

## In it to End it



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For many years, the End It Movement has used their voice against slavery. Slavery is illegal in every country, yet it still exists all over the world. An estimated 20 million people are enslaved in different forms of anywhere from forced labor to human trafficking. The End It Movement was born to raise awareness about modern day slavery. On Feb. 23, the End It Movement wants you to join with them to shine a light on slavery and be in it to end it.

Many believe that slavery ended after the Civil War but that is far from the truth. There are people in the world today that are trapped. Some are forced to work without pay, some are subject to human trafficking, being controlled and are unable to walk away. Nearly one in every five victims is a child and fifty five percent are women and girls. There are people trapped in slavery in 167 countries which makes up

87% of the world's nations. The End It Movement was founded in 2013 in hopes that it would raise awareness to modern day slavery and try to combat it.

End It was created by Pastor Louie Giglio and the Passion Movement. It is a coalition of 16 nonprofit organizations such as the A21 Campaign, The Salvation Army, Love 146 and World Vision all focused on fighting for freedom, they call themselves 'freedom fighters'. They work year-round on the ground in hopes of bringing awareness and creating opportunities to do their part to end modern day slavery. Their website states that their goal is to bring "Awareness, Prevention, Rescue and Restoration."

Each year End It picks out a day for the entire world to become "freedom fighters" and use their voice. That day is called Shine a Light on Slavery Day. On this day people are asked to draw a red X on their hand to join in the movement to shine a light and give a voice to those that don't have one. "We want to lift our voices for those who have no voice and bring awareness to the

nation for people who have no idea that this is going on." said founder Louie Giglio. In the past, the Passion Movement students have raised millions of dollars for the cause. People have been rescued from entrapment and given hope thanks to the efforts of all those involved in the End It Movement. Hundreds of politicians and celebrities like Carrie Underwood, Peyton Manning, Kyle Korver Ian Somerhalder and many more have become freedom fighters.

"It's not any one person or organization that's going to solve this. It's every one of us, doing what we can, at the level of influence we have, to not only shine a light on slavery, but to end it," added Giglio. This year, that day is Feb. 23. End It invites you to draw a red X on your hand and tell your world, get creative and use your talents to shine a light. End It states on their website "Awareness is doing the work, but awareness must lead to action." This could be the generation that sees the existence of slavery finally cease to exist. For more information on the End It Movement please visit [www.enditmovement.com](http://www.enditmovement.com).

## Sammy strikes again

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A new bar will be opening up soon near the University of West Georgia for both students and the community. Sammy, the local business owner, currently owns three stores; the University Chevron, Sammy's Midnight Grill and Sammy's Corner Store. Both the University Chevron and Sammy's Midnight Grill are located on Maple St. Sammy's Corner Store, which is his newest store, is located on Cunningham Dr., even closer to campus. Sammy's Corner Store opened in September of 2016.

"I go there almost every day," said Deborah Barner, senior at UWG.

"All of Sammy's stores are very beneficial for students, especially for the ones who don't have a car. "Each store has very cheap stuff that any student would want to buy," Deborah continued. "Almost every time I visit, I spend about 5 minutes in the store because he has a lot of items to choose from at a low price."

The owner makes sure to sell a variety of products in order to keep a booming business.

"We provide whatever the students need," said Sammy, the business owner. "We also have great prices so the college students are able to buy the items with no problem."

Sammy plans on opening his new business next month. "I will be expanding the midnight grill," said Sammy. "I plan on making the new building into a bar." Sammy be-

lieves this is a good idea because the students would not have to travel far to purchase alcohol. Even though there is a liquor store already opened on the same street he is building his bar, Sammy still feels like students would visit his store frequently. The business owner builds connections with the students which help with his businesses. He also understands how the students are in college and have budgets.

"Sammy can be a very nice person," said Deborah. "I like how he gives away simple things to new customers to keep them wanting to come back to the store for more."

For over five years, the owner only owned one store, the University Chevron. The business owner was able to make a lot of revenue from the store. By the mid-

dle of 2016, he was able to buy out a store that is located next to the gas station, Sammy's Midnight Grill. The business owner, wasted no time.

"The struggle is the meaning of life," said Sammy.

He uses that saying to motivate himself to remain successful while owning his different stores.

Sammy explained how owning several businesses can be difficult at times. "I'm not able to get a lot of rest anymore," said Sammy. "Trying to maintain the different stores can be hard work because I have to make sure I have enough help."

Sammy also discussed how being a successful business owner is a blessing. "I'm thankful because I'm able to support my family," said Sammy. "I'm just glad I'm successful with what I do."

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## A Public Relations Students Key to Success

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On Feb. 24, 2017 the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) at UWG will be attending the Real World PR 2017 annual collegiate conference. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:45 p.m. At the conference, students will have the opportunity to meet public relations professionals and participate in a variety of events that will further their future careers.

UWG PRSSA is expected to have over 10 members attending the conference. They will have an opportunity to meet over 100 public relations professionals who will provide a vast amount of insight about the PR industry.

"My expectations are for students to gain insight into the public relations industry by attending workshops to complement their classroom instruction, network with professionals from various corporations and PR agencies for internship opportunities, as well gain career advancing opportunities through a career expo and resume critique," said Dr. Hazel Cole, the co-advisor

for PRSSA at UWG. UWG PRSSA strives to give its members valuable resources that will only benefit their careers. They do this by assuring that the club partakes in the Real World PR Conference each year.

"My reasons for exposing students to collegiate conferences such as the Real World PR 2017 Conference is personal and professional. I seek opportunities to grow students professionally through exposure to companies and leaders in the communications industry," said Cole. "It is important to me to mentor young people to reach their potential. This conference is one way I seek opportunities to pass the torch to help young people step into their future."

PRSA-Georgia offers a grant to students who attend the Real World PR Conference. This provides students the financial support needed to experience a lifetime event.

"As PRSSA members, there are numerous scholarship opportunities through the national organization. At the local level, students are offered the opportunity to participate in professional events in Atlanta and the region," said Cole. "We have been successful in receiving the grant from PRSA-Georgia each time we've applied and are grateful for their continued support."

In the PR industry it is important to have an understanding of



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networking, interview etiquette, and a professional's perspective on the industry. The Real World PR Conference will provide students with all of the above along with access to material that will only come from the conference.

"The biggest takeaway is exposure to the professionals and learning about their career trajectory based on skills, hard work, education, and professionalism," said Cole. "Students will meet communications professionals from major Atlanta businesses, corporations, and agencies who make time to share their experiences and offer insight on breaking into the PR industry."

UWG PRSSA is actively

seeking students in the communications field who are interested in attending events to further their career such as the Real World PR Conference.

"My advice for students is to start early in their college careers by building professionalism and cultivating relationships, which leads to opportunities for career advancement. UWG PRSSA is the perfect opportunity for any student to gain insight about the communications industry and about professional growth," Cole continued. "It is a professional organization that offers networking opportunities, exposure to professionals, workshops and conferences, and leadership opportunity."

## International Night 2017

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The International Night at the University of West Georgia took place on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at the Coliseum. This event annually brings together students from all over the world. One of the major attractions of this event is the food. The international students prepare food from their home countries. Many of the students were also adorned in traditional clothes from their home countries. Students expressed the various benefits and struggles of being an international student at the University of West Georgia.

"We try to teach the American populous, students, lecturers and so forth, our culture in music, in dance, in poetry, in fashion, in food," said Henrick Gordon, president of the UWG International Student Club. "Everything that says West Africa, everything that says Jamaica, everything that says Macedonia, we try to get that across."

This event has grown over the past couple of years. This year, however, is the first year that it has taken place in the Coliseum. In previous years, this event has taken place in the Technology Enhanced Learning Center on campus. Due to the large turnout last year, International Night called for a bigger venue this year in order to house the expanding number of people attending the event this year and the many years to come.

"It initially was held in a dining hall, we have grown, we have gotten way past that space

and it is now being held at the Coliseum," said Gordon.

The International Student Club has gone to greater lengths in order to spread the word about this year's International Night, taking advantage of social media outlets like Facebook and Instagram. They have also done much in terms of reaching out to the Carrollton community and getting involved with businesses outside of UWG.

"Places like Gallery Row, Leopoldos, The Border, Samba Loca, Alley Cat," explained Smith. "They have been on board, they keep coming to our events. They send food, they send workers to serve the food, they help us financially."

This kind of cooperation not only helps the International Student Club, but the business as well, forming a bond between both parties.

"It forms a partnership," said Gordon. "Because when we see that they are being this kind to us, we go and we tell the students that this place is somewhere you can go and get some food because they are always supporting us so we will support them."

Not only were there many students that showed up at the event, but people varying from all ages, from children to senior citizens. The International Night has come a long way in the short five years that it has taken place. The International Student Club will continue to expand International Night and do its best to continue to involve the Carrollton community in every way possible. They hope that this will also inspire other international students to want to come to further their education at UWG.



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## The New Face of Marketing

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Social media has become one of the biggest forms of marketing for business owners. Before social media became the big craze, businesses didn't have it so easy when it came to advertising. Social media has helped many entrepreneurs further their clientele and grow their business. UWG alumni Liz Holder has benefited greatly from the use of social media for her photography business.

Liz started her business Liz Holder Photography in 2012 when her parents bought her her first professional camera. "They surprised me with the camera," said Liz, "usually, they would just give me disposable cameras to take pictures on family vacation and the rest was history." When Liz started her business, her clientele was only through word of mouth and she mostly only took

pictures at church events. She created a Facebook page for her business and noticed a rise in clientele. Liz went from taking pictures at church to doing 10-15 weddings a year and most of UWG'S Mass Communication majors graduation pictures.

Social media, like most things in life, has its downsides. People can judge you based off of what you post on your page and if they don't like what they see, they will not give you their business. "It's like going on a date," said Liz, "You watch what people say and get to know them by looking at their posts. If they see something they don't like, they're on to the next." You have to be a mixture of professional and personal. Your potential clients have to feel interested in you and your business at the same time.

There are certain risks to worry about with social media marketing as well. Facebook allows customers to leave ratings on your business pages. The only downside is that no one can delete those com-

ments but the commenter. Therefore, businesses have to make sure they present the best customer service at all times. Another risk to worry about is hacking. "In 2015 someone hacked into my business page and changed all of my passwords," said Liz "I lost years of my work that I could never get back."

Being a Mass Communication major with a concentration in Public Relations and Marketing Minor, Liz was able to learn a lot about how to run a business. Social media marketing classes helped Liz learn how to use social media effectively. "I took the class for an easy A until I realized it really applies to me," said Liz, "The class taught me the right times to post pictures and how to appeal to my target audience."

There are more things to social media marketing than just posting pictures. The most important thing to remember about any form of marketing is creativity. There may be many people running a business who do the same thing but in order

to appeal to your audience you have to be different in your approach and stand out amongst your competition. "I learned how to stand out amongst other photographers," said Liz, "my pictures have more of a natural feel and aren't overly photo shopped whereas some others overdo their photos."

No matter what business you own, you have to remember that everybody is not going to like you. There will always be someone that has a problem with something that you do. "I had someone come up to me and say you suck," said Liz, "they told me my work is garbage." Regardless of how good customer service and the product is, you can not please everybody.

Even though there are bigger chances of doubters and bad reviews, social media is still the most cost saving and effective forms of marketing today. It gives entrepreneurs like Liz an opportunity to do what they love and promote their business at the same time.



### ATTENTION LIFEGUARDS

The Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department is in need of part time lifeguards for this upcoming summer. Red Cross Certified Lifeguards and CPR certifications are preferred, however that is not required. We do offer our own CPR/Lifeguard classes. If interested, please contact Brody Lively at [lively@carrollton-ga.gov](mailto:lively@carrollton-ga.gov)



### ATTENTION SWIMMERS

The Carrollton Bluefin Swim Team is looking for qualified assistant coach to work with swimmers from the ages 6 to 18 years old. All applicants must have a background in competitive swimming to be considered and must pass a background check along with a drug test.

The Bluefin Swim Team is a year round, indoor competitive swim program sponsored by the Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department (CPRCAD). The Bluefin Swim Team is a Carrollton tradition that has provided quality swim instruction since 1968.

Our goal for the team is to develop physical fitness in our youth by providing quality swim instruction that promotes good sportsmanship and team spirit in all levels of competitive swimming.

If interested, please contact John Pepper or Morgan Leahey at 770-832-1134 or email at [bluefinswimming@gmail.com](mailto:bluefinswimming@gmail.com)

# Northeast hit by its biggest snowstorm of the winter

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Associated Press

The biggest storm to hit the Northeast this winter dropped a foot or more of snow along the New York-to-Boston corridor Thursday, turning roads treacherous, grounding flights and giving millions of people weather whiplash a day after temperatures soared into the 50s and 60s.

Scores of accidents were reported as drivers confronted blowing snow and slick highways. Stretches of Interstate 95 in Rhode Island were closed in the afternoon after tractor-trailers got stuck, and dozens of motorists got stranded on New York's Long Island after they couldn't make it up icy ramps.

Schools closed in cities big and small, including New York City, Philadelphia and Boston, and government offices told non-essential workers to stay home.

More than 3,500 flights were canceled across the region and planes bound for New York's Kennedy Airport were ordered held on the

ground for hours while crews cleared the runways. A de-icing truck caught fire at Bradley Airport outside Hartford, Connecticut.

In New York City, a doorman died after falling down a set of stairs and crashing through a plate-glass window while shoveling snow. Police said Miguel Angel Gonzalez, 59, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, suffered cuts on his neck and face.

In Rhode Island, they got "thundersnow," with whiteout conditions accompanied by the rumble of thunder.

"It's pretty nuts here," Felicia White said as she and friends hunkered down in a restaurant in Newport, Rhode Island, waiting for the weather to improve. "Even with four-wheel drive, you can't do anything. You can't see across the street."

As of late afternoon, New York's Hudson Valley and parts of Long Island had up to a foot of snow, while New York City recorded about 9 inches.

A blizzard warning was posted for a swath of the New England coast, with forecasters saying Boston and Providence, Rhode Island, could get up to a foot and a half by

evening. Boston canceled school on Friday, too.

West Hartford, Connecticut, had more than 14 inches by late afternoon, and Ludlow, Massachusetts, had 18 inches. Farther north, Nashua, New Hampshire, received over 13 inches and Berwick, Maine, recorded about a foot.

In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, about 100 people turned out for a snowball fight. Organizer Andrew Bagley said that while there was snow aplenty, it wasn't ideal for snowball making.

"It's just an unsanctioned, family-ish event for people staying home on a snow day," he said. "It's an excuse to come downtown and act like little kids again."

In New York City, a group of women in pajamas waited on the sidewalk in the freezing cold to attend a taping of ABC's "The Chew" show, where the day had been proclaimed "Pajama Day."

"It's fun. And it's an experience. Yesterday was 65 degrees, and today, a snowstorm," said Elaine Higgins, a retired educator from Blackwood, New Jersey. "What's life without adventure?"

The storm came midway

through a largely snow-free winter in the Northeast and a day after much of the region enjoyed a brief taste of spring, with record-breaking highs in some places. Temperatures then crashed more than 30 degrees as the storm rolled in.

"We were waiting for a good one all year," said Morgan Crum, a manager at Katz Ace Hardware in Glastonbury, Connecticut, where more than 50 people stopped in to buy shovels, ice melt, gas cans and other storm provisions. "We live in New England. This is what we expect."

The Philadelphia area was largely spared after being told to expect up to 8 inches in the morning. Some suburbs received 5 inches, but by the afternoon, there was almost no trace of snow downtown, and the sun came out.

Wearing a T-shirt, Alicia Jones tossed salt on the sidewalk outside the Philadelphia restaurant where she works and lamented about what could have been. Her daughter had the day off from school, and Jones had been looking forward to playing in the snow with her.

"But by the time we woke up, it was all over," she said.

## San Francisco denies permit for 'Summer of Love' concert

Jocelyn Gecker

Associated Press

On Thursday, Jan. 26, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion hosted their third installment in their Conversation in Culture series titled, "American Muslim Experience, and Islamophobia." Students and staff of different ethnicities and religious backgrounds gathered to listen to and engage in the conversation. Edward Ahmed Mitchell, attorney and the executive director of the Georgia chapter of CAIR (Council of American-Islamic Relations), was the keynote speaker.

"Media hostility, hate speech, illegal discrimination, these are things that American Muslims face pretty regularly," said Mitchell. "Seeing people speak about Islam as if they know what they're talking about when they don't is very frustrating. When you turn on the T.V. and you see someone speak to millions, saying nonsense about my faith, it's very upsetting."

After news broke of the new immigration ban of Muslim majority countries such as Iraq, Iran, Sudan and Syria, protesting began to ensue at U.S. airports nationwide.

"American citizens who are Muslim, or who look Muslim, are being detained at the airport and questioned for hours," said Mitchell. "Questions such as which mosque do you attend, which sect do you belong to, and other questions that are none of the government's business. As Americans, we have the right to put our foot down and say, Hey, I'm not answering these questions, and let me in the country," Mitchell continued. "In terms of International immigration there's not a lot we can do there. As terms of protecting people already here, there are a lot of legal avenues to do that."

Despite the current political climate and tensions Mitchell remains hopeful.

"Interfaith dialogue and academic dialogue is so important. The chance for dialog allows use to break down barriers and to build bridges," said Mitchell.

CAIR was founded in 1994 to fight anti-Muslim discrimination, to deliver speeches and to set up interfaith discussions to clear up misconceptions of Muslim people.

"A lot of people who dislike Muslims are not bigots or evil people, they're just misinformed," said Mitchell. "Education is the best vaccine for discrimination."

## Federal appeals court refuses to reinstate Trump travel ban

Sudhin Thanawala

Associated Press

A federal appeals court refused Thursday to reinstate President Donald Trump's ban on travelers from seven predominantly Muslim nations, unanimously rejecting the administration's claim of presidential authority, questioning its motives and concluding that the order was unlikely to survive legal challenges.

The three judges of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the argument that the ban targets Muslims raised "serious allegations" and presented "significant constitutional questions," and they agreed that courts could consider statements by Trump and his advisers about wishing to enact such a ban.

Moments after the ruling, Trump tweeted, "SEE YOU IN COURT," adding that "THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION IS AT STAKE!"

In response, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat who leads one of the states that challenged the ban, said: "Mr. President, we just saw you in court, and we beat you."

The panel declined to block a lower-court ruling that suspended the ban and allowed previously barred travelers to enter the U.S. But it did not shy away from the larger constitutional questions raised by the order.

The judges sided with the states on every issue except for one technical matter. They rejected the administration's argument that courts did not have the authority to review the president's immigration and national security decisions. They said the administration failed to show that the order met constitutional requirements to provide notice or a hearing before restricting travel. And they said the administration presented no evidence that any foreigner from the seven countries was responsible for a terrorist attack in the U.S.

"Despite the district court's and our own repeated invitations to explain the urgent need for the Executive Order to be placed immediately into effect, the Government submitted no evidence to rebut the States' argument that the district court's order merely returned the nation temporarily to the position it has occupied for many previous years," the panel wrote.

The court battle is far from over. The lower court still must debate the merits of the ban, and an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court seems likely. That could put the decision in the hands of a divided court that has a vacancy. Trump's nominee, Neil Gorsuch, is unlikely to be confirmed in time to take part in any consideration of the ban, which was set to expire in 90 days unless it is changed.

The appellate judges noted compelling public interests on both sides.

"On the one hand, the public has a powerful interest in national security and in the ability of an elected president to enact policies.

And on the other, the public also has an interest in free flow of travel, in avoiding separation of families, and in freedom from discrimination." The Justice Department said it was "reviewing the decision and considering its options." It's the first day on the job for new Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who was sworn in at the White House earlier Thursday by Vice President Mike Pence.

Last week, U.S. District Judge James Robart in Seattle issued a temporary restraining order halting the ban after Washington state and Minnesota sued. The ban temporarily suspended the nation's refugee program and immigration from countries that have raised terrorism concerns.

Justice Department lawyers appealed to the 9th Circuit, arguing that the president has the constitutional power to restrict entry to the United States and that the courts cannot second-guess his determination that such a step was needed to prevent terrorism.

The states said Trump's travel ban harmed individuals, businesses and universities. Citing Trump's campaign promise to stop Muslims from entering the U.S., they said the ban unconstitutionally blocked entry to people based on religion.

The appeals court sided with the administration on just one issue. The states had argued that 9th Circuit precedent prohibits review of temporary restraining orders. The panel said that due to the intense public interest at stake and the uncertainty of how long it would take to obtain a further ruling from the lower court, it was appropriate to consider the federal government's appeal.

Josh Blackman, a professor at South Texas College of Law in Houston, said the "million-dollar question" is whether the Trump administration would appeal to the Supreme Court.

That could run the risk of having only eight justices to hear the case, which could produce a tie and leave the lower-court ruling in place.

"There's a distinct risk in moving this too quickly," Blackman said. "But we're not in a normal time, and Donald Trump is very rash. He may trump, pardon the figure of speech, the normal rule."

Jessica Levinson, a professor at Loyola Law School, said the ruling was thoughtful and supported by a great deal of legal precedent. More important, it was unanimous despite the fact that the panel included judges appointed by Democratic and Republican presidents.

"It's a very important message that judges are not just politicians in robes and not just political hacks," Levinson said. "The role of the judge is to transcend politics. That's why they're appointed for life, so they don't worry about what's popular. They worry about what's legally correct."

After the ban was put on hold, the State Department quickly said people from the seven countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — with valid visas could travel to the U.S. The decision led to tearful reunions at airports around the country.

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## New Zealanders race to save whales after 400 stranded

Nick Perry

Associated Press

New Zealand volunteers formed a human chain in the water at a remote beach on Friday as they raced to save dozens of whales after more than 400 of the creatures beached themselves in one of the worst whale strandings in the nation's history.

About three-quarters of the pilot whales were already dead when they were found Friday morning at Farewell Spit at the tip of the South Island.

The adult and baby whale carcasses were strewn three or four deep in places for hundreds of yards, often rolled over on the sand with their tail fins still aloft.

Volunteers wearing wetsuits and carrying buckets worked to keep the stranded survivors alive in an

area that seems to confuse whales and has been the site of previous mass strandings.

Department of Conservation community ranger Kath Inwood said about 300 volunteers had joined conservation workers on the beach.

She said they had refloated some of the whales at high tide and had formed the chain to try and prevent them from swimming back ashore. Others remained alive but beached.

"It can be really quite distressing seeing so many dead whales," Inwood said. "People need to be resilient and handle that and then get on with what needs to be done."

She said volunteers were keeping the stranded survivors damp and cool by placing blankets over them and dousing them with buckets of water.

The high tide allowed volunteers their one shot of the day to

help some of the whales. Should the whales become stranded again, the volunteers would have to wait until the next daylight high tide on Saturday.

Inwood said whale strandings occur most years at Farewell Spit, but that the scale of this stranding had come as a shock. She said farmers and other locals were helping out and that people were also arriving from other parts of the country.

There are different theories as to why whales strand themselves, from them chasing prey too far inshore to them trying to protect a sick member of the group.

Farewell Spit is sometimes described as a whale trap. It has a long protruding coastline and gently sloping beaches that seem to make it difficult for whales to navigate away from once they get close.

Authorities were asking for fit volunteers to travel to the beach and help with the rescue efforts. Get-

ting there from the nearest provincial airport in Nelson involves a three-hour drive followed by a 15-minute hike.

Conservation workers said many of the surviving whales were likely to be in bad shape given the number of deaths, and that their conditions would likely deteriorate.

Volunteer rescue group Project Jonah said a total of 416 whales had stranded and 75 percent were dead when they were discovered. The Department of Conservation put the number of dead whales at about 250 to 300.

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of whale strandings in the world, and Friday's event is the nation's third-biggest recorded stranding.

The largest was in 1918, when about 1,000 pilot whales came ashore on the Chatham Islands. In 1985 about 450 whales stranded in Auckland.

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## Maine man gets prison for beating homeowner with frying pan

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Associated Press

A Maine man is headed to prison for breaking into the home of an elderly man and beating him with a frying pan.

Kristopher Russ pleaded guilty Monday in Augusta to charges that include robbery and elevated aggravated assault. He was sentenced to 23 years in prison, with 18 to be served initially, followed by four years' probation, while the remainder is sus-

pending.

Police say the 79-year-old homeowner, James Young, came upon the 34-year-old Russ when he walked inside his home on March 14, 2016. Russ then hit Young with a frying pan several times before making off with some money.

Young suffered serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Russ' attorney says her client was "extremely under the influence of drugs" at the time.

Russ apologized to Young in court.

## Deer runs amok inside supermarket, gets wrangled by shoppers

York Daily Record

Associated Press

Pandemonium broke out at a southern Pennsylvania supermarket when a rogue deer smashed through its glass entrance and briefly ran amok.

The doe burst into a Giant grocery store in the borough of Manchester on Monday, The York Daily Record reported (<http://bit.ly/2lsjYCT>).

Once surprised shoppers figured out what the noise was, they worked together to wrangle the animal and force it outside.

Robert Beck III, of Conewago Township, was in the store at the time with his wife. He said he heard a loud bang then people screaming "Deer!" He caught a glimpse of the animal as it scampered toward the bakery section.

"When I seen it, it was game on," he said.

An avid hunter, Beck grabbed the deer around its neck and forced it outside with help from two other men. The animal was in the store for about 50 seconds.

"That's like a rodeo record," Beck said, adding, "I think she was scared from all those people."

Police generally advise the public not to get involved in animal control when wild animals venture into populated places.

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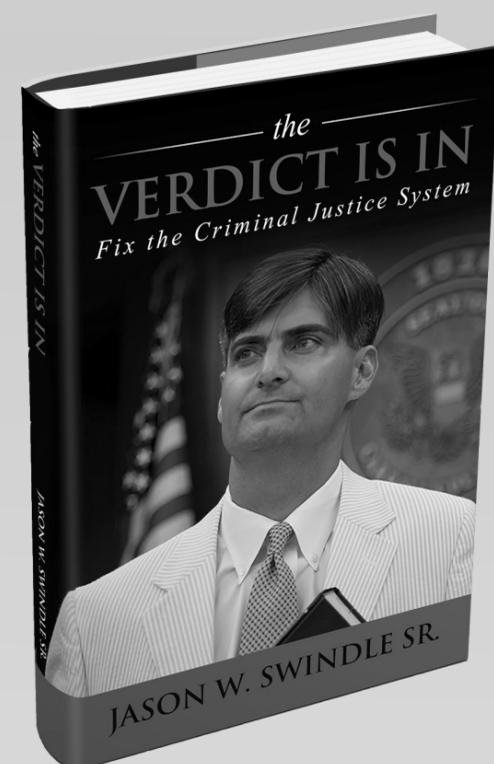
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## “The Beauty and the Beast”

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Disney’s classic fairytale is coming to the Cultural Arts Center in Carrollton. The show will be held Mar. 16 to Mar. 18 and Mar. 23 to 25 at 7:30 p.m., while the showings on Mar. 19 and 26 is at 2:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 and youth tickets are \$10. This Academy Award-winning animated motion picture feature inspired the Carroll County Community Theater to create the show this year. It will feature songs written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, as well as new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

This love story is about the character Belle, played by Ally Murr-rah, and the Beast played by Dakota Kuykendall. The Beast, is a young prince trapped under a spell and must learn to love, and to be loved in order to break the spell.

“I hope they get swept away in a fairy tale story of smart, independent beauty and a beast struggling to find his true self who find each other, and love, in the process,” said Ginna Blair, Beauty and the Beast show director.

Beauty and the Beast has been played to over 35 million people worldwide in 13 countries. This play has been extremely popular, especially this year with a new feature film releasing this spring.

“It is all exciting! I know it seems cliché but this show is truly magical and has been from the very beginning so I am most excited about the community having an opportunity to see it and be transported into this classic fairy tale,” said Blair.

The show has been the big-

gest production yet at the cultural arts center and had about 100 people audition for the 55 spots needed to fill for the cast, which is the most that the center has ever had before. Auditions took place early this year, and the first read through to prepare for the big show began Jan. 5. Along with the 12 main characters, the cast included narrators, a chorus and dance ensemble.

“I am not sure we have ever had such a turn out and had so many people from which to choose,” said

Blair. “We ended up not being able to cast some great singers and actors into the cast. As a director, this is a wonderful problem to have, but as a friend to the community it is tough not to be able to cast everyone.”

This magical show provides beautiful costumes that were each hand designed and built by local artists and costumers. With this being a love story, they wanted the outfits to have creativity while staying true to the original tale.

“With all the enchanted cos-

tumes, we had to set a firm number for the cast so as not to tire our costume team and budget,” said Blair.

This family friendly show hopes to show the community this brilliant love story about how to not judge a book by its cover and to always be able to love ourselves and others.

“I want the outside world to disappear and for a couple of hours, the audience to escape to an enchanted castle and be reminded that love conquers all.” said Blair.



Photo: Ginna Blair, Beauty and the Beast director

## Student-run open mic night is a hit

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A local has hosted several open mic events this semester, and is planning more for the future. The event is not focused on one genre on music or comedy; it is a mixed bag of all sorts of acts. There is music, monologues, things that will make you laugh, make you sad or make you think. Free food and drinks are available at the events for all who attend.

The promoter and host of the open mic nights, known as SE7EN, did not start this tradition to make money. “I’m doing this for the people,” said SE7EN. “Even when I make it big, my entertainment isn’t going to be for the purpose of making money off people. That should not be the reason behind why an event is held.”

The events are more than just people showcasing their skills. They showcase a wide variety of skill, art and expression. Some of the most memorable acts for SE7EN may

not be what most would expect to find at a college student open mic night. “There was one guy who was dealing with a lot of personal issues,” said SE7EN. “He just wanted to go out there, speak his mind and get things off his chest. He was up there speaking for a full 15 minutes.”

The most recent event was held Thursday, Feb. 9. The next event does not have a set date, but SE7EN is looking to hold it sometime between spring break and finals week. “The best surprise of all has been the turnout at the events,” SE7EN explained. “There must have been 50 people at the very first one. It started as a little open mic night and it just turned into one big party.”

SE7EN hopes he can continue the tradition of events like this long throughout his college career. “I have always been an entertainer to serve the people,” he elaborated. “I do not want to entertain like other people. I do not want people to have to worry about money, or being hungry or thirsty. I just want them to come enjoy themselves and make a good memory.”

For more information you can follow SE7EN on twitter @thesevenstory and you can check out his YouTube Channel The Conscious Entertainment.



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