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Total Eclipse Reigns Darkness Over The U.S.

Learn more about the thrilling total eclipse that charted its course from Texas to Maine, leaving behind a trail of complete dimness for any people that seeked the path of totality, and blast off into a new realm of astronomical phenomena...



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The Dark Of The Day

Total Eclipse Reigns Darkness Over The U.S.

Article by: Jesse Bisunia

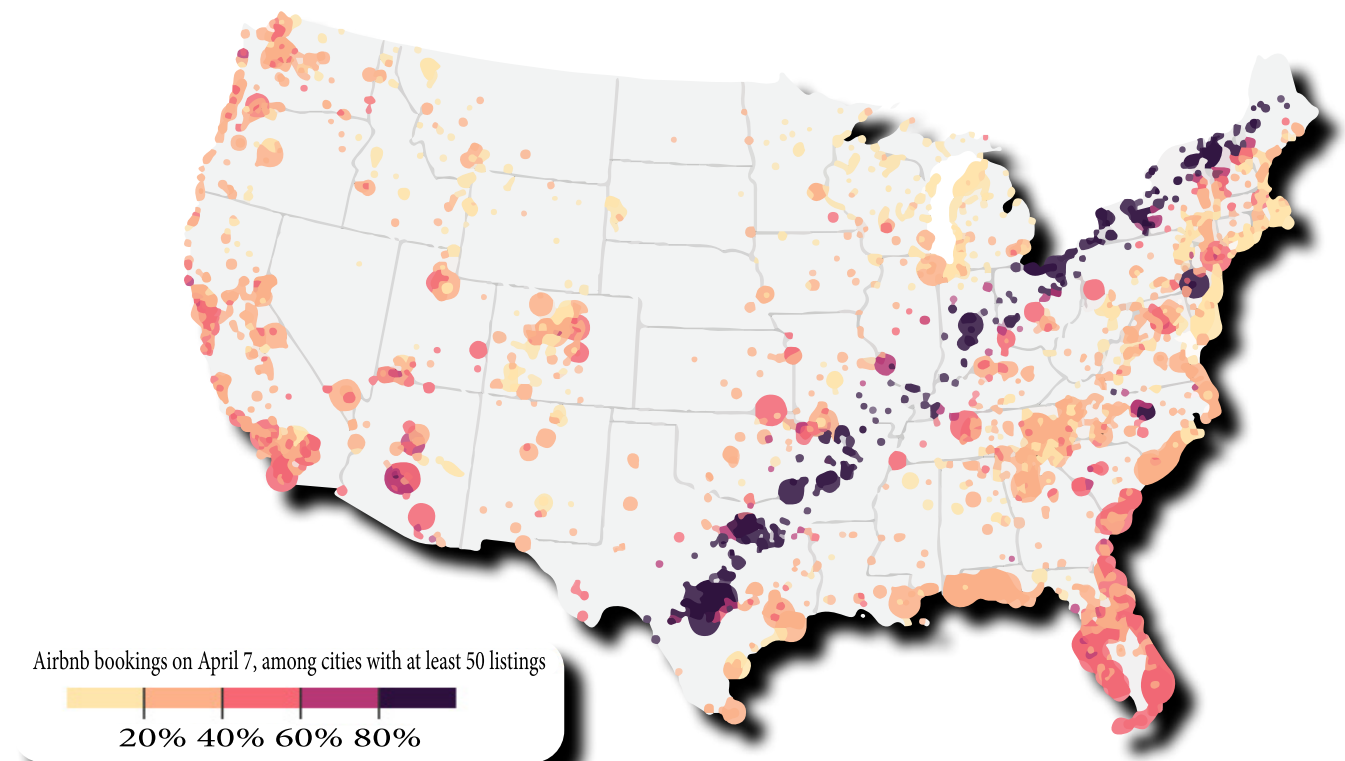
On April 8th, the northwestern hemisphere experienced a centorial phenomenon that had the nation stop in its tracks to observe the astronomical event. This was the first time in recorded history that some portion of the eclipse was visible from all 50 U.S. states. That's something modern-day society may never encounter again in this lifetime. Everywhere you went, you could find people setting up shop with their solar glasses, cameras, and video recording equipment, trying to capture this one-of-a-kind advent. The "path of totality," or path of total coverage, was first visible on the Mexican island of Monte Medina and proceeded to cut in between

Culiacán and Guadalajara on the Mexican mainland. It traveled into Texas, passing over Dallas; as it's traveling northeastward, it's tagging the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky, until hitting the next major city in Indianapolis, Indiana. It continued on its journey through Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, and Maine. It rode the border of Canada and the USA for miles, swallowing Toronto and Montreal in its path before heading for New Brunswick and Newfoundland until it finally dissipated over the North Atlantic Ocean. Airbnb posted a map of bookings for April 8th, 2024, and it revealed booked-out residences in the entire path of totality.



Local residents at Mohegan Park observing the solar eclipse.

Map of Airbnb bookings on April 7, 2024



This solar eclipse even had a wide-scale effect on the economy and electricity production. Because of tourism surges along the "path of totality" from U.S. citizens and foreign visitors, the U.S. experienced a financial boost of about \$6 billion to the economy. In addition to this, the U.S. workforce also lost around \$700 million in productivity, presumably due to callouts. The Energy Information Administration reported that utility-scale solar power plants stretching from Texas to Maine lost a total power generation capacity of 6.5 gigawatts due to total sun obscurity. That's about enough to power almost 5 million homes. Furthermore, taking into account partially obscured

sunlight across the rest of the U.S., an estimated total capacity of 84.8 gigawatts was lost. This is enough to power almost 64 million homes. Scientists also warned that fatal car crashes could spike by 50% following the solar eclipse due to congested traffic along the path of totality. Following the 2017 solar eclipse, there was a 31% increase in fatal car crashes across the U.S. It is better to be safe than sorry. The United States mainland won't see another total eclipse until August 23, 2044. The "path of totality" will only cross over Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota, according to NASA.



Timeline Milestones

from West Hartford

- 2:00 pm** Full Sun
- 2:13 pm** First Contact • The moment the edge of the Moon “touches” the edge of the solar disk.
- 3:27 pm** Eclipse Maximum • The midpoint when the Moon blocks the most amount of the Sun at that location.
- 4:37 pm** Fourth (Last) Contact • The instant when the Moon no longer covers any part of the solar disk.



Fun Facts About Solar Eclipses

Due to tidal acceleration, in about 600 million years, the Moon will be too far away from the Earth to cover the Sun, thus bringing an end to solar eclipses.

The shadow of an eclipse can travel anywhere between 1,100 mph and 5,000 mph.

The maximum number of solar eclipses (partial, annular, or total) is 5 per year, and there are at least 2 solar eclipses per year somewhere on the Earth.

Fun facts provided by University of Dallas



Photography by Professor Kevin Amenta
Solar lens, courtesy of Professor Bill Dopirak



Astrophotography

by Sean Perkins

Article by: Jesse Bisunia

Looking up at a clear night sky can be mesmerizing, but there's way more to it than meets the eye. The most fascinating aspect of astrophotography is delving deeper into the vast galactic void of outer space and revealing the deepest and darkest secrets that the universe is hiding from us. This is what inspires Sean Perkins to explore the field of astrophotography in his free time. His passion for astronomy is limitless, and he is always trying to learn more about the unknown. Sean's favorite part about astrophotography is completing an image, which entails a strenuous process of stacking several similar

images of the same astronomical entity together due to the relatively weak light intensity that stars and galaxies emit for a single photograph and using premium photo editing software to extract the vividness of the image and create a clear, high-quality product, as seen below and on the right. "25% of the work is getting the image and the data...75% is putting it together and tweaking it," Sean said. The processing phase can be a lengthy procedure, but the results are very rewarding and make you ponder reality.

Scan the QR code for Sean's Etsy shop:



ASTRO FACTS by NASA

There are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on planet Earth.

In theory, if aliens situated 65 million light years away are able to zoom in on the Earth, they would be observing dinosaurs right now.

Voyager 1 was launched into space in September of 1977. It finally left the solar system in August of 2012.

Venus completes one revolution around the Sun faster than it completes one full rotation on its own axis. This means that a "Venus day" is longer than a "Venus year."

TON 618 is regarded as one of the largest black holes ever discovered so far. If TON 618 were the size of the Earth, the Earth would be the size of a disco ball.

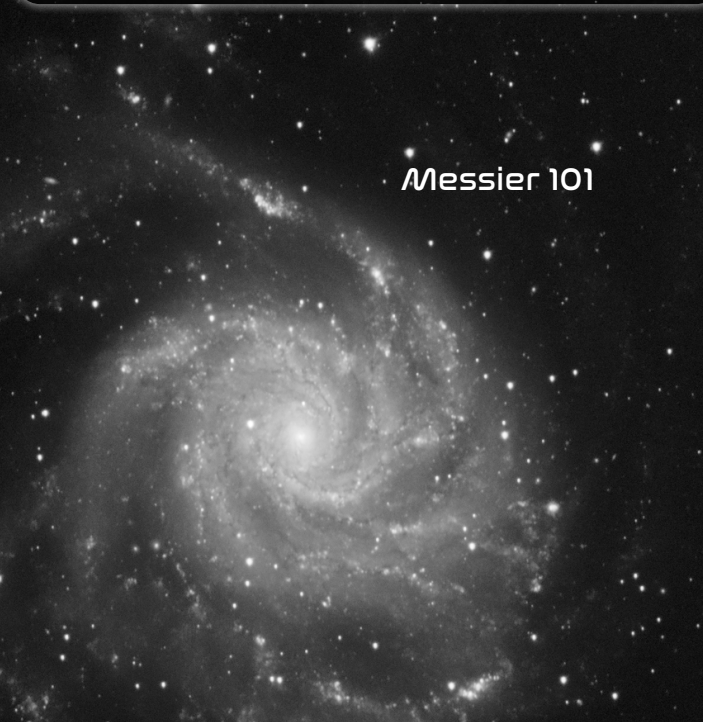
The Earth spins at 1,000 mph. The Earth orbits the Sun at 67,000 mph. The Sun travels through the Milky Way Galaxy at 450,000 mph. The Milky Way Galaxy travels through space at 1,300,000 mph.



2022 Beaver Moon Lunar Eclipse Timelapse



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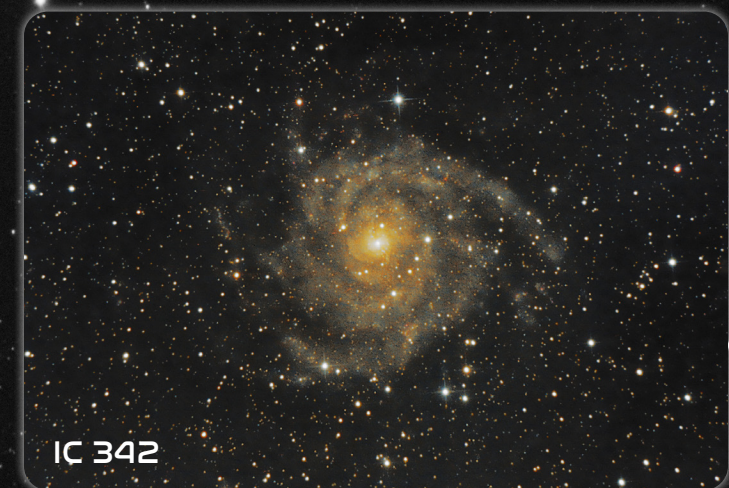
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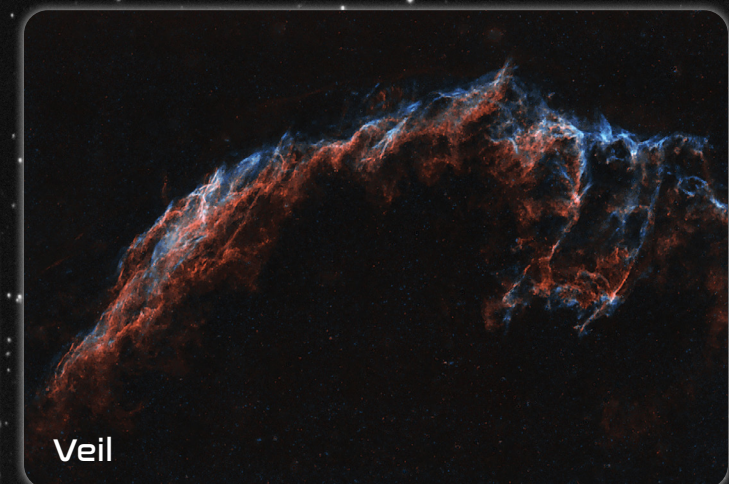
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The Orion Nebula



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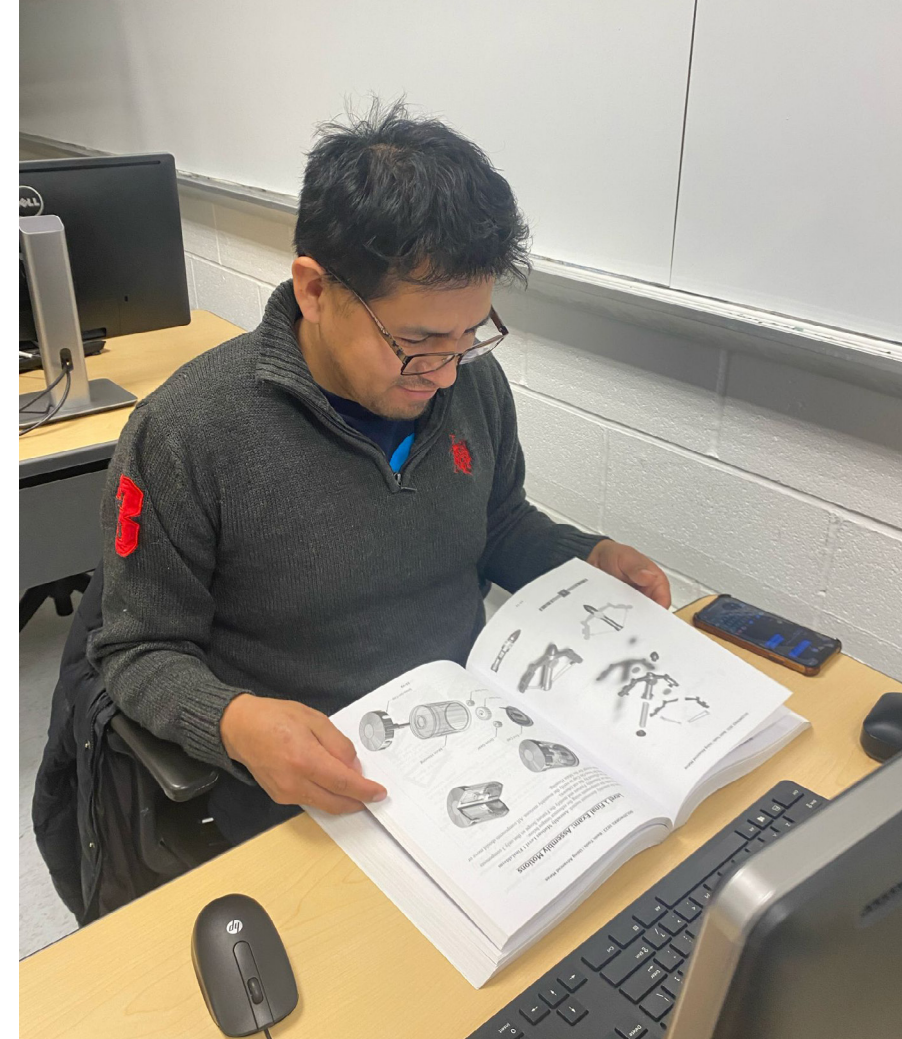
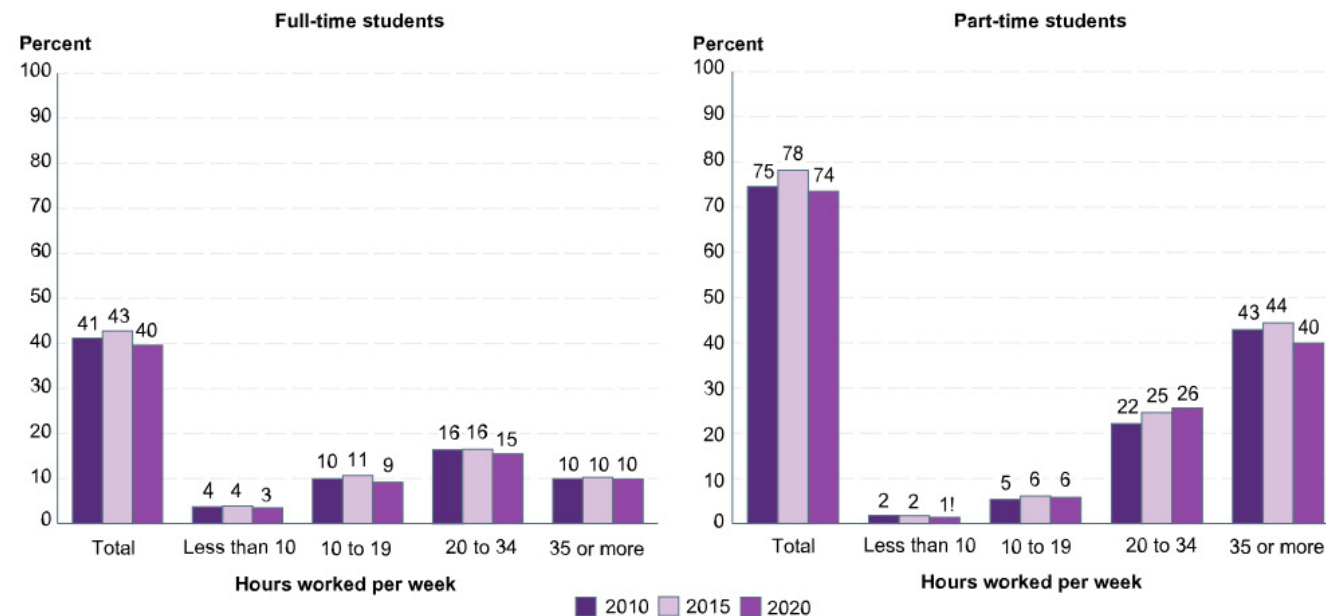
What Is A Healthy Balance Of School and Work?

Article by: Benjamin Garay

Within Three Rivers Community College, there are many students with various situations. There are students who dedicate 100% of their time to finishing their courses, but the majority, in addition to taking time for their classes, also take time to work. Whether it is to pay for their studies or to cover some needs, this lifestyle is sometimes difficult to lead since many still do not know how to organize their time or how to establish a balance between the two things. There are many who cannot even keep up with the pace of the classes and have to withdraw or, even worse, fail the class because they do not have much time. For this reason, the college could create a grant to facilitate the work of these students, so they would have an opportunity to make up the courses they are trying to pass. There are several options that could be applied and provide better help to these people.

To start, let's check how the statistics have been in recent years. In 2020, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, the percentage of students who are studying full-time will be 40% and those who study part-time will be 74%. That is to say, almost the majority of students work, especially part-time, where they have enough time to get a job. But even with that option, stress, fatigue, and tiredness cause control of their time to be lost with the regrets that accumulate in their minds.

Many of the students take advantage of the time outside of class to be on campus and complete some assignments. But for some, it is enough, and they resort to staying up late at night to finish a task. This is where the high need for energizers and coffee comes from and how these influence people's health.



TRCC student studying before going to work.

right now, I have found the balance between work and college. Now I prioritize studying before work. Sometimes I get stressed because I could focus more on work to meet my needs, but I don't want to abandon this opportunity to study, so I continue to persist. What helped me a lot was changing from full-time to part-time; now I am more organized and less frustrated than before."

It's difficult because, when you just start, you don't know how to balance your time between the two things. I went through a lot of stress, but I knew how to handle situations well. My grades are going well, although I couldn't complete some assignments. but right now I'm doing well.

Luis Baez said, "I am doing my best to not look bad. What I try to do is make a to-do list with all my pending work and dates, and thus finish them little by little, knowing when I have to deliver them."

Next, I asked some students about how they carried out this lifestyle and what their difficulties were.

Imanol Alvarado said, "It is difficult to find the balance between dedicating time to work and study; this lifestyle makes me more responsible. I take advantage of my breaks between my classes or at work to finish some tasks. My jobs are on the weekends, and most of my task due dates are on those same days. Sometimes, when I do not finish my homework, I stay up late, and fatigue affects my work performance."

Juan Placencia said, "Last semester, it was more difficult for me because I did not control my time well. I didn't have moments where I could enjoy But

Alexandra Castro said, "I have learned a lot about myself, and I am getting my mind used to having a daily routine. And that I can train and get used to it when I have a professional job. The stress does not affect me much since I work part-time for only three days, and the rest I dedicate to my studies. Something that helps me improve is resting. When I feel like I'm losing my performance in both things, I take a day off to better psych myself up and regain motivation so that I can continue with my studies the next day."

Among all of them, you can see a common factor, and that is that they all managed to adapt, but even with small difficulties, they are trying not to do poorly

in class. But it could create advantages for these types of students, who are basically doing double duty to complete all their homework. It is known that one of the advantages most used by these students is financial aid to pay for their studies, such as scholarships, but even so, this does not cover the students' personal expenses, hence the need to work.

Another solution could be given, which would be to extend the deadlines of the tasks to be delivered since many do not have enough time or do it so hastily that they fail to do a better job. This effect of rushing through things can cause them to not grasp anything they learned and be lost for the next class. It would be better if they could have a second chance to recover the assignment and improve their grades. Another option that would not directly affect the classes but rather the students and their academic performance would be to provide this type of assistance and support service, such as study groups. Therefore, they do exist, but they are not widely publicized on campus, and it would be better if more voice were given to that type of support.

Those most at risk of failure are those who work full-time and have difficulty turning in their assignments. So, do they deserve leniency for assignments? Should they have a second chance to recover their grades? The most difficult thing these students endure is the wear and tear after a long day of study or work. These efforts sometimes lead them to mental crises where anxiety hits and attention is reduced due to fatigue. They may fall ill or have headaches from frustration. And worse when they know that they cannot pass the deadlines or will

not have another opportunity. But leniency could be encouraged so that these students can have it a little easier and so that they are not frustrated by how quickly the time limits pass.

Leniency can be a chance to make up past assignments with a minimum of 2 more weeks to complete what was missed, but with fewer points so that it is also fair to students who turn in on time. This could rescue several grades that many students would need to graduate. Likewise, they would not worry much about the tight schedule they have.

I hope that the benefits for this type of student improve and become more comfortable for working students. I wish the best to those who sacrifice their free time to work or continue studying. Remember that you are not alone; there are many with the same situation on campus.

So managing to balance time is what is going to help the most in this situation, but it would also not be necessary for the college itself to make things easier. Continuing to strive makes one mature and adapt to any situation.



Individually We Can, Together We Will!

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, BUT SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION IS YEAR-ROUND.

Article by: Johnathon Santangelo

April marks the commemoration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a vital observance that aims to raise consciousness about sexual violence, spread prevention strategies, and support survivors. The spotlight on this issue has intensified, particularly within the context of college campuses, where instances of sexual assault often occur at alarming rates. Understanding the significance of SAAM and its correlation with college campuses is crucial to fostering a safer environment for all.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month also dispels myths surrounding sexual violence and fosters empathy for survivors. It provides a platform for survivors to share their stories, breaking the silence that often shrouds their experiences. Additionally, SAAM initiatives strive to educate the public on consent, healthy relationships, bystander intervention, and

the importance of seeking help and support. College campuses are often focal points in discussions about sexual assault due to the high prevalence of such incidents among students. Research indicates that young adults, particularly those in the college environment, are at heightened risk of experiencing sexual violence. Factors such as alcohol consumption, social dynamics, and power differentials contribute to this vulnerability.

As we observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Three Rivers, an event hosted by Rebecca Kitchell took place in the Main Lobby for all to participate in. She was joined by college advocate Lianne Marsella, where visitors could answer a couple questions about SAAM, Title IX, and more to spin the prize wheel. Pamphlets and information

cards were given out, such as those from The Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut (SACCEC), a private and vital organization dedicated to providing support, advocacy, and resources to individuals impacted by sexual violence. Their mission encompasses various aspects of assistance, education, and empowerment within the community.

The Campus Climate Unit is also conducting a survey for students here at Three Rivers and other CT State campuses. The Campus Climate Unit (CCU) offers strategic counsel, guidance, and local representation on matters concerning diversity, equity, and civil rights across our campuses. Collaborating with Human Resources and the Professional Development Unit, the CCU spearheads initiatives such as diversity, equity, and inclusion orientations, trainings, and conferences. Additionally, the CCU oversees the

aforementioned campus climate survey, guiding the subsequent formulation of CT State and campus action plans to advance diversity, equity, and civil rights objectives.

Submitting the survey by April 30th gives you a chance to win prizes! To enter and read more information, scan here:



Dean Kitchell assisting a student in the main lobby.



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Pentagon Proposes A Submarine Reduction

Article by: Jesse Bisunia

In light of various global events, the current administration has been pressured to reduce spending and therefore submitted a budget request for FY25. As a result, the Pentagon conducted some thorough analysis of their spending budget and concluded that a reduction in submarine manufacturing from two to one per year would save the Department of Defense approximately \$2.6 billion in FY24 spending.

Members of Connecticut's congressional delegation are raising their own concerns about this budget plan and what it would mean for Electric Boat as well as smaller suppliers around the state. The submarine industry plays a major role in Connecticut's defense sector and economy. The U.S. submarine industry and

procurement have seen their fair share of disruptions, to include the pandemic, supply chain issues, and a workforce that is aging and retiring.

Mike Cord is the comptroller of the U.S. Department of Defense and stated that the decision was made because of issues with production cadence and delivery schedules. "Virginia-class, to be clear, was trying to get to a better, more healthy dynamic where we can get to the two-submarine-a-year production rate, and we thought that going in a different direction was our best move in that case," McCord said. He reiterated that boats that were supposed to be delivered this year were months behind schedule. Companies like Electric Boat are hiring to fill in gaps and add to the ranks as production grows.

Former torpedoman Dominic Stevens claimed that this is going to create a lack of opportunities, not only among submarine sailors on commands to serve in but also civilians working in the submarine industry. "Cutting the submarine production in half cuts the workload in half. When that happens, what happens to the workforce that occupied that half?" Stevens said. He went on to proclaim that the DOD will cut hundreds of submarine billets from the U.S. Navy. This may work in the DOD's favor in combating the manning issue that the Navy is currently experiencing.

U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2nd District, received the nickname "Two-Sub Joe" when he first came to Congress in 2007 due to his decision to increase the production cadence from one to two subs per year.

"If such a cut is actually enacted, it will remove one more attack submarine from a fleet that is already 17 submarines below the Navy's long-stated requirement of 66," Courtney said. "Given the new commitment the Department of Defense and Congress made last year to sell three submarines to our ally Australia, which I enthusiastically support, the ramifications of the Navy's proposal will have a profound impact on both countries' navies."



Virginia-class submarine moored at the Naval Submarine Base New London.



Virginia-class submarine maneuvering through the Thames River.

May Events



Willy Wonka Spring Play

MAY 1 @ 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m. | MAY 2 @ 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Don't miss this event organized by the Student Performing Arts Group (SPAG). a play based on the story of Willy Wonka with the participation of all the young SPAG actors. In addition to selling foods such as candy, baked goods, and drinks, tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. There will be two days of performances, so you will have the opportunity to admire and enjoy the work created by the talented actors.



Japanese Food Spread and Inuyasha Party

MAY 2 @ 2 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

For anime lovers, especially Inuyasha, there will be an incredible party in room F-205 full of Japanese food while they enjoy the movie "Inuyasha: Affections Touching Across Time!" With only 3 dollars for the ticket, you will not only enjoy the movie but also all the food and fun. The anime club hopes for your support of this beautiful Japanese culture that has changed the world of entertainment.



Fun & Games Carnival

MAY 4 @ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Florence Griswold Museum is working to bring us a festival for the whole family. The museum is organizing a great event full of games, arts & crafts, face painting, food trucks, and much more. Don't miss this day to enjoy it with family and friends. Admission is completely free with museum admission. Enjoy this fun and creative activity focused on fun for all ages.



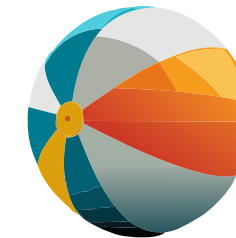
Grad-a-Palooza

MAY 15 @ 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Graduation season is approaching, and on this day, graduating students will get their cap and gown, but without first decorating them according to their personalities. On Wednesday, May 15, at 11 in the morning, graduates will have the opportunity to enjoy an event to decorate their caps with their classmates and friends. In addition to free food for anyone who participates in this beautiful event, take away unforgettable memories about your senior classmates and spend time with them.



June Events



Ledyard C.H.A.I.N. Craft & Vendor FUR-Raiser

JUN 1 @ 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Craft & Vendor will feature various crafts, raffles, animal rescues, and more from local businesses. The money raised from donations and the sale of raffle tickets will all go to the Ledyard Animal Control's medical fund for the shelter pets. The event is at Ledyard Lower Town Green.



Night Flight Summer Marketplace

JUN 6 @ 5 p.m.

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Drown in Sound Music Festival

JUN 15 @ 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Drown in Sound is an art and music-centric event featuring hip-hop and punk rock music, with a catering service of Jamaican food. The event will take place at the Jewett City VFW.





July Events



Rose Arts Festival

JUL 1 @ 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. | JUL 2 @ 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

From 11 a.m. through 7:30 p.m., the Rose Arts Festival will host over 12 hours of free live music featuring national, regional, and local original artists! Experience live music on their main stage, take a class in the creative station, shop food and artisan vendors, experience live performance art, and run one of the annual races. This is a free, family-friendly event!



Independence Day Fireworks

JUL 5 @ 9:30 p.m.

The Town of Madison Annual Independence Day Fireworks will be displayed from a barge just south of the West Wharf pier! The best viewing of the fireworks is from the Town Beaches: East Wharf, West Wharf and the Surf Club.



Sailfest

JUL 13 @ 9 a.m. | JUL 14 @ 9 a.m.

Sailfest in Southeastern Connecticut is the event of the year. The waterfront and nearby streets of New London make up this incredible venue. You can admire ships and sample delectable food. Then, before concluding your night, enjoy a dazzling fireworks show! And if that wasn't enough, there will be over 200 vendors to explore. It's an engaging outdoor shopping experience. Don't miss out on all these opportunities! Head to Sailfest!



August Events



Mystic Outdoor Art Festival

AUG 10 @ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | AUG 11 @ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mystic Outdoor Art Festival is set to celebrate its 66th year on August 10th 10:00am-6:00pm and August 11th 10:00am-5:00pm. This Festival is free to the public and features activities and artwork for all ages to enjoy, including a Children's Art Park, Children's Art Installation and a Performing Arts Stage. Located at Mystic Seaport Museum, the Performing Arts Stage features a variety of local and regional performers including dance, music, and theater. Signups to have a booth as an artist are still available, so make sure to apply to showcase and sell our work. Just look up, "Mystic Outdoor Art Festival" and go to their website. They have step to step instructions on how to apply.



Punk in Drublic music and craft beer festival

AUG 31 @ 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. | SEP 1 @ 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This music festival brings all the big named punk bands into one big show. For people who are twenty one or older of age, there will be craft beer tastings. This tour is the final one for the band, NOFX, who headlines this event. NOFX has been a skate punk rock band since 1983, and have been rocking out since then. This festival will go on for two days, with different lineups each day. This will be very energetic and fun to be a part of, as there's no clear idea on if this festival will happen again.



Woodstock Fair

AUG 30 @ 12 p.m. | AUG 31 through SEP 1 @ 9 a.m.

General admission for the fair is \$15.00. Seniors and active military pay only \$10.00, and children 10 years and under are free. Plenty of live music all around the fairground, with plenty of fair food, livestock shows, agriculture shows, games, and rides. This is one of the biggest fairgrounds in the area, and one of the oldest. Check out the Woodstock Fair this summer if you haven't in the past, as it's an experience to remember.



You Can Never Be Too Prepared

Crash Course About Situational Awareness With Officer Chris & Remi

Article by: Derek Denis

On April 17th, Officer Craig Plante and his K9 partner Remi met with Three Rivers students for the Four-Legged Crime Fighting event. The event was a partnership with Hartford Healthcare, state representative Darrel Wilson, and the Norwich NAACP. From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Officer Plante discussed the importance of situational awareness. Plante explained to students that situational awareness means being fully cognizant of your surroundings, the people in them, and your current situation. The ability to recognize and assess potential dangers is an extremely important skill that students can use to preserve their lives.

Situational awareness includes three essential actions: recognition, assessment, and response.

Craig Plante shared with students the concept of Cooper’s Color Code of Awareness. The color code features multiple tiers, from white to black. White means to be completely unprepared, and black means to be in a state of panic. Plante explained that people should remain in the yellow zone, which means to be prepared but still alert and relaxed. Plante explained,



Craig Plante, his dog Remi, and Michele Brezniak.

Cooper’s Color Code of Awareness

White	Unprepared and unready to take action.
Yellow	Prepared, and still relaxed. Good situational awareness.
Orange	Alert to probable danger. Ready to take action.
Red	Action Mode. Focused on the emergency.
Black	Panic. Breakdown of mental & physical performance.

“The best way to be in that yellow zone is to see, hear, and recognize when things are out of the ordinary and different.”

Throughout the event, students had the opportunity to ask Officer Plante for advice and what he would recommend as the correct way to respond to specific scenarios. For example, when a student asked how to prepare for a potential emergency indoors, Plante advised the student to recognize when the situation is developing, look for exits, and identify who can handle themselves and whether they are a potential threat or ally. In the heat of a dangerous event, it is important to find the people who can help deescalate the situation.

With this presentation, Craig Plante hopes that “[students] recognize maybe one or two things that [they] can do just a little bit better for [their] own benefit and safety. And then, beyond that, maybe it becomes a point where you can start sharing with others. So other people can benefit from the things that you’ve learned, because I think I look at life as a team sport.”

Food Trucks Show Out In Waterford

Article by: Jesse Bisunia

On April 20th, Crystal Mall hosted a food truck festival that entailed several local businesses from various backgrounds coming and selling their products to the public. The festival contained everything from cultural foods to self-made art to henna tattoos. Over 20 food trucks and stations were set up around the parking lot. There were a lot of options to choose from, including Mexican, Italian, Chinese, and even Pacific Islander food. The big debate among citizens is how much longer Crystal Mall can keep its head above water before completely shutting down. Most fast food restaurants in the food court have already been disbanded. JCPenney is

the last remaining giant retail store in the mall, after Sears, Macy’s, Christmas Tree Shops, and Bed Bath & Beyond all closed their stores. However, JCPenney is reaching the end of its tunnel of operation as it announced clearance on all items with discounts ranging from 50 to 80%. It seems Buffalo Wild Wings is the only large store left keeping the mall alive, but having frequent festivals could keep the pulse going for a possible revival at some point.

This event has been good for whatever is left of Crystal Mall. It gets people out of the house.

Rob, an eventgoer-



Various vendors selling their products in the Crystal Mall parking lot.

New London Rap Artist Event



Article by: Maximilian Hillyer

On April 20th, local rap artists gathered for a special event on Bank Street in New London, CT. This event went on from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and showcased many talents in the area. The point of the event was to bring hip-hop artists in the area together, create connections, and listen to what the local scene has to offer. Many food vendors and caterers were there to sell their products. One caterer, Cook Up Coop, had amazing food like mac n' cheese, rice, and chicken. A Kruse, an artist in the area, was the person responsible for putting this event on.

Many local rap artists, like Khanetiquette and Gash, had the opportunity to perform any personal song of their choosing. A white board was put out for artists to write down their songs and for the DJ to choose from. Photographers and videographers got to capture each artist participating, producing content for the artist to use on social media. This was an amazing event for not just the rap artists but for the listeners and viewers too. Make sure to support your local art and music scene, as it's something everyone should be a part of.



Rap artists and vendors from around New England showcasing their content and products.

TAZ's Record Store Day

Article by: Benjamin Garay

Originating in 2007, a meeting of independent record store owners was organized to create a celebration thanking those record stores for fostering a beautiful culture that is music for all people and making it available at their fingertips. By April 2008, the first Record Store Day would be celebrated. At that moment, many stores around the world have joined this holiday, becoming increasingly popular, and currently, after 15 years, there are many people who are looking forward to Record Store Day.

As part of the holiday, many artists release exclusive albums to celebrate that same day, in addition to special products and merchandise. On the part of the stores, they organize outdoor parties, meals, meetings, greetings with artists, and even DJs playing records. Although Record Store Day is celebrated once a year, the organization has the hard work of talking to record labels to get special and exclusive releases to encourage the purchase of records in

stores throughout the year. Compared to before, there are many more artists collaborating for this day, especially independent artists who take advantage of the opportunity to gain more recognition. And it is a good opportunity to discover new styles and new music that were not known or not promoted enough. Maybe you can find a song that is your new favorite.

Record Store Day is currently managed by Michael Kurtz and Carrie Colliton, in coordination with Andrea Paschal and Eric Levin.



Xenos performs at Telegraph Autonomous Zone on Record Store Day.



MEMORIAL DAY

DONATIONS TO OUR MARINES

Shipping thank you gift
bags to our deployable
troops this Memorial Day!

Sponsored by Waterford VFW



Donations will be received and forwarded by Baylee Gagnier.

Congratulations to Three Rivers' Newest Graduates!

Article by: Maximilian Hillyer

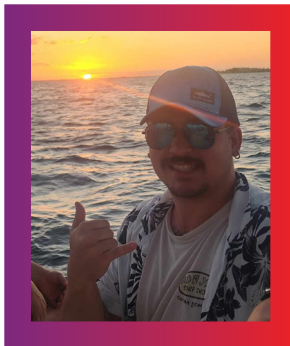
On Thursday, April 25th, the 7th annual Lavender Graduation was held in the multipurpose room. This graduation was to celebrate graduates who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community. Students Hannah Chapman, Sarah Cruz Velasquez, Ezra Delgado, Hyrum Merkley, and Michael O'Gara were the stars of the event. Friends, family, and loved ones all came to show support for the graduates in this ceremony. The love of lavender was definitely shown, as the graduates, audience, and decorations were dressed in the color. Chevelle Moss-Savage, licensed psychotherapist and founder of (H.E.A.L-LLC), had some words to say to the graduates.

"Today is a testament to your hard work, your dedication, and your resilience. It's not just about your exams you passed, papers you written, or presentations that you had made. It's about the hurdles that you have overcome. The barriers you shattered and the identities you have embraced."

Guided Pathways Advisor Lupita Paniagua received the TRCC Outstanding Award. This award was presented to her for her significant contributions made to support LGBTQ+ students at TRCC.

At the end of the ceremony, graduates and guests were presented with breakfast for dinner. This was a very lovely Lavender Graduation. Congratulations to Hannah Chapman, Sarah Cruz Velasquez, Ezra Delgado, Hyrum Merkley, and Michael O'Gara on your accomplishments!



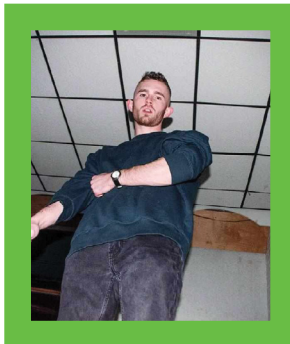


JESSE BISUNIA

Passionate about sports and a huge fan of all Dallas-based teams.
Loves to travel both domestically and internationally.
Enjoys expressing his thoughts through creative mediums.

MAXIMILIAN HILLYER

Enthusiastic, outgoing, and likes to have fun.
Loves to play guitar and is part of a couple of bands.
Enjoys the company of family and friends.

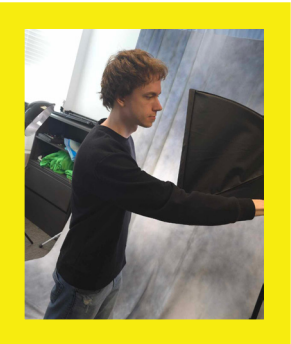


DEREK DENIS

Creative, passionate, and hardworking.
Loves to draw and create music.
Enjoys hanging out with family, friends, and his cat.

JOHNATHON SANTANGELO

The tall and lanky fellow you might see roaming around campus.
Big fan of creating digital art, playing volleyball, and skateboarding.
Always excited to be with friends and explore outside my comfort zone.



BENJAMIN GARAY

A Peruvian student who loves art a lot, especially drawing and music.
Enjoys watching anime and playing video games.
Learned a lot about working on The Current that will help in the future.

Notable dates for the 2024 Summer/Fall Semester!

Summer 2024 Start & End Dates

5-Week Session I	-----	May 29	through	July 3
5-Week Session II	-----	July 8	through	Aug 11
7-Week Session	-----	May 29	through	July 21
10-Week Session	-----	May 29	through	Aug 11
12-Week Session	-----	May 20	through	Aug 18

Fall 2024 Important Dates (Full Term)

Aug 28	Classes Begin
Sept 3	Last Day to Add
Sept 3	Last Day to Drop w/ 100% Refund
Sept 11	Last Day to Participate
Sept 18	Last Day to Drop with 100% of Fees & 90% of Tuition Refund

Fall 2024 Start & End Dates (Non-Full Term)

Late Start Classes	-----	Sept 11	through	Dec 16
7-Week Session I	-----	Aug 28	through	Oct 15
7-Week Session II	-----	Oct 23	through	Dec 16
5-Week Session I	-----	Aug 28	through	Oct 1
5-Week Session II	-----	Oct 2	through	Nov 5
5-Week Session III	-----	Nov 6	through	Dec 16

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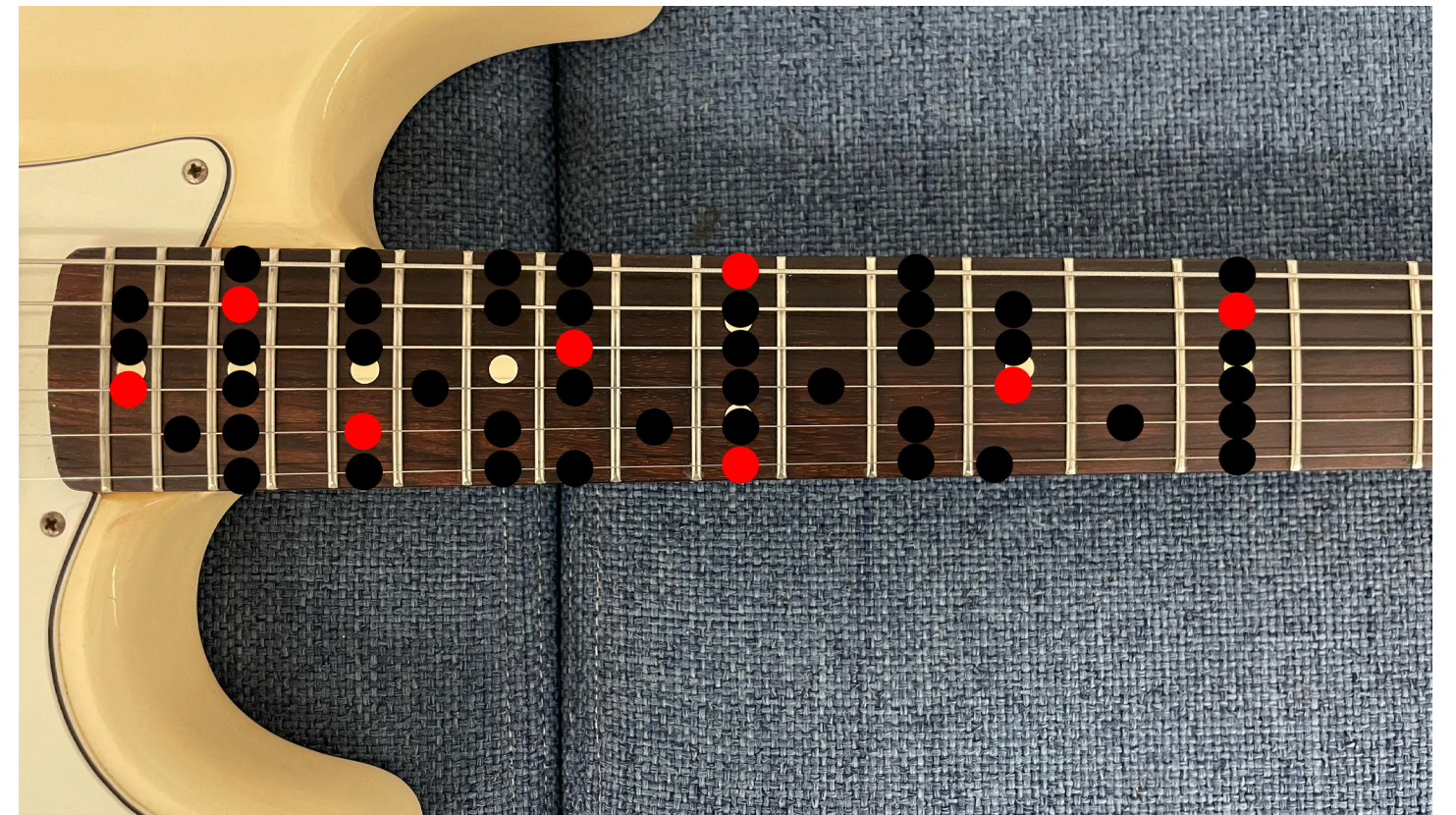
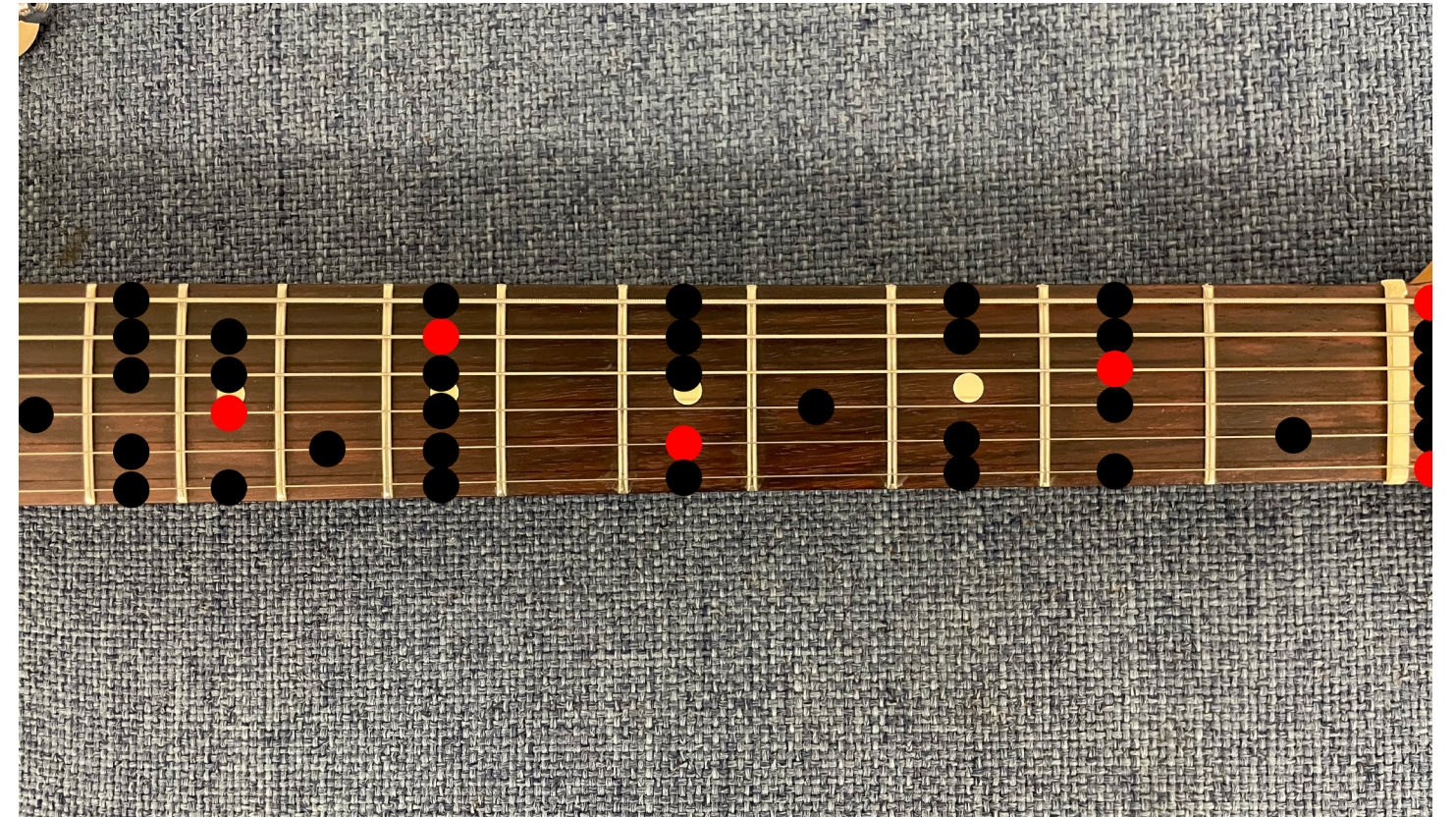


Last Guitar Lesson *by Max*

Article by: Maximilian Hillyer

Working around all over the fretboard is one of the hardest but most useful things a guitar player should know. Being able to navigate across the fretboard will make you stand out as a player and make anything you do a lot easier. Leads and solos will be more unique and personal to your playing style. This lesson will cover the minor pentatonic scales all across the fretboard and the fundamentals of the fretboard. The key we will be working with is E minor. The structure of the scales can be changed to accommodate any other key you are using. Just knowing the pattern of one key can help you find out the patterns for others.

If you look at the fretboard, you will see many dots all across. This helps with navigation, as a player can know where they are and where they will go next. Think of the dots like a checkpoint, and you can use your techniques, skills, and knowledge to work with and around these dots. On the twelfth fret on the fretboard, there are two dots. That fret is unique because each note is the octave of the open string. That means that the twelfth fret of the “E” string is also an “E” note, but one octave higher. Every fret past the twelfth fret is the same as the ones near the top of the neck. This helps with ideas regarding leads and melodies.





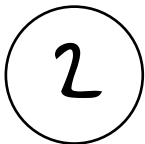
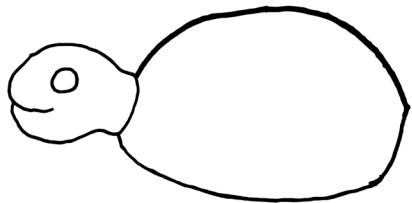
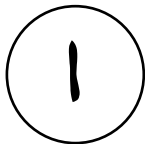
Derek's Drawing Tutorial



Drawing is a creative activity that can be done anywhere at any time. However, many people are intimidated by this artform because of how complex it can be. What many people do not know is that you can draw anything you want by breaking it down into simple lines and small steps.

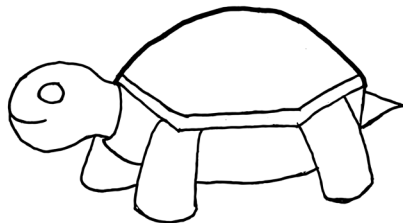
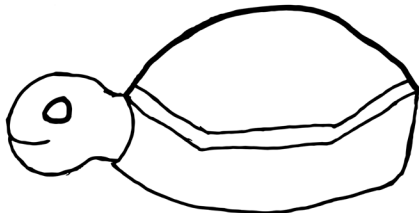
Here is how to draw a turtle in 5 easy steps:

Start off with a small circle to create the shape of the eye. Below the eye, draw a wide half circle going upwards to make the turtle's mouth. With the same line, draw around the eye and make a warped circle shape.



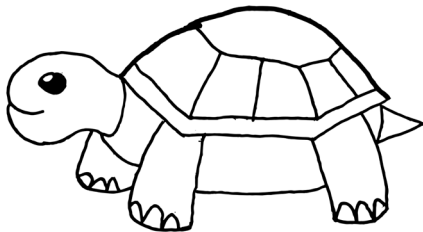
Draw a wide oval that is flat on the opposite side of the head.

For the turtle's shell, draw half of a hexagon that is roughly half the size of the body. Draw the shape again, but slightly smaller to create the outline of the shell.



Draw two curved rectangles that start near the corners of the shell. Draw one more that starts below the neck of the turtle. For the tail, draw a small triangle at the end of the body.

To create the details on the turtle's shell, draw 4 diagonal lines that connect to a rigid half circle. Draw 3 arches at the bottom of each of the turtle's legs. Shade the turtle's eye and leave the corner blank for the reflection of the pupil.



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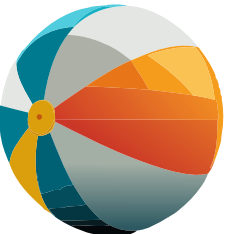
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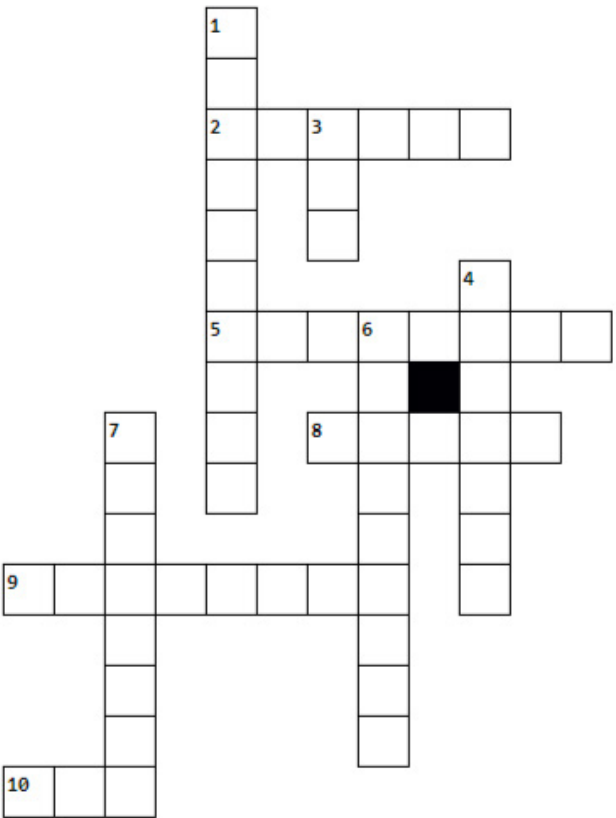
- 1. SWIMSUIT
- 2. PICNIC
- 3. SUNNY
- 4. SURF
- 5. SUNBATHE
- 6. CAMPING
- 7. OFFROAD
- 8. BEACH
- 9. BARBECUE
- 10. WATERPARK

Scavenger Hunt / Issue #8

Find the hidden **BEACH BALL** in this issue of *The Current* and email the thecurrentspring2024@gmail.com. Find the hidden items in all 6 issues of the 2024 Spring Semester for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon giftcard!



Crossword Puzzle / Issue #8



Across

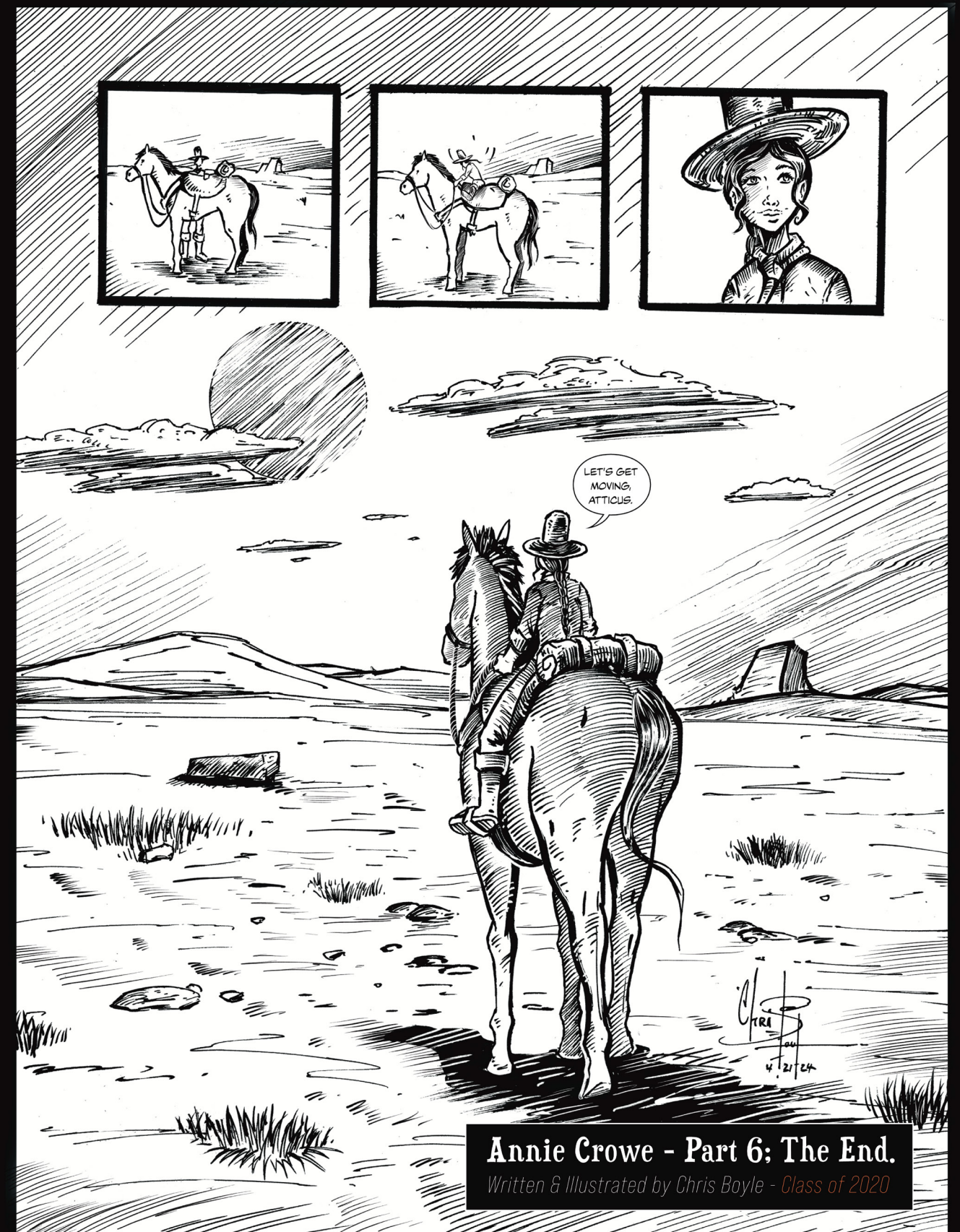
- 2. The phenomena of the physical world collectively, including plants, animals, the landscape, and other features and products of the earth, as opposed to human creations.
- 5. The time or date (twice each year) at which the sun reaches its maximum or minimum declination, marked by the longest and shortest days.
- 8. A colorless, transparent, odorless liquid that forms the seas, lakes, rivers, and rain and is the basis of the fluids of living organisms.
- 9. A prolonged period of abnormally hot weather.
- 10. The star around which the earth orbits.

Down

- 1. A model of a castle built out of sand, typically by children.
- 3. The act of skin becoming darkened after exposure to the sun.
- 4. A soft-bodied beetle related to the glowworm, the winged male and flightless female of which both have luminescent organs.
- 6. The shell of a marine mollusk.
- 7. A period spent away from home or business in travel or amusement.

Across: 1. sandcastle, 2. nature, 3. beach, 4. water, 5. sunset, 6. shell, 7. vacation, 8. beach, 9. heatwave, 10. sun

Wyoming. 1876.



CONGRATULATIONS



2024 GRADUATES