Pulitzer Prize Winner Gwendolyn Brooks Speaks At AQ

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Gwendolyn Brooks was the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize. The first woman to win the award for poetry, she was also the only African American to win the award for drama. She was a prolific writer, with over 1,000 published works. She was known for her powerful voice and her ability to speak to the issues of her time.

On February 1, 1995, Brooks was featured in a program with the poem from the annual Illinois Poet Laureate Contest that she hosts. The group of poems that seemed to be the most influential role models were such "everyday people."

Brooks' work has received widespread recognition and honors. She published her first work, a poetry book, in 1945, and over the years, she has received numerous awards, including the National Book Award.

During the event, Brooks read love poetry and poems whose main topic were "everyday people." In this collection, designed by her daughter, she discusses children and their diverse family backgrounds.

A little boy whose religious-facets family life is overshadowed by a cheating father and a lesbian mother, and a little girl who after a day of learning at a school must come home to a crack-addicted mother, and a

Lady Saints Prove To Be Best In the WHAC

By Jeff Maloney

Times Contributing Writer

The Aquinas Lady Saints are the best in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference for the third year in a row. After a long trip down to Angola, Indiana, the Saints put together an incredible defensive effort to beat an obviously overrated Tri-State team, 62-48.

Coming into the game, the Saints were ranked 24th in NAIA Division II, and compared to 17th for The Thunder from Tri-State.

Aquinas played excellent defense throughout the game, holding Tri-State to a dismal 17 percent shooting in the first half. In the second half, the Saints got up by as many as 24 points. "We played great defense in the first half, but in the second half they got the lead down to about ten points. We had a team huddle and decided that we had to step it up a bit if we wanted to win the game," said sophomore Nicki Biggs, who contributed five points to the win.

With such a strong emphasis on defense, the efforts of the Lady Saints on the offensive end of the floor should not be overlooked. The Saints shot an incredible 71 percent in the first half to make a 36-20 halftime lead. While Nikki Tuttle was constantly being triple-teamed, senior Char Broersma-Muller came through with 13 points, nine boards and six steals. "Nikki played a tough game, but she was always getting triple-teamed, senior Char Broersma-Muller came through with 13 points, nine boards and six steals. "Nikki played a tough game, but she was always getting triple-teamed," said sophomore Nicki Biggs, who contributed five points to the win.

The win not only gives the Saints the league title, but it also guarantees them home court advantage throughout the WHAC playoffs.
22nd Annual Aquinas College Jazz Festival
By Mary Alice Clor
Time Contributing Writer.

The 22nd annual Aquinas College Jazz Festival will be held in the FieldHouse on March 18 and 19.

"This is the largest school jazz festival in the state," commented Dr. Bruce Early coordinator of the weekend.

Phil DeGreg and Denis DiBlassio will be the guest performers at the festival. DeGreg, a pianist from Cincinnati, will direct the Saturday session while DiBlassio, a saxophonist formerly associated with the renowned jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson, will conduct the Sunday session.

The jazz festival is non-competitive with schools receiving comments from judges. Outstanding individuals from each category will be chosen and given acknowledgement for their accomplishments. The jazz festival this year has 26 high schools and universities performing. Some of the schools will have more than one band participating.

Following is a list of a few of the attending schools, in addition to Aquinas: Central Michigan University, College of Lake County, IL, Comstock Park, Creston H.S., Michigan State University, Muskegon Catholic Central, Northview H.S., Pennsylvania State University, Taylor University, IN, Western Michigan University, and many more.

Early commented, "As you can see we are well represented in the state." Volunteers that can help in three to four hour time blocks are needed. Those who work a weekend pass into the festival by wearing the production T-shirt given to them for working a shift.

"Such an undertaking is a massive production, we work on it all year long," stated Early.

Anyone who would like to volunteer as well as hear great jazz bands can call Stacy Sterritt at extension 3414 or Melanie Ricker at extension 3401. Also look for a sign up sheet on the door of the main office in the Art and Music Center.

The hours of the Aquinas Jazz Festival are Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Ticket prices for the weekend vary: each afternoon $4.00, each evening $6.00, complete day $8.00, and two complete days $15.00.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2/17, Friday: Aquinas Stage Prod. "Colored Museum" AMC 8:00 p.m.
2/18, Saturday: GVSU Delta Sigma Theta Stage Prod. "Harambee" Cook-Dewitt Aud. 7:00 p.m.
2/18, Saturday: Aquinas Stage Prod. "Colored Museum" AMC 8:00 p.m.
2/19, Sunday: Aquinas Stage Prod. "Colored Museum" AMC 3:00 p.m.
2/23, Friday: GVSU National Society of Black Engineers Quiz Bowl Kleiner 3:00 p.m.
2/24, Saturday: GVSU You Beautiful Black Women Presents Cook-Dewitt Aud. 8:00 p.m. "I Like ‘Em Tender" Stage Prod.
2/26, Sunday: "I Like ‘Em Tender" Stage Prod. Cook-Dewitt Aud. 8:00 p.m.
2/27, Monday: GVSU BSU Soulfest Promenade, Kirkhof 6:00 p.m.
Woodies Meet the Yanks at Furniture College

By Julie Williams
Times Ireland Correspondent

Ireland's Connemara West Furniture College welcomed its Aquinas visitors on Wednesday, January 18, with an introduction, a student-guided tour, and lunch in the "canteen."

Based in Letterfrack, a short drive or long walk from Tully Cross, the Furniture College provides a two-year program in design, furniture, and professional studies to its accepted applicants, whose average age is 22.

"It's an education, not solely skills training," commented Anthony Clare, a member of the Furniture College who explained the organization's background.

Founded in 1971, the Connemara West organization's sole purpose deals with local issues and development. To accomplish part of their goal, Connemara West founded the Furniture College, hoping to keep the Connemara young people from leaving the area.

Despite Connemara's trouble with retaining its young people, the College attracts students from all corners of Ireland.

"I thought it was neat how people came from bigger cities because they liked woodwork design and liked it out here better since it was more rural," said AQ sophomore Marcie Witkowski.

"I know absolutely nothing about woodworking, but I could recognize the intricacy of their work," said Mather, senior. "They were all very friendly and a lot of attention was paid to our being there."

Sophomore Colleen Black also liked the tour. "My tour guide was very informative for a first year student there," commented Black. "He did a good job explaining everything to us since he knew we really didn't know what was going on."

The student tour guides led each small group through a series of rooms where students, called "woodies," design their projects on paper and computer, make models, and finally create a fine piece of woodwork.

"They had a lot of good curved designs in the furniture and chairs," said Witkowski.

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"It was neat how everyone was obviously waiting for us that day," commented Jen Mather claims she would never become a woodie herself.

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Event organizers are anxious to see their hours of planning come together to result in a fun filled couple of days. Tiffany Moore, co-chair of the Sibs' Weekend Planning Committee, said that this year's event will be geared to younger and older siblings alike. Moore said, "The circus theme will keep young siblings entertained on campus while older siblings can take the opportunity to see what Grand Rapids has to offer through the off-campus events."

Senior Angela Pike, who also worked on planning the extravaganza, predicted, "It will be a great weekend."
By Sarah Mieras
Times Contributing Writer

A few weeks ago the TimeZoned residents of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties that, beginning February 1st, they would have to pay $24.00 when they renewed their vehicle registration for a mandatory emissions testing program. Currently, the seven stations which have been built in the sites, will have to be reimbursed by the State for their losses, and all of those who were hired to run the stations will be out of work.

However the employees of Systems Control Plus and the state are not the only ones to lose money now that the emissions testing program is no longer mandatory. Repair shops, who supported the mandatory testing from the beginning because of its potential for profit will also lose money. The estimated 11,000 garages which invested in special equipment in order to properly service vehicles which did not pass the tests will not be reimbursed for the equipment they invested in.

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By Eric Van Gessel
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The new law in Michigan, laid down by Attorney General Frank Kelly, is lights out on ground effect neon lighting. In a move last week Kelly, the new czar of automobiles in Michigan, has stated that the latest fad for motor vehicles is illegal in Michigan, and motorists who have them must keep them until coverage is purchased.

His authority on this matter stems from a law passed many years ago that was never really enforced. The law states that "vehicles may have only lights required or specifically permitted by the state or required by federal standards." The only exception to this law is that "other lamps and reflectors may be on a vehicle while driven, if they are both covered and unlit." So the basic meaning of this law is that you can have these options put on your car, but they can never be on while the vehicle is being state of the art. It's too bad that they jumped the gun, but this emissions testing is not yet a reality. On January 31, 1995: VemEhlers (R-MI) was selected by House Science Committee Chairman Robert S. Walker. "Our team is in place to move the halted program. Currently, the seven stations which were built to conduct the testing are unmanned, and setting up voluntary testing system will take some time, which may not utilize all of the stations. The California company, Systems Control Plus, which has invested 15 million dollars in building the sites, will have to be reimbursed by the State for its losses, and all of those who were hired to run the stations will be out of work.

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Stephen Greene, a freshman, thinks that the secretary of state is engaging in political maneuvering. "I think it's the new Secretary of State attempting to show she's powerful by nit-picking like this. I personally like ground effect lighting, especially purple. When you combine this (ground effect lighting) with wide rims, thick tires and fuzzy dice, it makes a car look fat," he said.

The punishment for violation of this law is, as of yet, undecided. A spokesman for Frank Kelly said violators could be given a ticket for defective equipment, and as long as the problem was taken care of in a given amount of time, no fine would be applied. A second option would be for officers to give violators a ticket that carries a fine of $100 plus another $100 in court costs.
"What’d You Call Me?"

By Dave Bult
Times News Editor

"You watch your mouth!"
Ever hear that one growing up? Next, in comes your mother with a bar of soap to wash the profanities out of your evil little mouth.

In Raritan, N.J., this painful childhood memory is now a reality to town residents. The mother figure is now the town and its officials, and the soap—well, that’s replaced with a possible $500 fine and up to three months in jail. All for the criminal offense of swearing in public.

In October, Raritan officials outlawed the use of vulgarity, indecent language, and insulting remarks on its streets. "We’re just asking you to be polite," said Raritan mayor Anthony DeCicco, a republican.

Is it polite to restrict free speech, even if it is vulgar? The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) doesn’t think so. The Raritan police chief feels the same way, saying he wouldn’t enforce the no-cursing policy.

You’d think Raritan’s 5,800 blue-collar residents would be completely p* (ticked) off about it, but apparently, they don’t seem to mind.

Mike Fenneman, owner of 11 Brothers Italian Delicatessen in Raritan, said, "Even if I’m out on the sidewalk and I’m talking, getting a little carried away, people say, ‘Hey, watch your language.’ It’s nice."

But then again, what is a swear word, and by whose definition? What about euphemisms?

Is a bitch an indecent word or is it a female dog? Are vulgarities improper to use because someone once told us they were vulgar? If so, we are culturally conditioned into thinking that a bastard is an indecent word and not just an illegitimate child.

Case in point: could you call a Raritan resident a "wanker?" Sure, it sounds silly to U.S. residents, but you wouldn’t want to run down a street in London yelling it—especially if you put the word "bloody" in front of it. But most Americans, in their closed-cultural upbringings, think that bloody only implies that someone is dripping with red and white blood cells. These words have no negative connotation in the U.S. because no one ever thought they sounded indecent in the beginning—meaning it’s purely cultural.

Will Raritan officials fine visiting foreigners for using American vulgarities that might be culturally acceptable words in their home lands? Sounds like a tough law to enforce—especially in our legal loophole system.

Even so, and contrary to what the ACLU says, the rights of Raritan’s citizens aren’t being restricted. If the town’s residents elected conservatives into office, then these officials are only advocating the values they perceive important to their electorate. If Raritan officials went on a limb and set policies only according to their own views, then we won’t see them next term in office.

Therefore, the next time I visit Raritan and one of their town’s "gentlemen" calls me a god-’dam jerk, I could, if I had it in me, call him every name in the book. He’d get fined and I wouldn’t (Hey, it’s not my fault that he limited his own free speech). All because I come from the culturally-shunned city of Grand Rapids and I don’t know what a swear word is. Or so I’d claim.

Seniors Beware Of The Market
Short Term Interests Rates Rise .5%

By Eric VanGessel
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For those students graduating this semester and entering the job market, here’s a bit of news that may interest you. Last week, the Federal Reserve decided to raise short-term interest rates by a noticeable .5% margin.

For most of us who will be back at Aquinas next year hammering out yet another year of school, this news will probably mean very little to you, but for those leaving Aquinas for the "real world" this decision has very real implications.

The main reason Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan gave for this most recent rise in interest rates was that the economy was still growing at a very quick pace. What he means is that the economy grew too fast in 1994 for the Federal Reserve not to worry about growing inflation. During times of rapid growth and low interest rates, one ugly by-product can be high rates of inflation, which can have all kinds of nasty side-effects.

If inflation were to increase dramatically in the next few months, then these graduates who do not have inflationary clauses in their contracts will probably find things more expensive.

Many critics of the most recent Fed move point out that the economy was already cooling off and a rate increase was not necessary. They point to such statistics as the unemployment rate which rose in January from 5.4% to 5.7%, Retail sales fell .1% in December and Housing Starts (looked upon by some as a good indicator of the economy as a whole) also fell by 1% in December ’94. Furthermore, the rate of inflation was measured at a modest 2.7% for last year, too low, in many people’s opinion, to constitute a rate hike by the Fed. But Fed chairman Greenspan defends this move saying, "I see it as crucial that we extend the recent trend of low and, hopefully, declining inflation in the years ahead."

Well then, what does this have to do with you? One of the most noticeable effects will be an individual’s ability to purchase expensive items, such as cars, or maybe a house. These are items for which loans are needed, due to an interest rate increase they may become too expensive for most graduates to afford. For many of us, graduating and finding a job means being able to afford big-ticket items, but with increasing interest rates you may want to hang onto that ugly hand-me-down from Mom and Dad. This interest rate hike may be the difference between buying a nice house or having to settle for an apartment, due to high monthly payments.

Carolyn Brocavich, a senior and employee at First of America Bank, sees the interest rate hike as a double edged sword for college students: "On one hand, if the Fed is increasing interest rates it generally means the economy is doing well, which means the job market is probably good. On the other hand, increases in interest rates make it more difficult for those graduates entering the work force to buy that first home or car."

There are, however, advantages to this interest rate hike. As Greenspan has already said, the Fed is trying to keep inflation in check. What this means is that by keeping inflation low, prices will remain relatively stable. If inflation was to jump, not only would many big-ticket items be more expensive, but everyday purchases like clothes and groceries would cost more. Also, interest paid on deposits in banks will probably increase.

With this in mind, watch for these trends in the economy in the next few months; if the economy continues to grow, the Federal Reserve will most likely increase interest rates once again.
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I have recently become aware of the tremendous educational and entertaining forces that are at work in the Student Activities Department of neighboring Calvin College. The fact that Calvin was able to host the controversial Charles Murry lecture and a Barenaked Ladies concert within a couple of weeks of one another boggled my mind. Topped off with the announcement of a coming appearance of Toot the Wet Sprocket with Hootie and the Blowfish on the campus of our friends of the Reformed Christian persuasion, my mind's image of Calvin has vastly changed for the better while a seed of dissatisfaction with Aquinas has been planted in it. Granted, these are big ticket events and thinking that our Student Activities Office could compete with Calvin's for them would be like thinking that Luxembourg could successfully wage war on the United States. Trucentrally, though, our Community Senate, Programming Board, Multi-cultural Office, Student Activities Department, and the other college offices are indeed spending a good deal of money on campus events. These are all fairly well received and the offices do a good job of spreading them out through the course of the academic year, offering a consistent variety of programs for our college community to take advantage of. Personally, however, when I graduate and look back on my college years, I am not going to remember the Earth Tones or Selected Hilarity. Even the Drovers' show early last semester wasn't very special, though I did enjoy the music, because of the frequency with which most students are able to catch the band's regular visits to the Intersection in Eastown.

My views may be different from the norm, but here they are anyway: when it comes to bringing in campus events, less is more. If you look at things from this perspective, by funneling some revenue out of small price/medium scale ones, there would be less to think that we actually have a top-notch campus. If we can generate funds to where we can recover for our previous investments, we can work on getting better facilities and increasing enrollment, in order to give Aquinas a better respected name. We can't rely on our alumni to give us a ton of money— at least not yet. We have to work on our school now. What we don't realize, is that if we as a student body don't get things done now, we may not have a name to speak of in the future.
Society is crumbling. We are descending, spiraling downward into a chasm of ignorance. Now, you’re probably thinking “How do you come to this rather extreme conclusion?” Well, has anyone noticed the recent trend in Hollywood films lately? What films have been the most successful in the last year or so? Forrest Gump, Ace Ventura, Dumb and Dumber...I think I see a trend.

Yes, we are making heroes out of morons. Forrest says “Stupid is as stupid does.” Is the movie going public digging in intelligence? The figures would agree, since some of the top money grossing films as of late have been those listed above.

Now, what is this trend telling us? Are we becoming more simple-minded?

I don’t think so. When most people go to a movie theater, I’m assuming, they want to see depth of character, appreciate the unique artistic vision of the filmmaker, and hopefully gain an insight on life. Jim Carrey’s intensely riveting portrayal of the flatulent Ace Ventura, Pet Detective reflects our love for and dependence on animals; these animals, whether pets or livestock, are necessary for personal growth and the development of humanity as a whole.

But, seriously, I guess Ace does the unthinkable, expressing that side of us that wants to belch openly in the middle of a crowd of people. Forrest Gump, on the other hand, shows his ignorance not with rudeness, but through an honest simplicity. His philosophies possibly comment on how complicated our lives become, and our need to, as Thoreau suggested, “simplify, simplify.”

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Aquinas College is venturing into a new and fresh area of education. President Paul Nelson, in accordance with Senate and the Multicultural Department, has introduced the idea for a program dealing with and focusing on racial and cultural diversity. This program is being added to the list of activities on campus, because many students feel that there is a need for a controlled setting where everyone can voice their opinions and feelings about race relations on and off campus.

As of February 9, 1995, the program is being handled mainly by Stella Ferris and Michael Travis, with cooperation and assistance from the members of Senate. Senate Vice Chair, Brooke Davis, attended a seminar on racism at Grand Valley State University about three weeks ago. She had an hour to an hour and a half. Ferris or Travis will head the program, acting as facilitators. The program will probably be initiated and freely voice their opinions.

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By Morgan Higginbotham
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Cultural Diversity Program To Be Started On Campus
You're probably wondering by now, What does this program consist of? How long will this semester be? What kinds of activities will I be taking part in? Will I be able to speak freely? The seminar is slated to last from seven to nine weeks. Twenty to thirty people will be able to attend at one time. Seniors have priority, but then anyone is welcome to sign up. All subjects that concern race and race relations, can be discussed. There is no question or statement is too controversial to discuss. The program is being offered in order to give everyone an opportunity to voice any opinion, as long as one understands that their statements may not go unchallenged. The program should last for an hour to an hour and a half. Ferris or Travis will head the program, acting as facilitators.

The program will probably be initiated after the Black History Month play and other related activities have concluded. Now, the students have a place where they can openly and freely voice their opinions.

By Tando Goduka
Times Features Editor

The wonderful thing about Aquinas College and many other liberal arts institutions is how the differences of individual students are appreciated. We have different learning styles, different strengths and weaknesses, with some of them more visible than others. As said best by Karen Broekstra, Reading/Study Skills Specialist and Coordinator of Special Services/Peer Tutoring, "We are all individuals and should be treated as such. We all learn in our own special ways, and as educators, we should always play up a student's strengths and not their weaknesses." More than 50 students use her unique services which range from advice on effective note-taking and peer tutoring, to reading and taping services.

A learning disability is simply a disorder which affects the way people take in and retain information. It is not a form of mental retardation or result of an emotional imbalance. By the time they get the college level, an LD (Learning Disabled) student has typically developed a variety of strategies for minimizing their problems with conventional learning methods. Covering up the problem, however, doesn't help the student in the long run. Students need to learn to work with their individual weaknesses so they can be turned into strengths. Professors need to be aware of symptoms that their students may be exhibiting, and refer them to a trained specialist. Some symptoms may be: below average reading and writing skills, difficulty with basic math, and consistent trouble concentrating in class.

By Chelsea Davis
Times Contributing Writer

Steve Guerrero, New RD
Of St. Joe's
To everyone's surprise, Residence Life has finally added a new member to their staff. Finally, a new Resident Director (RD), has been hired to be placed in St. Joseph Hall, while Eric Bridge takes on the position of East Area RD. Steve Guerrero, an alumnus, is Aquinas' newest addition. Not only will he be responsible for managing St. Joseph Hall, but he will also act as the coordinator for all intramural sports activities.

Guerrero is no "new kid on the block" as far as Aquinas is concerned. He graduated from Aquinas in 1993 with a degree in Psychology. Presently, he is working on a Master's degree from Western Michigan University with hopes of earning a doctorate degree in counseling.

When asked what are some things he wished to bring to St. Joe and the Aquinas Community, Guerrero responded, "Communication is the key. I want to be able to help students develop a sense of leadership. Strong leadership is the key for any type of community." Guerrero also stressed the importance of keeping everything in perspective. "People should take the good and the bad and use it to their advantage. In order to do this, people should utilize humor and laughter in their everyday lives," he said.

Guerrero was a Resident Advisor during his sophomore and senior years at Aquinas.

Broekstra Helps "disABLED" Students
Broekstra also works in the Academic Achievement Center with disABLED students. The "abled" is capitalized to concentrate on the belief that the students have the ability, and like everyone else, are a little "dis"advantaged. They are not handicapped. It's people's perception, their attitudes, and physical barriers that are problematic.

To combat stereotypes towards the disABLED, Project Open Heart, the newest organization on campus, was formed to create an awareness and provide a viable support group for students with disABILITIES. It is open to any student on campus interested in advocating the rights of everyone. Meetings are every other Wednesday, the next one being on February 15 in the Academic Building, room 115, from 12:30 to 1:30.

One of the biggest problems that disABLED students face is communication with the non-disabled world. "Just because you are in a wheelchair, use a cane, or have a speech disorder, people automatically assume that you are deaf, dumb and mute," said Broekstra. That is not always the case. Anxiety and feelings of unconforatbility towards others produce treatment of people that needs to be evaluated, so that biases can be overcome.

The way to accomplish that is education. A disABLED student fell into the pond behind Wege Building, before they put railings on the bridge. She was passed by a student that greeted her and kept on walking without asking her if she needed help. If you don't think this can be you, think again.

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Slayer. The name conjures up images, images of Hell, Satan, Death, and general brutality. But, when the kings of musical mayhem created the Syndrome Theatre in Kalamazoo February 8th, Slayer exercised a theme of control, rather than the fire-and-brimstone images that non-Slayer-philic individuals perceive.

Kicking off the set with “Raining Blood,” the L.A. foursome showcased their trademark intensity, and a tightness that is rivaled by few. The hardcore speed metal vibe of “Raining Blood” then fused into the mid-tempo “Killing Fields,” the first cut off their latest album, last year’s *Divine Intervention*.

Throughout the 90-minute show, Slayer chose a diverse range of “tunes” from their six-album discography, including “Hell Awaits,” “At Dawn They Sleep,” “Angel of Death,” and their trademark song, the blisteringly fast “Angel of Death.” However, the theme of control echoed throughout the majority of their live material, and served as a motif for the entire show.

Bassist/vocalist Tom Araya has a penchant for writing songs about control, ranging from the sick mentality of serial killers (the suitably creepy “213,” “Dead Skin Mask,” and “Seasons in the Abyss”) to the horrors of war (“Mandatory Suicide”—arguably their best song—and “War Ensemble”). But the standout songs were new ones, including “Sex Murder Art,” “two-minute speedcore probe into the mind of a rapist, which ends abruptly with “God is dead/I am alive;” “Divine Intervention” finds the band falling into an almost danceable groove, while showing the inhibiting tendencies of organized religion (“Who am I to judge you grace?”).

Kerry King and Jeff Hanneman deployed their six-string militia with the grace of newcomer Paul Bostaph on drums who held contender among the two well-established. Their last song was the golden oldie “Chemical Warfare,” which appeared to long-time Slayer fans, and is a song so classic, I have the lyrics embroidered on a throw pillow in my sewing room.

One of the opening acts on the bill was Biohazard, a Shredder group, and so I took a Yawd” hardcore to the stage. These guys put all their guts into their songs of urban warfare, which included “Black and White and Red All Over,” “Punks Not Dead,” “The Wrong Side of the Tracks,” and the suitably monikered “Punishment.” Biohazard played with more than feeling and passion in comparison to Slayer’s cold, calculated pummeling.

San Francisco’s Machine Head opened the show with their thrash-groove sounding. Taking songs such as “Old,” “Blood for Blood,” and “A Thousand Lies” from their debut album, *Burn My Eyes,* they gave both Slayer and Biohazard a run for their money, “Black,” and, especially “Davidian,” (with the refrain of “Let freedom ring with a shotgun blast”) defined Machine Head as a major-league contender in the metal world. All the well-established acts on the evening’s bill—which featured so much intensity, it should be illegal.

**Shane Klein**
*Times Contributing Writer*

On May 25, 1977, a modest fairy tale was released to the world through theaters. This legend is still heralded as one of the best stories of all time. Today, nearly 20 years later, it continues to awe people. It all started just like yesterday I was playing with my Luke Skywalker and Han Solo action figures kicking the crap out of Darth Vader. I have been waiting for the day, as am sure many of you have too, when George Lucas would do something more with some of the best heroes and villains of all time.

It has been reported that Lucas has been working on three prequels to the trilogy that started the worlds fascination with Star Wars. The release dates for the next trilogy are to be scheduled in three consecutive years: 1998, 1999, and the year 2000.

The storyline for the three movies is going to be based around the Skywalker family and the survival of the Jedi Knights. It will go back and depict Yoda as he teaches Anakin Skywalker as much as he can before the Clone Wars. The trilogy is to be shot all at the same time, just like *The Future 2 & 3,* so that they can be released to meet their deadline in time. The films are expected to cost $50 million each, not too bad since Jurassic Park cost only $60 million thanks to computers these days. However the distributor of the trilogy has yet to be decided. Rumors include Lucasfilm, Warner Brothers, Disney and Paramount Pictures are putting up joint efforts to do the trilogy together.

As far as the trilogy itself, the script was for me, I was also told by the same source that there are also plans to release the director’s cut of Star Wars. This will be a special treat that includes scenes from the original movie that were cut and never seen by the public before. To go along with this, the sound for the movie will be digitally remixed to fit surround-sound systems. Expect to see this in 1997, just in time to get us pumped for the new trilogy.

**MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!**
REVIEW: Traci Lords control
By Joe Stimac
Times Entertainment Editor
Radioactive Records

I don’t usually review singles, but I can justify it this time because Traci Lords has a full length album due out February 28th. If the single “Control” is any indicator as to what the follow up LP will be, then we have a great disc on our way. In most cases, I am not a fan of singles unless I am absolutely gaga about the group. This proves to be an exception. I cannot be gaga about her yet, because this single is the only thing that she’s ever released. Some may speculate that I am counting the chickens before they hatch, but I have good incentive to think that the full length album will be exceptional.

First, all I can say is that she wrote and produced something distinct, as far as dance music goes. I really like the single because it’s originality (especially the “Olympic 7” edit). From an interview I read in Acetics magazine it sounds like originality is a priority, and this will probably be reflected throughout the coming LP.

Secondly, another sign of quality is the rumored people that she is working with. She isn’t operating out of her basement with the local DJ Miko. She is collaborating with people that know the music.

Third, she has taken preventive measures so that she will not be exploited like Kim Wilde or Samantha Fox. She will be seen as a musician, not an actor turned musician.

Wally Pleasant
houses of the holy moly
Miranda Records

When listening to the goofy lyrics and folkly acoustic guitar that comprise the basic Wally Pleasant song, I can’t help but think, “Hey, anybody could write this stuff!” The fact is, however, that in my limited scope of the music world, not just anybody writes stuff like this. Wally Pleasant does.

There must be a reason for that. It could be that this is Pleasant is a noble pioneer, exploring new frontiers in music which the rest of the industry dreams of expanding into, though they dare not tread too near. Either that, or he is a marginally talented sap who doesn’t realize that there is no art to writing songs like “Toxic Waste Block Party” and “Wonderful Sex.”

Personally, I think that there are times when both explanations could apply to Wally Pleasant, but I also feel that the real reason that he records such poppy, nonsensical tunes is basically because he has fun doing it. When listening to Houses of the Holy Moly, I was saturated with “false fun.”

In fact, it was very hard to listen to the album from beginning to end. From the sound of it, Pleasant is a person who enjoys performing. When I heard that Simple Minds was coming out with a new CD, my first thought was, “Oh no, a great ‘80s band is trying to re-emerge in the ‘90s with some weak excuse for pop material.” I thought that Simple Minds was a great band, but one that defined a certain time period, when normal people wore red leather jackets with too many zippers, and The Breakfast Club was the most popular flick. What I expected was cheese pop, but what I heard was an overgrown band with a surprisingly lively sound.

The best thing that I can say about this record is that it is good for a few chuckles. Musically, the songs are solid, though not outstanding, alternating the backing of purely acoustic guitar with that of a full band. When the last of the twelve songs on Houses of the Holy Moly is over, the disc just leaves me flat.

Simple Minds
good news from the next world
Virgin Records

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The first thing you notice when you hear the disc is that this band’s sound has evolved quite a bit. Their ‘80s music was often soft and lacked a strong guitar or drum influence. After hearing the first two songs, “She’s a River” and “Night Music,” you begin to realize that their new music is much more aggressive. This new sound is laden with heavy guitar riffs and resonating drums.

This disc allows you to remember the unique sound generated during the ‘80s. Their trademark of laid back, flowing rhythms is revised in the third track titled “Hypnotized,” which reminds me of one of their ‘80s hit “Belfast Child.” After this brief foray back to the ‘80s, the disc takes off once again with songs like “Great Leap Forward,” “My Life,” and “Seven Deadly Sins,” which showcase a new sound that is richer and more enjoyable.

I’ve always thought that Simple Minds was an incredibly talented band but they’ve proven they should not be considered a by-product of ‘80s pop, but rather a viable ‘90s band. Other ‘80s artists have attempted to crash the charts in the ‘90s but have had limited success. (Does the name Duran Duran ring a bell? How about INXS?) Well, Simple Minds has graduated from the ‘80s and produced a first rate CD.
What has happened to the Arkansas Razorbacks? Armed with the same team that won key conference tournaments as well as the "Big Dance." One of the biggest shockers this year has been Northwestern, who has shown an ability to beat teams that are expected to lose. That is not to say that the rest of the team is not capable of performing. Although the team has had its ups and downs, they are in danger of not making the tournament by the end of the season. With the absence of three of the Fab Five, Michigan is feeling the strain of having to rely on the rest of the team to perform. The Wolverines are losing to teams that the perennial powerhouse, Northwestern, could beat.

The regular season is nearly half over and teams are priming themselves for their conference tournaments as well as the "Big Dance." One of the biggest shockers this season is the poor performance of the Duke Blue Devils. The Devils are winless in the ACC and are suffering through one of their worst seasons in school history and they are doing it without the help of Coach "K." One of the questions that is going around is: What has happened to the Arkansas Razorbacks? Armed with the same team that won key conference tournaments as well as the "Big Dance." One of the biggest shockers this year has been Northwestern, who has shown an ability to beat teams that are expected to lose. That is not to say that the rest of the team is not capable of performing. Although the team has had its ups and downs, they are in danger of not making the tournament by the end of the season.

By Mike Chabot

**SPORTSLOOK**

This year's college basketball season is a case of "I don't want it, you take it," in regards to the number one ranking. So far this season, at least five teams have been slotted at the top position, with each of them falling shortly thereafter, the latest victim being the Tarheels from North Carolina. After the past week's games, as many as seven teams could lay claim to the top spot. One team that could have risen to the top was the Spartans from Michigan State. Their shot to the top happened when the Purdue Boilermakers ended the Spartans 13-game home winning streak and seven-game win streak overall. Just Heathcoat, in his final season at MSU, has hit the legitimate shot at winning his second national title this season. The Spartans have the best backcourt in the nation in Senior sensation Shawn Respert, who is among the nation's leaders in scoring, and point guard Eric Snow who has the quickness and skills to play with anybody in the nation, except for maybe Respert. Opting to return for his senior year, Respert's stock has risen dramatically, thanks to an average of nearly 26 points per game.

The other team in Michigan, the Wolverines, are suffering through a dismal, average season. With the absence of three of the Fab Five, Michigan is feeling the strain of having to rely on the rest of the team to perform. The Wolverines are losing to teams that the perennial powerhouse, Northwestern, could beat.

Shawn Respert is the best player in the land. No other player has been as consistent throughout the season, and has provided his team with leadership and drive to win a national championship. Hands down, Shawn Respert is the best player in the land.

By Jeff Maloney

**America's Cup Heats Up**

SAN DIEGO, CA.—The competition for the America's Cup is heating up for the 1996 event as the Defenders Series, Citizen Cup, enters its second round of races. Three American boats are currently vying for the chance to defend America's Cup against the winner of the Challenger Series for the America's Cup. The United States has only one holding a lead with 16 points, followed by France with 13, and New Zealand with 11. The Mackers are the seven-game road trip away from their home court, but a chance to regain control of the series.

The Challenger Series, Louis Vuitton Cup, is an overall closer competition as Team New Zealand leads with 16 points, one Australis is next with 13, NZL-39 follows with 13, and France is close behind with ten. France 7 wins with seven, Sydney 95 has four, and Spain is in last with zero.

Quite possibly the most interesting event in sailing took place when the U.S. aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln appeared out of the fog. Fortunately, races were cancelled that day due to poor visibility. Navy officials were unable to explain how the ship ended up anywhere near the race waters.

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The winner of the Challenger Series for the America's Cup. The United States has only lost the Cup once in the history of the event, in 1988 when Dennis Connor lost to the team from New Zealand.

By Mike Chabot

**SPORTS**

**Mickers Beat Skyforce To Break Losing Streak**

After losing three out of their last five games, trading leading scorer Dave Johnson, losing the league's top rebounder Yamen Sanders to an overseas team, and only having eight players available, the Mackers pulled together enough strength to beat the Sioux Falls Skyforce.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Sioux Falls came into the game with a league-leading record of 23-11. With so many strikers against the Mackers, Tuesday night hardly seemed to be a convenien time to play the league's best team.

According to the Mackers, Tuesday night was just fine. Carl Thomas led the way with 28 points, while breaking his own franchise record for three-pointers in a season. For the year, Carl has shot 313 times behind the arc, making 126, bettering his previous mark of 120. With 19 games remaining, Carl has a better than average "shot" at breaking the CBA record of 147 treys.

Marcus Bragg helped the cause by only missing three shots in 19 attempts to finish with 27 points. Marcus Kennedy, now starting for the departed Sanders, came through with 11 boards to go along with 17 points.

At 19-17, and tied for second place in the Midwestern Division, the Mackers are in a good position to do well in the post season. The folding of the Harrisburg Hammerheads and the Hartford Hellcats has guaranteed the Mackers and every other team in the American Conference a post-season berth. With a 5.0 record against teams from the Western Division, including 2-0 against the Skyforce, Grand Rapids has just as good a shot as anyone at returning to the league finals this year. The first test will be against division leader Quad City, followed by another home game against the Chicago Rockers. The three-game home stand ends with a game against the Yakima Sun Kings.

The second, and most important, test for the Mackers will be the seven-game road trip they embark on, which will find them facing the Pittsburgh Pirates on February 20th. If the Mackers can stay healthy, and get a few more quality players to fill some empty spots, they could be very competitive come playoff time.

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A Message From The Michigan Department Of Agriculture
Wings Are Up, Pistons Are Down For Detroit Sports

By Rob LaBarre
Times Contributing Writer

So far this year, the city of Detroit has been the epitome of balance as far as its sports go. On one hand, we have the Red Wings, who appear to be well on their way to Detroit's first Stanley Cup in almost forty years. On the other hand, there are the Pistons, currently fighting hard to become the worst team in the NBA. Watching these two teams play, it's hard to believe that they even come from the same city.

The Red Wings fly into the abbreviated season (48 games) with a new goalie, a new attitude, and an old score to settle. Thanks to the acquisition of goaltender Mike Vernon, an eight-year playoff veteran, the Red Wings will be better able to institute coach Scotty Bowman's defensive philosophy. With Vernon splitting time at goal with Chris Osgood, who has already recorded three shutouts, it gives Detroit a stellar pair in the crease. The Detroit defense also received a boost with the additions of Krudelenensky, Brown, and Howe who, at Bowman quickly points out, do the little things that don't show up in the stats.

While the Wings defense is enough to make them fierce opponents, what really sets them apart from other teams in the NHL is their potent offense. Even with Bowman experimenting with different lines, scratching key players, and Sergei Fedorov's three game suspension to start the season, the Wings have still scored 40 goals while only giving up 21. Ray Sheppard has led the offensive onslaught with 10 goals in as many games, along with the usual sterling performance by Steve Yzerman and Fedorov, has catapulted the Wings to the best record in the Western Conference at 7-3-0. To the surprise of many, Yzerman has been concentrating less on scoring goals and working more on boosting his assists and playing tough defense. This behavior epitomizes the general attitude of the entire team to move away from shooting for individual glory and work as a team to capture the Cup. This year it will take more than the San Jose Sharks to keep them from reaching their goal.

In contrast to the Wings, the Detroit Pistons have misfired constantly throughout the NBA season. The Pistons are looking to rebuild their team around rookie sensation and leading All-Star vote-getter Grant Hill. Apart from Hill the only other player who has produced with any consistency has been veteran guard Joe Dumars. Apart from these two, the outlook for the Pistons, who have been plagued with injuries throughout the season, is pretty dismal. With a record of 17 wins and 28 losses, the Motor City's finest is almost feeling the heat from the EXPLOSION, the newest being the Grand Rapids Expansion. With a 20-game schedule slated for this summer, and a decent amount of talent to choose from in the area, the Explosion should be a welcome addition to Grant Rapids. The team, which will host a roster of 18 players, will compete in the USISL professional outdoor soccer league. The Explosion already has matches scheduled with teams from Minnesota, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Des Moines, Louisville, and Lexington. Also, the Expansion will be playing against teams from Cincinnati and Columbus, as well as the already well-established Detroit Wheels.

The team is officially an amateur team, but will play in a professional league. Team officials made the decision in order to give area college players the opportunity to play. A home field has already been secured for the season, but team officials are still uncertain exactly where in Grand Rapids the team will play. There will be ten home games and possibly at least two exhibition games. Season tickets will go for $60, and are available by calling the Explosion offices at 874-3279.

M.A.D. Top 15 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1. Tennessee
10. Hope
2. UConn
11. Wake Forest
3. North Carolina
12. Arizona St.
4. Kansas
9. Syracuse
5. UCLA
8. Arizona
6. MSU
7. UMass
13. Missouri
14. Villanova
15. Georgia Tech

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BRAIN TEASER

1. What sport features trotters and pacers?
2. Name the pairs figure skating team that has won back to back gold medals in the 1988 and 1992 winter Olympics.
3. What is the number of Rusty Wallace's Miller Genuine Draft Stock Car?
4. Name the All-time leader in assists in the NBA.
5. Who is the current world record holder in the men's 400 meter dash?

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