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THE OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF SINCLAIR COLLEGE

## Sinclair Establishes First-Ever Bachelor's Degree Programs

Henry Wolski Associate Editor

For the first time in the 132-year history of Sinclair, the college is offering two four-year degrees, one in unmanned aerial systems and another in aviation.

Before this, students would have to transfer to universities as far as North Dakota to get a bachelor's degree in UAS, according to Sinclair Provost Dave Collins in an interview with WHIO.

The program will address job needs in the Dayton area, as Sinclair signed an agreement with PSA Airlines, an airline carrier based at the Dayton International Airport, in 2017 in an effort to train future pilots by establishing a pilot cadet program to fill a gap in jobs for the airline.



Photo by Staff Photographer Brian Walker A photo of an airplane inside of the UAS building

"The demand for professional pilots is at an all-time high both within the region and throughout the world," said Clay Pittman, Chair of Aviation Technology said in a news release on the college's website. "Sinclair College has a very strong aviation program and launching the new Aviation Pilot bachelor's degree program will help produce highly qualified pilots that can immediately enter into airline employment.

UAS, on the other hand is a relatively new, rapidly expanding industry. Sinclair has built a great reputation and is a leader in this growing area. We have strong connections with military, government and business UAS programs. Dayton has a strong business and technology base in this area, and Sinclair is committed to providing skilled graduates to support this growing industry."

Vice President of Advancement Adam Murka said of the 200 students currently getting an associates degree in each field, they are still working out a system to determine when they will enter the third and fourth years of the program. Other community college students will be able to transfer and complete the program at Sinclair.

These degrees are sent to and approved by the Ohio Higher Learning Commission (OHLC), and many more community colleges are looking to offer their own bachelor's degree programs.

Clark State Community College in Springfield plans on starting an applied bachelor's degree in manufacturing technology management and Cincinnati State College could offer a four-year degree in surveying and culinary and food science.

Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich signed the concept of specialized four-year degrees at a two-year college into law as part of his last budget bill passed.

These degrees have been a mission for Sinclair president Steve Johnson, who posted a statement on Twitter saying he "personally worked toward this" for close to two decades.

"This is one of the most important innovations in education in Ohio in our history," Johnson said. "Mark this day."

## Math Department wins Innovation of the Year Award

Samuel J. Claude Managing Editor

Since its inception in 1887, Sinclair Community College has garnered numerous awards spanning across several categories. However few are of as much prestige as the lucrative Innovation of the Year award.

For 30 plus years, this award has been bestowed by the League for Innovation in the Community College to college staff members who display innovative capstone achievements or ideas to improve the community college industry as a whole.

There are many categories from which the winning innovations can emerge from. Such categories include basic skills and developmental education, leadership and organization, student services and activities, learning and teaching, along with several others. The winners are picked based on the quality, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, replication, creativity and timeliness of the idea.

The award has witnessed many winners from far and wide. However,

few if any have been involved as long as Sinclair Community College. As of 2019, Sinclair is proud to have been apart of the League for Innovation in the Community College for 30 years.

In that time, Sinclair has spawned countless brilliant innovations, such as the Career Community Aligned Holistic Advising and Mathematical Pathway to Success for Art Majors just to name a few.

In 2019, Sinclair's Math department was awarded for its latest innovative idea, Pre-Requisite Remediation in Mathematics. The geniuses behind this idea will be presented with their award on Sept. 13 at the annual faculty recognition ceremony in Building 12.

The staff and students of Sinclair, along with all the other colleges who participated in this award should feel proud and encouraged by their efforts to join together and improve the lives of students and teachers alike.



Source: Sinclair Math Department A group of faculty from the Math Department

**Tartan News** 

## **Hispanic Herritage Festival & Rubber Duck Regatta**

Nikki Neumann Reporter

Hispanic culture is full of many traditions like dancing the bachata, a traditional dance in the Dominican Republic, delicious and spicy food and many holidays like Día de Los Muertos, or "Day of the Dead," a holiday in Mexico that honors the dead.

The term Hispanic describes cultures or countries that were once under Spanish rule; Mexico, Central America and a majority of South America, where Spanish is the primary language. Hispanic culture offers newcomers opportunities to learn from the longlasting traditions and values held by their people. Hispanic culture tends to be family-oriented, hard-working and always knows how to celebrate when called for.

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The Hispanic population in Ohio is the 23rd largest in the nation. About 395,000 Hispanics live in Ohio which makes up only 3% of Ohio's population. The Hispanic population nationally is at a 15% and is expected to grow to 25% by 2050.

The Hispanic Heritage Festival will offer Latin music and dancing, culturally accurate food, and chances to make memories. The festival will be taking place at Riverscape MetroPark at



A group of ducks representing those of the URS rubber duck race

111 E. Monument Avenue, on Saturday Sept. 14, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The festival will also include the Dayton Hispanic Heritage Parade starting at 12 p.m. going from 2nd Street & Jefferson to Patterson then to Riverscape Metropark.

This year will be the Hispanic Heritage festival's 19th year of celebration. During the Hispanic Heritage Festival, you can participate in the Rubber Duck Regatta for United Rehabilitation Services (URS). The Rubber Duck Regatta for URS is an opportunity to donate to help local kids & adults with disabilities and an opportunity to win great prizes.

The URS Rubber Duck Regatta releases up to 20,000 rubber ducks in the Great Miami River and will race down the water.

Ducks can be adopted for \$5 or a Quack Pack of six ducks for \$25. First place winners get a trip to Norris Lake while following winners can receive gift cards up to \$1,000. Come out to the festival to share your Hispanic heritage, to learn about many other traditions, to try new delicious food, good music or to donate to a great cause.

There will be many activities awaiting you. Great music and dancing, a children's area for face painting and games, Latin Karaoke, educational cultural displays, raffles, beer booths and a chance to play The Rubber Duck Regatta. Come down to the Hispanic Heritage Festival and enjoy the day with friends and family.



Source: Pexels An example of the type of food offered at the Festival

Events of the Week!

#### **Tuesday, September 10**

Messages of Hope Activity 11:30 AM-1 PM in Tartan Marketplace

*The Center Series: Caricature Artist* **11:30 AM-1:30 PM** in Building 10

*Workshop: How to be Successful in Your Class* **3:30 PM-4:30 PM** in Room 1-138 in Building 1

*Women's Volleyball vs. Cincinnati Christian University* **6:00 PM** in the Building 8 Gym

#### Wednesday, September 11

Sinclair Talks: The Power of Knowing Multiple Languages **12 PM-1 PM** on the stage in Building 8

#### Thursday, September 12

Mental Health and Suicide Education Walk 12:15 PM-1 PM in Building 10 on 1st Floor Movie: Blindspotting in Building 12 Room 12-116

#### Sunday, September 15

Miami Valley Sports Festival Montgomery County Fair Dayton OH 8:00AM-4:00PM

Tornado Relief 5K and 10K Island Metro Park 12:00PM

#### Friday, September 13

AIGA Student Group Meetings 1PM-2:30 PM

#### Saturday, September 14

Rubber Duck Regatta RiverScape Metro Park **4:30PM** 

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#### Sept. 10th -16th **Tartan News Gem City Shine Reclaims Affected Community**

Mackenzie Tkach Reporter

In the wake of everything that has happened recently, the people of Dayton are taking their city back. On August 4, a gunman killed nine people in the Oregon District and injured twenty-seven others.

The whole city felt the loss, between victims and their families, businesses that had to shut down and everyone who was filled with fear and disbelief of something like this happening so close to home.

After the Memorial Day tornadoes, the KKK rally and now this, it seems that the strength of this city is being tested. But as demonstrated over this past summer, the people here cannot be broken.

On August 25, American comedian Dave Chappelle hosted the Gem City Shine alongside an army of volunteers to raise money for the victims and their families. The concert, which was held in the Oregon District, featured a starstudded line-up including music icons Stevie Wonder, Chance the Rapper, Talib Kweli, Teyana Taylor and Thundercat. Several hours before, Kanye West held a Sunday service at Riverside Metropark in honor of the victims.

During R&B artist Teyana Taylor's performance, pictures of the shooting victims were displayed on the big screens. Chapelle said this event was about reclaiming this area.

"The best way we can honor our fallen is by getting up better than we were

before," said Chappelle. Mayor Whaley also spoke words of encouragement at the event as well, calling everyone to action against gun violence.

"Dayton, we changed the world once, we can change the world again," she told the crowd

Over 20,000 people were estimated to be at the Gem City Shine. Volunteers could see the strength and heart of the people at the event. People were seen buying drinks for strangers and even just offering hugs to those who needed it

Afterwards, many stayed behind to pick up and clean to help make the volunteer clean up crew's work easier. Overall, the concert raised almost \$70,000 for the Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund.

The Gem City Shine wasn't the only way community members were rallying together to help fix the damage done by the shooting. On August 27, shoppers from all over visited the Oregon District to support local businesses.

The Oregon District is made up almost



Photo by Staff Photographer Brian Walker A sign outside a Heart Mercantile in the Oregon District

completely of small local businesses, many of whom cannot afford to be closed as long as they had to be.

The Oregon District Spend-a-Thon was organized to support these businesses and featured many great shopping opportunities, as well as street art and music.

Many other businesses and organizations hosted their own events throughout August to raise money that would go towards the Tragedy Fund.

However, the money raised isn't the

only great thing to come out of these events. The beauty of a community uniting together during a difficult time has added strength to a city facing a bevy of hardships.

No matter what hits this city, the people here get right back up, ready to fight. Through everything, this community remains Dayton Strong.

## The 3rd Democratic Debate is On the Horizon

Quinton Bradley Contributing Writer

With the third round of the Democratic debates mere days away, the field has begun to narrow.

This week, the third Democratic debate is set to take place on Sept. 12. Unlike the previous two debates, which were both spaced out over the course of two consecutive nights and featured 20 candidates, this debate will last only one night and highlight the top ten of presidential hopefuls who managed to make the cut to appear onstage in this bout.

The stage this Thursday night will consist of former Vice President Joe Biden, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, California Sen. Kamala Harris. South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Businessman Andrew Yang, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, Former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar. After struggling in the polls, California Rep. Eric Swalwell, New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and former Colorado Gov. Jay

Inslee shut down their campaigns one-byone in the weeks following the second debate.

Biden, the race's clear front-runner from the moment he launched his campaign, has garnered several instances of eye-raising moments over the past few weeks. After a noticeably weak performance during the second Democratic debate that took place last month, Biden has since appeared to be scatterbrained and forgetful, which is beginning to cause concern among some voters.

The notion of Biden being "gaffeprone" has shown to be true. During a campaign stop in Iowa, Biden made yet another gaffe in regards to "poor kids," in which during a speech to minority voters he said that "We have this notion that somehow if you're poor, you cannot do it. Poor kids are just as bright and just as talented as white kids."

After quickly realizing his mistake, Biden attempted to soften the blow of his previous statement by saying "Wealthy kids. Black kids. Asian kids. No, I really mean it. But think how we think about it." In addition, he told a false war story, proposed a hypothetical "What If?" scenario in which former president

Barack Obama had been assassinated along with Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy and even appeared to forget Barack Obama's name at a town hall

Looking at the runner ups, Sanders and Warren are still neck-and-neck and vying for a clear lead in second as the two have continued to alternate between second and third on numerous polls.

Though they both happen to be the most progressive candidates in the race, there is a clear difference, with Bernie's hardline stance of railing against the one percent and Warren's tempered notion of being "a capitalist to my bones" while still calling out Wall Street and corporate greed, these two juxtapositions are surely on tap to be played out on TV screens across the nation this week.

The debate will air live on ABC from 8-11 p.m. Stay tuned for the Clarion's upcoming coverage!

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## ——— Tartan Opinion ——— **The Benefits of Spending More Time Outside**

#### Hannah Shafer

Reporter

I feel as though it is safe to assume that most people are aware we are living in the time of an environmental crisis. I am not going to get into any specifics or indulge in the science of it, I simply want to speak about the outdoors and its importance to one's well-being.

A couple semesters ago, I took the class "Environmental Ethics." No class has changed the way I view my daily activities in the way that this class has. I saw a change in nearly every classmate by the end of the semester, and I feel like we all bonded over our deeper love for the planet.

One point that has stuck with me the strongest is the idea that people who have no real connection with nature will have a hard time caring about it. This can be seen in everything, not just nature.

Someone who doesn't go to theme parks probably won't care about a theme park being shut down. The same could be said for movie theaters, malls and many others. I'm sure you get the point.

When I think about my childhood, I picture building "bridges" in the woods, playing in the creek, going to the park and using leaves as money with my sisters. I grew up playing outside from sun up to sun down. I always thought that a deep appreciation for nature

was innate in all humans. At some point in time it was and in some cultures it is, but I think we see it less and less.

My engulfment in nature during the most important stage of my mental development plays a large role into the connection I have with it today. It's also the reason that I try and get my younger siblings outside as much as possible. Losing our connection with nature not only does harm to Mother Earth, but to our own health as well.

On one of my impulsive library trips, I was drawn to the book "Forest Bathing" by Dr. Qing Li. In this book, he speaks of the positive things that simply being in nature can do for us.

"Outside is where we can smell the flowers," he says, "taste the fresh air, look at the changing colours of the trees, hear the birds singing and feel the breeze on our skin. And when we begin to use our senses, we begin to connect to the natural world."

We are natural beings just as the animals that go about their days based on the rhythms of the Earth as well as their bodies. We are disconnected from these rhythms due to our advancement as a species and while it has become the social norm, it does not mean it is healthy.

I know that when I find myself feeling ill or drowsy for no apparent reason, it is probably because I have yet to spend any significant time in the sun that day. Going from home to school and to work, is not enough sunlight. Taking the outside route to my classes rather than being inside for every transition is sometimes the little bit that I need to feel more energized.

Aside from the fact that the daily lives of many do not allow for ample free time, there are other factors that play into the inability to spend time outside simply existing as the natural beings we are.

Many of us are tired of the constant attack on technology and how we spend too much time on our phones, but hear me out for a second.

Whether it's a book, a phone or an mp3 player, people like to be able to occupy their minds. That's totally understandable. Sitting on the toilet? Read something. Going on a walk? Listen to something. It can be intimidating to think about existing with only yourself. Most people don't pencil in a date with their brain on their weekly schedule. How convenient it is that spending time out in nature is a nice way to meet in the middle.

Depending on where one is, the backyard, a metro park or the forest by one's home, there are many things going on in nature to which one can avert attention. The mind can be occupied with things outside of itself, but it will be occupied by the nature from which we are so detached.

I highly advise you to take some of this into practice. Reading about spending time in nature is not enough. You have to find what works for you and make an effort to stick with it. It is a continued effort just as anything necessary to better one's life.

Spending more time outside will have positive effects on the individual and having more people connected with nature and therefore caring about nature will have positive effects on our Earth as well.

Everett Ruess was a man who spent the last years of his life traveling on foot and living with very little goods or money. During his time in the wilderness, he wrote many letters to share his feelings and experiences. I will leave you with a quote by Ruess that sums up his love for the natural world. Ponder his words and imagine what a relationship with nature could mean to you.

"I have been thinking more and more that I should always be a lone wanderer of the wilderness." Ruess wrote. "God, how the trail lures me. You cannot comprehend its resistless fascination for me. After all the lone trail is the best...I'll never stop wandering. And when the time comes to die, I'll find the wildest, loneliest, most desolate spot there is."



Photo By Staff Photographer Elliana Miller-Young While outside, why not take a stroll around the Sinclair Campus



## Reverend Janglebones Soapbox: It's In The Cards

Brian Yoder

the trope of the mysterious old gypsy who offers to tell your fortune with tarot cards or tea leaves but the issue itself is, in reality, something surprisingly

Whether your thoughts are influenced by the twenty-some bible verses condemning the practice, you're afraid of altering your path by knowing the future prematurely, or if it just gives you the heebiejeebies, it's likely you are already either completely

That isn't the interesting part

The endlessly fascinating aspect of this topic is not the stance an individual takes, but why they have taken that stance.

If the reason is religious, then that would suggest that the belief the individual holds is that card reading or palmistry in general does, in fact, work. However, these ancient manuscripts authors say that God doesn't like it, and so it is bad.

If the reason is for fear of altering the future, that would suggest that the individual has a resting belief in fate of some kind What harm is there in altering the future, unless you are already on the

divine hand? If there isn't some perfect fate, then it's an unknown either way and impossible to or detriment.

If the reason is as pure as "It freaks me out! then I empathize and applaud your honesty. It's of the three that is based upon very real personal feelings without deferring authority to hypotheticals or unknowns. If you don't mind, I'd like to explore that third

reason a little more.

Now, let's pretend for a second that all of the apprehension and fear is completely unfounded. Let's say for a second that we know for sure that the cards in a tarot reading are entirely random. For the sake of our thought experiment, this is a fact. No divine hand.

That no matter what, there is nothing involved but random chance. Got that? Okay. Now, let's say you have been feeling kind of vaguely down and don't do a reading anyway.

You shuffle and you draw one card: The ten of disks.

You see the title of this card is "wealth" and you immediately begin to congratulate yourself (even though you don't believe in this stuff) and begin to list all the ways that you're great within the privacy of your mind (hopefully) as you flip to the page in the

little booklet about the ten of disks and begin to read. The little book says that the ten of disks is

about being fulfilled in, specifically, practical and tangible ways. This particular card, however, has a nagging undercurrent of lacking spirit. Or missing the heart. The idea of having all one could possibly need, but can't escape or deny that something crucial is missing. In some decks it's

called "greed" or "the materialist" and as you read the description vou feel attacked. As if someone violated your have just been offended identify your issue. If that card happened by chance alone, and you felt an emotional reaction from the meaning, then you just had a productive conversation with yourself. You just did, with just a silly pack of cards,

You just had an honest-to-goodness personal revelatory experience

Congratulations. Now, being honest with our fragile little egos aren't always ready to see the reason for our malaise but, if this topic is examined closely it almost appears

as though it is not, in fact, our possible futures that are giving us the willies. If this is looked at

closely, and honestly it kind of looks like what we're afraid of is not as futures, but our probable and difficult



Photo by Clarion Reporter Brian Yoder Individual Tarot Cards

### Why Our Ganaration is Willing to Storm a Military Base for a Mama

#### LeAnne McPherson Reporter

The Facebook event page 'Storm Area 51, They Can't Stop All of Us" has, within the last five days since its creation, has gained over 2 million people publicly claiming that they will be partaking in a raid of Area 51 on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 at 3 a.m. – 6 a.m.PDT, with another million marking 🂥 themselves as interested in the event.

The personal goals of these 2 million vary, but the page states the event's goal: "We will all meet up at the Area 51 Alien Center tourist attraction and coordinate our entry. If we \*naruto run, we can move faster than their bullets. Lets

#### see them aliens."

The event has three official hosts. "Sh\*tposting cause im in shambles" a page ironically listed as a religious organization; "SmyleeKun," a gaming video creator and "The Hidden Sound," an event planner from Little Rock, Arkansas. I reached out to all three for comment, none have responded.

One might assume that this is a joke, that no one would do this. Well, the military isn't taking that chance, an Air Force spokesperson told NPR in a July 15, 2019 statement, "Any attempt to illegally access the area is highly discouraged." Why wouldn't they take it

as a joke? It is, in my honest opinion, that people will show up, not the whole 2 million, but a sizeable amount. They will show up to be there and witness history, to witness how far we're willing to go, but most importantly, for the clout.

The easiest way to define clout is fame and power concerning social media. Simply being at Area 51 and posting photos of yourself there could launch you and help you gain 1,000 of followers. This is why our generation won't stay away.

This is why we'll be out there. An EMD music festival called "Alienstock" has been scheduled in the little town of Rachel, NV as a safe way for the Area 51 Raiders to enjoy the weekend. It is free

to the public but camping and parking will run you \$80 - \$130. No glass, fire or weapons may be brought onto the festival grounds. Food vendors, water and porta potties are present. Official merch is being sold at https://www.stormarea51.us.

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\* "Naruto Run refers to the unique running style of the protagonist Naruto Uzumaki in the Japanese anime Naruto, where he is a depicted sprinting with his arms stretched behind him." Definition via https knowyourmeme.com/memes/ narut**o**zrun

## Fall 2019 Fashion

#### James Novonty Staff Writer

You can study in style this fall with dark romantic patterns and bold statement pieces. Are you looking to spruce up your back-toschool attire? With cooler temperatures hopefully around the corner, the new season ushers in a handful of new trends for the year's colder days. Women

There is a revitalization of the Bougie Girl for this fall. Celine, Burberry and Valentino all had their interpretations of this classic look and so can you. Try pinning a bow blouse with a pleated skirt in a matching or complementary color

with a jacket for this put together iconic 70's look.

Who says you can't do florals in fall? This season's dark print florals are a hot item. Try searching for this pattern in small pieces, like skirts or tops. If you want to go bold you can opt for a new length dress as seen on the runways of Alexander McQueen and Prada.

You can't go wrong with spots. Expect to see your typical leopard print on novel outerwear pieces and spots on everything from dresses and skirts to jackets and accessories. This bold look can be easily pulled off when mixed with neutral solids. Suiting up for women is becoming a more

common everyday practice rather than a workplace necessity. Oversized and bulky, these looks take a more feminine appearance with oversized belts and statement accessories. Men

Like it or not, "athleisure" is the new fashion and seems to be sticking around. Knit pants showed up at Marni and Off-White, while huge pullovers were on the runways of Valentino and Ami. Comfort is king this fall.

Long lined coats whether in the form of trenches, peacoats or puffer "vests" are this season's must have for men. These classic looks, with added length, help

elongate the body while simultaneously keeping you warm.

Seen at D&G and Ralph, velvet is coming full swing back from the 70's. This legendary look is back and not surprisingly in suits. If you are not the type to pull off a full velvet outfit try pairing a jacket with leather pants or a more smooth textured fabric for a down to Earth aesthetic.

Heavy saturated black boots are not just a goth staple. This trend is very easy to add into your attire. Tod's has shown a Chelsea boot with a more chic clean cut appearance while Prada has seen the likes of a clunkier Frankenstein vibe.



A rack of clothes hanging in a department store



A pair of Chelsea Boots

#### Tartan Voice -

### Sinclair Cares Counseling

Tips for having a great semester!

• Stay current with your syllabus and do not fall behind

•Study throughout the week instead of 'cramming' before a quiz or test

•Complete studying, projects and assignments within 24 hours after being assigned. Not right before they are due.

Do not work on difficult material for more than 4 hours

Set goals to complete studying and school work and take breaks as needed

•Study where you have the least distractions; most students study better on campus. Remove any distraction, ie: cell phones, from view

•Stay organized and keep a schedule to make sure you are spending enough time studying; 2 hrs of studying for each credit hour of class is recommended.

•Use positive thoughts and self talk to increase confidence. Keep thoughts positive such as: "I am prepared for this test" or "I am going to do great!" instead of "I am going to fail this test."

•Study when you are most active, focused and energized.

 $\cdot$  Make time to eat healthy and get enough sleep

 $\cdot$  Utilize campus resources for help with classes

· Attend all classes and be prompt

 $\cdot$  Make time to have fun and spend time with friends and family

If you feel like you are having a difficult time at the beginning of the semester, please reach out for help! Counseling Services office is located in 10-424 and our phone number is 512-3032.



Contributed by: Emily Hudson



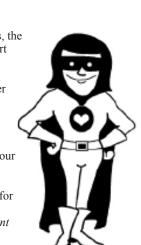
The Ombuddy welcomes you to fall term! As you begin your new classes, the Ombuddy encourages you to start

off your term well: • Arrive to class early!

- Stay organized with a folder for each class.
- Set aside a specific, quiet location to study and do homework.
- •Use a calendar to manage your time well.

The Ombuddy wishes you a successful fall term! Stay tuned for more information.

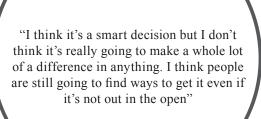
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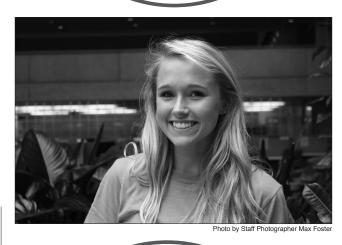


"What's your opinion on Ohio changing the smoking/vaping age"





- JJ Jones Software Development



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"I think it's a good idea because smoking and vaping are unhealthy and if we can limit the amount of exposure that young people have to that then it'll be better."

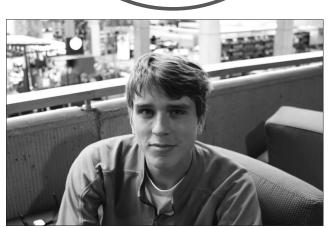
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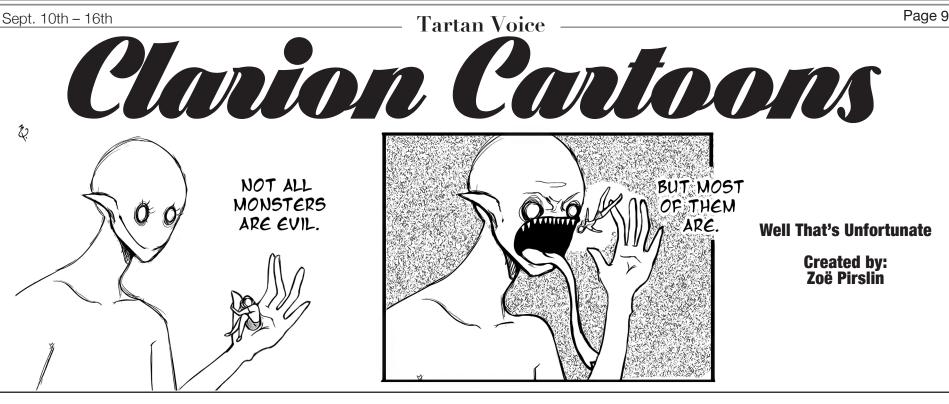


"I think that if the government considers

"It's a smart decision because by the time someone is 21, they'll have a bit more experience and knowledge to be able to make a more educated decision."

> - Madison Henderson PTA





## Here's Henry: Everything Is Killing You Slowly

Henry Wolski Associate Editor

Back in July, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed a spending bill into law, with one of the largest takeaways being the raising of the smoking age from 18 to 21. It covers all tobacco products, including vapes, cigarettes, rolling papers and e-cigarettes.

The measure was passed to reduce the number of young adults that become addicted to nicotine, with vapes such as Juuls being seen as a factor in the increase of young smokers.

The Ohio Department of Health states that 95% of smokers start before age 21. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 3.6 million American middle and high school students said they used e-cigarettes in 2018.

The CDC also says that in 2017, 34 million people currently smoke. The report states that 480,000 people die from cigarette

smoking every year.

However, I think that raising the smoking age is a bad decision that is going to cost Ohio millions of dollars in lost tax income, make the lives of customer service workers hell and take away freedoms from legal adults.

DeWine states that the government is willing to accept a \$39.7 million

loss in tax revenue from the measure. That's \$39.7 million that could go to worthy causes such as the education budget, repairs on infrastructure and veteran services, just to name a few.

And I do think we should be taxing the people who are willfully and knowingly damaging their long-term health by smoking, we do the same with alcohol (and we should be doing it with marijuana, once that gets legalized).

The next point is a bit biased, as I work in customer service at Speedway. The fact that current 18 to 20-year-olds are not being grandfathered out of the age limit will be hell for me and my coworkers come October.

In addition to slowing down the process of checking a customer out, we will be forced to deal with the ire of a 20-year-old who can't buy his Marlboro reds anymore.

I've already had one customer tell me that they might just storm the counter if they get denied.

Add to that the additional responsibility of looking outside and making sure no second party sales are being plotted, and it's going to cause a lot of chaos.

And I know a typical response to my concerns would be "but it's worth it if we get these kids off of smoking," and that leads into my next point. People who smoke, especially 18 to 20-year-olds, know what they're doing. They know how much nicotine is in cigarettes, and they know that smoking will cause them long term health problems that will lead them to possible early death.

It is rammed through your head at a very young age that smoking equals death. You read informational packets and watch films that tell you about the dangers of it. I remember signing a form in elementary school where I promised I would never smoke, and I haven't smoked since.

I would say that most people that smoke know the risks and do it for their own reasons. And if they don't know all the information about what they're putting in their bodies, it's on them.

I drink a lot of energy drinks, sometimes two a day when I'm stressed. I stress eat too, and I know I shouldn't. I know that these things might lead me to a lot of health issues later on, or maybe even in the near future.

Almost everything we put into our bodies, for example, soda, meat, alcohol, candy, energy drinks and tobacco, is slowly killing us and causing harm to our bodies.

I believe that once you're legally an adult, you should have the right to kill yourself slowly however you please, without interference from the government. You're already deemed fit to be sent to war and given the right to elect our leaders.



Photo By Staff Photographer Elliana Miller-Young A man smoking, exercising his right to live how he pleases.

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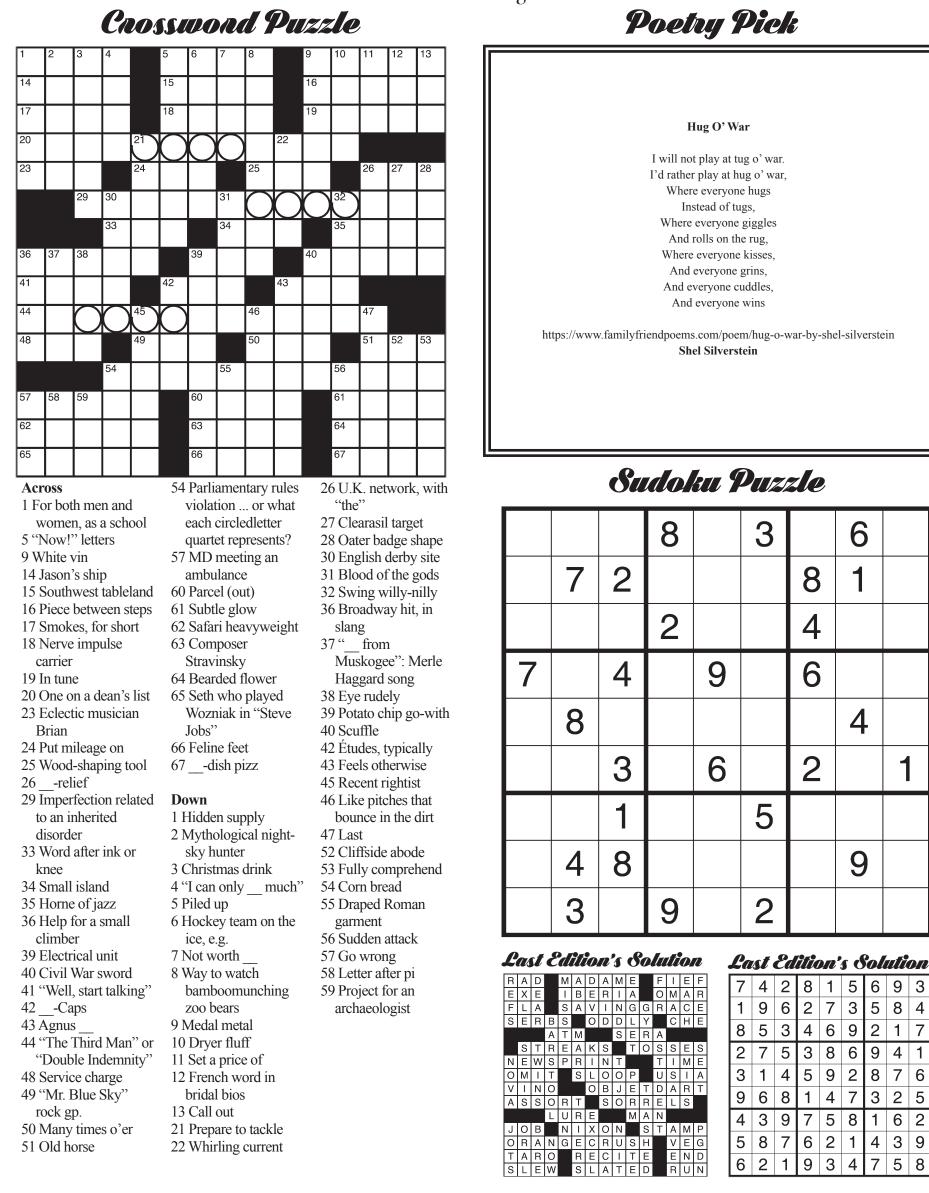
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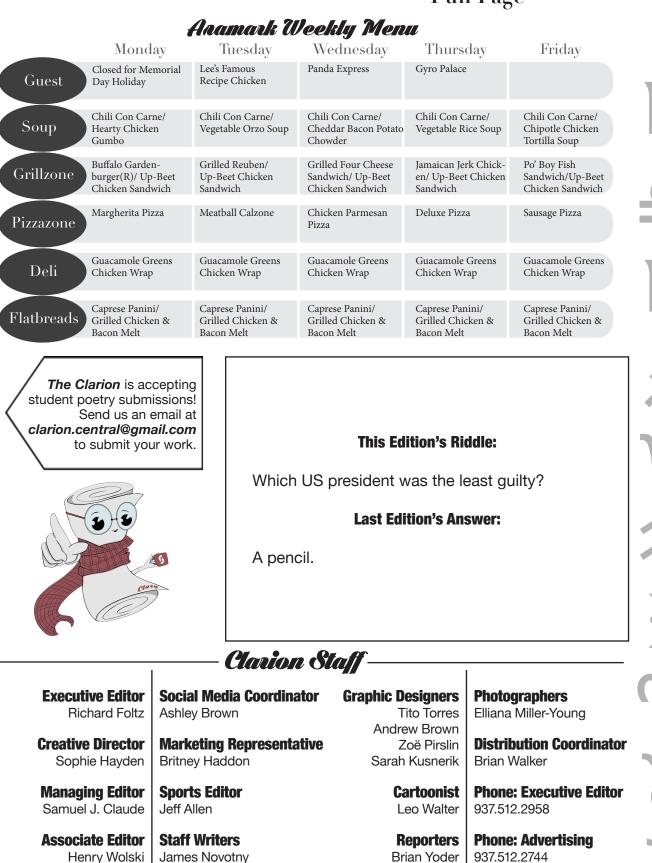
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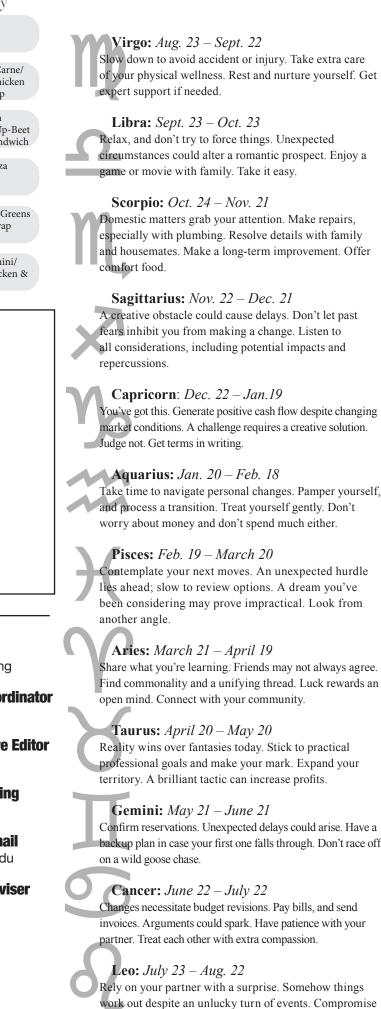
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