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The Wisconsin State Assembly committee is considering a new bill that forbids public access to recordings of 911 emergency calls. Introduced by Representative Amy Sue Vruwink (D), the bill aims to help prevent victims and their families from being "re-brutalized" by reminders of the ordeals suffered. However, the bill also has its opponents such as journalists, who believe this to be a step backwards for freedom of information.

"Any time you limit a public record it’s hard to see it as anything else," said Steve Hill, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point assistant professor of media studies.

Vruwink drafted the bill at the request of the families of the late Brittany Zimmerman, a University of Wisconsin-Madison junior, and 11

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Zimmerman’s fiancé, Jordan Gonnering, who had sought privacy from the attention that the media was poised to bring.

On April 2, 2008, Zimmerman, 21, was attacked by a stranger in the apartment that she had shared with Gonnering. Despite the sounds of struggle in a phone call made to 911, the operator hung up on Zimmerman, whose body was discovered later that day by Gonnering. News outlets sued for access to the 911 records, much to the horror of the families of Zimmerman and Gonnering who did not want to relive their tragic loss.

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UWSP involvement fair a success

With over 100 student booths on exhibit, the Student Involvement Fair was the perfect occasion for students to learn about student organizations. On Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Student Involvement and Employment Office hosted the Student Involvement Fair from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Laird Room, Encore and Concourse of the Dreyfus University Center. Students got to see firsthand how to become involved and become future student leaders. The Student Involvement Fair is an eye-opening experience for some students. Students get a chance to indulge in the diversity of the campus.

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Those in support of the bill, such as UWSP senior Tina Lee, believe safeguarded from the public eye. "It's not to protect families and victims, and unless it was my job to get the point of the call," said Tina Lee. "But it isn't a difficult one, and while opponents may empathize, they still believe the public has a right to know.

"Now I certainly sympathize with the family in this situation. It was a very difficult case from everything I read about it. I understand the impetus for the proposed law. In many ways, it isn't a surprise," said Hill. "In my role as an advocate for open information, as a teacher for future journalists, it's of course something that I have been agreeing with, but I understand why it's happened."

Even in the face of tragedy, however, those in opposition to the bill contend that 911 recordings, such as the Zimmerman case, may serve to prevent such events from recurring.

"Sometimes that's why we want access to them - we want to find out what happened. So sometimes it's also a way of keeping check on public officials who are supposed to be doing their job...Anyone taking 911 calls and handling them, they're supposed to," said Hill. "The question sometimes becomes: there are things in the emotion or tone of voice that are telling, the actual time delay that one can hear. A highly accurate transcript would convey all of those things, but how do you do that?"

"I'm a conservative at heart. I don't like spending money where we don't need to. Sending people on trips everywhere - that can be done through computers. Video technology is pretty cheap compared to flying a dozen people out to a conference," said Lass.

Zhiyang Chen is a freshman from China, bringing the total of new international senators to three. "I'm for," said Lynch. "I want to be a member of this group...to practice the voice of the different sub-cultures all over campus. I think that as a really famous and prestigious university, we need a doorway to the outside world," said Chen.

Sam Lynch is a resource management policy major in the College of Natural Resources.

"I am a freshman at this university. I am interested in bringing environmentally sustainable ideas to the senate. That's pretty much what I'm for," said Lynch.

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Zhiyang Chen is a freshman communication major from China.

"I want to set a model for more international students to get involved in the SGA. I encourage students to become involved on campus and become leaders. When you apply for jobs and grad school, you want to know what else you did besides to go class."

If students missed the Involvement Fair they still have plenty of chances to become involved in student organizations at UWSP.

The Student Involvement Fair is just one of the places you can go to get involved on campus. SIES has a list of all the student organizations on their website.
Upcoming presentation offers useful healthcare advice

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With all of the important and often confusing options medical patients are confronted with, it can be difficult for healthcare users to understand how to approach choices concerning their treatment. Adding the effects of the recent healthcare reform movement has continued to confuse patients and insurance customers.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Classified Staff Advisory Council and Marshfield clinic are co-sponsoring a special event titled “Take Charge of Your Health,” a special discussion to aid faculty, staff and students in making health care choices.

Ann Lucas from Marshfield Clinic’s business services department will guide the discussion with topics including, but not limited to knowing what to ask your doctor, about what we’re actually going for and buying stuff that we don’t know anything about,” said Lucas.

Lucas calls her discussions “consumer education” and says that medical professionals have not made it clear enough for patients without actually knowing much about what we’re actually going for and buying stuff that we don’t know anything about,” said Lucas.

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-Lucas

before pursuing medical treatment.

Lucas said that the clinic decided it would be better for both the patients and medical professionals to give people a better idea of how to be a more effective user of their healthcare.

“I like to compare it to buying a car—most people won’t go to a car lot and look at a car without knowing anything about the car before they buy one. But we all go to the doctor

“We want to give people tools so that when they engage with the healthcare system, they can use it more efficiently and more effectively.”

-Lucas

New student organization already making positive impact

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Becoming an official campus organization in Oct. 2009, Lead By Example is doing just that with their impact on campus and involvement in the community.

The goal of LBE is to help other student organizations when they need volunteers and connect students with volunteering in Stevens Point and the surrounding areas,” said Natasha Maldonado, member of Lead By Example.

Lead By Example consists of about 20 members and five officer positions. The group is holding elections for positions next week on Feb. 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The student organization has two devoted advisors in Scott West and Sam Dinga.

Dinga is a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point graduate student and employee of the Noel Compass Foundation. Dinga started a foundation called Ma-Kah Water For All that builds wells in Cameroon in honor of his sister, Ma-Kah Rosemary Dinga, who died of stomach complications.

West has been a pioneer in diversity recruitment with his “off the bleachers” approach and guidance as a mentor to so many young college students. "Lead By Example is just that, an organization of student leaders who just don’t talk about making a difference in our community, they actually do it," said West.

Joe Gallion, a junior at UWSP and Noel Compass Scholar, came up with the idea of Lead By Example and shared it with the other scholars. The other Noel Compass Scholars then took the challenge of creating the organization.

Lead By Example helps students to find volunteer opportunities and unites students with others who have the same passion for volunteering.

“My advice to underclassmen is stop thinking about how you want to get involved and actually go out and do it.”

-Maldonado

Will be assisting the Black Student Union with their Soul Food Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 21. Lead By Example is also hosting a Locks of Love event on March 3.

Scholarships are also a good reason for students to join Lead By Example. “By becoming a member, you have the opportunity to apply and receive the $500 Lead By Example Scholarship,” said Iris Reyes, member of Lead By Example.

Lead By Example gives students the chance to learn how to become a leader and the opportunity to give back to the community.

“My advice to underclassmen is stop thinking about how you want to get involved and actually go out and do it.”

-Jake Mathias

“Take Charge of Your Health,” a special discussion to

-CSAC continues seeking various groups and organizations on campus, as well as local businesses in the community, to collaborate in providing informational sessions that are open to UWSP faculty, staff and students. CSAC Co-Chair Robyn L. Woytasik said that the organization is pleased to have the opportunity to hold the event, and that she hopes there is representation from all groups on campus in attendance.

“The idea for a brown bag of this nature came about during the Safety and Wellness Fair last Nov. 11, 2009. Wendy Peterson, a fellow CSAC member, initiated the conversation with Marshfield Clinic representatives present at the fair in regards to sponsoring such an event on our campus in the upcoming months,” said Woytasik.

“Take Charge of Your Health” will be hosted on Thursday, February 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center room 374.
What will you do with your tax return?

Becca Findlay
"My return will probably be gone before I know what I spent it on! I just bought my first serious camera so that took up a good chunk of it, but after this semester I will definitely need a vacation!"

Griffin Gotta
"I will be going to Partner's."

Jake Mathias
"I will be using it for my London study abroad tuition."

Amanda Wauters
"I will be paying off my huge debt to my parents, paying for my new alternator, and a new screen for my laptop. And oh yeah, I will be paying my bills. Too bad I won't have enough!"

Nick Meyer
"Go to Partner's with Griff."

Teenie Hess
"Hopefully saving it."

Alyssa Riegert
"I will go on spring break."

Ryan Urban
"Start paying for a new car and buying new running shoes."

Jessica Towle
"Filling up my gas tank."

Sam Longshore
"I'm turning mine into Euros."

Jeremy Larsen
"I'm saving it for my wedding."

Erin Mueller
"I don't know if I'm getting one."

Dan Neckar
"I'm going to buy PS3 games. I have to feed my addiction."

President Kaunda of Zambia once threatened to resign if his fellow countrymen didn't stop drinking so much alcohol.

The two highest IQ's ever recorded (on a standard test) both belong to women.

George Washington grew cannabis in his garden.

People in Siberia often buy milk frozen on a stick.

St. Nicholas, the original Father Christmas, is the patron saint of thieves, virgins and communist Russia.

One of Queen Victoria's wedding gifts was a three-meter diameter, half-ton cheese.

King Solomon of Israel had about 700 wives as well as hundreds of mistresses.

In 1939, the US political party 'The American Nazi Party' had 200,000 members.

Paul Revere was a dentist.

Lady Astor once told Winston Churchill 'If you were my husband, I would poison your coffee.' His reply: 'If you were my wife, I would drink it!'
Science & Outdoors

Sturgeon kabobs signal a new and promising season

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Thrill-seekers in Wisconsin can take ice fishing to the next level during sturgeon season on the Winnebago System. The harvest caps for the 2010 sturgeon season are set at 350 juvenile and 750 adult, with a world record and a world class sturgeon season in the making.

The state record was claimed by an Appleton man on Saturday who speared a 212.2 pound, 84.2 inch sturgeon. The fish was estimated to be approximately 100 years old. In the world of fishing, senior citizens of the lake make for the best trophy and fish tale. The age of a fish is most valuable to fish biologists as it indicates mortality and growth rates, which allows for more accurate and productive management plans.

Prior to Saturday, the world record fish weighed in at 188 pounds and six years makes for a worthwhile wait.

Each day, the season runs from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Any spearfish必须 be registered by 1:30 p.m. on the same day. The Winnebago System and Upriver Lakes have two separate seasons with varying regulations.

As of Tuesday, no harvest caps were met and sturgeon season is still open on the Winnebago System. Strictly enforced regulations like harvest caps allow for promising sturgeon seasons and new records. Replacing a jig with a spear could lead to a bigger and better fish tale.

For more information about sturgeon season and for a complete list of regulations, visit the DNR Web site at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us.

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Renewable energy is on the rise in Wisconsin

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With the economy in a difficult position and purse strings tightening everywhere, consumers, business and governments are turning more frequently to renewable energy. Not only is an investment in renewable energy a step towards becoming a more sustainable and energy efficient home or business, but it also makes fiscal sense. Its use in homes, businesses and government offices has positively impacted society with a big, green thumbs-up. Yet, there is a lag between the collective positive sentiment and the renewable energy's total capture of the market.

While the global investment in renewable energy has made dramatic steps from 2004 to 2008 by putting money where the "green" is, a...
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**Sports**

**One HEC of a Night for UWSP student events**

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point held its HEC of a Night event on Friday, Feb. 12, which was the first time an Olympic-style game night for intramural sports has been put on for students to come and participate in.

Students signed up in teams of five to six and competed in the different events put on by the organizations. Events started at 10:30 p.m. and competition lasted until two in the morning. Teams earned points through the competitions depending on performance and winning groups earned prizes awarded at the end of the night.

"The purpose of HEC of a Night is like the involvement fair," said Heidi Hargarten, Adventure Racing board council chairwoman and UWSP ichthyology live collection assistant manager. "It is to show students hands-on what recreational clubs there are that they can get involved with on campus."

Events for the night included swimming, lacrosse, volleyball, adventure racing, rugby, rock climbing and ultimate frisbee. The participating groups rotated from each event being scored at every game.

"It seems like a really fun night with a lot of different things for everyone to try out. There’s a lot of opportunity," sophomore Wendy Treder said.

The event was busy with about 50 participants having fun with activities around every corner. No one went home empty-handed, as each person attending received free t-shirts.

"I recommend this to anybody; it has been a lot of fun," freshman Emily Wahltuist said.

Sig Tau Gamma was one of the groups that attended HEC of a Night pumped and ready to go.

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- **Hargarten**

The fraternity can be found all over the community displaying their academic and leadership qualities. They coordinate with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and help out with tours at the children’s museum.

Also using the night to promote their group was the UWSP women’s rugby team.

"You get to meet new people and can show them what our team is all about. For us groups that are not as well known to campus, this helps give us exposure to the student body," senior rugby player Maureen McCarty said.

With lots of positive feedback from those involved, there is a good chance for HEC of a Night to continue on as an annual event.

"This is a great night to get the Recreational Advisory Council out in the community and let people know what we are, because it really sticks up for every organization," said Taila Margarella, junior and women’s lacrosse member. "I think this is a lot of fun, and I’m definitely going to do this next year."

At the end of the night, prizes and awards were handed out to the teams who scored the most points throughout the night. First place went to women’s lacrosse Coolness, second went to Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and third went to Cebollitas.

"We hope this event grows in the future and for more people to start to get involved in it," Hargarten said.

**World champions to host disc golf club workshop**

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For the first time, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point disc golf club, the Aceholes, will host a Winter Workshop this weekend that will feature two world champion professional disc golfers, Jay and Des Reading.

The event will come on the heels of the fourth annual Snow Throw Massacre on Saturday, Feb. 20, a tournament that, according to vice president of the UWSP disc golf club Toni Ostiecki, continues to grow in popularity.

"Our fourth annual Snow Throw Massacre is about to sell out for the fourth straight year. There will be over 100 players from all over the state and beyond, including UWSP alumni, current club members, high school students and other competitors," Ostiecki said.

Ostiecki also noted the tournament begins with a round of 18 holes in See "Disc" Pg. 8.

"It's like that with every team in the league, I feel. Every league game in the season feels like a playoff game, and I think there's a lot of animosity between all of the teams," said Niemann. "I can't wait, and I'm glad they can't wait either. At the same time, we lost both games in overtime. We know we can play in their barn, and I know our guys are excited to get there on Friday."

UWSP head coach Wil Nichol said that the team is looking forward not once but twice as they travel to Menominee to play UW-Stout in two games that comprise the first round of the NCHA playoffs.

"To advance, one team will have to win both games, otherwise there will be a third, 20-minute, non-sudden death game immediately following the second. With lots of positive feedback from those involved, there is a good chance for HEC of a Night to continue on as an annual event."

- **Nichol**

"No love lost" between men’s hockey and playoff foe Stout

"I'm expecting an all out war this weekend in Menominee."

- **Niemann**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men’s hockey team finished their regular season last Saturday with a 4-0 shutout victory over the UW-Stout Blue Devils.

Pointers freshman goalie Nick Graves earned the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association men’s player of the week award, with 36 saves and zero goals allowed. Forwards Kyle Greco and Jon Madden scored the first two goals in periods one and two, followed by Johnny Meo and Luke Nesper delivering the third period goals that sealed the win. The second period saw a combined twelve penalties between both teams, with a fight breaking out with only 49 seconds remaining. As the referees assessed the penalties, UWSP’s penalty box had begun to spill over. It became clear that these two teams have hostility between them that will most likely reemerge in the playoffs.

This weekend the Pointers will have to repeat their success
the morning followed by prizes for the top three finishers in each of the five playing divisions, which are based on competition level, and the day typically concludes with a round of random draw doubles in the afternoon.

The Snow Throw Massacre sets the stage for the disc golf club's much-anticipated Winter Workshop.

"We have been attempting to organize such an event for over a year," Osiecki said. "Jay and Des Reading were able to commit before 2009 was over and we've been working on the details since."

"We have been attempting to organize such an even for over a year." — Osiecki

The event highlights different aspects of disc golf, including a beginner’s clinic, putting, approach and drive workshops and a discussion about the mental side of the game, all led by Professional Disc Golf Association pros Jay and Des Reading.

"Jay and Des live in Texas and have been touring pros in the PDGA for 10 years," Osiecki said. The couple's professional résumés speak for themselves. Des Reading is the three-time women's world champion and four-time PDGA player of the year while Jay Reading is a two-time world putting champion as well as four-time doubles world champion.

Along with these accomplishments, they are both spokespeople for the Educational Disc Golf Experience, the program responsible for bringing them to UWSP.

"We asked the Readings if they were interested in helping us with this workshop because they are the leaders of EDGE, which is an effort of the PDGA to gain more visibility for the sport," Osiecki said.

"With our event, we especially hope to see a good turnout of women at the workshop. Des will be talking specifically with other women disc golfers."

The UWSP disc golf club Winter Workshop will begin at noon this Sunday, Feb. 21, in The Encore, located in the Dreyfus University Center on campus. The event is free for all UWSP students and five dollars for all other attendees.

"Stout has ended our season two of the last three years, and our guys know that. There is definitely no love lost when these two teams get on the ice," said Nichol. "I'm expecting an all out war this weekend in Menominee."

"I don't want our guys to take dumb penalties, putting us down a man, but at the same I want them to stand up for their teammates, and stand up for the crests they wear on their jerseys."

About Last Weekend...

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Thursday, February 11

— Both men's and women's swimming and diving teams completed the first of three days in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships in first place.

Friday, February 12

— Wrestling fell to the nation's top team, Augustsburg College, by a final of 32-3.

— Men's hockey narrowly lost the first game of their weekend homestand to UW-River Falls, 2-1.

— After the second day of competition at the WIAC championship, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams remained in first place.

Saturday, February 13

— The wrestling team closed their regular season with a 40-3 win over UW-Eau Claire. Junior Ben Engelland remains undefeated for the season with a record of 27-0.

— The Pointer women's basketball team handled UW-River Falls at home by a score of 70-46.

— Men's basketball secured a lopsided 68-47 victory at home over UW-River Falls.

— Women's hockey won the first game of their weekend doubleheader against Adrian College, 3-0.

— After falling on Friday, the men's hockey team averaged the loss byblanking UW-Stout, 4-0.

— The Pointer men's and women's track and field teams combined for five first place finishes at the Platteville Invitational.

— On the final day of competition, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams sunk the competition en route to winning the WIAC championships. This was the fifth title in women's history and 11th in a row and 14th overall in men’s, respectively. Congratulations to both teams on yet two more championship seasons for the UWSP swimming and diving program!

Sunday, February 14

— The Pointer women's hockey team split their doubleheader after a 2-1 loss to Adrian College.

— The Pointer women's basketball team handled UW-River Falls at home by a score of 70-46.
The Chinese Lantern Festival is a celebration for the Chinese culture to commemorate both the beginning and the end of the Chinese New Year. The Chinese Culture Club has honored this celebration for nine years by sharing the celebration with the Stevens Point community.

Celebrations shape the way a culture brings happiness, hope, and love to each other. The way a culture celebrates their traditions shows the world its unique style and interpretation of important events. The Chinese Lantern Festival is a celebration for the Chinese culture to commemorate both the beginning and the end of the Chinese New Year. The Chinese Lantern Celebration is held on the 15th day of the first month on the Chinese lunar calendar.

This celebration has been passed down from those ends of years, and the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Chinese Culture Club has decided to keep the tradition and celebration thriving. Although this is the Chinese Lantern Festival, its traditions are closely related to that of Valentine's Day.

In the old times, Chinese youth, girls didn't have many chances to go out of the house due to the tradition back then. The Lantern Festival was the one big occasion where they could go out to wander away, the lanterns displays and meet young boys - many of whom would turn out to be their future husbands. In a sense, the Lantern Festival is like the Chinese Valentine's Day for young people.

Though this festival links together with Valentine's Day, it also has its roots in the New Year. The first full moon of the year, people would go out to a public place and talk about the atmosphere of the light from the full moon and the hanging lanterns hung outside. The lanterns contained riddles that people would try to solve, thereby creating the enjoyable and picturesque time of celebration and social interaction.

The Chinese Culture Club sponsors this event's main goal is to commemorate this youth-related celebration. This festival includes a Chinese buffet with a special dessert, crafts for sale, performances featuring traditional and modern Chinese music, interactive programs, and much more. Being open to a new culture is an eye-opening and learning experience.

"It would definitely offer a taste of the Chinese traditional culture and add to the diversity of our campus. Most of the Chinese students at UWSP will be present. As China is figuring a bigger and bigger role on the world stage, it is essential for students at UWSP to get to know its culture and its people more," said Liao.

This event is being held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center on March 6, with tickets available from Feb. 15 until March 5th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dreyfus University Center Information and Ticket office. Tickets are $12 - $15 each including the dinner and performances included. Take part in a celebration that has been passed down for thousands of years! Each festival has been growing each year.

"This year, we will have more than three hundred guests come to our dinner," said Ke Chen, member of the Chinese Culture Club.

Tickets are going fast for this night of food, performance, and an interesting glimpse into Chinese culture.

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**Review: “Nine,” 8½ and a ½**

* Alexander J. Liu

The comedic style of Rob O'Reilly has been described as a mixture of observational and self-deprecating humor. He tackles topics like his interactions with women, why everyone really wants to be Mexican, why sex is wrong for him, being Irish and how he looks like Harry Potter or a young John Lennon.

Looking closely the comparisons are endless. His black rimmed glasses and shaggy brown hair aid to his resemblance to both the adolescent wizard and the music legend. Rob has taken full advantage of this any time he can, in any situation sometimes referring to himself as the love child of Potter and Lennon.

When Lilli de Fleur (Dame Judi Dench) complained that the Italian movies of the 60's were too sentimental, that "love cannot be made without 'le singing,'" she may have very well been describing “Nine,” the musical adaptation of Federico Fellini's much revered "8½.

Whereas his autobiographical masterpiece told a depressing tale of a burned out director trying to find his 8½ film while juggling the women in his life, "Nine" instead tells a depressing tale of a burned out director trying to find his ninth film, while juggling the women in his life... with a littleazzle.

Asthe director of 2002's "Chicago," Rob Marshall is no stranger to the musical genre, bringing to the film the same sensibilities that he had brought his previous star-studded musical outing. Once again, the musical sides of the various characters come alive not through the literal song and dance, but through the same daydream motif that Marshall had previously used in "Chicago".

Using Fellini's picture as a framework, many elements from the original remain largely preserved, though the bittersweet relationships that guided the protagonist seem to have been under a magnifying glass, perhaps even sweeter, made much more accessible and given that extra emotional hook for the audience, in the way that only musicals can.

Certainly, the appeal of "Nine" is the picture brings may have something with it too. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Penelope Cruz, Sophia Loren and even Fergie to name a few, this veritable who's-who of Hollywood talent (ok, maybe not so much Fergie) truly elevates a dying genre with a surprising amount of dignity.

Unlike certain other recent movies that have masqueraded themselves as musicals (I'm looking at you, High School Musical) and even certain recent stage musicals for that matter, the songs in "Nine" by Maury Yeston mostly are able to remain catchy, and strangely relevant for a film firmly rooted in the past.

Yet here is where "Nine" arguably fails. The message is by no means a new one, and to whom is this retelling addressed? It is a movie in search of an audience: fans of Fellini may take umbrage at even the mention of a remake, the largely female demographic of El Entertainment fans drawn in by the mere mention of celebrities may be offended by the chauvinistic approach of the protagonist, and fans of musicals may see the marquee list to be a cheap manipulation, akin to casting Ashley Simpson in the Broadway production of Chicago.

All this is unfortunate, as despite a poor box-office showing, and a clear lack of confidence from distributors in its limited-release run, "Nine" is a picture that has been painted with clear strokes of brilliance. Though "Nine" may never achieve the same greatness as its predecessor, it remains a haunting work of art.

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significant portion of these investments were outside of the United States. From 2008 to 2010 and beyond, we're seeing a shift toward renewable energy that could create more jobs, reduce dependency on foreign fuel sources and stimulate the economy.

This shift toward renewable energy is largely a result of government initiatives and incentive programs. In a struggling economy, the greater the financial incentive to invest, the more likely the consumer or business will be to part with their money.

In Wisconsin, Governor Jim Doyle has created a plan for the state to reduce dependence on foreign oil and move toward renewable energy called Clean Energy Wisconsin. The plan focuses on increasing energy efficiency and harnessing renewable energy to reduce dependency on fuel sources. Doing so will reduce the harmful effects fuel sources have on our environment.

In addition to positive effects on the environment, perhaps the most remarkable part of the plan is the economic advantages. According to the CEW, 25 percent of Wisconsin's electricity and transportation fuel will come from renewable energy sources by 2025 in an initiative entitled 25 by 25. This would create nearly $1 billion that would be invested in Wisconsin's economy.

With these plans comes the perfect companion. Incentives from energy companies like Focus on Energy, WE Energies, Alliant Energy and Xcel Energy will encourage consumers to invest in renewable energy and raise concern about energy efficiency. Public incentives are also available through federal grant and loan program.

The government is a huge investor in renewable energy. Perhaps the most notable is the Department of Energy's investment of $16.8 billion on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The government's twofold strategy of increasing energy efficiency in homes and businesses and then increasing the use of renewable energy resources is sound. While utilizing renewable energy like solar electric and solar thermal in homes and businesses requires an initial investment, the payback makes it worthwhile for consumers, especially when combined with incentives from an energy company and a federal grant or loan. Energy efficiency makes both economic and environmental sense.

The shift toward renewable energy and energy efficiency isn't going to be short-lived. By investing in renewable energy the economy will be catalyzed, thereby creating more jobs, more energy efficient businesses and homes and less dependency on foreign fuel sources.

What's next? This is one part of a three-part series concerning renewable energy, energy efficiency and what is going on in the renewable energy world.
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5:30 local food potato bar
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7:00 live performance
“Tally of the Future-Book Seeds,” a mixed-media production featuring works created by SPASH's Student Peace Environmental Action Coalition.

7:30 local food info fair
Everything you want to know about fresh, healthy, local food. Featuring tasty deserts provided by Clinton's Stone Lion, Colligan's Bakery, Morning Song Baked Goodness, Rockman's Catering, and Spadino's Italiana Restaurante. Coffee provided by Emery & Co. Info booths will be staffed by farmers, community organizations and area businesses working to connect people who grow food with people who eat food.

8:00 guest presentation
"An Economic Solution That’s Hiding in Our Field," by Alan Perry, owner of Farm Technologies Network. Perry is a certified crop advisor and certified professional agronomist. FTN is experienced in working with growers on soil fertility issues in 26 US states and in 15 countries on more than 40 different crops. A 4th generation farmer, Alan is knowledgeable in all aspects of farming. Alan's practical knowledge and expertise go beyond traditional methods to include innovative and sustainable strategies for all types of farm operations.

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