, which pretty much served as inspiration for the topics of some of the new songs off *Just Like You*.

In an interview with MTV, Radke said that *Just Like You* would sound almost like a sequel to his 2006 album with Escape The Fate, *Dying Is Your Latest Fashion*, giving longtime fans a nostalgic feeling, and that unlike *Fashionably Late*, the album would contain no raps (the fact that Ronnie tried to rap on *Fashionably Late* is one of the main things people hated about the album). But honestly, *Just Like You* sounds nothing like *Dying Is Your Latest Fashion*. If it were to be compared to another album featuring Radke, I'd say it sounds more similar to Falling In Reverse's 2011 debut album, *The Drug In Me Is You*. If I were to describe the sound of *Just Like You*, I'd say it sounds like everything Falling In Reverse and Radke have done so far (DIYLF, TDIMIY, and FL) all in one. It has the darkness and relatability of *Dying Is Your Latest Fashion*, the edginess and flexibility of *The Drug In Me Is You*, and the popular appeal of *Fashionably Late*.

The only song on *Just Like You* where Ronnie raps is "Wait And See," but unlike all the rap songs on *Fashionably Late*, he actually sounds good rapping on this song! The song is basically about the downfall of this generation's current youth. The song contains rapping, singing and screaming over guitars, bass, drums and synthesizers.

The emotional ballad, "Brother," is about Ronnie's brother, Anthony, who recently died in a car crash and how Ronnie thinks he should have had a better relationship with him when he was alive. The album's first single, "God, If You Are Above," sounds exactly like

it would fit in with the songs on *The Drug In Me Is You*. The song is basically Ronnie accepting the fact that he might be heading straight towards hell based on his past decisions in life. The album's opening track, "Chemical Prisoner," is, in my opinion, one of the best songs Falling In Reverse has ever made. The instrumentals in it are brilliant, and Ronnie's vocals and melody on it really stand out among the rest of the album. The song's lyrics revolve around Ronnie's past drug addiction and how it was not only destroying him, but separating him from his family and friends. "Get Me Out" is told from the perspective of Ronnie as a young teenage outcast wanting to escape his everyday life and become a rock star like he is today. Back when Ronnie was with Escape The Fate, they made a song called "The Guillotine" on *Dying Is Your Latest Fashion*. After Ronnie left, Escape The Fate made "The Guillotine Part 2: This War Is Ours" and "Guillotine 3: The Aftermath" with their new front man Craig Mabbit. Since Ronnie and Escape The Fate have made amends, Falling In Reverse made "Guillotine IV: The Final Chapter for Just Like You". All four of these "Guillotine"-themed songs contain heavily screamed verses, loud instrumentals and epically sung choruses. The songs all tell the story of a Spartan war against machines.

Just Like You is Falling In Reverse's first album I can see outside audiences taking seriously. *The Drug In Me Is You* was fantastic—vocally and instrumentally—but half of the time the subject matter revolved around Ronnie's rivalry with Escape The Fate and how betrayed he felt, which was interesting to listen to for a while but eventually just got old.

Of course, we have *Fashionably Late*, which had a few good songs, but most of it was just either Ronnie attempting to rap or making mediocre and failed attempts to be "experimental" with EDM instrumentals—but hey, you can't blame them for trying. *Just Like You* is Falling In Reverse's most complete and focused album yet, and I am looking forward to seeing which direction they'll take their music next.

BIG SEAN- DARK SKY PARADISE REVIEW

BY JAKE BOSCHOLD
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MUSIC



Rating: 7.5/10 Stars

Big Sean has been signed with Kanye West's label, G.O.O.D. Music, since 2007. Since then, he has released four mixtapes (*Finally Famous 1-3*, Detroit) and two studio albums (*Finally Famous*, *Hall Of Fame*). Every one of these past releases has been filled with top-notch production from big-name producers and superstar collaborations. But as for Sean himself, his rapping has been mediocre at best and his flow sounds pretty much the same on every track. His two studio albums both sound like a bunch of tracks randomly thrown together. He has a few witty punch lines every now and then and his voice is accessible, but other than that, Sean didn't really have much going for him as an artist.

But his third studio album, *Dark Sky Paradise*, is a slight step up from his usual lackluster material. His lyricism

hasn't improved much, but his flow has a bit more variety to it on this album, and it actually sounds like an album instead of a bunch of tracks thrown together. On his other efforts Sean doesn't even sound like he's trying, but on *Dark Sky Paradise*, his flow is more aggressive and you can actually tell he's emotional about the subject matter on a few of these songs. The production on *Finally Famous* and *Hall Of Fame* was great, but the production on *Dark Sky Paradise* is on a whole other level compared to Sean's previous efforts. No drastic improvement on this album compared to his others, but it's definitely there—there's no doubt that *Dark Sky Paradise* stands out among everything Big Sean has done so far.

The album's first single, "IDFWU," featuring Bay Area veteran E-40 and produced by DJ Mustard, is a comedic anthem about being over a crazy ex-girlfriend. The song is looking to be Sean's biggest solo hit to date. The album's second single, "Blessings," featuring Drake, is performed over a dark and eerie sounding beat. "All Your Fault," one of the album's standout tracks, features Sean's mentor Kanye West trading hard hitting verses back and forth with Sean over a beat containing soul sampling and echoing synths. On "Win Some, Lose Some," featuring Jhene Aiko on the hook, Sean raps about the ups and downs of life. The most impressive track on the album by far is "One Man Can Change The World," featuring John Legend and Kanye West both singing the hook along with Sean. Sean emotionally raps about how far he's come since growing up dreaming about becoming who he is today and thanking a few (specifically his deceased grandmother who helped raise him as a child) for helping him reach his goals and

follow his dreams over a ballad-esque piano instrumental. At the end of the song, Sean plays a short phone call he made to his grandmother.

Dark Sky Paradise is by far Big Sean's most impressive body of work to date and one of the best hip hop albums of 2015 so far. *Dark Sky Paradise* might end up being Big Sean's magnum opus unless he continues to make quality albums like this, which hopefully he does. Guest features on *Dark Sky Paradise* include Kanye West, Drake, Jhene Aiko, Chris Brown, John Legend, Lil Wayne, Ariana Grande, E-40, Ty Dolla \$ign and PARTYNEXTDOOR. Standout tracks include "One Man Can Change The World," "All Your Fault," "Win Some, Lose Some," and "I Know."



EPL OUTLOOK

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SPORTS

The 2014-2015 season of the Barclay's Premier League has been pretty much a two horse race. Chelsea have been on top of the table for basically the entire season, while reigning BPL Champions Manchester City have been biting at their heels the whole season. As of March 10, Chelsea have a five point lead over Manchester City. This season's Chelsea squad is an especially dominant one. There are seemingly no weak spots for the team. The defense has been in great form recently. Veteran captain John Terry has been a commanding force this season, and under his lead Chelsea's back four have been a huge factor in Chelsea earning 12 clean sheets thus far. That's not to say the men between the sticks haven't been pulling their fair share. Jose Mourinho is very fortunate to have two of the best goalies in the world at his disposal. 22 year old Thibaut Courtois has been Mourinho's number one choice all year long. In the 28 games he has played so far, Courtois has 50 saves to go along with his eight clean sheets. Mourinho hasn't used Cech as much as he has in the past due to the arrival of Courtois over the summer, but when Cech has been put in, he has done wonders for Chelsea. In the five matches he has started in the BPL this season, he has recorded four clean sheets. The offensive play has also been phenomenal. Spain teammates Diego Costa and Cesc Fabregas have been absolutely devastating on the attack. The chemistry between the two Spaniards has resulted in a ton of extra offensive production. Costa leads the BPL with 17 goals, while Fabregas is the undisputed assist king of the league. Fabregas has 15 assists on the season thus far, with the second best player only racking up eight. Eden Hazard is quite possibly the best player in the BPL, and at the young age of 24, many are saying he is going to be the future

face of international football. Over the winter transfer window, Chelsea acquired Columbian midfielder Juan Cuadrado, who will be a great addition to the already deep midfield. The Blues have a perfect storm brewing over at Stamford Bridge. While Manchester City is not exactly out of the race, it is going to be an uphill battle to overcome the five point deficit set by an infirm Chelsea squad.

While Manchester City are the reigning BPL Champions, they are not currently in prime position to knock Chelsea down from the number one spot. They currently sit four points above Arsenal at second place, and there is potential for Arsenal to swipe that spot due to Arsenal's progressed form to match with Man City's inconsistency all season. Arsenal won both contests between the two teams this season, and that could potentially be a huge factor in determining who finishes ahead of whom. Over the winter transfer window, Man City signed Wilfred Bony. The Ivorian striker is sure to be a phenomenal complement to Sergio Aguero, who is tied with Diego Costa for most goals in the BPL this season. Man City's main defender, Vincent Kompany, has been of poor form recently, and manager Manuel Pellegrini has reacted swiftly, choosing to not start Kompany in City's recent 2-0 victory over Leicester City. With lesser opponents such as Burnley, West Brom, and Crystal Palace coming up, it seems to be the perfect opportunity to gain nine points. It is debatable if Chelsea will give up enough points to lose their spot at the top, but if there is a team to knock them down, it is Manchester City.

To the surprise of everyone, Arsenal is actually a notch higher than their usual fourth place. The Gunners started the season in questionable form, falling as low as seventh place at one point. It seems as if the new year brought out a new Arsenal. In 2015 they are 8-2 in BPL competition, and if their victory over Manchester United in the sixth round of the FA cup is any indication, they don't plan on slowing down any time soon. With Mesut Ozil and Alexis Sanchez performing at excellent

form, Arsenal are a force to be reckoned with. Only four points behind Manchester City, a mere two weeks of unpredictable BPL action could see Arsenal sliding into second place. There is some reason for concern from the Arsenal camp, as Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain injured his hamstring in the FA bout with Manchester United. However, their own form has been far better than Manchester United's, and it will be pretty far fetched to see United.

Despite being only one point behind Arsenal, Manchester United have not been playing like a team worthy of a spot in the Champions League next season. Radamel Falcao has not been living up to his enormous price tag, scoring a mere four goals in 17 appearances. With Robin Van Persie still sidelined, Manchester United have to rely on the likes of Wayne Rooney and Angel Di Maria for offensive output. The defense remains in poor shape, and there aren't very many signs of improvement. The saving grace for the dismal defense is the much sought after goalkeeper David de Gea. De Gea has been a brick wall this season with 77 saves in 28 games. It will be interesting to see where the season ends up for United—with back to back matches with Tottenham and Liverpool coming up followed by back to back matches with Chelsea and Manchester City and then Arsenal at the end of the season, it is highly unlikely Manchester United will be able to hold the Gunners to one point much longer.

In recent years, the current top four (Chelsea, Manchester City, Arsenal, Manchester United) are no strangers to a top four finish. But with Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur each a win away from swiping Manchester United's position, it is sure to be a battle that will go down to the wire. Liverpool welcomed back Daniel Sturridge recently, who has been a huge asset on attack. Tottenham has another prosperous, young, English striker in Harry Kane who is second in the BPL with 16 goals.

CLUSTER GAME REVIEW

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FEATURES



Cluster is an endless running video game that came out Feb. 26, 2015. And it's free.

Its official developer description explains, "Experience finger bleeding difficulty while trying to dodge, break and curse brightly colored blocks. In Cluster you are literally thrown head first into a simplistic, two button game featuring gargantuan amounts of difficulty."

The game was created by 17 year old Kobus van der Walt and was later aided by MakeGamesSA's Julian Pritchard. Walt accomplished in making a beautiful experience both visually and musically. The game was scored by Jukio Kallio, also known as KOZILEK, who also scored Luftrausers, Nuclear Throne among others.



The game is simple. Smash into colorful blocks, avoid the spinning spiky ones and avoid the ever-imminent white light. It sounds easy, just having three main things to worry about, but it isn't. The game is incredibly quick paced, and it's quite amusing seeing how bad I am at this game. Every progressing level gets slightly quicker than the last and there are more and more spinning blocks.

Cluster acts as promised. It is finger bleeding difficult while being simplistic in concept. It delivers a pretty darn great score that doesn't distract you from the game but complements the game perfectly.

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Knowing that I have been a part of the Harbinger for almost two years now really strikes me because of how fast time has gone by. I remember walking into Harper so vividly as a Freshman here and wanting to join a place that I could be comfortable with. It just so happened that I was taking a Mass Communications class that I had heard about the Student-Run Newspaper. I remember walking into the Harbinger office very shy and nervous, not knowing what I was truly getting myself into. Since then however, I have grown as a leader and have been through the toughest of days. I now can say that I understand what it's like trying to manage being a full time student, working part-time and keeping up with the newspaper all at once.

I never imagined that I would take on such strong leadership skills and grow so much since the beginning. I have so much confidence now that I have worked with many different people. All types of people, students, staff members, visitors, etc. I am proud of who I have become because of

being on the Harbinger.

I would like to inform all of you that there will be some change in the coming semester with the newspaper all together. The change is currently taking effect. A change I imagined happening sooner than later, but not so rapidly. I ask all of you as the audience and readers of the newspaper that you share with myself and my staff members what the greatest part of the Harbinger was for you. If there are things that truly stuck out to you, or there was a simple reason you went to pick up the paper, I would like to know. If you could please email me your responses to harperharbinger.a367@gmail.com it would be greatly appreciated.

The semester is almost over and Spring Break just finished. We are now back in the game and have just a little more than a month until Summer time. Lets remember to keep our heads up and make it through this last semester. Finish off strong is exactly what we are looking to do, but we need to stay positive and go through with it! Spring

Break was great, but its over. Lets move past what happened and look into the future to envision where we stand. Do you stand at the top of the board at the greatest place you know you can be or do you need to work harder these last couple of weeks to catch up?

Please look ahead in these next couple of issues for some new stories and class/semester experiences this semester. We can all learn off of each other and work together to be better. I look forward to hearing some of your responses regarding the things that most stood out to you about the Harbinger. Thank you all for your time and for reading this! I truly appreciate it! Happy Monday and have a great rest of your week! Our next issue is April 13, so please pick it up and take a look at it before the end of the semester!

Yours truly,
Michelle Czaja
Harbinger Editor-in-Chief