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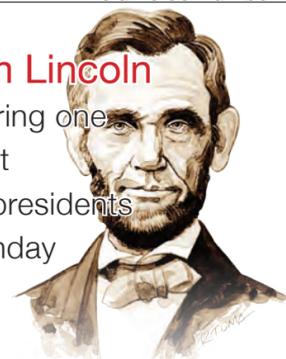
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influential presidents
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VALENTINE'S DAY

Flying Solo on Valentine's Day at Sinclair

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This year on Feb. 14, everyone, everywhere will spend their day in anticipation of a big date, receiving an abundance of flowers and chocolates and making sweet puppy love to their significant other while you, “forever alone,” sit on the sidelines in abandoned solitude.

Well, that might be a bit of a stretch.

But for some, including single students, the reality of Valentine's Day stands in contradiction to the fairytale-like perception we hold. In fact, this day can result in disappointment, depression and anxiety.

Jeffrey Geers, Introduction to Mass Communication instructor at Sinclair Community College, believes the media holds a heavy influence on how people perceive the importance of major holidays and the significance of “big, sweeping romantic events.”

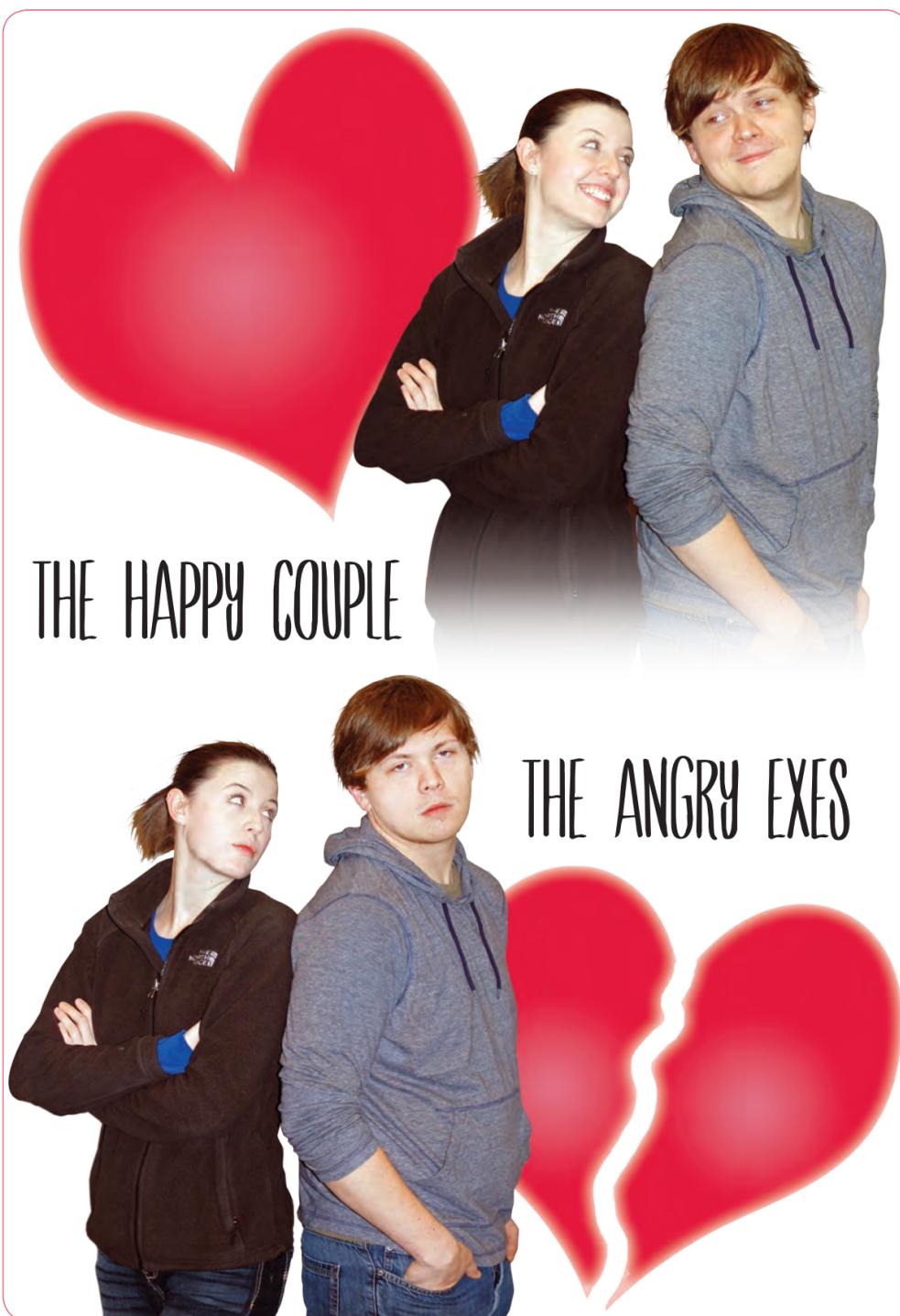
“There's definitely this weird narrative that is portrayed in television and movies, maybe a little bit in popular fiction in terms of books and magazines, that emphasize this kind of idealized romance,” Geers said.

Eric Henderson and Gwen Helton, counselors in Sinclair Counseling Services, said they believe the majority of students who seek support from counselors are dealing with relationship-related issues and that students dealing with loneliness is not uncommon.

“We get students who are lonely, or have no social support or family support and kind of feel like they're doing this all on their own,” Henderson said. “So, one of the things we look at is how to build social support for them. Sometimes it is just us... but sometimes we try to find ways for them to get involved on campus or out in the community — just looking for alternative ways to find support that they can get a motivation and an energy from.”

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Love it or Hate it, Cupid's Day is here



THE HAPPY COUPLE

THE ANGRY EXES

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Chivalry from a feminist point of view

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Some may say that chivalry is not practiced anymore; but with the rise in women's rights movements and people proclaiming to be feminists, are men still expected to hold doors and act as the main breadwinners in the household?

“If we [look at chivalry as being] compassionate and kind, I think it's good. If it is condescending and to show a man's power [over] a woman or man's ability to provide over a woman in the sense that she cannot provide for herself, I think it's pretty offensive,” Sociology instructor at Sinclair Community College and self-proclaimed feminist Kathleen Gish said.

She said she appreciates chivalry in the sense of being courteous.

“I think a relationship without courtesy and kindness is no relationship at all,” Gish said.

“If my spouse were to hold the door open for me or do something kind for me, I'd want him to do it because he loves me.”

Dr. Jennifer King-Cooper, a Psychology professor at Sinclair and feminist, feels the same way.

“Not only do I appreciate it when someone holds the door open for me, I'm going to hold the door for [my husband] if that's the order we go through the door in,” King-Cooper said. “So I think common courtesy for everyone is the proper thing.”

King-Cooper said she disagrees with chivalry in the sense that women are weak and need protection.

“What I object to about chivalry is that you should protect those that can't protect themselves,” she said.

King-Cooper said over time, expectations of women have changed.

While women were at one time expected to only manage the household, more is expected of them in this modern day and age.

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Commercialization, influential expectations and generational gaps on Valentine's Day

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If you find yourself thinking that Valentine's Day has become too commercialized, don't worry — you are not alone.

Nadine Cichy, a 35-year-old associate professor of Communication at Sinclair Community College, suggests the holiday has become too focused on the gifts we give and receive, as opposed to the love that should be shared.

“Expressing love and affection does not need to cost anything. It can be as simple as doing something for someone, or writing them a love letter. No chocolates necessary, though few people turn them down,” Cichy said.

Gavin Terrell, a 19-year-old Computer Software Development major, feels the holiday has earned too much focus, but as a bachelor, that's okay with him.

“It's blown out of proportion quite



Chris Ware, Lexington Herald-Leader 2012

According to creditdonkey.com, on average males will spend \$84.39 on Valentine's Day, while females will spend \$48.13.

a bit, yes. And I also think that quite a few people that dislike it, dislike it for kind of silly reasons. They look too much into it. A lot of people call it ‘National Single Awareness Day’ — I call it ‘National Free Candy Eve’ because the next day everything is free

almost,” Terrell said.

The statistics would seem to agree with Cichy and Terrell's opinions about the commercialized side of the holiday.

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TOP 3 ROMANTIC MOVIES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY PASSION

Rankings pulled from AMC's 50 Greatest Romantic Movies
<http://movies.amctv.com/movie-guide/50-greatest-romantic-movies.php>



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Feminist perspective of chivalry

CHIVALRY Continued from front

"Women are expected to hold a job today and at the same time manage the household and the kids," King-Cooper said. "Men are stepping up to the plate, I think they're getting better at it, but I think women hold more responsibility a lot of the time... Who cleans the bathroom?"

Gish said women have made large strides toward equality, but working women still earn 73 percent of what full-time working men earn.

"For me, it's (feminism) about women's rights and it's not about hating men," King-Cooper said. Gish describes feminism as misunderstood.

"It's thought to be a militant movement against men," Gish said. "When in reality what it is, is a movement oriented towards the equality of the sexes."



Photo by Whitney Vickers
Kathleen Gish is a self-proclaimed feminist and sociology instructor at Sinclair. She believes feminism is geared towards equal rights for both sexes.



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Gish and King-Cooper believes chivalry should be practiced out of kindness and courtesy. Holding doors for anyone is a way to show this.

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weekly sudoku

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

Every Sudoku game begins with some squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is due to how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

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Sudoku Tips: Start by looking for numbers that occur frequently in the initial puzzle. For example, say you have a lot of 5's in the initial puzzle. Look for the 3x3 box where there is no 5. Look for 5's in other rows and columns that can help you eliminate where the 5 might go in that box. If there is a 5 in column's 1 and 2, then

there can't be a 5 anywhere else in either of those columns. You know then that whatever leftmost 3x3 box that is missing a 5 must have it go in column 3. If you can eliminate all the possibilities in that box except for 1 square, you've got it down!

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weekly crossword

Across

- Duke's Mike Krzyzewski familiarly - he holds the NCAA Division I men's basketball record for most wins
- Gets stuffed
- Mawkish
- Many Civil War mess kits
- Gallery event
- Arab League member since 1962
- Pulled off
- Lady Violet in "Downton Abbey," e.g.
- GI assignments
- Nash's "ill wind that no one blows good"
- Run together
- Hershey's candy
- Karate takedown maneuver
- Bagel order, maybe
- Familiar title of Beethoven's "Bagatelle No. 25"
- 2003-'04 OutKast chart-topper
- Monopoly deed word
- Vitamin starter?
- Got the lead out?
- WWII Pacific Theater battle site
- Without any aptitude for
- Emotional one-eighty
- Turgenev's birthplace
- Bingo call
- Fitch who partnered with Abercrombie
- Broadway legend Hagen
- Command to Fido
- Anteater's slurp in the comic "B.C."
- The "G" in G.K. Chesterton
- Ethel Waters title line following "Now he's gone, and we're through"
- Latte option
- Lucky groups?
- Schemer
- Sew up
- 9 Floor
- Chirac's successor
- Like the least risky bonds
- pass
- Bernie __, subject of the 2011 book "The Wizard of Lies"
- Run after a fly?
- Not being buffeted as much
- Enduring
- Majestic euphemism
- Nasty fall
- Empty talk
- "Fin d'Arabesque" painter
- Wrangler's charge
- Sci-fi destination
- arts
- "If everything works out..."
- Either "A Serious Man" director
- Over-90 day, say
- Getting there
- Striped marbles
- Large branches
- Appt. book sequence
- Cleansing agent
- Geometric art style
- Augur's reading
- Litter sounds
- Texter's soul mate
- HVAC measure

Down

- Arctic game
- Unprotected, in a way
- Much spam
- Decent, so to speak
- American port below the 20th parallel
- Emulated a '50s TV father?
- One doing cabinet work?
- IBM hire, maybe

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Expectations and generational differences on Valentine's Day

EXPECTATIONS Continued from Front

According to the Retail Advertising and Marketing Association, in 2011 Valentine's Day accumulated \$13.19 billion in revenue. As for the average consumer, they purchase \$113.11 worth of merchandise, with cards accounting for 52.1 percent of all Valentine's Day purchases.

With the immense amount of money that is dedicated to celebrating Feb. 14, is it fair to think that the holiday has lost some sight of what some would consider its traditional meaning, which is the celebration of love?

Cichy still feels the holiday holds on to its values of adoration, while also noting that a person's religious values can be a factor.

"I think how you feel about this issue depends on your religious affiliation. It was originally celebrated as the Feast of Saint Valentine. I think the modern interpretation, a day dedicated to love, serves the purpose pretty well. On the other hand, confusing love and money can be a dangerous thing," Cichy said.

Expectations for the holiday can be influential

Jessica Lawson, Communication instructor at Sinclair suggests that a person's expectations for Valentine's Day can play a major role in the way they communicate.

"If it's a day you like and you're in a relationship and



your expectations have been met, then you likely are in a better mood, more patient with people, kinder to strangers, generous with friends and just a joy to be around," Lawson said. On the other hand, Lawson suggests that if Valentine's Day is a day you despise, whether it be because you are single, feel isolated by those engaging in public displays of affection or just disappointed that your expectations were not met, it will likely influence your communication. She refers to those with the negative attitude towards Valentine's Day to be "snappy and short."

"It's like a self-fulfilling prophecy of what this day has to offer," Lawson said.

Differences in generation

Some may expect the generation gap to show in how we celebrate Valentine's Day, but

students at Sinclair, no matter the age, have shown similarities when it comes to manners and giving gifts.

Liberal Arts major Roberta Knodle, who is over 55, believes that manners and respect are vital.

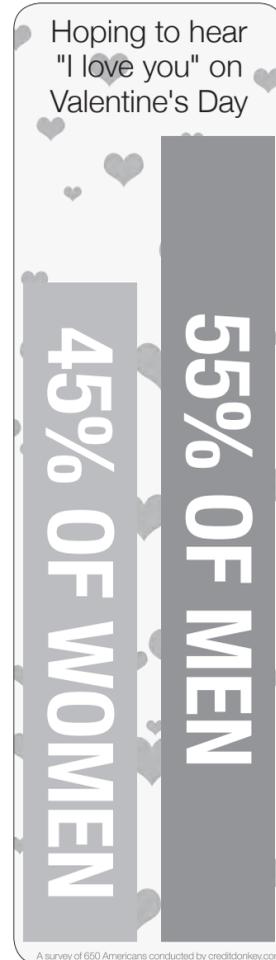
"Manners, respect and self-respect are essential," she said.

A 40-year-old man who has been married for 15 years, still believes in chivalry.

"Chivalry — the man's got to take the initiative and make the plans and cater honestly to the female," Michael Spencer, Cyber Investigation major said. Cristel Gonzalez, a 20-year-old Computer Information Systems major feels the same way.

"I want to be V.I.P. because it is very traditional. It's what I am used to," she said.

However, some may feel that everyday should be treated like



it's Valentine's Day.

"Every day should absolutely have a touch of that special day. Valentine's Day is just supposed to be [when] you do a little extra," Max Johnson, 22, Business Administration major said.

*Statistical information compiled by Lucas Caldwell.

It's all about perspective



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COMMENTARY

For those that are dreading a dateless Valentine's Day, I've been there.

For those that are over-the-moon excited for a romantic Feb. 14, I've been there too.

What I've learned from seeing both viewpoints is that it's all about your perspective.

When I was younger, Valentine's Day was a day of grief between my dad and me. When he was 10, he lost his own dad on Feb. 14 and I always looked at it as a day to let my dad know that I was there for him. He was never one to celebrate Valentine's Day, so I wasn't either.

As I got older and puberty set in, I started to see the hallmark side of Valentine's Day a little more clearly — and I started wishing for a valentine of my own.

When this didn't happen, I looked at the nuisance Valentine's Day could be. I hated the pink and red colors splattered everywhere, I hated seeing the merchandise stacked from what felt like wall to wall in every store I walked into and I hated the couples that openly celebrated the dreaded day.

I felt so strongly about this, that even after being in a relationship, I still didn't want to partake in the hallmark holiday.

However, although I told my boyfriend I truly didn't want to celebrate, he still took matters in to his own hands. When I got to work that day, I found flowers sitting on the front counter. I carelessly walked by, not thinking they were for me, until my coworker told me to go read the card.

After realizing that they were for me, I felt like an idiot. I treated the day like it was any normal day when he had this surprise up his sleeve all along. After work, I rushed to Wal-Mart and ran into bickering couples that were probably in the same boat I was in and bought him something I knew he would like. I promised myself that I would do better next year.

However, the next Valentine's Day, we were in the midst of a two-day-long argument, but I was determined to make it work. Luckily, our argument ended the night before and I managed to keep that promise to myself. I don't think I've ever been more excited for Valentine's Day up to that point.

We both had jobs at the same workplace, which left me the perfect opportunity to leave surprises for him to find throughout his shift. By the time he clocked out and came to my house, I had already managed to decorate his car and bake him cupcakes.

This year, I have no real expectations, except to call my dad and tell him I'm thinking of him and to spend time with my valentine.

I can't say that I love Valentine's Day, but I can't say I hate it either. What I can say with an honest heart is that this year, I'm in the middle of the road. I'm not dreading it, but I'm not so excited either.

I am, however, excited for the conversation hearts and chocolate. Single or not, I think everyone can get excited about that.

Single and Dateless on Valentine's Day

FLYING SOLO Continued from Front

Remember your thoughts are powerful — they create your life. Keep them positive and focus on what you want. You can't change the past and you can't predict the future. Stay in the moment, it is all we really have.

—Gwen Helton
Sinclair Counseling Services

Helton said that during Valentine's Day, as well as other holidays, television and commercial messages regarding love and relationships can be a trigger for singles.

But Henderson and Helton suggested considering that not all couples celebrate Valentine's Day.

Most people have experienced loneliness and most relationships aren't filled with romance. Many are separated from loved ones due to long distances and some also deal with the grief of losing a loved one to death or divorce. However, one should remember that their feelings are valid if they feel they should, go have a good cry and talk to a trusted friend, confidant or counselor.

Henderson and Helton proposed devising an action plan that might include planning an activity with a single friend, treating yourself to flowers, candy or jewelry, avoiding sad music and romantic movies, "paying it forward" by spending time with someone who has recently been divorced or widowed and to always take time to

care for yourself.

Henderson said the Student Leadership Development Office might be a good source to find activities, clubs or other groups that could help students identify their interests and connect with others on campus.

Helton added that Counseling Services could also link students to similar resources in the community or assist in helping students find long-term providers if more in-depth counseling is needed.

For those looking for love, Henderson and Helton recommend considering why you're not currently in a relationship, reflecting on past relationships, making a list of qualities you want in a partner and to be open to the possibility that you can love again, now and in the future.

"Remember, your thoughts are powerful — they create your life," Helton said. "Keep them positive and focus on what you want. You can't change the past and you can't predict the future. Stay in the moment, it is all we really have."

Tips for getting through Valentine's Day

from the Counseling Office.

Things to consider:

Not all couples celebrate Valentine's Day.

Most people have been lonely at some point and just because someone is in a relationship doesn't mean they are happy all the time. Most relationships aren't filled with constant romance.

Some are separated from their loved ones due to long distance, the military or jobs.

People have lost loved ones through break ups, death and divorce.

Your feelings are valid. Have a good cry, a conversation with a trusted friend and talk with a counselor if needed.

Things to do:

Seek out other single friends for support.

Treat yourself to flowers, candy or jewelry — why wait for someone else?

Practice radical self-care. If you don't take care of yourself, how do you expect someone else to?

If you don't want to be sad, don't surround yourself with sad music, movies or reminisce about "what might have been."

Pay it forward. If you know someone who is going through a hard time or is alone on Valentine's Day, treat them to an evening out.

If you're looking for a relationship, consider why you aren't in one now; time, attitude, avoidance.

Reflect on what you've learned in past relationships and focus on what you want in the future.

Make a list of qualities you look for in a significant other.

Be open to the possibilities of finding love again.

Your thoughts are powerful. Keep them positive and focus on what you want.

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Love and Hip Hop event held on Valentine's Day

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Student Leadership Development and the Student Government Association will be co-sponsoring the Love and Hip Hop event and a Talent Showcase on Feb. 14.

The Love and Hip Hop event will feature speaker John Rogers III.

According to the event's flyer, he will be speaking about the impact of hip hop music, romantic love, biology, urban and suburban culture, sub-cultures, sociopolitical status, psychology and economic influences.

"[Rogers] is going to talk about the history of hip hop and how it impacts culture today," Brandon Whitehorn, president of the SGA said.

Dominique Starr, graduate assistant, added "And how women are portrayed in hip hop, so it's going to talk about relationships as well."

Rogers will speak from 12 to 2 p.m. Afterward, SGA will be host-

ing a Talent Showcase.

"Essentially it's like open mic," Starr said.

There is currently no deadline to sign up to perform in the Talent Showcase and each performer will have a maximum of 10 minutes to perform, Starr said.

"[It's] like a Sinclair Community College talent show, it's more a talent show to help display talent within Sinclair," Whitehorn said.

To perform in the showcase, contact Nilofar Gagan at nilofar.gagan@my.sinclair.edu or Brandon Whitehorn at brandon.whitehorn@my.sinclair.edu.

The Talent Showcase will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. and clubs will also be fundraising during the event.

"So you can pick up your wooden roses, your international treats or desserts," Whitehorn said.

Some of the clubs taking part in the fundraising are The National Society of Leadership and Success, African American Culture Club, Toastmasters, Choral Club, Artist Collective and A Culturally Educated Sisterhood.

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REACH Across Dayton in its twentieth year of celebrating art and diversity



Photo by Lashay Young

To attend the Reach Across Dayton conference, students must turn in a fee waiver to Building 13 Room 201. Attending costs \$50. The conference will take place on Feb. 22 in the Ponitz Center of Building 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the conference, there will be speakers and presentations, breakout sessions and performances as well as art workshops. All supplies will be provided.

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What started as a three year community art project has now broadened to a 20 year conference and art show. Realizing Ethnic Awareness and Cultural Heritage Across Dayton, or REACH Across Dayton, sets out to bring students at Sinclair Community College and people of the Dayton area of all backgrounds together through their similarities using art.

Tess Little, art teacher and project director of REACH, started the program in 1993. As an art teacher, Little could see students from all walks of life struggling to succeed, which made her take a look at culture.

"All the stories sounded the same," Little said, as she began speaking to students on their background. Little then came up with the idea and presented it as such.

"Sinclair is trying to retain students, why not look at similarities between cultures and not

focus on differences," she said. The school then allowed her to try out her idea.

"Art had a way of touching the soul," Little said.

The program has worked on some large art projects over the years. The bronze piece on the corner of Third and Main streets is a REACH Across Dayton Project. Until Feb. 22, the Dayton Visual Arts Center will have pieces on display that REACH Across Dayton have worked on. Starting Feb. 6 through March 6, there will be exhibits displayed

at Sinclair in the Burnell R. Roberts Gallery, Hypotneuse Gallery and Works on Paper Gallery from students.

Any student can ask to join and be a part of REACH Across Dayton, it is not set aside for art students only. Students help with the community art projects as well as the conference.

This year's conference will take place on Feb. 22 in the Ponitz Center of Building 12 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. The conference provides a wide range of cultural

programs and explores ethnic traditions of the Miami Valley. There will be speakers and presentations throughout the day, along with breakout sessions and performances. The art workshop that will take place at the conference will be led by artists Willis "Bing" Davis and Christina Preyma, all materials are provided.

"It's a good conference to understand what a conference is about," Little said, pertaining to students who may have never attended one before. She

said professors usually may ask a student to write a paper or do something for the class over the conference if they are excused from class to attend.

Attending costs \$50. This includes access to the conference, lunch, refreshments and parking. For students that want to attend there is a fee waiver application online that must be turned into Building 13 Room 201 by Feb. 15. For more information on REACH Across Dayton or the conference, go online to sinclair.edu/organizations/reach

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Aviation Program Outcomes

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Students entering the Aviation Technology Program at Sinclair Community College will be met with a long runway and will need vision and determination before take-off, but the skies are opening up in several aviation-related career fields.

Kent Wingate, chairman of the Aviation Technology Department, said the department's mission is to train students in the world of aviation, with the goal of helping students continue their education in four-year universities and obtain employment.

He said job prospects in the field of aviation are looking up with the Federal Aviation Administration concurring with Airbus and Boeing projections that over one million aviation professionals will be needed in the future. This includes pilots, mechanics, dispatchers and flight attendants.

He added that this increase is fueled by current and expected rates of retirement and by the demand needed within the field to meet a steadily increasing flying population.

Wingate said these opportunities can be taken advantage of now, through training and education.

Sinclair offers associate degrees in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Aviation Technology/Professional Pilot and Airway Science.

Wingate said Aviation Maintenance Technology is extremely popular and that the program is growing with mechanically inclined students showing an interest in aviation and some aviation students simply wanting



Photo contributed by Caleb Lithander
Caleb Lithander graduated Sinclair in 2009 for the Aviation program.

the ability to work on their own aircraft.

He also said there is a huge increase in the Professional Pilot and Airway Science Program. Which includes core aviation courses as well as electives as students receive their private pilot certificate and instrument rating, commercial certificate, multi-engine rating and certified flight instructor certificate.

With associate degrees in Aviation Technology, Wingate envisions students going on to four-year universities and earning bachelor's degrees.

Sinclair holds an articulation agreement helping to facilitate the transfer of credits, with Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, available online and with campuses in Florida, Arizona and satellite campuses in Fairborn, Ohio.

Wingate said the hopes for large salaries are not the driving force behind student interest.

"It's called 'desire,'" he said. "It's a long road. It's a hard road, but like I tell students, 'If that's what you want to do, you're going to do what you have to do.'"

Sinclair also offers a one-year technical certificate in Airframe

Aviation Maintenance, as well as, short-term technical certificates in Aircraft Dispatcher, Airline Flight Attendant, General Aviation Maintenance, Power plant Aviation Maintenance and Unmanned Aerial Systems.

Wingate said although Sinclair cannot grant Federal Aviation Administration Certification, skills and training obtained at Sinclair helps to prepare students for Federal Aviation Administration written, oral and practical exams.

Wingate said the Aviation Department has a fairly small, tight-knit student population and that networking is stressed to be hugely beneficial to success.

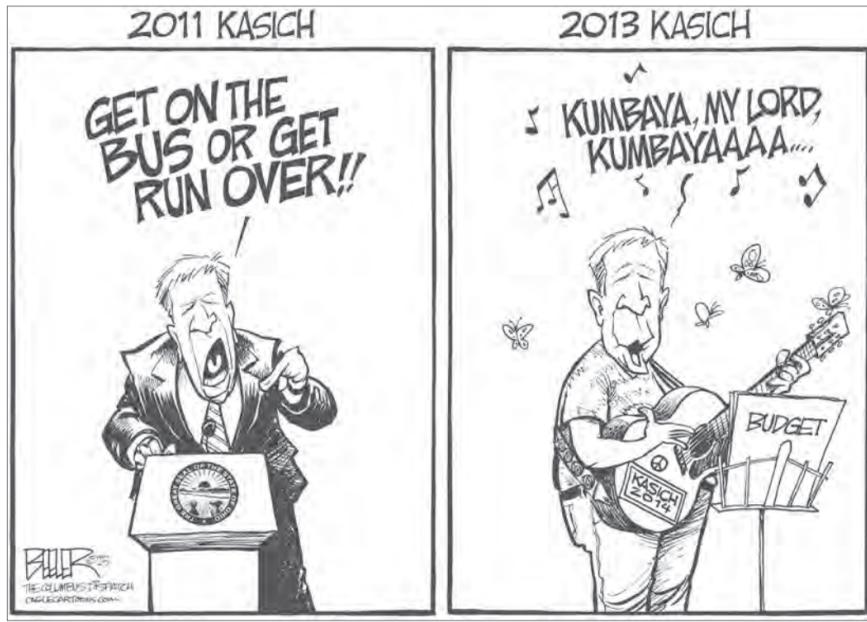
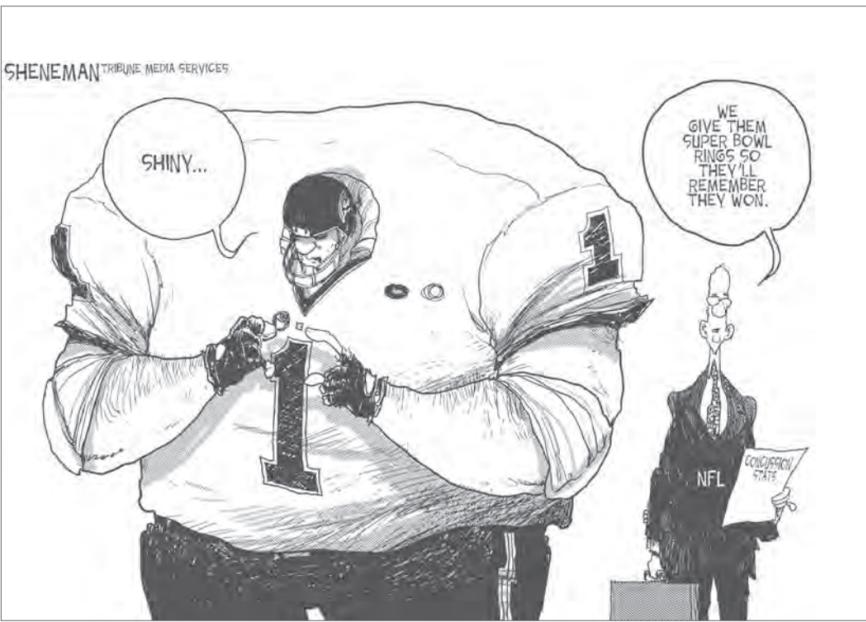
Donna Hanshew, associate professor within the Sinclair Aviation Technology Department, recalled a U.S. Airways Express flight, in which her co-pilot and two flight attendants were Sinclair graduates.

"It's a great success, especially having three of them on one flight," Hanshew said. "That company (PSA Airlines) hires a lot of our students and I keep in touch with a lot of the students that are up there."

Caleb Lithander, who graduated with an associate degree in Aviation Technology in 2009 and is currently an Air Traffic Controller at Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center, said his experience studying at Sinclair was beneficial to his success pursuing his dream job.

"Sinclair is a great step and there's a lot of value in the school," said Lithander. "There are a lot of instructors there who care a lot about the students and their future. And it's a great, inexpensive way to start doing what you want to do."

editorial cartoons



your voice

How do you think social media websites like Facebook affect romantic relationships?

Photos & Reporting by Maddie Fahlbusch



Courtney Freeland
Music - Voice

"I think it can really go either way. Some people can use it to their benefit as far as communication goes because some people find it easier to express themselves online. I've met lots of people that are a lot more comfortable about talking about themselves online, but at the same time they might use it as a crutch. Because you can put it out there you can have the support of your friends. I think sometimes a couple can make a relationship more of a big deal than it really is before it has really come to where they want it to be. They push to make it official on Facebook. I hear a lot about 'Facebook official'."



Phillip Barrigar
Network Management

"It leads to a lot of misunderstandings because guys don't always just have guy friends and there's not always context available with it. If someone sees a picture with a guy hanging out with some girls and he's in a relationship that's going to cause problems because the girlfriend doesn't know what the situation is. On top of that, people always assume the worst."



Rachel Carter
Psychology

"I guess in ways it makes it easier to meet people. A lot of people are on there so it's a chance to come into contact with people you might not have normally met."



letter to the editor

Don't blame the guns, blame the people who fire them

Adam Lanza, the man who committed the Sandy Hook massacre in Newtown, Conn. was a monster. There is no other word to describe someone who would take the lives of innocent children. Lanza and people like him are monsters who deserve our scorn. Yet whenever a tragedy such as this occurs, the fault is always placed on guns. America is now in a gun control debate led by President Obama.

Obama, who has shown no love towards our Constitution, is willing to go over Congress through executive orders to place restrictions on gun ownership. He claims that we have an epidemic of

gun violence and that we shouldn't put off action on gun control any longer. Obama said that because he has always wanted to place restrictions on guns and he wants to use this tragedy to pass his agenda while people are still emotional.

Most people who are for gun control are well intentioned. They believe that the fewer guns we have in this country, the better. What is often forgotten is that Lanza had stolen the gun he used to shoot up Sandy Hook. So he had already broken the law before he ever fired a shot. Schools are gun free zones; again, that made no difference to Lanza. The only people who are going to obey



Discussion over gun control laws have reignited since the Sandy Hook school shooting.

gun control laws are law-abiding citizens. The places that, as Obama called an "epidemic of gun violence," occur in areas with strict gun laws. Places where gun laws aren't so strict tend to have less crime. In other words, we are safer with more guns than less.

The Second Amendment was put in our Constitution to allow us to protect ourselves. Guns aren't

meant only for powerful people like Obama to have for his guards. They're meant for every law-abiding citizen. America already has laws on regulating guns. We don't need anymore. In fact, we should consider doing away with some of those laws. Remember, don't blame the guns, blame the people who fire them.

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Abraham Lincoln: February 12, 1809 — April 15, 1865

Myth No. 1: Lincoln and Kennedy assassinations and the oh-so-erie parallels

File the similarities here under "Do you want to believe?" If you want to believe in them, they're there. If you don't, they're laughable.

■ Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846, elected president in 1860. John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946, elected president in 1960.

■ Lincoln's secretary, Kennedy, warned him not to go to the theater. Kennedy's secretary, Lincoln, warned him not to go to Dallas.



President John F. Kennedy

■ Both were succeeded by men named Johnson.

■ John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald — guys with three names! — were assassinated before their trials.

■ Lincoln and Kennedy both lost children while in the White House.

But even if these coincidences were more than that, what does that prove — that we should just ditch the American political system and go to the Psychic Network for political advice?

The similarities are easily exploded by the differences: Kennedy never got to run for a second term, whereas Lincoln was in his second term. Aside from losing a child while in the White House, Jackie Kennedy and Mary Todd Lincoln were nothing alike — nor were Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson, the presidents who succeeded Lincoln and Kennedy after the assassinations.

Bullhockey assessment: Perfectly asinine.

Myth No. 2: Lincoln was gay

The argument here is that as a young frontier lawyer he slept in the same bed as other men. He spoke and wrote affectionately to other men. Was Lincoln a gay American?

The bed part of this equation is easy explained: There wasn't a Marriott on every other corner. People slept wherever they could find a bed, didn't trouble themselves much about its cleanliness, and counted themselves lucky to find a place out of the elements. It was not uncommon for two men to share a bed; had women traveled extensively to pursue their occupations in those days, it wouldn't have been unusual for women to sleep two to a bed, either.

And about the interpersonal expressions of affection: Lincoln was an eloquent guy. He couldn't gush about everybody, but when he got a head of steam behind a sentiment, he could drive home the point.

Bullhockey assessment: Participants dead, nobody left a confession.

Myth No. 3: Lincoln was part of the Illuminati

That Lincoln was a member of the Illuminati, a mysterious group that has supposedly ruled the world for hundreds of years — skimming our resources, dictating our leaders — is one of the wackier theories out there. It's frequently espoused by those who also think the Freemasons secretly rule the world and started ruling the United States as early as the Founding Fathers.

Some Illuminati theorists also think that Hitler was an Illuminati member.

Bullhockey assessment: Perfectly asinine, but with probable appeal to the Ron Paul technology-savvy conspiracy contingent in American politics.

Separating man from myth

Examining some of the urban legends surrounding Abraham Lincoln

By Cheryl Truman, McClatchy Newspapers

Let's clear up one thing right off: We're not here to talk about the Lincoln myths that have real academic value. Whether America's most esteemed president was a humanitarian or eloquent dirt bag, a moral leader or venal schemer, matters naught to us.

We're here to talk about the Weekly World News variety of Lincoln myths, the slime festering at the bottom of the Lincoln barrel.

For example: Did you

hear the one about the similarities between the Lincoln and Kennedy assassinations?

Was all that up-by-the-bootstraps list of Lincoln's failures true?

Was Lincoln gay?

Did Lincoln marry Mary Todd as his second choice, way behind the ethereal and stone-dead Ann Rutledge?

Was Mary Todd Lincoln really crazy, as in certifiable?

Here are the wildest Lincoln theories. If you're offended, don't say we didn't warn you:

Myth No. 4: Mary Todd Lincoln was crazy

Well, Mary Todd Lincoln did mental lockup time thanks to a spectacularly dysfunctional relationship with her surviving son, Robert Todd Lincoln.

She had a temper, held grudges, thought she saw ghosts (including Abe's, with which she was "photographed") and shopped until she dropped long before it was fashionable.

The last unprotected minority group in America is attitudinal middle-age women who no longer care whom they tick off.

And Lincoln was mentally agile enough to drive her own campaign to be sprung from said mental-health confinement.

So while Mary Todd Lincoln was probably not your ideal companion for a cross-country road trip, anybody who could stand her would have had a real Thelma-and-Louise good time.

Bullhockey assessment: 50-50, in the eye of the beholder.



Mary Todd Lincoln

Myth No. 5: Ann Rutledge was Lincoln's great love, and Mary Todd was a poor substitute for the real thing

The argument here is that Abraham Lincoln's true love conveniently died young in 1835, leaving him to the clutches of scheming future-crazy Mary Todd. That Mary and Abraham had a stormy courtship enhances the argument — or perhaps hope — that Abe did better earlier in life.

On the other hand, Mary was considered a spirited beauty when young, and for Abraham, marrying into the Todd family was marrying up, particularly when you were born in a log cabin. Lincoln's early biographer William Herndon was no fan of Mary's and tended to encourage the Rutledge talk, but that was discredited — and recently, un-discredited.

History is a malleable thing.

Bullhockey assessment: Participants dead, nobody left a confession.

Myth No. 6: Lincoln was a flop right up to the time he was elected president

This particular myth has been used to torture under-achieving school-children for decades. In brief, it goes like this: Don't be afraid of failure.

Even America's greatest figure failed, repeatedly. It includes references to Lincoln's "failures" in business, his "failure" to get into law school, the death of his alleged true love Ann Rutledge, his "failures" to attain elected positions. All of this culminates with Lincoln's election as president in 1860.

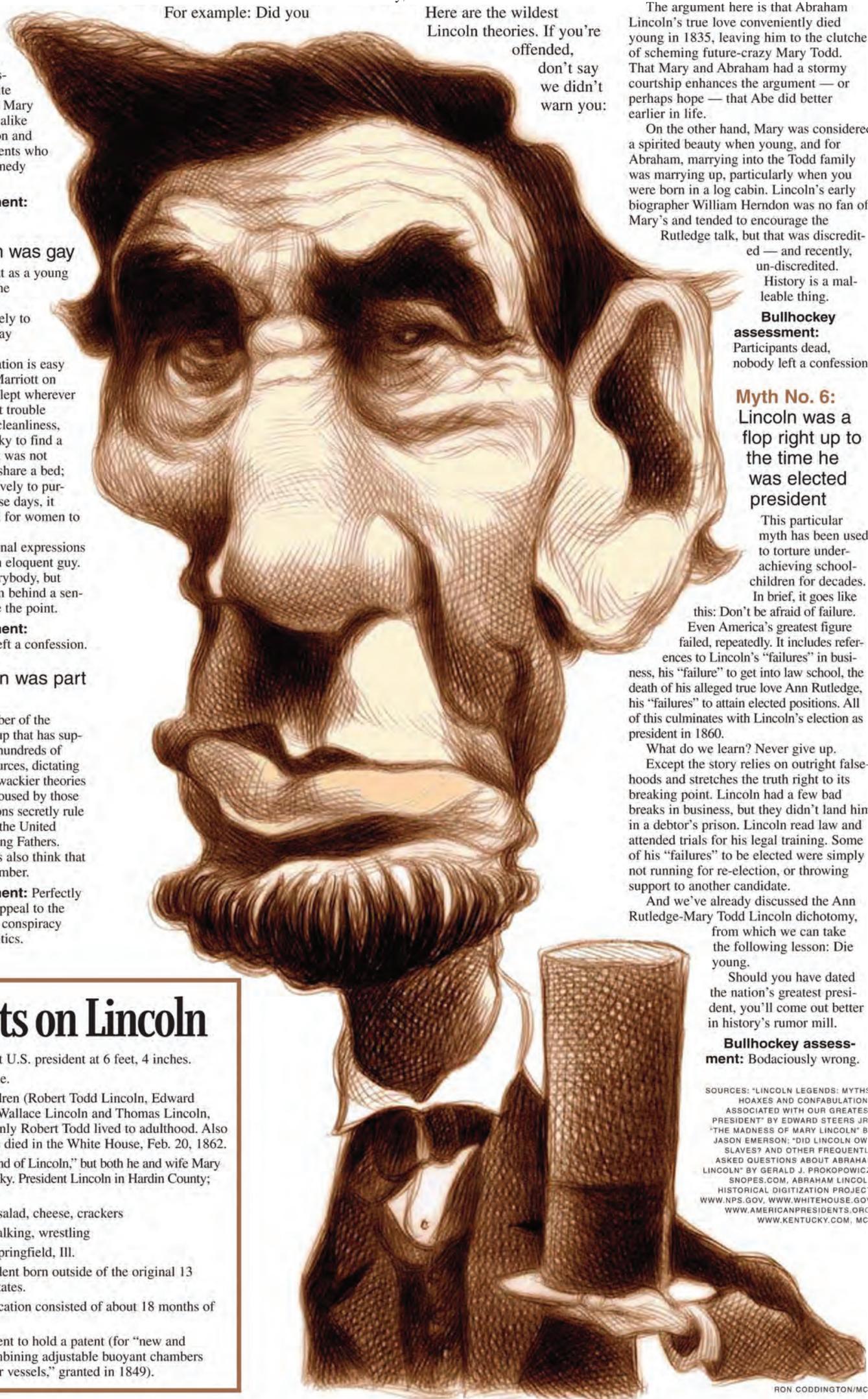
What do we learn? Never give up. Except the story relies on outright falsehoods and stretches the truth right to its breaking point. Lincoln had a few bad breaks in business, but they didn't land him in a debtor's prison. Lincoln read law and attended trials for his legal training. Some of his "failures" to be elected were simply not running for re-election, or throwing support to another candidate.

And we've already discussed the Ann Rutledge-Mary Todd Lincoln dichotomy, from which we can take the following lesson: Die young.

Should you have dated the nation's greatest president, you'll come out better in history's rumor mill.

Bullhockey assessment: Bodaciously wrong.

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Fast facts on Lincoln

- Lincoln was the tallest U.S. president at 6 feet, 4 inches.
- He wore a size 14 shoe.
- Lincoln had four children (Robert Todd Lincoln, Edward Baker Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln and Thomas Lincoln, nicknamed "Tad"), but only Robert Todd lived to adulthood. Also of note, William Wallace died in the White House, Feb. 20, 1862.
- Illinois may be the "Land of Lincoln," but both he and wife Mary Todd were born in Kentucky. President Lincoln in Hardin County; Mary Todd in Lexington.
- Favorite foods? Fruit salad, cheese, crackers
- Hobbies or sports? Walking, wrestling
- Lincoln is buried in Springfield, Ill.
- He was the first president born outside of the original 13 colonies of the United States.
- Lincoln's formal education consisted of about 18 months of schooling.
- He is the only president to hold a patent (for "new and improved manner of combining adjustable buoyant chambers with steam boats or other vessels," granted in 1849).