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Last week, Michigan became the first state to ban flavored vaping products.

Whitmer bans flavored vapes

BY CLAIRE CONVIS
Staff Writer

Michigan became the first state to ban flavored nicotine vaping and e-cigarette products last week.

The ban follows the reported six cases of lung illness in Michigan currently under investigation by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for a possible

link to e-cigarette and vape usage.

An additional 450 people in the United States have reportedly developed similar cases of the lung illness, as of Friday.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued the ban as an emergency rule and said it comes as part of her goal to protect youth.

“Companies selling vaping

products are using candy flavors to hook children on nicotine and misleading claims to promote the belief that these products are safe,” said Whitmer in her official press release on the decision.

To prohibit further “misleading claims” made by vaping and e-cigarette companies, the ban also prevents companies from using words such as “safe,” “healthy” or “clear” to advertise and promote their products to the public.

Gage Lindnerman is a student at WCC who decided to quit vaping last month.

“I personally never got too hooked on it; I never got the cravings, but I did start

to notice some behavioral issues,” said Lindnerman. “I decided I don’t want this to control me... I’ve been off it for awhile now, and I haven’t had any desire to get a new [vaping device] ...I didn’t get anything from it, I was just losing.”

Lindnerman said he’s known people who’ve struggled with cigarette addictions their whole lives; while he’s noticed both adults and adolescents using vape products, Lindnerman observed particularly high use by young adults.

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Planned Parenthood takes funding cut after Title X change



Protestors defend Planned Parenthood and healthcare access in a February, 2017 rally in front of the Planned Parenthood on W. Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor.

Michigan residents may be affected by clinic’s withdrawal from federal program

BY CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY
Staff Writer

Michigan’s Planned Parenthood is taking a 20% funding cut, over \$4.2 million annually, after severing ties with the federal Title X program.

Michigan’s Planned Parenthood currently services 42,000 residents, and 70% of Title X patients.

Title X, introduced by President Nixon in 1970 as a part of the greater Public Health Service Act, functions as the only federal grant designed to prioritize lower income families for family planning services.

For over 50 years, Michigan’s Planned Parenthood has relied on Title X for 20% of its funding.

This past June, the fed-

eral court of appeals allowed the Trump administration to enact a policy on companies that receive Title X funding that prohibits them from mentioning abortion to patients, providing abortion referrals or sharing a space with abortion providers.

Currently, 30 providers use Title X funding in Michigan, but Planned Parenthood was the only Title X provider in Washtenaw County.

For more than five Michigan counties, including Washtenaw, Planned Parenthood is the only provider of abortion services.

For Washtenaw County residents, Planned Parenthood was the only Title X provider.

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New program pairs seasoned entrepreneurs with rookies

BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM
Deputy Editor

This fall, aspiring entrepreneurs can look forward to a new mentorship program offered by WCC’s Entrepreneurship Center to help plan, start or grow a small business.

The Entrepreneurship Center, which describes itself as a “resource hub that supports individuals in developing their entrepreneurial capacity,” launched the program on Sept. 6.

The program, called “Entrepreneurs-in-Residence,” aims to provide one-on-one mentoring to anyone seeking advice from successful business owners, according to a press release from the college.



Cheranissa Roach is one of the mentors, specializing in customer discovery and pre-business plan writing.

Anyone may use the program—from students, faculty, or area residents, according to Kristin Gapske, director of the Center.

The program is one of several offered by the Center and is the result of a \$6,000 grant from a private foundation, which buoys program funds originating from the Center’s annual budget.

Gapske wouldn’t name the foundation, saying it wishes to remain anonymous.

The roster of mentors is made up of four individuals, each being a successful local entrepreneur. It includes a brand strategist, a business coach and artist/creative, an operations manager and life coach, and a “serial entrepreneur” who’s launched several successful businesses.

“If you’re looking for deeper advice on marketing, we have a marketing expert. If you’re in the pre-business plan writing phase... that means that they’re not ready to write a loan package yet, they’re not even needing a loan necessarily, they’re just more into customer discovery... putting those pieces together,” Gapske said.

SEE ENTREPRENEUR, A2



Members of the Out-Space club at a panel discussion they led earlier this year about being an LGBTQIA+ student at WCC.

Out-Space to host WCC’s first ever gender and sexuality conference

BY CLAIRE CONVIS
Staff Writer

Michigan Community College Gender and Sexuality Conference

When: Friday, Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Who: Community college students; faculty, and staff of any community college in Michigan. Allies welcome.

Cost: \$25 for students, \$65 for faculty and staff.

More information at www.wccnet.edu/mccgsc

WCC’s Out-Space student group is set to host the college’s first conference surrounding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual/aromantic (or LGBTQIA+) identities this coming October.

“We have been going out to pride events this summer,” said Zach Baker, the Michigan Community College Gender and Sexuality Conference coordinator, who is also involved with Out-Space at WCC.

Baker attended Ypsi Pride,

Ann Arbor Pride and Jackson Pride events with members of Out-Space. Baker said that Out-Space was happy to support these events, as well as raise awareness for the conference coming up Oct. 18 and 19.

“This is the first time that WCC has hosted anything like this and we are really excited,” said Baker.

The conference will span a day and a half, starting Friday night and lasting all day Saturday. It will feature 30-minute breakout sessions led by faculty and 10-minute “Rainbow Talks” led by students.

There will be creative expression such as collage, poetry and drawing, as well as physical activities including yoga, a nature walk and self-defense.

“We are excited to be screening an award-winning documentary called “How to Survive a Plague,” which is about the AIDS crisis,” said Baker.

Tom Zimmerman is the director of The Writing Center and adviser for the WCC Poetry Club. A few years ago The WCC Poetry Club and the Out-Space group collaborated for a special project.

“We did an anthology called “Paradigm Shift,” which included creative writings by members of the [Out-Space] club,” said Zimmerman.

“We believe that WCC is in a place where it could position itself to be a leader in LGBTQIA+ issues at the college level,” Baker said.

Zimmerman shared similar hopes.

“...This college could be the hub for LGBTQIA+ people who are maybe looking for a safe place where they could get a great education and also a lot of support,” Zimmerman said. “This is a very logical town and college to have that, so a cool conference like this will put us even more on the map, and get the word out.”

SEE CONFERENCE, A3

PTK students fund new scholarships

Membership fees will be covered for at least 11 members; possibly more

BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM
Deputy Editor

Active members of Phi Theta Kappa’s WCC chapter are back at it again this semester.

In collaboration with the facilities management department, PTK, a two-year college honor society for academic achievers, is raising money by returning recyclable bottles collected from campus disposal bins by the department.

Pivoting from last year, raised funds will now be split halfwise between two groups: the WCC Food Pantry and PTK itself.

Last year, some active PTK members collected more than \$1,000 in bottle return deposits in efforts to raise money for the on-campus food pantry. The food pantry is a charitable service provided by WCC to help provision students in need with basic living necessities, such as food, clothing and toiletries.

This year, half of the funds will now be put towards scholarships to satisfy the one-time \$90 PTK membership fee for deserving students. The other half will continue to the food pantry.

Ali Attar, 17, a PTK member and WTMC student, said since May they’ve raised \$1,000 for scholarships, and are on track to double it by semester’s end.

Nina Nguyen, 17, a PTK member and WTMC student, cited large campus events as catalyzing higher returns, and therefore higher results.

“This semester we should make around \$2,000. Possibly more depending on events,” she said. “During the summer there was the UA event and the Ironworkers—we cleared up all of those bags, which is a lot.”

Right now 11 scholarships are available; if they top \$2,000 they’ll possibly add another 10 or 11 scholarships to bring the total to near 20.

According to Attar, not everyone who is eligible to join PTK can afford its \$90 mem-



Nina Nguyen and Ali Attar are two active PTK members raising money two campus organizations this semester.

bership fee. He also said the scholarships can help cover the entire fee, or part of the fee if a student can afford to make a partial payment. So, if a student can afford to pay \$50, the scholarship would cover the remaining \$40.

“We acknowledge there are college students here who can’t afford to just lose \$90.... even though it is a one-time fee, \$90 is still a lot; it could be a whole month’s worth of groceries, depending on [circumstances],” Nguyen said.

When PTK membership opens, students can apply for the scholarship on the Campus Connect website, which hosts member pages for campus organizations and student groups.

Attar says considered and well-written answers to each open response prompt will help applicants in receiving awards. For example, instead of writing a single line for each prompt,

applicants should provide detail and depth when answering questions. This way applicants can show their interest in the organization and the attention directed towards it.

According to Attar, when PTK opens enrollment for new members later this month, students eligible for PTK will likely receive emails linking to Campus Connect where they can apply for the scholarship.

To be eligible for PTK membership, students need a 3.5 GPA on 12 credits of 100 level classes or higher.

Nguyen hopes more people will discover the scholarships this year, compared to last year.

“Not a lot of people knew the scholarships existed, so we really only had one or two people actually apply for it, so they automatically got it,” she said.

In the meantime, Attar and Nguyen encourage PTK and non-PTK students alike to pitch

in. “Even if they’re not PTK members, right now we only have two cars that are able to go,” Nguyen said. “Only two of our officers have vehicles to take us to Meijer and load the cans up.”

According to Nguyen, each week, the group picks up at least several bags from facilities management. The returned deposits quickly add up.

“One bag is around \$25, and each week there are at least 6 or 7 bags, so do the math,” she said.

When asked how many return machines they’ve broken so far: Nguyen is in the lead with two, compared to just one for Attar. Both said Meijer has been very accommodative of their project. So far.



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Vapes

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In 2018, 3.62 million middle- and high school students were using e-cigarettes, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

“If you can get off of it, then get off of it, there are better things to do with your time and money than that,” said Lindnerman. “It would be good to stop if you can, and for some people I know it’s hard and you might really have to put in some effort, but it’ll be better in the long run.”

Lindnerman said that he was rarely carded when purchasing vaping products.

“It definitely needs to be controlled a bit better than it is now,” Lindnerman said.

Lindnerman also pointed to the fact that vaping products are fairly inexpensive and easy for minors to buy, and suggested that taxing the items more might make them a little less appealing to youth.

“Make it a little more expensive to buy,” said Lindnerman. “Educate people, and then let them make their own choice.”

NEWS BRIEFS

New bicycle pumps and repair station installed

Two bicycle pumps have been installed on campus. One pump is located alongside the Washtenaw County Border-to-Border Trail near the Fitness Center. The other pump is located near the Student Center bicycle racks, in addition to a new bicycle repair station nearby. A WCC Foundation grant funded the installation

Welcome Day on Sept. 11

Student organizations from across campus will be welcoming new and returning students to WCC in the campus Community Park on Wednesday, September 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors can learn about various groups on campus and take part in fun activities.

JCPenny and WCC partner to offer suit discounts

A “College Suit Up” offering 60% off coupons on selected styles of formals and similar workwear will be offered to current WCC students at JCPenny in Briarwood on Sunday, September 22 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Staff will be available to make measurements, help select clothing and accessories, as well as provide grooming tips, free “mini-makeovers” and discount photographic portraits.

Students interested in browsing should bring a WCC ID and use JCPenny’s south entrance.

Contact the career transitions department for more information.

Local walk to coincide with National Suicide Prevention Month

A monthlong campaign to raise public awareness of suicide will include a walk in Ann Arbor’s West Park on Saturday, September 21. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the walk beginning at 12 p.m.

People interested in the walk should email Reid Depowski at depowski.reid@gmail.com or Jane Smith at smithji@umich.edu for more information.

The college will also be promoting suicide awareness on campus with informational material. Students seeking one-on-one help can also meet with personal counselors on campus.

CAMPUS CRIME LOG 🔒

There are no incidents to report since August 23, 2019. The college’s department of public safety provides a few tips to stay safe on campus:

If You See Something, Say Something

Report any suspicious activity to public safety, including :

- Unusual items or situations
- Individuals appearing to pay unusually close attention to buildings or objects beyond a casual or professional interest
- Unusual items or situations such as odd packages, open windows, or unusually parked vehicles
- People asking for potentially compromising questions such as how security procedures work or when shifts change

Fire Safety

- Know where the emergency exits are
- In the event of an alarm, always evacuate
- Use stairways, not elevators
- Call 3411 using any college phone to alert the public safety department
- Similarly, press the red button on any red emergency phone to speak with public safety
- When trapped, seal all crevices with cloth to keep out smoke, call 911 and give your location

In the Event of an Active Shooter

- Run and keep your hands visible
- Hide and silence phones
- Fight as a last resort
- Avoid quick movements towards responding officers
- Avoid pointing, screaming and yelling
- Do not stop or interrupt officers

COME SEE US

The Voice will be at WCC’s fall Welcome Day Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., ready to meet students and other members of the campus community.

Come by for some Voice swag (give-aways) and get a chance to win a T-shirt. A news tip or suggestion for a story gets you in an hourly drawing.

Stop by the newsroom, (TI-106).

There’s a team meeting every Monday at 5 p.m.

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Entrepreneur

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The roster of mentors is likely to change, periodically.

“I imagine we’ll rotate them year to year.... Maybe over time we’ll expand the topics [of consultation]. So if we’ve got somebody for marketing and somebody for creatives, maybe we could get somebody in who could coach on manufacturing,” Gapske said.

Anyone interested in finding mentorship through the program should first complete the standard intake form before seeking a mentor, in case preliminary steps are needed.

“It’s important that people first go through our intake process, so we know where they’re at and what they might need,” said Gapske. “We might say, ‘Know what? You haven’t formed or written a business plan yet, so you should hit the ‘Forming Your Own LLC’ workshop, first.’ Then we can see if they’re ready for the next step.”

The service is provided free to anyone—regardless of affiliation with the college—as long as they’re a local or county resident. However, the business itself may be established outside of Washtenaw County, such as Detroit.

“You may go to school here, but you want to open in Detroit, so we’re going to do our best to bring those resources,” Gapske said. “We work with so many people—I know people at Jackson College and we work with a lot of people in Detroit.”

Program details, mentor biographies, and initial intake can be completed at the Center’s website, within the “Entrepreneurs-in-Residence” section, and can be found at ec.wccnet.edu/eir.

New safety measures coming to campus

BY BRIAN BABCOCK
Staff Writer

Within 24 hours two shootings left 32 people dead in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio early last month. Mass shootings are an issue in the United States, and all over the country people are taking notice of these tragedies.

From the student level to the faculty, WCC is working to keep the campus free of gun violence, with plans to conduct full scale mock drills on campus in the future.

It's the public safety department's goal to prevent any form of attack from getting a foothold, and instead neutralizing it immediately.

"The chief of police here

and the deputy chief do a great job of educating the campus on 'if you see something' . . . you'll never be a bother to us because we want to make the campus is safe," said Paul Gomez, a campus resource officer at WCC.

Students are also encouraged to use the new WCC Safe app, as this can be used to notify campus security of suspicious activity in a low-profile manner.

"They can send a message directly to our dispatch," Gomez said. "Seeing someone on their phone is not uncommon . . . the app is huge and it will help as well."

The app is available for free on the Apple's App Store

and Google Play.

Another safety measure coming to WCC in the future are mock shooter drills. According to Gomez, these measures are currently at the beginning stages with roundtable talks coming soon.

"I know the chief and the deputy chief are, along with the college, in small stages, working toward a full-blown exercise on campus . . . we come with a lot of experience that will help deal with those issues," Gomez said.

The public safety department has worked with college faculty and staff to educate them on what measures they should take if tragedy strikes.

Maryam Barrie, a professional faculty member in the



Matt Lige, deputy chief of public safety at WCC.

English department participated in the training.

"They started off with talking about El Paso and Dayton, they showed us footage from that . . . I couldn't watch the whole thing . . . I

guess the point of them showing that to us was to desensitize us to how random and out of nowhere those events always seem to be," Barrie said.

The public safety office can be reached at 734-973-

3411, or extension 3411 if using a campus phone. Crime tips can also be reported using the WCC Safe app.



Last fall, the Writing Center at WCC displayed a LGBTQIA+ pride flag in support of National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

Conference

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For those interested in becoming a better ally to the LGBTQIA+ community, the conference will have special programming on how to be a great ally.

"I think it's a great opportunity for people who want to be allies, because there's so much we don't know if we're not a part of the community," Zimmerman said. "There are a lot of ways that we can help."

There are many different ways to be an ally, whether it is offering support to a friend, getting involved on a political level or speaking up against derogatory remarks.

In many places in Michigan, an individual can still be fired or lose housing just for

being a member of the LG-BTQIA+ community. Baker said it's important for allies to stand with the community as they push for employment and housing protection.

"There are many, many ways of being an ally, and if people want to come to the conference they will see some new ways of doing that and improve things that they are already doing," Baker said.

"One of the statistics that is really profound about the LGBTQIA+ community is that 40% of homeless youth identify as LG-BTQIA+," said Baker. "A lot of community college students that are a part of the community don't have the kind of support system that other students do, and therefore it makes it hard for them to complete their programs and their classes."

"So one of the big goals

for this conference is to help them build a network of support and contacts at our college, and also at other colleges around the state," Baker said.

"I'm excited for the students to learn from each other," said English department faculty member Mary Mallalond, who has been the faculty adviser for Out-Space for about five years. "Our students have always been really active."

Members of Out-Space have attended the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Asexual College Conference for several years, Mallalond, said.

"There's so much to learn," Mallalond said. "It's going to be really fun and interesting."

Title X

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"The idea that patients can just go somewhere else is ridiculous; they really can't," said Angela Vasquez-Giroux, director of communications for Planned Parenthood of Michigan.

"Most, if not all, of the other Title X departments are health departments, which have a much lower capacity for patients than we do," said Vasquez-Giroux.

For Michigan residents who depend on Planned Parenthood, the change will affect the cost of services at the clinic.

"Starting Oct. 1, patients should expect that the sliding fee scale as they have experienced it will change," said

Vasquez-Giroux.

Previously, the sliding fee scale specified service costs to range from donations only to full price, based on income.

"Being a provider through that program meant that we could provide services on the sliding fee scale," Vasquez-Giroux said. "Without being a part of Title X now, the sliding fee scale will change, we just don't know how much."

Michigan became one of 21 states in a joint lawsuit against the new Title X rule.

"While we do not comment on pending litigation, I can say that we continue to work together with our sister states to determine appropriate next steps," said Dan Olsen, spokesperson for the Michigan attorney general.

Lynn Stufin, a public information officer for the Michi-

gan Department of Health and Human Services, said the organization has received official notification from Planned Parenthood that it will be leaving the Title X program because of the new rule.

"MDHHS is reaching out to other providers for interest in operating a Title X family planning program, including local health departments and federally qualified healthcare centers to make sure low-income, uninsured and underinsured people can still access family planning services," Stufin said.

Michigan's Planned Parenthood will still be open for business.

"We are open, we can still see you, it's still our goal still to make sure everyone that needs care can get it," said Vasquez-Giroux.



Planned Parenthood is currently the only abortion provider in Washtenaw County. Supporters of the organization have voiced concerns at multiple marches and demonstrations.

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Our team consists of nine scholarship students—an editor, deputy editor, digital editor, photo editor, two graphic designers and three staff writers. We also have an adviser who works with us when we need guidance or have questions.

Our ambition is to dial into interests of students, deliver news that is campus-focused and relevant, uphold journalism ethics in our reporting, and help tie together a campus community.

We don’t only report on what’s easy or obvious. We strive to dig deeper, uncover the ‘truth and present many perspectives and experiences.

We don’t assume we’ve done a good job, either—in fact, we try to not assume anything, which is why we look to our readers. We always welcome news, tips, perspectives, feedback and accountability.

We’re also always looking for contributors, including writers, designers, artists, photographers, videographers

and more. Students interested in getting involved are invited to stop by our meetings, come by during editor office hours, send us an email or give us a call.

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more about how we operate.

Student newspapers are unique as they provide interested students the opportunity to practice real journalism skills and procedures in a professional environment.

Some people may not know student newspapers at public institutions are protect-

ed by the First Amendment.

“College student editors have pretty much the same sort of First Amendment protection as any other journalist,” said Mike Hiestand, senior legal counsel for the Student Press Law Center. “Courts have said that school officials need to maintain a

hands-off attitude with respect to student-edited media.”

This means the newspapers are independent from the college, and school officials can’t censor news content, including subtle forms of censorship, such as making changes to the budget or threatening an adviser’s job as

an attempt to restrict what the newspaper publishes, according to Hiestand.

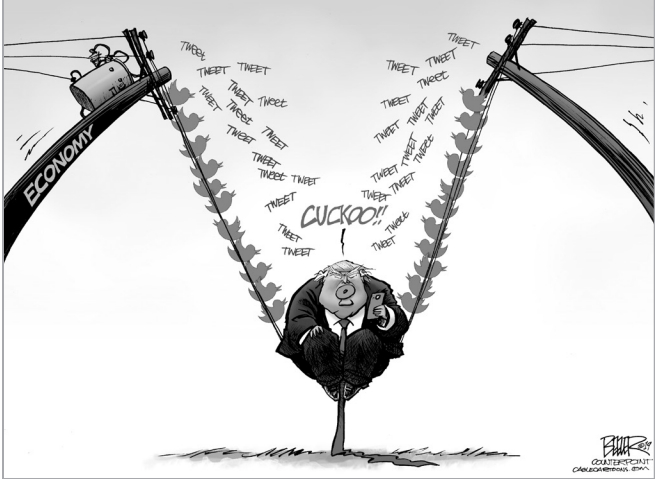
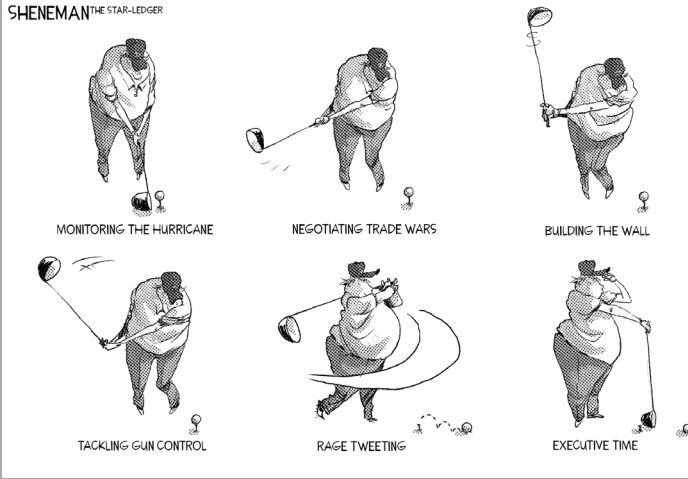
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“The purpose of the First Amendment is to limit the interference by government officials in our speech, and public university officials, public community college officials, they’re public officials or government officials,” Hiestand said. “The fact that you’re getting the scholarship for your work doesn’t change that.”

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The Voice team last October pictured in Louisville, Kentucky, where they attended the Associated Collegiate Press Conference.



VOICE BOX

Q: Do you think that the American criminal justice system is just?

By Claire Convis | Staff Writer

“No, I do not. It’s particularly biased against people of color, and I personally have not had law enforcement harass me as a trans woman, but I do know that law enforcement has harassed members of the LGBTQIA+ community.”

Willow Starling, 31
Video production



“No, because of financial reasons...if you have a lot of money, then you have an advantage in the system.”

John Demason, 19
Neuroscience



“No, I don’t think they give the same respect to people of different races and people of different sexual orientation.”

Morgan Sisson, 23
Early childhood education



“Generally, it’s pretty reasonable. It’s fair in a sense that it sets up rules and guidelines, and if you infringe on other people’s rights, then you can have your rights taken away.”

John-Paul Gjernes, 19
Nursing



“No, there’s the history that’s slowly changing—but honestly, too slowly—of racial prejudice, and class prejudice, too.”

Katy McKay, 21
Human development



“No, I don’t think so, there’s still racism and a lot of things happening that are not right... and it’s 2019.”

Hadeer Saadeldin, 20
Pre-med



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Consider lifestyles, must-haves in search for the right roomie

BY CLAIRE CONVIS
Staff Writer

It's been said that a roommate is someone who can make or break your college experience.

Whether you're sharing a house, an apartment or a room, there are ways to help roomies survive the school year together, with their sanity and relationship intact.

Sally Major, a 22-year-old nursing student at WCC, met four of her roommates through a student organization.

"Common interests and a common lifestyle are really important when you're living with somebody," said Major. "It really eliminates factors that can cause arguments."

Christina Taylor, who is an 18-year-old student studying social work at WCC, mentioned the financial perks of living with a roommate.

"I'm not one to live with people, but it's cheaper," said Taylor. "Rent, bills, utilities...they're expensive. So it's a good money-saver... if you can find someone who is compatible."

When it comes to finding a place to live, it helps to have an idea of what features and needs are non-negotiable for you and what you're be willing to compromise about ahead of time: How far are you willing to commute to school? What is your price range? What specific features are you hoping to have in a home?



Sally Major

"I've never been somebody who really cares about having 'the extras,' but it's important to me to be safe," said Major. "Be with people that you feel comfortable with."

Social media can be a useful way of reaching out and finding people in your circle who are looking for someone to room with.

Websites such as Roomster can help college students find a place to live or a person to live with. Craigslist, Apartments.com and other similar sites allow users to search for units based on price range, features and location.

When considering who to room with, think about the kind of relationship you want to have with your roommate; maybe you want somebody whom you can join for workouts, academic studies or carpool with to school. Maybe you need someone who can let the dog out when you're not home, or maybe you don't mind if you only seen your roommate in passing.

The key is to make sure that your different lifestyles aren't conflicting to the point where a fight breaks out.

"If you're not into partying, then you don't want somebody who's going to have 20 people over," said Major.

Major mentioned that it is helpful to live with someone who is in the same stage of life as you. She said that she and her roommates enjoy living together, but also appreciate having some independence.

"There's the freedom of doing your own thing, and also a productiveness that comes from being on your own that I definitely love," Major said.

Major said cooking a communal dinner or ordering take-out together is one of the ways she and her roommates connect with each other.

"There's something really awesome about just sitting down and talking about your day," Major said. Going on a walk, biking, doing homework or watching Netflix together can all be fun ways to connect with your roomie.

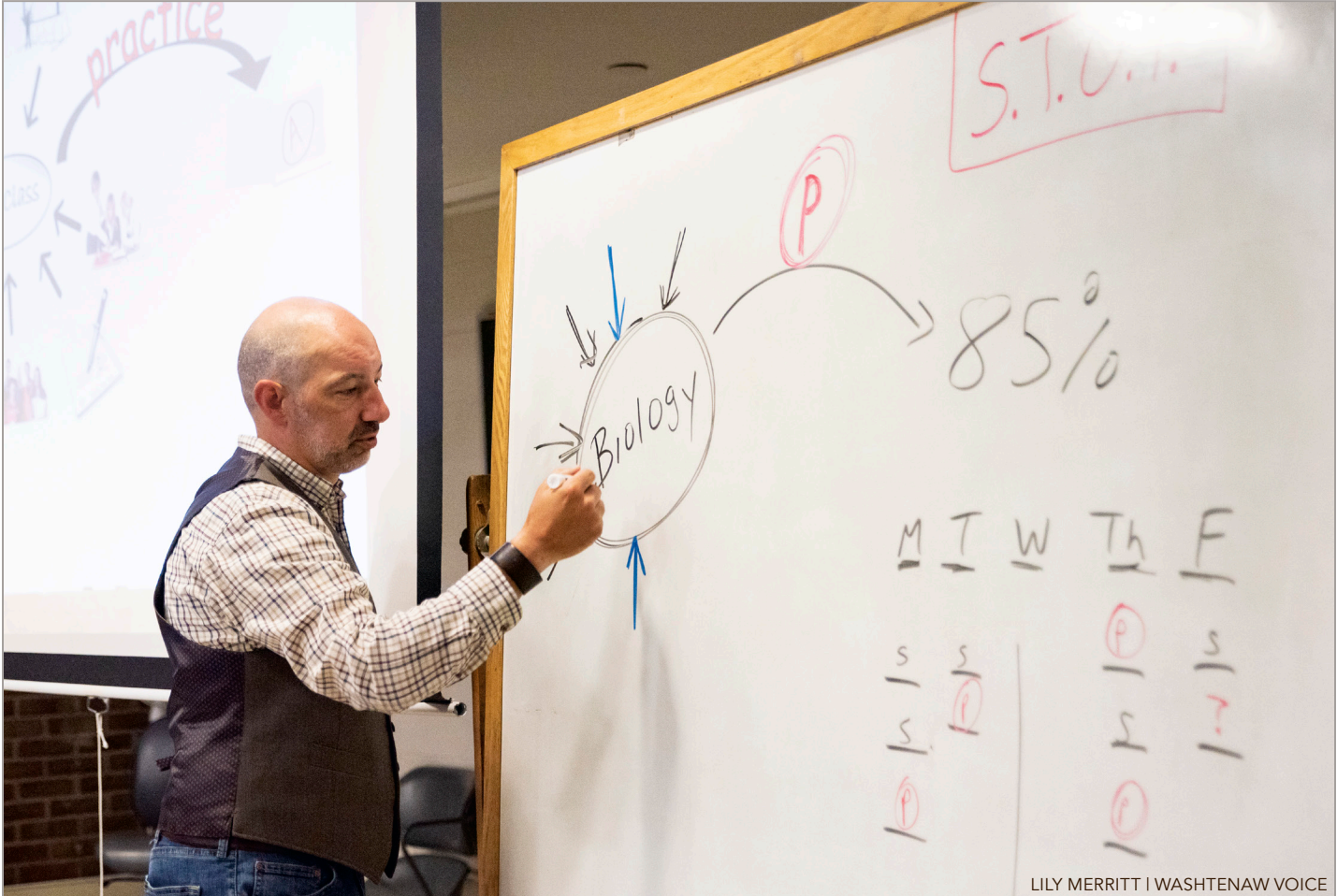
A fun, unique habit that Major and her group of roommates have is writing little notes for each other and leaving them around the apartment. Whether it was a quick "Thank you for doing the dishes," or a "You look great today!"

Major said it's important the space feels like home for everyone.

"You're going to have different cleaning standards," said Taylor. She added that cleaning or a lack of cleaning can often cause roommate disputes.

Establishing a chore schedule might help avoid both arguments and a messy living space.

"Originally we had a system, but as the semester wore on, sometimes people wouldn't get to their jobs," Major said. "But the big thing is not getting mad at each other for messing up, because we all mess up."



Biology faculty member David Wooten lectures on S.T.O.P., a formula designed to help students study more efficiently.

Rethink habits to STOP procrastination

BY BRIAN BABCOCK
Staff Writer

Congratulations to all who made it through their first two weeks of college — this is only the beginning.

For most students, the first week is usually the easiest. Classes mostly consist of going over the syllabus, getting to know each other and other "fluff" activities. The second week tends to ramp it up a bit. By week four, most students feel the pressure of taking their first exams.

It can be intimidating not knowing how the professor writes exams or what to expect, in general.

Fortunately, it doesn't have to be this stressful. Students need to S.T.O.P. stressing and look to Studying, Time management, Organization, and Practice. Following this simple formula, created by biology faculty member David Wooten, can aid in earning a higher GPA and gaining more free time.

"Those four fundamental concepts need to be there to be successful in almost any course in college — regardless of topic . . . from biology to poetry," Wooten said.

Studying

How does one study? There really is no set way. People are different, and they learn in different ways.

"The majority of the receptors in our body are in your retina," said Wooten. "We are a visual species, so seeing something is different than talking about it."

For example, drawing pictures or diagrams on flashcards for an anatomy and physiology class might come in handy. There is no cookie-cutter design. Many prefer group studying or reviewing notes alone in a quiet study space. Wooten advocates for students doing what suits them best, as long as practice is factored in afterward.

Time management and organization

Wooten provides a good analogy of what being organized can do for students.

"It's like that junk drawer . . . you can throw everything in there and dig around to

find whatever, if you keep at it, but you can also take that same drawer and organize it in a different way . . . it just becomes more efficient," he said.

Many students purchase planners to help organize each week. This can significantly help students to cut out study times.

Practice

Remember the old saying "practice means perfect?" Well, it couldn't be any closer to the truth. Practice helps, period.

"Practice is any exercise where you don't have the answer in front of you," Wooten said. "It's where you're being forced to produce the response . . . not reading your notes, not reading the book for the answer, and not watching a video where someone

else is telling you the answer. It's a blank sheet of paper."

That's not to say that students shouldn't read the book or look over notes, which is important to do early-on in order to better understand the material.

Wooten recommends a 3:1 ratio when it comes to reviewing material and then practicing. This means that for every three half-hour review blocks, there is one half-hour block of practice at the end.

"Push yourself . . . institute those practice exercises . . . they're uncomfortable, they can be painstaking at times [but] that blank piece of paper is your best friend. It'll stare back at you for hours until you say something intelligent, but it will let you know, without damaging your grade, whether you're ready or not to take that next evaluation," Wooten said.



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CAMPUS SNAPS

PHOTOS TAKEN AROUND CAMPUS IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS



The front desk at Richard W. Bailey Library welcomes new students back for the year.



As the school year begins, the trees and flowers are still in full bloom on the trails near Gunder Myran.



A window installation took place outside the Technical & Industrial building.



EXTRA

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Choose local this fall

BY LILLY KUJAWSKI
Editor

If you're mourning the end of summer, you're not alone. September signals the return to classes and a goodbye to warm days, but it also means harvest season for many Michigan vegetables.

Apples, onions, pumpkins and squash are just a few examples of crops grown by Michigan farmers with high yields in the fall.

Eating local, in-season food is healthier and better for the environment, according to Emily Thompson, environmental science teacher at WCC and adviser for the Students for Sustainability club on campus.

"Whatever's freshest is healthiest," said Thompson.

It's not sustainable for food to travel across the country to Michigan, from states such as California, because of all the fossil fuels used to ship it that far, Thompson said.

"We have perfectly good farmland around here," she said. "A solution would be for each locality to be growing as much food as they can locally."

Eating local foods is also important because it supports local farmers.

"When you buy local, you're keeping more people locally employed," said Kim Pendygraft, owner of Miss Kim's Jams.

For some farmers, their main source of income comes from selling produce, said Sissi Rodríguez, who works at a local farm.

Making the choice to eat local produce doesn't have to be a radical lifestyle change, according to Gary Yurick,

an employee at the Ypsilanti Food Co-Op, which sells many local products.

Start with small steps, Yurick advised.

On a student budget, it might seem difficult to incorporate more local foods into your diet.

"Certainly farmers markets are a good place to get good food, but it is not necessarily the cheapest food," said Anita Sandretto, who volunteers at the Dixboro Farmers Market in Ann Arbor. "Some of the grocery stores are now selling more local food, but you do have to look for it; and that may mean that you spend more time, and you have to decide: is your time worth it?"

"Every dollar you spend needs to get you the highest nutrition possible when you don't have a lot of dollars," said Kelly Voelker, a nutrition educator for the Livingston Educational Service Agency.

Produce tends to be more affordable when it's in season, according to Dayna Popkey, the farmers market and nutrition manager for Growing Hope, a nonprofit garden development organization in Ypsilanti.

Buying produce in bulk is another way to save money, because the cost per item usually goes down when bought in large quantities, Thompson said.

However, more money is needed up-front when buying in bulk. Thompson suggested teaming up with other families or peers and going in on the cost of buying in

bulk together and sharing the produce.

"Buying in bulk and freezing or canning or other methods of preserving is a really great way to have that summer produce year-long," Popkey said.

On the other hand, when shopping at a farmers market, buying a single quantity of an item you don't need a lot of can be an inexpensive option, too, said Tom Ellis who works at Diana's Heirloom Produce, a local farm.

Low-income students should also check to see if they qualify for programs like Double Up Food Bucks, which doubles the value of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. If you're eligible, Double Up Food Bucks allows you to receive \$1 to use for fruits and vegetables for every \$1 you spend on fruits and vegetables (up to \$20 a day).

Double Up Food Bucks can be used at various Washtenaw County farmers markets and grocery stores, such as the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, the Ypsilanti Farmers Market, the Dixboro Farmers Market, Argus Farm Stop, the Ypsilanti Food Co-op and more.

The WCC Students For Sustainability club is currently planting a food forest on campus. Food forests are a form of gardening that mimics natural ecosystems.

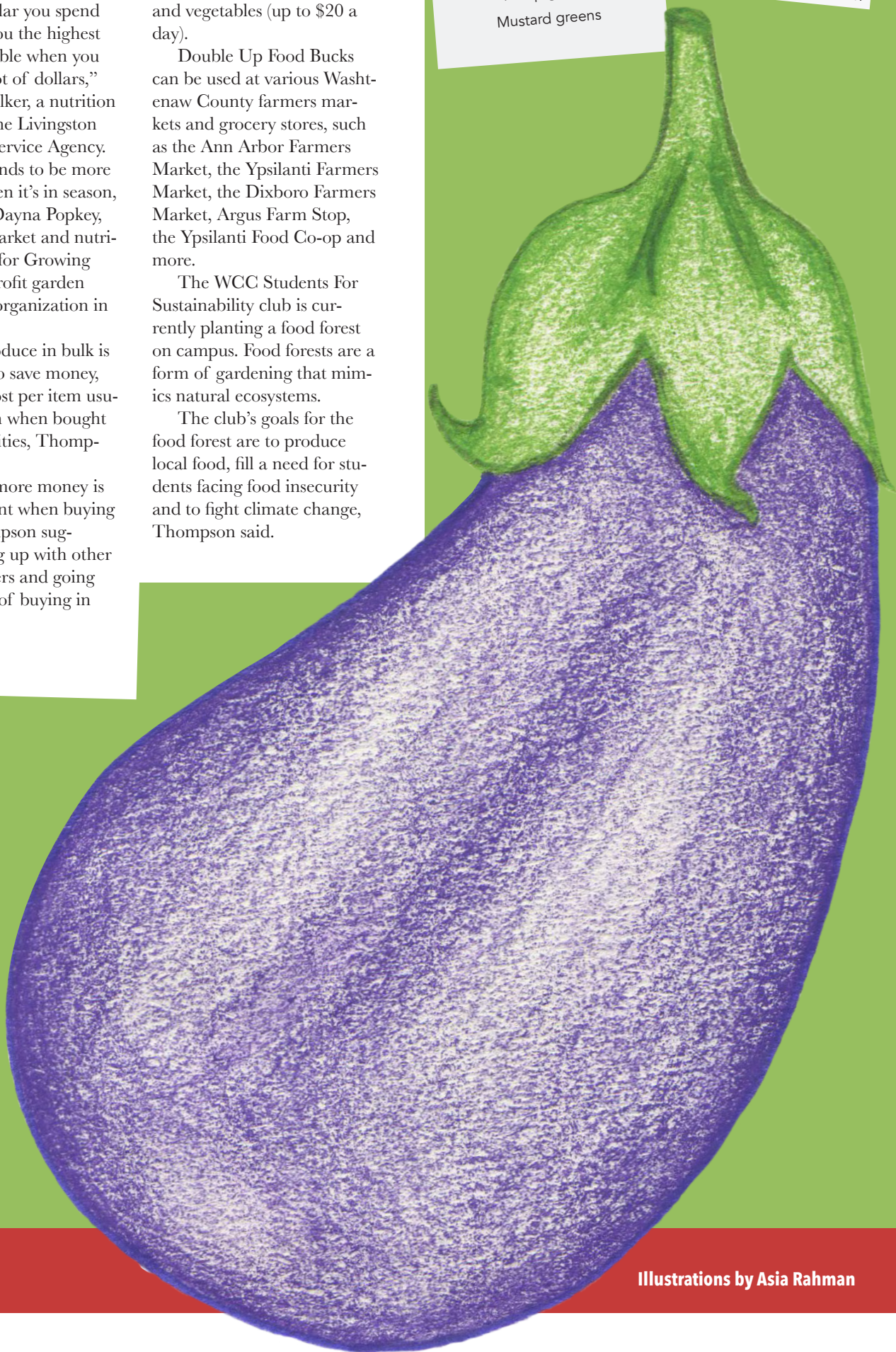
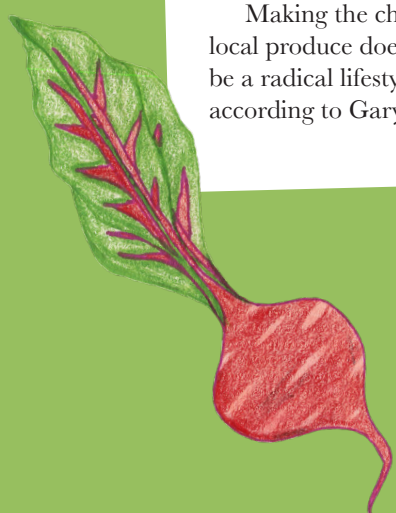
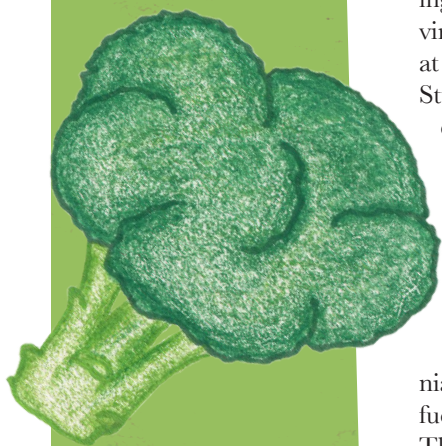
The club's goals for the food forest are to produce local food, fill a need for students facing food insecurity and to fight climate change, Thompson said.

MICHIGAN PRODUCE IN SEASON FOR SEPTEMBER

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Pears
Melons
Raspberries
Green beans
Beets
Broccoli
Cabbage
Carrots
Cauliflower
Celery
Turnip greens
Mustard greens

Collard greens
Kale
Eggplant
White onion
Parsnips
Peppers
Potatoes
Radish
Spinach
Tomatoes
Turnips

FROM MICHIGAN STATE EXTENSION



(Not so) ‘Scary Stories’ falls flat

BY CLAIRE CONVIS
Staff Writer

Rating: B-

See it if: You like monsters, but don't really want to be scared

Skip it if: You're looking for a more hardcore Halloween film

Halloween is fast approaching and the chilling movies are creeping into town, including “Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark,” directed by Andre Ovredal. The film is set in the small Pennsylvania town of Mill Valley in 1969. It's the night of Halloween (of course) and the residents of Mill Valley are either egging cars, trick-or-treating for Tootsie Rolls, or watching “Night of the Living Dead” flicker onto the drive-in movie screen. In the film, a local radio station warns its listeners, “Be

careful, ‘cause when the sun goes down, it's the season of the witch!” Despite the radio host's foreboding words, teenage friends Stella, Chuck, Auggie and Ramone pay a visit to the town's haunted house after sundown. The house used to belong to the Bellows, a once wealthy and proud family who ultimately imprisoned their daughter, Sarah, into a dungeon-like room because she looked “different.” Kids flocked from all over Mill Valley hoping to get a peak at “Strange Sarah.” According to the legend, if a visitor asks Sarah to tell them a story from her book of scary stories (which are written in children's blood) it'll be the last one they'll ever hear. Many of the kids who hurried to hear Sarah's spooky stories never returned home, while others suspiciously died around town.

Stella's bedroom is decked out in grim paraphernalia—from horror comic books to ghoulish goblin figurines to werewolf posters; it's no surprise that Stella is interested in Sarah Bellow's creepy old book. She takes the book with her and soon discovers it will unleash the teenagers' greatest fears. “Scary Stories” shares similarities with “The Babadook” (2014), which features a sinister book that refuses to be burned, “Wish Upon” (2017), which chronicles a highschooler's encounter with a creepy antique that provokes an angry demonic force, and “The Disappointments Room” (2016), which shows that locking young, troubled girls away in dark rooms usually doesn't end well.

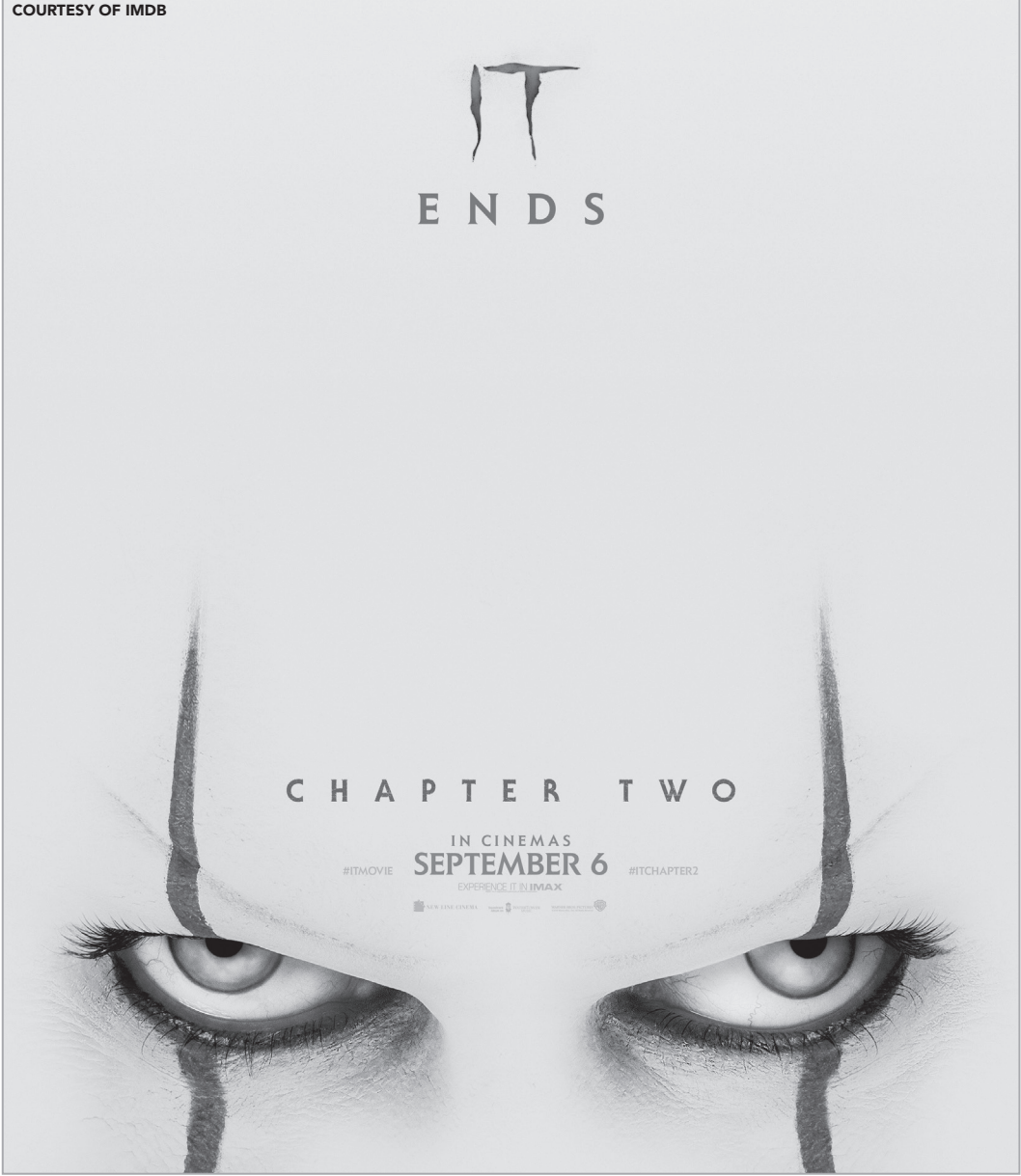
Overall, this was a fun Halloween movie to watch, but it was riddled with scary movie cliches and failed to deliver some solid scares. While some scenes and shots might quicken your breath, they mostly fail to raise goosebumps.

The trailer leaks too much, showing every monster and creature that appears on screen, thus giving away several jump scares. Even viewers who don't normally watch chillers and thrillers are likely to emerge from the theater after “Scary Stories” and walk, not run in fear, to their cars.

Along with campfire ghost stories coming to life, characters deal with their own personal battles; Ramone faces racism and a draft into The Vietnam War, while Stella continues to blame herself for her mother leaving home years ago.

I expected more of a twist to the ending, but instead, the plot was tied up in a pretty classic way.

This not-so-freaky film was produced by Guillermo del Toro and based off of the spooky series written by Alvin Schwartz, and the ending alludes that a sequel may follow.



‘IT Chapter Two’ floats into the end

BY CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY
Staff Writer

Rating: B

See it if: You loved the book, you love Bill Hader

Skip it if: You are short on time, you dislike clowns

The “losers’ club,” novelist Stephen King's fictional group of social misfits, is back after 27 years to lay Pennywise the clown to rest, finally.

The kids have grown up and all but one, Mike (Isaiah Mustafah), have escaped the evil city of Derry. Now they must come back and face Pennywise, Derry, and the past if they ever hope to survive. “Chapter Two” delivers a heartfelt but long conclusion to the fight between the losers' club and Pennywise.

The adult losers' club was

excellently cast. Although the grown-up losers lacked the comradery and familiarity the younger losers had, 27 years apart is bound to do that to a group of friends. James McAvoy plays Bill and Bev is played by Jessica Chastain. They both did a good job in their respective roles, but the characters fell flat.

Bill Hader delivers a brilliant performance as the adult Richie, the smart-ass kid turned stand-up comic. Hader might not have gotten the same screen time as his counterparts, but when he is on, he steals the show.

2017's “IT” was a breakout hit, scoring the largest opening weekend ever for a horror movie at \$41 million. While “Chapter Two” was bigger and longer than the previous chapter, it's still clear the filmmakers tried to stick closely to the original work by

Stephen King. The CGI in the film is out in full force, especially during flashbacks with the losers' club, making the child actors look exactly as they did in the 2017 “IT.” The 2-hour 45-minute runtime sets “Chapter Two” back—the scares start to wear on watchers after a while. Although the movie certainly has its graphic moments, the film is never quite as scary as it should be. My hope is they let “IT” rest and don't drag Pennywise out for a prequel as rumors suggest. “Chapter Two” is a story that explores childhood trauma and the arrested development that comes with it. After all, what is Pennywise but a walking, shapeshifting and nagging trauma that forces the grown-ups to face it once more, after 27 years of hiding in the deep?

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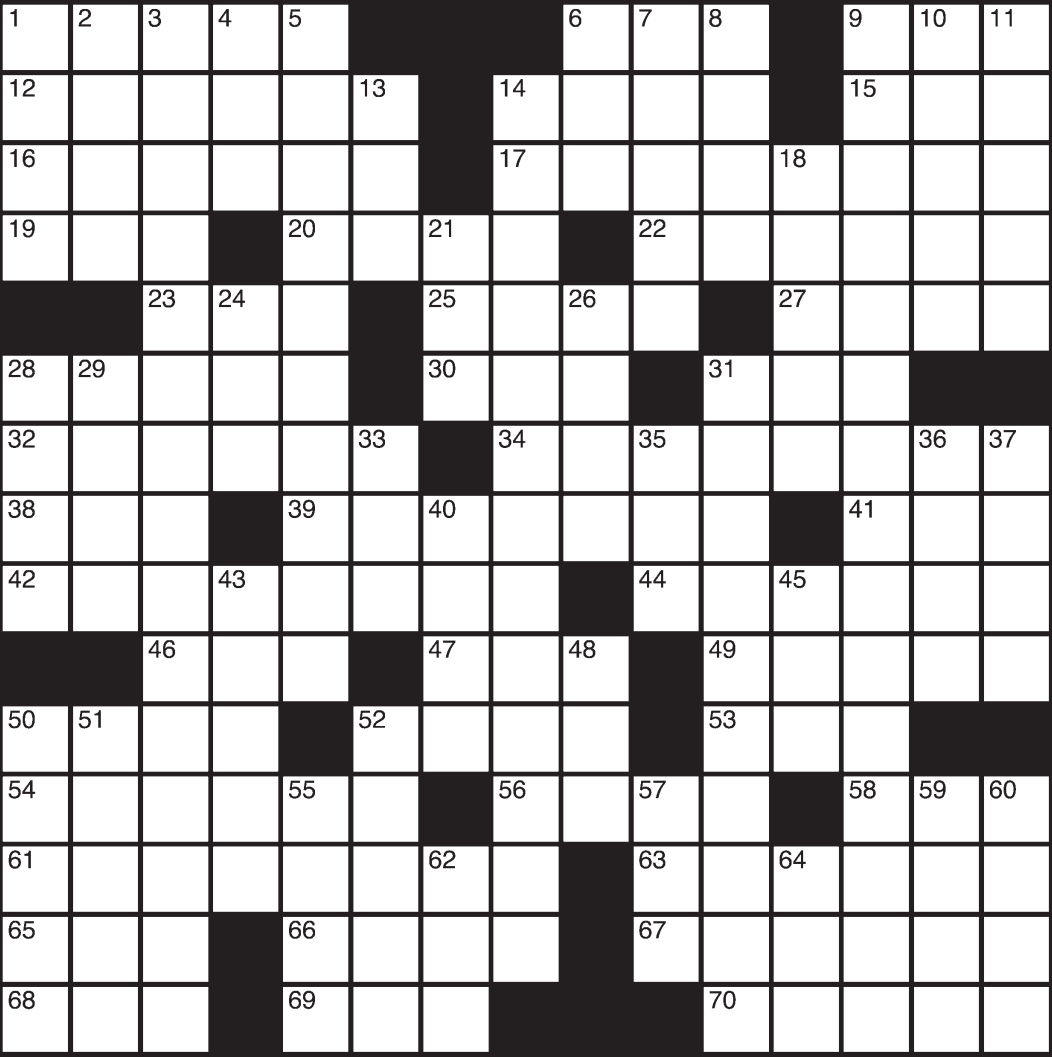
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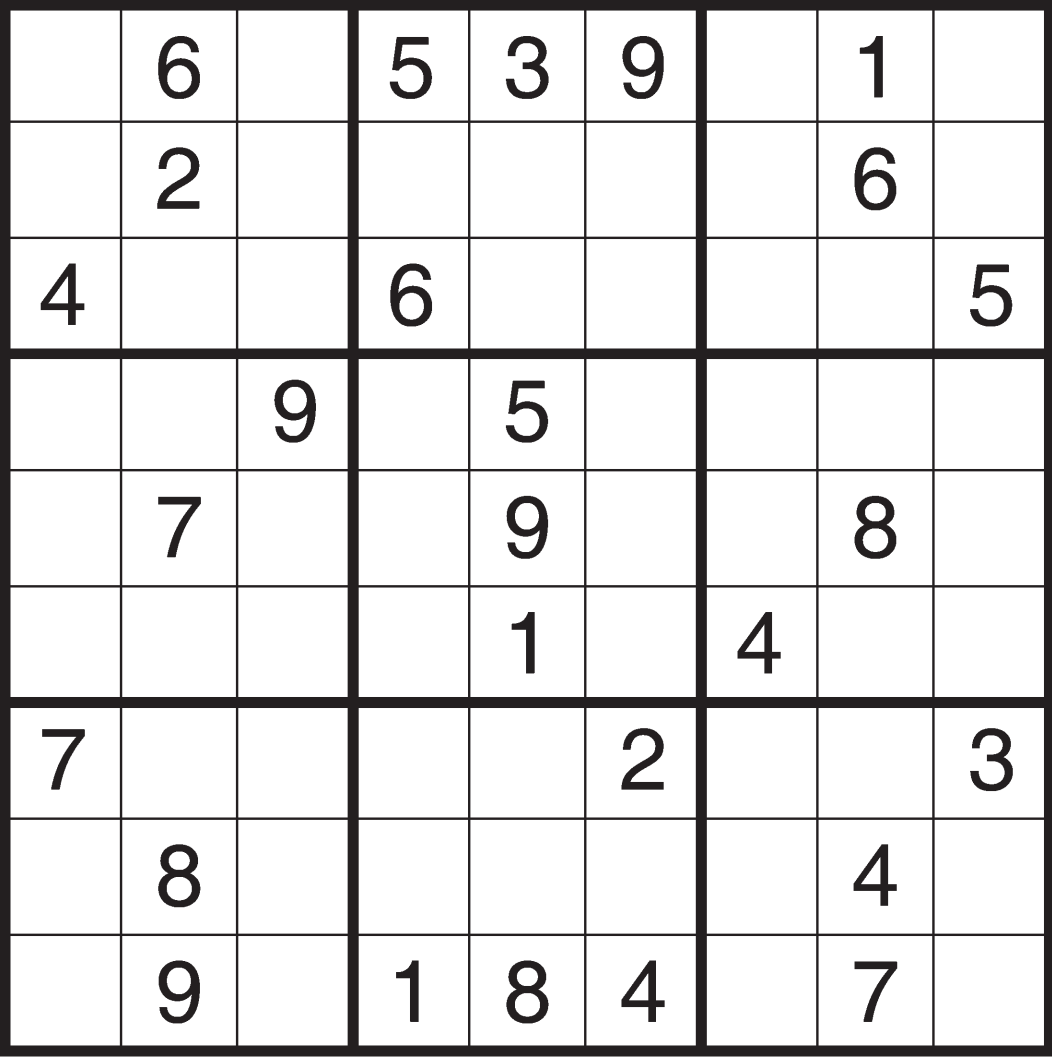
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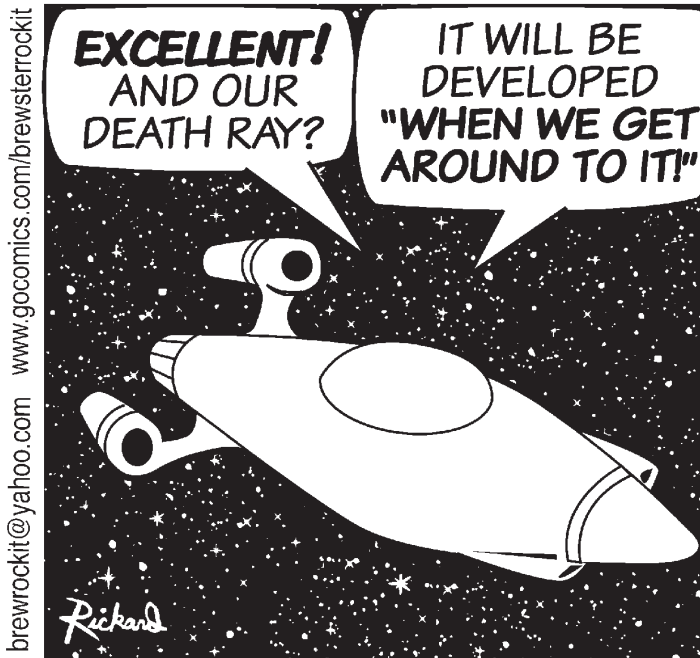


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30 Penultimate Greek letter
31 Big Pharma watchdog: Abbr.
32 Suggest
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41 Black or Red waters
42 Downpour concern
44 Bills with Franklin on them
46 Good times
47 Japanese vegetable
49 Infatuated with, with “about”
50 “__ Land”: 2016 Best Picture? Not!
- 52 Elite English boarding school
53 Deadly “2001” computer
54 “Brideshad Revisited” novelist Waugh
56 Laundry
58 Wall St. takeover
61 Exacts revenge
63 Punctuation that Brits call a full stop
65 Guggenheim display
66 Johns, to Brits
67 “__ can play!”: “It’s easy!”
68 Caustic chemical
69 Bowler’s target
70 Emails

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- 45 Italian hour
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51 Bugs Bunny animator Tex
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55 Website with business reviews
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59 “__, James __”
60 Poems of praise
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Banquet Server.
Are you a fun, friendly, and motivated individual wanting to join others like yourself? Do you enjoy creating lasting memories for others? Do you like doing job that can be different every day? Do you enjoy meeting new people and building relationships? It's all here for you! At Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

The Server is responsible for providing positive guest interactions while serving guests in a friendly and efficient manner. At all times, servers are expected to be attentive to our guest needs and making them feel welcome, comfortable, important and relaxed. Banquet Server will follow through with the proper and timely set-up and execution of banquet events. Grill Servers need to have a thorough knowledge of the food menu including specialty items and menu deviations.

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The Teller is responsible for assisting customers with various types of transactions while effectively maintaining a cash drawer and providing an enjoyable, valuable and memorable customer experience, ensuring prompt, efficient and accurate service. In addition, the Teller engages customers in dialogue to uncover needs for products and services.

Assembler.
Read, understand and follow detailed assembly instructions, blueprint specifications, and parts lists; gathering parts, subassemblies, tools, and ma-

terials. Assembles components by examining connections for correct fit; fastening parts and subassemblies. Verifies specifications by measuring completed component, if required. Identify potential quality issues and notify supervisor for problem resolution. Documents actions by completing production and quality forms. Performs standardized work process and precisely follows defined work instructions

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).
Maintain the corporate philosophy of caring for the residents and families. Complies with and maintains the policies and procedures for employees, resident care and family interaction. Provides services in accordance with nurse practice act and state/federal nursing center regulations. Participates in pre-admissions assessments for potential residents. Participates in all staff development programs to expand and develop abilities. Maintains compliance to all personnel policies, established community policies and procedures. Understands and implements the Fire Safety and Disaster Preparedness Plan and evacuation procedures of the community during drills

and emergencies. Performs admission and periodic reviews on residents for functional and mental abilities.

Merchandise.
Merchandise store shelving, coolers and displays with products in assigned accounts. Rotate products in the backroom and on the shelf. Transport products to and from backroom to shelf location. Use equipment to transport products (e.g., U Boats, hand trucks, pallet jacks, etc.). Display promotional material such as signs and banners in accounts. Keep back room stock in neat and orderly condition

Children’s Nurturer.
Under the direction of the Program Coordinator, the Children’s Nurturer is responsible to provide support to and engage child victims and child witnesses of domestic and sexual violence in individual and group settings. Plan, organize and provide indoor and outdoor activities. Facilitate activities and events, provide homework assistance, and attend agency outings including field trips. Organize, clean and maintain healing spaces for the children, so their parent may attend individual/group counseling and crisis

intervention services. Promote a culture of non-violence and nurturing with children of all ages while supporting the First Step philosophy of empowerment, education and prevention of violence. Responsible for special projects as assigned. Comprehensive training and supervision provided.

Accounting Supervisor.
The Accounting Supervisor is a core member of the Finance team of a fast-growing medical device manufacturing company located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The primary responsibility of this position is to maintain corporate financial records, books and accounting processes as directed by the Chief Financial Officer. The Accounting Supervisor will work closely with the CFO and be heavily involved in general ledger, month end close, treasury and team collaboration.

Alignment Technician.
The Alignment Technician is committed to providing the highest quality of repairs and service necessary to satisfy the customer. They should be self-motivated, dependable, hard-working and work well in a team environment. Duties and Responsibilities: Properly secure vehicle to lift/align-

ment machine to ensure safe operation. Properly align vehicle as per company specifications. Diagnosis of customer vehicles. Interaction between employees and/or customers; explaining diagnosis and needed repairs as required to assist sales staff and/or clarify for customers. Providing the highest quality repairs to customers’ vehicle.

Clerical – Receptionist.
Hands Across The Water, a non-profit, licensed, adoption and foster care agency, is seeking a responsible, engaging person to serve visitors by greeting, welcoming, and directing them appropriately; notify agency personnel of visitor arrival; maintain security and telecommunications system. Greet and assist clients. Photo copy as needed. Maintain ample supply of agency forms and documents as directed.

CNC & Manual Lathe Operator / Programmer
Create G-code programs for CNC lathes. Utilize CAM software to streamline G-code program generation. Set-up and run CNC lathes. Run a manual lathe while the CNC lathes are running. Read and understand part drawings and tolerances.

Compiled by: Catherine Engstrom-Hadley | Staff Writer

events

ENTERTAINMENT LOCAL CAMPUS

UMMA AFTER HOURS: FALL OPENING

Welcome a new season of art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art with its experimental ArtGym, featuring “Take Your Pick: Collecting Found Photographs,” as well as other exhibits and a free talk from artist Meleko Mokgosi. Enjoy free live music, gallery talks, food and more.

University of Michigan Museum of Art | 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor

Sept. 21, 7-10 p.m.

THEATER FUNDRAISER

Support the Neighborhood Theater Group at its annual fundraiser kickoff. Enjoy music from the house band, an Instagram photo wall, refreshments and more! Admission is a \$5 suggested donation and families are welcome.

Riverside Arts Center | 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti

Sept. 14, 8 p.m.- 10 p.m.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Come out for live music from the Wayback Machine and lawn games. You can bring your own picnic or purchase limited concession snacks. Admission is free, but patrons with cars must pay for parking.

Rolling Hills County Park | 7660 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti

Sept. 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

NERD NITE

A monthly series of free talks about a wide variety of topics from professionals. The topics range from linguistics, to nanoparticles, to the genealogy of Godzilla. Nerd Nite has something for everyone.

LIVE | 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor

Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

RUSSIAN FESTIVAL

The seventh annual Ann Arbor Russian festival will feature traditional Russian singing and dancing, a children's corner, vendors and Slavic cuisine. Admission and parking are free.

St. Vladimir Orthodox Church | 9900 Jackson Rd., Dexter

Sept. 14 and 15, 11-8 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Bring on the fall fun! Tour the historical Sutherland-Wilson Farm and take a historical carriage photo you can bring home. Face painting, a petting farm, hayrides, lawn games, refreshments and more are available at this year's harvest festival. Admission for adults is \$5 per person.

Sutherland-Wilson Farm | 797 W. Textile Rd., Ann Arbor

Sept. 22, 2-5 p.m.

ANN ARBOR PAGAN PRIDE DAY

The fourth annual Ann Arbor Pagan Pride Day will feature a wide range of workshops for those who attend, local vendors and more. The workshops include energy workshops, spirit guide workshops and more.

Community Park

Sept. 14, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

RASA PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

A multi-arts festival featuring local performers in an India-themed night of performance. Classical and folk dances from India and live music will be on display through the evening. Tickets are \$25 for general audience and \$15 for students and seniors.

Towsley Auditorium

Sept. 21, 4-6:30 p.m.

WELCOME DAY AT WCC

Find a new club for this semester, grab free snacks and goodies from the tables as you go. Welcome day has something for every student to ring in the new semester.

Community Park

Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



WAYBACK MACHINE MUSIC



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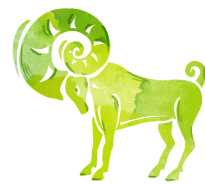


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September Horoscopes

By Lilly Kujawski | Editor

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Aries

You're a natural-born leader, so it's no surprise you're usually the one sparking a lively debate in class or getting a study group organized. Unfortunately, you can also be impulsive and don't always finish the projects you start. You've got the energy, you've got the drive, but this semester it's time to focus on the follow-through. After all, you are full of great ideas and you are certainly capable of making them happen.



Taurus

You are persistent and you love the grind of college life. You're goal-oriented, you know what you're working towards and that's what keeps you going. However, you do have the tendency to be a bit self-indulgent. You love to reward your hard work, and there's nothing wrong with that—as long as you don't go overboard and lose sight of the finish line.



Gemini

Driven by curiosity, you love the excitement of learning new things. You're always raising your hand in class, wanting to know more. However, you also lose interest quickly, especially if a class starts to get boring. You may be tempted to skip class in favor of hanging out with friends or spending time outside while it's still warm enough. If the temptation does arise, listen to your practical side and give the class another try.



Cancer

You're a homebody at heart and would rather stay in bed a little longer than go to your 9 a.m. class. Once you get up and get moving though, you'll find that you usually feel better—it's just a matter of getting there. Make an effort to become friends with people in your classes to give you something to look forward to everyday and treat yourself to a small reward, like your favorite coffee drink, to help motivate you to get to campus early.



Leo

You are fierce, motivated and see your commitments through. You are passionate and have strong opinions, which can be a good thing; you often bring up important points in class discussions. Just don't let yourself become blind to other perspectives. You'll learn more about yourself, your peers and the subject at hand, when you take time to listen to the opposing sides.



Virgo

You've got a color-coded planner, a big pad of sticky notes, your keen eye for detail and you're ready to shine. It's your season, Virgo, and you'll over-analyze if you want to. You are loyal and hardworking, but are prone to taking on more than you can handle, often putting your own needs aside in order to help others. Remember that you must take care of yourself first to be able to care for anyone else.



Libra

You have a knack for putting others at ease and dissolving conflicts before they get out of hand. You have excellent communication skills, which will definitely come in handy this semester whenever you have to contact a professor. You can be indecisive at times, but college is the time to try new things. Use this time to weigh all your options, especially when it comes to a career, so you can find out what's best for you.



Scorpio

You are driven by a desire to succeed. You are curious and ambitious; a true hustler, in school and in life. If someone gets in the way of your goals, you have a tendency to turn on them, sometimes with a vengeance. Instead, refocus that energy into yourself and work on becoming even better; the haters are your motivators.



Sagittarius

You wish to live freely and sometimes school gets in the way of that. You tend to become impatient with the monotony of the everyday. When this happens, use that powerful optimism of yours to bring your own excitement to the day. Try a new food, scope out creative study spots or take a mini road trip over the weekend to help shake things up.



Capricorn

You are very hardworking. You treat school like it's your job, and you are very good at your job. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. It can be frustrating if your classmates aren't as invested or ambitious as you are, but be patient with them—and don't forget to have fun. If you start to feel like you're the only taking things seriously, maybe that means it's time for you to take a break.



Aquarius

You love intellectual stimulation and are always hungry to learn more, so interesting classes and passionate teachers are a must for you. Unfortunately, school life also means a fixed class schedule that can feel constraining and sometimes boring. Find an extracurricular you're interested in to help mix up the same ol' same ol' of the school semester. You'll thrive in a community setting.



Pisces

You tend to romanticize back-to-school time, often expecting it to be like when you were a kid—new friends, new outfit, excitement. Because of this, you might find yourself suddenly overwhelmed by exams, due dates and the high energy of the packed Student Center. Avoid procrastinating by making sure you have some “me time” scheduled, too, and get creative with your study habits.