



Oskar Blues to expand

Good news for Brevardians that like to have a beer at Oskar Blues Brewery- the company has plans to expand! Oskar Blues Brewery is going to lease 30,375 square feet in the Sylvan Valley Industrial Center in Brevard. This new location will be in addition to the current facility that is on Mountain Industrial Drive. The first location opened in Brevard in 2012.

A press release stated that this business move came as a result of the brewery trying to keep up with demand. This will assist with the brewing, canning, and overall operational process. This new opening will also create ten full-time positions at the new location.

Operations Manager Thomas Transue said, "We feel extremely fortunate that demand for our products has maintained growth, giving our local leadership an opportunity to look for creative ways to expand our operations and headcount. In 2020, our Brevard facility will produce over 200,000 barrels. The addition of the Sylvan Valley Industrial Center site will allow our facility some much-needed flexibility to increase capacity, hire more employees, and ship more product. We can't wait to get started."

Current COVID-19 guidelines to expect at Oskar Blues:

- Masks are required
- Staff is cleared by a health check before each day
- Max occupancy is 90; there may be a wait to be seated
- All parties must stay a minimum of 6 feet apart
- Entire party must be present to be seated

- Maximum party size is 6
- Order one at a time at the bar
- Hand sanitizing stations are provided
- Indoor restrooms are closed, Porta Potties are provided outside
- To-go items must be taken off the property to be consumed, no tailgating
- Credit card payments only, no cash
- Just be nice

—Aia Andonovska



The assembly line at Oskar Blues

Photo from CraftBeer.com

Spring COVID-19 positivity rises to 36

The Brevard College COVID-19 dashboard has reached a new high of 36 total positive cases for the spring semester, 10 in the month of February. This can be compared to the previous semester, with 16 more cases in five weeks of testing and four weeks of students back on campus than the entire fall semester.

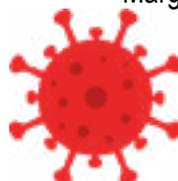
In all, more than 1700 tests have been conducted on campus so far since Jan. 5, compared to 1949 total tests in the fall 2020 semester.

This week testing is taking place Monday through today. So far, 225 tests have been conducted this week with 4 positives. The

number of students in quarantine or isolation as of 10:30 a.m. today is 39.

Brevard College encourages everyone to keep up with strict mask wearing and social distancing while on campus. To keep up with Brevard College's COVID-19 cases, visit the dashboard on the COVID-19 updates page, https://my.brevard.edu/ICS/COVID-19_Updates.jnz.

—Margaret Correll



BC Security Report

As students settle back in for the spring semester, Brevard College's Campus Security has received fewer reports of conflict than ever before despite the added stress of COVID-19, according to the Director of Safety, Security and Risk Management, Stan Jacobsen.

"I am very pleased with the way students are deporting themselves in spite of COVID protocols," said Jacobson. "Students are working at a high level of maturity."

There have been several reports of speeding on campus. The campus community is reminded to adhere to the 15 mph speed limit. The campus roads are used for walking and running by students as well as the greater Brevard community, including many residents of College Walk Senior Living Community located next to the campus.

Students are reminded to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if they observe anything suspicious on campus. Campus Security is on call 24/7.

—Duncan McWilliam-Grench



Keystone Pipeline XL

By Caroline Hoy
Staff Writer

President Joe Biden passed 25 executive orders while in his first month of office. One of those executive orders canceled Keystone XL's permit on the Keystone Pipeline XL. Nothing in Washington, DC is easy and everything must be met with opposition.

The Keystone Pipeline XL is a pipeline that transports tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada down through the United States. Tar or oil sands are defined by the Union of Concerned Scientists as, "Are a mixture of mostly sand, clay, water, and a thick, molasses-like substance called bitumen. Bitumen is made of hydrocarbons—the same molecules in liquid oil—and is used to produce gasoline and other petroleum products." Tar sands also emit a large amount of carbon dioxide, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists, "On a lifetime basis, a gallon of gasoline made from tar sands produces about 15% more carbon dioxide emissions than one

made from conventional oil."

The Keystone Pipeline XL has spent years facing controversy from climate activists, indigenous communities and farmers due to studies saying that the pipeline is a major detriment to the ecosystem.

When former President Obama was asked to sign the cross border permit to build the pipeline he refused, but within four days for former president, Donald Trump, taking office, he signed an executive order to continue with the build. Trump's executive order to build the Keystone Pipeline XL was, again, overturned by Biden as an executive order.

Not happy with the executive order introduced by Biden, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and 13 other Republican senators introduced a Keystone Pipeline bill late this past week. The bill would overturn President Biden's executive order to cancel the pipeline. The bill has no support amongst democrats.

The main point for republicans with this new bill is a hope that it will benefit the economy and provide jobs. Although growing the economy

and providing jobs is good, the pipeline has a potential to cause more environmental problems than it will help the economy.

The Keystone Pipeline XL, as mentioned earlier, carries tar sands which are very harmful to the environment. According to the National Resource Defendant Counsel, "...between 2007 and 2010, pipelines moving tar sands oil in Midwestern states spilled three times more per mile than the U.S. national average for pipelines carrying conventional crude. Since it first went into operation in 2010, TC Energy's original Keystone Pipeline System has leaked more than a dozen times..." The leaks from pipelines damage the water in the ground making the drinking water dangerous to consume.

Even though President Biden put in an executive order to stop the Keystone Pipeline, which has made many groups of people happy, it is not the end of the battle. With the new bill in support of the pipeline being introduced, it is unknown if the pipeline build will stop for at least the next four years.

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Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos steps down

By Anna Ervin
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, Jeff Bezos announced his plan to step down from his position as CEO of Amazon. He will now transition into the position of executive chairman.

What's the difference between these positions? The executive chairman is based more on giving guidance rather than having actual hands in the business aspect of the company.

This is one of the closest experiences people will get to see humanity in Bezos. He plans to pursue what he says he loves most, "Focusing on technologies of the future".

This is a man who has personified product monopoly and change for over two decades; there is a degree of emotional intelligence that comes with realizing this is not all his identity can consist of and a bit of humility in realizing what one built can live on without the creator.

Amazon is also seeing a surge in growth as more people have begun to rely on e-commerce due to the current pandemic. Now is the perfect opportunity for Bezos to take a step back. David

Yoffie, the Max and Doris Starr Professor of international business administration at Harvard Business School, states "You want to go out on top, you want to go out when things are going really well and you hand the reins to a successor who can build on the momentum that you've established."

However, Amazon is under fire right now for a few different reasons. There have been major protests from workers over the current COVID-19 policies and warehouse working conditions in the U.S and in the U.K. Amazon is a company that thrives on worker exploitation, tax dodging and invasions of customers' privacy experienced; amongst other violations.

Bezos stepping down when these accusations are under investigation seems as if he is pushing his own faults onto another to deal with and could be a confirmation of his true, weak character. Amazon has immense power, but Amazon is not invincible. Accusations and violations begin to collect; if changes are not made by the new CEO, Andy Jassy, there may be a downfall in Amazon's future.

Movies & music to make your heart skip a beat



PLAYLIST

Is this what love feels like?

The Clarion's Valentine's Day Playlist made by Kym Caldwell in Vol 86 Issue 19 - "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." - Dr. Seuss

 **kymthecreator** - 188 songs, 11 hr 23 min

By Kym Caldwell

Arts & Life Editor

Movies:

Oldies-

- "Pride & Prejudice" (2005)
- "The Notebook" (2004)
- "Titanic" (1997)
- "Dirty Dancing" (1987)

New Age-

- "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" (2010)
- "The Lobster" (2015)
- "Silver Linings Playbook" (2012)
- "Juno" (2007)

People of Color-

- "Love & Basketball" (2000)
- "She's Gotta Have It" (1986)
- "Poetic Justice" (1993)
- "Get Out" (2017)

LGBT-

- "Love, Simon" (2018)
- "Call Me By Your Name" (2017)
- "Blue is the Warmest Colour" (2013)
- "My Own Private Idaho" (1991)

Music:

- "Can't Help Falling in Love" - Elvis Presley, The Jordanaires
- "Oh, Pretty Woman" - Roy Orbison
- "My Girl" - The Temptations
- "Then He Kissed Me" - The Crystals
- "I Want To Hold Your Hand" - The Beatles
- "Somebody To Love" - Queen
- "Lauren Marie" - Girls
- "Can You Stand The Rain" - New Edition
- "Isn't She Lovely" - Stevie Wonder
- "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" - Paul Anka
- "Please, Please, Please, Let Me Get What I Want" - The Smiths
- "The Oh So Protective One" - Girls

- "The Way You Make Me Feel" - Michael Jackson
- "We Belong Together" - Mariah Carey
- "Crush Culture" - Conan Gray
- "Heartbreaker" - Justin Bieber
- "Flaws And Sins" - Juice Wrld
- "Needy" - Ariana Grande
- "I Wanna Be Yours" - Arctic Monkeys
- "PULL UP" - ABRA
- "Flight 22" - Kali Uchis
- "@FoundBae" - KYLE, Jesse
- "In Bloom" - Neck Deep
- "Honey" - Kehlani
- "Sunflower" - Rex Orange County
- "1980's Horror Film II" - Wallows
- "Tungs" - The Frights
- "Retro (Rough)" - Childish Gambino
- "These Days" - Wallows
- "The Less I Know The Better" - Tame Impala
- "Cosmic Love" - Florence + The Machine
- "The Sound" - The 1975
- "Super Far" - Lany
- "ILYSB" - Lany
- "Wet Dreamz" - J Cole
- "Missed Calls" - Mac Miller
- "First Take" - Travis Scott
- "Child's Play" - SZA, Chance The Rapper
- "Get You" - Daniel Caesar, Kali Uchis
- "Like I Want You" - Giveon
- "Roof Gone" - Taylor Bennett
- "IFHY" - Tyler the Creator, Pharrell Williams
- "Cinderella" - Mac Miller, Ty Dolla Sign
- "Ivy" - Frank Ocean
- "Nikes" - Frank Ocean
- "Sugar" - BROCKHAMPTON
- "Finesse" - Drake
- "None Of Your Concern" - Jhene Aiko
- "Chicago Freestyle" - Drake, Giveon

- "Fashion Killa" - A\$AP Rocky
- "Megan" - \$not, Flo Milli
- "The Weekend" - SZA
- "Rock The Boat" - Aaliyah
- "Nasty" - Ariana Grande
- "July" - Noah Cyrus
- "Still Into You" - Paramore
- "Only Exception" - Paramore
- "Mile High" - James Blake, Travis Scott
- "13" - Lany
- "I THINK" - Tyler, The Creator
- "Summer Games" - Drake
- "Been Away" - Brent Faiyaz
- "B, L, U, E" - Jaden
- "Love Me More" - Trippie Redd
- "TELL ME WHY" - The Kid LAROI
- "Chicago Diner" - Kota the Friend
- "OG Luv Kush pt. 2" - Kait
- "Anyone Else But You" - The Moldy Peaches
- "Decline" - Lil Tjay, Lil Baby
- "Another Sad Love Song" - Khalid
- "Naked" - Ella Mai
- "Drivers License" - Olivia Rodrigo
- "23 Island" - JayDaYoungan
- "Call Out My Name" - The Weeknd
- "WITHOUT YOU" - The Kid LAROI
- "Love Story" - Taylor Swift
- "Losin Control" - Russ
- "Eastside" - Halsey, Khalid, Benny Blanco
- "Novocane" - Frank Ocean
- "Hopeless Romantic" - Wiz Khalifa, Swae Lee
- "Summertime In Paris" - Jaden, Willow
- "Missing You" - Chance The Rapper
- "Wasted" - Juice WRLD, Lil Uzi Vert

The history of Valentine's Day

By Colyn Brannon
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is one of the most known holidays around the world because it involves love that people have for their spouses. Originally, Valentine's Day started as a religious holiday but as the years have gone on it has turned into more of a love and passion thing for us humans.

There are many Christian martyrs that were named Valentine, and they all are honored on Feb. 14. The Valentine that is well-known was believed to help couples secretly get married. Around 268 A.D. to 270 A.D. the emperor of Rome banned marriage because he thought the

men were better off as soldiers than husbands.

Saint Valentine thought that this was not right so he would go on to break the rules and marry people, regardless of the barriers in his way. Most of the marriages were kept a secret, but sadly he was killed on Feb. 14 270 A.D.

As the years continued, people started changing the traditions of Valentine's Day and the people of Europe would start exchanging handmade cards and love notes. To this day people still continue this tradition.

In countries like South Africa, women pin the names of their crushes on their shirt-sleeves so that their crush could potentially see it.

Valentine's Day brings joy to a lot of people and I think it's the perfect holiday for showing your love to your significant other. It also could be a great holiday to spend with your parents if they've lost a loved one.

Most religions and churches still celebrate Valentine's Day, but the Catholic Church doesn't put Valentine's Day on their calendar. There are also a lot of festivals held around this time just to bring happiness around the world. I think Valentine's Day this year will be special because of the fact that COVID-19 has brought us so much sadness, it could really bring happiness to others this year.

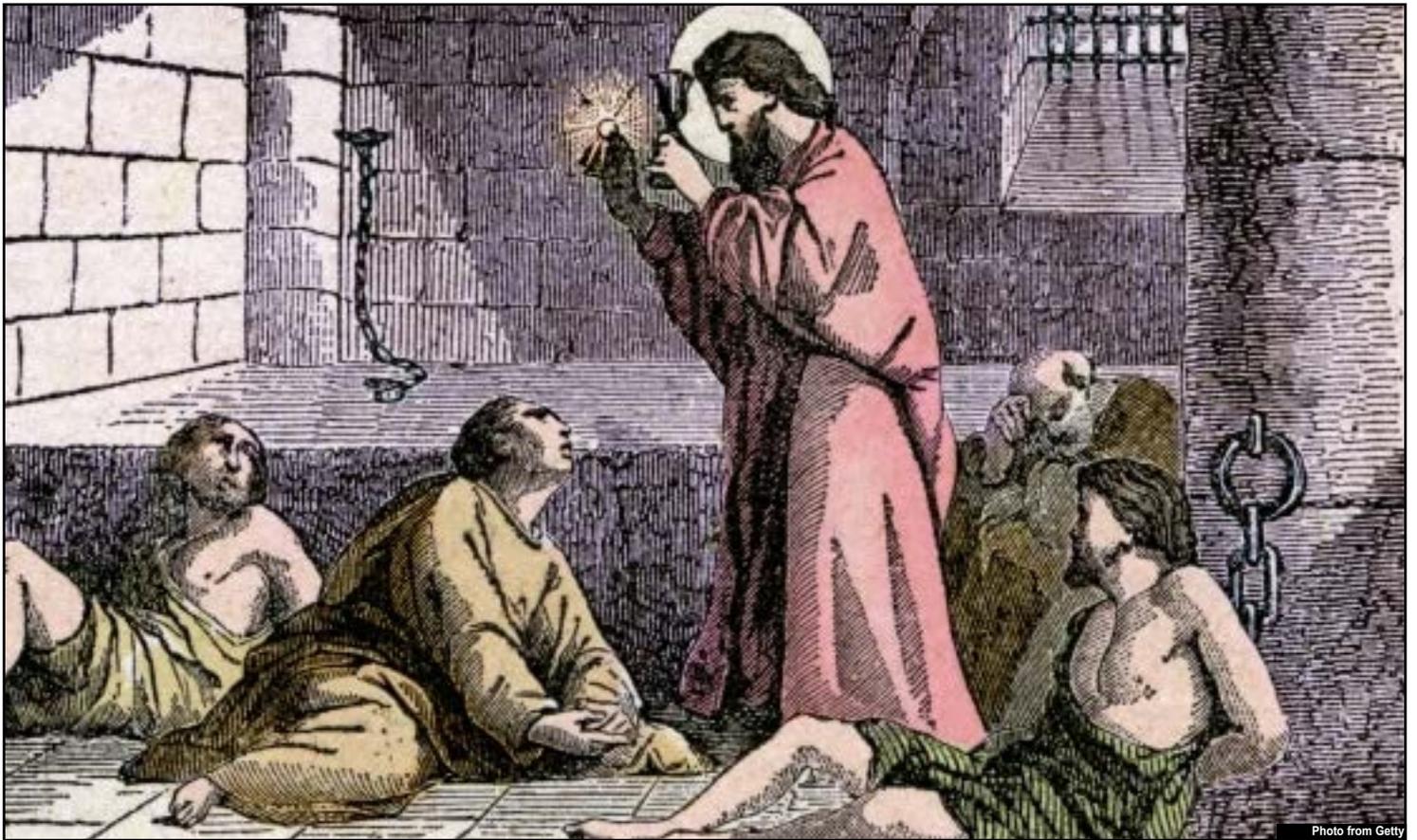


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According to History.com, Saint Valentine, who some sources believe is actually two distinct historical characters who were said to have healed a child while imprisoned and executed by decapitation.

Happy Valentine's Day!

We want to hear your professes of love, your Valentine's Day plans or your shoutouts to that special someone!

Send your reply in to The Clarion here:

<https://bit.ly/clarion-valentine2021>

Streaming services dominate nominations for the Golden Globes

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- Kate Hudson, "Music"
- Michelle Pfeiffer, "French Exit"
- Rosamund Pike, "I Care a Lot"
- Anya Taylor-Joy, "Emma"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in any Motion Picture

- Glenn Close, "Hillbilly Elegy"
- Olivia Colman, "The Father"
- Jodie Foster, "The Mauritanian"
- Amanda Seyfried, "Mank"
- Helena Zengel, "News of the World"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama

- Riz Ahmed, "Sound of Metal"
- Chadwick Boseman, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
- Anthony Hopkins, "The Father"
- Gary Oldman, "Mank"
- Tahar Rahim, "The Mauritanian"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy

- Sacha Baron Cohen, "Borat Subsequent Moviefilm"
- James Corden, "The Prom"
- Lin-Manuel Miranda, "Hamilton"
- Dev Patel, "The Personal History of David Copperfield"
- Andy Samberg, "Palm Springs"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in any Motion Picture

- Sacha Baron Cohen, "The Trial of the Chicago 7"
- Daniel Kaluuya, "Judas and the Black Messiah"
- Jared Leto, "The Little Things"
- Bill Murray, "On the Rocks"
- Leslie Odom Jr., "One Night in Miami"

Best Screenplay, Motion Picture

- Emerald Fennell, "Promising Young Woman"
- Jack Fincher, "Mank"
- Aaron Sorkin, "The Trial of the Chicago 7"
- Florian Zeller and Christopher Hampton, "The Father"
- Chloé Zhao, "Nomadland"

Best Original Score, Motion Picture

- Alexandre Desplat, "The Midnight Sky"
- Ludwig Göransson, "Tenet"
- James Newton Howard, "News of the World"
- Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross, "Mank"
- Trent Reznor, Atticus Ross and Jon Batiste, "Soul"

Best Original Song, Motion Picture

- "Fight for You," "Judas and the Black Messiah"

- "Hear My Voice," "The Trial of the Chicago 7"
- "Io Sì (Seen)," "The Life Ahead"
- "Speak Now," "One Night in Miami"
- "Tigress & Tweed," "The United States vs. Billie Holiday"

Best Motion Picture, Animated

- "The Croods: A New Age"
- "Onward"
- "Over the Moon"
- "Soul"
- "Wolfwalkers"

Best Motion Picture, Foreign Language

- "Another Round"
- "La Llorona"
- "The Life Ahead"
- "Minari"
- "Two of Us"

Best Television Series, Drama

- "The Crown"
- "Lovecraft Country"
- "The Mandalorian"
- "Ozark"
- "Ratched"

Best Television Series, Musical or Comedy

- "Emily in Paris"
- "The Flight Attendant"
- "The Great"
- "Schitt's Creek"
- "Ted Lasso"

Best Limited Series, Anthology Series or a Motion Picture made for Television

- "Normal People"
- "The Queen's Gambit"
- "Small Axe"
- "The Undoing"
- "Unorthodox"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series, Drama

- Olivia Colman, "The Crown"
- Jodie Comer, "Killing Eve"
- Emma Corrin, "The Crown"
- Laura Linney, "Ozark"
- Sarah Paulson, "Ratched"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series, Musical or Comedy

- Lily Collins, "Emily in Paris"
- Kaley Cuoco, "The Flight Attendant"
- Elle Fanning, "The Great"
- Jane Levy, "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist"
- Catherine O'Hara, "Schitt's Creek"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series, Anthology Series or a Motion Picture Made for Television

- Cate Blanchett, "Mrs. America"
- Daisy Edgar-Jones, "Normal People"
- Shira Haas, "Unorthodox"
- Nicole Kidman, "The Undoing"
- Anya Taylor-Joy, "The Queen's Gambit"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Supporting Role

- Gillian Anderson, "The Crown"
- Helena Bonham Carter, "The Crown"
- Julia Garner, "Ozark"
- Annie Murphy, "Schitt's Creek"
- Cynthia Nixon, "Ratched"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series, Drama

- Jason Bateman, "Ozark"
- Josh O'Connor, "The Crown"
- Bob Odenkirk, "Better Call Saul"
- Al Pacino, "Hunters"
- Matthew Rhys, "Perry Mason"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series, Musical or Comedy

- Don Cheadle, "Black Monday"
- Nicholas Hoult, "The Great"
- Eugene Levy, "Schitt's Creek"
- Jason Sudeikis, "Ted Lasso"
- Ramy Youssef, "Ramy"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Limited Series or a Motion Picture Made for Television

- Bryan Cranston, "Your Honor"
- Jeff Daniels, "The Comey Rule"
- Hugh Grant, "The Undoing"
- Ethan Hawke, "The Good Lord Bird"
- Mark Ruffalo, "I Know This Much is True"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Supporting Role

- John Boyega, "Small Axe"
- Brendan Gleeson, "The Comey Rule"
- Daniel Levy, "Schitt's Creek"
- Jim Parsons, "Hollywood"
- Donald Sutherland, "The Undoing"

The 78th Golden Globes will air on NBC. This list was acquired from The New York Times.



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People in Black History

Shirley Chisholm, first African-American woman elected to Congress

By Aia Andonovska
Copy Editor

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress in 1968. She also was the first African-American woman to seek the nomination for president of the United States from one of the two major political parties in 1972. Her motto and title of her autobiography, “Unbossed and Unbought”, shows her outspoken nature and advocacy for women and minorities. She served seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Chisholm was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 30, 1924. She was the oldest of four daughters to immigrant parents. Her father, Charles St. Hill, worked in a factory and was from Guyana; her mother, Ruby Seale St. Hill, a seamstress from Barbados. In 1942, Chisholm graduated from Brooklyn Girls’ High and in 1946 she graduated from Brooklyn College cum laude honors. She won prizes for the debate team at her college. Her professors pushed her towards a political career, but Chisholm’s response was that it was a “double-handicap” as she was a woman and black.

Chisholm started her professional career as a nursery school teacher. In 1949, she married Conrad Q. Chisholm, a private investigator. In 1951, she completed her master’s degree from Columbia University in early childhood education. By 1960, she was a consultant to the New York City Division of Day Care. During this time, she joined local chapters of the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League, as well as the Democratic Party club in Brooklyn.

In 1964, finally, Chisholm followed her professors’ advice and ran to represent New York. She was successful in 1968 and won a seat in Congress. “Fighting Shirley”, which she was referred to as, introduced more than 50 pieces of legislation and campaigns for racial and gender equality, the poor, and the end to the Vietnam war. In 1971, she became the co-founder of the National Women’s Political Caucus and in 1977 she became the first black



Photo from womenshistory.org

Shirley Chisholm

woman and second woman ever to serve on the House Rules Committee. By this time, she had divorced her first husband, Conrad, and married her second husband, Arthur Hadwick Jr, a New York legislator.

In 1972, when Chisholm ran for the presidential nomination, discrimination followed her. She was not allowed to participate in televised primary debates. When she took legal action against this, she was permitted only

to make one speech. She retired from Congress in 1983 and later taught at Mount Holyoke College and co-founded the National Political Congress of Black Women. She moved to Florida in 1991, and when offered to be the U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, she declined due to poor health. Chisholm said of her legacy, “I want to be remembered as a woman ... who dared to be a catalyst of change.”

Quarantine Tips

Keeping your lockdown cool

If you are one of the unfortunate souls who ended up in a quarantine wing this semester, you might be looking for some tips and tricks to stay sane throughout your isolation. Staring at the white walls in the dorms is enough to drive anyone crazy; here are four of my tips to avoid insanity.

First and foremost, I suggest that you stay social: stay connected to your friends and family virtually. This can be easy through platforms such as Facetime, Zoom and Google Meet. I strongly recommend this as it can help to keep you from making imaginary pals.

Secondly, I suggest limiting news and social media usage. Although it is incredibly easy to spend all of quarantine time scrolling through TikTok, it can only hurt your mental health. Seeing other people out living life while you're stuck in the basement of Beam can be incredibly painful.

Third, I would recommend creating a routine. It will help the time pass more quickly and can turn your quarantine into a very productive time. It doesn't have to be incredibly packed, but making sure you have time for meals and a time to wake up and go to bed will help. Get into a groove so you can keep a good sleep schedule and stay on top of your responsibilities even while isolated.

Lastly, I would try to stay active. Getting even a little bit of exercise can do wonders for your mental health. Who knows, you might even find a new hobby you enjoy, like yoga.

Hopefully, nobody has to be put into isolation, but if you end up being one of those unlucky people, I hope that knowing a few sanity tips helps you throughout your isolation experience. It might even turn out to be an enjoyable time.

—Simon Donnaway

Gamestop stocks shock Wall Street traders

By Kellen McGeorge
Staff Writer

Wall Street is essentially a more intense version of gambling than most casinos in Las Vegas. The whole point of Wall Street is the purchase and selling of stocks in businesses; mostly, to sell the stocks for more than what you bought them for.

However, in the background, people manipulate the market in their favor, leading to many people losing their money and having to settle for less. These past few weeks led to most market manipulators getting a taste of their own medicine; middle class gamers managed to manipulate the market in their favor and cause damage to long-term veterans of the market game.

The battle between middle class and high class investors took place over the stocks of Gamestop. Gamestop is a retail chain that prioritizes selling video games, consoles, and accessories. As with many retail businesses, the pandemic caused massive damage to gamestop's stocks and caused it to lose a massive amount of customers.

During the pandemic, many wall street investors bought stock in the company despite the fact that stocks were not showing signs of improvement. This is a practice that most manipulators use to buy bad stocks, yet they still manage to sell them at a high price and turn a profit. However, it soon turned against them as multiple populists bought huge amounts of stock causing the stock price to actually swell and grow, much to the veteran investors' confusion.

As of Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, Gamestop's stock price was around \$63.77, which led to a massive trading frenzy. This led to it creating and then destroying roughly \$30 billion in on-paper worth. This was due to many brokerage firms and trading apps placing restrictions on trading handfuls of stocks. This caused most of the profits that many investors had gained to vanish almost immediately.

As of this moment, Gamestop stocks have dropped around 72 percent in two days. It has not just been limited to those who bought stock in Gamestop; there has been collateral damage reported in other businesses, like AMC, which has led to people who weren't even involved in the frenzy to get hurt and lose profit in their own stocks. So the big question now is, what does the future hold for stock investors?



My time in quarantine

After testing positive for COVID-19 on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, I was submerged into a 10-day quarantine, unsure of how I contracted the virus or who I had infected in the process. This was extremely nerve-wracking and brought some guilt upon me as the first BC tennis player to contract COVID-19 and to have potentially spread the virus, unknowingly.

Throughout the process of getting tested and staying in quarantine, however, Brevard College did their best to accommodate my situation and help me with anything that I needed. Deb D'Anna, BC's Dean of Students reached out to me several times during my time away and offered her services if I needed them. Members of The Student Success Team at BC

and the athletic trainers have also helped me while I attempt to reintegrate into the healthy world again. I appreciate what Brevard College has done for me during this difficult time and how everyone has been so generous.

— Margaret Correll

Dating in the age of technology

With Valentine's Day coming up you may be finding yourself on the hunt for love or maybe you are trying to plan something for that special someone. Whether you are trying to find the love of your life or not, it is interesting to look at how dating is done in today's society.

With so many dating apps and even social media, it can seem like finding that perfect person should be an easy task. With apps like Tinder, you can match with people you like simply by swiping. Even with an app like Instagram, it gives you the power to text someone you may be interested in without even

having to meet them in person.

With the ability to do all this online, it takes away from the more natural feel of meeting and dating. If you were to ask your parents how they met, they might say it was a blind date or that they were high school sweethearts. Today, people can text each other for months without ever meeting in person. Being able to talk to someone over the phone can give you more confidence but can also lead to higher anxiety levels when actually meeting someone in person for the first time.

Online dating also leads to the feeling of

rejection before even meeting someone in person. It is easy to act like a totally different person when communicating through a phone and behind a screen. This leads to first dates almost feeling like interviews since people are expecting all the hype they experienced online.

Even with all this access to online dating you can still go out and meet people in person if that is what you choose. So, this Valentine's Day, show a little confidence and go find that special person.

—Jacob Moore



Writing my congressman for fair share of vaccine

By Ann Farash
Staff Writer

I argue back and forth with my 85-year-old uncle about everything relating to COVID-19. His friends are fearful for his life since he was vaccinated. He just wants to take off his mask and enjoy a PBR at his local pub. Many of my senior friends who are well educated and affluent are navigating complicated websites, call systems, crossing county and state lines to get the vaccine. They are aggressively pursuing the vaccine as if their life depended on it.

My uncle is vulnerable and I know that just getting an appointment would provide enough of a barrier for him to not pursue it. His VA made it easy and called him to let it know the shot was available. He is a good soldier and if the military doctor recommended the shot then that trumped anything his pub mates had to say about being a guinea pig. Thus far, at least 34

million guinea pigs have gotten the vaccine—about 8 percent of our nation’s population.

I am a front line worker. Sometimes I feel like I am bathing in an atmosphere of COVID-19. Entire families cram into exam rooms, babes in arms, toddlers spinning on the floor, adolescents coughing in masks. Thankfully no one is too sick, but the paperwork is onerous and a rapid positive test means strict quarantine. Already their lives are so complicated.

Even though I wear a respirator and booties, I feel vulnerable. The American Academy of Pediatrics runs a monthly obituary and puts an asterisk next to your name if you died of COVID-19. I felt indescribable joy once I got my Pfizer vaccine, akin to how those must have felt with getting their Polio vaccine in the 1950s. My proof of the vaccine card is currently my most sacred document.

President Biden’s administration announced an increase in state allocation of COVID-19

vaccine by 15 percent, then an additional 5 percent more. That means that North Carolina will be getting 140,000 doses weekly. However, Transylvania County will be getting a drop in their vaccine allotment to 200 doses for the next 3 weeks.

I had to do the math. Almost 30 percent of our county population is over 65. We need 10,000 doses for Phase 1 rollout. Even if we divided the vaccine distribution based on population density, we would qualify for over 400 vaccines.

Sometimes it feels like rural western North Carolina is invisible, excluded, marginalized. I’m boiling mad and wrote my congressman over the vaccine numbers. Our health department has been doing an excellent job and is poised to distribute much more than 200 doses weekly.

7 reasons why CDs and vinyls are superior to streaming music

By Jackson Inglis
Staff Writer

Spotify is installing a new patent that allows them to listen to your speech and recommend music based on your personality. Call me a boomer all you want, but this is downright weird and another reason why I still use CDs and vinyls and will never use a streaming service for music. Here are 7 benefits to the physical medium.

1: Spotify’s new patent.

Yeah, it sucks. Nobody likes being spied on.

2: Ads.

No one likes ads. Imagine being right at the moment when “The Happiest Days of Our Lives” transitions into “Another Brick in the Wall (Part 2)” and instead of it flowing naturally, an O’Reilly’s Auto Parts commercial ruins everything.

3: Save money.

Spotify might be free, but that version is limited. If you truly want access to unlimited music and no ads, you have to pay - not just once, but every month. With physical copies, you buy it once, and that’s it; it’s yours forever.

4: Artwork.

When you listen to a song or album digitally, you only get the front cover to look at. When you get a CD, there’s (usually) tons of cool artwork to look at on the back cover, the disk itself and in the booklet. If you have an original pressing of Radiohead’s “Kid A,” you can pop out the opaque CD tray to reveal a secret booklet full of lyrics to songs that would later appear on “Amnesiac.” There’s also the time when Weezer hid a secret map behind the tray to “Pinkerton” and Marilyn Manson’s “Mechanical Animals” used a blue-tinted case to read hidden messages in the booklet.

5: It’s fun.

Physical albums are cooler and more fun to collect. Have you ever had a display shelf of vinyl records or CDs? It’s neat to look at. You can’t do that with an Apple Music playlist.

6: Vinyl sounds cooler.

Listening to music through a streaming service vs. listening to a CD is exactly the same, but not for vinyl. With records, there’s a certain sound with the analog equipment that you don’t get with digital technology. If the LP, turntable, needle and speakers are in good condition, the ambience and sound are worth the money.

7: It’s more support for the artist.

A band or artist on Spotify only makes about \$0.006 per stream for a song; the big money usually comes from merchandise and concert tickets (which the latter can’t sell due to COVID-19). If you buy a new CD from Barnes & Noble, Target or Amazon, it helps the band you love a lot more.

Eleanor's Political Corner

House votes to expel bigot Marjorie Taylor Greene from committee assignments

By Eleanor Flannery

Opinion Editor

The House decided with a vote of 230 to 199 on Thursday to remove Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene from her assigned committees after she became involved in a slew of outrageous comments and public support of far-right conspiracy theories. Greene won the race for Georgia's 14th Congressional District and assumed office earlier this month (after incumbent Tom Graves stated he was not seeking re-election) making her the first public QAnon supporter "to win national political office," according to the New York Times.

Greene has been extremely vocal online, posting severely problematic posts and videos onto social media; some posts encouraging violence towards Democrats and some exemplifying her personal bigoted beliefs. According to the New York Times: "Ms. Greene has posted numerous troubling social media posts and videos rooted in islamophobia and racism. Some of them endorse violent behavior, including executing democratic leaders, and spread an array of conspiracy theories, including that the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon and the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., were hoaxes."

Greene, being an equal opportunity offender, has also made anti-semitic comments and posted onto Facebook in 2018, proposing that a disastrous wildfire in California was "started by 'a laser' beamed from space and controlled by a prominent Jewish banking family with connections to powerful Democrats," the New York Times reported. According to Business Insider, "House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy said on Wednesday that Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene had privately 'denounced' the far-right QAnon conspiracy theory and that she shouldn't be punished for statements she made prior to becoming a member of Congress this year."

Greene has been removed from her position on the budget and education committees, effectively putting her political career in jeopardy as the decision will ultimately hinder



her abilities to shape legislation and effectively work with her colleagues. Quite the way to begin her term as a House representative, just a few weeks into her place of holding office, Greene has made several comments leading up to the vote to remove her from her committee assignments. "If Republicans cower to the mob, and let the Democrats and the fake news media take me out," Greene said, "they're opening the door to come after every single Republican until there's none left."

Since her removal, Greene expressed that she felt "freed" to move on to other things and hopefully push the GOP further to the right. "Going forward, I've been freed," she said. "I have a lot of free time on my hands, which means I can talk to a whole lot more people all over this country and ... make connections and build a huge amount of support that I've already got started with."

From a report in the Washington Post: "Asked about how she saw her role, Greene said she planned to "vote very conservative" and use her influence to cement Trump's imprint on the GOP, "I'm going to be holding the Republican Party accountable and pushing them to the right." Democrats said the move was a necessary response to counter the violent rhetoric and misinformation that helped foment the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, since GOP

leaders declined to sanction her.

Greene tried to backpedal from her history of bigoted comments, as she has renounced some of her statements during a speech on the House floor. To which, most Democrats and some Republicans dismissed it as not sufficient, given her past and vehement support of QAnon, which she explained Thursday as, "I was allowed to believe things that weren't true."

According to the Washington Post: "...a reporter asked [Green] whether she was truly sorry. 'I'm sorry for saying all those things that are wrong and offensive, and I sincerely mean that,' she said, before declining to tender an apology to the young gun-control activist, David Hogg, who survived the 2018 mass shooting at a Parkland, Fla., high school. 'I'm very opposed to those policies,' Greene said Friday. 'My voice matters, too. And so, no, I'm not sorry for telling him he shouldn't push for gun control.'"

And there you have it, folks. While Marjorie Taylor Greene is allegedly "sorry" for saying "all those things that are wrong and offensive," she believes that her voice still matters and that she will continue to push Republicans in congress further to the right. Perhaps she thinks they have nowhere else to go.



Photo from Washington Times

Tom Brady holds another Lombardi Trophy.

Brady wins 7th Super Bowl in blowout

By Brady Penn
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For two weeks, the hype was insane for Super Bowl LV in Tampa Bay, Florida. The storylines ran rampant over the 14 days leading up to the big game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs. First and foremost was the matchup of the two quarterbacks; Tom Brady, a six-time champion and the greatest of all time, going against Patrick Mahomes, the reigning champ and the best the league has to offer right now.

Kansas City was attempting to be the first squad to repeat as champions since Tom Brady in 2003 and 2004; Tampa Bay was the first team in the Super Bowl's 55-year history to play in the game at their home stadium. The road to this game was very different for these two teams. Kansas City, as defending champions, was expected to be in a similar position this season with the same core as last year, plus Clyde Edwards-Helaire and Le'veon Bell.

They went 14-2 in the regular season, securing the number one record in the NFL. They defeated a scrappy Browns team and then slaughtered Josh Allen and the Bills

to reach the Super Bowl. The Buccaneers had only two winning seasons in the last decade and had a massive offseason. They acquired Rob Gronkowski, Leonard Fournette, Antoine Winfield Jr. and Tristan Wirfs. Most importantly, they signed Tom Brady.

Tampa Bay started the season with a blowout loss to New Orleans, but then started to get hot. Sitting at 6-2, the Bucs then lost 3 of 4, and sat at 7-5. They then reeled off 4 straight games to secure a playoff spot. In round one, they fought a tough battle against the Washington Football team. Afterwards, they went on the road two more times to beat the New Orleans Saints and Green Bay Packers.

At 6:35 on Sunday night, the storylines and buzz were gone as the ball kicked off. Tom Brady got the ball first and went 3 and out. Patrick Mahomes got the ball next and was forced to punt. After another Tampa Bay punt, the Chiefs managed to get on the board with a field goal by Harrison Butker. This was where the game changed.

Tom Brady led an 8 play, 75-yard drive, capped off with a touchdown to old pal Rob Gronkowski with 37 seconds left in the first quarter. This was the first time in 10 Super Bowls that Tom Brady scored a touchdown in

the first quarter. After a bad punt by Kansas City, Brady threw a pass that was batted up into the arms of Tyrann Mathieu. There was a penalty on Kansas City, however, to erase the pick.

Five plays later, Brady found Gronkowski in the end zone again to make it 14-3, with 6:05 to go in the first half. Kansas City was able to get a field goal with less than 2 minutes in the first half, but then gave the ball back to Brady. After a huge pass interference on Breshaud Breeland against Mike Evans, Brady found Antonio Brown in the end zone to make it 21 to 6 at halftime.

After a brilliant halftime performance by the Weeknd (one of a few musical acts at Super Bowl LV, including Eric Church, H.E.R., Miley Cyrus, Billy Idol and Joan Jett), Bucs punter Bradley Pinion booted the ball to Kansas City to start the second half. The Chiefs got their final score during their first drive of the second half, with their third field goal. Brady led a touchdown drive right after, finished off by Leonard Fournette (135 total yards) dancing into the end zone on an outside run.

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BC men's soccer runs by Warriors in emphatic 11-1 victory

By Joseph Marvin
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BREVARD, N.C. – Seven different Tornados found the back of the net as the Brevard College men's soccer team (1-0) opened its Spring season of competition in emphatic fashion, 11-1, over NCAA DII member Southern Wesleyan on Sunday afternoon at Ives-Lemel Family Field.

Francesco Bonometti, a sophomore transfer from Paderno Franciacorta, Italy, earned a hat-trick in his first contest as a Tornado, scoring three times alongside an assist for seven points in the matchup. Sophomore forward Pedro Herrera added a pair of goals and an assist, while senior forward JP Suarti

found the back of the net twice in the first half. Marquis Dickerson, Vinicius Giannaccini, Rami Kadri, and Adam Spencer also scored, while Kadri, Sam O'Callaghan, Igor da Silva, Ryan Sinkamba, and Jose Sanchez also tallied assists in the 10-goal victory.

BC's 11-goal outburst in its season-opener is the most goals scored in a single game in Brevard's NCAA-era, supplanting the previous mark set on September 30, 2017, vs. Berea College. Bonometti tied the single-game NCAA-era record for BC men's soccer with his hat trick of goals, joining Andrew Gallowitch (September 28, 2010) and Jorge Jimenez (September 9, 2017) at the top of the record books.

The Tornados came firing out of the gate, as Giannaccini scored a Bonometti assist within the first minute to give Brevard a 1-0 lead. Herrera followed with a third-minute score to double BC's advantage before Bonometti scored a pair of goals and Spencer put his name on the score sheet to give the Tornados a commanding 5-0 lead 20 minutes into the contest. Dickerson, a senior defender for Brevard, scored his second career goal in the 23rd minute before Suarti put a pair of goals in consecutively to extend BC's advantage, 8-0. Kadri put in his first career just before the intermission to close out a nine-goal first period for the Tornados.

Bonometti concluded his hat trick in the 68th minute, while Herrera closed out Brevard's scoring with a 71'st minute strike. Southern Wesleyan's Tyler Zoucha ended BC's clean sheet in the final minute of action as the Tornados closed out their dominant victory, 11-1.

Brevard opens up USA South Conference play at home on Sunday, February 14 when the Tornados host Piedmont College at Ives-Lemel Family Field, with first touch scheduled for 2 p.m.

To follow the latest news and updates surrounding Brevard College Athletics, follow the Tornados on Twitter Instagram @BCTornados, subscribe to "Brevard College Tornados" on YouTube and SoundCloud, and follow 'Brevard College Tornado Athletics' on Facebook. In addition, follow 'brevardcollege' on Flickr for photos from BC events.

Spectator policy announced for BC outdoor sports

By Phil de Montmollin
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BREVARD, N.C. - As a safety measure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only Brevard College students, faculty and staff, as well as essential game personnel, will be permitted at outdoor sporting events during the Spring 2021 semester. No outside spectators will be permitted for any athletics event on the Brevard College campus. For those attending the match from the on-campus community, masks and social distancing are required as well as Brevard College identification.

The policy is in accordance with the USA South Conference's policy announced on February 5, 2021. The official USA South Conference policy reads as follows:

The Presidents of the USA South Athletic Conference have agreed to a Conference policy limiting spectators attending any outdoor USA South sporting event to the students, faculty and staff of the host institution. Institutions may adopt more strict policies, if so desired or required by local mandates, but may not follow standards which are more relaxed than those set by the Conference Presidents. These decisions are in alignment with CDC, state, local and campus protocols, recommendations and guidelines while also in consultation with athletic directors, athletic trainers and staff.

Limiting spectators to those within the host's campus community will assist in maintaining the health and safety protocols which are required by those campuses. As has been the case throughout the year-long effort to provide athletic opportunities for all USA South student-athletes, institutional staff remain focused solely on maintaining the health and safety of those participating in the events.

In addition to the outdoor team sports (baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis), this policy is also applicable to the USA South Cross Country, Outdoor Track & Field, and Golf Championship events. The sport of volleyball will continue to follow the already established Conference indoor spectator policy which does not allow spectators for any USA South contest.

Brevard College home athletic events will be broadcast live, free of charge, on the Brevard College Athletics YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/BrevardCollegeTornados](https://www.youtube.com/BrevardCollegeTornados).

Brady gets Super Bowl ring number 7

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With the game essentially out of hand, Mahomes tried to work some magic to bring the defending champions back. He was harassed all game (most pressures in SB history) and despite making some incredible plays, threw two interceptions in the second half.

After a few more possessions and an interception by Devin White, Brady came out to finish the game off with a QB kneel. The confetti fell on the home team when the clock hit zero and Tom Brady had officially done it: his seventh championship in his first year with a new team, during a pandemic.

At the end of the day, the Buccaneers dominated the Chiefs in every aspect of the game, with passing, running, blocking, defense and penalties. Everything went Tampa's way and Brady was once again on top of the football world. With everything that has occurred over the last 11 months, one piece of normalcy remains: Tom Brady hoisting the Vince Lombardi Trophy.



Photo from bctornados.com

The BC women's basketball team huddles up before a game.

Brevard Women's Basketball primed for first home game of the season

By Joseph Marvin
Digital Media Director

BREVARD, N.C. – The Brevard College women's basketball team (0–2, 0–2 USAS) are set to host Agnes Scott College (0–8, 0–8 USAS) in BC's first home contest of the season at the Boshamer Gymnasium on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Live video and statistical coverage will be available online at youtube.com/BrevardCollegeTornados and bctornados.com.

In an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 pandemic, spectators will not be permitted to attend USA South Conference men's and women's basketball contests this season. Members of participating teams, game officials, and other essential personnel relevant to event operations will be the only individuals permitted into the venue for 2020-21 USA

South basketball games. The policy is in accordance with the USA South Conference's policy announced on January 7, 2021.

The Tornados opened their season this past weekend, traveling to Lookout Mountain, Georgia to face Covenant College. Covenant claimed both games in the weekend conference doubleheader.

Senior forward Deja Riddick led the way for the Tornados in their first two games, averaging 12 points and 12.5 rebounds on the weekend, including a double-double (15 points, 11 rebounds) on Saturday.

The visiting Scotties enter play on Tuesday 0–8 through their first eight contests, all within the USA South. Agnes Scott has been led by Shay Sweat offensively, as the junior forward

has averaged 8.8 points-per-game. Musumaulai Galoia and Erika McLeod have paced the Scotties on the boards, averaging 8.6 and 7.4 rebounds-per-game respectively.

Brevard is scheduled to host Maryville College for a conference doubleheader at the Boshamer Gymnasium on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

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