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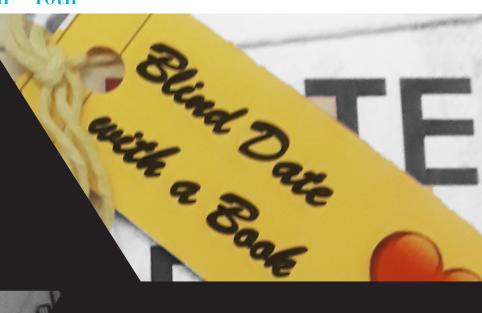
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Men's Basketball Team Builds Towards March



Photo by Staff Photographer Brian Walker

Sinclair Basketball team awaiting the rebound.

David Jacobus

Staff Writer

Sinclair's men's basketball team is two-thirds through their season and are focusing their sights on March and postseason basketball.

Going into the season, this year's team consists of all freshmen, meaning there were a number of trials and tribulations heading into the season.

"Coming into the season, we did not have one person that had played one second of college basketball," Jeff Price, head coach of Sinclair's men's basketball team stated. "This is a whole new experience for them." Sinclair started off with a streak of victories. However, as the season went on, the team hit a bump in the road. But losses have not stopped the team from continuing to push forward.

Learning a new system and concepts is extremely challenging for individuals who have never played together. Teams take time to build when there are no players who have experience in the system run by coach Price.

Also, conditioning the team to play a longer schedule adds another layer of difficulty to the season. A high school basketball season consists of 20 games, while at Sinclair, the schedule is 30 games. Meaning they are playing ten more games than they are accustomed to playing.

With a team of freshmen, there are going to be freshmen mistakes. However, with mistakes comes learning and changing those mistakes for more satisfying outcomes down the road.

"The best thing about freshmen is that they become sophomores," Price said. "I watch these guys grow every day and it's a fun process and I'm happy to be along the journey with them."

There is tons of room to grow as a team heading towards the future especially when March is right around the corner. Sinclair currently has an 11-10 record and have 9 games remaining in their season.

While the team continues to build, it still is a process. Players are continuing to learn and build chemistry with teammates and coaches to try to find success heading towards the conclusion of the season.

"It's day to day. Sometimes they look good, sometimes they don't," Price said. "Sometimes they take two steps forward and one step back, but that's because everything they are doing is for the first time"

"We have put together some good

momentum over the last two to three weeks," coach Price stated. "We take that momentum to the summer. The teams that are beating us with sophomores, we're going to return the favor the following year."

Coach Price is also on the precipice of making history, after winning his 300th game with the Tartans on Jan. 6. Following their most recent victory, Price stands at 303 wins, the second most in Sinclair men's basketball history. Coach Don Cundiff's currently holds the record at 305 wins.

Sinclair is coming off an 83-69 victory in their most recent game against Edison Community College. Could this be a start of gaining momentum heading towards March?



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A Blind Date: Meet the Book of Your Dreams



Photo by Ayzha Middlebrooks

The face of your "New Love"

Ayzha Middlebrooks

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As we enter the month of February, Valentine's Day, love it or hate it, looms on the inevitable horizon.

Although the day of showing your significant other the extent of your care is cherished, this affectionate holiday has a reputation for causing those without partners to feel singled out. However,

students at Sinclair without a special someone need not feel depressed, for the campus librarians have a potential remedy for these blues.

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 3 the librarians of Sinclair Community College present the opportunity for you to have a blind date - with a book.

Registering for the event simply consists of approaching the circulation

desk and picking out one of the many mysteriously wrapped books. Inside its pages lays a small, "Was it a dud or a keeper?" form that is to be completed when one's reading has been completed.

Upon completion, the form then must be taken to the circulation desk. Afterward, the reader qualifies as an applicant who is entered into a drawing with the potential of winning one of many prizes.

This event is neither new nor exclusive to Sinclair, as multiple libraries have already implemented this concept as a Valentine's Day activity for specific branches.

However, as librarians for a college campus, Julie McDaniel and Rahme Ashour had the idea to bring A Blind Date With A Book to Sinclair with a specific purpose in mind.

"We were looking for ideas that would encourage students to read more books for fun, rather than just for classes," McDaniel said, "other libraries have done blind date with a book, and so we decided to give it a try here at Sinclair."

The previous success has caused this to be Sinclair's third year including the event as one of the campus' many activities.

Expanding the student's horizons in terms of reading is truly the purpose of

the event as each tightly wrapped book is randomized. Participants are free to pick which book seems 'right,' but the genres greatly range as they go from romance to biographies to children's books.

If the book is completed in a swift amount of time, the reader is allowed to check out another as long as the entry form is returned to the service desk by March 13.

Those who venture through the library in the coming days will be faced with display signs filled with information about the event's details. Signs and balloons will also be used to decorate the area, including the bookshelves, to draw attention from bypassers.

Both McDaniel and Ashour are equally excited and prepared for the affair to begin, with each book ready to be presented to their unsuspecting date, and new poster designs for this semester to promote the event.

"We have plenty of books to check out," Ashour said. "Just come." "Meet a book you haven't met yet!" McDaniel said. "Tall dark and handsome...who knows!"

A Blind Date With a Book will last throughout the entire month of February. Students, staff, and faculty alike are welcomed participants.

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Culinary Department Offers New Prospects



Kali Muhammad formerlly of the Sinclair Culinary Department

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Contributing Writer

While community colleges offer associate degrees in a wide range of subjects, they also provide specific job training in particular fields that takes less time

to complete. Sinclair students say the approach is working and helping them find gainful employment.

Sinclair's academic programs combine traditional academic programming with direct interaction with an employer so students can earn a wage and contribute to a company all while learning valuable skills for their future.

Students at the college say that they have been able to find gainful employment due in part to being able to match their desire to work with the desire to also get an education.

Kali Muhammad enrolled in Sinclair's Hospitality Management and Tourism/Culinary Arts program in 2016 and graduated in 2019. After graduation, he went to work at Elite Catering located in Dayton, as a prep cook and soon was promoted to Back of House manager where he leads a team during catering

Muhammad also owns a catering business called, Sweet Peas Private Catering, which delivers restaurant-quality dining to one's home.

"Sinclair has established a number of partnerships with almost every culinary business in the area," he said. "Through these partnerships, I had the opportunity to pursue a number of internship placements that have given me the skills I need to excel in this field."

Kristen LaCaze enrolled in Sinclair's Addiction services program in 2017 and will graduate in May of this year. LaCaze has had the opportunity to gain hands-on learning experiences through internship placements at the Women's Recovery Center in Xenia as well as the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, where she currently works as a peer support specialist.

"For a number of years I've struggled with addiction to heroin and other drugs and to keep up with my habit, I got involved in human trafficking,"

she said. "This led to felony convictions and I was arrested and incarcerated for a few years. Today, I was able to get my criminal record expunged and am a human trafficking survivor with four years clean off heroin and other drugs. There was a time when I couldn't even help myself and today I'm clean and able to help others struggling with substance abuse."

Carmela Shackelford is a graduate of Belmont High School and enrolled in Sinclair's Human Services degree program in 1997 completing her program in 2001. She currently works as a social worker at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

"I ended up doing internships in local mental health facilities such as Day-Mont West, Montgomery County Children Services and Sinclair helped build that foundation and provide these opportunities," she said. "The college helped me gain hands-on experience that has helped me be successful in my current job."

Shinoosh McAuliffe is a graduate of Sinclair's Business Administration associate degree program and currently works for GE Aviation located in Cincinnati. After completing her associate degree at Sinclair she transferred to the University of Cincinnati and completed her bachelor's degree in Information Systems.

McAuliffe helps GE's Military business achieve higher levels of growth by using digital products and data analytics capabilities.

"During my two years there, Sinclair exceeded nearly all of my expectations. Having had to relocate to the US as a teenager, I remember feeling unsure about my future and the experience I would have, but the incredible professors and small class sizes quickly made me feel at ease," McAuliffe said.

Claude's Column: Rise of Stupid Humor

Samuel J. Claude Managing Editor

When I write these columns I do so in the hopes of making a statement. However, this column is less of a statement and more of a question to which I don't exactly have an answer. And that question is whether or not our sense of humor is becoming more, well, stupid.

Humor is one of the natural ways we cope with the world around us. It also plays a critical role in how we interact with and relate to one another. Over time, humor evolves and takes many forms, such as observational humor, crude humor, dark humor or fecal humor to name but a few.

But then there's that absurd type of humor. The humor that transforms a movie about a Jedi falling to the dark side with the intent to save his wife into a two-hour meme or turns a film about an animated ogre trying to rescue a princess into a cultural phenomenon. This sense of humor is expressed through memes.

For those who are unaware, the word "meme" originates from the Greek word "mimeme" which translates to "that which is imitated." "Meme" was first used in Richard Dawkins' 1976 novel "The

Selfish Gene," where Dawkins attempted to decipher whether there is a measurable unit to describe how ideas are propagated through generations. In other words, a meme is the spreading of an idea in the same way that a gene is the spreading of a physical trait.

The first internet meme to truly go viral was the dancing baby. This short clip of an animated baby dancing was created in 1996 by graphic designer Michael Girard in an attempt to demonstrate how movement can be programmed and projected using computers. Since then, all kinds of memes have spread like wildfire, especially once YouTube was launched in 2005. Normally these memes are images with captions over them that adhere to a certain joke or theme depending on the image.

However, in recent years, internet humor has taken a strange and surreal turn. Above I said memes are similar to genes in their ability to propagate ideas or physical traits. In the same way that a gene can mutate, so can an idea. In 2001, Shrek was nothing more than a popular animated family film.

Nowadays, Shrek is referred to in a more cynical and rather crude manner. This brings us to the current state of memes as well as humor in general where random equals funny, the surreal stage.

No longer does a meme require a punchline,

social commentary or reason to be. The letter E is considered funny, or was, for a time. We live in a time where beans are viewed as comedy gold. With the endless sharing capabilities of the internet, surreal jokes with bizarre context can become cultural icons. Is this how our generation will be remembered? What will historians think 50 years from now?



Perhaps we've simply run out of things to find humor in our own world and thus turn to the world of our imaginations to create weird and absurd comedy. Perhaps as the world around us becomes more chaotic and complex, we attempt to find humor in anything to cope with the trials of life. Who knows what the future may hold, but one thing is for certain if laughter is the best medicine there is, then this generation is taking some strange medicine.

Famed American Journalist Under Attack in Brazil



Source: The Intercept / YouTube

Glenn Greenwald was charged with cibercrimes by the Brizilian Government

Quinton Bradley

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On Jan. 21, Brazilian prosecutors announced that the country has officially charged renowned American journalist Glenn Greenwald with the act of committing cybercrimes in relation to a slew of damaging text messages that were leaked from the hacked cell phones of several public officials.

Greenwald, co-founder of online news publication The Intercept and one of the key journalists who aided whistleblower Edward Snowden in his exposal of the NSA's numerous top-secret global surveillance programs, has attracted animus from President Jair Bolsonaro and others within Brazil's government due to The Intercept's "Secret Brazil Archive" special investigation series which has exposed the deep corruption surrounding those loyal to the Brazilian politician.

In their 95-page criminal complaint, the prosecutors have accused Greenwald of conspiring with the hackers responsible for obtaining the secret text messages that he published, a claim which Greenwald denies.

"The Bolsonaro government and the movement that supports it has made repeatedly clear that it does not believe in basic press freedoms," Greenwald told The Daily Beast

"Less than two months ago, the Federal Police...stated explicitly that not only have I never committed any crime but that I exercised extreme caution as a journalist never even to get close to any participation...I did nothing more than do my job as a journalist—ethically and within the law."

Greenwald then took aim at the prosecutors who presented the allegation.

"This denunciation—brought by the same prosecutor who just tried and failed to criminally prosecute the head of the Brazilian Bar Association for criticizing Minister [Sergio] Moro—is an obvious attempt to attack a free press in retaliation for the revelations we reported about Minister Moro and the Bolsonaro government."

Greenwald, who lives in Rio de Janeiro with husband David Miranda and their two adopted children, has been in the Bolsonaro administration's sights since he reported last year that Brazil's "Operation Car Wash" investigation was used to frame and arrest the President's 2018 election opponent Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, founding member of Brazil's left-wing Workers' Party, under false

corruption charges. With Lula in prison, Bolsonaro rose in the polls.

Despite Lula's endorsement of fellow Workers' Party candidate Fernando Haddad, who ran in Lula's place following his imprisonment, Bolsonaro secured victory with his brand of far-right, nationalist stances. Dubbed the "Trump of the Tropics," both Bolsonaro and Trump have voiced mutual admiration of each other.

In 2019, Bolsonaro made several public statements regarding Greenwald, saying that he "may do jail time." Staff members of The Intercept Brazil—The Intercept's Brazilian outfit, led by Greenwald—have been targeted by Bolsonaro supporters and Greenwald himself was assaulted by a pro-Bolsonaro journalist during a live broadcast.

Bolsonaro has even gone so far as to regard the revelations as a "gay plot" against him orchestrated by both Greenwald and Miranda. Miranda—himself a politician—is a congressman and an affiliate of Brazil's Socialism and Liberty Party.

Regarding the threats against him and his family, Greenwald remains defiant, saying:

"We will not be intimidated by these tyrannical attempts to silence journalists. I am working right now on new reporting and will continue to do so. Many courageous Brazilians sacrificed their liberty and even life for Brazilian democracy and against repression, and I feel an obligation to continue their noble work." As of this writing, several outlets have denounced the charges against Greenwald.

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Trump to End Obama-Era Water Protection Rules

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In the midst of President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, his administration finalized a measure that will strip away environmental protections for streams, wetlands and groundwater on Jan. 23 set to be implemented in roughly 60 days, according to The New York Times (NYT).

It is a victory for farmers, fossil fuel producers and land developers who feel the original 2015 legislation from the Obama administration set them up with an unnecessary burden and effectively took their land away from them in an action of federal overreach.

The Waters of the United States rule limited the discharge of pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides and industrial chemicals into about 60% of waterways in the nation, some examples include the Chesapeake Bay, the Mississippi River and Puget Sound.

Trump's administration issued a repeal of the rule in Sept. and replaced it with the Navigable Waters Protection Rule. It removes federal protection from bodies of water that "only contain water in direct response to rainfall (e.g., ephemeral features); groundwater; many ditches; prior converted cropland; and waste treatment systems."

The following features are protected according to the rule:

"The territorial seas and traditional navigable waters, perennial and intermittent tributaries to those waters, certain lakes, ponds, and impoundments and wetlands adjacent to jurisdictional waters."

Under the new rule landowners and property

developers are allowed to dump pollutants such as pesticides and fertilizers directly into the unprotected waterways, or destroy/fill in wetlands for construction purposes. In addition, landowners no longer have to seek permits to do this from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"I terminated one of the most ridiculous regulations of all: the last administration's disastrous Waters of the United States rule," Trump said at the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention in Texas on Jan. 19, courtesy of NYT. "That was a rule that basically took your property away from you."

"Farmers coalesced against the EPA being able to come onto their land, and he's delivering," said Jessica Flanagain, a Republican strategist in Lincoln, Neb. in an interview with NYT. "This is bigger news for agricultural producers than whatever is happening with the sideshow in D.C."

This repeal is the latest in a series of environmental rules being rolled back by the Trump administration. As of this writing, there are 58 completed rollbacks and 37 still in progress.

Experts in water management state that the repeal could open millions of acres of pristine wetlands to pollution or destruction. They say that pollutants discharged into smaller headland waters will eventually drain into larger water bodies. Wetlands play key roles in filtering surface water and protecting against floods.

"With many of our cities and towns living with unsafe drinking water, now is not the time to cut back on clean water enforcement," said Laura Rubin, director of the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, courtesy of NYT. The EPA's Scientific Advisory Board, a panel of 41 scientists responsible for evaluating the scientific integrity of the agency's regulations, concluded that the new Trump water rule ignores science by "failing to acknowledge watershed systems."

They found "no scientific justification" for excluding certain bodies of water from protection under the new regulations, concluding that pollutants from those smaller and seasonal bodies of water can still have a significant impact on the health of larger water systems.

Currently, several state attorney generals are expected to join with environmental groups to sue in an effort to overturn the rule, citing the above study as evidence of the measure's shaky legal ground.

"This will be the biggest loss of clean water protection the country has ever seen," said Blan Holman, a lawyer specializing in federal water policy at the Southern Environmental Law Center in an interview with NYT.

"This puts drinking water for millions of Americans at risk of contamination from unregulated pollution. This is not just undoing the Obama rule. This is stripping away protections that were put in place in the 70s and 80s that Americans have relied on for their health."



Source: Youtube/ The Federalist

An Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

Kayleigh DeLaet

Reporter

On January 27th, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. State Department expanded their travel advisories to cover all of China due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The CDC issued a Level 3 travel notice warning to China, recommending that travelers avoid all unessential travel to China, due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Previously, only the city of Wuhan, where the disease originated, was rated a Level 3. The rest of China was rated at Level 2, which recommends that travelers practice enhanced precautions.

However, last week Wuhan was issued a Level 4 travel notice warning. This prohibits anyone from traveling to the city.

With medical professionals unsure of how to treat the new coronavirus, the outbreak is spreading rapidly.

Coronaviruses are transmitted through animals, which is why they are so dangerous to humans. These viruses are generally unfamiliar to us and thus unpredictable. Often times, coronaviruses are contagious through coughing, sneezing and physical contact.

Examples of coronaviruses include Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). Although MERS was transmitted to humans through dromedaries, a species of camel, the original hosts for both coronaviruses are believed to be bats. In 2002, SARS spread to 37 different counties, infecting more than 8,000 people, and killing over 780. MERS, on the other hand, isn't as easily spread but is more deadly. According to USA TODAY, the disease has killed about 35% of the 2,500 people that have been infected.

The State Department has advised that anyone who must travel to China (excluding Wuhan) should avoid animals and animal markets, avoid contact with those infected by the virus and frequently wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

The new strain of coronavirus has been named 2019-nCoV and was first identified in late December in employees and frequent shoppers at the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan. The market sold live and newly slaughtered animals. On January 1st, the market was shut down.

Severe symptoms of 2019-nCoV include a high fever, difficulty breathing, impaired liver and kidney function, kidney failure and pneumonia. Common symptoms include a dry cough, mild difficulty breathing, gastrointestinal issues, diarrhea, and body aches.

Since its outbreak in Wuhan, the coronavirus had spread to various countries throughout Asia, as well as the US, Australia, France, Canada, and Germany. However, all deaths related to the coronavirus have been in China.

In the United States, five cases have been confirmed. The first case was a Washington state man who had just returned from Wuhan on January 15th. Other cases have been confirmed in Illinois, California, and Arizona, and as recently as this past week a there was a scare at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where at the time of print authorities were still awaiting test results.

In an effort to contain the virus, Chinese authorities have suspended all outbound transportation from Wuhan. The death toll in China has now reached 106, with over 4,515 infected with the coronavirus.

Additionally, 17 Chinese cities have imposed lockdowns affecting 50 million people.

To make matters worse, China's National Health Commission says that the virus is infectious before symptoms show.

Ogbonnaya Omenka, an assistant professor and public health specialist at Butler University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, claims that this makes the coronavirus more problematic.

"This poses additional challenges," Omenka told USA TODAY. "Now we're looking at both the identified cases and the traced contacts needing to be isolated to ensure the contacts do not keep spreading the virus unwittingly."

Some are also concerned about the impact the coronavirus will have on tourism and travel. Many businesses, airlines, and tourist attractions rely on travel between the US and China. This is bound to affect many industries, especially since the outbreak is occurring during the Lunar New Year, one of the biggest travel seasons in Asia.

To put this into perspective, in 2019,

China accounted for 16.3% of world economic input, according to the International Monetary Fund. Before the outbreak, the China Outbound Tourism Research Institute predicted that about 7 million Chinese would travel abroad for the Lunar New Year this year.

The Chinese government extended the Lunar New Year holiday period by three days to ease families as millions of Chinese returned home from visiting family and tourist sites outside the country. Top destinations included Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, Paris, Milan, and New York.



Source: Fli

Quick News!

LOCAL

- Two Miami University students, recently returning from China, one of whom displaying flu-like symptoms were tested for possible coronavirus last week. As of print, the results have yet to be returned from the CDC as to whether the students are suffering from the Wuhan virus. (Source: WLWT)
- A 15-year-old robbery suspect, Abdirahman Salad, was shot and killed by two police officers in a Columbus CVS pharmacy. This marks the second deadly officer-involved shooting in less than a week. An investigation into the incident is ongoing. (Source: Dayton Daily News)

NATIONAL

- The House approves two pieces of legislation to stop the possibility of war with Iran. The first, the No War Against Iran Act, blocks funding for the military unless Congress approves it. The second piece of legislation, proposed by California Democratic Rep. Barbara Lee, repeals the 2002 authorization for use of military force (AUMF) ushered in the Iraq War. (Source: NPR)
- A GOP-majority Senate seems likely to reject new witnesses or documents in the Trump impeachment trial. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R., Tenn.), one of the key swing votes in the trial decided to vote 'no' last Thursday, as the Republic-lead Senate inched closer to acquitting the President. (Source: Wall Street Journal)

GLOBAL

- World Health Organization declares the coronavirus a world health emergency. "Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed the emergence of a previously unknown pathogen, which has escalated into an unprecedented outbreak and which has been met by an unprecedented response," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters in Geneva. (Source: NPR)
- A new form of northern lights is discovered in Finland by amateur skywatchers. By having amateur skywatchers take photos around Finland at the same time, trying to capture an as yet unclassified aurora nicknamed "the dunes," Minna Palmroth, a physicist and professor at the University of Helsinki along with colleague Maxime Grandin discovered new insight into an often overlooked layer of the Earth's atmosphere. (Source: NPR)



ATAR has a hotel now!

Jaclyn Herd Reporter

What was known as the first gaming console, the Atari, now becomes the first-ever gaming hotel in the U.S. as Atari announces the construction of a hotel in mid-2020. These video gamethemed hotels will pop-up all over America starting in Phoenix, Arizona.

Atari continues to literally build the gaming industry, brick by brick, with this step to expand gaming to all kinds of consumers. The establishment will include spaces to hold esports events and conventions along with immersive gaming like virtual and augmented reality systems. Parents can even host parties for their children in rooms with 10 separate gaming consoles, while also having access to all the commodities for sleeping.

For those who are unfamiliar with AR and VR, AR or augmented reality has to do with interactive screen images, sometimes connected with a joystick, like the original Atari system. Virtual reality, however, is more immersive, as one using VR is virtually taken into a simulation, much like the

Oculus Rift, virtual reality headsets developed and manufactured by Oculus VR.

Although it may seem like Atari is only attracting a generation with prior knowledge of these two technologies, Atari CEO, Fred Chesnais argues against it.

"Atari is an iconic global brand that resonates with people of all ages, countries, cultures and ethnic backgrounds," said Chesnais. "And we cannot wait for our fans and their families to enjoy this new hotel concept.

Working alongside the Atari CEO, Shelley Murphy and Napoleon Smith III of GSD Group will also work in the collaboration process for hotels. GSD Group is known for its experience with entertainment and technology services while catering to iconic brands, like Atari.

Because the name "Atari" is connected with retro gaming, retro and futuristic styles will combine to create the never-done-before gaming hotel. There has only been a single photo released of what the first Atari hotel is set to look like. The outside design has a sleek and modern look with the Atari logo cleverly embedded on a side of the hotel, working as an architectural and on-brand piece.

If all goes well with the company's first hotel in Phoenix, these hotels could also be found in Austin, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, San Francisco, San Jose and Seattle coming sometime in 2021 to 2022.

Though the company opening these hotels seems like an exciting visit from the past as well as the future, there's been some worry about how well these hotels will run and operate. Back in 2013, the French company Atari filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Essentially what this did was reorganize the business in order to keep it alive and pay creditors over time. There haven't been any incidents since then, so, hopefully, the new gaming hotel's opening can keep the retro business alive as well as give the United States a modern form of entertainment.



Image Source: Venture Beast

Business Spotlight: The Boonshoft Museum

Anwen Harris Reporter

ost people are familiar with the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery here in Dayton, Ohio. This establishment has been benefitting the Dayton area for a substantial amount of time now. The Dayton Museum of Natural History began in 1893 in associations with the Dayton Public Library and

I spoke to Stephanie Hylinski, who is the curator of live animals at the Boonshoft. Not only has Stephanie trained me with animals when I used to volunteer at the museum, but she was also my advisor for a community service project. Stephanie has extensive experience in her field and at the museum.

The Dayton Society of Natural History, including the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and Sunwatch Indian Village, are interactive educational centers for all ages. The mission of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is to be the premier regional provider of interactive science learning experiences that

enrich the lives of children and adults, enhance the quality of life in our community and promote a broad understanding of the world.

To preserve, protect, and enhance the museum's anthropology, geology, paleontology and biology collections and to make these collections available for exhibition, education and

research purposes.

Education at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is implemented through interactive exhibits, live animal habitats and experiences, daily educational programs for museum visitors and printed materials and signs. The museum also offers different educational camps and classes, private animal encounters and planetarium programs.

In addition, the museum offers educational outreach programs to local schools, libraries, senior centers, and other community centers. Boonshoft is currently developing an exciting STEM-based curriculum that teachers can use in the classroom. The museum is heavily involved in remote distance

learning. These programs allow the museum's amazing team of educators to bring the Boonshoft to classrooms across North America.

Most of the visitors who frequent the Boonshoft Museum are young parents with their children, but the Boonshoft has something for everyone. Sunwatch Indian Village tends to attract older visitors but is a location

that can be appreciated by every demographic.

The Boonshoft Museum effects the Miami Valley in countless ways, through visitors coming to the museum, to outreach programs in local schools. Most children living in the Dayton area have fond memories of the Boonshoft Museum through field trips and many of these children are now adults themselves and can share the Boonshoft with their

own kids. Overall, we should be very thankful for the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and its role in the Dayton community and beyond. If you have

the chance, it would be a great experience to stop by and check it



PERSEPOLIS

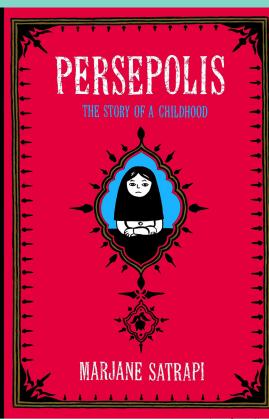


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Richard Foltz

Executive Editor

"Persepolis," originally a comic strip, or bande dessinée in Franco-Belgian comics, is this year's Sinclair Book Club book; a book about Iran and religious fervor, and the people stuck inside, living normal, everyday lives, at a time ir which Iran's place in the world and the presence of zealous fervor and nationalism are frightfully alive in our own country.

Originally written in two volumes in 2000 and 2004 respectively, by Iranian born artist and writer, Marjane Satrapi, the book tells the story of Satrapi's childhood growing up in Iran, starting in '79, shortly after the Iranian Revolution.

The book's second half deals with Satrapi's time in a boarding school in Vienna, as her family had sent her away from Iran out of fear of the barbarous regime in power.

The book's name, "Persepolis" comes from the former Persian Empire's capital, an empire that was rooted in what is now modern-day

Originally published in Ohio, the book was one of the "Most Challenged Books" of 2014, according to the American Library Association (ALA), an annual booklist that compiles the books most often blocked for usage in classrooms

As a reader of the book myself 1

can say that it is an often humorous book but that it is simultaneously uncompromising in its depiction of life in a country torn apart by political and religious fanaticism. That being said, it is no worse, arguably, than most of the other books that line the lists of banned books.

"Persepolis tells the story of a young Muslim woman growing up in Iran," said Multifaith Campus Chaplain, Larry Lindstrom, in the opening book club meeting. "Her experience of religious and political intolerance might sound very foreign to our minds. But I want to suggest that we can find common ground with her and can learn from her experience, as we take religion as our point of entry into this

religious community interprets that faith tradition for its own context," said Lindstrom, later in the introduction. "What we find in Persepolis is a nation where the predominant interpretation of Islam combines strict adherence to the sacred texts with a strongly conservative cultural outlook. And maybe the best way for us to make sense of that reality is to recognize that we have many groups here in America who are seeking to do the same thing.

"Consider the Christian groups who focus on their sacred texts and read them through a lens of cultural conservatism. The results for those groups are communities that look remarkably like what the author describes in Iran: a culture where men are given a status significantly higher than that of women. A place where the rules for daily living are clearly laid out and strictly enforced."

Though chosen well before recent events, the book's selection comes at a time in which both strict adherence to conservative religious values and overt-nationalism are being questioned in our own society and the prospect of conflict with Iran looms in the distance.

of whom, as the book highlights, are normal, non-radicals, much like many of the religious people here

in the U.S. both of the Islamic faith and the other Abrahamic religions, as well as those of non-Abrahamic faiths

The January third killing of Iranian general and figurehead Qasem Soleimani has brought the often isolated Iran back into the news, as we collectively ponder the concept of war with a country that has long

eminent book on fascistic, fanatical nationalism, are ultimately made up of a great number of people, all with differing viewpoints, many of whom run contrary to the state's zeitgeist.

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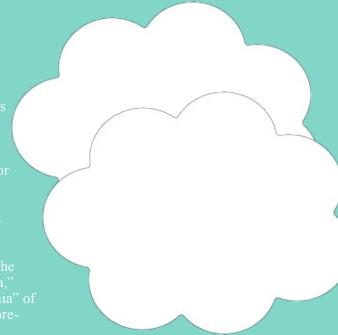
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been one of the Western Powers biggest enemies in the region.

"Another thing is that for 10 years we have been naming the evil - pointing to 'the axis of evil,'" said Satrapi in a Guardian interview in 2008. "Naming the evil is the most dangerous thing to do; that is the beginning of fascism. If the evil is the people of one place or one country, well, let's go and exterminate all of them... I am just an artist and my duty is to ask questions."

Her sentiment question idea that rather than viewing a country as an enemy, we must instead look beyond that and look at the people, who are much like ourselves in terms of agreeing with our government and its actions, and thus, not wholely responsible for those actions

It's a message that rings true even in this country and asserts that in looking at the monolithic "enemy," the "Eurasia" or "Eastasia," antagonists to "Oceania" Orwell's "1984" the pre-



Sinclair Cares Counseling

Did you know that January is Stalking Awareness Month? Stalking is defined as a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

What types of behavior are considered stalking?

- · Unwanted contact (texts, phone calls, via social media)
- · Unwanted gifts
- · Property damage
- · Contacting family/friends
- · Monitoring someone else without their permission, often with a microphone, camera, or GPS
- Threats (verbal or threatening behavior)
- · Showing up unannounced/unwanted
- · Following someone from a distance

What impact does stalking have?

- $\cdot\,\,$ An estimated 6-7.5 million people are stalked in a one year period
- $\cdot\,$ Nearly 1 in 6 women and 1 in 17 men have experienced stalking victimization at some point in their life
- · 46% of stalking victims fear not knowing what will happen next
- · 29% of stalking victims fear it will never stop
- · Weapons are used to harm or threaten 1 in every 5 cases
- · Almost 1/3 of stalkers have done it before
- · The majority of victims are stalked by someone they know, many by a current or former partner
- · 11% of victims report being stalked for 5 years or more

Often these kinds of behaviors can be romanticized in the media and in movies, such as Joe in the Netflix series You. These behaviors are dangerous and should be taken seriously. Please reach out if you need help or have questions.

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Contributed by Emily Hudson

Ombuddy Corner

The Ombuddy welcomes you to spring term 2020. As the new year begins, let's remember to apply the 8 rules for a civil life:

- 1. Slow down and be present in your life.
- 2. Listen to the voice of empathy.
- 3. Keep a positive attitude.
- 4. Respect others and grant them plenty of validation.
- 5. Disagree graciously and refrain from arguing.
- 6. Get to know the people around you.
- 7. Pay attention to the small things.
- 8. Ask, don't tell.

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Pour Voice

"Is it Inhumane to Declaw a Cat?"



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"I don't think there's a problem with it. I think it'll keep them from scratching people or other cats."

> - Bryce Cox Undecided

"I think it's inhumane because it's unnatural. Because cats like to climb, it's unnatural."

- Adam Dearinger
Sports Management

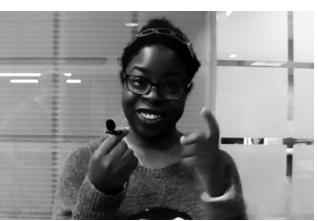


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"There's actually two separate ways you can declaw cats. One of them is basically removing the nail bed. The vast minority of vets practice this. Obviously, if you don't have to declaw your cat, you should not. But if you had to that would be the way you'd do it."

KC Strunks
Biology



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"Yes I do. Declawing cats is like cutting off a knuckle. It's very inhumane."

- Yolena Michaud Biology



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My Voice: End the Declawing of Cats

Taylor Pendleton

Reporter

"Onychectomy (noun): surgical excision of a fingernail or toenail." To humans, this simple surgical procedure yields promise for it not only aims to curb infection from spreading to other extremities but can relieve pain inflicted by ingrown nails and repair abnormal or misaligned nails. Of course, pet owners with, say, bleeding disorders or immunodeficiencies that may be concerned for their health or those that simply dislike scratching are naturally drawn to such measure.

Declawing is harmless, right? Wrong. Most European countries and some major U.S cities, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver, have banned this practice. The Humane Society of the United States condones declawing only on rare occasions. In other words, when "it is necessary for medical purposes, such as the removal of cancerous nail bed tumors."

Contrary to popular belief, declawing is not the felineequivalent of a manicure and declawing does not simply trim nor remove the cat's nails. Standard declawing consists of amputating the last bone of each toe, either by scalpel or nail trimmer—otherwise known as the "guillotine clipper."

Should this procedure be conducted on a human, declawing parallels cutting off the last knuckle of each finger. According to the Humane Society, laser surgery is another method, in which an "intense beam of light cuts through tissue by heating and vaporizing it." Following surgery, the wounds are closed with stitches or surgical glue; then, the feet are bandaged.

Another device is the tendonectomy. In this procedure, cats may retain their claws; however, the tendon that controls the claw is severed. Therefore, the cat cannot scratch, let alone control them.

Since our feline friends are unable to naturally wear

down their claws, pet owners are then charged with the task and must remain diligent. Otherwise, their cat's claws shall grow thick and curly into their paw pads.

Though this procedure does not include amputation, a study in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association published in 1998 found that bleeding, infection and lameness between tendonectomy and declawing were quite similar. Should complication arise, the tendonectomy may entail declawing.

Nonetheless, declawing is a procedure that still concerns the removal of a feline's last toe bone and may reap consequence.

The costs of declawing are far from few. Side effects include, and are not limited to, paw and back pain, nerve damage, either temporary or permanent lameness, infection and even tissue necrosis—or tissue death. With any medical procedure, infection is always a possibility.

However, as Dr. Ryane E. Englar—a clinical education coordinator and assistant professor at Kansas State University—remarks, "there are cases in which the infection gets deeply rooted into the bone and/or travels through the body." Therefore, resulting in aggressive antibiotic therapy, hospitalization and even additional

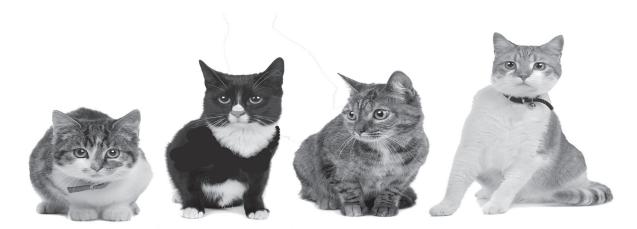
surgeries. If a surgeon does not remove the first knuckle entirely, the remaining tissue will produce a deformed claw beneath the skin.

Conversely, if a surgeon damages the digital pad, scar tissue develops, resulting in long-term pain. Declawing may also instigate behavioral changes in felines.

Scratching is a natural to cats as they utilize this attribute to mark territory, stretch their muscles and remove dead husks from their claws. Without this ability, cats feel weakened and develop aggressive or all-together unpleasant behaviors, such as biting and defecating amongst the house.

Alternatives to scratching include nail trimming, which may reduce the damage inflicted by cats, scratching posts, tape-like products, as they help reduce scratching on walls and furniture, plastic claw caps, and even pheromones. Pheromones reduce stress in cats; therefore, our felines friends may feel less inclined to pull an Edward Scissorhands on grandma's couch.

So, let's show some love for our animal friends. Stop declawing cats.



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Poetry Pick

Although she feeds me bread of bitterness, And sinks into my throat her tiger's tooth, Stealing my breath of life, I will confess I love this cultured hell that tests my youth! Her vigor flows like tides into my blood, Giving me strength erect against her hate. Her bigness sweeps my being like a flood.

Yet as a rebel fronts a king in state, I stand within her walls with not a shred Of terror, malice, not a word of jeer. Darkly I gaze into the days ahead, And see her might and granite wonders there, Beneath the touch of Time's unerring hand, Like priceless treasures sinking in the sand.

By Claude McKay

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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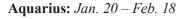
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Horoseopes



This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as you decide what to keep, what to discard and what to change.

Pisces: *Feb.* 19 – *March* 20

Letting yourself be bathed in the outpouring of love and support from those who care for you will help you get through a difficult period sooner rather than later. Good luck.

Aries: March 21 – April 19

Your natural Arian leadership qualities make you the person others will follow in tackling that important project. But don't get so involved in the work that you neglect your personal life.

Taurus: April 20 – May 20

Aspects favor sorting through your possessions, both at work and at home, to start giving away what you don't use, don't need or don't like. Relax later with someone special.

Gemini: *May 21 – June 21*

The issues are not quite as clear as they should be. That's why you need to avoid getting involved in disputes between colleagues at work or between relatives or personal friends.

Cancer: June 22 – July 22

You'll get lots of support from others if you own up to your mistake quickly and include a full and honest explanation. Learn from this experience so that you don't repeat it.

Leo: *July 23 – Aug. 22*

There might be some early confusion over a major move, whether it's at work or at home. But once you get a full breakdown of what it entails, it should be easier to deal with. Good luck.

Virgo: *Aug.* 23 – *Sept.* 22

Creating order out of chaos, even in the most untidy spaces, should be no problem for organized Virgos. So go ahead and do it, and then accept praise from impressed colleagues.

Libra: *Sept. 23 – Oct. 23*

Whether it's for business purposes or just for leisure, a trip might be just what you need right now. You would benefit both from a change of scenery and from meeting new people.

Scorpio: *Oct.* 24 – *Nov.* 21

While things generally go well this week, a romantic situation seems to have stalled. But you can restart it if you want to. Then again, maybe this is a chance to reassess the situation

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

A meeting that was promised quite a while back could finally happen. So be sure you're prepared with everything you'll need to make your case sound convincing and doable.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

A workplace blunder could create a problem down the line unless you deal with it right now to see how and why it happened. Don't be surprised at what you might learn.

Fun Page



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King Crossword

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- 2. MOVIES: What was the name of Bill Murray's character in the 1984 "Ghostbusters" film?
- 3. **HISTORY:** Roughly how many people migrated from drought-stricken Dust Bowl states in the United States in the 1930s?
- 4. ENTERTAINMENT: What was the title of the first arcade video game?
- 5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:

Which American humorist once observed, "In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours"?

- 6. MUSIC: Which 1980s movie featured the theme song "Don't You (Forget About Me)" by Simple Minds?
- 7. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of Michael Knight's car on the series "Knight Rider"?
- 8. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country lies between India and China?
- 9. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What fear is rep- resented in the condition called "helio-phobia"?

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

What is the name of the pound sign on a keyboard?



- Austin Strok

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Helicopter Crash Kills Kobe Bryant, Eight Others

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On Jan. 26, 2020 Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna Bryant and seven others tragically perished in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California. The world-famous former basketball player, his daughter, and two teammates in addition to their parents were headed to Kobe's Mamba Sports Academy where he was hosting a basketball tournament over the weekend. The pilot Ara Zobayan, who had over 8,000 hours of flight time – at least 1,300 of those in the Sikorsky S-76B – was also killed.

Zobayan was trained to fly in bad weather conditions, such as the foggy conditions faced on the Sunday flight. The helicopter fell quickly, and as of this time, it's thought that it was due to a stall from the helicopter attempting to pull up when Zobayan saw the mountain. At the rate of speed he was flying – roughly 152 mph – there would have been mere seconds for him to pull up and out of danger if the visibility was only 1 mile.

As of this time, Kobe's remains have been recovered and transported to another location. No funeral information has been made available, nor has any information been received about Gianna's remains or the remains of the other persons on the helicopter.

Questions remain as to why Kobe chose

to fly that day, as police pilots opted to keep their helicopters grounded as visibility was too poor for them to fly.

"This was totally avoidable," said Robert Ditchey, a longtime airplane pilot, aeronautical engineer, former airline executive and former navy pilot. "And on the part of some people, I can go as far as to say irresponsible...The weather is not good enough for police to fly. Why should Kobe do it?"

The names of the victims of this tragic crash have been released. Kobe Bryant, 41, Gianna Bryant, 13, John Altobelli 56, Keri Altobelli, 46, Alyssa Altobelli, 13, Christina Mauser, 38, Sarah Chester, 45, Payton Chester 13, and Ara Zobayan, 50.

Kobe Bryant was known as one of the most famous basketball players of all-time, alongside other greats like Lebron James, Shaquille O'Neal, and Michael Jordan. He retired from the competitive scene in 2016, having spent his entire 20-year career with the Lakers.

Upon his death, Kobe was a five-time world champion, a two-time Olympic Gold medalist, and an eighteen-time NBA All-Star. He and his wife Vanessa had been married 19 years.

Kobe's career had suffered a blow in 2003 when sexual assault allegations were brought against him. The case was quickly settled however and Kobe later released a statement admitting to wrongdoing.





The 9 helicopter victims killed in the crash.

He has since opened the Mamba Sports Academy.

Gianna Bryant was following in her father's footsteps in terms of career. She had dreams to play for the WNBA one day and was even filmed shooting hoops in a pair of heels and a dress after a formal event. Gianna attended Harbor Day School in Newport Beach, CA.

She liked to remind people that she could carry on her father's legacy even if she wasn't a boy. She played for the top tier team at Mamba Sports Academy and loved going to basketball games with her father, particularly Sparks games.

John Altobelli was a friend of Kobe's and the longest-tenured baseball coach at Orange Coast College. He had guided his team to four state championships and had more than 700 victories in his 27-year career. He was named Coach of the Year in 2019 and had been a season-long member of the Florida Marlins.

Alyssa Altobelli played on the same team as Gianna and was noted for always having a smile on her face. She was known to be a key player on the team and was "a great girl and a great basketball player."

Christina Mauser was the assistant coach of the girls' basketball team, a mother of three – ages 3, 9, and 11 – and was technologically savvy. She had reformed the physical education program at Harbor Day School, which was where Kobe discovered her and asked her to be the assistant coach for the Mamba girls' team.

Sarah and Payton Chester were a mother and daughter aboard the helicopter as well. Payton's brother Riley posted a sweet goodbye message to his mother and sister on his Instagram after the news broke.

Payton was also a member of the Mamba girls team and attended St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. The school expressed their sadness over the loss of their student.

All aboard the helicopter will be greatly missed by their loved ones, and it's no doubt that the world feels sadness over the loss of a great basketball player and his daughter, a rising star. No funeral arrangements for Kobe or his daughter have been made at this time, but expressions of sorrow are still pouring out across social media. Rest in peace, Kobe.

