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EX-OLYMPIC SNOWBOARDER WANTED BY F.B.I.

FORMER STAR RYAN WEDDING WANTED FOR DRUG AND MURDER CHARGES

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Photo Editor

Olympic snowboarder Ryan Wedding was just accused of leading a violent international drug ring.

The FBI says that Wedding orchestrated the shipment of tons of cocaine from Columbia and Mexico to the USA and Canada, along with the ordering of multiple killings. It's been also said that Wedding is in Mexico, a federal warrant was issued for him one month ago in the US central district court in LA.

A grand jury indictment was filed in June charging Wedding with numerous counts of felonies. He currently is the lead defendant in a superseding indictment that was unsealed this week that named 16 people.

"They have triggered an avalanche of violent crimes, including brutal murders... Wedding, the Olympian snowboarder, went from navigating slopes to contouring a life of incessant

crimes." Matthew Allen, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Los Angeles division, said in a statement.



Authorities say that the drug conspiracy operated at a large scale, from Columbia, Mexico, to three California counties, that being LA, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Agents were able to monitor the actions of the group earlier this year due to a mole who relayed coded messages about the alleged drug shipments.

As a part of federal investigation

- dubbed Operation Giant Slalom, echoing at an Olympic event Wedding once competed in, Law enforcements caught the defendants with a total of 1.8 metric tons of cocaine along with some weapons as well. It was estimated to be around \$255,450 in cash, and more than \$3.2 million in crypto currency.

If Wedding is convicted "would face a mandatory minimum penalty of life in federal prison on the murder and attempted murder charges," according to the Justice Department.

This is the second time that the US authorities have leveled

serious drug charges against Wedding, as he was previously convicted in 2009 with conspiracy to distribute cocaine where he served a year in prison. He's also been investigated by the Canadian authorities with prior drug investigations.

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BIG TOBACCO'S \$24 MILLION SETTLEMENT

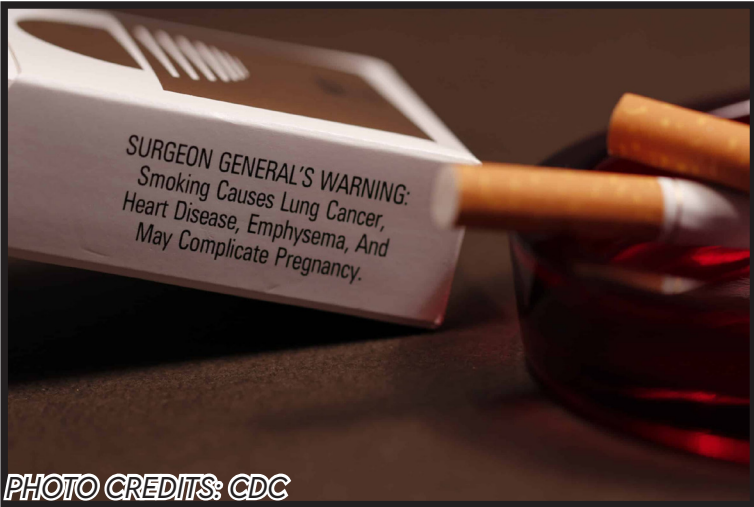
THE CONS OF FAILING TO WARN ABOUT THE DEADLY RISKS OF TOBACCO

ADEM JONES
Staff Contributor

Three of the world's largest tobacco companies, Philip Morris International, British American Tobacco (BAT), and Japan Tobacco—have reached a tentative settlement of C\$32.5 billion (US\$23.6 billion) to resolve a massive class-action lawsuit brought by nearly 100,000 Canadians. These individuals, many suffering from severe health conditions linked to smoking, accused the companies of failing to accurately inform them of the deadly risks of tobacco for decades, despite knowing the dangers.

The settlement comes after a nearly decade-long legal battle in Quebec, where the tobacco giants were originally ordered to pay billions in damages in 2015. The lawsuit claimed that the companies failed to properly warn consumers about smoking's health risks, with some plaintiffs alleging

they had developed life-threatening diseases like lung cancer and emphysema due to decades of misleading advertising and lack of clear warn-



ings. Philip Morris, BAT, and Japan Tobacco have agreed to pay the staggering settlement, but are finding themselves in deeper controversy surrounding how they'll fund it.

"This is an important step toward resolving this matter and focusing on the future," said Jacek Olczak, CEO of Philip Morris International. What Ol-

czak didn't mention, and what is fueling this controversy, is that the settlement will be funded through current and future sales of tobacco products in Canada, essentially forcing future smokers to pay for the damage caused by past smoking.

Critics have slammed this arrangement, calling it a slap on the wrist for companies that continued to profit despite the massive health risks associated with their products. Jacob Shelley, a professor at Western University, pointed out that the settlement "missed the chance to incorporate stronger policy terms" that could have curbed or slowed the

tobacco industry's harmful practices.

The plaintiffs now have until December 2024 to accept or reject the deal, which is expected to receive final approval by mid-2025 if accepted.

While the settlement may seem like a victory for the plaintiffs, some say it's a financial band-aid that

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NEWS

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LONG STORY
SHORT...

46 HOSPITALIZED FOR FOOD
POISONING IN MARYLAND
AFTER A CO-WORKER'S
MEAL

Adam Conklin

Forty-six people were hospitalized in a foodborne illness outbreak this week after sharing a dish at work in Maryland, officials said. The workers had reportedly gotten sick around an hour after eating a noodle dish that was prepared for them, according to NBC affiliate WBAL of Baltimore. The Howard County Health Department said it was working with the Maryland Department of Health to investigate the cause of the poisoning, but so far it is not looking to have been intentional.

“Preliminary indications are that the illness was related to outside food prepared by an employee and shared with others at the facility,” the department said.

Further investigations are soon to follow on more details regarding the food.

“At this time, we are not aware of any further illness connected to this incident and believe there is little risk to the larger community,” the department said when asked.

CDTA PINK BUS PULL IN
ALBANY FOR BREAST CAN-
CER AWARENESS MONTHL

Jonah Flanagan

The Capital region and its community has come together for its 8th annual pink bus pull on October 18 to help raise awareness and money for the fight against breast cancer.

Teams from the Albany fire department, Broadview federal credit union, The Rosenblum companies, United way of the greater capital region, Siena College Creighton manning, and many more brought teams of 8 people together to race against the clock and test their strength pulling a 30,000-pound pink bus 10 feet.

For the ninth year, CDTA is partnering with the American Cancer Society on its Men wear pink campaign. As part of the initiative, the iconic pink CDTA buses are now out and about around the capital region to raise and spread awareness of this disease. The details and materials were donated by Lamar Advertising, NAPA Auto Parts and Seifert Transit Graphics.

The CDTA has partnered with Ted's Fish Fry, Lamar Advertising, and Camelot Print & Copy. Their logos are displayed on the bus to recognize their generous donation towards the campaign.

So far this year, the CDTA has raised nearly \$15,000 for the campaign, The CDTA has raised more than \$100,000 over the last nine years for the American Cancer Society.

CONT ... BIG TOB. allows the tobacco industry to walk away relatively unscathed, still able to market and sell its deadly products. The tobacco companies appear eager to move on, with Imperial Tobacco Canada stating it supports the framework of the deal, which will be paid out over several years.

The plaintiffs, many of whom are elderly or dealing with severe health

issues, had long fought for justice, accusing the companies of knowingly selling products that caused irreversible harm.

“This is about holding them accountable for decades of lies,” one plaintiff said when the settlement was first proposed. But with the tobacco companies funding the settlement through future sales, some wonder if any real accountability has

been achieved—or if this is just another calculated move by an industry that has dodged responsibility for years.

This settlement, one of the largest of its kind in Canadian history, highlights the enormous toll smoking continues to take on public health, and raises the question: Will this be enough to force meaningful change or just another payday for Big Tobacco?

NEW YORK HITS SOLAR POWER MILESTONE

NY ACHIEVING SOLAR POWER GOALS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN
Staff Contributor

New York State just crushed its expectations for solar power as stated in the 2019 State Climate Law. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (or NYSEERDA), stated that they installed 6 Gigawatts of solar energy, which crushed their expectations by a year.

The NYSEERDA has been trying to produce cleaner and more efficient energy since the State Climate Law was introduced. “This is not only a huge benefit to consumers, a huge benefit to our environment but also a huge benefit to our economy,” President and CEO

Doreen Harris states. These new solar farms have not only produced \$9.2 billion in private investments but also created over 14,000 jobs nationwide.

This giant influx of energy has powered over 1 million homes in New York State. With solar energy being clean, this is a huge win for environmentalists and climate change activists. The NYSEERDA has claimed that they expect to distribute 10 Gigawatts of solar power by the year 2030.

The NYSEERDA is doing its best to make New York State a healthier and cleaner place, by producing cleaner energy more and more every day. The transition into a ‘low-carbon future’ would be critical in the fight against

FALL 2024 TRANSFER FAIR AT HVCC

WHAT MAY COME NEXT FOR YOU AFTER HVCC?

KELLY NGUYEN
Staff Contributor

As the school year continues, the Fall 2024 Transfer Fair is a pivotal event for students seeking new educational pathways. Whether it's a chance to learn more about future colleges after Hudson Valley, or a chance to network, the fair is a great opportunity! This fair will feature representatives from colleges that students can engage directly with, allowing for firsthand insights about the transfer process. It

is scheduled October 30 from 7:30AM-10:30AM at the Siek Campus Center, on the first floor.

This fair aims to connect prospective transfer students with a diverse range of institutions, providing information on a smooth transition. More than 60 college and university representatives are expected to be at the event! Some of those being: Binghamton (select universities), Clarkson, Hartwick, Le Moyne, New York Institute of Technology, RPI, a range of SUNYS, Siena, and more! Take the fair as a unique op-

portunity to explore options, compare programs, and understand the different nuances of different institutions. It's beneficial for those who are curious about how the transfer process may go, are unaware of where they want to go, or ask specific questions regarding financial aid. It's encouraged that students come prepared with various questions to have this fair be helpful.

The Fall 2024 Transfer Fair is not just an event; it's a gateway to new beginnings! Whether students are considering moving to a four-year university or even looking to practice some valuable networking skills, this fair will serve as a crucial stepping stone in their educational journey.

THE STATUS OF BOEING IN 2024

THE FAULTS OF THIS AEROSPACE COMPANY

ADEM JONES
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Boeing's 2024 took a sharp turn when a rear door plug fell off of one of its planes mid-flight, forcing an emergency grounding of the aircraft and intensifying scrutiny on the company already battling a string of safety and production failures.

In early January 2024, a Boeing 737 Max 9 operated by Alaska Airlines experienced a major in-flight incident when a rear door plug detached, causing rapid decompression. The plug, which is designed to seal the rear emergency exit, fell into the backyard of a high school teacher in Portland, Oregon, shortly after takeoff. There were no injuries among the 171 passengers and six crew members on board, but the event raised significant safety concerns.

“This incident should have never happened and it cannot happen again,” the Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA) said in a statement. The FAA responded by grounding all Boeing 737 Max 9 planes with the same door plug configuration. Alaska Airlines grounded its fleet of 65 Max 9 aircraft, followed by the FAA's grounding of 171 planes across multiple airlines.



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This is the latest in a series of challenges for Boeing. The company has been working to rebuild its reputation following two fatal crashes of its 737 Max 8 jets in 2018 and 2019, as well as long-standing production issues with its 787 Dreamliner. The door plug fail-

ure on Alaska Airlines Flight 1282 has further compounded Boeing's difficulties.

On January 8, both Alaska Airlines and United Airlines reported the discovery of loose parts in the door plug systems of their grounded Max 9 jets. United mentioned bolts that required additional tightening, while Alaska reported finding visibly loose hardware. This discovery led to increased scrutiny of Spirit AeroSystems, the manufacturer responsible for producing the fuselage and door plug for the aircraft.

A shareholder lawsuit against Spirit AeroSystems surfaced shortly afterward, with a former quality-control inspector alleging that Spirit's Kansas plant had an “excessive amount of defects.” The lawsuit further claims that employees were pressured to hide these defects and were retaliated against when they raised concerns.

In response, the FAA launched an audit of Boeing's 737 Max 9 production line and its suppliers. **GO TO ... PG.3**



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CONT ... BOEING The agency also suggested a potential shift in its safety oversight model, considering the possibility of rescinding some of the authority it had previously outsourced to manufacturers like Boeing. This would represent a major change in how aircraft are certified for safety.

According to a report by The Seattle Times, a whistleblower claimed that Boeing’s own records revealed that bolts securing the door plug were improperly reinstalled during production at the company’s Renton, Washington, plant. This was further corroborated by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which found in its February 6 preliminary report that four critical bolts had been missing from the door plug.

Boeing responded by announcing new inspection protocols to ensure door plugs are correctly installed and inspected before delivery to customers. The FAA cleared the grounded planes to resume flying on January 24, but only after they had undergone

a thorough inspection and maintenance process. However, public confidence in the 737 Max 9 remains fragile. Several airlines have since allowed passengers the option to avoid flying on the Max 9, and some booking platforms now offer filters to exclude the plane from search results.

In February, Boeing faced further internal challenges when Ed Clark, the executive overseeing the 737 Max program, left the company. He was replaced by Katie Ringgold, while Boeing also created a new senior vice president of quality position, filled by Elizabeth Lund, to address the growing concerns surrounding the company’s manufacturing process.

The FAA continues to exert pressure on Boeing, giving the company a 90-day deadline to develop a comprehensive plan to address systemic quality control issues. FAA Administrator Mike Whitaker stated that Boeing will not be allowed to ramp up production of the Max family of aircraft until these issues are fully resolved.

In a tragic development, John Bar-

nett, a former Boeing quality control manager and whistleblower, was found dead in Charleston, South Carolina, in March. His death, reportedly from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, came amid his ongoing legal battle with Boeing over safety concerns he had raised in the past. Barnett had previously alleged retaliation from the company after flagging what he believed to be safety issues with Boeing’s aircraft.

The NTSB has scheduled an investigative hearing for August to examine the causes behind the door plug failure on the Alaska Airlines flight. Boeing, meanwhile, has committed to improving its quality assurance processes and working more closely with the FAA to meet regulatory standards.

As Boeing works to restore its reputation and regain the trust of both regulators and passengers, the incident serves as a reminder of the ongoing challenges facing the aviation industry in ensuring safety at every level of aircraft production.

SQUATTERS TAKE OVER ELDERLY HOME

CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN

Staff Contributor

Squatters, a term used to describe someone who takes over the ownership of someone’s house by staying in their house long enough to be considered a resident, allegedly took over the home of Colorado Springs residents this past week. William and Arlene Towns, a couple well into their 70s, are now fighting what they are considering to be squatters to win back their home of 50 years.

Squatters have become legal trouble nationwide, people who find loopholes in property law by staying in a house for over a month. By definition, once they stay in the house for over a month and get

mail delivered, they are the legal tenants of the property. This is especially difficult to deal with for landlords, as they now have to go through the eviction process. This tale is no different for William and Arlene.



Me post, supporting William and Arlene. The squatters have also been accused of running the water and lights unnecessarily to give the Towns “sky-rocketing utility bills”.

The squatter was originally presumed to be a homeless lady, offering to do chores, with whom William had trusted. The daughters state that the lady had “taken advantage of our dad and his compromised mental state and now has moved many of her belongings into his home.” The couple is currently living off of their social security checks, hoping that the law will do them justice.

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POLITICS

U.S. TO PROHIBIT CHINESE AI INVESTMENT

U.S. MOVES TO BAN CHINESE INVESTMENT IN AI TO PROTECT NATIONAL SECURITY

CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN

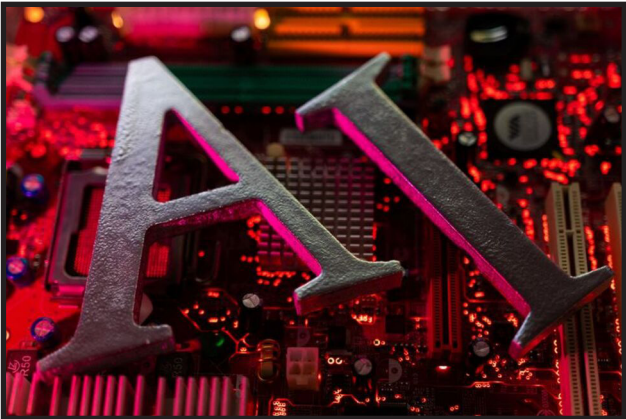
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The United States of America has made a powerful yet dangerous move against China, by potentially banning the investments of AI technology with China and Chinese companies. This move by the Biden Administration was to hopefully protect the people from inadvertently aiding the Chinese military by investing in Chinese companies.

According to Treasury official Laura Black, they will try to pass this bill signed by Joe Biden before the election hits. It is a seemingly final move from Joe Biden before the power of the presidency is exchanged from him to the eventual winner of the Presidential election taking place this November.

The investment in Chinese AI equip-

ment is seen as dangerous in the eyes of the American government, because it may give the Chinese a technological advantage over the United States. The



United States likes to be able to maintain that power stance over nations in order to have leverage in the god-forbidden event when things go awry between nations.

There were a few exceptions to the rule being put in place against Chinese AI Companies, such as trading “index funds or mutual funds, certain limited partnership investments, and certain syndicated debt financings.” The regulation of trading with Chinese semiconductors and microelectronics was put in place to supposedly protect America and its people from investing in companies with unsure intentions.

A Department spokesperson for the U.S. Treasury Department has declined to comment on the matter, leaving officials confused as to what may be behind this move from the Biden Administration.

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OPINION

GAME REVIEW: OFF THE GRID

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Off The Grid is a new cyberpunk third-person battle royale game co-created by Neill Blomkamp, known for his work on the movies District 9 and Elysium. The game takes place in a dystopian world where 60 players (150 players by full release) compete in PvE or PvP modes. The world is ruled by corporations where participants fight over valuable cyber augmentations.

A part I found particularly interesting was the short films directed by Blomkamp, which added very interesting depth to the game's lore. The game combines elements of battle royale

and extraction shooter formats, with unique mechanics like jetpacks and cyberlimbs that can be swapped at will during a round. Players can engage in both PvP skirmishes and PvE storyline missions on the same map. The game is visually impressive, however, it does have some issues with optimization.

The most surprising aspect of this game is that it includes optional NFTs. Players can gain in-game "loot boxes" called Hexs that need to be taken to a node and submitted. The node will then verify that the Hex is genuine and assign a unique virtual signature to every item contained within, thus minting them as legitimate NFTs. or a new crypto token called GUN. How-



ever you need to subscribe to "Off the Grid+" to use it in the player marketplace, which also has a lot of pay-to-win features.

This game is currently in Alpha on

PC, PS5, and Xbox Series X. In the future, Off the Grid is expected to receive more updates with additional maps, multiplayer modes, and customization options.

ALBUM REVIEW: WHIPLASH, BY AESPA (5TH MINI ALBUM)

SAMARUN SUHANA
Staff Contributor

The 4th Gen IT Girl Group did it again! AESPA had their 5th Mini Album "Whiplash" comeback earlier this week. Here's an overview:

Whiplash (3:03): This song, in my opinion, is the ultimate club song. It's such a fun song about confidence with lyrics like "One look, give 'em whiplash," and truly this is such a good dance song. I will say though, it felt a little lackluster to me, but that might be because I'm not all too big on EDM or techno type of music. After Drama, Supernova, and Armageddon, I was expecting something similar so Whiplash was definitely new to me but maybe it just needs to grow on me. I will say though a lot of aespa's songs and their concept is about how they don't conform to the norm and how they are who they are, so I'm here for it!

Kill It (3:20): This is by far my favorite from this album! I love the vibes and vocals of this song, it felt very on brand for SM (aespa's entertainment agency). It also reminded me of NCT 127, a boy group from SM. Personally, this song would've been a better title track but nonetheless, Kill It is also about confidence and essentially being amazing at being yourself with various lyrics like "The more you try to block me/ The more advantageous it will be for me, I'm better;" and "I'm so good at it, uh/ I'll shake you up." The pre chorus makes me ascend! It's so enchanting.

Flights, Not Feelings (3:02): This song

was very interesting when I first listened to it. At first, I actually didn't like it at all, but after a couple listens, I was starting to vibe with it. This might be my second favorite! The way the chorus in a way ran after the beat felt like an addition to the song rather than a

me think this is another type of situation like Kill It, with the idea that nothing you do to make me feel bad will work, and I love that!

Pink Hoodie (2:26): Another song with a similar vibe to NCT 127 but I love it! It's such a fun song, the beat during

free from the stereotype/ Headlines pouring in/ I even like the chaos/ I like myself better like this."

Flowers (3:11): This is very different compared to the other songs in terms of meaning, a sort of love song. I adore this song so much because of how it feels; to me, it feels like the sun shining through clouds, a slight breeze, and the autumn leaves falling. With lyrics like "I don't wanna wait/ I throw myself into your scent that no one else knows," and "You're my dahlia, tulips and daisies/ A slowly spreading fragrance/ Violet sunset, it seems like it doesn't exist in this world," it is clear this is indeed a love song. Something about this song feels very sad though, I can't place my finger on it.

Just Another Girl (3:04): Another love song but with a twist! Just Another Girl seems to be a breakup song with lyrics like "I been obsessed with you/ All these clumsy feelings, I'll stop them," "Falling apart, you and I, you and I," and "You have no more chances, one shot/ I was too good for you." Personally, this song doesn't exactly fit in this album with the other songs but on its own it's a good piece. With a pop-rock type of vibe and lyrics like "Looking at you, caught red-handed, shh/ Secretly smirking, you love it/ Did you think I'd just be sad? No excuses, shh," this song gives mid-late 2000's vibes and I really enjoy it!



take away. Their vocals and tones are so soothing. It is a bit hard to discern what this song is about but I will try my best! The title suggests the idea of "catch flights, not feelings," which means discontinuing developing relationships and going on various trips to distract from that lack of personal relationships. This song has lyrics like "Oh, I tried to warn you/ Now I'll do as I please/ Let it flow, oh," which makes

the chorus feels sploinky, if that makes sense. Another song with the same idea of confidence with lyrics like "Grab all the attention/ I'm wearing my new clothes/ I'ma give you my, my, my, my passion," and "The more you see, the more you fall for it, fabulous." The bridge really cements this idea of confidence and how I like who I am. Lyrics like "See me now/ I'll change endlessly/ Crumbling borderline/ Breaking

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VALUES FOR VIKINGS: CHOCOLATE PRICES- ARE THEY A TRICK OR A TREAT?

WHERE CAN YOU GET THE MOST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK?

MOLLY GRAIFF
Staff Contributor

When you're a kid, nothing excites you more than free candy and that's exactly what Halloween is. However, as an adult, you realize that the cost of a bag of candy is scarier than any horror movie. This year particularly, the price is astronomical to supply treats for your trick-or-treaters. With the price of cocoa being extraordinarily high, let's

look at alternatives to ensure a great Halloween without breaking the bank.

When shopping for treats, stay away from chocolate, as its prices are the highest. Instead, opt for a bag of candy, as they tend to be on the cheaper side. If chocolate is too important to you, consider purchasing a variety pack that contains both candy and chocolate. Sam's Club and BJ's have a membership fee to shop, but if you are a member, you can buy candy in bulk, significantly lowering your unit price.

If looking for the cheapest way to enjoy Halloween, consider purchasing treats that aren't food-related. This has become more popular in recent years as the Greenbush YMCA hosts the Capital District Teal Pumpkin Party which offers a food-free Halloween experience for all kids. The purpose of the Teal Pumpkin Project is to include kids with food allergies in trick or treating. If you choose to pass out treats like this it can be way cheaper as Target Dollar Spot and Dollar Tree offer items like

fake tattoos and Halloween pencils. This type of treat tends to come in bulk and is a much better value than chocolate.

With the cost of candy skyrocketing, creative ideas for Halloween are a must. Be selective in where you buy your candy so as to get the best deal and keep in mind alternatives to keep trick-or-treating not only fun but budget-friendly as well. Happy Halloween!

OPINION REVIEW: IS BUC-EE’S REALLY THAT GOOD?

ANALYZING THE GAS STATION WITH A CULT FOLLOWING

ALAN CONKLIN
Staff Contributor

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to travel down to Daytona Beach in Florida to watch the Daytona 400 NASCAR race. Held at the same venue as the famed Daytona 500, this event is 100 miles shorter, and hosted at night. The race attracts over 75,000 people, and unlike the 500, most of them are local to the area. As a result a much higher percentage of race-goers drove to the track rather than flew. This made things difficult when it came to grabbing dinner after the race.

The checkered flag was taken at 11:46 PM, after the race had gone to overtime. We stuck around for roughly 25 minutes to watch the post race events, then made our way to the car. Being past midnight at that point, most dinner establishments were long past closed. After a bit of looking though as we sat in traffic, we found a Buc-ee’s located just 4 miles from the Speedway that we set our sights on.



The drive from our parking spot to the gas station took about 40 minutes, and once we arrived the place was packed. Being right off I-95 and one of the few places still open we knew it would be busy, but when we arrived there were already thousands of people getting gas or pursuing the store. It was my first time ever at a Buc-ees, and I would be judging the store under the harshest of conditions.

Upon entering it was clear that they had anticipated the rush and had brought their A-game. Every part of

that store ran like a well oiled machine, which was instantly clear as we walked in and saw the cashiers making quick work of the line that was hundreds of people long. The store was virtually shoulder to shoulder the whole way through, but I made my way to the center in hopes to obtain their famed brisket sandwich. When I reached the station what I saw was nothing short of amazing. The way the food station ran was almost like a performance, everything running flawlessly. In just 10 minutes of finding a space in the mass horde of people I was able to obtain the three sandwiches for my group and make my way to the checkout. All-in-all, my total time in the store was less than 25 minutes.

So after just this one experience, I buy into the hype for Buc-ees. It seems odd to have brand loyalty to a gas station, but once you visit it for the first time it all makes sense.

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MOVIE REVIEW: RISE OF THE GUARDIANS

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Staff Contributor

“My name is Jack Frost. How do I know that? The moon told me so, and that’s all he ever told me.....”

DreamWorks has been known as the animation studio that has broken barriers for many decades. Despite the small flop here and there they have far proven that they are one of the best animation studios regarding storytelling with the recent release of The Wild Robot in September. But I’d like to go back, like way back to 2012 and review one of their underrated gems: Rise Of The Guardians. Taken from the strange but creative mind of William Joyce the movie was inspired by the Guardians Of Childhood Books. Upon release though the company considered it a flop as it only got back half of what they made. Years upon years later it gained a huge following, like I’m talking HUGE. Mostly fans who’ve

been just introduced to the franchise and others who’ve grown up with it. are exceptionally beautiful. One of the directors of Into The Spider Verse ac-



Bunny and tooth are the best characters and you can try to change my mind lol but seriously, all the characters are great and the movie, with its flaws in mind has so much charm. The art of the book and the behind the scenes tually had his directorial debut in this movie as well and what an amazing start it was.

The movie follows Jack Frost, local hearthrob and alot of peoples childhood crush btw who is quickly pushed

into his destiny of being one of the guardians after not hearing anything but told of his name from Manny, the man in the moon. The surrounding themes of isolation are indeed present and a message to anyone feeling lost and alone in the world. Who am I? And what is my center? What exactly was I put on the earth to do and will it ever be enough to be accepted? With the villain being Pitch Black the complete opposite of Jack frost.

Cinema therapy on YouTube greatly explains these themes deeper than I ever could in this single article and I highly recommend checking them out and of course the fandom that’s still going strong despite any news of a sequel or anything minus the mention of the movie in the DreamWorks 30th anniversary video. This movie means a lot to me and has been for the last few months ever since revisiting it and I’m really grateful I got to put some of my thoughts into this review.

VOICES: A LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES

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This past Monday, October 21, Voices held an event spotlighting Dr. Monica Debro, a speaker, author and certified mental health coach. Her narrative was to encourage others to embrace their authentic selves regardless of their past and to overcome the troubles of being S.A.D. (stress, anxiety and depression), welcoming a brighter future. Sharing her personal journey, she detailed troubles with domestic violence, brokenness and suicide which made her message even more sincere. I may not speak for everyone but myself when I say that she definitely captivated ears.

Going deeper into her presentation titled “Rewriting the Script”, she challenged us to think about our thoughts and what’s in our hearts. Self-talk, the way in which we talk to ourselves, is very important in determining what we really believe about our identity. The negative things we say about ourselves does nothing but bring us down. It is a terrible habit and is the opposite of self-love. Isn’t it enough that we already deal with the negative

I AM

A Survivor Intelligent Resilient Love Focused Peace Kind Free Confident Nurturing Blissiplined Forgiven Intuitive Joy Generous

I am Dr. Monica



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words that others have to say about us? However, when it comes to speaking about other people, it’s far easier for us to say positive things about them. So why not ourselves? Why not tell yourself ‘I am loved, I am important, I am worthy?’ Why continue to stone yourself? Put down those stones because you have enough of them to build a wall and that’s something you don’t need. You don’t need isolation when you already feel deeply cast out. In a time like that, you need someone you can trust to confide in. Someone to help steer you straight so you’re not like a reckless driver on the road.

Yet, the most impactful person that has the power to turn it all around is you. It is your choice to stop tearing yourself down and you must decide. Will I continue on with harming or participate in my healing? Nobody can do it for you. You need to “love yourself to life” as she stated.

To conclude, the auditorium may not have been filled, but she certainly filled the room with her spirit. Being actively engaged with the audience, she prompted us to speak positive affirmations and to repeat them loudly. Asking questions and giving gift cards to those that answered. But most of all, her transparency and vulnerability lit up the room. It was a beautiful and encouraging message, well worth the 50-minute lecture.



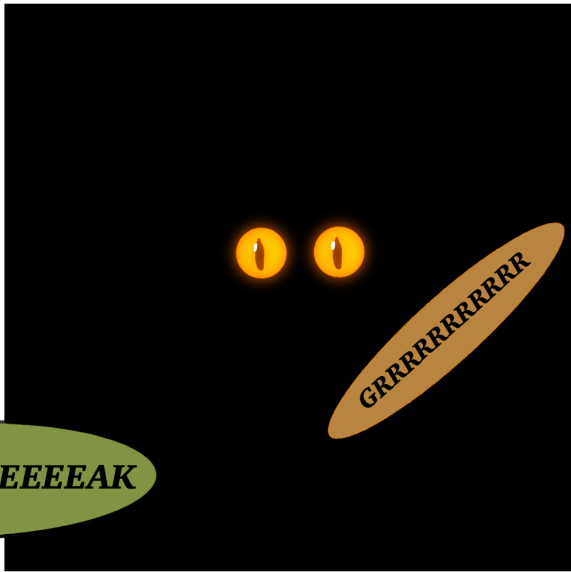
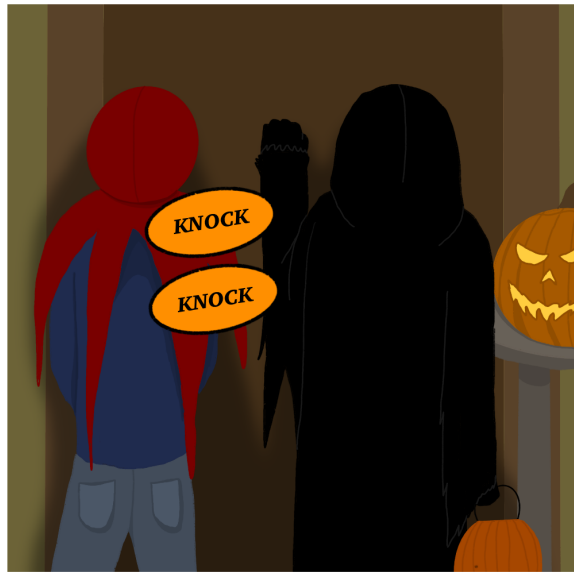
Every new day is a chance to love yourself deeper. Never forget the strength you carry within. ❤️

Love Yourself to Life Dr. Monica

ARTS & LIFE

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By M.M. Stephens



FREEEEEDOOOOOOOOOOOM!

RECOGNIZE ME

SAMARUN SUHANA
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A carnival turned crime scene. A serial killer using a weapon so rare not much research has been done on it. The cautious one in the friend group lives to tell the tale. The odd one in the friend group is nowhere to be found.

Chapter 4: MASON KIM

Mason Kim, 18 y.o., Korean, always top of his class but quiet. I have been friends with him for as long as I could remember. The profilers came up to me and continuously asked “Where is he?” to which I replied with “I want to know the same thing.” There was a meeting between the police and FBI talking more about the profile and how Mason fit it to a T. I wasn’t allowed in this meeting but that one detective who helped solve Cooper’s wife’s death felt it was okay to tell me, but because of this interaction, the other detectives thought that I was

hiding Mason but I really had no idea where he was.

His photo was passed around so everyone knew what he looked like and could turn him in or arrest him if they saw him. I realized at that point how

immune system due to asthma. I was so focused on finding this killer I had forgotten about Sam, this was my cross to bear. I dedicated so much time and effort into something that could’ve been discovered without me, I could’ve

him for so long, it was just so unbelievable, even now after everything that’s happened, I believe that there was something else that in a way forced him to do this. After about an hour passed and the detectives were



just about ready to give up when all of a sudden, there he was. Mason was found. Sitting behind and under the mechanical works of the ferris wheel, there he was, manically laughing at a picture of me. I have no idea where he got the picture because I’ve never sent it to anyone.

This exact picture had red marker all over my face

much trouble he was in, when all of a sudden, the area went quiet with a single phone ringing, someone answered and it was from the hospital. The detectives congregated for a minute, wondering if they should tell me, I was relentless though. I needed to know what had happened because I knew it was related to this case.

A detective from this group came up to me and said “Sam didn’t make it.” My heart dropped. My only other friend was gone. The poison was too strong, he already had a compromised

checked up on Sam, been there for him. The detective handed me a tissue, I hadn’t realized I started crying, heavy. He asked if I needed a space to cry, but all I could think of was seeing Mason in the back of a cop car, looking defeated. I needed to find him for my friends.

I rejected the offer and walked away saying “Let’s find him.” I couldn’t think of a reason as to what compelled Mason to take lives or even why he does it. I thought he was good, harmless, normal. Clearly, I was wrong. I’ve known

and it was cut up. There were hearts everywhere as well. It was horrifying. He was taken in for questioning and admitted he was guilty. When asked why kill his friends, Elly and Sam, he claimed “They got in the way of my love.” He was so mentally gone. Mason admitted to all the murders and said I was supposed to be the last one. I was the main target. When asked about a motive, Mason Kim said “I love her. I want her to recognize me.”

THE END.

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SHORT STORY: CITY OF GREY

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My name is Azul. But my friends call me Az. I was your run-of-the-mill orphan in 2088, nothing but with an all-grey jumpsuit and a tracker embedded in my arm to make sure I didn't escape. Yeah, it sucked. Sure the Great Ceiling more often than not rained flesh-melting chemicals and a walk in the dark could mean losing a spleen, but this little orphanage that I call prison is above all that. Well technically below, as all things in the Cramp (imagine a shanty town built into the collective basement of skyscrapers). We're nestled like Static-Bugs in a rug under the green and picturesque sprawl of the Gardens, where the air isn't recycled by barely functioning machines that pollute just a little less than they clean, and the

soul degrades every day. Every day the air gets harder to breathe and people get nastier. Except for me, though. I Thats me, Azul Untitled, color-wielding, and (self-styled) badass Now you know who I am, we can get to the good stuff. My story starts the day I was almost killed for the above-mentioned powers. WEEEEEEEEEE! WEEEEEEEEEE! I jolted awake to the sound of the morning alarm. "Ugh," I groaned, "Another day in purgatory." "Come on Az! We're gonna be late!" said Elf, she slept two bunks down the hall where all the orphans slept. "Can't I sleep a little longer Elf?" "Your butt gonna be tossed in the Blank, not me." The Blank was a room that was a completely white cube, so while it looked like infinity, take a cou-

ple of steps in a direction and you'll slam face-first into a wall, while this is just incredibly boring for most people, my enhanced ability to see colors makes it even more mind-numbing. "Fine." I rolled on my back and tried to sit up. And succeeded in banging my head on the bunk above mine. Which happened to belong to the biggest jerk in the whole world (and maybe beyond), Thrash. And jerks hate me just as much as I hate them. A big mouth and too much sarcasm don't make a lot of friends. I swore. He dropped to the ground next to me and grinned. Thrash hated me since I got here, and was always looking for an excuse to fight me. "Well, Well, Well, looks like someone is due for a little lesson in manners," said Thrash. He cracked his knuckles and went to grab me.

"Come on Thrash, it was an accident!" yelled Elf. I shook my head at her. "It's all right Elf, Thrash just needs to assert his fragile masculinity." I said with a smirk. His face turned beet-red with anger. "Shut up!" He said, turning away from my bunk and shoving Elf to the ground, "Stay out of this!" A crowd of kids had gathered by now, and a few muttered at this. Elf was well-liked, and Trash could sense he was losing the crowd whoops, I meant Thrash; however Thrash knew that the crowds love violence over being decent people so he resumed dealing with his original target, me. "I'm gonna give you a lesson you won't forget any time soon, blue boy." He went to grab me but I slipped around him and into the ring of orphans all hungry for blood. He grunted in anger and raised his fists and started to close the distance between us.

To be continued....

GAMES

Cozy Fall Word Search

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SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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Women's Volleyball played in a scrimmage at Dutchess Community College on Tuesday evening October 22nd. They won their 5 set battle, led by Abigail Newell, who had 17 kills, 29 digs, and 1 ace. She was followed by Jordan Peacock with 11 kills, 12 digs, and 1 ace. The team's entire roster saw the court, using a full team effort to take down Dutchess Falcons.

Women's Soccer played Onondaga

Community College on Tuesday October 22nd, at 6pm, on the opponents campus in Syracuse. They took a loss, ending in the first round of playoffs to #2 seeded Onondaga. They tallied a total of 5 shots on the day. The team's goalie Meaghan Casabonne made a total of 18 saves and only allowed 2 goals. The Vikings offense could not break past the Lazars defense. The team ended the season with a final record of 4-8.

Men's Soccer took a loss on Wednesday October 23rd, against Herkimer College. This was the NJCAA Region III Semifinals, and was hosted at the

Herkimer campus, in Herkimer NY. They ended their season with a record of 6-7-2. The Vikings held the other side to just a single goal and keeper William Brown had a total of 5 saves.



MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE STAR GOES NASCAR RACING

ACTOR FRANKIE MUNIZ ADVANCES LIFETIME DREAM OF NASCAR RACING

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The name Fankie Muniz is usually associated with the Fox hit TV show "Malcolm in the Middle", which ran from 2000 to 2006. Rightfully so as in 151 episodes the show racked up nearly 100 Emmy nominations, winning 29. Its streaming availability on Hulu and Disney Plus also keep it relevant as many rewatch or discover it for the

first time. But even as the show's main star, Malcolm, Muniz hopes that in the near future he will be known as NASCAR driver first, actor second.

At age 38, Muniz is certainly on the older side of full time NASCAR drivers, but he is no beginner to racing. Despite his early start as an actor, Muniz had always wanted to be a racecar driver. He got his first chance to experience this during the 2004 Toyota Pro/Celebrity race, then dabbled with American

open wheel racing in a variety of series throughout the rest of the 2000s. In the 2010 he took a step back, only appearing in a few select one-off races. But as the 2020s came around he had shifted his focus to NASCAR. He dabbled with NASCARs lesser known ARCA Menards series with a few races in 2022, before going fulltime in 2023 with Rette Jones Racing. He had a successful season with them, which led him to move up to part time racing in NASCARs third

and second tier series, the Craftsman Trucks and Xfinity, for 2024.

He made the most out of these opportunities, as the team he had run part time for this year, Reaume Brothers Racing, has signed him to pilot their number 33 Ford fulltime in the Truck series next year. Getting a full time ride in one of NASCARs three premier series is a huge part of eventually becoming a Cup series driver. Muniz hopes to take full advantage of this opportunity in his continued pursuit of a lifelong dream.

ROAD TO THE 140LB CROWN: JACK CATTERALL VS REGIS PROGRAIS

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Guest Contributor

In a division that is red hot with competition following the defeats of champions Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz, Devin "The Dream" Haney, and Puerto Rican pressure fighter Subriel Matias, 2 men meet in the squared circle each jockeying for title position and with something to prove. On October 26, Jack Catterall (29-1, 13 KOs) and Regis Prograis (29-2, 24 KOs) will share the ring. Coming fresh off of a unanimous decision loss, hard-hitting 35 year old former WBA champion Regis Prograis looks to recapture boxing gold and establish himself among the big fish in the 140lb division. But can he do so against a hungry, young (31) and dogged Jack

Catterall?

Caterall's lone controversial loss came at the hands of former undisputed champion Josh Taylor to which he avenged in commanding fashion May of this year leaving no doubt that he should've been the top dog in the division. Prograis also shared the ring with Taylor where he lost in a 12 round war of a unification bout that ended in a majority decision for Taylor back in 2019 on his road to undisputed.



In boxing styles make fights. Each man is an elusive south-paw who fights mainly as a counter-puncher. Expect sharp and accurate blows from both men and, if you love a good chess match, this is the fight to watch. Like many fighters of the post-Mayweather era, Catterall has patterned his style after Floyd, utilizing the Philly shell defense and pumping sharp flickering jabs consistently. Prograis also has adopted the Philly

shell only adjusting it so that he can land his signature straight left cross leading to 24 of his 29 wins coming by way of knockout.

This is essentially "Money mayweather" vs "Pretty boy Floyd". This is vitality vs experience. For Catterall, this is only his second high profile opponent; can he continue proving that he is a 5 star boxer? For Prograis, does he still have what it takes to hang with the young fighters of the division? We will find out soon. Ringwalks start at 5pm and will be streamed on DAZN or check in with your local sports bar!

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FIGURE SKATING AND BACKFLIPS

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Backflips on ice. The most controversial and difficult move in the history of figure skating. A move done by those most daring. In fact, it was so concerning that it was banned for decades in the 1900s. Skaters could face penalties as severe as disqualification for performing the dangerous move on ice. And though the backflip was illegal until 1976, that did not stop a certain someone from making a daring decision.

That certain someone I am referring to is Surya Bonaly. A retired figure skater from Nice, France. An audacious athlete, breaking barriers and making history in the world of figure skating, a very notable career. She succeeded doing a backflip, landing on one blade during the 1998 Winter Olympics. Though she incorporated the move all throughout her career countless times.

Surya isn't the only athlete to succeed at performing the backflip. As



the move has become more popular to add in skaters' routines, people like Ilia Malinin, Nathan Chen and Siao Him Fa have done so. And if jumping off the ice to do full rotations in the

air seemed daunting, backflips could cause nausea. First off, concerning the mind, there's like a mental rift you have to cross without a bridge. Second, you have to weigh the risks. Third, you have to be courageous. It's not something anyone can do.

Watching a backflip being performed on ice was shocking, scary and

stunning. The first time I ever saw the move performed was by Nathan Chen during the Stars on Ice tour in Boston, Massachusetts, 2023. I did not expect to see a backflip during the show, much less on ice. This was when I was ignorant to the backflip existing as a figure skating move. Since then, I am still scared when seeing it done, but praying no person is injured. If there's something we can all agree on, it's that we don't want to watch anybody possibly break any bones.

But I believe these athletes know what they're doing and must be confident in their abilities to take risks that they believe are worth taking. To set new records and challenge themselves by doing what hasn't been done before. It's exciting to set a new bar while aiming to reach for the one higher than it.

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