

The Phoenixes' Call

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National Jazz Appreciation Month: Max Roach

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Maxwell Lemuel Roach (January 10, 1924 – August 16, 2007) was an American jazz drummer and composer. Considered a pioneer of bebop, Roach worked in many other styles of music, and is generally considered one of the most important drummers in history.

Max Roach was born in the Township of Newland, Pasquotank County, North Carolina, which borders the southern edge of the Great Dismal Swamp. Roach's family moved to the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York, when he was four years old. He grew up in a musical home with his gospel singer mother. He started to play bugle in parades at a young age. At the age of 10, he was already playing drums in some gospel bands. In 1942, as an 18-year-old, he was called to fill in for Sonny Greer with the Duke Ellington Orchestra. He was one of the first drummers to play in the bebop style. Roach performed in bands led by Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Coleman Hawkins, Bud Powell, and Miles Davis.

Roach studied classical percussion at the Manhattan School of Music from 1950 to 1953, working toward a Bachelor of Music degree. In 1954, Roach and trumpeter Clifford Brown formed a quintet along with saxophonist Harold Land, pianist Richie Powell, and bassist George Morrow. Over the next eight years Roach's stature grew as he co-founded Debut, one of the first artist-owned labels, with Charles Mingus. Roach participated in the legendary bebop summit concert that produced the Jazz at Massey Hall recordings of 1953. Later that year, he relocated to the Los Angeles area, where he replaced Shelly Manne in the popular Lighthouse All Stars. Brown and Powell were killed in a car accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in June 1956.

During the 1970s, Roach formed M'Boom, a percussion orchestra. Each member composed for the ensemble and performed on multiple percussion instruments. In 1972, Roach was recruited to the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Amherst by Chancellor Randolph Bromery. He taught at the university until the mid-1990s.

In the early 1980s, Roach began presenting solo concerts, playing multiple percussion instruments. Following these concerts, Roach's solo record was released by the Japanese jazz label Baystate.

In the 1990s, Roach became less active due to the onset of hydrocephalus-related complications. Roach died of complications related to Alzheimer's and dementia in Manhattan on August 16, 2007. He was survived by five children: sons Daryl and Raoul, and daughters Maxine, Ayo, and Dara. More than 1,900 people attended his funeral at Riverside Church on August 24, 2007. He was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in The Bronx.

Calendar

April 13th

Scrabble Day

April 15th

No Day- No School

April 18th

Holiday- No School

April 19th- April 20th

MCEC in Session

April 22nd

No Day- No School

April 26th

**New Student
Commencement Night**

April 28th

Senior Parent Night

April 29th

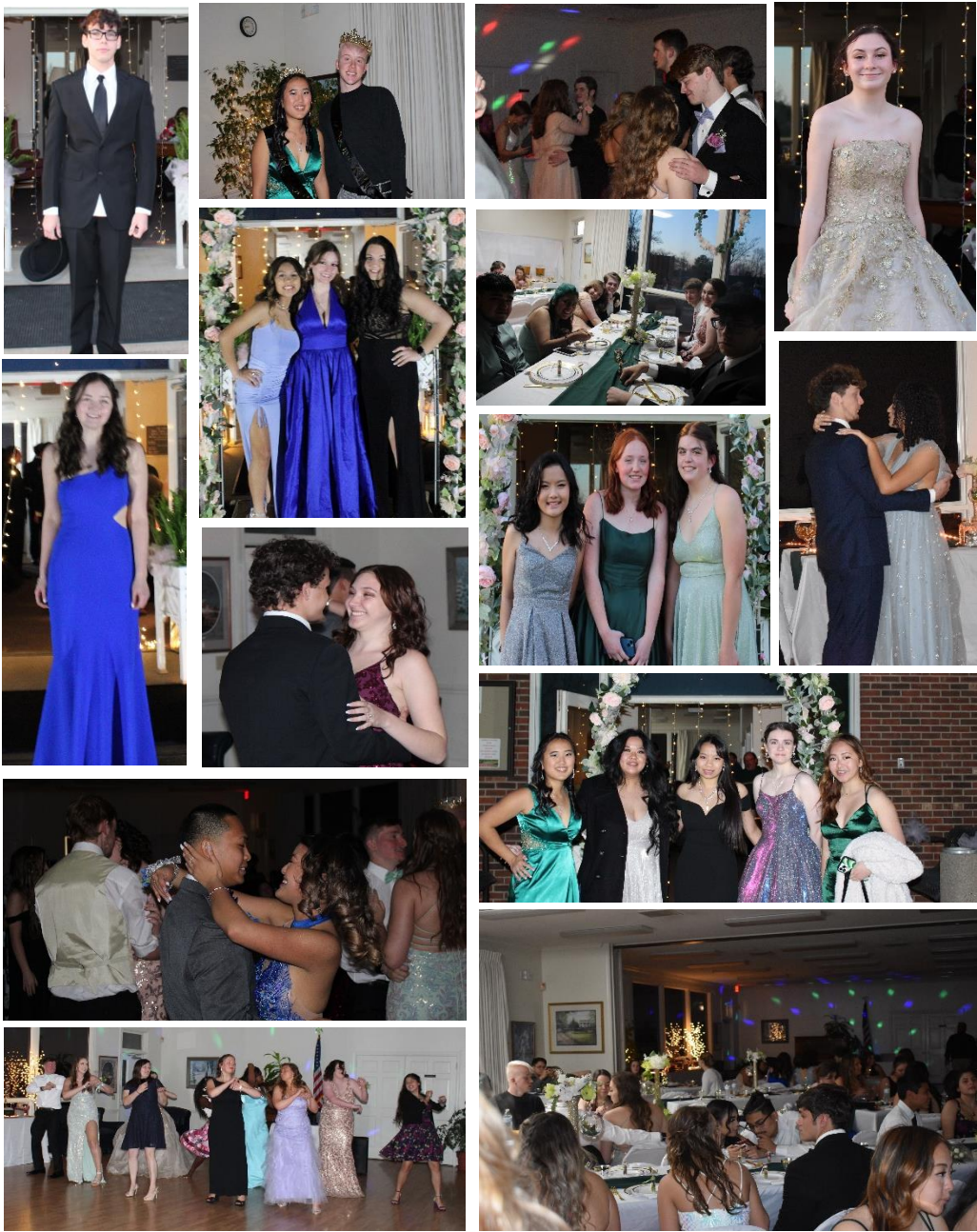
Decision Day

The Dad-abase: Fatherly Witticism

By: The Honorable Mr. Kirk C. Watts Esq.

What do you call a fake noodle? An Impasta!

Junior/Senior Prom



Announcements

- Seniors – Please let Dr. Seawell know if you think you should be eligible to receive Red Cross Cords at Graduation. See Dr. Seawell if you have any questions.**
- Seniors – Have you paid your senior fees? We have several events coming up and be sure you are paying your fees.**
- Volunteer Hours – Remember to be completing your MCEC Student Volunteer Service Recognition by May 2. See Mrs. Seawell if you need a form or if you have any questions.**
- Interested in band? The Golden Regiment marching band will host an open house for any student interested in joining. we will meet on April 8th at 4pm in the band room. This is an opportunity for all who are interested as well as parents to come and ask questions then we will go through some of the basics of marching band.**
- Interested in working for the Town of Biscoe this summer? Stop by the office for an application.**
- Library Volunteers Needed – Mr. Vang is looking for students that would be interested in volunteering in the MCC library. Please email Dr. Seawell if you would like to assist.**
- Please remember to treat MCEC's facilities and phoenix family members with respect. MCEC students do not damage school property and report if they see anything amiss.**
- Senate Page Program - Applications will be available starting the week of Monday, April 4th for Juniors and Seniors. To learn more about the page program, the Senate Page website is a great resource for members, staff and interested students. The site includes general information about the application process, weekly schedule, and many other FAQs.**

Profiles in Nature: Jerboa

By: Mauricio Aguilar



The jerboa is a rodent that is mouse-like, but also hops around similar to a kangaroo. These animals can weigh anywhere from 0.8 oz. to 1.3 oz. Jerboas can run up to 15 miles an hour while only being 1.7 inches long. Their tails are usually twice as long as their body. They can survive temperatures ranging from below freezing to above 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

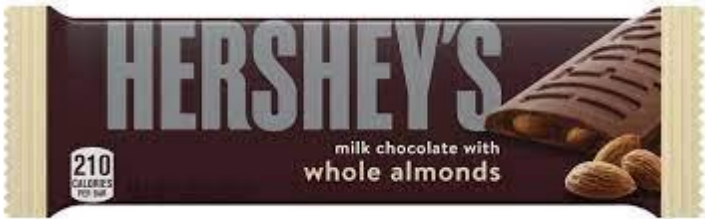
Jerobas do not drink water. They get their hydration from eating small plants and insects. Jerboas are found in Asia and Northern Africa. These small creatures are most active during dusk and are generally active throughout the night. Their main predators are foxes, cats, jackals, owls, and snakes.



Bryston’s Consumer Review:

Hershey’s Chocolate Almond Bars

By: Bryston Auman



- Calories: 210
- Total Fat: 14g
- Saturated Fat: 7g
- Cholesterol: 10mg
- Sodium: 25mg
- Total Carbohydrate: 22g

“These are more than just candy bars. They’re chances to stop and savor life’s sweeter side. Each bite is filled with crunchy whole almonds and classic Hershey’s Milk Chocolate.”



Remember: Montgomery County recycles...

- 1 and 2 Plastics
- Glass bottles (clear, green, and brown)
- Non-waxed cardboard (please break it down and flatten it)
- Paper material (phonebook, newspaper, etc..)
- Cans (steel and tin aerosol, food, and aluminum)

** Every MCEC teacher has a recycling bin in their classroom. It is important that you do not place ANY nonrecyclable items in the recycling bins. If any trash is found, then everything is thrown away.**

How To Save Our World!
4th edition

- When using a disposable mask, you should cut the strings off before placing it into the recycling bin.
- Try using reusable grocery bags. Plastic often ends up in the ocean. Sea creatures mistake it for jellyfish which releases toxic chemicals into their bodies.
- Save trees and reduce paper waste by using both sides of the paper.
- Write with pencils rather than pen. Pencils are more eco-friendly!
- Save electricity! Unplug appliances when not using them.

Thank you from S.O.W!!

Thank you for reading The Phoenixes’ Call! This publication was created completely by Montgomery County Early College students. We write, edit, and publish this work on our own. We are using this publication to showcase all of the wonderful students of MCEC and to show the community what it means to be a Phoenix. We apologize for any typographical errors or misspellings. Please see Ms. Heather Dunlap or Connor Poole if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.