



Day 1 of the impeachment trial in the Senate lasted well into the early morning hours of Wednesday, Jan. 22. Nearly all of the amendments Democrats introduced, mostly to allow witness testimony, were tabled along strictly partisan lines, Republicans winning 53-47. The one exception was when Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) voted with Democrats on an amendment that would extend the amount of time House impeachment managers and Trump’s legal team have to respond to motions, but this motion too was tabled in a 52-48 vote.

Trump impeachment

Trials, updates and what BC needs to know

By Eleanor Flannery
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On Dec. 18, 2019, the House of Representatives voted almost unanimously along party lines to charge President Donald Trump with two articles of impeachment.

The impeachment inquiry first initiated after a whistleblower provided alleged information of possible abuse of power by the President when he withheld military aid to Ukraine. By doing so, this may have pressured President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine into pursuing an investigation into former Vice President Joe Biden’s son, Hunter Biden, after President Trump’s phone call with President Zelensky, on July 25.

During the call, Trump asked Zelensky to investigate the “whole situation in Ukraine.” Trump then said to Zelensky during their phone call, “There’s a lot of talk about Biden’s son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great,” referring to Attorney

General William Barr.

This sparked an impeachment inquiry in the House of Representatives, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in which there would be a vote on the articles of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. “They’re the ones that should be impeached,” Trump said, referring to Democrats, after the second article of impeachment was approved.

Presently, the Senate trial is underway, after two articles of impeachment were handed off from the House of Representatives. The trial in the Senate will determine whether Trump will be removed from office. With word from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the trial commenced last Tuesday, and will most likely go six days a week (Monday-Saturday) and begin at 1 p.m. local time.

Make sure to tune in and follow along with the Senate trial proceedings. No matter what one’s political views entail, this is a historic piece of American history that the Clarion staff highly recommends staying up to date with.

Holocaust speaker comes to BC

92-year-old shares stories from the past to avoid ‘reliving’ it

By Mickayla Smith
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On Jan. 16, Dr. Walter Ziffer came to Brevard College to talk to Brevard Middle School students, Brevard College students and community members about the Holocaust.

Dr. Ziffer is a 92-year-old from Czechoslovakia who came to the United States in 1948. He earned an engineering degree from Vanderbilt University, two master’s degrees from the graduate school of Theology of Oberlin College and a doctorate in theology from the University of Strasbourg in early Christian history, Biblical Hebrew and comparative religion.

Dr. Ziffer is the author of three books including “The Birth of Christianity from the Matrix of Judaism: From Jewish Sect to World Religion,” “The Teaching of Disdain: An Examination of Christology and New Testament Attitudes Toward Jews” and his personal memoirs

of “Confronting the Silence: A Holocaust Survivor’s Search for God.” All books are available on Amazon.com.

“I am here because I feel like I should share the story of the Holocaust,” Ziffer said. “If we do not learn from the past, we are condemned to relive it.” Six million Jewish people were murdered, 60-80,000 Romas (Gypsies), Jehovah’s Witnesses, Christians, pastors, priests, socialists and 100,000 soldiers vanished. In Ziffer’s own family, 15 were murdered in concentration camps.

Before the Czech Republic was occupied by the German army, it was a democratic country. Ziffer said his family was among the middle-class and beloved by the people in their neighborhood.

When the Czech Republic was occupied by the German army, anti-Semitism spread rapidly throughout their town. People who were considered friends of the family turned against the Ziffers. Their town synagogue was burned down by the Germans. Their whole world turned upside down and everyone seemed to hate the Jews.

Jews were forced to wear white bands around their arms with the Star of David attached to it. On June 29, 1942, the Ziffer family moved into a ghetto. However, even in the miserable state everyone was in, they still found happiness in being together.

That sadly did not last long. SS officials bombarded the ghettos and took everyone to the train station. The SS officers had whips and handguns and took all of their belongings. They separated men from women by their ages. All the families were separated and the lives that they knew were taken away from them as they all entered a new universe.

They entered a universe where their rights were stripped away from them. The Jews weren’t considered people anymore. Officials would torture these people for entertainment.

It was chaotic and disgusting. Dr. Ziffer was taken in 1942 when he was 15. He moved around to seven different concentration camps for three years until they were liberated. Luckily, his story has a happy ending.

After everyone was liberated, Ziffer went on a quest to find his family. He found his mother, sister and cousin. After that, the four of them went back home to Těšín. They found one of their old maids and she told them that his father was already staying with her.

Finally, the family was reunited. Some things would never be the same, but at least they were together. It is important to remember the Holocaust. I know most of us would rather not think about something so vile but Ziffer has a point. If we don’t learn from the past, “we are condemned to relive it.”

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Dr. Walter Ziffer, a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor, speaks to a crowd of students about his experiences in Ingram Auditorium on Jan. 16.

Courtesy of Kevin Smith

The Mexican alligator lizard

By Solomon Turner
Contributor

According to the Smithsonian's National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute and the "Reptiles Magazine" website frequented by reptile pet owners, the Alligator Lizard, or *Abrinia graminea*, lives in the Mexican states of Veracruz and Puebla as well as in some high elevation forests of Guatemala.

These lizards generally grow to about 10 inches in length and have unique coloration ranging from blue teal to deep green. They have yellow underbellies and distinct yellow rings around each eye. While there isn't a distinct sexual dimorphism within the species, the males of this species tend to be brighter in color while the females have lateral stripes and are paler in color.

They have viviparous reproduction which means they have live birth and do not lay eggs. After their first year they are sexually

mature and will have one litter of seven to 14 offspring each year. They actively breed from July to November and may stay locked together, or copulated, for up to 24 hours.

Their gestation period is six to eight months and in captivity the males will potentially eat the offspring. Before giving birth, the female will develop chalky white deposits on the sides of her jaw mainly as a calcium deposit.

Their limited habitat range consists of the high elevation cloud forests of Mexico and Guatemala at about 4,000 to 8,000 feet in elevation. These arboreal lizards live their lives in the forest canopy among the dense vegetation and bromeliads characteristic of cloud forests. Due to their canopy lifestyle they have prehensile tails which allow them to maneuver through their environment with ease.

As a result of their limited habitat, conservation efforts are needed in order to ensure their survival due to the increasing

pressure and deforestation occurring for agricultural land.

The pet industry is also a threat towards these rare arboreal gems due to their vibrant coloration and they can be found in many reptile expos across the world. While it is not illegal to have them as pets it is the responsibility of a potential buyer to ensure that the lizard is sourced from an experienced breeder and not harvested from the wild. Due to habitat destruction and the pet industry they, along with portions of the rangeland, have been given protection under Mexican law.

According to "Reptiles Magazine," a local misconception of these lizards is that they are poisonous which is attributed to their coloration and aggressive tendency to bite. Due to this misconception the native people tend to kill these lizards on sight and refer to them as "escorpion de arbol" which means "tree scorpion" in Spanish.

'Purpose under pressure'

By Amber Vance
Staff Writer

"Purpose Under Pressure" was a motivational speaking event that was sponsored by Brevard College Athletics and Campus Life. The event was held at the Porter Center at 9 p.m. last Wednesday night.

The guest speaker was Yannick McKie, founder of the McKie Foundation. McKie began his presentation by saying he was filming for a documentary and his speech would be recorded.

McKie started the foundation to help at risk youth and to assist young people like him who had lost their parents. McKie explained that he had lost both parents before the age of fifteen and he turned down a negative path that led him to federal prison.

He explained he made negative choices to deal with problems, but, to be truly successful, you need mental toughness, the ability to push through pressure and change the way you think to reach your purpose. "You need to determine your what you want to accomplish (purpose) and why you are doing it (passion)," McKie said. Passion helps you to push through pain and obstacles to achieve your purpose.

McKie told the audience to form many different types of goals for different areas such as finances, education, spirituality and familial goals. "Once a goal is achieved, your future becomes more clear," McKie said.

McKie referred to an interview with Mahammad Ali in which the interviewer asked him how many sit-ups he did in training and his response was that he did not count the sit-ups until it started hurting. "Sometimes things have to get hard and the hurt is what will help you," said McKie. "Just because things didn't work out does not mean you won't achieve your purpose. Remember if you have a negative perspective it will lead to negative feelings that lead to negative behaviors."

Before McKie ended his presentation, he instructed the audience to ask themselves, "What is distracting me from maximizing my potential and reaching my goals?" Then he concluded by summarizing the points in his speech as he said, "The key to success is having purpose, passion, a positive perspective, being aware of the kinds of people around you and being prepared. Be careful of who you surround yourself with, they will determine your habits."

When he was finished, McKie announced that everyone in the audience was welcome to have pizza in Tornado Alley. This event was a successful one not just for the refreshments but for the motivating speech given by McKie that everyone can use in their life.

New printers!

Over the course of Winter Break, the IT Department for Brevard College was busy at work with its latest installment: new printers in several areas around campus.

This process began with the changing to a locally-based printer vendor, Sharp, in order to control cost, improve the quality of equipment and service and expand access to more people in the campus community.

Changes from the old way of printing on campus include the ability to print from anywhere to anywhere there is a viable printing device, print jobs not being released until you activate that option at the physical device and options for color printing.

To print, one must simply tap their ID card on the device or type in their ID number (making sure not to include any zeros preceding the ID number) and releasing the print job by following the instructions displayed on the screen.

Students should note that, with the expansion of printers to residence halls, personal printers are no longer allowed in the residence halls. Faculty and staff will also no longer be allowed to lease any individual desktop printers due to high costs for that particular service.

Students, faculty, and staff can learn more information about the new printing setup on their brevard.edu email or by contacting the IT HelpDesk at help@brevard.edu or 828-884-8303.

— Julie Carter

'Rise of Skywalker' wraps up the new Star Wars trilogy

By Sam Hipp
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The final film in the nine-part Skywalker Saga has been released and there is a result of mixed reactions. Many loved this encore to their beloved series and others saw this as the final nail in the coffin of "Star Wars." I saw it as somewhere in the middle.

It should not come as a surprise that this film brought back Emperor Palpatine, the big bad of "Star Wars," as advertisements for this film were heavy-handed in making sure we all knew he was back for the final film. Great way to invalidate Anakin's sacrifice at the end of "Return of the Jedi."

This film follows the trials of Jedi-in-training Rey (Daisy Ridley) and her friends in the Resistance, who struggle against the plastic-clad space Nazis of the First Order, led by Supreme Leader Kylo Ren (Adam Driver).

The first act of this film brings a fast-paced, non-stop adventure of scenes that lasts no longer than three minutes because there was too much to cram into this film. Included in the first half of the film is a subplot where C-3PO's Google Translate abilities are useless in finding a thing to lead to another thing to lead to the big thing, so the heroes travel to a desert planet where some Lovecraftian aliens are celebrating Mardi Gras on a poorly-lit planet that seemed to reuse set pieces from previous "Star Wars" films. To politely say, this is a bit of a mess.

This film also introduces new characters who add nothing much except to build a little upon the stories of the main characters or, for some, throw away lines. Whether to give Finn someone to briefly connect with or a lady Boba Fett for

Poe to have the hots for, these characters seem like a needless addition this late in the trilogy. These new characters also seem to distract our heroes from the urgency of their constant scene-hopping.

While the first half of the film truly suffers, the second half truly shines. Rey facing her confrontations with Kylo Ren, the Emperor and herself were enjoyable to watch and drew me into the film.

A favorite scene of mine was one of her seeking advice from the now incorporeal space wizard, Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), who decided to remain old in his ghostly appearance, instead of looking young again like his father did when he became one with the force. Instead, he decided his "The Dude" Lebowski look would convey a greater sense of wisdom to Rey and help her on her journey.

The final battle is a true spectacle and one of the greatest strengths of the film. Seeing the galaxy rise up against tyranny was wonderful to behold, and it conveyed the message that it won't be one special person, but many ordinary people, who will ultimately triumph over evil.

The battle also had some nice touches by adding in a few memorable characters from the original trilogy such as Lando, Wedge and Nien Nunb. It truly excited the big "Star Wars" geek that I am.

This film is an unplanned mess with horrible pacing issues. Those issues aside, I still had an enjoyable experience viewing this movie at the theater. This film still shines in its effects, music and acting, the latter being mainly in part to the wonderfully talented Adam Driver.

It was an overall fun "Star Wars" experience somewhat bogged down by issues of pacing and writing in some areas, which is why I give this film three out of five stars.

World famous hypnotist visits BC campus

Sailesh, the world renowned hypnotist, visited Brevard College last Wednesday night. The show took place in Ingram Auditorium in Dunham Hall around 7 p.m.

Sailesh explained to the audience that anyone can be hypnotized and they can even hypnotize themselves. One example of hypnotism he gave is that everyone is capable of is daydreaming.

The performance was based on participation from volunteers in the audience. At the beginning of the show, Sailesh explained that the audience could still take part in the hypnotism experience if they wished, they just had to listen to his instructions. Soon after, a member of the audience, Xandria Colbert, was hypnotized and put into a deep sleep. Then Sailesh invited her to come up on the stage to join the show.

"I don't remember getting up on the stage," Colbert said. "While being hypnotized it felt like he was speaking to my inner self in my thoughts. I feel like I have a lot of energy now after the show. I encourage everyone to experience hypnotism if they can."

Sailesh made his performance a memorable one with his humor and energy. He gave the audience a sense of wonder as he instructed the volunteers on stage. In one of the most unforgettable acts of the show, he convinced the volunteers they were on a TV talk show and they were there to tell a bad habit a friend of theirs had. Three of the onstage volunteers told hilarious lies about one of the Clarion's layout designers, Margaret Correll.

At the end of the performance, Sailesh reminded the audience that the stars of the show were the volunteers on the stage and insisted that applause be directed to them. The applause exploded in the auditorium as the magical night came to a close.



A still from "Rise of Skywalker", featuring characters Rey and Kylo Ren.

— Amber Vance

Senior Profile

Tennis star Samantha Sepe

Sharing her story and how she is destined for greatness

By Carmen Boone
Copy Editor

Samantha Sepe is a senior at Brevard College. She is a Health Science major, graduating in just three short months in May of 2020.

She was born in Asheville, North Carolina but later moved to Woodstock, Georgia at age six. She lived there for a number of years until she moved to Niceville, Florida her sophomore year of high school. She went to University of Central Florida (UCF) for college.

After deciding UCF wasn't right for her, Sepe transferred to the College of Coastal Georgia her sophomore year. Once again, after that, she felt that she needed a fresh start and ended up here at Brevard College.

Sepe plays tennis at BC despite the struggles she has faced. Coming here, she was discouraged in her love for tennis. The former program she was a part of wasn't a good fit for her and she was ready to be done with it all.

After talking to former head coach, Evan Schreiner, he helped her find her love for tennis again. Upon joining the program, she became the number one player for the women's tennis team.

One thing Sepe has really come to love about Brevard is the small class size. "It's nice knowing you'll most likely have at least one of your friends in a class with you," Sepe said. She also likes that she goes to a college where a large majority of students are athletes. On top of that, she loves the beauty of Brevard and just being in the mountains.

Sepe has had her fair share of struggles. She has undergone four knee surgeries. Her first was at the age of 11, which put her out of tennis for a year. Her last was her senior year of high school.

At that time, she really wanted to go pro, but felt that surgery was a major setback. After having multiple surgeries, she learned how to overcome that fear and hesitation of continuing to play. "With each surgery I learned how to overcome each obstacle and find a new drive within myself," Sepe said.

Looking back, Sepe has had people from

all over the South to thank for where she is now. Moving around provided her with the opportunity to meet all kinds of great friends and mentors that helped her along the way. "It's hard to pick one or two people," Sepe said. "So many people have helped me become the person I am today."

In closing, she had some words of wisdom for other students at Brevard. "Always ask yourself if you are doing the best that you can be doing. Often times we feel like things are hard because we are allowing other things to distract us from our path," Sepe said. "If you think about doing the best you can, you realize that you prioritize important things, which leaves you more stress free."

After graduation, Sepe plans to work as a tennis professional or a coach to continue fostering her love for the game. Sometime in the future, she might also pursue something within the healthcare system. Despite whatever she chooses, her drive will certainly carry her far and she will continue to be the best that she can be.



Photo by Jen Cox

Samantha Sepe poses for a photo after winning BC homecoming queen.



Photo by Jen Cox

Samantha Sepe dresses up for Senior Pinning.

Weekly Horoscopes

By Mickayla Smith
Staff Writer

Aries: You will be feeling energetic and ambitious this week. You may want to focus on the relationships you involve yourself in, whether they are romantic connections or connections between your family or workmates. You will need to work out several issues with several people in your life, but this will force you to deal with some issues you have disregarded in the past months. Doors that have been closed in the past will open back up, and it is up to you to choose whether you will walk through the doors or close them.

Taurus: This week holds promise for your love life and your finances. Your love life is influenced by your charisma and physical attractiveness. This is a great time for dating or making connections in the workplace. There will be a conflict regarding your finances, but if you resolve the issue quickly, it won't stress you out. You will attract positive attention that could lead to an opportunity in your field. You may feel overwhelmed this week, but as long as you stay focused you will accomplish a lot.

Gemini: You have noticed you have been feeling exhausted this week and there is a good reason for it. You have been fairly emotional this week because of life circumstances and you are praying for a moment to relax. This week is your time to wind down and reflect on what you want from life. You will be emotionally sharp after giving yourself the proper rest. A positive attitude and self-confidence will assist you in convincing someone of what you're passionate about. So get out there and do what makes you happy.

Cancer: This week brings good cheer, positive energy and love to your life. You will be feeling very confident in your life and the people around you will notice. You will break out of your shell and this can bring so many great opportunities to your life. Your career will lead to a money-making opportunity that will affect you in the future. However, if you feel like you are in a lull this week, refrain from spending money and practice some meditation in nature.

Leo: This is the time to think about your future. Anything that you think needs to be changed about your life, YOU are the only one who can change it. This will be a powerful shift in your life but it will be worth the frustration. You may be feeling like you are

blocked, but something should break free, finally giving you connections and resources you need to get this task done. Make the most of this time of self-improvement.

Virgo: If you have been wanting to collaborate with someone that you admire, you should take the first step to work with them. Don't feel intimidated to reach out and express your feelings about a particular issue. You may feel that one of your relationships have been moving slowly, but this is not your fault. The other person may feel more comfortable moving slow for the fear of rejection or making a mistake. Be patient and things will fall into place how you both want them to.

Libra: You have been feeling foggy lately and you can't seem to break the cycle. You sense that it could be from someone who has been emotionally draining you and this should stop soon. You need to start taking steps to get yourself out of this situation. It may not be easy but you are more than capable to handle this.

Scorpio: A big change is coming your way. Whether the change is coming from your love life, your work life or your friendships, you can probably feel the change coming this week. Trust that things will be getting better. You may not want to make changes right now in your life, but you can start contemplating future plans now.

Sagittarius: You are eager this week to start a project you have been cherishing for a long time. Once you begin the steps to achieve this project, things will fall into place. Hopefully, you will enjoy this experience. If there is someone who has always supported you with this project, it is important to tell them how much their support

has meant to you over time. Expressing your thankfulness to this person will not only make them feel good but also make you gain more encouragement and inspiration.

Capricorn: You are feeling invigorated, inspired, and empowered from the beginning of the week. This may be because you have taken control of your life with an iron fist. Or it could just be good luck - you decide. This is the time to finally attend to obligations you have been pushing off for the longest time to allow yourself to focus on what really matters to you now.

Aquarius: You may be feeling a bit of fear about a certain situation that is out of your control. However, you can overcome this fear by giving yourself a sense of power and control over your life. You are being reborn this week, and you can go on knowing that everything is okay and that everything will fall into place. Realize your full potential because there may be an opportunity that you personally do not feel cut out for, but you will soon find out that you are.

Pisces: There is someone that keeps you on your toes, but you don't realize how this person affects your growth and development. This person seems to push your buttons, brings up uncomfortable topics and you don't really want to deal with this person. You have grown over time while this person has seemed to stay in the same mindset for years. If a conflict arises with this person, keep in mind that you have grown and become more confident throughout the years and you are able to combat their criticisms.



A solution to the Australian bushfires

What can be done to save the land and wildlife?

By Aia Andonovska
Sports Editor

Australia has been burning for months with the world watching from afar. Already, 15.6 million acres of land have been consumed by flames, leaving people and countless animals homeless in its wake. These fires aren't showing any signs of slowing down anytime soon.

However, there might be a 50,000 year old solution to this horrible tragedy. This solution is provided by the Aboriginal people, who have known Australia's land longer than anyone else on the planet. For a very long amount of time, this indigenious group has practiced fire

prevention. They would set small fires to clear debris from the land, which in the long run prevents large scale fires, like the country is suffering from now.

The solution is clear. Australia needs to humbly ask for help from the people native to its land, so they can come together and save the continent from further destruction. While it may seem easy, in reality it is not so. Setting these fires are actually pretty difficult, and require a lot of skills.

The bushfires in Australia are never going to fully go away, and they will just continue to get worse with the onset of climate change happening all over the world. When the weather

is hotter, it leads to worse droughts, which then leads to devastating bushfires. When these fires get as big as they have been, they're much harder to put out.

It takes a lot of labor to ignite these small fires, but Australia may have no choice except to turn to age-old techniques if the country is to be saved. This may mean a higher cost too, but is it really a higher cost if it saves millions of animals and people moving from their homes? The Aboriginal way is to care for the land, and maybe this is something Australians should start practicing too. It's time for the world to start looking towards the future.



This 3-D visualization shows the areas affected by wildfires in Australia. This image, based on NASA's FIRMS (Satellite data regarding fires), was created by Anthony Hearsey of Creative Imaging. The image went viral on Reddit and other online sites.

'Bikram: Yogi, Guru, Predator'

By Lande Simpson
Staff Writer

Over break, a documentary on Bikram yoga (the practice and yogi) came out on Netflix. While I have been doing hot yoga for almost two years now, I thought this would be rather interesting.

Bikram Choudhury brought the practice of hot yoga to the United States and it became a craze. He held classes with hundreds of students at a time in hotel conferences or ballrooms. His following became cult-like. He had very obvious narcissistic tendencies and used humiliation as a way to gain more gratitude and love from his students, which were obvious red flags, but his charisma outweighed everything else.

While teaching his classes, he also viewed himself as the alpha male. Many females

came forward and accused Bikram of sexual assault. As for all, this shook the entire yoga community.

The production of this film was wonderful. The producer turned a well known, hated figure in the yoga community to be charismatic and likeable. He was loved by many at a certain time, since the classes and following was cult like.

By the end of the film, I compared Bikram to Trump because my view was changed on him (Bikram) as a result of the production of it. Bikram was made out to be an amazing yogi that developed hot yoga and changed peoples lives but by the end, I realized there was brainwashing and he was an awful human being who just simply brought the hot yoga practice over to the states.

The cinematography of the film was very beautiful and eye opening. It showed the

humility that students faced when Bikram would call people out in the middle of a pose. It would also show the puddles of sweat and the gratification on students faces after a hard class. The cinematography was shot from different angles but was kept simplistic. It needed to be kept like that in a way to draw the focus to the horrifying stories.

Survival was shown in this documentary by displaying how Bikram's career as a yogi is still flourishing in other countries around the world simply because he is shining a light on an addictive practice. Many people do not want to stop feeling the good endorphins that are being set off while continuing this practice.

Bikram's image and career has survived through the #MeToo movement in the United States and has not been brought down in other countries despite his reputation in some places.

I rate this documentary nine Bikram speedos out of ten Bikram speedos.

Ukrainian plane crash leads to more tension in the Middle East

By Aia Andonovska
Sports Editor

On Jan. 8, 2020 a horrible tragedy occurred. A Ukrainian flight leaving Tehran crashed mysteriously, leaving 176 people dead, mostly Ukrainians and Canadians.

Decades of international sanctions have made it difficult for the country of Iran to buy new and spare aircraft parts for their planes, leaving its citizens and traveling foreigners at risk for a plane crash more than the average person. This is what was initially provided as an explanation for the untimely death of the passengers on the Ukrainian Airlines flight 752.

After Canadian and Ukrainian officials opened an investigation, it was discovered that faulty airplanes in this case were not to blame at all. Heightened tension in the region put the Iranian government on high alert, after Donald Trump ordered for Iranian General Qassam Soleimani to be killed in an airstrike. In reality, the plane was shot down, as it was mistaken for an incoming American missile.

None of this would have happened if Iran had taken the necessary precautions and halted all air traffic while it was taking action against

U.S. forces in Iraq with their own missiles. It was stated that the reasoning behind this was if civilian air traffic continued, it would keep the U.S. from attacking again.

Sadly, this had the opposite effect, with Iran attacking their own people as well as several Canadians and Ukrainians. This plane crash then ignited several protests across the country, against the regime.

It seems that Tehran is hesitant to take any

action against the people who shot down the plane. Instead, they have focused on arresting the person who leaked a video that helped journalists confirm suspicions about the plane crash.

As the Iranian government continues to lack accountability, its citizens are becoming more and more restless because of their general unhappiness with the people in power.



Debris from the Ukrainian plane crash in the city of Tehran, Iran.

Photo from Star Tribune

Levi Lamb scores 30 points in game against Pfeiffer

By Joseph Marvin
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MISENHEIMER, N.C. - Senior Levi Lamb poured in a career-high 30 points, however, the Brevard College men's basketball team (3-12, 2-6 USAS) dropped a conference road contest, 94-87, to host Pfeiffer University (8-7, 3-4 USAS) in overtime on Saturday evening in Misenheimer, North Carolina.

The two teams battled through regulation to a 79-79 tie before the Falcons outscored the Tornados 15-8 in overtime to take the victory in USA South Conference play.

Levi Lamb, a senior from Atlanta, tied his career-high with six made 3-pointers on Saturday night. The forward went 11-of-18 from the field en route to his career-best scoring performance.

The output came just one game after eclipsing the 1,000 point mark, raising his career total to 1,035 points.

In addition to the career-high point total, Levi Lamb also registered five rebounds, three assists, two steals and one blocked shot in 32

minutes of play.

Cannon Lamb pulled down a team-high eight rebounds and scored 16 points. Mike Williams and Messiah Pankey also scored in double figures with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Pfeiffer was led by Tyjarek Simmons who scored 27 points. Jamaal David grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds for the Falcons.

Brevard built a 22-13 lead in the game's opening nine minutes, however, the Falcons came back to tie the game 27-27 with a 14-4 run. Pfeiffer then outscored BC 7-4 over the final four minutes of the half to take a 34-31 lead into intermission.

The second half was a tight affair with Brevard taking the lead 79-75 with 1:15 left in the second half following a three-pointer by senior Demari Hopper on an assist by Williams.

Pfeiffer then worked its way back with four consecutive free throws to tie the game at 79-79. BC's Joshua Wilson took a shot as time expired in regulation, but it just missed to send the game into overtime.

The Falcons built an early 86-82 lead in overtime before Levi Lamb hit a three-pointer

with 3:19 to play to cut the deficit to one. A layup by Pankey cut the spread to one point again with 2:01 to play, however, the Falcons would the overtime period's final six points to seal the victory.

Brevard outshot Pfeiffer 46% to 37% from the field. The Tornados hit 12 three-pointers compared to 10 three's for the Falcons. BC won the rebounding total 51-43. The game featured 10 lead changes and 10 ties.

Brevard returns home for its next contest after three straight road games. The Tornados will host Piedmont at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Boshamer Gymnasium. The game signifies the Coaches vs. Cancer "Suits and Sneakers" game at The Bosh.

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Courtesy of BC Athletics

Levi Lamb, senior, hits his career high for the BC men's basketball team.

BC baseball adds Steve Huckle to coaching staff

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BREVARD, N.C. - Steve Huckle has joined the Brevard College Baseball staff as the Volunteer Assistant Coach, announced Head Coach Mike Victory.

Huckle joins the Brevard coaching staff after 17 successful years as the Head Baseball Coach at Rochester Community and Technical College in Rochester, Minnesota where he amassed a coaching record of 339-282-1. At RCTC, Huckle coached and developed six All-American players along with numerous All-Conference, All-Division, and All-Region selections in addition to one Rawlings Gold Glove winner. Many of Huckle's players transferred to DI, DII, DIII and NAIA schools, as well as having four former players play Independent Professional Baseball.

"Adding Coach Huckle to our staff was a no brainer," commented Coach Victory. "His experience in the baseball community will be invaluable for our staff and for our players. Coach Huckle knows what it takes to build a winning culture and a winning program. He has integrated himself seamlessly to our beliefs and team philosophies and we are excited for where he can help us take this program going

forward."

Huckle holds a 353-306-1 career record, as Huckle served one season as the Head Baseball at the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. All told, Huckle has 23 total years of collegiate baseball coaching experience.

Over the course of his illustrious career, Huckle's teams participated in the Regional Tournament 14-out-of-17 seasons at RCTC. Huckle led RCTC to a Regional Championship in 2011, where the Yellow Jackets went on to be NJCAA DIII World Series participants. The seasoned veteran has been honored with numerous Coach of the Year awards over the course of his career.

In addition to coaching baseball, Huckle also served as the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Rochester over the past 17 years. At the helm, Huckle compiled a career record of 294-170, highlighted with an NJCAA DIII National Championship in 2009 with a flawless 34-0 record. Huckle coached nine All-Americans, numerous All-Region, All-State, All-Division players as the women's basketball head coach, and had many players transfer to play at DI, DII, DIII, and NAIA institutions.

Alongside his duties as Volunteer Assistant Coach at Brevard, Huckle serves as an instructor at D-Bat Asheville where he conducts mini-

camps and small group instruction.

Huckle played collegiately for two seasons at Ellsworth Community College before transferring to Coe College to complete his playing career. At Coe, Huckle was selected First-Team All-Midwest Conference, All-Region, Team MVP, Team Captain, Gold Glove, and Mr. Hustle.

The Tornados will open their 2020 campaign with a road series from February 8-9 at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina against William Peace University, with a season-opening doubleheader scheduled for February 8 at 2 and 5 p.m. Brevard will kick off its home and conference schedule with a Friday, February 21 matchup with Piedmont College at Gil Coan Field, with first pitch slated for 2 p.m.

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