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UHD students become the match for blood cancer patients



Be The Match, a foundation dedicated to finding matches for blood cancer through bone marrow transplant, came to visited UHD campus. Employees and volunteers of Be The Match, many of who are on the registry to be a marrow donor, informed students on the process and requirements.
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College Life

by **Jessica Hernando**
 Staff Writer

From September 23 - 25, Be The Match Foundation came to UHD! The event had lively music, free food and enthusiastic volunteers encouraging students to sign up as a donor at the bone marrow registry.

The goal of Be The Match is to help blood cancer patients find their ideal marrow donor match. By donating marrow, healthy people can cure diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell anemia and other blood-related diseases. 70 percent of patients who need a marrow transplant do not have a matching donor in their family and about 12,000 patients a year rely on the registry

to find a match.

10.5 million people are registered donors and the number is growing every day. In the last three days, UHD signed up over 200 people to be on the registry. "I always love coming to the UHD campus. People are very willing to sign up," stated Be The Match staff member, Tazia Jackson, who has worked with them for three years now.

Jackson has been on the registry for three years and has not been called yet as a match. According to her, donating marrow to cancer patients means "everything to them."

"You're not only donating to the patients, you are donating to their entire family. You are giving

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World

Animal protection: A Chinese perspective



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by **Theodore Shull**
 Staff Reporter

Wednesday, September 25, Professor Sun Jiang of Northwest China University of Politics and

Law, addressed an audience at UHD about the Animal Welfare Crisis in China, speaking in Mandarin Chinese and translated by UHD's Associate Professor of Political Science, Dr. Peter Li.

Dr. Jiang is the Director of the Research Center for Animal Protection and Law, the first and only institution in China devoted to Animal Protection Law Research, offering classes to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Dr. Jiang described the crisis that China faces as three-sided, "legislative, cultural and political" with each side contributing to the problems currently facing China, and each aspect being crucial for any future solution. The two professors began by

outlining China's animal problems in relation to humans.

Mainland China is home to the world's largest livestock industry because, as Dr. Li stated "the Chinese people in general have a ferocious appetite for meat." There are currently 465 million pigs being raised in Chinese farms, roughly half of the world's pig population, and over 488 million rabbits raised in China. It is also home to over 100 million dogs, with 10 million dogs being slaughtered for food

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Opinion

Guns and coffee: best combination ever?

"Coffee: helping you do stupid things faster and with more energy." Some variation of this idea can be found widely disseminated on the internet. But what about open carry of a firearm and coffee?



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by **Stephanie Claybourn**
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Depending on how you look at it, the issue of open carry isn't as prevalent in Texas as it is in states like California. Unfortunately, in states with open carry provisions the incidence of Starbucks patrons walk-

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UHD's crime statistics are out



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Every three years, the university is required by federal law to publish an annual report regarding campus crime statistics.

Recently, the University of Houston-Downtown released their statistics and sent the results to all students, faculty and staff members, using the gatormail account. In accordance to the law, UHD is required to report every year, crime statistics containing three years' worth of information, not including the year it is released.

The report is broken down into the following categories: On campus crime statistics, on campus arrests, public property crime statistics, public property crime arrests, hate crime statistics and disciplinary action referrals. Because UHD does not have residential facilities, the report does not contain the crime statistics regarding residential facilities.

Between 2010 and 2012, the number of on-campus crime statistics and arrests decreased gradually. Four robbery reports were filed in 2010 and 2012 combined and only one on-

campus aggravated assault was filed in 2010. In addition, the report contains information regarding the procedures and policies of sexual misconduct, including a website that contains the names of registered offenders on campus grounds.

Five attempted motor vehicle thefts reports were also filed in 2010, but none were filed in 2011 or 2012. Eight on-campus arrests in total were filed between 2010 and 2012; two of the arrests in 2010 involved drugs and two other arrests on the same year involved weapons; in 2011, two arrests involved drugs and in 2012, two arrests involved alcohol.

Public property crime statistics showed that in 2010, three aggravated assaults were reported. In 2011, only one robbery incident was reported, while 2012 remained free from crime reports. Public property arrests for 2010 show that out of 31 violations, 30 involved drugs. The other

violation involved a weapon. In 2011, only one drug violation was filed and in 2012, no violations were reported.

The report includes information on what consists as public property:

"Statistics for Public Property Crime was compiled for crimes occurring from 500 North Main (to the north) to 100 Main Street @1000 Franklin Street (to the south) to 200 Travis Street @200 Girard Street (to the west) to the sidewalk running along Main Street/North Main Street and along Metrorail Station for non-university property."

Check your gatormail for a complete report of the university's crime statistics. The report contains crucial information defining the different activities that are subject for investigation, including what determines immediate attention and those that are subject for gatormail emergency notifications.

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Government shuts down until further notice



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The United States government shut down this past Tuesday, October 1. After grueling debates and intense arguments, Republicans and Democrats have been unable to come up with a spending plan for the fiscal year. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare, caused Republicans and Democrats to be divided on the issue of spending. Republicans, at all costs, seek to defund or cut spending on Obam-

care; Democrats on the other hand view the cutting of Obamacare as a deal breaker.

This conflict has the potential to cause the nation serious economic and social problems, starting with the 800,000 federal workers who are temporarily unemployed. It is uncertain how long the government shutdown will last, but economically speaking, a three to four week shutdown may cost the nation a hefty \$5.5 billion. The breakdown of money loss is as follows: about \$1.6 billion are lost in a week, \$300

million are lost in a day and \$12.5 million are lost in an hour. Billions of dollars are at stake and if Congress fails to stop the shutdown, an increasing debt may soon max out America's credit card, which has a limit of 17 trillion dollars.

Services deemed essential to life and health will continue to operate, but with limited funds. The department of defense, social security and other services essential to the welfare of the American people will not close down. In the midst of turmoil, despair and temporary unemployment, the

president and Congress will continue to receive their pay as scheduled.

Because of the government shutdown, Houston is being impacted as well. The courts have enough money to keep running, but only for about ten days. Out of the 18,000 employees at NASA only 380 are working in order to keep the facilities running. All national parks within Houston proximity will close down. The Houston Museum District will keep operating normally.

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2013 United States Conference on AIDS - Information is medicine



courtesy of Kristopher Sharp

by Elizabeth Padgett
Staff Writer

The 17 United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) was held September 8-11 of this year in New Orleans with great success. USCA is the largest AIDS-related event held in the states that gathers those affected on all sides of the epidemic: case managers, physicians, public health workers, advocates, people living with HIV/AIDS and policy-makers. Their

goal is to form a national support network and encourage the exchange of the latest information in order to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Grant Colfax, MD and Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy stated in his lecture at the conference “nearly a fifth of people living with HIV aren’t diagnosed and only 25 percent – one out of four people – living with HIV in this country has the vi-

rus under control.”

A presentation highlight, entitled HIV Criminalization, given on day one of the USCA, helped erase the stigmas of those living with HIV in the US and around the world. William McColl of AIDS United, Washington, DC spoke about the prosecutions given to individuals with HIV in which the actions committed was greatly disproportionate to the sentencing. McColl cites the US’s “overreliance on incarceration” as leading and perpetuating the outdated beliefs of individuals with HIV worldwide. The panel also discussed the growing problems of criminalization of people of color, mass incarceration and similar issues that are seen across the world.

In a strategic effort to help educate the Latino community about AIDS, Yesenia Kimberly Palacios and Eddie Gon-

zalez of Fundación Latino Americana Contra El SIDA, Inc., Houston, brought in theatrical troupe Grupo de Teatro Indigo to perform a cold-reading of the play “Stigma Sero’ Positive.” The play was written by Gonzalez and provides a compelling message to counter the stigmas surrounding HIV / AIDS. Gonzalez and Palacios hope to use the arts as an influence in their community to change opinions.

The USCA truly recognized all individuals who may be effected by HIV / AIDS and had numerous discussions and panels on how to better help those living with it. Issues that were discussed nearly all three days included overviews of medial and insurance protection information, ways to reduce transmissions, needs of the aging population with HIV, how to help the homeless and

learning from treatment and prevention programs already in place across the country.

Dr. Amy Nunn, ScD, MS, reported on the Do One Thing campaign, an HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV) testing and awareness program from Philadelphia, PA. A particular neighborhood in the city has an HIV infection rate five times higher than the national average. Dr. Nunn noted that some urban neighborhoods in the US have higher infection rates than countries seen in Sub Saharan Africa.

Even though treatable, Dr. Nunn said the HCV infection could still be deadly. “It is at least five times more prevalent than HIV, and we’ve ignored it for too long,” she said. Dr. Nunn’s goal is to heavily saturate this singular, high-risk southwest community in Philadelphia with testing and services information,

and see what would happen. It has not been an easy fight and she struggles with the high decline rate in which 55 percent of people contacted decline to come in for testing in a clinical setting. Dr. Nunn’s efforts have not gone unrewarded, though. Her campaign has increased the number of individuals tested for HIV and HCV by at least fifteen-fold. Dr. Nunn concluded her presentation by saying that the campaign is still a work in progress and “what really matters is getting people into care.”

The 2014 USCA will be held in San Diego. If you’d like more information regarding the USCA, please visit the National Minority AIDS Council at www.nmac.org.

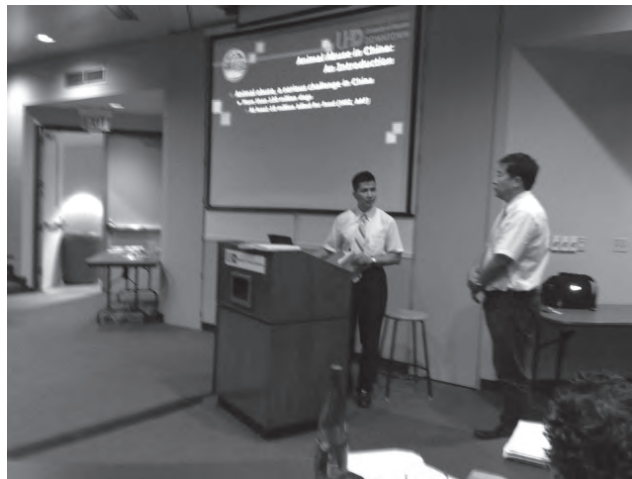
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each year. Unlike the United States, Chinese law does not classify domestic animals as different from traditional livestock animals, nor do they classify wild animals into different classifications. As a result, this makes it very difficult to regulate and protect different species.

Another issue hampering legislation is the cultural practice of using ingredients from “wild animals” in traditional Chinese medicine. In rural regions of China, up to 10,000 wild bears are farmed by confining large bears in small cages for up to 27 years, their average lifespan. Bear Farmers make an incision in the bear’s stomach and insert cath-

eters to extract the bile, a traditional ingredient in Chinese medicine. Up to 5,000 tigers are raised on Chinese farms, because they too bring Chinese farmers income through their use in traditional medicine. Adult Chinese Pangolins, or ant-eaters, are sought after for their meat and scales, which are ground into powder and used as restorative tonics.

Chinese legislators have outlawed the practice of removing bear paws, which is considered a delicacy among wealthy Chinese diners. A shipment was recently discovered and confiscated, after being smuggled into the Mongolian region through Siberia. Last year over 35,000



Theodore Shull / Dateline Downtown

African Elephants were killed for their tusks, with over 40 percent sent to supply the Chinese ivory market. According to Dr. Jiang “over 17 million sharks have been slaughtered in the last few years” all to supply China and Hong Kong

with the ingredients for expensive “shark-fin soup.”

Political differences vary from the national and local level in industries such as the lucrative fur-trade. China is home to over 100 million fur animals, and this

has become the economic engine in rural areas, supplying a worldwide market.

Animal legislation in China mainly focuses on animals as property for societal purposes, but has lagged behind Hong Kong, Taiwan and Western countries in general animal welfare protections. With China’s developing role in world politics and an influx of animal rights groups, China is beginning to make some important progress.

Legislative proposals have been introduced in the National People’s Congress after an incident at the Hangzhou Zoo. Visitors were caught on international media outlets throwing

snowballs and other objects at two lions (one of which was blind), which sparked an international outcry. China adopted stricter regulations for its zoos and wild-life parks, but much more legislation is required.

Overall, Dr. Jiang and Dr. Li stated that this behavior is not only unacceptable, but also transcultural and global. The exploitation of animals is not a new phenomenon, nor is it only a Chinese problem. Humans in general must think about the physical and mental trauma that are inflicted on other species.

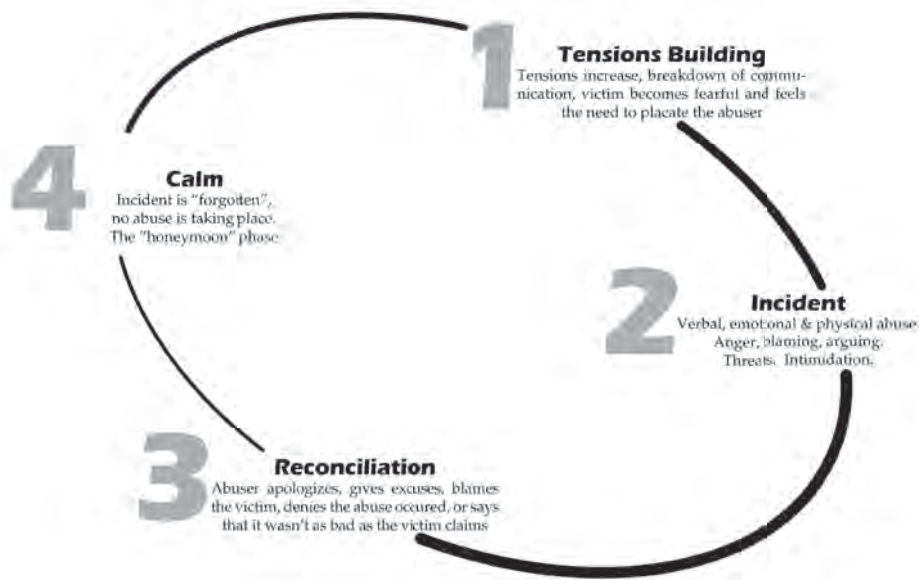


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It's relationship awareness month problem

Cycle of Abuse



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We don't take relationship violence very seriously.

There are many things that hold people back from talking about domestic violence and sexual violence. These barriers to communication about something that happens far too often need to be broken down. October is Relationship Violence Awareness Month, and there are things that you can do to shed some light on the huge issue.

There are six different types of abuse: physical, verbal, emotional, economic, mental and sexual.

Physical abuse is anything that physically harms you, from pushing and shoving to blocking your exits and using weapons.

Verbal abuse can be mocking or constantly yelling and screaming.

Emotional abuse means shaming, controlling who you talk to or communicate with, not being respectful, etc.

Economic abuse can be anything from making one person pay for everything to keeping you from getting an education.

Mental abuse can mean making you think you are crazy, lying and threatening to "out" one's partner.

Sexual abuse is anything from keeping you from getting an abortion to rape or unwanted sexting.

All types of abuse happen and all are valid. What I see happening is the invalidation of anything but physical abuse, and sometimes ignoring that. Just because you are in a relationship with

someone doesn't mean that they have the right to control you, and it certainly doesn't mean that you cannot leave whenever you want. While it is not always realistic to leave a relationship for some people, there are resources to help.

A common excuse for any and all types of abuse is just that "they really care about me." This is used by victims to excuse their partner(s) and possibly to make themselves feel like what is happening is okay. This excuse can also be used by abusers to make it seem like they treat their partner(s) the way they do out of love.

While love and caring can be complicated in the ways that people express that, abuse is not caring and it is not loving. No matter what the intention, making another person feel lesser is never a

good thing.

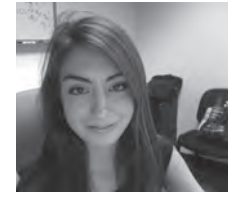
This month is a good time to bring up these issues with friends and family, if not to address serious issues than to at least make yourself and others aware. Many relationships are abusive simply because we don't know what is okay and what isn't.

This can be an uncomfortable topic, but that is all the more reason to talk about it. I personally know how incredibly difficult it is to recognize an abusive relationship. What hurts even worse than that is knowing that had I been educated earlier on healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships, it could have been avoided.

Take some time to educate yourself. The Women and Gender Advocacy Center is hosting events throughout the month to raise awareness. For instance, the Red Flags Campaign encourages the CSU community to say something when they see warning signs in a friend or family member's relationship.

We can't afford to ignore this issue any longer. I encourage you to use this opportunity to talk about these issues, create a safe community for yourself and others, and recognize that abuse can and does happen within the confines of a relationship.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:



Jacqueline Reyes
Editor-in-Chief

Throughout the semester, the Dateline Downtown staff and I have been working laboriously to keep you informed on the happenings of the school that interest you by means of our print newspaper.

Since the early summer of this year, we have practiced our writing, attended conferences and workshops, joined prominent national and local journalism organizations and have continually sought advice to improve the quality of the newspaper in every aspect. We also strive to hold our journalism integrity to the highest level when researching and writing a story. With that being said, we are ready for our stories to be able to reach you and everyone else.

In an effort to keep you informed through every avenue available, we worked throughout the summer to create a website. While we love our print newspaper dearly and have no plans whatsoever to move online entirely, we do

recognize the need for an online new site. In this issue we are proud to announce Dateline Downtown's official website: **dateline-downtown.com**.

Here, you will find all stories printed in this newspaper and more! We encourage you to explore our site and give us feedback.

The last time Dateline Downtown had an online website was in 2011, which was shut down due to financial reasons and before then, a website never existed. We are proud and content with the work we have done so far, but we want to reach our maximum potential possible with the resources we have available.

We are always curious to know what our readers think about us. Please send us your thoughts, suggestions, story ideas, etc. (please review the submission policy on page two) to dateline.editor@yahoo.com. We are not afraid of negative criticism (trust me). We prefer to hear what we did wrong, or what we need to do to improve on, or what we lack versus receiving no feedback at all.

Best wishes to our students during midterms and the professors who will be grading.

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The definition of 'journalist' could change



by Lauriston Brewster
Staff Editorial

On September 12, a Judiciary Committee pushed the Free Flow of Information Act of 2013 to the Senate. If the bill passes, US "federal entities" will no longer be able to force journalists to reveal anonymous sources of information obtained during the newsgathering and dissemination process (known as a "shield law"). From a superficial perspective, this may seem like a good thing. But a contentious area left lawmakers questioning what exactly makes a person a "journalist."

Before the start of the Spanish-American War, journalism was considered nothing more than manipulative sensationalism; reporters were encouraged to be as lurid and hyperbolic as possible in order to sell newspapers (going as far as to fabricate stories). But the field of journalism has come a long way since then (look to the Woodward-Bernstein era of legitimate journalism as testament).

With the effects of Watergate still lodged in our collective subconscious, this generation—our generation—is fighting with two conflicting ideals right now: the

strong demand for privacy salience while, at the same time, trying to make our increasingly more intrusive and opaque government become more transparent. And we ultimately look to good journalists to jump into the fray and come back with facts.

But social media has further compounded the grey-area of the Press and her powers. In this generation's lexicon, we have leakers, whistleblowers and probes. We have bloggers that (arguably) do a better job at disseminating the news than full-fledged media giants. And so Congress wishes to define a journalist thusly:

a journalist would be defined as someone employed by or in contract with a media outlet for at least one year within the last 20 years or three months within the last five years; someone with a substantial track record of freelancing in the last five years; or a student journalist.

This narrow definition most likely will not cover bloggers, self-employed journalists or certain independent media organizations (although there is a provision that says a Federal judge can deem someone a "covered person" so long as their newsgathering

practices have been consistent with the law).

There are a lot of objections to this definition. Detractors like Mike Masnick, writer for techdirt.com, put it in nicely, stating that, ultimately, profession should not define a journalist, but rather by the type of journalism they do. It's only appropriate since the advent of social media has made it so "anyone can do journalism, even if they're not employed as a journalist." As of now there are no federal shield laws to protect journalists; instead journalistic protection is decentralized and the scope of protection for a journalist varies across states.

A federal shield law would eliminate any contradictions between state laws—especially in regards to national reports.

But while some are saying a federal shield law is long over-due, many are not happy with the provisions of this particular one. And some are seeing this as 1) an obvious ploy to keep sites such as WikiLeaks at bay and not offer them any federal press protection and also 2) as a means to satiate anger over a certain journalism-related fiasco that transpired

over this summer.

Let it be known that when he was a senator, Barack Obama was actually a proponent of a federal shield law; but a year following his inaugural election he recanted his stance on the issue.

Then, over the summer of this year, it was suddenly revealed that the Justice Department was secretly surveilling editors and journalists from the Associated Press. Federal prosecutors issued a secret subpoena in order to comb through two months worth of phone records from 20 different AP phone lines.

On May 10—after surveilling the phone records for over a year—the Justice Department finally informed the Associated Press about the probe. The government has remained tight-lipped as to why the probe happened, but rumblings suggest that a story released by the AP was a national security leak. In the story, details of a CIA operation in Yemen involving an al-Qaida terror plot in the spring of 2012 were published.

In a statement issued by White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, the Obama Administration denied knowledge of the Justice Depart-

ment's probe, stating that the White House is "not involved in decisions made in connection with criminal investigations, as those matters are handled independently by the Justice Department." Nonetheless, three days after "AP Gate," the Administration aptly decided to push for a national media shield law to protect journalists.

In closing, if a source wishes to remain anonymous so that they can give a journalist crucial information to a story, they should retain that right.

And in this writer's opinion, anything that gets in the way of that right, frankly speaking, impedes the integrity of the press. You do not have to write for a major news agency to be considered a journalist. Good journalistic writing makes is what makes a journalist, regardless of medium.

And now that I think about it, the press actually has had a federal shield law in place. It was ratified 224 years ago and reads, in part, "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." But apparently that just isn't enough in the age of WikiLeaks.

Do you agree or disagree? We want to know -- gives us your two cents about this topic. Email us at datelinedowntownweb@yahoo.com. Please refer to the "Submission Policy" on page two before sending us your response.

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ing into a café with a pistol on their hip or under their arm has skyrocketed.

That is, until Howard Schultz, the CEO of Starbucks, sent out an open letter asking people not to open carry in the company's stores. While he knows that it is perfectly legal for guests to carry in certain parts of the country, he will have those carrying asked to leave. He finds the display of a weapon detrimental to the "Third Place" environment that Starbucks tries to create and has coached its employees on for at least the last ten years.

The question becomes, who takes jurisdiction in this situation? If the law states that people can openly carry a firearm, as opposed to concealed under their clothes or tucked away in a bag, does Howard Schultz have the authority to ask his customers to not have their firearm of choice on their persons when they walk into a café?

Not throwing those customers out would



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seem to indicate that there isn't any real legal bite behind Shultz's request, but what about the people working in the store?

Two of the Baristas at UHD's on campus Starbucks had

opposite opinions about what they would do if customers were allowed to carry firearms into a store they were working at.

Porcha Rane said "I would be carrying too," while her co-worker Chanice Bowie claimed she would be "uncomfortable because I'm not a very good shot."

Perhaps this distinct difference in opinion highlights why, even though it is perfectly legal to open carry in various states, there is so much backlash when it happens en masse.

There isn't a universal standard in the United States about carrying firearms, but perhaps the larger issue is education. Yes, guns are scary, and they are used in the commission of crimes from time to time, but they are also used to hunt and to protect home and hearth. If the populace as a whole was educated about the safe handling and use of firearms, then at least fear of the unknown wouldn't be so prevalent.

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Saxon and Fozzy: Sacrifice and Sin concert review

Two of the most underrated bands in heavy metal performed before a rabid crowd on Saturday, September 28 at the House of Blues in downtown Houston.



Juan A. Hernandez / Dateline Downtown



rock cellar magazine

by **Juan A. Hernandez**
Staff Writer

Houston has had its share of concerts throughout the years, but never has a concert as unique as Saxon and Fozzy been performed at a high level like it was on the evening of September 28. People who had never seen Fozzy live before, left as fans of the band, as well as those who had never seen Saxon perform live left as fans of the band too. The day of the show went better than expected, as I attended a meet-and-greet signing of Fozzy lead singer/WWE superstar Chris Jericho at the Cactus Music record store on Shepherd. At the signing, I had the opportunity to meet and chat with Chris Jericho.

As a staff writer for the "Dateline Downtown," I had done a feature story on the Saxon/Fozzy show and figured it would be a great idea to hand Chris a copy. He gladly accepted and we had quick chat about the newspaper and how I met the band exactly a year ago at the Rockstar Energy Drink Uproar Festival. Chris told me "Man the thing that I really remember the most about that show was that it was really hot!" After the brief exchange, Chris and I took a picture together and he signed my vinyl copy of Fozzy's latest album, "Sin and Bones," and a photograph of him. Before I made my way to the show, Chris told me "Man that is so cool, I'll be sure to read this article later. See you at the show!"

Having upgraded my concert tickets to VIP, I had the chance to meet the band Fozzy before the show. Knowing that Chris and the rest of the band would like the idea that a feature story of their show was run, I decided to have an extra copy of the Dateline Downtown and have it signed by all members of the band. They all loved the article and appreciated what a fellow fan of theirs does to support both bands, and were more than willing to sign it for me.

I briefly had another conversation with Chris as I was getting a group photograph and his first book "A Lion's Tale: Around the World in Spandex" personally signed to me. I mentioned to Chris how great it was to listen to his appearance on Sirius XM's Opie and Anthony radio show two weeks ago. He said, "Yeah man, it's always fun to go on with those guys, it's always a blast hanging out with them."

Before our meet-and-greet ended, I also asked him about the upcoming Heavy Metal Michael Jackson Tribute CD, where he covers "Dirty Diana." He said, "You know, it's funny when you do these types of collaborations and a few months later you're being asked about it, you say to yourself "wow, I almost forgot about that!" Yeah "Dirty Diana" is the song that I cover." After signing my book, I told Chris that I am looking forward to reading his third upcoming book and stated, "I was actually writing part of it earlier today like a madman;

thanks man!"

After exchanging handshakes, hugs, fist bumps and posing for photos with the band, I made my way to the front row of the venue where I knew that I would get a good view of the show. The opening band for the evening was Halcyon Way; I have to admit that I had never heard of this band before, but really put on a show and definitely won over some new fans.

After Halcyon Way was done performing, it was time for Fozzy to take the stage. AC/DC's "Have a Drink on Me" played on the PA before insanity ensues. The performance and setlist was very similar to last year's Uproar Festival show: high-energy, great songs and a lot of band interaction with the fans. For those that are familiar with Chris Jericho from the WWE, they remember from being one of the most charismatic and talented superstars to ever step into the ring; for fronting Fozzy, those charismatic features are hard to be denied. You can easily tell when an artist is going through the motions during a show; with Chris and Fozzy, it is visibly clear that they are enjoying every minute of it and feed off the crowd's energy. Fozzy ripped through their new songs "Spider in my Mouth," "Sandpaper," "Sin and Bones," "She's My Addiction," delved right into "Enemy" with the help of the fans, and closed with "Blood Happens."

Saxon takes the stage half an hour later, and do not hold back. Throughout the show, lead singer Biff Byford mentions how rarely they come to play in America, and makes note of the fact that the first time that they played in Texas was almost 30 years ago. Before closing out the night, Biff once again points out the generations of fans in attendance, and notices a small boy sitting on his father's shoulders throwing the metal horns in the air. It's moments like these when you can see the impact that a band makes on its fans, and further gives them longevity. Biff sipped through glasses of wine throughout the show, and belted out classics such as "Power and the Glory," "Heavy Metal Thunder," "Motorcycle Man," "Crusader," "Denim and Leather," and "Wheels of Justice." For a 62 year old, Biff Byford showed no signs of defeat that most singers suffer at that age.

In my three years of attending concerts in Houston, this is by far the most unique and diverse that I have attended. To be able to do a feature story/follow up concert review for the Dateline Downtown and have a chance to meet the band is far beyond the expectations that I have had when going to shows.



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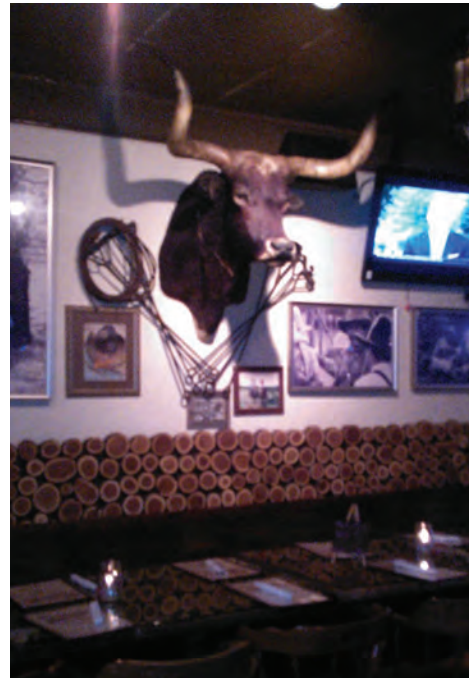
The Armadillo vs. Jace Everett

Country singer, Jace Everett performed to a live audience at the historical Armadillo Palace on September 27. Known for the theme song for the HBO series True Blood, "Bad Things," Everett has other singles that have charted high on billboards in the US, as well as other countries.

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On September 27, Jace Everett graced the small stage at The Armadillo Palace, on Kirby Drive, South of Highway 59, and certainly gave a quality performance to those who attended. It's hard to miss because there is a large, mirrored armadillo with horns aimed at the road, seemingly with the intent of guarding the establishment from a small version of Godzilla. Perhaps a more relevant and pertinent distinction of the Armadillo Palace is its dedication to bringing quality live music performances to Houston.

The venue itself, the historic Armadillo Palace, didn't necessarily fit with the style of music. As a venue in itself, however, it is excellent. For the Texas History buff, the Palace is one of the places to go in Houston. It is conveniently located next to Good Co. Barbeque and has its own menu offerings that taste delicious. The Armadillo Burger comes highly recommended by yours truly. There is also a billiards table if you want to get there early before a show. The walls are covered in memorabilia, paraphernalia, and a stuffed and mounted bovine or two, but the best part is the sound quality. The balance of drums, guitar, bass and vocals left



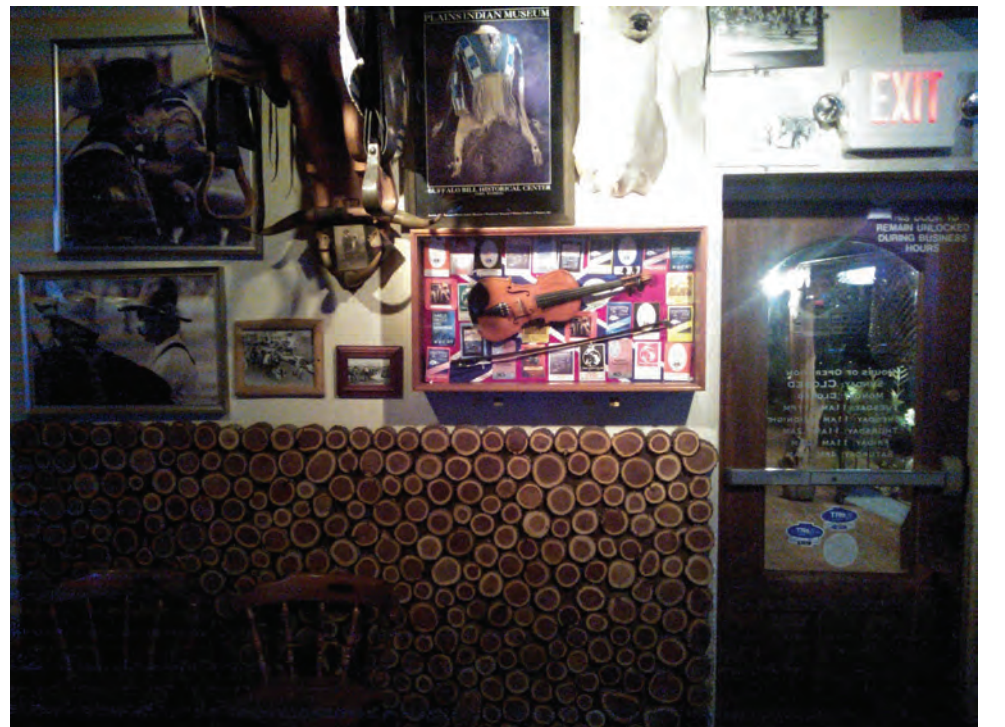
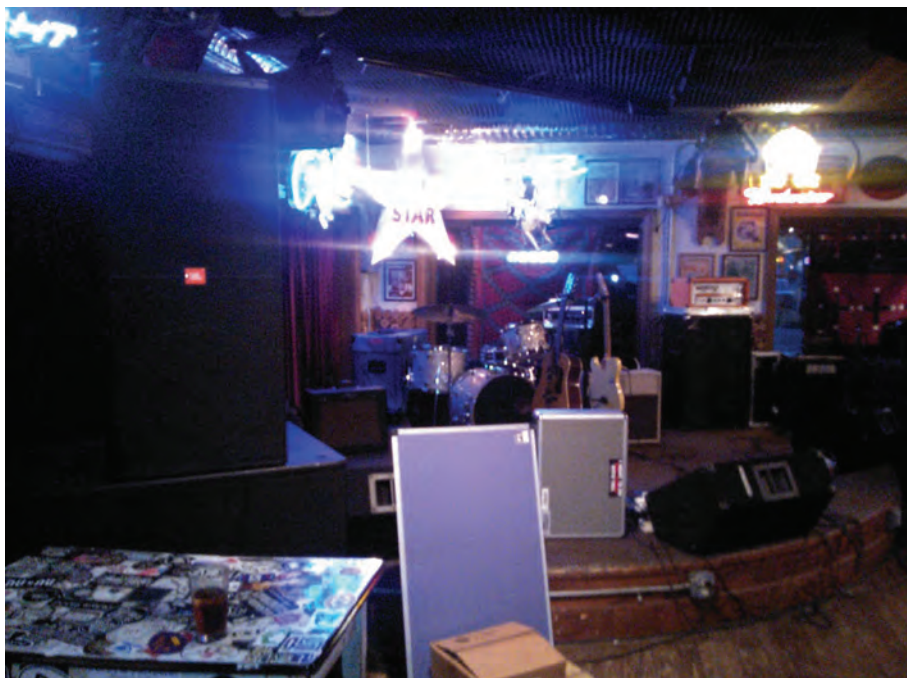
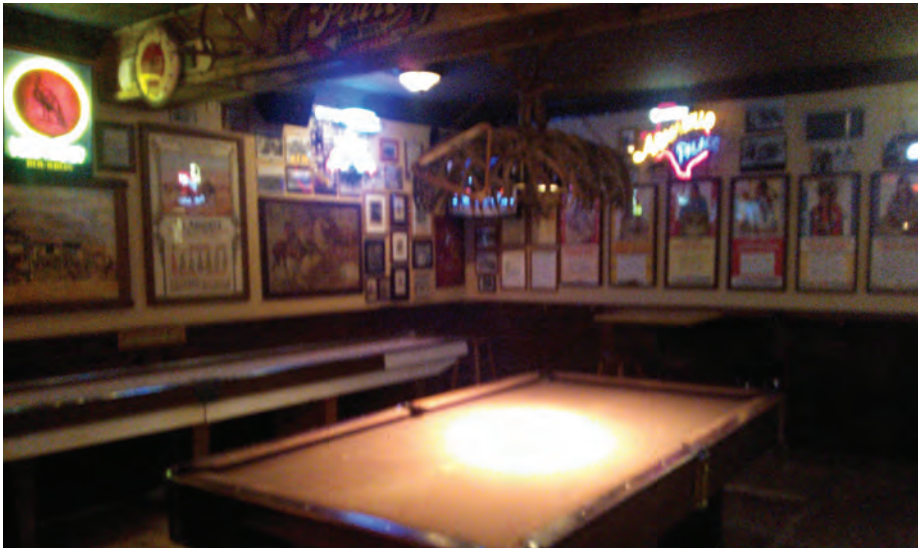
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rest of the band kicked off the night with fast paced music that pushed forward till the end of each song. "Business is Booming," a Rumba style, sensuous number, kept things evened out when it came to the speed of the songs and the subject matter ranged from a father/son serial killer duo in Pennsylvania to having an identity crisis, to the "one hit wonder" that was written because "All I wanted to do was get laid man, and it worked." Jace even obliged a fan and played the True Blood theme a second time, claiming that "I made a lot of f-ing money, so I don't mind playing it again." One of the best things about the evening was the accessibility of Jace and the band. They were more than happy to chit chat with whoever came up to say hi, and were easy going and relaxed when asked various nosey questions by a certain UHD staff writer.

Whether or not the style of music really suited the venue, the performance by Jace Everett and his band mates was well worth seeing. It is worth the time to go by the Armadillo Palace at least once to hear a live performance, even if you have no idea who the band is. And don't forget to try the Armadillo Burger. Seriously, it was delicious.

nothing to be desired, and short of one or two words, the lyrics could be heard quite clearly. And then there's the huge Armadillo outside on the patio, which is quite frankly terrifying and fascinating to behold.

Jace himself even observed that if there was ever a nuclear accident, "that thing coming to life would be terrifying. Its eyes already glow, man." More importantly, though, Jace and the



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Heart for the city home

by Elizabeth Padgett
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He walks the streets of Houston, all night until sunrise. While the day begins for many, he is on the eve of his fourth. The high is slowly fading and he's planning on how to get the next hit. Unbathed, unshaven and clothes stained, his eyes are bloodshot and his thirst for the next supply is ravenous.

He has a family at home, a wife and two kids. They have not seen their father for nearly a week. The money she had been saving was taken; the food in the pantry, pillaged. They were abandoned. Blocked numbers kept calling her phone asking for money, asking for her husband. She had neither to give to them. Strange men kept showing up at their doorstep at all hours. She had trained the children to hide and pretend not to be home.

This worked until their windows were broken and they came home to a house that had been torn apart. She called the police to report not the robbery or the break-in, but to report him – her husband. This was the only way she knew how to get him help.

The police picked him up off the streets a few days later. His face, barely recognizable and his eyes showed no warmth. He had been in and out of the court systems before and had been to the clinics, the AAA's, the hospitals, the psychologists and so on. No one was able to help him overcome his dark lust.

This sounds like a story-line to a movie, but



Front of the Heart for the City home.

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events like this exist everyday for some. One man who can tell a similar story is Pastor Emilio Gonzalez. His story has a different outcome, however. On December 16, 1991, he was able to triumph over his curse.

Gonzalez entered a church-ran home for those who struggle with addiction in 1991, completing their self-help program successfully. The love for his community helped him triumph over his addiction. Due to his great passion, Gonzalez felt called to reach his hand out to others so that one day they can stand on their own as newfound, strong individuals with a new lust for life.

Located seven minutes from UHD, the Heart for the City Home, founded by Gonzalez in 2005, began as a home for men and was expanded to include a women's facility in 2010. When one has no place to go, they can always call the home at 601 Shotwell theirs. Gonzale-

lez and his wife Veronica will welcome anyone into their family regardless of their past. Their arms are always open and ready to provide a loving embrace.

The goal of the home is to provide a stable environment for those that have been living uprooted lives. The Gonzalez's and their family of volunteers help residents gain fundamental life skills through a 14-step lesson plan. They offer counseling services and are able to help with any problem, be it drug addictions, alcoholism and prostitution, escaping gang life or just emotional support. It takes roughly six months for a resident to complete the Heart for the City Home's program.

When we met with Mrs. Gonzalez, she explained that their teachings and guidance are Christian-based, but that the true soul of their program is the environment. She runs this facility like a family home and not an institution, right

down to cooking 3 homemade meals a day. This is what sets them apart from other Christian-based homes and facilities. In 2009, Heart for the City Home was honored with the Jefferson Award for their extraordinary service to the community. The Jefferson Award is the Nobel Peace Prize for public service, created in 1972. It is a distinguished national recognition system that honors communities in America at both the local and national levels.

Once a resident completes the six-month program, they are able to stay longer if needed. Mrs. Gonzalez said that on occasion, there have been individuals that have chosen to leave the program early. Since they check themselves in, they are able to leave at any time. She then pointed out that those few who do up-and-leave without successful completion tend to find themselves either back in the courts, back in jail

or back to their same old habits on the streets due to their lack of a positive support system. Even those who complete the program are encouraged to keep communication with the home and volunteers. She said the key to staying on track is staying connected. Without these positive relationships, there is a lack of a support system and all of their hard work will quickly dissipate.

Mrs. Gonzalez and her daughter, Rocio Lozano, said most of their residents deal with drug addictions, with the youngest resident being 16-years of age. Lozano also mentioned that while the drug addiction is prevalent for both the men and women whom visit the home, there are also many women who enter due to emotional and stress related problems. Currently, they have a capacity for 15 women and can house up to 50 men in separated quarters.

Heart for the City Home welcomes anyone who is seeking help and shelter. They will even send a van to provide a safe way for a caller to get to them. The home has received international calls from Honduras and has even commuted residents from Georgia. Most residents find out about the home through word-of-mouth and enter of their own will.

Lozano said that nearly 100 percent of their residents do successfully complete the program and that 50 percent of those who complete the program choose to join the church and become volunteers in the home. In order to be a volunteer, you have to be a member at the Gonzalez's church, Templo Victoria de Houston for at least three months.

Those interested in helping or volunteering at the Heart for the City Home are invited to attend the conference July 31 – August 7, 2013. Both English and Spanish services are offered. The conference, titled "Gods Purpose for the Family", will be held at Templo Victoria de Houston church in Pasadena, TX and will be hosting other churches that run homes from Crystal City, San Angelo, Dallas and New Mexico.

For more information on the Heart for the City Home and Templo Victoria de Houston church you can visit their website at: www.templovictoriadehouston.org

For help, call their 24-hour hotline at: 713-678-8133

Heart for the City Home is located at 601 Shotwell, Houston, TX 77020

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20 ways to have fun at a party without drinking



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by William Sharon
via uloop.com

College students are often fed the idea that if they don't drink, they shouldn't go to parties. While there are some parties at which sober people may have less to do than drinkers, there is certainly no reason that non-drinkers should stay home if they would rather go out. Here are twenty things to do at a party if you aren't drinking and everyone else is.

1. Try out a fake persona

You've always wanted to pretend to be someone else, well now's your chance. Make sure it's a believable enough façade that you will be

able to maintain it even if non-drunk people question you. My favorite persona: non-English speaking Brazilian soccer player (it helps to get a friend on board, especially with characters such as this).

2. Play beer-pong

I know, it's a drinking game. But you really don't need to drink to play (fill your cups with water, or have a friend drink for you), and it's pretty fun even if you're sober.

3. Make bets with drunk people

You will win. Don't bet too much though, or there may be ramifications. And don't get paid "tomorrow," you want this person to re-

member the bet.

4. Don't try to take care of everyone

You aren't at the party to be a doctor (presumably), so enjoy yourself, even if that guy in the bathroom is throwing up. If it's an emergency and you're the only one who can help, that may be a different story, however.

5. Bring friends who are also sober

It is always a safer bet to have a few people with you who you know won't be puking by the end of the night. And it can be fun to laugh at drunk people together.

6. Initiate a non-drinking game

These exist. Know your audience though, drunk people aren't always going to jump at "charades."

7. Speak only in lines from movies

This can be tough, but fun. My favorite movie to do this with is "Troy," because everything anyone says is ridiculous, but generic enough to be applied to most any scenario.

8. Speak only in song lyrics

This one's along the same lines as 7.

Choose something with a lot of slang and meaningless buzzwords.

9. Pretend to be drunk, and then do something only a sober person could do

Want to impress a ton of people at once? Act drunk, then suddenly execute a perfect backflip while reciting the alphabet backwards...assuming you can do that sober.

10. Bring something non-alcoholic to drink

This isn't so much a "fun" aspect of partying sober, but when everybody's asking you if you need a beer, it can get annoying. This is a precaution.

11. Tell all of your dumb jokes

Drunk audience = easy laughs.

12. Don't try to have serious conversations with people

Drunk people end up wanting to air their dirty laundry. Don't let them.

13. Put "the box" on somebody's head

This can be tricky and requires group participation. First, find someone who is particularly drunk. Second, tell everyone other than that person to wait for your

signal. Third, tell the chosen person about a "magic box" you found. Pretend to be holding "the box," and tell the person that it is invisible. Fourth, pretend to put "the box" over the person's head. At that moment someone (a relatively sober person whom you have selected for the job) turns off the lights, and simultaneously everyone stops talking, but keeps moving their lips. The music should be turned off as well, for the best effect. After about ten seconds (of the person freaking out, I might add), pretend to remove "the box," at which point everyone starts talking again, and the lights and music come back on.

14. Start chanting something and see if you can get everyone else to start too

This one's risky (you might embarrass yourself), but at least other people will be drunk and won't care or remember.

15. Play "Kings"

This is a fun and relatively relaxed "drinking game," but you really don't need to drink to play (though you will have to mention to people that you aren't going

to drink).

16. Watch sports

Nobody will be mad that the game is on at the party. And you can be as obnoxious a fan as you like.

17. Talk to people you don't normally see

If you're the one person at the party who isn't drunk, you can be the most interesting person to talk to.

18. Control the music

Plug in your iPod (assuming you know the host of the party well enough) and play the party music you like.

19. Play the piano

Or whatever other instruments you know how to play and find in the house. A drunk audience will make you look all the more talented.

20. Bartend

The authority you gain from determining who gets to drink first can be fun. Not to mention, there will be a wall (in this case a bar or counter) between you and the drunken mob.

While these are many of the ways to enjoy a party while sober, there are definitely more. Feel free to add to the list with comments.

Personal finance 101:

Four tips for students to keep from going broke before midterms

via uwire.com

Brookfield, Wis., September 30, 2013 – As you settle into the routine of a new school year, the realities of maintaining a college lifestyle on a budget set in. It's worth spending a few minutes to get your school year off on the right financial foot. Personal finance expert Vera Gibbons has teamed up with social payment service Popmoney® to provide some simple advice.

"With all the distractions that come with student life, it's easy to let personal finances get off track quickly," said personal finance expert Vera Gibbons. "While making smart money

management decisions is not always simple, there are some easy and effective ways to better manage your money now and put yourself in the best financial situation possible post-college."

Keeping track of daily expenses

The costs of things such as weekly groceries or eating out with friends, and essentials such as laundry supplies, can add up quickly. Having clear sight, week to week, of how much you're spending will help with budgeting so you aren't limited to a strict diet of ramen noodles by the end of the month. To help with this, download your bank's mobile bank-



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ing application so you can quickly review daily transactions and check your balance before making purchases to avoid surprise over-draft fees.

Splitting expenses

Save money AND friendships. Using a digital social payment service allows students to send money to, or request and

receive money from, anyone they know or owe using just an email address or mobile phone number. This makes it easier to stay on top of the constant in-and-out cash flow that comes with college life.

Finding the RIGHT card

If you are signing up for a credit card—which can be a useful tool to help build credit history—do your homework and choose the right card. For example, there are cards that enable you to earn points by spending on typical college "stuff," such as food, books, movies and music. Most credit card providers offer some sort of reward program, while sites like CreditCard.com

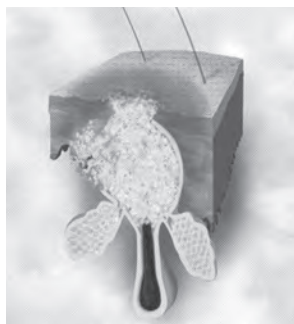
offer tools to identify the best credit card fit. However, credit cards should be used wisely and you should make sure you are not spending more than you can repay in a timely manner. Interest payments can skyrocket quickly if there is a large balance on the card.

Not forgetting the student ID!

A school ID is one of the most valuable ways to save! It can give discounts on everything from electronics to public transportation and more. Many local retailers offer students discounts, and there are even national discounts offered online, on sites like www.gift-cardgranny.com/blog/student-discounts/.

Student Health Corner

Acne: Not just for teenagers



Acne usually disappears for most adolescents but, for some young adults, the problem persists into their 20's and 30's. Approximately, 50 percent of women and 40 percent of men experience some type of acne in their 20's, while 35 percent of women and 20 percent of men experience acne in their 30's.

Out breaks of acne appear on the face, chest and back. In many adults, pustules and deeper nodules appear in the lower part of the face and around the mouth. Dermatologists classify acne, from mild to severe, based on the total number and types of acne lesions present.

What is Acne?

P. acnes bacterium is a type of bacteria that normally lives in the skin hair follicles. This bacterium produces substances that cause irritation, redness, and the formation of an acne lesion.

Types of Acne Lesions

- Whiteheads and blackheads are comedones that are plugged pores. If the comedone stays closed under the skin it forms a white bump or whitehead. A blackhead is a comedo that opens up and appears black in color as the air reacts with the excess oil.

- Papules are closed comedones that have become red, swollen and are raised at the skin surface.

- Pustules are closed comedones that begin to rupture into the skin and form a white head of pus.

- Nodules/ cysts are large, tender, swollen lumps under the skin that contain pus and other tissue. Nodular acne frequently causes deep scarring.

Common Myths about Acne

- Diets that contain chocolate, fast foods or fried foods do not cause acne.

- Dirty looking skin does not cause acne and no amount of washing will remove blackheads. Washing away surface oils on the skin does little to improve acne because the lesions are formed under the skin surface.

- Frequent scrubbing with abrasive

scrubs or materials does not help acne and may irritate skin that is already inflamed.

- Popping pimples is not a good idea to remove pus from lesions. Popping pimples may spread bacteria into to the skin surface and may also cause permanent scarring.

- Sun exposure is good for acne. Sun exposure increases inflammation. Many acne medications make exposure to sun a risk and sunscreens are highly recommended.

Treatment

The goal of treatment is to improve the skin's appearance and prevent scarring. Currently, there is no universally accepted classification for acne but four levels of severity are recognized. Note that Grade III to Grade IV acne should be treated by a health care provider. Common treatments include:

Topicals:

Antibiotic creams: effective in killing bacteria that causes acne.

Kerolytics/comedolytics: help dissolve matter plugging sebaceous ducts and increase skin shedding. Glycolic, lactic or salicylic acid and benzoyl peroxide

are kerolytics available over-the-counter in various creams, gels and lotions. Products may cause skin dryness and benzoyl peroxide causes bleaching of hair and clothing. Topical antibiotics and kerolytics are often formulated in combination products by prescription but are usually more costly than those packaged individually. Creams are less irritating than gels; gels are less irritating than lotions.

Retinoids: are derivatives of Vitamin A and the treatment of choice for comedonal acne, (whiteheads and blackheads). Retinoids work by increasing skin cell turnover pushing out the plugged material in the hair follicle. They also prevent the formation of new comedones. These products are usually used once/day on a dry face. All of the retinoids must be prescribed by a health care provider.

Systemic (oral):

Antibiotics: to decrease *p. acnes* bacterium.

Hormones: to reduce androgens and decrease sebum production.

Retinoids: to permanently reduce sebaceous gland size and sebum production.

The table below identifies the grades of acne with recommended treatment.

Tips for Controlling Acne:

- Take all medication as directed
- Protect yourself from the sun
- Wash gently twice/day and completely dry before applying any medication
- Avoid hair gels, conditioners or any products that cause plugging of pores
- Keep hands OFF face and don't ever pop pimples
- See a health care provider if acne worsens or does not resolve

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Be the match

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ing them time to spend with their family and friends and to live their life," she continued.

Volunteers, though, found that getting people to sign up was not as easy as the workers made it seem. In part, it was due to a lack of understanding and misplaced assumptions about what the registry was and what donating marrow really means.

Marrow is the soft, spongy connective tissue found in the cavity of the bone. The primary function of bone marrow is to produce red blood cells (the cells that carry oxygen for your body), white blood cells (the cells that fight off infection), and platelets (cells that are responsible for blood clotting).

In most cases, cancer patients need bone marrow transplants because their own bone marrow was destroyed by radiation or chemotherapy. In the case of leukemia, a patient's bone marrow produces abnormal blood cells which are dysfunctional for the body.

In a bone marrow transplant, a donor's healthy cells replace the recipient's unhealthy cells. This encourages the production of more healthy blood cells which can significantly treat and even cure diseases.

Marrow must be matched, like blood, so the immune system of the recipient does not attack the donation as foreign tissue. The registry is organized by race because donors and recipients with similar ancestry are more likely to match.

An understandable yet misunderstood concern about bone marrow donation is the donation procedure and the pain component. There

are two ways to donate bone marrow: Peripheral blood stem cell (PSBC) donation and marrow donation.

The PSBC donation requires donors to receive a drug, for five days, increasing the number of blood cells needed for the transplant. In some ways, the PSBC donation is similar to a regular blood and plasma donation. Blood comes out from one arm and is filtered by a machine. The remaining blood goes back to the other arm. In this procedure, donors may experience head or muscle aches but are typically back to their normal routine in one to two days.

Marrow donation is a surgical procedure that requires the use of anesthesia. During the procedure, bone marrow is harvested from the pelvis while donors are completely unconscious. Donors may feel soreness in the lower back, but return to normality in two to seven days.

The pain for a bone marrow donation is described as the soreness one feels the day after a really hard work out, though everyone has a different pain tolerance.

Jackson gives this message to skeptical UHD students: "Stop watching television shows, stop watching movies, and get the facts.

Do your own research! Ask someone who has donated marrow about what the experience is like. You can't really know what donating marrow is like unless you have experienced it for yourself."

Signing up to be a potential donor is an honorable commitment. The impact that this safe and seamless procedure can have on a cancer patient must go beyond our everyday thinking. Eligible healthy individuals are encouraged to consider becoming a potential donor.

To sign up for the registry and to learn more about Be The Match and bone marrow donation, visit www.bethematch.org.

Stepwise Grading and Treatment of Acne		
Grade	Type of Lesions	Treatment Options
Grade I-Mild Acne	Minor pimples, some comedones (blackheads and whiteheads).	Over-the-counter (OTC) products containing kerolytics (glycolic, lactic or salicylic acid). Products are available in creams, lotions and washes. Use twice/day.
Grade II-Moderate Acne	Comodones and papules (pimples)	Kerolytics plus benzoyl peroxide and/or topical antibiotic to kill <i>p. Acne</i> bacterium. Use twice/day. May also prescribe topical retinoid.
Grade III- Moderately Severe Acne	Comedone count greater than 100, papules and pustules and a few cysts.	As above in Grade II plus systemic oral antibiotics. Consider oral contraceptive pills for women.
Grade IV-Very Severe Acne	Nodulocystic or cystic acne with a variety of painful lesions, which may cover the entire face, shoulders, back, or chest. The infection is deep and widespread. Potential for scarring is high.	Dermatologist recommended for treatments such as an oral retinoid that reduces the size of the sebaceous gland and decreases the secretion of sebum. Birth control for women and liver function studies for males and females are essential for patients receiving these medications. Photodynamic laser therapy is effective but expensive.
Post Acne Scarring	Acne pits or scars	Dermabrasion or laser skin resurfacing will minimize scars depending on depth.

The Liberator – World's first 3D printed gun



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3D printing has

made headlines due to its capabilities of being able to print nearly any object. Though enthusi-

asm for such technology has been greatly positive, it has already began receiving criticism for the darker possibilities it yields. The University of Texas law student, Cody Wilson, printed the first 3D gun in the earlier half of this year.

The gun, named the Liberator, has a total of sixteen plastic parts - fifteen of which can be printed overnight. The sixteenth part is a common nail, used as the firing pin.

Defense Distributed, Wilson's company, stated that they are "defending the civil liberty of popular access to arms as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and affirmed by the United States Supreme Court...and to publish and distribute, at no cost to the public, such information and knowledge in promotion of the public

interest."

Wilson feels does not use the gun's invention to try and make weaponry more accessible to the masses, nor does he try to intentionally promote gun usage. He instead uses the gun to demonstrate the government's lack of gun control. In short, Wilson shows that the U.S. government's address of gun control is far too lax, to the point that now anyone can literally print a gun off the internet. Wilson feels that our access to bear arms should not be eradicated, but should be sensibly controlled.

Since the initial printing of the Liberator in the first half of the year, State Department forced Defense Distributed to move the gun's blueprints offline since their original posting in May. But damage control wasn't done quickly

enough. In the three days the blueprints were accessible, the file was downloaded 100,000 times and has since gone on to producing copy-cat models.

The original files are still hosted on torrent site The Pirate Bay (TPB), who refuses to take them down, despite growing outside pressure. In perhaps not the most topic-sensitive response, given the recent school shootings, TPB gave a statement on their Facebook page that stated, "We believe, however, that these prints will stay on the internet regardless of blocks and censorship, since that's how the internet works. If there's a lunatic out there who wants to print guns to kill people, he or she will do it; with or without TPB."

The 3D Liberator's namesake, the FP-45 Liberator, was a pistol

originally designed to be used for psychological damage (more than physical injury) by the United States military during World War II. Intentions regarding the FP-45 Liberator were that if it was produced and dropped in occupied territories at such a mass amount, it would have a "devastating effect on the morale of occupying troops." The plans called for it to be dropped in such great quantities that all of the guns could never be recovered. Their hopes were to strike fear that the unrecovered weapons may end up in the hands of the citizens. Though the FP-45 Liberator was never actually issued to American or Allied troops, Wilson and Defense Distributed have already both armed and delivered fear to the citizens.

Earn \$18,000 to stay in bed



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by **Vanessa Olivares**
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Ever dreamed of staying in bed and not getting up? Or have you always wanted to be an astronaut, but are afraid of heights?

Well you are in luck, as NASA is willing to pay out 18 grand a month for a few fortunate loafers to live out their dream--all for the sake of science. The space exploration agency is planning a study of the effects of microgravity on the human body, and their methods are shockingly relaxing. For the 70 days that you will

be in bed, you will have the opportunity to check Facebook, take online courses, chat with friends or even work remotely if possible. But there is a catch, you cannot leave your bed during that 24-hour period for any reason, and your mattress will be tilted head-down at a six-degree angle.

"Watching you will help scientists learn how an astronaut's body will change in weightlessness during space flight in the future," the agency said in a statement. So, if you think you are the right kind of lazy then you need to

undergo a full Air Force physical and comprehensive psychological examination.

"We want to make sure we select people who are mentally ready to spend 70 days in bed," said senior scientist Dr. Roni Cromwell. If you believe your lounging skills are up to NASA's standards, go ahead and apply at Johnson Space center's website:

<https://bedreststudy.jsc.nasa.gov/cft.aspx>

Apple introduces new iPhone



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Apple introduces a new iPhone, the iPhone 5c, on the heels of two other models, the iPhone 5s and the iPhone 4s. A budget friendly option, at half the cost of the other two models, the iPhone 5c is a wise choice for those hoping to buy an iPhone, but do not want to spend much money.

A few years ago, Apple introduced the iPhone 4s to the public with unique features, such as Siri, voice recognition technology, that allows you to create reminders, and improvements to the camera. Although Siri can't fulfill every request

(she cannot book you a table at your favorite restaurant), this technology offered something previous models did not, guidance and direction.

Recently, Apple welcomed two new models, the iPhone 5s and the iPhone 5c. The iPhone 5s is the new model or version of the 4s. Unlike the iPhone 4s that came in two colors, black and white, the iPhone 5s displays three color options, silver, space grey and gold. In contrast, the iPhone 5c is introduced with an array of colors, including white, pink, yellow, blue and green.

The iPhone 5c has many similar features to the 4s and 5s models, including the iSight camera and video calling and will be supported by many of the carriers, including Sprint and Verizon Wireless. Although slightly larger than the two other models, the iPhone 5c proves a wise investment for those looking for a new phone or a new iPhone.

The vibrant colors offer a chance to choose a phone

in a color that reflects your personality. If you already own an iPhone and you would like to buy an iPhone 5c, it is likely that already have a cover, but because the iPhone 5c is slightly bigger it may not fit. Apple took the liberty of creating matching covers that are a strong fit for the iPhone 5c and are just as multifaceted as the phones themselves and allows one to select a cover that complements your iPhone 5c.

Overall, Apple was hoping to create a phone that would appeal to a variety of buyers, including those who do not own an iPhone or who do not have an iPhone 5. The iPhone 4s is still around, offered in 8GB and is a free option to anyone who is interested. The iPhone 5s, unlike its predecessor, comes in various metallic colors. Finally, the iPhone 5c comes in vibrant colors from across the rainbow and at a cost of about \$100-200 it is affordable option to any person on a budget.

100,000 Poets for Change kick off national event at UHD

100,000 Poets for Change kicked off their national line of events here at UHD on September 25 where poetry reading, on-site painting and interpretive music took place. Houston poets, musical guest and even UHD's Creative Collective club, who created four paintings on-site, participated in the prelude of the official events.

Following the kickoff at UHD, 100,000 Poets

for Change participated in a number of events on September 28 here in the Houston area.

The 100,000 Poets for a Change is a national organization dedicated to promoting serious social issues, environmental and political change through poetry and other arts, according to their website.

John Locke, UHD Student Government Senator, who hosted the event at

UHD said it was a great experience. "Everyone knows there's a need for change in one aspect or another, and students want to be part of that. Through poetry you can try to experience change in others through their testimony," he said.

Locke stated there are plans to host events with 100,000 Poets for a Change every semester.



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A showcasing of all organizations at Student Involvement Day



Last Wednesday, October 2, students were able to participate in the Student Involvement Day event. UHD's student organizations and sports teams, as well as Greek families, each hosted their own booth to inform students of the activities they will be holding this semester.

"Student involvement day is important because it showcases of all of our student organizations and active community partners. Our students have the opportunity to sign up with one, or more, organizations and engage in volunteer opportunities throughout our community," said Vanessa Camarena, events coordinator for leadership, service, and community for the office of student activities.

Student involvement day had a nice turnout of students. The room was full to capacity and some students had a hard time walking through the first aisle.

Upon arrival, students re-

ceived a small pink card, to be signed by ten organizations. After completing all ten signatures, students received a ticket for a free meal and were entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize.

The highlight of the event was the Greek life. Sororities and fraternities joined to entertain the crowd with their signature moves. The photography club turned out to be one of the most popular organization booths students visited. Anyone who passed by the booth, was offered a free picture and printing on the spot.