

'The Stories of Tonight'

Saturday night, three Brevard College students, Scott Douglas, Anna Ervin, and Eli Hughes presented "The Stories of Tonight"!

This was a cabaret full of fun, laughs, tears, song and no formal script! Directed and coordinated by Scott Douglas, the cabaret was a definite hit. Each performer had a solo, as well as a few duets and trios. It had a coffee house setup, which made the experience infinitely more personal.

There were snacks and comfortable seating for all to enjoy. This performance entailed the turbulence of going through college and the light, loss and love that it brought. We hope to see this cabaret become a tradition.

— Anna Ervin



Scott Douglas, Anna Ervin, and Eli Hughes performing



Scott Douglas, Anna Ervin, and Eli Hughes laughing



Scott Douglas



Anna Ervin

Staying on top of classes and staying mentally well

By Caroline Hoy
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Now I will be the first to admit that I do not always have the best study methods or always keep up with my work. But I have been at Brevard College for four years now and have learned a few tips and tricks, so let's talk about those and see what could be done to help stay on top of your classes.

First off, pick what will work for you. Not all study tricks will work for everyone. I have ADHD and struggle to stay focused for long periods of time. So usually when I do assignments, like my Clarion, I work on it in bursts of energy. I will sometimes have many tabs on my laptop and switch assignments whenever I feel like I'm distracted. Then when I get distracted from that, I move back to the

assignment.

I also will space out time to do my work. I always space out about two extra hours to do my work. That way I can take breaks and never feel rushed. I also never ever wait to do an assignment the day it is due. That is a recipe for disaster.

I also try to work other places than my room because then I will get distracted. I often work in the library. That way, if I get stuck, I can get help from a tutor. I asked Sarah Hajkowski, a very skilled tutor, about asking a tutor for help and she said, "The Tutoring Center welcomes peer students at any stage of work on their assignments!"

Of course, something I always stress is

making sure to not get overwhelmed. I have many times each semester when this happens and for help with this there is counseling on campus which is open Mon thru Fri from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The easiest way to get into contact with the counseling services on campus is emailing: georgekt@brevard.edu or counseling@brevard.edu.

All counseling services are free and there are four counselors available. Kevin George, Director of Counseling Services, encourages all students to stop by if they ever have any questions or just someone to talk to.

I hope everyone can figure out what helps them best and is able to stay mentally well on staying on top of school!

What do women really want for Valentine's Day?

By Savannah Anderson
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Valentine's Day is approaching quickly; it's time for red roses, Conversation Hearts, teddy bears, heart-shaped chocolate boxes, and if you're a bad gift giver, a \$10 Amazon gift card. But my question is what do women really want for this Hallmark Holiday?

I asked many females on campus what their perfect Valentine's Day would look like. I got a lot of unique answers but none of which surprised me. I thought I would share them with you so you can potentially stray away from the overused and expected gifts that are given year after year.

I have separated the answers into different categories. The first one centralizes a **take out/movie date vibe**. "Flowers are a must for a perfect Valentine's date. I would love to take out chick-fil-a for dinner and to watch a movie while eating it. We would eat ice cream after we were done," sophomore Hannah Hersh said.

Another variation of this comes from cheerleader Christine Keever: "My perfect

Valentine's day would be spent with my significant other watching movies and eating take out. Maybe do a puzzle or build some Legos, just do something together." This same category had another response that basically combined the previous quotes that I will not be including because it's repetitive.

The next category is more of the **materialistic** side of the Holiday. "Pay for my thrifting. I want a thrifting date and a picnic." Said Freshman Mikayla Zvedkan. Another Freshman said "A nice dinner date." And last but not least, my favorite, "A big fat teddy bear".

The final category is simply revolving around **spending time** and showing gratitude for the other person. "For Valentine's Day I just want to be shown by someone that they love me and actually care for me." Said a Freshman criminal justice major. And lastly, Freshman soccer player said that her perfect valentines day would be quality time with her significant other and if possible, a nice sunset.

As you can see, you can't necessarily go wrong when it comes to gifts as long as you put time and thought into it beforehand. You just need to know what it is that your Valentine wants. You could judge that based on their personality or simply asking how they want to spend their Holiday. Good luck to everyone out there looking for a Valentine, those who are planning a date, or those of you who plan on spending your night in a completely different way.



Weekly Horoscopes:

By Anna Evrin
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Aries, I know you're trying to pack in everything right now, but sometimes it's okay to say no. Allow yourself room to breathe so you avoid getting burnt out.

Taurus, work hard, but play harder. Having fun is just as important as working hard! Now is the time to go on an adventure.

Gemini, don't get distracted by what others are doing. Comparing yourself to others isn't going to help you reach your goals.

Cancer, you should really think before you do. This week, try not to lead as much with your emotions, and look at things from a logical perspective.

Leo, if you are having issues with people, talk to them about it. Not every conversation about needs has to turn into an argument.

Virgo, try to take care of yourself right now. Go out and see people, or do something that makes you relax. Your anxiety will not go away if you wallow in it.

Libra, add in times to have fun every day, whether that be kicking a ball, talking with friends, or even going on a trip to Zaxby's. Your want for fun still matters, and it doesn't have to stop because of school.

Scorpio, cozy up and focus in. It's time to find the routine that you once had, and start finding intention with your actions.

Sagittarius, you've been flying under the radar. It's time to make yourself and your work known! Don't be shy about telling people about yourself.

Capricorn, some of the best things in life are more whimsical than practical. It's okay to have a fun purchase every once in a while or even take a chance.

Aquarius, a fast pace doesn't always mean more is getting done. Slow down, and look at what you're really doing. Take some time to accomplish what you need to accomplish.

Pisces, you're feeling sleepy and tired. That's okay, but don't let this get you down. Recharge and come back to do what you need to do. It'll be worth it in the end.



Voice of The Rivers is a yearly class where students will learn each year about something different. This year it will be with Ryan Degarmo and Destini Pettit. They will focus on stream ecology. They will be starting in Raleigh, North Carolina and will travel down the Neuse River! The class will be based out of canoes and will travel down to the ocean.

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Movie Review:

The Shawshank Redemption

By Aaron Butts
Staff Writer

"You either get busy living, or get busy dying" I watched a movie that has been highly recommended to me in the past, and finally decided to give it a try, that being "The Shawshank Redemption".

I was deeply invested in this movie from start to finish! I can see why IMDB has it rated number 1 on their website in overall movies. The movie is set in Portland, Maine in the 1940's. Andy Dufresne played by Tim Robbins is convicted of murdering his wife and her lover, and is sentenced to 2 life sentences at the Shawshank State Prison.

Morgan Freeman plays a respected inmate named Red, who Andy would eventually befriend while working his way up in the prison ranks. Andy would experience the true horrors and brutality of prison life and has to learn how to live and adjust to life as an inmate. There's a sense of darkness, community, and overall the power of hope. This movie was truly a rollercoaster of emotions, and it had me on the



edge of my seat always wondering what would happen next?

Frank Darabont was the director of this film, and he had previously worked on other movies such as "Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors" and would go on to working on projects such as "The Green Mile" and more recently the hit series "The Walking Dead". I found in doing a little more research on this movie that it was inspired by none other than Stephen King's novella "Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption". I mean come on, if Stephen King wrote it, it's gotta be good right?

I found myself after the movie was over seriously rethinking my personal favorite movies of all time, and that "The Shawshank Redemption" is easily in the top 3! If you haven't seen it, please trust me that this is a movie that is a must watch for anyone! Just remember that everyone is innocent at Shawshank. I rate this movie a perfect 5/5 stars!

The Silent Rockstar- Vol. 2: When 2 Becomes 5

By Isaiah Collison
Staff Writer

Imagine black space matter with yellow stars and blue rings around it hovering over the roof of a convenient store. That is The Silent Rockstar watching life from above.

No one can feel his presence inside at the counter, or outside by the pumps. The Silent Rockstar is a creature with a noteworthy skill; the ability to multitask. He engages in both silence, listening, and commentary from behind the bright store sign.

I am the one. I'm far from the Quiet Zone. I hate noise. I am the one who hates noise, The Silent Rockstar. I'm hooked on silence. No life form challenges that notion like humans.

Robber: Gimme everything in the register!! Clerk: Oh gosh! Gimme a second. Just one! I've no tongue. You creatures lie, deceive, and manipulate like masters. You are worthy of no trust, only skepticism. My mouth doesn't form lies.

Clerk: I don't want any trouble. I'm almost done with the bag!

Robber: Hurry! The police are near!

Clerk: Yrr- yrr- yrr-

Robber: Yes, I am. Continue!

Clerk: What are you doing robbing-

Robber: Pack the bag!

Clerk: Uhh... They usually come from the East bridge.

Words harass the human head like poison. Your lungs are slime with tar.

Robber: I'm not huh gonna huh-rt you. I just huh want the money!

Clerk: I'm trying, I'm trying... Are you ok?

Robber: I'm a nice person. Really huh huh just trust me. You will be fine.

You have mucus in your teeth!

Clerk: I believe you, you're my favorite actor. Here!

Where's the water in this conversation? Question what you listen to! For those of you unwilling, the fool is in your mirror. I dare you to pledge with me. Hahaha! I do this every morning! I am brave enough to be quiet. Who will join me!?

Robber: Which way to the water?

Clerk: West! Go west. Beyond my trees. Don't run over them!

Were-ooo! Were-ooo! Were-ooo!

Cop 1: Freeze! Toss the money away and

put your hands up! I don't wanna get the gun.

Robber: You said they come from the East. And that you didn't call them?

Bystander: Hey, moron. Did you just rob this guy?

You can't close your mouths. The next minute your ears are sealed. I call the store phone but the clerk's running outside. My advice is on a busy line. What are my chances?

Clerk: Robbery is a crime! Go sit in jail.

Bystander: Rot, low-life!

Lips think faster than the mind and can destroy everything. Ignorance and insults spread like wildfires.

Robber: Huh huh! Errrr...

Cop 1: Don't do it!

Cop 2: Step away from the fuel tank! You! Get back on your motorcycle and go!

Bystander: I ain't movin'.

Clerk: These are my trees! I built this store alone. Your movies suck by the way!

Cop 1: Sir. Get back inside, let us handle this!

Clerk: Take one last look at freedom. I can't believe you thought you'd get away! The wind goes my way!

Bystander: Yeah!

Robber: Errrr...!

Cop 1: Hey buddy, relax. Sir, get away from the scene now!

Cop 2: Let us handle this!

The clerk's eyes reconnect with the robber after calming down by order of the officers. But he's not done.

Clerk: What. C'mon.

Leaning against the fuel tank, the robber points his gun at the Clerk. The clerk went from standing and aggressively making the situation worse to crumbling at the fear of

meeting his own maker.

Cop 2: Gunn!!

Cop 1: Drop the gun!!

Clerk: Officer, the gun's pointed at me now!

Cop 2: Give us the gun, man.

Robber: I thought you didn't want it... It was in my shirt the huh, whole time.

Robber: Cop 1: Point it at me, fella.

Clerk: I'm begging you to have mercy... Officer, he was robbing the store.

Cop 2: Shut up!

Cop 1: Partner not now. Hey, point the gun at me. Don't look at him. I'm your equal. He's a clerk.

Clerk: Screw you, Officer.

<CLICK-CLACK>

Cop 2: Woah- Hey, get that down! Get that down!

For some reason the bystander has a shotgun pointed at the back of the robber. The clerk digs in his pocket and pulls out some change.

Cop 1: Sir, hey. We need you calm too. Can you do that for me?

Bystander: Nope!

Clerk: You want some more? What's it matter? Here! Catch-

The robber was off balance. Quick movements scare armed civilians.

<POP> <POP> <BOOM!!>~

And so it was history. The feud of two became the death of five. The bystander and the clerk, the robber and the cops, all cooked. The trees? Well, the wind scorched them.

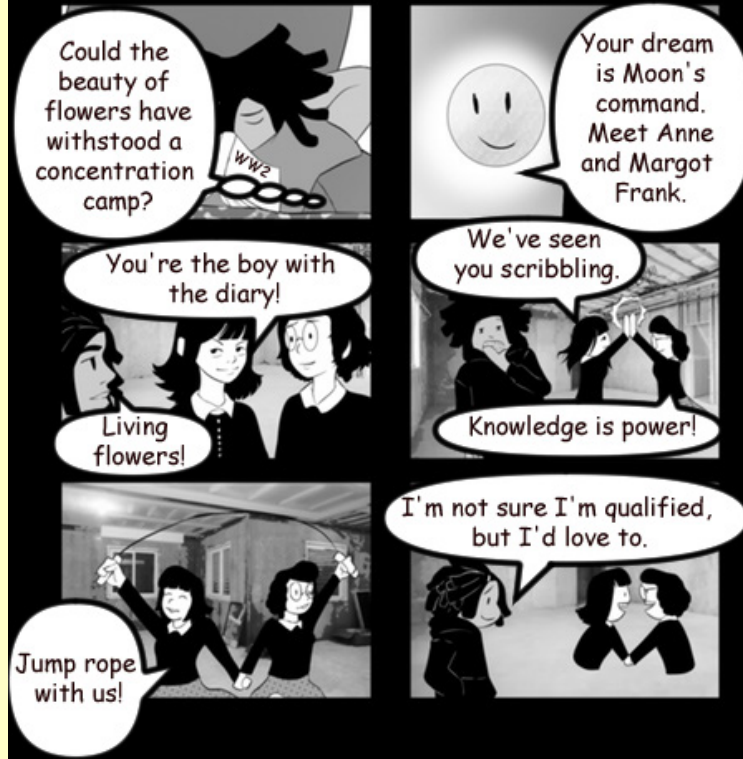
Everyone was shook, the oxygen was sucked out of the town.

When the wind comes, you may get burnt by your own words! Watch what you say!



[Author Note: Learning about the genocide of African-Americans during slavery has made me curious about the genocide committed by the Nazis in Europe. So who was Anne Frank?]

[Author Note: I acknowledge other human beings suffered cruelty. I do not wish to compare genocides to determine who has suffered more. Pain has no regard for anyone.]



Cookie's Crumbles #3

Attic Playground pt. 1

Story by Isaiah Collison
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Attic Playground pt. 1



Familiar and new faces clash, Super Bowl spot at stake

By Brady Penn
Staff Writer

Championship Weekend.

One win away from the greatest stage in American Sports.

One loss away from a bitter offseason.

Four teams clash on Sunday, two in the National Football Conference (NFC), and two in the American Football Conference (AFC).

First up, at 3:00 Sunday on Fox, it'll be the Philadelphia Eagles hosting the San Francisco 49ers. This seemed a very likely matchup from about week eight forward, as both teams have dominated.

The Eagles are led by third year MVP finalist Quarterback Jalen Hurts and perhaps the most well-rounded roster in the NFL, with the likes of AJ Brown, Darius Slay, Devonta Smith and many more, with a league leading 8 Pro Bowlers.

Despite veteran starting Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo going down in December with an injury, the 49ers have dominated. The team acquired Running Back Christian McCaffrey in October, and has not lost a game since.

After Garoppolo's injury, 2022 SEVENTH round Quarterback Brock Purdy, out of Iowa State, took over and has also not lost a game, sitting at 8-0 in games he has played.

The Niners M.O, despite all of the offensive playmakers they have like Deebo Samuel, McCaffrey and George Kittle, has been their stifling defense. Led by players like Fred Warner, Nick Bosa (Defensive Player of the Year Award favorite) and Charvarius Ward, the Niners D was tops in the league.

The Eagles unit does not lack far behind, also top 10. With an elite O-line and great weapons on the outside, the Eagles can score in bunches. The question is, will they?

I think that Jalen Hurts will make some nice plays, and this game is going to be a dogfight. But in the end, the Niners D will make the right plays, and Kyle Shanahan's offensive system will propel him to his second Super Bowl appearance in four years. This time, will he avenge the loss to Kansas City in February 2020?

49ers 24, Eagles 21

On the AFC side of things, it is a rematch of the exact same game last season, in the exact same location. In January 2022, Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals came into Arrowhead Stadium, and in their first taste of postseason football, shocked the Chiefs in

Overtime 27-24 to go to the Super Bowl.

A game in which they ultimately lost at the hands of the Los Angeles Rams in the last minute. Making the Super Bowl wasn't good enough. They wanted to finish the job. And surely they are locked in on avenging the loss and finishing the job again.

In order to do that, they will once again have to defeat both the team on the field and in the stands at Arrowhead, a notoriously loud stadium. The Kansas City Chiefs have the presumptive MVP at Quarterback in Patrick Mahomes, who has to have last year on his mind.

With two other losses to Cincinnati in the last eleven months, and a winless record against the Bengals with Joe Burrow, the Chiefs have this one circled, and knew it would come down to this.

Mahomes, however, could be limited, after suffering an ankle injury last round against the Jacksonville Jaguars. With edge rushers Sam Hubbard and Trey Hendrickson, the Bengals will attempt to keep Mahomes under duress and force him to run around on that ankle.

The Bengals high powered offense and aerial attack, headed by Jamar Chase and Tee Higgins, is a tough matchup for anyone. Kansas City's defense will have its hands full.

In a second straight AFC Title Game matchup between possibly the two best Quarterbacks in the league in Mahomes and Burrow, it could come down to whichever team blinks first.

Which team turns the ball over?

On the road once again, against a hampered Mahomes, I am taking the Bengals in this one. Chase could have another big day against KC (8 catches per game, 139 yards per game, 4 touchdowns vs Chiefs), and I believe Burrow is not going to be denied this year. Setting up a rematch of Super Bowl 23, a game thirty four years ago.

Bengals 27, Chiefs 23

Game Information:

NFC Championship Game

Teams: Philadelphia Eagles vs San Francisco 49ers

Location: Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, PA

Time: 3:00

Channel: Fox

Commentators: Kevin Burkhardt, Greg Olsen

AFC Championship Game

Teams: Kansas City Chiefs vs Cincinnati Bengals

Location: GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, MO

Time: 6:30

Channel: CBS

Commentators: Jim Nantz, Tony Romo

