

The Arcivo magnetic scrapbooking system highlighted on "Everyday Edisons" on PBS. Arcivo is a portfolio-shaped case that opens like a book and creates a two-sided work surface for designing layouts.



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Biogen Idec. "We talked about wouldn't it be cool to have something that would leave the scrapping in place until you come back to it."

The solution: a portfolio-shaped case opens like a book and creates a two-sided work surface for designing layouts. Magnetic sheets cover the work - photos, newspaper clippings and all - and lock them into place. The case also has a zipper that further protects the scraps from falling out during transport.

"Everyone either has had an idea for a new product or knows someone who has invented something," said Michael Cable, executive producer and host of "Everyday Edisons." "We hope to show the world that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to have a great idea."

Mance met LaValley and Hester five years ago through their children's school. What brought them together is scrapbooking, a \$1.3 billion dollar industry that, should Arcivo prove successful, could prove revolutionary - and profitable. "Everyday Edisons" invests in each product from design and development to the patent process and marketing. The inventors are paid an annuity over 20 years - the lifespan of a patent, which Mance, LaValley and Hester share.

"Having a great idea and making money from a great idea are two distinct events," said Louis Foreman, executive producer and lead judge on "Everyday Edisons." "If you can dream it, we can help make it come true."

What makes "Everyday Edisons" different from

other reality programs is the there's no direct competition. The goal is to produce inventions that have the potential to reach consumers.



Foreman

"There are a lot of reality-based shows that are embarrassing," Mance said. "This show actually chronicles the invention. It walks you through the process of how the product makes it to the (store) shelf."

Mance isn't sure if she has an inventive streak. After "Everyday Edisons," however, she understands the possibility of turning an idea into a product.

"That's where the ideas come from - ordinary people thinking about new things," she said. "If another

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The Post, which first reported the allegations last August, also obtained a copy of the CMS student attendance procedures training booklet, revised in August 2006, which is used for training registrars for enrollment and attendance procedures at the beginning of every school year. While there is a detailed section on students who withdraw before or within the first days of the school year, there is little information on dropouts. The procedure for withdrawals states:

"Students should be withdrawn from your school on a timely basis under the following circumstances:

- parent request
- request from another CMS school
- written request from schools outside of CMS
- Reassignment or approved Transfer Request; the school will have received written notification from the Student Placement Office. If you wish to check to see if a request is legitimate, contact the Student Placement Office"

The only section that focuses on dropouts is what should be in their folder when it is sent to Student Records for permanent storage. In addition, absence rules for North Carolina and

CMS are outlined in detail, including a copy of the letter that should be delivered to parents warning them of excessive unexcused absences and the possibility of prosecution through the courts. The number of absences has been in question for some Myers Park dropouts; however, only one parent who interview with the media acknowledged receiving information that their student had missed excessive days.

Though most responsibility has been placed on the

registrar, situations where behavior is involved, withdrawal or discipline codes can only be entered by discipline school staff. That procedure is the same for a student returning from being withdrawn to an alternative school.

Should a student be correctly coded as just a dropout, not a student that has transferred to another school or out of state, which is what has been alleged, then Gibson must change the code for re-admittance to school.

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HBCUs affected by Va. massacre

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Christina Burton, a sophomore at Howard University, had yet to contact her cousin, a student at Virginia Tech.

Burton attempted to call Trisha Ford, a 20-year-old sophomore, three times after the mass murder Monday on VT's campus.

"That afternoon, 50 faculty, students and staff members assembled on the Howard Yard under a gray and rainy sky to reflect and pray for the slain members of the Virginia Tech community. Burton was one of many at the vigil. Her cousin's situation made it personal and emotionally taxing.

At Tennessee State, then Boatswain said

she had reason to believe that two of the 33 dead had been her high school classmates.

"I am still freaking out," said Boatswain, an agriculture science major from Fairfax, Va. "I am trying to call people, but they are not answering their phones."

The shootings prompted Howard to strictly enforce its requirement that students show identification as they enter residence halls, President Patrick Swygert said.

"I want people to understand that safety is very important," Swygert said. He added that there would be more campus police, and they will be more visible on campus. There will also be an increase in the presence of District of Columbia police on campus.

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