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# LLCC hosts homecoming activities

### King, queen to be announced at basketball game

**Madison Mings** Editor

SPRINGFIELD – This month, LLCC is hosting a homecoming through the week of Feb. 22 and Feb. 24. This year's homecoming is set to be a fun time, complete with homecoming week events, such as free food, games and cool prizes.

I asked Student Engagement Coordinator Marie Watson some questions regarding more information about this year's homecoming.

The Lamp: What is the theme of this homecoming?

Marie Watson: The theme this year is Logger Pride. We decided to have more of a focus on the actual purpose of homecoming which is to develop a sense of pride and connection to Lincoln Land and our athletics. We are the Lincoln Loggers and so we want to be able to emphasize

that in our Homecoming Festivities. TL: What will be at the homecoming that students can look forward too?

MW: For the week of Homecoming student will look forward to free food, games and swag on both February 22 and 23. We are having walking tacos on Monday along with a basketball shoot game and green screen photo booth. Tuesday will consist of fudge puppies, photo booth, and Airbrush Tattoos!

To end Homecoming, we will have the men and women's basketball game on the evening of Wednesday February 24, we will be presenting the homecoming court at the women's halftime game and crowning the king and queen at the men's halftime game.

We will also be giving the opportunity to a lucky Lincoln Land student the chance to win an iPad Mini in a basketball shootout contest. We will have 3 contestants compete for the prize.

TL: Are you expecting a higher attendance this year?

MW: We are definitely hoping for a high attendance to the basketball games on Wednesday. We have made an effort to really put emphasis on encouraging students to attend the games and show their logger pride.

TL: Is there an admission price?
MW: There is no admissions price for Lincoln Land Community College faculty, staff, and students.

I went to last year's homecoming and I had so much fun, the dance was nice, the food tasted delicious and the photo booth was fun, so I know this year's homecoming activities will be fun to enjoy as well.

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# Obama returns to Springfield



Teresa Brummett/The Lamp

Air Force One taxis across the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Airport in Springfield on Feb. 10. Barack Obama visited town to address his former colleagues.

### Former Illinois senator returns to his old stomping grounds for address

**By Madison Mings** Editor

SPRINGFIELD – Another historical visit was made by President Barack Obama Feb. 10. President Obama stopped by in Springfield, IL again to address the Illinois General Assembly about issues with the state budget crisis.

The last time we had a visit from the President was nine years ago in 2007. President Obama came to the Old State Capitol to announce that he was running for President.

At 10:05 a.m. Air Force One left Washington/ The White House. Then at 11:13 a.m. Air Force One arrived at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. President Obama then went downtown to grab something to eat at his favorite spot when he was a senator, The Feed Store. He said hello and shook hands with customers. The employees of the Feed Store had 30 minutes notice that the President would be stopping by for lunch.

At 1:25 President Obama began to address his 1 hour speech to the Illinois General Assembly at the Illinois State Capitol.

The lame duck President summarized that Democrats and Republicans need to come together about issues and not be so polarized and try to end gridlock.

President Obama thought back to the good times as a state senator in Springfield when he worked with Republicans.

"Where I've got opportunity to find some common ground that doesn't make me a sellout, it means to get stuff done. The same applies to Republicans. When I hear voices in either party boast up their refusal to compromise listeners in or itself. I'm not impressed." He said.

President Obama called it a "myth" that the political environment today is unique or hopeless and that politicians today aren't more beholden than they have been in the past.

"We've gone through periods when we thought democracy was struck." Obama said. "We have to find a new way to do business. We're in one of those moments."

President Obama has 11 months left in office and he listed four solutions he said would help

accomplish his goal of a better politics. They include reducing "Some of the corrosive influence of money in our politics."

"I don't believe that money is speech of that political spending should have no limits or shouldn't be disclosed," Obama said.

Obama called for changes in the way congressional districts are drawn after the decennial census. He said both partners are guilty of gerrymandering districts to achieve a political advantage.

"Nobody has clean hands on this thing." Said Obama. "In America, Politicians should not pick their voters, voters should pick their politicians."

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### Health program grows while others struggle

Isaac Warren Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD – Lincoln Land Community College offers literally hundreds of programs for students to enroll in. From weather and climate, to math and history, there is always something for every student. However, the health professions offered by LLCC are by far one of the most heavily enrolled courses on campus.

One reason for the high enrollment rate is how open it is to the community. Students out of high school,

or already in college can apply to the course. Admission is rather difficult, however. Depending on which program a student is applying for, there are certain criteria that must be met in order to be considered. For example, if someone wants to enroll on the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, transcripts and ACT scores must be acceptable, as well as enrollment in certain math and English classes at LLCC.

The Associate Degree Nursing program has different requirements.

Instead of a checklist, a point system

is used, instead. Depending on what the student's ACT score and GPA is determines how many points they will receive. Prerequisite courses also give the student points. The applications are then sorted by point count and are evaluated.

Despite the drop in overall enrollment at LLCC, the health professions program has seen a dramatic increase in applications since 2013. While many courses see a drop of 3 to 10 percent, the health professions program saw a 65 percent increase since 2013. When asked about the

reason for why the enrollment rate was increasing, Cynthia Maskey, the dean of the Health Professions Department, gave her opinion.

She said, "The Health Professions programs overall have high completion and graduation rates. The numbers in health programs remain high because graduates from these programs continue to be in demand in the community and beyond and continue to get good jobs."

The acceptance process is very unique to the department. When asked if the process would ever

change in the future, Maskey stated that "The admission and acceptance processes are always being evaluated and changed as needed by the faculty and staff in each program. However, a selective process is used to ensure the students admitted to the program will be successful in that program. The college is responsive to the demand for health programs and works to accommodate student interest as much as possible."

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# Funding needed

### Budget needed to prevent education collapse

**By Lamp Editorial Staff** 

SPRINGFIELD – Bruce Rauner recently gave a speech concerning the state of the budget. He asked lawmakers and politicians to work together. It seems that on the top of his list of priorities, education funding seems to be at the top. This is good, but there is little to show for it as of this year. Already, colleges are laying off employees, and forcing some of them to take days off work without pay. This does not sound like the kind of environment suitable for learning, or the kind of treatment educators in Illinois deserve.

Eastern Illinois University has been the source of attention in past days for announcing 177 positions that would be terminated by March 12. This is a result of poor budgeting in the past years, and the lack of agreement between lawmakers in Illinois. Rauner has said that he wishes to allot more money for education, but those promises will not be met unless a budget is agreed upon. It is the opinion of The Lamp staff that Rauner needs to give money to education funds in order to prevent universities from having to shut down, or lay off more

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, since 2009, various programs have been reduced in order to keep Illinois afloat. Other programs were completely eliminated. For example, \$133 million was cut in transportation for schools, which was a reduction of 39.4 percent. The free lunch program suffered from a 45 percent reduction, which ended up being \$12 million. The Reading Improvement Block Grant was completely eliminated in order to save \$76.1 million. The textbook loan program was also slashed, saving the state \$74.8

Saving money is something Illinois needs to be doing, but that money should not come from education programs. Schools and universities need grant money in order to run efficiently and encourage more students to attend. If these institutions cannot provide adequate scholarships, students will look elsewhere, even outside the state. Enrollment rates in Illinois colleges can improve if Rauner decides to fix the current state of the

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### Lent offers time for reflection

**By Tess Peterson** 

employees.

Staff Writer

"God is not interested in your art but, your heart," Ifeanyi Enoch Onuoha once said.

That this is a good quote to think about during the Lenten season. As a Catholic, during this time the forty days leading up to Easter, we are supposed to fast, give up something, reflect and go to confession

An example of "giving up" could include depriving yourself of a small pleasure or indulgence, offering that up to God. Another example would be to "give up" a bad habit such as swearing as a way to positively turn our life toward God

We are not always perfect about doing these things, but it is what is in the heart that matters is. As long as we believe in God in our hearts and understand what Jesus went through in the desert for 40 days, we can practice Lent well. Lent is also 40 days which comes from when Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert fasting and praying.

The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten," meaning "spring," and "lenctentid", which means not only "springtide" but was also the word for "March" the month in which Lent falls the majority of the time.

The history of Lent can be traced

back to the fourth century, in the year 325. This is about when Christianity started to become legal. At that time, the council of Nicea declared that there should be a 40-day period of fasting before the stricter fasting of Holy Week. This was agreed to by Pope Leo, and the period called Lent leading up to Easter was started in the Catholic Church.

Lent is now practiced by various Protestant denominations, including Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans and Anglicans, as well as Roman Catholics and the Eastern

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is 40 days before Easter and can fall as early as Feb. 4 or as late as Mar. 10. This year, it started on Feb. 10.

Easter is the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. This means that Easter can fall on a Sunday anywhere between Mar. 22 and Apr. 25. This year, it is Mar. 27. This method of picking the date for Easter was also decided by the council of Nicea.

Lent, to me, means spending extra time praying and reflecting on Bible verses or stories about Jesus. It means fasting and choosing one or more things to give up

This year, I am giving up all fried foods, and trying to read more, instead of watching TV. I also want to spend more time with my family and friends and show them how much I appreciate them. Whether you are religious or not the idea of focusing inward for 40 days and finding inner peace to start spring is not a bad idea.

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### Letter: Address college costs

Dick Durbin pushing for college affordability.

As a current student here in Springfield, I can attest to college being very expensive. So expensive, in fact, it tends to drive individuals away from attending college. College needs to be something that is affordable so that more individuals will be able to attend and educate themselves further. This, in turn, could have a positive impact on our economy.

I believe one of the biggest issues with signing up and attending school is applying for student loans. The process is quite simple. You go to a website, read a couple documents and sign the dotted lines. What students aren't realizing though is that some of the loans accrue interest while they are in school. Whereas other loans don't start accruing interest till after you graduate. Most students couldn't tell you which loan they have signed up for. Students rack up so much college debt before they graduate because they are not properly educated on what they're signing up for. This has been a problem for quite some time now, and yet we still have done nothing to change the application process. The application process has to be more informative and enable students to better

understand what they are signing up for.

I am writing in regards to a recent story about Sen.

Textbooks are very expensive and there has to be a more affordable way of attending college. I agree with what the Affordable College Textbook Act is trying to achieve. However, one thing it doesn't take into account is that not all students have access to the Internet. So this could hinder or prevent students from obtaining the books required for class. Perhaps instead of coming out with new editions of the textbooks every other year, they could make patches available for the textbook. By doing this they would eliminate printing off millions of new textbooks and create a patch of what was added or taken away from the book. In turn it could save students from having to buy the new books and could rent older books to

I like that we are trying to make college more affordable, but it seems as if we continue to put ideas on paper and not follow through with any actions. It seems we give up on the first sign of rejection. This is an issue that needs to be pushed and seen through until our overall goal is achieved.

Kegan Sullivan, LLCC student

### Cruz slides by Trump

By Isaac Warren Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD - In a sudden change in direction, Donald Trump has fallen two points behind Ted Cruz in a recent NBC/ Wall Street poll. Trump, who has lead the polls since 2015, dipped to second place behind the Texas senator on Feb. 18, 2016. As the numbers go, Cruz has 28, Trump is at 26, and Marco Rubio is trailing the two at 17.

One possible reason for Trump's decline in polls is the upcoming South Carolina primary. Bill McInturff, who took the poll, said that this may indicate a shift in the Republican party for the campaign. He said, "So, one poll post-Saturday debate can only reflect there may have been a 'pause' as Republican voters take another look at Trump. This happened earlier this summer and he bounced back stronger. We will have to wait this time and see

what voters decide." On Saturday Feb. 20, 2016, both the Democratic and Republican parties held a caucus and a primary, respectively. The results for the Democrats ended with Hillary Clinton beating Bernie Sanders in Nevada, with Clinton at 52.6 percent, and Sanders at 47.7 percent.

The Republicans had quite the surprise when Trump lead the polls by 10 percent from the beginning, with Rubio and Cruz battling for second place. Jeb Bush announced he is ending his campaign, as well. Trump gained over 233,000 votes, Rubio had over 161,000 votes, and Cruz ended the evening with more than 160,000 votes.

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Obama's comments mentioned specifically congressional districts. not political map that determine state legislatures. Gov. Bruce Rauner wants changes to legislative redistricting as part of his turnaround agenda.

Obama said there should be steps taken to increase voter participation. Also the same day registration and early voting, he mentioned a bill sponsored by Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill to automatically register voters when they apply for driver licenses.

"As one of your constituents, I think you should pass that legislation right away." He said. Finally, he said to those in the

political area should exhibit more

"We can't move forward if all we do is tear each other down." He said. Springfield area lawmakers said they were unsure if Obama's speech would help Illinois break its political over the budget and Rauner's

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### Google backs Apple on iPhone back door

### Tech company sees security threat in unlocking device

By Isaac Warren Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD – Apple and Google have actually agreed on something this past week. The FBI has demanded that Apple create a new product for the iPhone that acts as a "back door" for prosecutors. The tech company wrote a letter to their website, stating that they refuse to obey the judge's order. Google came out soon after the letter went public, supporting Apple in their stance on the issue.

The background to this story takes place following the tragic San Bernardino shootings. The gunman was found to have ties to a radical Islamic terrorist organization. The FBI took his phone as evidence, citing there may be data on it that could contain information about others who were involved. The only gap separating prosecutors from the data is Apple's encryption software. The iPhone's operating system, iOS, contains a security feature that prevents people, even Apple, from stealing data. The password has a counter that counts how many times an incorrect password is typed. If the password is guessed wrong too many times, the phone will wipe all the data permanently. The FBI wants Apple to create a new version of iOS that has a backdoor, or another way for people to get into the phone if they need to.

Apple has claimed that if they create this software, hackers could exploit it and steal anyone's data if they got ahold of a person's phone. Because of the issues it could cause, according to Apple, the company wrote a letter to its customers that explained the situation, and defended its stance on

The last section of the letter captures Apple CEO Tim Cook's feelings on the matter.

"Rather than asking for legislative action through Congress, the FBI is proposing an unprecedented use of the All Writs Act of 1789 to justify an expansion of its authority.

The government would have us remove security features and add new capabilities to the operating system, allowing a passcode to be input electronically. This would make it easier to unlock an iPhone by "brute force," trying thousands or millions of combinations with the speed of a modern computer.

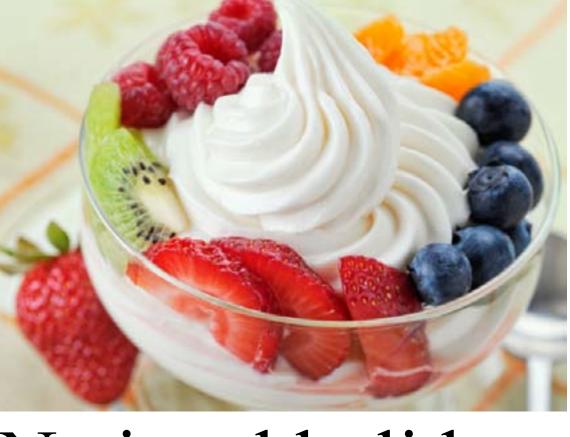
The implications of the government's demands are chilling. If the government can use the All Writs Act to make it easier to unlock your iPhone, it would have the power to reach into anyone's device to capture their data. The government could extend this breach of privacy and demand that Apple build surveillance software to intercept your messages, access your health records or financial data, track your location, or even access your phone's microphone or camera without your knowledge.

Opposing this order is not something we take lightly. We feel we must speak up in the face of what we see as an overreach by the U.S. government

We are challenging the FBI's demands with the deepest respect for American democracy and a love of our country. We believe it would be in the best interest of everyone to step back and consider the implications.

While we believe the FBI's intentions are good, it would be wrong for the government to force us to build a backdoor into our products. And ultimately, we fear that this demand would undermine the very freedoms and liberty our government is meant to protect. -Tim Cook

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# National holidays

SPRINGFIELD – It seems like every day in any given month has a national something day. Days, such as National Pancake Day or National Kiss a Ginger Day are so funny and interesting.

So, for the month of February, I will list all days and you can have fun celebrating.

Feb 1: National Freedom Day, National Baked Alaska Day, National Serpent Day Feb 2: National Groundhog Day, National Heavenly

Feb 3: National Day the Music Died Day, National

Carrot Cake Day Feb 4: National Thank a Mail Carrier Day, National Homemade Soup Day, National Create a Vacuum Day

**Feb 5:** National Wear Red Day Feb 6: National Frozen Yogurt Day

Feb 7: National Fettuccine Alfredo Day, National Send a Card to a Friend Day Feb 8: National Boy Scouts Day, National Kite Flying

Feb 9: National Pizza Day, National Bagel Day

Feb 10: National Umbrella Day Feb 11: National Make a friend Day, National White

Feb 14: Valentine's Day, National Ferris Wheel Day, National Organ Donor Day

Feb 15: National Gumdrop Day Feb 16: National Almond Day

Feb 12: National Plum pudding Day

Feb 13: National Tortellini Day

Feb 17: National Random Acts of Kindness Day Feb 18: National Drink wine Day Feb 19: National Chocolate Mint Day

Feb 20: National Cherry Pie Day, National Love Your

Feb 21: National Sticky Bun Day Feb 22: National Margarita Day, National Cook a

Feb 23: National Banana Bread Day, National Dog Biscuit Day

Feb 24: National Tortilla Chip Day

Feb 25: National Chili Day

**Feb 26:** National Tell a Fairy Tale Day Feb 27: National Polar Bear Day, National Strawberry

Feb 28: National Public Sleeping

Feb 29: National Leap Day

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## Nature enthusiast captures migration

### Story and pictures by Jared Gorrell

SPRINGFIELD - Welcome to the new nature column of the Lamp. I, Jared Gorrell, will be giving you all updates on what's happening in nature around us.

Most Illinoisans I know think of this state as a gigantic cornfield. We lack mountains and oceans. In fact, Illinois is the third flattest state in the United States after Florida and Louisiana. Many interstates take advantage of this fact and run through Illinois as people travel to other places, merely passing through, stopping to get a bite to eat or fill up on gas here and there. This state is a stopover for travelers. Illinois serves the same function in the natural world, too.

While Illinois lacks spectacular landforms, this state has one particular feature that makes it incredibly important. On the east, west, and south, Illinois is bounded by water in the form of three rivers and a lake, all natural interstates for migrating birds. Birds flying to and from Canada, the upper Midwest, and the Great Lakes migrate through Illinois along a route known as the Mississippi Flyway. This natural interstate for birds, particularly waterfowl, is one of the greatest natural highways in the world. The Mississippi Flyway makes Illinois a key sight to see massive migrations every spring and fall.

What many people do not realize is that migration is not a simple process. Most of us think of it in terms of north-to-south travel, or, at this time of year, south-to-north travel. Yet, this is far too simple. The same flock of snow geese (Chen caerulescens), one of the most common winter migrants in this area,

may fly back and forth between the Illinois River, the Mississippi River, and Lake Springfield several times in the course of a week. This has to do with ice. In late winter, the temperature rises and falls dramatically, with temperatures slipping above and below freezing every week. When lakes and rivers are frozen over, the waterfowl must travel south, or else starve because their underwater food supply is cut off. Thus, as the ice thaws, birds tend to show up, and as the ice refreezes, the birds leave. As a result, trying to find birds in migration can be a wild goose chase in the most literal sense. Of course, waterbirds are not the

only birds that migrate. Birds of prey (hawks, eagles, vultures, and owls) migrate as well, and some, such as the Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura) are migrating at this time of year. Turkey Vultures migrate and roost in flocks, and the local ones do so in a grove of pine trees where Toronto Road bends, near the Crow's Mill Pub. At times, up to fifty vultures can be seen only a few hundred feet from Lincoln Land Community College. This is but one of many areas, particularly Center Park and Marina Point, where migrating birds can be seen near Lincoln Land Community College.

We may live in a giant cornfield, but even here in Illinois, we have our own spectacular displays of nature. After all, we live along one of the greatest natural interstates in the world. All we have to do is look. Jared Gorrell can be reached at

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(Above) Lesser Scaups (Aythya affinis) rest at sundown on Lake Springfield. (Below) Snow Geese (Chen caerulenscens) fly over Center Park in Springfield on the way west to the Illinois River.









(Above) Various species of Pochards (Aythya spp.) fly across Lake Springfield at sunset. (Below) Canada Geese (Branta canadensis) swim in Lake Springfield near Marina Point.



Gulls (Larus delawarensis) walk around on Marina Point.





(Above) Greater White-fronted Geese (Anser albifrons) in flight. (Below) American Coot (Fulica americana) and a female Bufflehead (Bucephala albeola) swim along Lake Springfield.





(Above) A female Mallard (Anas platyrynchos) takes off from the water at Center Park on Lake Springfield.

# Superbowl showdown recap

By Madison Mings

SPRINGFIELD – Super Bowl 50 2016 was held on Sunday Feb. 7 on CBS. The teams that went head to head on the field were the Carolina Panthers and Denver Broncos. This year's Super Bowl was held in Santa Clara, CA.

The Super Bowl started off with singer/songwriter Lady Gaga singing the Star-Spangled Banner. She did an amazing job. After her performance the U.S. Navy Blue Angels flew over the stadium. Now for the game to begin.

Both teams came onto the field for the coin toss. The Panthers won the coin toss and they deferred to give the Broncos the ball first. In the first quarter the score was 0 - 3 Broncos. Broncos Brandon McManus made a 34 yard field goal. Broncos got another touchdown by Malik Jackson. The Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera threw the challenge flag for the ruling on the field of an incomplete pass for the Panthers by Jerricho Cotchery which they lost.

In the second quarter Panthers running back Jonathan Stewart made a touchdown, making the score 6 - 10 Broncos with the

time being 11:25. At the time 6:58 Broncos McManus made a 23 yard field goal. Making the score 7 – 13 Broncos.

The halftime show was up next having Coldplay being the headlining act, with special guest Beyoncé and Bruno Mars. Coldplay's lead singer Chris Martin started signing on the field with fans running up to football lookalike stage. The band opened up with "Yellow", and "Viva La Vida", with very colorful stage and attire. Martin got really close with the crowd and kept things up beat. They then sang "Paradise" with fireworks going off and they also performed their new hit "Adventure of a Lifetime'

Next up on stage was Bruno Mars singing "Uptown Funk" with DJ Mark Ronson. After that the camera transitioned on the field with Beyoncé singing "Formation". Beyoncé and Bruno Mars had a dance battle with their dancers and a sing-off with "Uptown Funk" and "Crazy in Love" and then the pair both joined Chris Martin. Coldplay sang "Clocks" and Martin sang U2's "Beautiful day" at the piano while the stage showed a montage of Super Bowl performances from the past. While Coldplay, Beyoncé, and Bruno Mars sang together it ended with the whole audience holding colorful place cards spelling out

In the third quarter with the time at 8:18 Brandon McManus made another field goal. The Panthers didn't score.

In the fourth quarter at 10:41 Panthers kicked a field goal by Gano at the 39 yard line. At the time of 3:08 Broncos made a touchdown and went for the 2 point conversion.

Making the score 10 - 24 Broncos as the final score with the time 00:11. Broncos won the Super Bowl. Peyton Manning being the quarterback for the Broncos said "I'm going to kiss my wife, and kids, and I'm going to drink a lot of Budweiser tonight.'

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton was very upset when he was interviewed. The interviewer asked what's your message to panther's fans. And Newton said "We'll be back." The interviewer also asked Newton to put into words the disappointment you feel right now? And Newton said "We lost." Then asking how he was feeling right now with losing the Super Bowl 50 Newton said "I'm done." Newton got sacked 6 times in the game with Von Miller given the MVP for Super Bowl 50. Madison Mings can be reached at lamp@llcc.edu.

# Hockey lingo for beginners

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SPRINGFIELD — Many say that hockey players are a whole different breed of people. The more time that I spend engulfed in the culture that surrounds hockey players and their fans, the more I believe that to be true. Players are known for their grit, their toughness that is both mental and physical and their uncanny ability to "wheel," or at-

Not only are hockey players a different type than the rest of us, they have their own lingo that would confuse those who aren't fans of this wonderful game. For example, while the average person would use the word celebrate, hockey players usually shorten it to celly, to describe their reactions to scoring a goal. Geno and Apple are the words used for goals and assists, and barn refers to the rink they're playing in. Even when they score, they could confuse a new fan. Many players, when talking about their goals, use terms like "bar down," "top shelf," and "five hole." To go "bar down" means that the puck hits the crossbar of the goal posts and reflects down into the net. Top shelf and



five hole are areas where the goalies' body usually isn't. Top shelf is the area above the left and right shoulders on either side of the head, while five hole is the space between a

goalies legs.

In the U.S., there is a tier system for ranking the hockey leagues, each one more competitive than the last. Starting at tier 3 Junior A

hockey is the league called the NA3. NAHL, which is tier 2 Junior A hockey, stands for North American Hockey League. Above the NAHL is the USHL, or the United States Hockey League, which is the league that number one draft pick Connor McDavid played in before joining the Edmonton Oilers in the NHL.

Hockey players travel from all over the United States to play for a team that wants them, moving away from home as young as sixteen to live with a host family. Other times, they travel from European countries, and become the imports for these junior teams. Hockey players are constantly under pressure to do well, or else they can get cut or traded from their teams. In addition to that, many juniors players are looking to commit to colleges to advance their playing

Despite the pressure, scouts and people throwing their bodies, sticks and fists around, hockey players manage to be some of the most well mannered, gentle, and hard working people one could meet.

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### Drunk driving a deadly idea

By Anne King Staff Writer

As spring break and prom season come upon us again, I believe that we all need to be reminded that we are not invincible. Although we try celebrate getting out of school, or getting ready for the dance, we all have to remember that good decisions matter. What I mean by that is, don't drink and drive.

Everyone laughs at the keychains they hand out with prom tickets at Springfield High. They repeatedly say "Please return on Monday." While we all like to joke about returning the prom favor, the serious matter behind it all is nothing to be made light of. Despite it being illegal to drink underage, countless high schoolers (and young college attendees) decide to drink anyhow. Everyone knows it happens, and it won't change, whether we like it or not. However, just because one might make the decision to consume alcohol, we all need to be aware of the dangers that surround getting

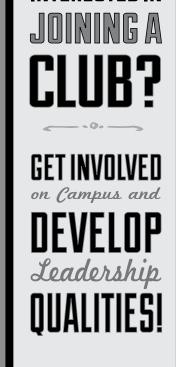
behind the wheel of a car afterwards.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, nearly 16,000 people die per year due to driving under the influence. One out of every three Americans will be affected by drunk driving in their lifetime. Nationwide, the percentage of fatal influence are lowering, due to many campaigns to raise awareness of the

DARE wants teens to know what happens to their bodies when alcohol is introduced. Your vision can be changed drastically, impairing your ability to perceive depth, it may become blurred, and become sensitive to light. Your brain loses its ability to control your muscles, leading to issues in coordination and movement, as well as slowing your reaction time.

While drinking with your friends might be fun, your life is not worth it. So please make the smart decision to not drive, or ride with someone who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. See you on Monday.

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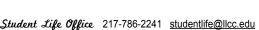
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# Oscar time

The Lamp invites you to select the winners of this year's Academy Awards. Submit your picks to The Lamp office (Menard 2275) or email to lamp@llcc.edu by 5 p.m.

**CAMPUS** 

on Thursday, Feb. 25.

After the Academy's choices have been revealed on Sunday, Feb. 28, we'll figure out who did the best job. The person with the

most correct Oscar picks will win a ing to include every category, even \$25 gift card to a movie theater. In the case of a tie, a random drawing will select the winner.

We thought it would be interest- eligible to enter

if that means you have to guess in a few categories.

**Best Music (original song)** 

☐ "Earned It," Fifty Shades

☐ "Simple Song #3," Youth

☐ "Til It Happens To You,"

☐ "Writing's On The Wall,"

The Hunting Ground

**Best Visual Effects** 

☐ Mad Max: Fury Road

☐ Star Wars: The Force

Best Writing (adapted

☐ Ex Machina

☐ The Martian

Awakens

screenplay)

□ Brooklyn

☐ The Martian

□ Carol

□ Room

☐ The Big Short

☐ The Revenant

☐ "Manta Ray," Racing

Only Lincoln Land students are

of Grey

Extinction

### **Best Picture**

☐ The Big Short

☐ Bridge of Spies

☐ Brooklyn ☐ Mad Max: Fury Road

☐ The Martian

☐ The Revenant

☐ Room □ Spotlight

**Best Actor** 

☐ Bryan Cranston, Trumbo

☐ Leonardo DiCaprio, The

☐ Michael Fassbender, Steve ☐ Eddie Redmayne, The Danish Girl

**Best Actress** 

☐ Cate Blanchett, Carol

☐ Brie Larson, Room

☐ Jennifer Lawrence. Joy ☐ Charlotte Rampling, 45 Years ☐ Saoirse Ronan, Brooklyn

☐ Sicario **Best Supporting Actor** ☐ Christian Bale, The Big

□ Carol ☐ Tom Hardy, The Revenant ☐ Mark Ruffalo, Spotlight

☐ The Danish Girl ☐ Mark Rylance, Bridge of ☐ Sylvester Stallone, Creed

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**Best Supporting Actress** 

☐ Hateful Eight ☐ Rooney Mara, Carol

☐ Alicia Vikander, The Danish (firl

☐ Anomalisa

☐ Shaun the Sheep Movie ☐ When Marnie Was There

**Best Cinematography** 

☐ The Hateful Eight ☐ Mad Max: Fury Road ☐ The Revenant

**Best Costume Design** 

☐ Cinderella

☐ Mad Max: Fury Road ☐ The Revenant

#### **Best Director** ☐ The Big Short

☐ Mad Max: Furv Road

☐ The Revenant

☐ Room

□ Amy

Simone?

☐ Spotlight

☐ Cartel Land

☐ The Look of Silence

☐ Fight for Freedom

☐ What Happened, Miss

☐ Winter on Fire: Ukraine's

☐ Jennifer Jason Leigh, The

☐ Rachel McAdams, Spot-

☐ Kate Winslet, Steve Jobs

**Best Animated Feature Film** 

☐ Boy and the World ☐ Inside Out

> **Best Documentary (Short)** ☐ Body Team 12 ☐ Chau, beyond the Lines ☐ Claude Lanzmann: Spec-

tres of the Shoah ☐ A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness ☐ Last Day of Freedom

**Best Editing** 

☐ The Big Short ☐ Mad Max: Fury Road

☐ The Revenant ☐ Spotlight ☐ Star Wars: The Force Awakens

### Best Foreign Language Film

☐ Embrace of the Serpent

☐ Son of Saul ☐ Theeb ☐ A War

Phone:

☐ Mustang

#### **Best Documentary (Feature) Best Makeup and Hairstyling**

**Best Short Film (live action)** ☐ Mad Max: Fury Road ☐ Ave Maria ☐ The 100-Year-Old Man ☐ Day One Who Climbed out ☐ Everything Will Be Okay ☐ the Window and Disap-(Alles Wird Gut)

peared ☐ The Revenant

### **Best Music (original score)**

☐ Bridge of Spies ☐ Carol ☐ The Hateful Eight

☐ Sicario ☐ Star Wars: The Force Awakens

### **Best Production Design**

☐ Bridge of Spies ☐ The Danish Girl

☐ Mad Max: Fury Road

☐ The Martian

☐ The Revenant

☐ The Martian

#### **Best Sound Mixing** ☐ Bridge of Spies

☐ The Revenant

☐ Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Best Short Film (animated)

☐ Sanjay's Super Team

☐ World of Tomorrow

☐ We Can't Live without

☐ Bear Story

☐ Prologue

Cosmos

☐ Shok

☐ Stutterer

**Best Sound Editing** 

☐ The Martian

☐ The Revenant

☐ Sicario

Awakens

☐ Mad Max: Fury Road

☐ Star Wars: The Force

screenplay) ☐ Mad Max: Fury Road

#### ☐ Bridge of Spies ☐ Ex Machina

☐ Inside Out

☐ Spotlight

☐ Straight Outta Compton

**Best Writing (original** 

# Coloring contest winner

The Lamp was excited by the entries in its first ever adult coloring contest. By far, the editors favorite was Connor Benbrook's rendition of Lincoln chopping the wood. He does make a perfect joker. We will be sending him a coloring book for his winning work.

We had more than a dozen entries. We thought we'd share a few of the others, including Editor Madison Mings' attempt.

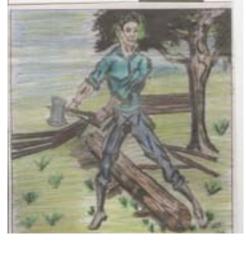
Thanks to everyone who entered. Keep coloring.



**Connor Benbook** 







Above left: Elizabeth Bogan added detail.

Above right: Gina Gerger's entry was the only one to view the entire scene as pasture.

At right, top: Extra grass added by Julie Miller
At right, bottom: Editor Madison Mings gave the contest a try.

