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New parking equipment set to release after spring break

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Assistant Editor

The success of credit card acceptance in the parking garages have sparked changes that are planned to take effect as early as spring break. All booths are to be removed from Lot A, and new automated card readers are to be installed in their place. "The credit cards worked very well

and we had a lot of positive feedback," Business Services Director Paul Murphy said. "When we chose the new equipment, we integrated so that it would take both the Tartan card and the credit card." Although cash will not be accepted in Lot A after spring break, the choice to remove cash completely was not made to hinder students, according to Murphy.

"Cash is a very slow process," he said. "Most students use their Tartan cards, and visitors use cash — to offset that, the staff parking lot on Fourth and Perry Streets will be converted into a visitor's parking lot." With the visitors parking set to be in the lot at Fourth and Perry Streets, Murphy said Lot A would be a true "student's garage." With the addition of the new automated equipment,

the garage will allow students to enter and exit more quickly, and will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The cashiers that are currently in the booths will be converted to "customer service agents," who will help if a student is in need. "We're going to have customer service agents walking around," he said. "It's not like you're going to pull

up if something goes wrong and have no one around to help." Intercoms will also be available for students when a customer service agent is not in sight or nearby. Murphy said the ultimate goal of the new equipment is to help students get out of the garage more efficiently. Parking continued on page 3

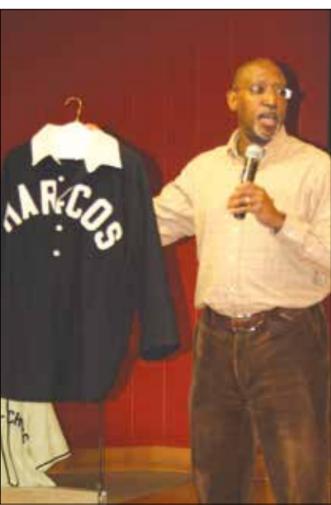
Baseball exhibit swings to campus

Jennifer Franer
Assistant Editor

One man's passion for baseball enabled him to bring art and history to Sinclair Community College. The annual Realizing Ethnic Awareness and Cultural Heritage exhibit, better known as REACH, is entitled "Shades of Greatness," this year and is on display Feb. 2 through March 12. The exhibit depicts the Negro baseball leagues in the early twentieth century. "The title is probably a play on words with 'shades of gray,'" Gallery Coordinator Pat McClelland said. "Just that it's dealing with the fact that black athletes could not play in the white leagues at the time, so things were defined by the color of your skin." Unlike exhibits in the past that highlight work from one or two artists at a time, the Shades of Greatness exhibit has work from an estimated 30 contributors. Some of the work in the exhibit includes traditional painting and drawing pieces, as well as sculptures and prints. "Within that art work, we will also be displaying a collection of jerseys from the Negro leagues," McClelland said. The jerseys belong to Michael Carter, who is the superintendent of schools and community partnerships at Sinclair. As an avid collector of jerseys and other memorabilia from the Negro leagues, Carter believes the exhibit is a big part of American history. "Some will be interested in the [exhibit] and some don't know they should be interested," Carter said. "It's an important part of our history — it's not just about sports; it's about life, culture and who we are as a country."

Michael Carter collects baseball jerseys from the Negro leagues, which will be on display at the REACH exhibit.

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Michael Carter | Photo Contribution

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT

Whitney Vickers
Editor-in-Chief

With the recent happenings at Target regarding stolen credit cards, the Clarion held an email interview with Tim Brandon, education and marketing coordinator, and Lisa Roberts, certified consumer credit counselor and housing counselor who also serves in the consumer-counseling center at Sinclair Community College through Consumer Credit Counseling Services, about how individuals can protect themselves from identity theft.

Carly Omdorff | Clarion Staff

What does getting your identity stolen actually mean?
What are the potential dangers?

Having your identity stolen means that you have been violated and criminals are using your information without your permission. It can disrupt everything you have worked hard for such as building your credit history, finances and reputation. The potential dangers are owing debts to creditors that you didn't initiate, unwarranted collection calls, mistakes on your bank account, etc. It can be a nightmare.

What are some things people can do to prevent identity theft?

- Guard your financial information.
- Keep your social security number confidential.
- Beware of imposters asking for personal information by phone or email.
- Keep mail safe.
- Get off marketing lists.
- Memorize passwords and pin numbers.
- Make sure that you are on secure websites on your computer (https).
- Check credit reports regularly.
- Shred financial info before discarding.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

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Career Job Fair held at Sinclair

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Copy Editor

Career Services will host its 26th Annual Sinclair Career Job Fair, which will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the Great Hall in Building 12. The job fair is open to anyone who is interested in a career in the health care field, and is focused on Sinclair students who are majoring in fields related to life and health sciences. "This year we are doing something different," Career Services Specialist Lindsay Tate said. "From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., students who are getting ready to graduate will be doing presentations [and] interactive displays ... to show prospective students, staff, faculty, community members and other students what they might do in their [life and health sciences] program. They are there to answer questions — they are trying to make it very interactive and exciting." After the presentations, the job fair begins, and employers from around the state will promote job openings and network with the students. "Employers love coming to our job fair," Tate said. "It's a good way for companies in the area to get their name out as well. We want to be the number one place where employers come to get their new-hires." According to Clerk Typist Margaret Bailey, 40 employers attended last year's job fair. "It's okay too, for students who might be interested in this field to just come and ask questions about 'what trends are you seeing?' or 'are there any fields that are growing?'" Tate said. Bailey suggested that students who are interested in attending may want to stop by Career Services to get a critique of their resume and to practice giving a two-to-five minute presentation to prospective employers. She said that at job fairs, students often will not get much time to speak with employers, so it is a good idea to have something prepared ahead of time. In addition, Tate suggested that students dress nicely and try to avoid things like jeans and tennis shoes. If possible, students should carry their resume and other documents in a professional-looking briefcase or bag instead of the standard backpack. "Job fairs [are] essentially a pre-screening interview and students should treat it that way," she said. "About 70 percent of all people get jobs through networking," she said, and job fairs [are] an excellent way for students to connect with future employers." Job fair continued on page 2

African American history month at Sinclair

Andrew Fisher
News Editor

Sinclair Community College will be hosting multiple events in recognition of African American History Month. The 12th Annual Black Women's Think Tank will take place on campus. The event will feature two keynote speakers, Ms. Judy Ramsey Wilson, long time educator and former Sinclair professor, and Dr. Karen L. Dace, vice chancellor for diversity, equity and inclusion at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. According to Event Coordinator Annette Ross-Gray, the goal of BWTT is to bring together "women who have issues they want to address in a friendly, open forum." Ross-Gray stresses that participation is not limited by race, age, ethnicity or gender. "Everyone is welcome," she said. "This year we even have a presentation being given by a high school student dealing with technology and change," she said. The event focuses on helping participants to bring about "personal and communal change."

The theme for the event is "Change Your Mind, Change Your Life." It will take place in the basement of Building 8, Feb. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Several workshops will be presented throughout the day with a continental breakfast and lunch included. Sinclair will also host an art exhibit from Feb. 3 through March 12. The 21st Annual Reach Across Dayton will feature "Shades of Greatness," an art exhibit inspired by Negro baseball leagues of the past. The exhibit will be on display in the Sinclair art galleries in Building 13. The 2014 Nia Awards are also set to take place at the end of the month. The Nia Awards (nia is Swahili for "purpose") are given to African American Sinclair students, faculty, staff and community members to "celebrate achievements in academics, creative arts, mentorship and leadership," Crystal Echols, event coordinator, said. The awards ceremony will also feature musical performances throughout by several choral ensembles, including Sinclair's Gospel Ensemble,

headed by Professor Daniel Greene. "The awards are meant to honor those who go above the call of duty to help their community, while displaying academic leadership," Echols said. The event will take place Feb. 28 with refreshments being served at 6 p.m. and the program itself beginning at 6:45 p.m. Sinclair's African American Studies Program and African American History Month Committee are working together to put on the Kuumba (creativity) Celebration. The event will take place Feb. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Leadership Development Center in Building 8 and will feature a talent showcase, a Black History trivia contest, as well as various competitions and speakers. In celebration of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the annual Paul Laurence Dunbar Memorial Poetry Prize will also be taking place. The contest is open to all Sinclair students, faculty and staff, with the winning entry receiving \$100 and as well as having their poem printed as a broadside edition. Poems can be submitted to Professor Susan Callender in Building 5 room 143c.

campuscalendar

Feb. 3 – Mar. 12
REACH: Shades of Greatness Art Exhibit
Burnell R. Roberts, Works on Paper and Hypotenuse galleries.

Feb. 3
Sinclair Talks:
Presentation Skills
Library Loggia, noon to 1 p.m. .

Feb. 4
Sinclair Talks:
Sinclair's Disney College Program
Building 2 Room 334, 11 to 12 p.m.

Feb. 4
Sinclair Talks:
Self-confidence
Building 2 Room 334, noon to 1 p.m.

Feb. 4
Atheists, Humanists and Agnostics live stream debate
Building 14 Room 130, 6:45 p.m..

Feb. 5
Sinclair Talks:
Financial Aid Facts
Huber Heights and Englewood Learning Center Lobby, noon to 1 p.m. .

Feb. 5
Sinclair Talks:
Study Skills
Preble County Learning Center Lobby, noon to 1 p.m.

Feb. 6
Sinclair Talks:
Dark Girls
Library Loggia, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 10
Sinclair Talks:
Leadership Lessons From the Wizard of Oz
Library Loggia, noon to 1 p.m.

Feb. 11
Sinclair Talks:
UpDayton — Come and find out more about this great organization
Building 7 Marketplace, 11 to 1 p.m.

Feb. 11
Sinclair Talks:
MLA Style and Format
Building 7 Room L03, 1 to 2 p.m. .

Feb. 12
Sinclair Women's and Men's basketball game:
Edison State Community College
Building 8 Gymnasium, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Career Job Fair Held at Sinclair Community College

Job fair continued from front

Tate acknowledged that even though the health-care field is growing, the job market is tight. She urged that students need to differentiate themselves in some way and "take every opportunity to connect with employers."

She also said that students who are within two semesters of graduating are eligible for assistance from Career Services.

"They can come in and register with our office; we can help them find jobs, we can help them fine-tune their resume, we can help them with their interviewing skills," she said. "One of the goals of the job fair is for [the students] to get an interview ... we will practice with them as many times as they want until they feel confident enough to go into that interview."

Tate said there is no cost to students for assistance through Career Services.

For students who are considering health care as a career, Tate said the presentations at the job fair are a good place to talk to students and faculty about the various careers in that field.

After that, if they are still unsure about which career path to choose, she said students can come to Career Services and take an assessment test.

"They can talk to our staff members and go over what some of their options will be — based on their personality, skills, abilities, interests — things like that," she said.

Careers in life and health sciences can range from a medical receptionist to a nurse, and anything in between, Tate said.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website,

the medical field accounted for the largest share of receptionist jobs in 2012 at 19 percent. Receptionists earned on average nearly \$26,000 in 2012, and the need for new receptionists in all fields is expected to grow 14 percent by 2022.

Registered nurses, on the other hand, earned an average of over \$65,000 in 2012 according to the Department of Labor. There were nearly 2.75 million nurses employed in the U.S. that year, and that number is expected to increase 19 percent by 2022.

Because of the demand for workers, there may be a wait list for students who want to get into certain programs. This is done to help match the number of graduating students to the actual need of the industry, according to Tate.

Tate said it is important that students investigate the program they want to go into, whether or not there is a waitlist and what they can do in the meantime while they're on the waitlist. She said students should make sure that it is something they really want to do, cautioning them to choose a major because they are passionate and/or value that profession.

"We don't want people to choose to become a nurse because they think they will make a lot of money. They do make a nice salary, but if you can't stand the sight of blood or you're not willing to work a flexible schedule ... that's not going to be a good job for you," she said.

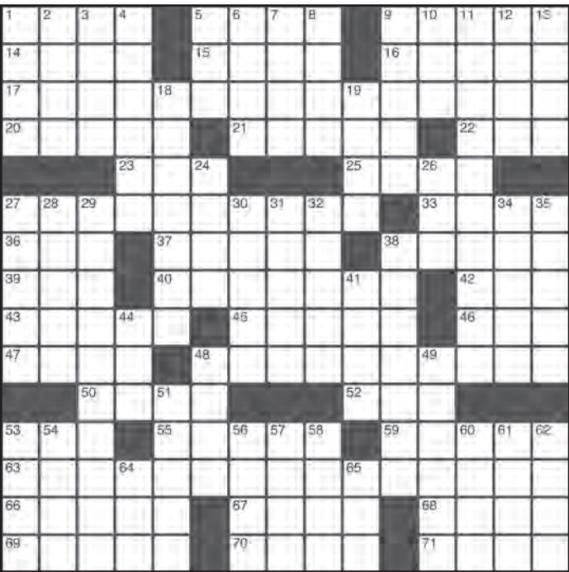
Student presentations will begin at 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. The Career and Job Fair begins at 11:30 a.m. and goes to 3:00 p.m.

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Each week, the Clarion will feature a photo of students without identifying them. Keep your eye out for a Clarion photographer throughout this semester. It's up to our readers to figure out if they or someone they know has been spotted.

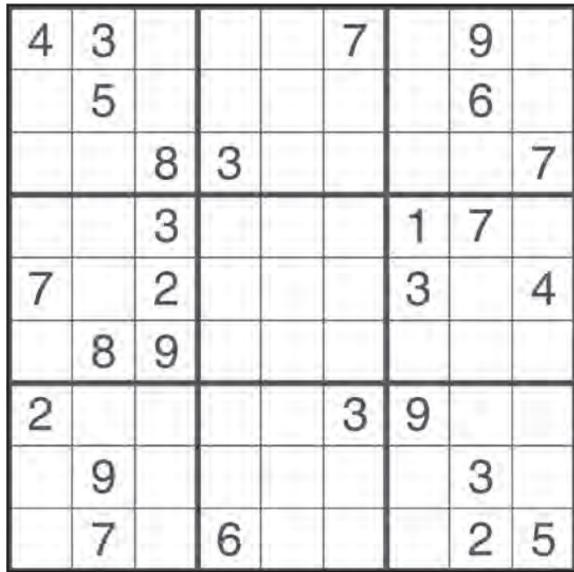


crosswordpuzzle



- ACROSS**
- NetZero and AOL
 - Winter precipitation
 - "Poison" plant
 - NBAer O'Neal
 - Classic film character whose last word was "Rosebud"
 - "The Devil Wears ___"
 - Linus' trademark in "Peanuts" comics
 - Bone: Pref.
 - U-shaped river bend
 - USN rank
 - NYC dance troupe
 - Daunting duty
 - 1959 Hudson/Day film
 - Emulated Michael Phelps
 - School subj. with a lab
 - Link with
 - Stable newborns
 - Chatter
 - Mistaken
 - Wine, on le menu
 - Increasing in vol., musically
 - ___ firma
 - Decline
 - Rope material
 - Song publisher's output
 - Othello's confidant
 - Barnyard clucker
 - Former Texas governor Richards
 - Church keyboard
 - Say
 - Waistline concern
 - Without a break
 - "Not a problem"
 - Sky bear
 - Fizzy fountain drinks
 - Lowly laborer
 - CPR pros
- Down**
- "That ___ last week!"
 - Females
 - War-ending agreement
 - Rat on the gang
 - Hit the slopes
 - Belg.-based peacekeeping gp.
 - Black stone
 - Jack who played Sgt. Joe Friday
 - Breed, as salmon
 - Keats' Grecian vase
 - Disturbs the status quo
 - Port in Yemen
 - Litter box users
 - Like some high-tech machines
 - Search (for)
 - Bed with a mate
 - GI show gp.
 - TV show about a consultant thought to have ESP
 - "As if ___!"
 - Having similar opinions
 - Canines and molars
 - "But only God can make ___": Kilmer
 - "The Maltese Falcon" actor Peter
 - Suspect's story
 - "Hardball" aier
 - Case of false incrimination
 - Surg. branch
 - Restful retreat
 - Achy
 - False
 - Olympians' dreams
 - "Famous" cookie guy
 - Chile boy
 - Surprised sound
 - Fluish feeling
 - Wolfe of detective fiction
 - Time in office
 - Sunrise direction
 - Nutritional stds.
 - Forensic ID
 - D.C. bigwig

sudokupuzzle



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.

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!

daytonevents

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Heart Health Screening
Blood pressure screening and finger stick to check for blood sugar, cholesterol and HDL.
Miami Valley Hospital
Starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.; free to attend

Wednesday, Feb. 5
\$1.00 Hamburger Night
Hamburgers, wings, fries, onion rings, fish etc... served during the evening.
Kettering American Legion Post 598
Starts at 5 p.m. And ends at 7 p.m. Dishes other than hamburgers will be priced differently priced. Must be 18 and up to attend.

Thursday, Feb. 6
Bob Zany
Live comedian to perform stand-up act.
Wiley's Comedy Club
Event starts at 8 p.m.; costs \$7/\$12 or \$15 to attend.

Friday, Feb. 7
Horror Film Auditions
Auditions for a film short called 'October Leaves' beginning on March 2 to be held. For more information, email j.t.vanderhoef@gmail.com
Victoria Theatre
Begins at 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8
Shawn Sweeny
Solo artist to perform live music
Jimmie's Ladder 11
Event starts at 10 p.m. and ends at 2 a.m.; free to attend

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How to protect yourself from identity theft

Identity theft continued from front

Q *Are there any misconceptions about identity theft? If so, what are they?*

A Actually yes. People think that if they have no credit or bad credit that no one will bother them — not true. I've seen people in both of these categories affected by identity theft.

Q *What kind of activities make people more susceptible to getting their identity stolen?*

A I think in today's society, we are all susceptible. However, being careless with personal information and not paying attention to warning signs makes people more so. Unfortunately, seniors and college students are targets, as identity thieves think they are easy marks. People who use shared computers are also vulnerable.

Q *If their identity is stolen, what should a person do?*

- File a police report.
- Place a fraud alert with all three credit bureaus.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-438-4338 or visit their web site.

Q *Are the recent events with Target a common occurrence? Are there some retailers that are more vulnerable? If so, how can shoppers tell?*

A I don't think that at this point in time this is a common occurrence, however now that it has happened it creates a challenge for hackers to top it. I think what this shows us is that it could happen to any business. There is no way to know where the thieves will strike next.

Q *What rights does a consumer have if they suspect their identity has been stolen?*

A You have the right to:

- Stop creditors and debt collectors from reporting fraudulent accounts. After you give them a copy of a valid identity theft report, they may not report fraudulent accounts to the credit reporting companies.
- Get copies of documents related to the theft of your identity, like transaction records or applications for new accounts. You must include a copy of your police report and an identity theft affidavit with your written request to the company that has the documents. You can tell the company to give the documents to a specific law enforcement agency.
- Stop a debt collector from contacting you. In most cases, debt collectors must stop contacting you after you send them a letter telling them to stop.
- Get written information from a debt collector about a debt, including the name of the creditor and the amount you supposedly owe.

Q *How does someone obtain another individual's information?*

A Information can be obtained by going through someone else's trash cans and stealing their sensitive information such as bills and documents. Identity can also be stolen from a thief's place of business and they could be taking a photo of your credit/debit card and use it to create another accounts. Thieves can misuse the name of a legit business and call or send emails that trick you into revealing personal information. Your purse, wallet, book bag or mail can be stolen along with your credit cards, driver's license, passport, health insurance card and other items that show personal information. Thieves can also take another approach: they pretend to offer you a job, a loan, send bogus emails and ask you to send them personal information to qualify. It's called phishing.

Q *Why are some activities considered more dangerous in regards to having your identity stolen than others; such as paying with your credit card at the gas pump rather than paying inside, etc.?*

A Some credit or debit activities are more dangerous than others simply because at some places you may not have

a clerk that you come in contact with; if a clerk is suspicious, the crook can be questioned. However, at gas stations you are hearing more about the skimmers that are hidden in gas pumps which allow crooks to clone your credit or debit card. Some crooks have master keys to open the compartments to store the hardware or they can also do wireless internal skimmers that transmit the card data to them via bluetooth devices. Use cash when you buy gas or use a credit card instead of debit. If you have to use a debit card do not use your pin number and monitor your bank account.

Q *Are there any other tips or advice you could offer?*

- Obtain a free credit report every 12 months, read your bank, credit card and account statements and check for errors or suspicious information.
- Before you throw away any personal information, shred all documents.
- Delete messages that you receive that are not legitimate such as text, email and phone messages that ask for your personal information.
- Create unique passwords and do not use the same password for more than one account.
- If you shop or bank

online make sure the website you visit is protected with "https" in the web address.

- If you use public wireless networks do not send information to any website that isn't fully encrypted.
- Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a firewall on your computer.
- Set your computer's operating system, web browser and security system to update automatically.

Q *When is the financial counseling office at Sinclair open? Where is it located? How can a person go about making an appointment? What are some of the services offered?*

A Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) is at Sinclair on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You can make an appointment by calling our main number at 937-643-2227, or you can schedule an appointment with the counselors that are located at Sinclair in Building 10 on the fourth floor in the Student Services office. The services we offer are financial counseling, foreclosure prevention counseling, bankruptcy counseling, debt management program, credit report review, financial literacy education and student loan counseling.

New parking equipment

Parking continued from front

"I think students will love the new change because it enables them to get out faster," he said. "We want people to understand why we are transitioning and to see how easy this machine will be to operate."

Lot K, however, will remain the same, with a booth and a cashier following spring break.

"Lot K will be phase two," he said. "We are doing this in phases and it is a very large project."

Murphy said not only can the change be seen as a way for quicker exit, but it has given the campus a chance to replace the old equipment that has been around more than 25 years.

"I encourage students to use their Tartan cards because of the discount," he said. "If you use your Tartan card you won't have to bring cash to campus."

The new equipment was paid for through capital funding.

For students who find that the magnetic stripe on their Tartan card have stopped working, it is recommended that they get their Tartan card replaced.

"I agree with everybody, it's not easy to get out of the parking garage — it takes time," he said. "Pulling that cash out of the parking garage and making it a true student lot, I think for our students is best."

Unique February Holidays

CLARION COMMENTARY

Jennifer Franer

Assistant Editor

We start off the month of Unique Holidays on Feb. 4 with Create a Vacuum Day. This day may seem a little strange to some, but it could take on many meanings. Creating a vacuum could mean you are creating a mental vacuum that takes all of your stress away, or even your debt. However, if you want to attempt to create a vacuum cleaner on this day — by all means, go for it. It may save you some time on trying to fix your broken one that has been sitting in the closet forever.

Feb. 6 is Lame Duck Day. This day has a specific burning sensation to those of you who are worried about losing your jobs. If you have been worried about it, today is the day to meet your maker. If you are a lame duck, on this day you will be, “shown the door” and asked to leave your current position. One positive note about this day is that it can ease your mind. But if you happen to get fired on Feb. 7, don’t blame it on me.

Feb. 7 is Wave All your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day. As opposed to just one specific finger that is used to show anger towards another person, this day is used to put a smile on people’s faces. A small caution: waving all your fingers may not only put a smile on someone’s face, but it may also improve their mood. Be sure to smile extremely big when waving all your fingers so the receiver is aware that you mean well — if not you may end up getting in some trouble.

For all you computer and IT geeks out there, prepare for Feb. 10 because you may be getting some calls, as it is Clean out Your Computer Day. For those of you who know how to clean out your computer, go ahead and go to town. Delete all your used programs; empty your temporary Internet files; do anything as long as it in-

volves cleaning your computer. For those of you who don’t know how to clean out your computer, maybe dusting it will do just fine until you can find a friend who will do it for you.

Apart from Valentine’s Day, National Organ Donor Day is on Feb. 14. Use this day as a time to give back to those who may need it at some point in life. Although most of us do not like talking about death, being able to donate your organs to those who may need it in the future is a selfless thing to do. It may be better than pouting about being single.

Feb. 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day, and one that I think is pretty self-explanatory. On this day you can help pick up a fellow student’s books that have dropped, hold the door open if it happens to be raining, or just comment on how you like someone’s clothes. Whatever you choose to do, do it out of kindness and you will be set.

On Feb. 18 it is National Battery Day. Batteries are everywhere — in our computers, in our phones and in our cars. Can you imagine a world where we would still have to crank our cars to get them to start? What would happen if that battery you so desperately needed was not available? Our lives would be entirely different. Feb. 18 is the day to thank these batteries. Maybe give them a break; don’t charge anything and imagine your life without that battery to remind yourself not to take them for granted.

On Feb. 20 feel free to call up the closest cook that you know and ask for a good ol’ cherry pie, because this day is Cherry Pie Day. If you don’t like cherry pie, use this day as an excuse to make sure that you don’t like cherry pie and try it again.

Feb. 22, International World Thinking Day, is a day that is to be set aside to ponder and contemplate. On this day, take the time to think about your life, how you are going to accomplish your goals, or how awe-

some it would be to sit around and do nothing. Whatever you plan on doing, make sure you give it some deep thought and your world thinking will be accomplished.

Feb. 24 is none other than National Tortilla Chip Day. This may be a good day to plan on getting Chipotle, Hot Head Burrito or El Rancho Grande. A Mexican restaurant of any kind would be enough to satisfy this day, as long as a tortilla chip is eaten.

National Pistachio Day is Feb. 26. The pistachio is a member of the Anacardiaceae family, which contains plants such as the cashew, mango and poison oak, according to avtreefarm.com. Although this may seem strange to some, pistachios are a healthy nut that can last forever before going expired. They are also an easy thing to add to lunch. Whether you choose to research pistachios or eat them, make sure pistachios are on your mind on this day.

Feb. 27 may be a popular one for students, as it is No Brainer Day. Use this day as a way to try and convince your professors and teachers to go easy on the coursework and make everything a “no brainer.” You can use this day to take a break from the previous holiday where you had to think and contemplate. Just sit on your couch, soaking up the nothingness.

If any of you have taken a nap in the library, feel free to invite your friends on Feb. 28 because it is Public Sleeping Day. On this day you could blame the sleeping in class on the holiday, or decide to put together a place in the library to create a “community sleep” while waiting on your next class. This would be a perfect day to catch up on the sleep that you have longed for since the semester started.

If you have any holidays worth mentioning, email the Clarion @ Sinclair.edu. Happy celebrating.

Baseball exhibit coming to Sinclair Community College

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Carter first started his collection when he saw a Pittsburgh Crawford Jersey at the Salem mall. His brother Darnell has helped add to his collection throughout the years by giving him jerseys as gifts.

Carter described the jerseys as hot, saying that they are made of heavy-gauge wool and long sleeves.

“Jerseys prior to the 1930s were usually two colors and they had no numbers,” he said. “After that they became more colorful and had shorter sleeves, which you will be able to see at the exhibit.”

The baseball jerseys come from a company called Ebbets Field Flannels, where they make authentic baseball

jerseys, vintage flannels and vintage baseball caps, according to ebbets.com.

Carter said that in his collection, among his favorite is a jersey from the Dayton Marcos that he received from his brother for his birthday.

“Each year my brother, my friend Tony and I take a history trip in the summer,” Carter said. “Last year we went to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City ... we found out the exhibit traveled — from that point on I thought it would be wonderful to bring it to Sinclair.”

The art exhibit, with the exception of the jerseys, came from the museum where artists were commissioned to

create the work.

McClelland hopes that the exhibit will appeal to not only Art and Design majors on campus, but to history and sports buffs alike.

The exhibit is on display in the Triangle, Works on Paper and Hypotenuse galleries.

Sinclair’s REACH conference will be held on Feb. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m., and Executive Director of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Dr. Raymond Doswell will attend. On Feb. 28, a panel will take place where Doswell will give a keynote speech.

“I think it’s going to have a broader appeal than most of our normal art exhibits,” McClelland said. “There’s a message to the show.”

Fire Science Technology offers certificate and degree options



The Fire Science Technology program offers students who are interested in short-term certificate and degree options.



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The Fire Science Technology program at Sinclair Community College offers individuals interested in the fire-service field a short-term certificate and/or degree options.

“We have two degrees — associates and applied “sciences,” Rob Chambers, chair of the Fire Science Technology, program said. “We have a fire administration [program], Fire Science Technology Fire Administration, and we have Fire Engineering Technology.”

He said the Fire Administration program is aimed toward individuals who are already working at a fire department looking to move up into a chief officer position.

“It’s more management classes, it’s that type of a program,” he said. “So they take [human resources] kind of stuff; how to do human resources, how to deal with the issues, how to be a good fire officer.”

The Fire Engineering program is more math and science intensive, and emphasizes the technical aspects of being a fire-

fighter.

“[For example, students would learn about] fire protection systems, sprinklers, fire alarms,” he said. “It’s geared for the people who might do inspections and it teaches them the technical aspects of fire protection systems, human behavior in fire, things like that.”

In addition, he said individuals going through the Fire Engineering program may learn about building structures.

“That’s a big part of safety. You have to know how buildings are built so that you know how they fall down when they’re exposed to fire; that’s one of the big danger areas,” he said. “If you know the construction of the building, you know the dangers inherent to it, you know the signs and symptoms of when it’s going to fall down.”

The Fire Academy offers a certificate option for individuals who are seeking an hourly or volunteer position at a fire department.

“A lot of people send their folks here for fire training; the city of Dayton runs their fire academy through the college,” he said. “So [the] instructors,

they’re Dayton firefighters, but they’re also instructors for us too. We’re working together with them, and we use their training facilities. Our live fire training ... we actually do at the Dayton training center.”

The program also offers an option for students to get their fire and paramedic training through the Emergency Medical Service/Fire Science certificate program.

For individuals who are undecided, or are seeking to pursue a different major, this major could be a good fit for them if they consider themselves to be thrill-seekers, according to Chambers.

“People that are kind of risk-takers ... love this job,” he said. “It’s excitement — adrenaline junkies would love this. If you’re a person of action, this is a great job. Those are the kind of people that are attracted to it. The fire service, in general as a profession, you have periods where you have inactivity or you’re not doing much, then all of a sudden at the drop of the alarm, it’s like you’re on fire — literally, it’s all or none. For the people who love that, it’s great.”

AHA club to host event

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The Atheist, Humanist and Agnostic Club will be hosting an event that is open to all individuals on campus Feb. 4.

“The event is [a debate] between Ken Ham, who is the curator for the Creation Museum in Northern Kentucky, and Bill Nye the Science Guy,” Jackson Miller, AHA club president and Biology major said. “Ken Ham will present his facts and information on creationism, and Bill Nye on evolution.”

He said the event isn’t limited to those who are or aren’t religious, and that some classes are offering extra credit for attending.

“I think that the debate is not structured to be a real debate, but a couple of presentations with one rebuttal and a Q- and - A session, and Bill Nye has said that he is not there to debate; he’s just there to present the information for evolution,” Miller said. “We are going to stream it live for free here at Sinclair for the students and it will be nonbiased — just for everyone’s enjoyment — to come and hear these two intellectuals present their sides of the story.”

He said if anyone is interested in joining the AHA

club, they should consult the club’s Facebook page, facebook.com/AHAatSinclair.

He added that anyone is welcome to attend their weekly meetings, held every Thursday.

“Essentially anyone who doesn’t affiliate themselves with any type of religion or ... creed, or is more or less apathetic toward it, we want them to have a place where they can interact ... and build friendships and relationships with people on campus,” he said. “Also one of the main focuses of the AHA is to interact with the religious groups and people who are religious on campus — we feel that the terms agnostic and atheist sometimes are misconstrued and have a negative connotation to them, and we definitely would like to change that outlook.”

He explained that atheists are individuals who do not associate themselves with any type of religion, and rely on science to explain things; agnostics are individuals who are unsure of any religious affiliations and humanists are those who put individuals first.

“A humanist is a person who puts the individual first, the society first, as opposed to living your life for a superior being. We care for every

individual in your group and you try to find ways to help the group move forward in a positive manner. I don’t know if that’s totally accurate, but that’s more or less how I see it,” he said.

“An atheist is a person who doesn’t believe in any type of supernatural thing. They do rely very heavily on science, also with the understanding that science moves in a fashion where things are built on top of each other, so not everything can be explained by science at this point in time, but because you can’t explain something doesn’t mean you have to give it another reason; you wait for the evidence”

Miller said that agnostics are very similar to atheists in that they believe in evidence, but may not find whether or not their is a God important.”

A lot of people identify with being agnostic as ‘well I’m not really sure if there’s a God.’ A lot of them don’t find it necessarily important, or maybe they chalk it up to not having evidence either way,” he said.

He said the event will begin at 7 p.m. and will last two and a half hours. It will be presented in Building 14, Room 130. Cookies and refreshments will also be available at the event.

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Rachel Ruland
Social Work

"I don't think it's the wisest choice because some people don't like small charges on their credit cards. I know of a few people who don't even carry credit cards — they only have cash — so I'm not sure how that will work out."



Dionta Turner
Business Management

"My credit card charges a fee every time I use it, so I definitely prefer cash. I mean, I use the Tartan card all the time, but there are times when I forget my Tartan card and all I have is cash on me, so that would be a problem."



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The human brain: What we do and don't know

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ATLANTA — What can neuroscience tell us about ourselves?

The answer to this question has long fascinated laypersons, and for good reason. The human brain, an unprepossessing three-pound mass of Jell-O-like material stuffed into our skulls, is the most complex structure in the known universe. There are more than 12 times as many neurons (nerve cells) in our brains than there are people on earth, and these neurons forge an estimated 100 trillion — yes, that's 100,000,000,000,000 — interconnections. In ways that neuroscientists are only faintly beginning to grasp, our brains undergird just about everything that makes us who we are — our personalities, memories, hopes, and most intimate thoughts and feelings.

Moreover, our brains are unmatched in many capacities. As New York University psychologist Gary Marcus has observed, no computer can rival our brains when it comes to inferring meaning. Marcus describes a Stanford University computer system, "Deep Learning," which has been programmed to distinguish positive from negative film reviews. Effective as Deep Learning is for some purposes, it is breathtakingly stupid compared with the human brain. Give the computer a line from a review that reads, "This is a film that cannot afford to be ignored," and it rates the review as negative. In contrast to humans, who immediately grasp the meaning of the sentence, Deep Learning merely counts the number of negative words (such as "ignored") it encounters. The computer, well, computes; the person understands.

Discovering how the brain accomplishes this and other mental feats is one of science's most exciting endeavors. It is also one of the most difficult. As scientist Paul Alivisatos, director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California, noted, "Understanding how the brain works is arguably one of the greatest scientific

challenges of our time."

As a psychologist interested in the causes of mental disorders, I am heartened by my field's relatively recent interest in the brain. For many decades, psychology was largely brainless. I did my graduate work in clinical psychology in the 1980s, and I can still vividly recall discussions with psychologists who insisted that mental disorders could be understood without any recourse to the brain. Back then, some prominent scholars contended that autism and schizophrenia, for instance, were merely products of bad upbringing. Today, we know that virtually all mental disorders are partly heritable, and that the genes that contribute to these conditions work by influencing the brain's function and perhaps structure.

Fortunately, brainless psychology is a thing of the past, and the past two decades have been remarkably fruitful for neuroscience. In particular, the advent of functional neuroimaging tools, such as positron emission tomography (PET), functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), and single proton emission computed tomography (SPECT), have allowed scientists to visualize the brain in action. Among other things, these techniques have offered us tantalizing cues regarding the brain correlates of mental disorders, such as schizophrenia, and of social problems, such as prejudice.

In the case of schizophrenia, we now know that this condition is associated with underactivity in the brain's frontal lobes, which subserve organization, planning and memory. This finding, in turn, may help to account for some of the cognitive deficits of this often devastating condition.

In the case of prejudice, psychologists have discovered that most whites display an immediate bias toward unfamiliar African-American faces: Their amygdalas, almond-shaped structures deep within the brain that respond to threat — "amygdala" derives from the ancient Greek word for "almond" — become activated when they view such faces for about one-thirtieth of a second. Yet, if we show white participants these African-

American faces for about half of a second, we typically see initial amygdala activation, followed by activation in the anterior cingulate cortex and a region of the brain's frontal lobes, both of which play roles in the inhibition of impulses.

Hence, neuroscience implies that although many of us harbor reflexive biases against people of other races, most of us learn to override these biases.

Still, the linkages between the brain and human behavior remain poorly understood.

For example, we don't know whether the brain differences between people with and without schizophrenia contribute to this condition, or are merely statistically associated with it. At the risk of oversimplification, imaging techniques have generally been more successful in providing us with a map of the brain's functions than in elucidating how these functions connect up with psychological experiences. That will surely change, especially with new imaging methods that permit scientists to track the pathways of neural signals as they course through the brain; yet the brain's staggering complexity reminds us that progress along these lines is likely to be glacial.

Recently, science journalist David Dobbs asked a group of neuroscientists, "Of what we need to know to fully understand the brain, what percentage do we know now?" Their estimates were all under 10 percent. Part of the problem is that functioning imaging techniques, remarkable as they are, are blunt instruments. The images generated by fMRI, for instance, display "voxels," little blobs that contain tens of thousands of neurons. As a consequence, a brain scan is a bit like the view of a sprawling city we glean from an airplane at 30,000 feet; we can make out some major landmarks, but we can't see people, let alone their interactions with each other. This state of affairs may soon improve with the Obama administration's recently announced BRAIN (Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Technologies) Initiative, whose goal is to identify the activity of each of the human brain's 85 billion or so neurons. If successful, this

initiative should permit us to map neuronal activity in a far more fine-grained fashion than we can now.

As exciting as brain imaging technologies have been, we must be vigilant about the dangers of going beyond the data. In our recent book, "Brainwashed: The Seductive Appeal of Mindless Neuroscience," my co-author, psychiatrist Sally Satel, and I discuss the premature application of brain imaging to marketing, lie detection, criminal responsibility, addiction and other domains. Although we acknowledge the potential of neuroimaging to shed light on all of these areas, we worry that the media, entrepreneurs and even a few exuberant researchers have at times advanced simplistic claims concerning neuroscience.

For instance, over the years, various teams of neuroimagers have claimed to have pinpointed a "God spot" in the brain's right parietal lobe, just above the ear. Yet recent work reveals that no such spot exists. Although there are certainly brain correlates of religious belief, such belief draws on multiple brain structures that interact in unfathomably complex ways.

Finally, in our understandable zeal regarding neuroscience's potential to inform our understanding of ourselves, we must be careful not to lose sight of alternative perspectives. Just as psychology was largely brainless prior to the 1980s, psychology is now at risk of becoming mindless, of forsaking the mental level of analysis. Although our thoughts and emotions are ultimately enabled by brain events, they may never be fully reducible to such events. These psychological experiences may be "emergent properties," phenomena that can't be decomposed into their lower-order elements. At any rate, these phenomena need to be understood and appreciated in their own right.

The mind is far too complex to be left to either neuroscientists or psychologists alone. To crack the enduring mystery of what makes us human, we will require the insights of experts from both fields.

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