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Blockbuster Film Reawakens Five Decade-Old Civil Rights Movement

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Selma, Alabama, 1965: the stage for the march of equal rights in the right to vote. 50 years later, the United States is looking back at this historic event through the movie *Selma*.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a civil rights activist known for his progressive and influential movement for equality, marched once more for equal voting laws.

On March 7, 1965, Dr. King led 600 protesters from Selma to Montgomery as a peaceful demonstration.

This attempt at equality was initially proved futile.

After that "Bloody Sunday" and the next "Turnaround Tuesday", the second attempt, which ended with a peaceful walk back to Selma, President Johnson greenlit the protest, allowing protesters to demonstrate without harm. This is how the Voting Rights Act of 1965 came to be.

Now after being nominated for two Academy Awards and winning various others, *Selma* has received high critical acclaim. Rotten Tomatoes gave the movie a 99% rating, Metacritic an 89% and IMDb gave it a 7.7 out of 10.

The movie portrays King, played by David Oyelowo, forming a campaign to march from Selma to Montgomery. He, the members of the

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, and various other protesters gathered on multiple occasions to secure equal voting rights.

About the marches, Mrs. Underwood, a social studies teacher, said, "I think it represented resistance against intolerance, segregation, subjugation."

King played an important role in the Civil Rights Movement and this was the next step to securing equality. His leadership and speaking skills allowed him to be on the forefront of the movement. "He always thought things out and had a plan," said Mrs. Underwood.

Although he may not have achieved his complete dream, he made a lot of progress that brought the United States closer to it becoming a reality.

Selma not only portrays Martin Luther King, Jr. as accurately as possible, but the march as well. They include several shots of actual footage from the march in 1965. This makes it easily comparable to the movie scenes.

President Lyndon Johnson, played by Tom Wilkinson in the film, was a major figure in the progression of this movement. After President Kennedy died, Johnson invoked rights in his name. Mrs. Underwood said, "His decision to

Paige Koehn Glides Her Way to Gold

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Paige can hear her heart beat in her chest as she advances to the ice. There's no going back now.

Paige Koehn, Junior, is a competitive ice skater for the Dearborn Crystallettes.

This year, Koehn had switched from her former team, Phoenix, to the Crystallettes in hopes this new team would bring more success.

The girls on her new team welcomed her immediately.

"I've skated with Phoenix my whole life but even though it was hard to adjust I became really good friends with the new girls," she said.

Koehn competed with Phoenix when she attended one of the largest competitions in ice skating: Nationals. This year, she hopes to attend Nationals for a second time with her new team.

"I think I have a really good chance at going back. We've placed in the top two all year. I have a really good feeling about it."

Going to Nationals isn't just handed to you, first you have to qualify.

"To qualify for Nationals you have to place top five at a competition called Midwestern Sectionals. To me, I feel like that's even more stressful than Nationals because you could've

been winning all season and then blow it at Midwest. All of our hard work means nothing if we don't do well at Midwestern Sectionals," she said.

Koehn attended Midwestern sectionals in Edina, Minnesota this past weekend, placing first out of nine teams.

She said, "I couldn't believe it. We scored the highest we have all year and beat our number one competition. I was extremely excited," she said.

Nationals is taking place on February 25 through the 28 and will be held in Providence, Rhode Island.

As she advances forward, she knows that all of the hard work she's put in is all going to be worth it now.

"I practice every day except Tuesdays and Sundays. I usually practice from 5:30 to 7:00 on the ice and from 7:00 to 8:00 off the ice during the week. On Saturdays I practice from six o'clock in the morning to nine o'clock at night," she said.

Koehn often finds herself completing her homework in the car and late at night after skating is over and hanging out with her friends is a luxury that she doesn't have time for.

Snowcoming

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Their goal is to simply help students have a fantastic time while getting involved with the school.

Teachers and sophomores are not the only people involved that are having fun though. What's a dance without the dancers?

There are many students that are going to attend this snowy night.

Sammy Tavano, a senior, is going to attend the dance. "I'm very excited to go this year. I have gone before, plus, it's the last one for me. And I do plan on asking someone!"

For some students, this will be their first time attending the Snowcoming Dance.

Elizabeth Majchrzak, a freshman, is one of those students. She said, "I can't wait to go! I've been to Homecoming but not Snow Coming. I've also been planning to go to this dance far before Homecoming. I got my dress for this dance before it too!" She is also expecting to be asked to the

The Cellar

A Book Review

By: Alexa Dentai

The Cellar, by Natasha Preston, is a novel about a teenage girl, Summer, who is kidnapped while searching for a friend.

Summer was at a party when her friend suddenly went missing. Summer goes to find her behind the building of the party and gets kidnapped by a man who was outside. Summer is now locked in a cellar with three other girls who have been there longer than she has.

The man who kidnapped them all is named Clover and the women he kidnapped have all been re-named.

Summer is now Lily. Lily has 'sisters' named Poppy, Violet, and Rose. They are all one big, happy family.

What Clover doesn't know is that Summer's family and her boyfriend are willing to do anything to get her back. Clover does his best to hide the girls from the community who are searching for her, too.

Clover is faced with a decision, kill his family or risk being caught?

This book is terrifying and really sad. Summer, also known as Lily, goes through a lot in order to stay alive and see her family and boyfriend again.

In this book, Clover, the man who kidnapped the girls, falls in love with each and hurts them.

The Cellar was first published on Wattpad, a website to post stories as well as read them for free, but then was bought out a publishing company and is now available in stores.

"Sure, sometimes I wish I could be with my friends more, but at the end of the day I want to skate and I want to win," she said.

Through the long practices, the late nights, the mistakes, and the injuries, the season is coming to a close and she wants to make it count.

"I've come so far since the beginning of the season and now I know that all of the sacrifices I've made leading up to this point is all going to be worth it," she said.

Christmas Gifts

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The phone also now has a fingerprint scanner that unlocks it. "This makes it very easy and fast to get access to my phone," said Coffey.

With this phone he has the ability to make Wi-Fi calls, which are free calls. It has a heart rate sensor that calculates the heart rate and cool new screen transitions that many phones don't have as well. "Although the heart rate sensor is a cool, new feature, I don't use and don't really plan on using it," said Coffey.

The s5 has a new ultra saving mode that would definitely come in hand. Coffey said, "When I put my phone in this mode it limits you to only access a few things but can stay charged for around 14 days."

Like the Gear, the s5 is expensive as well. The \$200 watch may not seem so pricey compared to the \$500 phone. However, Coffey did not have to spend five Benjamins on it.

"Luckily for me I only had to pay a dollar for it because of my phone plan," said Coffey.

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Imagine Theater

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Christmas break with his girlfriend Sarahanne Marshall.

The Imagine theatre is described as the future for all theatres.

"It's a lot more professional than other theatres," said senior Austin Pawlak, who went December 9 with a couple friends. "It's cleaner and is run better than theatres like MJR."

MJR's movie theatre monopoly may be coming to an end.

MJR has been the most popular theatre for all ages the past couple of years. It was the go-to place for Friday nights out with family and friends.

"Other theatres need to live up to the expectations that are being set by the Imagine theatre," said Marshall.

Senior Hailey Holdwick also went to the theatre over break with her boyfriend Dave Stafford.

"It's totally different and doesn't even look like a theatre," said Holdwick. "It's more expensive than theatres like MJR but it's totally worth it."

After hearing about the theatre from Skatzka, junior Aaron Kilburn and his friends Graham Barton, Lindsey Schweiger, and Allison Schweiger went and saw *The Woman in Black 2*.

"I was confused when I walked in," said Kilburn. "It didn't even look close to the movie theatre MJR, and there was so much open space."

Kilburn believes that theatres will be changing for the better because of the Imagine theatre.

"When you walk in, right away you notice the different atmosphere compared to other theatres," said Pawlak. "The outlook is more professional overall with the recliner chairs and the food being served to your seat."

Pawlak had also heard about the theatre from Skatzka. He went with a couple of friends and saw the movie *Unbroken* the first time he went. The experience was not even close to that of the regular theatres.

Pawlak has gone to the theatre a total of three times and is still not used to how outgoing the place is.

"Other theatres are going to be expected to have the outlook as the Imagine theatre does," said Pawlak.

Right when you walk in you can tell the difference between this modern theatre and MJR. "It's higher class and has a way better per-

spective," said sophomore Bailey White.

White, who went to the theatre with sophomore Brandon VanGorp, saw *American Sniper* on January 28.

"The screen is curved so it shows all angles in a better view," said White.

The main speakers which are located in the front provide the main sounds in the movie while the speakers in the back provide the background sounds in the movie.

"It is extremely loud compared to MJR," said White. "It took time to get used to the volume."

Theatres are going to be changing because the Imagine theatre is going to get more and more people to go there because of all the good ratings it is receiving by its customers.

This is the future for all other theatres; it's just a matter of time before we see the change.

Bracelets

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on one."

More so, Alex and Ani come with a special message that comes with each bracelet purchased. For example, the compass Alex and Ani bracelet comes with a special message of objective, direction and transition.

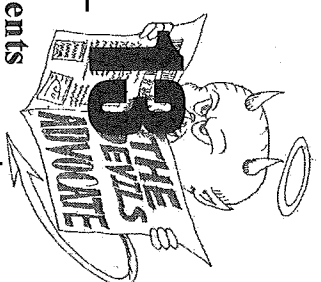
"Alex and Ani are special to receive because of the message of what they mean. If someone didn't have either and they wanted to purchase one, I would suggest the Alex and Ani because of the variety and the meanings that come with them," sophomore, Ang Coules said.

Pandora bracelets are also a good present to get someone because of the one bracelet. Also, the different charms are good for each holiday or birthdays. The charms represent something that people like.

Furthermore, Alex and Ani were a very common present girls received over the past holidays. Junior Hailey Dziegelewski said, "I picked my Alex and Ani bracelet out from Andrew when we went to Partridge Creek before Christmas. I also got one for my mom for Christmas and she loved it."

"The Alex and Ani bracelets are cheaper, but they still look good. I like giving Alex and Ani bracelets more than Pandora because of the variety of the different bracelets," Coules said.

With Pandora bracelets, once you have too many charms, you have to get a new bracelet because there is eventually no more room. On the other hand, with Alex and Ani bracelets, you can never have too many. Coules and



Alternative Breaks Help Students Reach Out to the Community

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During her spring breaks, Alex Pinsky is able to get the best of both worlds. She gets to go on vacation—while also helping others.

Alex Pinsky, a junior at Central Michigan University, is an RHS graduate. Since her enrollment at CMU, she has volunteered in several different areas over her breaks away from college.

Pinsky is a part of a program called Alternative Breaks. In this organization, students travel around the country during the summer, spring or winter breaks. On these trips, they do volunteer work in different communities. They also educate others on how to become better citizens. So far, she has traveled twice to help others.

One of the places she traveled to was Memphis, Tennessee. While there, she volunteered at a children's healthcare facility.

While at the hospital, she partook in various activities to make the kids feel better. She would bring toys, spend time with patients who did not have parents at the hospital, and play games.

"My favorite part about doing volunteer work at the hospital in Tennessee was being able to visit the patients and make their stay a little more enjoyable. It was nice to be able to form a bond with some of the children in such a short period of time," said Pinsky.

The second place Pinsky volunteered was Homestead, Florida, traveling to Biscayne National Park. She and others volunteers spent two days picking up garbage lying around the Park and in the ocean.

"In total, we were able to collect over 900 pounds of trash," said Pinsky. "While there I also learned many different laws regarding garbage. Sadly, it is still legal to dump garbage into certain areas of the ocean."

Even though they would vacation for volunteer work, they were also allowed to have some time for relaxation. One of the activities they did in Florida was snorkeling and kayaking in Key Largo. She and her group also visited shops throughout the area. This, for her,

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Teltow both have about six or seven Alex and Ani bracelets and they still want more.

"I like how it is one bracelet itself. You can't have too much that way," Teltow said.

