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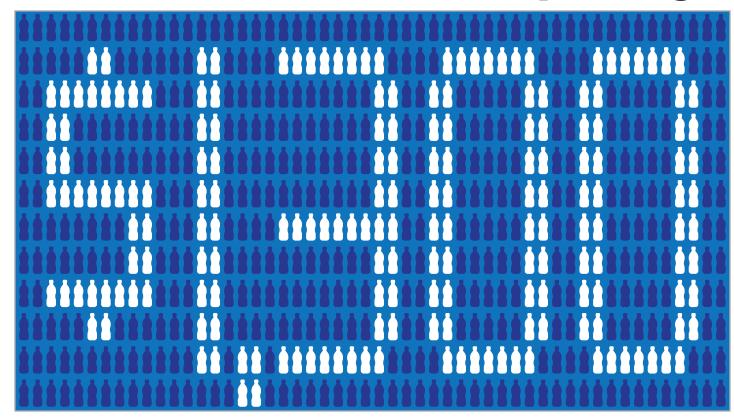
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# Phi Theta Kappa students raise funds for food pantry



NICHOLAS KETCHUM Staff Writer

Students are helping battle food insecurity, while promoting environmental sustainability in the process.

Over the last several weeks a small student group from WCC Student Organizations Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) has teamed up with the facilities department to help keep the college's emergency food pantry

provisioned. The students joined forces ith the facilities department. whose custodial staff collects plastic recyclables from on-campus disposal bins, separates and stores returnable bottles at the recycling operations department.

Once enough bottles are stockpiled at recycling operations, students pick them up and redeem them at nearby grocery stores for ten cents per bottle as prescribed by the Michigan bottle deposit law.

Shaina DeVries and Joshua

Edinger are two such students involved in the effort.

Since October, DeVries and Edinger—along with others have recycled thousands of returnable bottles, taking advantage of the ten cent Michigan bottle deposit.

After recycling and collecting deposits, the students then donate all of the proceeds to the food pantry to assist their efforts in fighting food insecurity.

This fall semester the students and their departmental counterparts have raised over

\$1299 from 12,700 individual bottle returns. "I believe the food pantry was

only making around \$200 per se-

mester, donation-wise, before we came in," said Edinger. Rebecca Andrews, Recycle Operations Manager at WCC, is a strong supporter and collabo-

rator in the initiative. "[The new funds] really made

a big difference; I was shocked," said Andrews.

> She continued, "They're honorary members of the facilities department—they really are."

> The bottles are carried in large 80-gallon bags, which prompted

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DeVries to quickly calculate how many bags they've likely filled.

"That's 81 bags," said DeVries, also noting two additional bags had just gone out, with another four scheduled the next day.

That's a lot of bottles.

So many that bottle return machines often broke down, causing frustration among businesses

in the area, according to DeVries and Edinger. However, they were able to find large nearby supermarkets friendly to their cause.

People who receive assistance from the food pantry remain anonymous, and can receive some

forms of additional help, such as receiving funds for emergency tuition, hygiene products,

and other necessities.

Students interested in helping volunteer can learn more at PTK's next induction ceremony, which occurs on Welcome Day at the start of the win-

ter semester.

Phi Theta Kappa is a worldwide two-year college honor society for academic high-performers that, according to its website, recognizes "academic achievement" and provides "opportunities for [students] to grow as scholars and leaders."



The hoop house grows chamomile, basil, lavender, dahlias, sunflowers, asparagus and more.

### **Growth in the** hoop house

RACHEL DUCKETT Contributor

Rye gras's, lavender, and chamomile eagerly poke their heads through the soil, as the rich smell of earth fills the warm air of the white, cloth enclosure.

If you asked the average Washtenaw Community College student what resides behind the Entrepreneurship Center, very few, if any, would be able to tell you about the hoop house, a half cylindrical structure made of piping and cloth, trapping heat to allow plants to flourish, even in the peak of a Michigan winter.

Former home to the CORE (Campus Orchard Rejuvenating Energy) garden, the hoop house was the brainchild of WCC counselor, Kim Groce, former director of CORE. CORE, funded by the college, was designed to educate culinary students on the importance of farm-to-table cooking, and grew fresh produce to give away to students in need.

A year ago, in 2017, CORE's funding was discontinued, and Washtenaw Technical Middle College (WTMC) assumed the operations of the hoop house in Spring of 2018.

"I don't know why the college was no longer able to fund the CORE Farm, but I am happy that WTMC was able to step in and take it over for their students," said Groce, "I love the work that they have done out there. I plan to volunteer there this spring and help out in any way that I can."

According to Dr. Covert, Dean of WTMC, the hoop house is fully funded by WTMC, and is being integrated into their science curriculum, with hopes of building an outdoor classroom next year.

"We are in the midst of crafting new science and critical-thinking curricula that will use the hoop house as an outdoor lab," said Eli Zemper, Director of the garden and member of WCC's Sustainability Council, "we are interested in continuing to think about sustainability, the major focus of our freshman program, and systems thinking."

In the past year, WTMC students have built 12 new garden beds, and mulched and weeded the garden as part of their physical education course.

In addition to strawberries, spinach, oregano, mint, thyme and sage planted by Groce, WTMC added chamomile, basil, lavender, dahlias, sunflowers, asparagus, lettuce, kale, radishes, six kinds of tomatoes, carrots, beets, rutabagas, peas, beans, pumpkins, four kinds of potatoes, watermelon and cucumbers. Produce was picked twice a week by students and staff at WTMC.

Outside the hoop house, there

are more garden beds, two biodigesters belonging to the college, and a worm bin, filled with compost, including coffee grounds from The Spot. A plot of land is delegated for 60 apple trees to be donated to WCC, which was built on land that used to be an apple orchard, by Tim Strickler, Zemper's stepfather.

"The vision for the hoop house is to function as an outdoor learning lab for students who attend WTMC, but also to service diverse stakeholders within the community," said Zemper.

With the assistance of another WTMC science teacher, and two Environmental Studies interns, Zemper fosters multiple partnerships throughout the community, including the Young Adult Education program, who uses the space for job training, and on-campus robotics teams working on STEM projects.

Moving forward this spring, Zemper plans to create an aquaponics system using a 300 gallon fish tank.

"When the aquaponics system is up and running, we will have an opportunity to examine a circular system that uses the waste production of fish as the input for growing leafy greens," she said.

Students will learn about food shortage and observe and compare soil and water growing methods in order to propose which method is most effective for our climate.

"We envision the hoop house as a place to explore how food is grown as well as the political and social issues surrounding the access to fresh, affordable, healthy

foods for all," said Zemper. Next fall, WTMC hopes to build an outdoor classroom, as well as introduce a class designed to just be in the hoop house.

Although the hoop house is only available to WTMC students, according to Zemper, the doors remain unlocked, allowing students from the college to take a break from their busy school days to visit the garden.

"It's good for your mental health," said Zemper, who said she hopes that students continue to respect the garden, so the doors can stay open.

Unlike CORE, WCC students do not receive food grown by WTMC. However, the college's Student Resource Center does have an Emergency Food Pantry that provides two bags of food or hygiene products to enrolled students facing food poverty. While the Emergency Food Pantry only provides dry goods, they do offer fresh market days a couple of times a year.

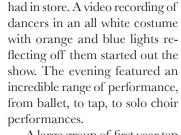
Students and locals will have the chance to enjoy the garden this February 16th, when the hoop house will host the Local Food Summit.

# Stars on stage takes off

CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY Staff Writer

Last Wednesday night, dozens of students took to the stage for the annual benefit event for the Peace Neighborhood Center, Stars on Stage. The price of admission was a toy or a monetary donation.

The Towsley Auditorium was filled with families, friends and people from the community excited to see what the students



A large group of first year tap dancers blew away the audience, a kid near us tried to stand up and imitate the tap dancers, turning to his mother and declaring "my shoes are broken!".

Kate Seale was one of the tap dancers on stage. Seale is currently in the nursing school but took tap for stress relief.

"My daughter also dances, so it will be fun to have her watch me dance during the performance" said Seale.

Bihanna Martin performed the song "Focus" impeccably, and the piano accompaniment by Brian Buckner for all the choir performances was beautifully done. A group of belly dancers

danced to a modern beat, and the spotlight dance studio got down to a hip hop carol.

Stars on stage is an annual event, but if you feel like getting involved, over a dozen different performing arts programs are available to you.

"I started coming 5 years ago when my daughter went here, but kept coming because we enjoyed it so much" said Joan Deffer, an Ann Arbor resident. "We can't wait until next year!"



Acting 1, 2 and Fundamentals of performance are just some of the classes offered at WCC.



Interested in performing arts? Contact Noonie Anderson at nooniea@wccnet.edu



Teresa Petersen displays some of her artwork, much of which focuses on a theme of women's roles in society throughout history. Find her at teresapetersen.com



Jim Cherewick painting portraits on demand. Find him @gymsee on Instagram.

# DANN Staff Tred a this y locate Peop tered an er

Erin Berger, owner of Bookend Candle Co., has been creating homemade candles since January of this year. Here, she arranges them for the fair.



Event attendees admire handmade art from local artists.

# DiYpsi continues to highlights local artists

DANNY VILLALOBOS
Staff Writer

The DiYpsi art fair exhibited a profusion of artistic crafts this year, at Riverside Art Center, located in downtown Ypsilanti. People attending the event cluttered the entire building, making an environment reminiscent to that of any other grand art fair.

"What we do is, we categorize it out: 2D, 3D, body care, jewelry, apparel, soaps & oils, jams & jelly, and etc.," said Cre Fuller, one of the organizers for the DiYpsi event and artist behind Tin Angry Men. "That way we can see that no one category gets too saturated and make sure we get a little bit of everything."

First taking root in 2010 by Cre Fuller, Sherri Green and Marcy Davi, DiYpsi snowballed to being one of Ypsilanti's well-known shows of artistic talent from, drawing visitors from Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, the Metro Detroit Area, Upper Michigan, and even from out of state.

Sarah Moeding, the artist behind Dead Things by Sarah, is one of those artists from beyond Michigan. She comes from Louisville, Ky.

Moeding heard about DiYpsi while in Kentucky and became immediately attracted to the event. "I looked around for different shows and I saw this one, I thought it looked really great, the sort of thing I liked," Moeding said.

Moeding makes jewelry consisting of semi-precious stones, vintage chains, and copper, to go along with bones and fur of dead animals--hence the name, Dead Things by Sarah.

Mark Sarmel is a first time artist to be featured at the art show, but he's also worked at a variety of other art shows.

Coming from Ferndale, Sarmel's works are inspired largely by comic books, early anime, Japanese mangas, and music. Sarmel creates stuff that he finds as cool for him and also "[create] characters that are Indian, African American, Latin American, and Asian," Sarmel said.

Sarmel is Latino and according to him, he is putting minorities in "heroic spaces," where minorities are normally not seen.

What began as an event with 40 vendors, slowly grew to be about 100 vendors with about nearly 250 applicants applying for each show according to Fuller. New artists are debuted at each

Fuller hopes to provide more from DiYpsi in the future, for attendees and the artists alike. "We want to help more people in the community and help artists get rich making art," Fuller said. "I'm hoping that this continues. There's still more to show and artists out there that are growing within their craft, and next year there will be more stuff, better stuff."



Cre Fuller, DIYpsi organizer, had his art on display. Find him @crefuller on Instagram.



Cre Fuller cashing out a customer through the sqaure app.





Mark Sarmel with his comic book and anime-inspired artwork. Find him at sarmel.com



Sarah Moeding, owner of Dead Things by Sarah, traveled to DIYpsi from Louisville to share her jewelry. Find her at deadthingsbysarah.com



Jason Abraham Smith, owner of Lurk and Destroy, has been producing illustrations for 10 years. Here he is with work, which featured special holiday gards for the DIYpsi event. Find him at lurkanddestroy.com

# **Netflix Christmas Movie Reviews**

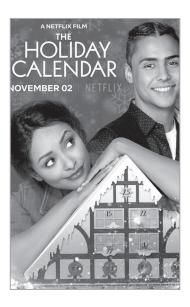
CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY Staff Writer

The hallmark channel may have started the TV Christmas movie trend with their "Countdown to Christmas", but over the last few years Netflix has taken over as the new holiday cheer (or cheese) makers. With Netflix delivering over twentyfive Christmas movies to choose from, we widdled it down to the top four must see sugary sweet Christmas movies out this year.

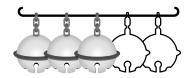
#### THE HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Abby Stutton (Kat Graham), a struggling photographer who lives in New Jersey is gifted an advent calendar from her grandfather (This Is Us's Ron Cephas Jones). Each morning the calendar opens up with a new ornament that predicts the events of the day and bring romance and mischief into her life. She meets a handsome doctor Ty (Ethan Peck) and it seems the calendar is pulling her into a dream romance. Meanwhile, her lifelong friend Josh (Quincy Brown) has moved back to town after traveling the world for his photography. While Ty is a picture-perfect romance, has Josh been the one all along?

This movie is a warm holiday romance featuring a diverse cast and a decent soundtrack. Songs like "Send My Baby Home" by Andy Powell and "Christmas in the City" by David Ayers make



the soundtrack stand out from the crowd of basic Christmas jingles. Ron Cephas Jones gives a great performance as the wise and possibly magical grandfather. The plot is very predictable, and the dialogue is stilted throughout the movie. This movie is best for someone looking for a fun, easy romance movie for the holidays.



#### THE PRINCESS SWITCH

Stacy (Vanessa Hudgens) is a baker from Chicago. Still recovering from a bad break up, her business partner Kevin (Nick Sagar) and his daughter sign Stacy up for a baking competition in



Belgravia, a far-off country that is ecstatic about Christmas. Stacy bumps into Margaret, the duchess of Montenaro, and shocked by how similar they look. They agree to have tea later that day. The duchess suggests they swap so she can experience normal life and Stacy can enjoy two days of relaxing in the palace. Of course, nothing goes to plan, and love is in the air for the two doppelgangers.

The Princess Switch may be another modern retelling of The Prince and The Pauper, but the spin makes it enjoyable enough. Try as she might, the British accent Vanessa Hudgens gave is at best mediocre. The dialogue can be laughably predicable, for instance when the daughter yells "kiss her daddy!" and ends the movie. Princes from faraway kingdoms love clumsy, but charming



American girls. Who can blame them? If you like cheesy romance, or you loved *Parent Trap*, you will



#### A CHRISTMAS PRINCE: THE **ROYAL WEDDING**

Amber (Rose McIver of the CW's iZombie) a journalist turned blogger and the now King Richard of Aldovia (Ben Lamb of The White Queen) are back for the royal wedding. The sequel to last years A Christmas Prince, Amber is up against the rigid kingdom wedding planners trying to control her wedding and her career. King Richard is trying to deal with the



crashing economy of Aldovia, now struggling from initiatives he created. Will the wedding be a royal affair with no heart? Will the spirit of Christmas help uncover the secrets to fixing Aldovias economy?

Again, the endearingly awkward American girl falls for a foreign prince. A Christmas Prince: Royal Wedding attempts to mirror real life events for American turned duchess Meghan Markle, with the added twist of a country in peril. This sequel has extra cheese but is still a fun holiday watch. My only question after watching this was, what kind of monster gets married on Christmas?



#### THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES

Katie Cat (Darby Camp) and her brother Teddy (Judah Lewis) are both coping with the sudden loss of their firefighter father. The two siblings hatch a plan to catch Santa on film after seeing a glimpse of him on an old family recording. But things go haywire and they end up crashing Santa's (Kurt Russel) sleigh. The trio must band together to save the Christmas spirit.

Kurt Russel plays a sassy, sexy Santa who brings down the jail house in a great rendition of "It's Christmas Time Pretty Baby,". While the children have a slightly predictable narrative, Russel did a good job at reimagining Saint Nick. When people point out he doesn't look exactly like the Santa they imagine, he retorts with "The billboards add 80 pounds!". Although it is marketed as a family movie, it does have a lot of the markings of a darker, more adult movie. At one point a gang has Santa's sack of toys and a group of elves attacks them, Santa spends some time at a jail, and a few car break-ins happen. The title, The Christmas Chronicles, hints that we may get another visit from sexy Santa next year.



#### Test anxiety? Take it in the testing center

CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY Staff Writer

Tucked away on the third floor of the student center is the testing center. For students with test anxiety, the testing center can be a step in the right direction to help.

"The tests have no time limits" said Brenda Kentor, a lead proctor at the testing center. Although breaks aren't allowed during tests, proctors are always in the room students are testing in.

"Sometimes we can give them a glass of water, give them a second to breathe" Kentor said. Students can make arrangements with professors to use the testing center for exams if they are interested.

"When students use the center frequently, that can also help with test anxiety, they get to know us and we get to know them," Kentor said.

Professors can also use the



Students have no time limit to take a test unless specified by a professor.

stead of using class time.

"If they are running behind and need to cover more material, they can send students to test here and use the class time to teach" said Kentor.

Some professors currently use the testing center for all exams, but around the time midterm exams and finals are taken is the Testing Center's busy season, according to Kentor.

The Testing Center is open

testing center for their exams inflexible with students' schedules, Kentor said.

> Students can drop in whenever their schedule opens up to take an exam they need to. A proctor is in every room along with cameras to monitor testing.

> You must show that your phone is turned off before you even enter the room to take the tests, and on the rules list, you can't have a water bottle with a label on it.

"I've seen some real creative ways people have tried to cheat over the years," said Kentor.

Two massive cabinets with make-up exams are in the corner of the testing center, with hundreds of incoming and outgoing exams from professors.

"Make up exams can be a source of hope for students, I remember when they didn't exist!" said Brenda.

#### SECURITY & NOTES

#### **Property damage accident**

A female student reported an incident of property damage in lot 6 on Dec 4. Her vehicle was damaged during the period in which she was gone. A police report was made and no suspects have been found.

#### Weapon law violations

A few Washtenaw Technical Middle College students violated the ban of weapons on campus on Dec 4. when they brought multiple bladed items that were used for a video project. The students were referred for discipline by campus security.

#### Larceny/Theft

A wallet was stolen at the Health and Fitness Center on Dec 7. The wallet was left in an open locker and could not be retrieved.

A student in the bookstore was caught stealing headphones and multiple hats on Dec 7. in the Student

#### Reminder

Campus safety and security asks faculty, staff, and students to report any suspicious activity or incidents that occur on campus. Campus safety and security is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Call 734-973-3411.

## Computer Science and Software Engineering club

CHEYENNE MCGUIRE Contributor

The recent meeting of the Computer Science and Software Engineering Club featured a talk about AI and neural networks led by Colin Wilson.

Wilson is a computer science major from Milan who joined the club after stumbling upon a flyer.

"It was like seeing the light," said Wilson.

Wilson has been immersed in computer science since middle school and spent the past summer researching neural networks on his own time.

His talk coincides with the club's current project, a checkers AI game.

"Right now we're in the planning stages of the actual game, but we're hoping to start coding with each other," said club founder, Josh Joseph.

Joseph is a computer science major from Howell, as well as a recent guest speaker for the A2 Entrepreneurs club.

"I wanted to try to challenge myself and teach other people about programming and the concepts that you don't learn in courses" said Joseph, regarding his reasons for starting the club.

The club welcomes people of all experience levels.

"It's meant to challenge people, and kind of simulate what a job would have you do while working as a team to solve problems, so I'm definitely trying to be mindful of those who are very new," said Joseph.

Wilson encourages interested participants to drop by.

"Just do it. It will be the greatest experience of your life. You'll learn new things, you'll get exposure to this world and this community, and you may find it to be your new home," said Wilson.

Visit orgsync.com for the Computer Science and Software Engineering Club's time and location for the Winter 2019 semester.

#### **BI-WEEKLY BRIEFING**

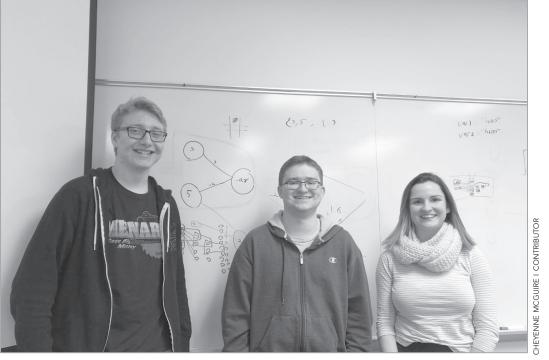
#### Hands-On Holidays at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum

The Hands-On museum in Ann Arbor will be hosting gaming events from Dec. 26 to Jan. 6. The museum will be partnering with the Michigan Chapter of the International Gaming Developers Association to create workshops that demonstrate game development from board games to virtual reality. There will also be performances by local and nationally recognized artists during the events. For more information visit aahom.org or call 734-531-6052.

#### New recycling stations on campus

Early 2019 will see new recycling stations on WCC's campus. The new bins will allow easier use and should increase participation and decrease contamination between bins. The new bins will feature green, blue, and black bins. The green bin will be used for bottles, cans, and containers. The blue bin for mixed paper and card, and the black bin for landfill. WCC's recycling department also offers a organic waste management program for fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, tea leaves and egg shells. For more information contact Rebecca Andrews at rjandrews@wccnet.edu or call 734-677-5312.

Preetam Shokar | Editor



From left to right: Colin Wilson, Josh Joseph and Olivia Habart.

# **VOICE BOX**

**Q:** Should people with a criminal record involving marijuana be exonerated?

**Danny Villalobos** | Staff Writer **Vardan Sargsyan** | *Photography* 

Yes, the prison system today has more people convicted for reasons that they shouldn't be there in the first place. Now, if I'm going to talk about race, it's mostly people of color that occupy American prisons today; and talking about [marijuana], I think since they were working on some sort of legislation on the amount of [marijuana] each individual can possess, I think they can use that same scale to figure out on the amount of people they can let go. Because of cases where people going to prison for just a tiny amount of [marijuana] and they get ridiculous sentences!

Bruno Asuzo, 20

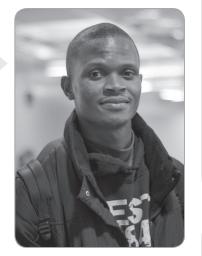
Social Work

No. That was a law that they broke knowing that it was against the law.

> Bobby Golden, 36 Nursing

Absolutely, it's unconscionable to legalize and not do this otherwise. I don't think justice would be served if we don't exonerate and expunge their records. So many people have had their lives ruined by possession just to feed the prison industrial complex.

> JD Jooste, 27 Video Production







I do because marijuana back then has been demonized a lot and now it's been proven that alcohol is more harmful than marijuana. We see people with DUI's in the streets and yet people have gone to prison for small marijuana charges. I hate to bring race into this, but where I come from, there's a lot of racial profiling and generally, and people who get charged the hardest are people who are black; a lot of my friends have been thrown in prison for that reason. I would like to see them be exonerated.

> India Clark, 26 3D Animation

I believe that anyone with a criminal record involving marijuana should be exonerated now that it's legalized. I know a few people who've had issues on their record or been raided in the past and now it seems that just everything that's been done to them means nothing, like, what was the point? I feel like that's something that should go into effect now rather than later. There are still people waiting out there that still go to probation that would like it to go away and be normal [again].

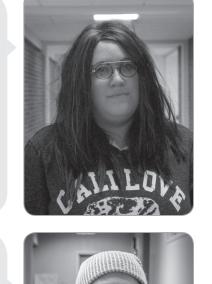
> Katie Hepfinger, 28 Graphic Design

Yes, especially for non-violent offenses, I think that they should be exonerated. People have --even for first offenders --people were given crazy sentences like 10 years to life sentences for nonviolent crimes with having marijuana and I think that it's unfair; especially since marijuana is legalized now. I think it would be good for a lot of people and families.

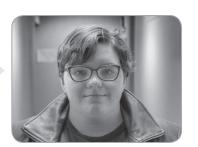
> Khalia Brown, 24 Pre-Law

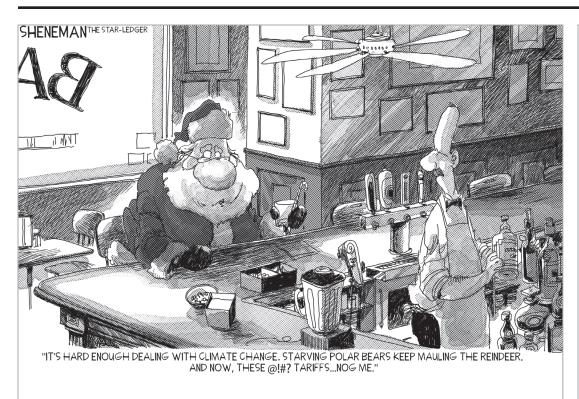
No, because at that time it was still illegal and they broke the law; so they should be punished for it.

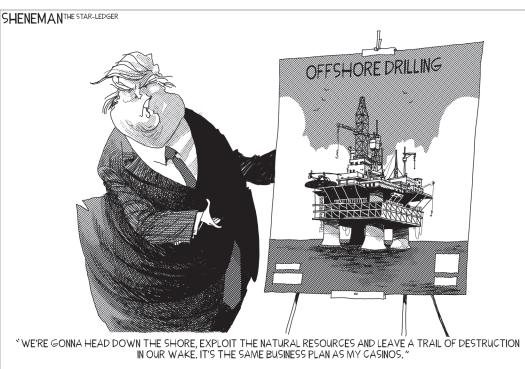


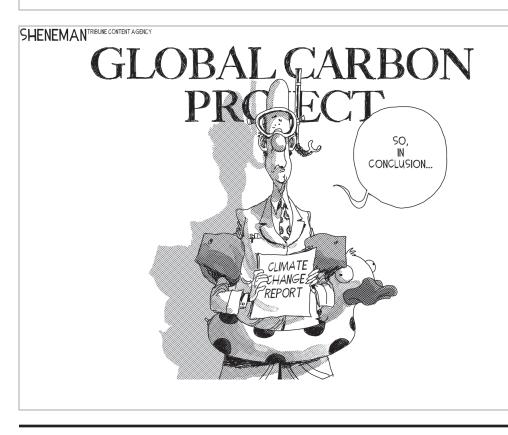














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**National Championship Predictions** 

COLLEGE FOOTBALL





TV: ESPN

year Cotton Bowl Classic

Clemson (2) v Notre Dame (3)

Semifinal at the Capital

Alabama (1) v Oklahoma (4)

Cotton Bowl Champion v.

Jan. 7 at 8 p.m.

JOSH MEHAY Contributor

#### Alabama

For the Tide it is business as usual. They head into the College Football Playoff with another 13 win season. There is no debate on whether they are the best team in the nation. They have made the SEC gauntlet look easy, again.

Defense wins championships, and no one plays defense like they do in Tuscaloosa. The offense is what will put this year's Crimson Tide over the top and it starts with Tua Tagovailoa. Tua put up huge numbers in limited time and knows how to win. The offense is firing on all cylinders and for now, no one has been able to stop them. Add in the best coach in the history of College Football in Nick Saban and you



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#### **Game Times**

Semifinal at the Good-

Dec. 29 at 4 p.m.

#### One Orange Bowl

Dec. 29 at 8 p.m.

**College Football Playoff National Championship** 

Orange Bowl Champion

have your favorite.

Georgia exposed the Tide's weakness, if you can get to Tua, you can disrupt him. I don't think any of the four have a chance to get that kind of pressure. Can anyone match Georgia? No.

#### Clemson

Early season was a mess for Clemson. They were almost knocked off by Syracuse and Texas A&M. They had a quarterback controversy, then a key injury at the position. The bright side is that it looks to be figured out and the Tigers have been beating weak opponents candidly.

Clemson has a great defensive line that can pressure on the quarterback. They also have great athletes on both sides of the ball that can and will make plays. The Clemson running backs are the best in the country. The offensive

line anchored by Mitch Hyatt has given Lawrence a clean pocket all season and can open holes for the halfbacks.

Clemson drawbacks are big ones. They have played a weak schedule and have struggled at times. They also have a true freshman, Trevor Lawrence, starting as quarterback. It is worth noting the controversy surrounding head coach Dabo Swinney, that he may be leaving Death Valley soon.

#### **Notre Dame**

The Fighting Irish finished with a 12-0 record with a close win in Southern California. They have played close games all season, even with teams like Ball State. Like their next opponent, they too made a quarterback switch in season that seems to have paid off.

The Irish are not the best

in the country for any position group. They do not have the elite athletes of the teams ahead of them. They do know how to win. They have heart and dedication to the program. The interesting thing will be to see how they respond to the big stage. They do have similar opponents to Clemson with better results, but the team has more questions than

Notre Dame has played the weakest schedule of any of the playoff teams, according to ESPN. They have not shown they can score and win a shootout. History has shown us that teams coached by Brian Kelly tend to collapse late in the season, could this be the year it doesn't happen?

#### Oklahoma

The Sooners punched their ticket to the College Football Playoff by avenging an early season loss to Texas in the Big 12 Championship game. If you love offense and 50 plus points, you will love Oklahoma.

They have a high-flying offense that can put up points in bunches, quickly. They are loaded with both talent and depth at the offensive skill positions. The Sooners lost Baker Mayfield who went #1 overall in the NFL draft, but Kyler Murray hasn't missed a beat. The receiving corps lead by Marquise Brown could very well be top in the nation.

The interesting question for the Big 12 Champs is; Can they put up points on a defense like Alabama? The worrisome part of picking Oklahoma to win it all is their lack of defense. Oklahoma will have to match their opponents scoring in order to have shot at the title.

#### **Poll Results**

Oklahoma - "Oklahoma's quarterback Kyler Murray is explosive and very talented, he is the Heisman winner this year and with a strong offense he can win games. College football is not about defense, offense is the biggest part and when you have two big offenses going against each other it's going to be about who scores more in the end, and Oklahoma can do that."

#### Ali Attar

Alabama - "Alabama has a history of winning, they have more of a winning situation than Clemson. I mean Clemson is really good too, but Alabama has a better coach, everybody wants to go to Alabama to play football, when you are talking football Alabama is the big dog in football."

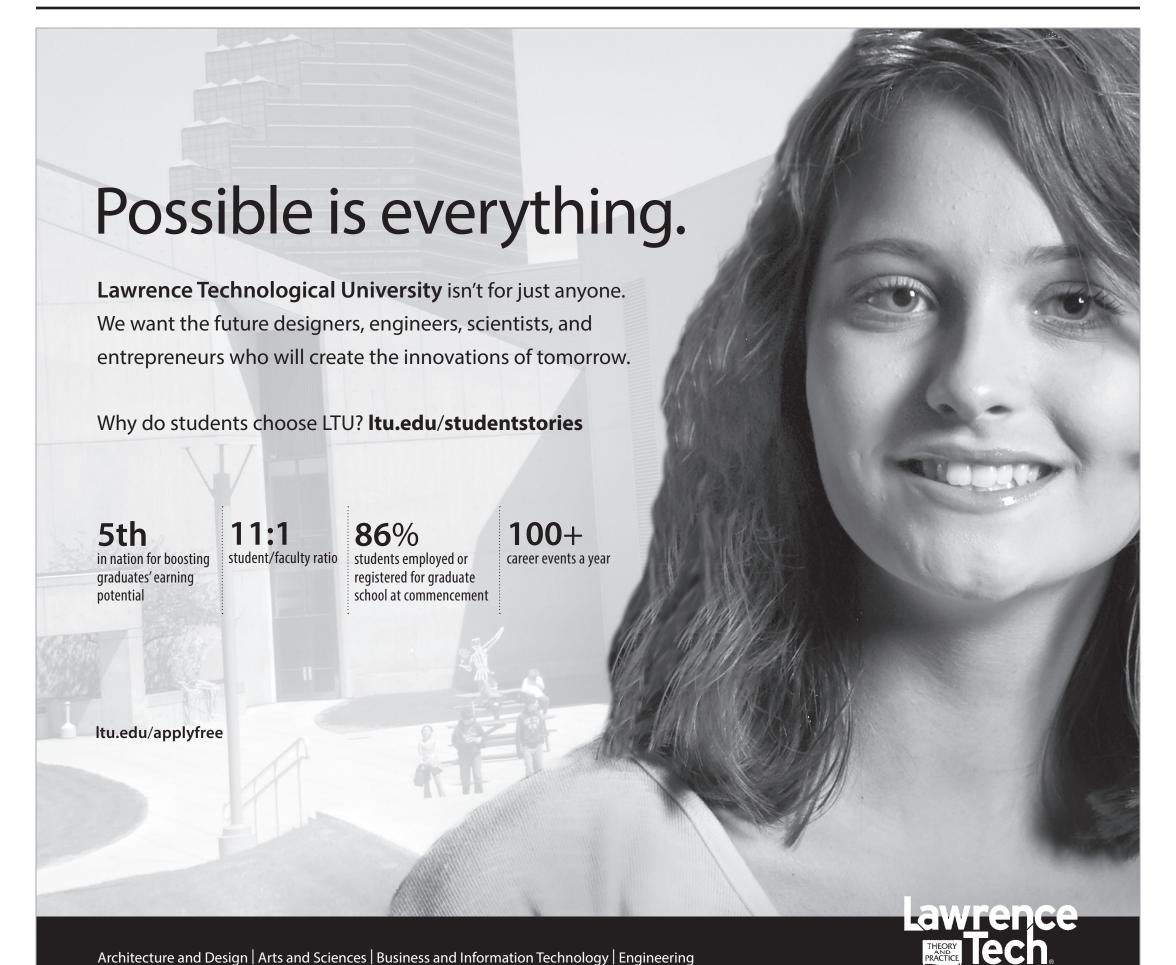
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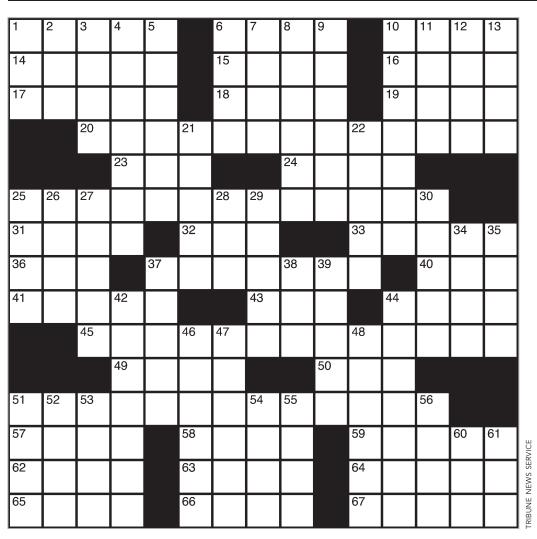
Clemson - "Clemson could keep up with Alabama in points, they also have the best d-line that could put pressure on Bama. They could maybe do like Georgia, they are a good football team and the only one besides Alabama that has a chance. The rematch and then the upset, Clemson wins this one."

#### **Chris Wiekens** 2nd Year

Notre Dame - Despite all the love for the Fighting Irish and all the National Championship picks for them, no one wanted to go on record as to how or why they would win. "It is just their year" and "just a feeling" were a few of the statements made.

**Various Students** 





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#### 6 9 5 6 4 9 2 4 6 9 3 8 9 4 9 8 5

#### Across

- 1 Hindu royals
- 6 Tool with jaws
- 10 Mixer with Scotch 14 Lightweight vacuum first
- sold to hotels 15 Pianist Gilels
- 16 Eve's second son
- 17 Peppy-sounding cracker
- 18 El \_\_: ocean current
- 19 Completely occupy, as an arena
- 20 Well-to-do
- 23 Above, to poets
- 24 Drinks with crumpets
- 25 Instruction to a bank to make periodic payments
- 31 Loving squeezes
- 32 Beer whose logo suggests a prize winner, initially
- 33 Chopping down
- 36 Ocean east of N.C.
- 37 Central Illinois city 40 Funny Tina
- 41 Rep's sales target
- 43 + or particle
- 44 Criticize sternly
- 45 Pink slip
- 49 Picnicker's worry
- 50 Spanish "that"
- 51 Ship's required nighttime

- illuminators
  - 57 \_\_ B'rith
  - 58 "Paula's Home Cooking"

  - 59 Extremist sects 62 Puts frosting on
  - 63 Tall and skinny 64 Audibly
  - 65 Pageant body band 66 Greek Cupid

  - 67 Body areas that may be irritated by shirt tags

#### Down

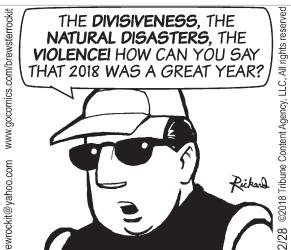
- 1 "Frasier" role
- 2 "All bets \_\_ off"

- 3 Zooey's "New Girl" role
- 4 They "speak louder than words"
- 5 Did figure eights, say 6 Start of Caesar's boast
- "Sign me up!"
- 8 Woo with a tune
- One who gets hitched in a 10 Sensitive high school health
  - lesson
- 11 Last bio
- 12 Shoulder muscle, briefly
- 13 Partner in war
- 21 Poppycock
- 22 Storm-tracking device

- 25 Former NBA big man,
- familiarly 26 Ballet skirt
- 27 Beaming
- 28 "SNL" network 29 Not enough salt to taste, perhaps
- 30 Hunter's weapon
- 34 Within shouting distance
- 35 Places with elliptical trainers 37 \_\_ Lama
- 38 Get dolled (up) 39 Remove a fastener from
- 42 Become discolored, as
- silverware 44 Diner flipper

- 46 Amazon e-reader
- 47 Out of neutral
- 48 Trash holder
- 51 Sluggers' stats 52 Donald Duck, to his nephews
- 53 Glasgow denials
- 54 Jay with a TV "Garage" 55 Tattoo artist's supplies
- 56 Sty fare
- 60 Election Day day: Abbr.
- 61 Militant '60s campus org.









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#### Welder/Fabricator

Perform duties and activities under the instruction of the Shop Foreman. Perform duties and activities in accordance with company goals and objectives. The ability to work alone as well as in a team environment. Perform duties and activities in a safe and efficient manner. Communicates departmental information to Shop Foreman on a daily basis or as needed. Other duties as assigned by Shop Foreman or Manufacturing Manager.

#### **Summer Camp Staff**

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is hiring for a variety of summer camp positions! Camp Counselors are the heart of our program and provide day and nighttime supervision to campers, including leading camp activities such as songs, camps, art, and nature. Counselors

will also accompany campers to activity areas including pool, boating, climbing wall, archery, and horseback riding. In addition to counselors, we are also hiring other positions including Health Officer, Lifeguard, Equestrian Staff, Tripping Staff, and Kitchen Staff. All positions are required to live on camp Sunday-Friday. Camp provides room and board as well as all meals in addition to a daily rate of pay.

#### **Weekend Cook**

Duties include preparing Brunch on Saturday and Sunday every weekend during the school year. Steps include: Planning menu for each Brunch. Listing supplies needed for next week. Preparing meal, with help from Cook's Assistant. Preparing Fruit Bowl to serve with Brunch. Overseeing work of Cook's Assistant. Check temps on all Refrigerators and freezers. After each meal, make sure that Cook's Assistant has completed all chores.

#### Repair Technician

Repair components in accordance with applicable Component Maintenance Manuals, Engineering data, and/or other approved data. Complete repair work within the requested timeframe as provided by the supervisor. Maintain shop supply discipline by insuring available resources are conserved and used efficiently. Insure that a proper level of consumables is maintained to prevent work stoppage. Insure tooling and test equipment within the work area is in good working order and proper maintained and stored.

#### **Certified Nursing Assistant**

Monitor the health conditions of individuals served, ensure quality services provided. Administer proper medications according to physician's orders and established guidelines. Provide documentation for all medications given. Provide assistance and/or supervision to individuals in the areas of daily living, personal care, financial management, and community and social integration. Help maintain safe and quality supports for individuals served. Perform, coordinate and assist with household activities such as housekeeping and meal preparation. Provide transportation for individuals to activities and appointments. Initiate emergency procedures on as needed basis. Use equipment correctly and safely; report any hazardous conditions, equipment, accidents or incidents to supervisor.

**Early Childhood Educators** We are a nationally accredited early childhood center, and are looking to add the perfect individuals to our growing team. There are classrooms for every age group from infants through elementary-aged children. Hours and classrooms are flexible, for the right person. The right person should: Have the ability to make every child feel special & loved, Be able to find humor in poop, Be a bit quirky--our job forces us to take on the most of unusual tasks, Love and be comfortable singing--but you certainly don't have to be great at it. Be a multitasking

**Service Desk Technician** Provides support via phone, e-mail and chat for various PC hardware and software applications. Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Provides support via phone, e-mail and chat to employees of corporate clients. Assists users in troubleshooting Outlook. Provides support for Microsoft Operating Systems (Windows7, Windows 10). Provides support for Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Office365). Provides support for mobile devices including configuration and email sync. Handles 50-60 issues per day efficiently and appropriately. Maintains regular and punctual attendance.

#### **Museum Educator**

The Museum Educator is responsible for the development and/or delivery of new and existing programming at the Institute of Science focused largely on experiences for outreach to Flint, Pontiac, and other SE MI classrooms. Museum Educators are expected to demonstrate excellent presentation, interpersonal, classroom management, and problem-solving skills. Familiarity with a broad range of science topics is required. Responsibilities: Develop, implement, and deliver educational programs for children and adults offered through the Institute's outreach programming. Travel in Institute vehicle to Flint, Pontiac, Detroit and/or other local districts on a daily or weekly basis. Deliver programs at the museum which include

occasional evening, holiday,

and weekend hours. Maintain

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upkeep of program materials.

#### Other duties as assigned. **Auto Body Technician**

Dick Scott Collision is currently seeking experienced Automotive Body Technicians. The Automobile Body Repairer repairs damaged body parts and bodies of vehicles in accordance with factory and dealership specifications, using hand tools and power tools. Examine damaged vehicles and estimate repair costs. Remove upholstery, accessories, electrical and hydraulic window-and-seatoperating equipment, and trim to gain access to vehicle body and fenders. Position dolly block against surface of dented area and beat opposite surface to remove dents, using hammer. Fill depressions with body filler, using putty knife. Remove damaged fenders, panels, and grills, using wrenches and cutting torch.

Automotive Test Technician We are currently seeking a dynamic, hard-working individual for a Test Technician role at the Nissan Technical Center in Farmington Hills. This is a long-term, day shift position. The identified technician will use their skills to setup, conduct, and assist in the analysis of a vehicle test. The ideal candidate would have a flexible skillset to support a variety of tests on new product development and launch. The technician would support a variety of test operations, perform real world testing, setup and perform system bench testing, and perform many other tests and tasks. The technician will also work in other functional

#### test areas as needed. **Production Associate**

The production associate will work with our engineering and operations teams for the manufacturing and assembly of our fuel injector products including high precision GDI nozzles, injector final assembly, high pressure fuel pump assembly, high pressure tube assembly and wire harness design & assembly. Primary responsibilities will include: EDM (electric-dischargemachining) of high precision micro-holes, EDM machine setup for various part-types, Basic EDM machine maintenance and verification testing, EDM machine programming & new product development, High pressure fuel pump assembly, final assembly, packaging, High pressure tube kit build for brazing, final inspection, GDI injector inspection, final assembly & packaging.

#### Medical Scribe - Ann Arbor, MI (F/T & P/T)

We are looking for medical scribes to work at a local healthcare facility. Scribes act as personal assistants to the physician and perform all of their non-patient-care tasks. These include documentation, patient tracking, organization, and much more. We are looking for extremely motivated, sharp, and adaptable students who perform well in a fast-paced and high-energy environment. Because you will work one-on-one with a board certified physician for the entirety of their shift you become intimately familiar with medicine.





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Michigan Theater | 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Dec. 19, times vary

#### THE ELVES AND **SCHUMACHERS**

The over-the-top holiday show that'll have you laughing, hissing, and singing. Per tradition, Nova Theatre presents another holiday performance, this year with an ode to Hanukkah, too. Tickets \$22 for adults and \$10 for kids, and can be purchased via theatrenova. org

Theatre Nova | 410 W. Huron St., Ann Arbor

Dec. 21-30, times vary, check website

#### **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

Watch as 10 bands fight for the throne, and support the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Entry fee is a suggested \$5. The night will also feature a raffle and all proceeds benefit the local Huron Valley animals.

Maidstone Theatre | 1425 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti

Dec. 22, 5-11:59 p.m.

#### **CREATIVE BREAK: SNOWY TREES**

Unwind from the stress of finals and try your hand at visual art. These guided classes will help your subconscious unveil and focus on the artistic process; this one, with a focus on nature-inspired artwork. More information at aadl.org

Ann Arbor District Library | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

Dec. 21, 12-1 p.m.

#### **NYE WITH CUPCAKKE**

Ring in the New Year with the Chicago-based rapper, along with DJ Killa Squid, Tiny Jag, Siena Liggins, MONALYSE, and DJ Sky Jetta. Tickets \$30 and up, and include a champagne toast. For more information and purchasing, visit elclubdetroit.com

El Club | 4114 Vernor Hwy., Detroit

Dec. 31, doors open at 9 p.m.

#### **FAMILY MEW-VIE NIGHT**

Take a break after the stress of the holidays and curl up with some cats! Bring blankets and snacks and the whole family! The Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center hosts this familyfriendly event on select Fridays; dates and tickets can be found on tinylions.org. To find out what's playing, call 734-661-3575

Tiny Lions Center | 5245 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor Dec. 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

#### **HOLIDAY MARKETS**

Come out for the last two Eastern Market's Holiday Markets of the year! Tuesday markets focus on food vendors, while Sunday markets feature Michigan-made clothing, jewelry, and more, making it the perfect place to complete your last minute gift list! Free and open to the public. Visit easternmarket.org for more

Eastern Market Corporation | 2934 Russell St., Detroit

Dec. 18 & 23, times vary, check website

#### NONAME AT THE MAJESTIC

Fatimah Nyeema Warner, better known by her stage name Noname, is set to hit the stage in Detroit. The Chicago-born rapper and poet is famous for her past collaborations with Chance the Rapper and will be performing her newest album Room 25. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased at nonamehiding.com

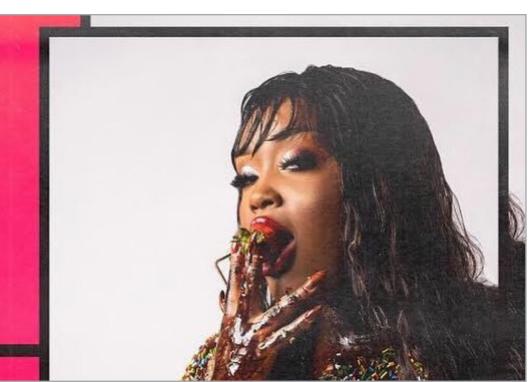
Majestic Theatre | 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Jan. 2, doors open at 7:30 p.m.









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