

THE CENTURION

“The Voice of the Students”



@Centurion_Bucks

Volume 59 Issue 9

April 18, 2024

Bucks-News.com

Daughter of Holocaust Survivor Keeps her Father's Story Alive with Oral History

Cristopher Ramirez
Centurion Staff

Lionel Romney, a man from the Caribbean, was a sailor during World War II. Romney was on his way to Greece from Cardiff, Wales on a ship named the SS Makis. When the SS Makis was in the area between Sicily, Italy, and Tunisia, a disaster occurred. The SS Makis triggered a mine leading the ship to sink, but the crew survived.

The crew were rescued by the Italian Navy and became political prisoners. Lionel Romney was transferred between multiple internment camps in Italy for years before being sent by cattle car to Mauthausen Concentration Camp in June 1944.

Mary Romney-Schaab, Lionel Romney's daughter, spoke about her father's story and the importance of oral history on April 9 in a panel discussion at the Newtown Campus.

Romney-Schaab started off her presentation by emphasizing how important oral history is. She defined oral history as the “intersection of a person's lived experience with historical events and recorded interviews about that intersection.”

She explained that oral history shows that history belongs to everyone and puts a human face on history. She described oral history as a personal narrative and talked about how Anne Frank's Diary is not oral history, but a famous example of a personal narrative.

Romney-Schaab clarified that although the Nazis did put thousands of black people in concentration camps, “they did not specifically target black people.” She also went on to say that Hitler sent a group of people to the US, so they could get a feel for the segregation system to impose something similar against the Jewish people and other people
Read more on page 3 ...



Mary Romney-Schaab (on Zoom), Professor Paula Raimondo (left) and Fabulous Flores (right); Photo Courtesy of Raeanne Raccagno

Solar Eclipse Dazzles Skygazers Across America



Photo Courtesy of Christian Grosso

Christian Grosso
Centurion Staff

For many across the country, Monday, April 8 brought about a once-in-a-lifetime event in the sky. In the middle of the day, a total solar eclipse plunged a roughly 115-mile-wide corridor into darkness for nearly five minutes in some areas. The path of totality spanned from northern Mexico into the US through states like Texas, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

According to National Geographic, “A solar eclipse happens when the moon, on its journey around Earth, happens to pass between the sun and Earth for a moment. A solar eclipse can only happen during a new moon, a phase of the lunar cycle where the moon lies between Earth and the sun. At night, the moon is totally dark during a new moon.”
Unfortunately, Bucks

County was not in the path of totality. But astronomy enthusiasts only needed to travel about six hours northwest around the Lake Erie shoreline to get the full experience.

I traveled to Cleveland, one of the largest and closest cities in the path of totality. I certainly wasn't alone, as nearly one million people traveled to Cleveland and Northeast Ohio for the event, according to an analysis from 19 News WOIO. The city was already jam-packed with tourists for the NCAA Women's Final Four three days prior, and the Cleveland Guardians home opener that occurred just hours after the eclipse.

For days, forecasters had been warning about the potential for clouds to block the eclipse across the Northeast and recommended people travel to Texas for better viewing conditions. But
Read more on page 6 ...

Upcoming Events



4/19
Bucks on the Temple Bus!
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Temple University

4/19
Wellness & Life Hacks - Rethinking Anger
12:15 - 1 p.m.
Zoom

4/20
Danny DeGennaro Memorial Creative Inspiration Concert
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Zlock Performing Arts Center

4/22
Comfort Dogs on Campus
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Newtown campus
Rollins Center

4/22
You Are Not Alone
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Zoom

4/22
Check Up From the Neck Up
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Zoom

4/23
Pond and Woods Clean-up
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Epstein Campus
Main Lobby

4/24
Spring Fling
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Newtown Campus
Quad

News

Staff

Editor-In-Chief
Raeanne Raccagno

Graphic Designer
Arianna Keith

Editors
Madison Kifolo
Jesse Fischer

Entertainment Section
Raymundo-Varela-Urizar

Weather
Christian Grosso

Cartoonist
Connor Sturza

Advisor
Tony Rodgers

Letters to the Editor:

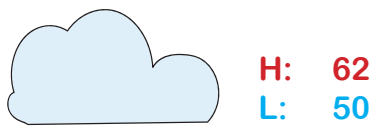
Email your letters to: buckscenturion@gmail.com
Letters should be limited to 500 words. They will be edited for spelling, space and malicious or libelous statements. Letters must be the original work of the writer and must be signed. For identification purposes, letters must include the writer's full name and telephone number.

Weather

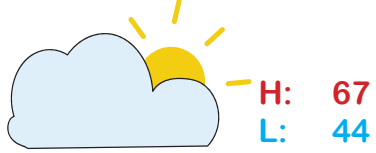
Thursday 4/18



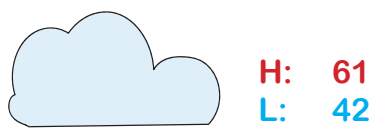
Friday 4/19



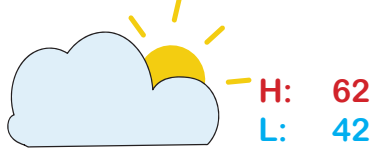
Saturday 4/20



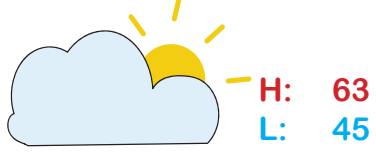
Sunday 4/21



Monday 4/22



Tuesday 4/23



Wednesday 4/24



Thursday 4/25



Forecast for Newtown, PA courtesy of weather.com, valid 4/16/2024 at 12:00 AM EDT.

Women's History Month Ends with Women's Power Panel at Bucks

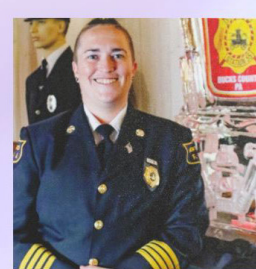
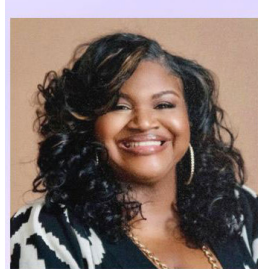
Abby Palmieri
Centurion Staff

To close Women's History Month, Bucks held a "Women's power panel: Breaking Barriers" event which featured four significant and unique leaders from the community discussing this year's national theme, "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion."

The four women and their stories worked together to describe a collective yet ever-evolving reality for the contemporary woman. Their perspectives culminated in an overarching air of powerful optimism when it comes to women's societal and professional evolutions.

Moderating the panel was Erica Waller-Hill an award-winning author, professional educator and motivational speaker. Her diverse expertise helped guide the group through complex conversations and anecdotes about existing as professional, barrier-breaking women.

Waller-Hill's knack for storytelling was immediately evident when she chronicled her experience as a young Olympic hopeful. She encouraged young women to also "tell their stories," emphasizing the mutually advantageous relationship between audience and speaker.



When Waller-Hill asked the panel what career challenges they faced due to gender, Dr. Vail Garvin presumed that all four of them likely "faced similar issues as we've moved up the ladder, but the key is a persistent 'dreaming,' on both an individual and collective level, "that things will be better."

Garvin became the first female CEO of a large hospital during the 1980s, a time when the salaries and treatment of women in male-dominated fields were hugely unequal. She recalls that in 1983, as CEO of a hospital, she made \$30,000. When she left, a male replaced her and made \$90,000. "Equity in the marketplace," she says, "has always been a vital issue." Barbra Simmons, Executive Director of the Langhorne Borough-based Peace Center for over 30 years, said that a major challenge in her career was that male-dominated groups "constantly tried to prove me wrong, as they weren't impressed with peacebuilding or mediation," which are Simmons' areas of professional exper-

tise. Then, Waller-Hill asked Simmons if she felt any "suppressed emotions" involved with being in unfair, male-dominated work environments. To which Simmons recalled a meeting in which a male colleague angrily put down his fist and told her to "Stop talking." She remained composed until she "got in the car and cried all the way home," recounts Simmons

The difference in the way men and women conduct themselves in the workplace was consistently brought up throughout the panel. Simmons stated that "in many ways, society is out of balance in terms of the masculine and the feminine."

Panelist Liz Ellis, one of Bucks County's first female career firefighters and the first female instructional equipment specialist at Bucks' public training safety center, highlighted this gender dichotomy by stating that "in emergency medicine, how women deal with information is much different than men." Women offer a type of empathic intelligence that is so obviously

Photo courtesy of BCCC website necessary in healthcare. Simmons, being a professional mediator, voiced that she fervently "believes in dialogue."

Similarly, Garvin advises young people to "know the good that empathy does." The "diversity" that comes from empathy, she said, "is good for business- this combination is what is called 'innovation.'" "Support your sisters and other women," said Simmons, "And don't go to war with your body," she quickly added when asked what advice she'd give the upcoming generation.

She also encouraged "young women to think about entering politics," to which Waller-Hill, Ellis and Garvin all strongly agreed. Also agreed upon by the four women is the significance of life-long education. Ellis advised the new generation to "constantly keep growing, especially keep learning," and Garvin calls on young people to "get as much education as you can you never know what door will open."

"It's On Us" Day Presentation on Title IX and Domestic Abuse

Raeanne Raccagno
Editor In Chief

Students gathered in the Gallagher room to celebrate "It's On Us" day which recognizes the movement to counter sexual assault on college campuses and listen to a speaker from A Women's Place to learn more about Title IX.

On April 10, Jasmine Craig, director of education and training at A Woman's Place, the only domestic violence community benefit organization in Bucks County, led a presentation to inform students about Title IX. Title IX prohibits sex-based discrimination in any education program that receives federal funding, part of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The discussion was provoked by "It's On Us" day which is the nation's largest nonprofit program dedicated to the prevention of assault happening on college campuses. Before Craig began Dr. Dekia Smith, dean of students at Bucks, had the audience members look up the "It's On Us" pledge which took them to a website where they can sign the pledge to join the move-

ment to help prevent sexual assault. According to ncadv.org date rape among college students accounts for 35 percent of attempted rapes, 22.9 percent of threatened rapes and 12.8 percent of completed rapes.

Craig's presentation focused on Intimate Partner Violence which is umbrellaed underneath domestic abuse. Before sharing some statistics she asked the participants some knowledge check questions to help "guide" their thinking process.

"One in four women and one in nine men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, IP contact sexual violence, and/or IP stalking with impacts such as injury, fearfulness, post-traumatic stress disorder, use of victim services, contraction of sexually transmitted diseases and more," Craig read from the screen which showed other disheartening statistics about IPV.

She told students about the six different types of abuse — physical, sexual, verbal/emotional, psychological, financial and cultural/identity. "You're still a survivor of IPV without experiencing

physical or sexual abuse," Craig said.

She also explained the difference between domestic violence, relational violence and criminal behavior. Abuse and IPV are not often criminal acts so they can't have legal punishments, which leads to people feeling trapped in damaging relationships until it leads to physical violence or criminal behavior.

Craig shared a video that showed a relationship between a male and female that started out positive but kept leading to abusive and harmful situations to try and show an inside look at IPV. "Individual behavior might not seem that bad, so it's important to tell people to document every situation so over time you can see how behavior becomes a cycle." Touching on the topic of how to help loved ones who are in an abusive relationship Craig said the tip you should not give is to break up, "because that can be one of the most dangerous times for a survivor. An overwhelming amount of homicide victims died during or after a breakup." She talked about the power of "I" statements such as

"I felt concerned when ... , Because ... , I need."

Craig also talked about AWP and its impact and importance to Bucks County. For the 2023 year, the organization received 4,422 hotline calls and served 77 men, 2,118 women, 30 teens, 7 transgender individuals, 219 young adults and 179 seniors. "We have one lawyer and that lawyer supported 2836 cases just last year," she said.

She explained how they have an advocate at the Bucks County Courthouse every Tuesday and Thursday. "That's how prevalent IPV is in Bucks County," she said. "We are not just a crisis center, we support anyone and everyone who is surviving any form of domestic violence or intimate partner violence."

The event was hold possible thanks to a grant secured by Dr. Smith.

If you or someone you know needs help call AWP's 24/7 hotline at 1-800-220-8116. For more information about resoruces or volunteering visit their website at <https://awomansplace.org/>.

Corrections Box

In the March 7 Volume 59 Issue 8 newspaper in the "Tune Into Radio BUX" story by Ava Grimm, it states, "Dr. Daniel Hoff, part-time faculty in Fire Science" as the host of the Doc Hoff show. The correct host is Dr. Sharon G. Hoffman, a reading professor in the Language and Literature department.

News

Daughter of Holocaust Survivor Keeps her Father's Story Alive with Oral History

Continued from page 1 ... they did not like.

She showed three images of concentration camps with each image showing an increasing number until she said there were over 10,000 concentration camps.

Romney-Schaab said that she asked her parents about their lives and that her mother was forthcoming, but her father was not. She noticed a gap in what he was saying and how evasive he was when she tried to ask.

Romney-Schaab's mother eventually told her that her father was in a concentration camp. She said, "It felt like a gut punch." Romney-Schaab was 15 when she learned about her father being in a concentration camp, and it took more than 20 years for her to get him to talk about his experiences.

It took over 40 years for Lionel Romney to talk about his experience at Mauthausen and Romney-Schaab showed several audio clips of him talking about his experience. In one of the clips, he talked about how scared he was and how frightening the night was because the SS would call a number out

to take them. The people they took were usually not seen again.

Romney-Schaab first visited Mauthausen in 2006 to walk in her father's shoes. She presented pictures of a nearby granite quarry that was used to torture the prisoners, and the stairs that led down to the quarry called the Stairway of Death. SS soldiers would throw prisoners over the ledge into the quarry, which is 160 feet below the camp, to torture or kill them.

The prisoners who worked in the quarry had to go up the Stairway of Death with a 110-pound block of granite on their backs. The prisoners were already weak from the little to no food they received, so many would die. Some would fall back, leading to prisoners and blocks falling on each other. Romney-Schaab mentioned that her father never answered the question, "But how did you survive?" However, she stated that she knew her father "survived because he was not assigned to the quarry, he was assigned to work as a lumberjack."

She continued to say that he had a great amount of

strength and had impressive language skills. Romney knew multiple languages, such as English, Dutch, German, Papiamentu, Spanish and Italian, giving him the nickname "The Translator," while at Mauthausen. The SS kept people with language skills alive longer, so they could translate.

Romney-Schaab spoke about how going to Mauthausen brought her peace. She believes that her interviews with her father helped him heal a part of his trauma.

Romney-Schaab talked about Holocaust deniers, "Holocaust denial is at a more intensive level than it has been in a while because there is a whole environment of the denial of history not just in the US but in other countries."

"It [denial of history] puts the whole world at risk," she added.

She explained that refusing people their history is denying a huge portion of their humanity. She said, "History is knowledge and knowledge is power." She used Western Europe as an example since those countries had so much power and had their history intact.

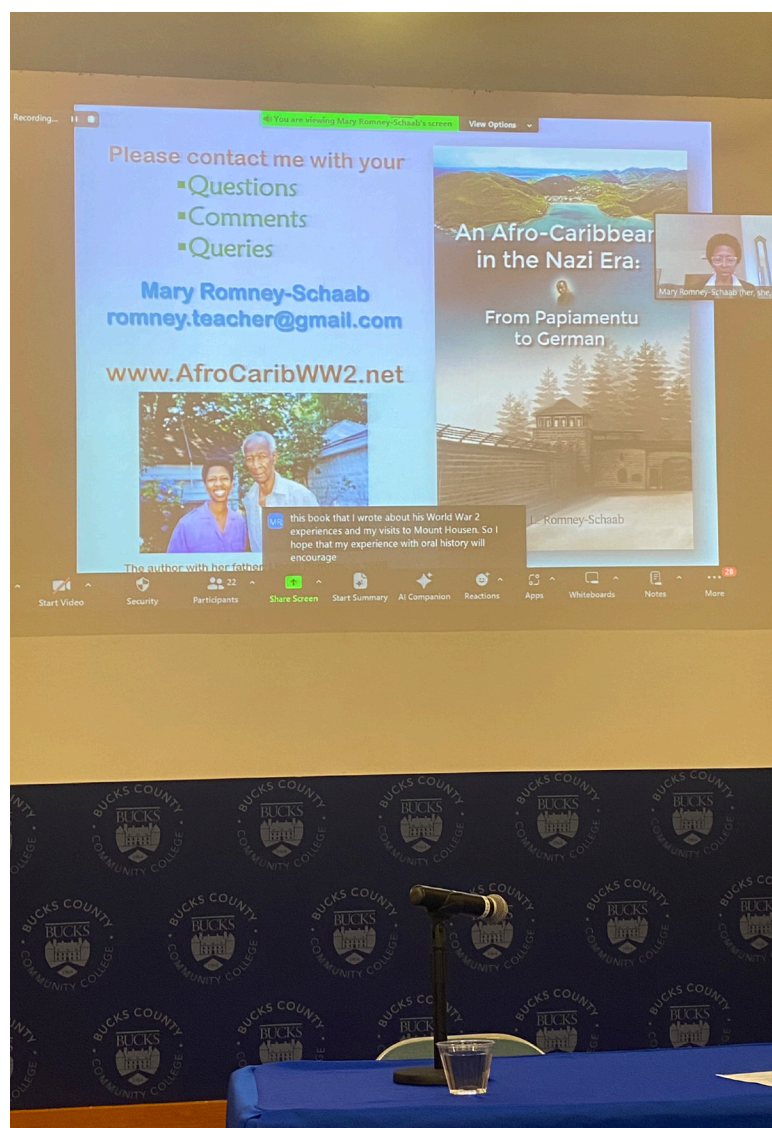


Photo Courtesy of Raeanne Racagno

If you want to learn more about Lionel Romney's story and Romney-Schaab's personal journey, you can buy Romney-Schaab's book, "An Afro-Caribbean in the Nazi Era: From Papiamentu to German," on Amazon.

SMALL UNIVERSITY. BIG EXPERIENCE.
TRANSFER TO DELVAL

► delval.edu/transfer

We Make Transferring Easy!

Delaware Valley University has been named one of the best schools in the nation for transfer students!

GENEROUS FINANCIAL AID AND TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

All accepted full-time transfer students receive at least \$15,000 in scholarship.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Core-to-core agreements and transfer up to 78 credits.

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS: FULL OR PART-TIME STUDY

Transfer here with a schedule that works for you.

REAL WORLD, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Learn about our award winning E360 Program.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Our dedicated transfer counselor can help you through every step of the admission process.

A SMALL, CARING LEARNING COMMUNITY

14:1 student to faculty ratio means you get personal attention and mentoring.



700 East Butler Ave., Doylestown, PA 18901

News

Fitness Facility Reshapes Athletes of all Ages and Sports

Daulton Parry
Centurion Staff

A little across the Delaware River in New Jersey, there is a place that helps build and shape athletes of various sports at any level. There have been multiple professional prospects from multiple different teams, one being the Yankees training there to the 12-year-olds learning the game.

This training site is the Athletic Republic — a workout facility with great instructors who are there to give workout tips and plans. The man who runs the business is named Christian Lee who is all about making opportunities for those looking to better themselves.

Lee was dressed in sweat-pants and a pitchers-only sweatshirt (a baseball company run at the same facility) with a backward baseball hat. He stated what you get off the training is a “piece of us and coaching.” The space is about gaining abilities and also having friendly connections.

Lee and his business partner opened the Athletic Republic in 2007 which was a risk in his own words but not the only time in his life where there was risk taken. His parents came over from South Korea when he was in the seventh grade which at first was a drastic move and very risky, but Lee has made it out as a successful businessman. Lee said, “I’m

good with chaos.”

When coming to America he and his family grew up in Marlton, New Jersey. He remembers what made him interested in baseball and that was having catches with his dad and friends. Now he has three children of his own and said, “I enjoy spending my free time with my kids.”

In the eighth grade, Lee tried out for the school baseball team and made it for the first time playing he said, “I closed my eyes and hit a home run.” He learned from his parents to work hard, and better opportunities will emerge.

Some people are good with repeating daily tasks at work, but Lee on the other hand is always looking for the next project to break up the repetitive nature that work calls for. Lee said, “It’s a fun job that never ends.”

Baseball is their key demographic. They offer 30-minute and hour training for baseball and softball at \$50 or \$90. You will get insight from previous college baseball players who have dedicated hours on end to better themselves at the sport.

They are known for baseball but have also helped many other athletes, like wrestlers and soccer players. Even an alternative form of baseball known as finished baseball, which is played in European countries.

They also specialize in golf, they have two golf simulator rooms that help track the swing statistics. There are a variety of options to pick. There is an anytime single-use option for 30 minutes, an hour and two hours priced at \$35, \$65 and \$100. You could also buy a ten-pack of 30-minute and an-hour simulator uses or a simulator membership for \$100 a month.

The golf experience doesn’t end there as you can also develop your skills with an instructor in private golf lessons. The same as the previous sessions except for the two-hour session, the 30-minute option is \$55, and the hour is \$100 and you can buy a five-pack of 30-minute or hour-long lessons. They also have a 4D motion golf assessment for an hour will cost \$150. You can fine-tune your swing to become an actual golfer.

They also have helped people just become physically more active people. The Athletic Republic also offers training to people past their childhood sports admirations. They offer a 5-session pack, 10-session pack and 20-session pack priced at \$250, \$450 and \$850.

You could also choose instead a weekly session one a week, two a week, three a week or unlimited sessions at \$199, \$299, \$399 and \$499 a month. They also have a nutrition program at \$99 a month and a move-



ment assessment which is \$125.

This business was established by Lee and his business partner when he was 25/26 years old and was a risk. He wanted to take this chance not because of someone else telling him what a smart move is but through his parents working hard and always being around chaos.

Lee previously worked as a manager at a gym when his business partner decided to go on their own, he took out a loan but had no real plans with the loan at first. However, they might not have had a set plan, but clients joined and took the risk with them. The business has gone from a raw prospect to a star player as its true intentions are to better

Photo courtesy of Daulton Parry yourself. Lee said, “We are here for anyone who wants to get better.” The people at the company have strong relationships with clients and strive to see the best for its students.

Lee knows how special sports are to kids as he played them himself, but he sees it as an adult now through his kids. He said, “Some kids are not given opportunities and that’s what we are here for to develop kids to have opportunities in their sporting ventures.”

When Lee calls it a day and retires he has a plan in place for the succors. He said when he is done, he would like some of the trainers to take over as he sees them ready and hungry to grow the business further.

Local High School Grad Thrives Under Pressure

Cristopher Ramirez
Centurion Staff

Khush Patel’s hands were shaking and sweaty as he approached the podium. He had a rugged teal gown on along with a teal cap. He stood in front of hundreds of people at the Cure Insurance Arena for the 2023 Bucks County Technical High School graduation to give his valedictorian speech. Patel had doubts. He was unsure about the speech, thinking, “Is anyone going to like it?”

He tweaked his speech up to the moment he had gone up to the podium. He could feel the immense amount of pressure on him. He knew that he was representing his class and his family.

“Don’t mess up this speech. Don’t forget the changes you made,” he told himself. As an airhorn blared in the crowd and he started his speech, his nervous thoughts faded away. He went into autopilot and his words echoed throughout the arena until he reached the moment where the sound of applause would take over for him.

Khush Patel, 19, is currently majoring in electrical engineering at Drexel University where he cur-

rently pays about \$18,225 for the year, which includes on-campus housing. According to the Drexel website, the tuition and on-campus housing costs for the 2023-2024 academic year are about \$58,293 and \$10,950 for a total of \$69,493 meaning that Patel pays about \$51,018 less than the usual rate for the 2023-2024 academic year.

In an age where many older generations say that Gen Z is soft and won’t be able to make it as adults, Khush Patel is thriving.

Patel is facing pressure coming from all directions. The pressure of going to a college as expensive as Drexel. The pressure he puts on himself to succeed and to do the best he can possibly do. His parents and family want him to succeed and do not expect any grade lower than A. As the valedictorian of his high school, he tries to live up to the expectation that he will succeed at Drexel.

Just like others, he needs to de-stress. He spends his free time playing his guitar, hanging out with his friends and having a fun time on video games.

Patel originally grew up in Northeast Philadelphia

where he attended a private school, Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary School. When he was 7, his mother fell ill and was in a coma for about a year. He said it was a “hectic time” and that his grandmother was the person who was raising him at that time.

“It was not a standard childhood with two parents.” He said, “When somebody ever mentioned their mom, I’d think ‘Oh that’s cool.’”

Patel moved to Treose when he was 10 and transferred to Belmont Hills Elementary School, a move that he said he “really liked” because he didn’t enjoy going to private school. “I was there [Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary School] on scholarship and there were a lot of wealthy people. Public school had more variety.”

When Patel made his way to BCTHS, he was convinced that he needed to have the best grades. “I was always in the mindset of ‘I got to have the best grades.’ In sophomore and junior year, when I was in second or third, I thought there were ways I should be improving. I always tried my best until I got there.”



He continues, “If there is room to improve, why wouldn’t you go for it? There’s no point in settling for second or third best.” Patel mentions that he does not come from a wealthy background. “Getting the best grades would really help me for college. It did help me with Drexel. I got a couple of scholarships, good grants from Drexel, and a lot of it got paid, so I can actually afford to because no one can afford to go to Drexel without decent financial aid.”

Patel noted that in his senior year, he was motivated, but became complacent with his position at rank no. 1. He didn’t study much, making his start at Drexel

Photo courtesy of Khush Patel a little tough to get used to because he had to study for everything now.

Patel cited one of his Applied Engineering Technology program teachers, Mr. Hatrock, as the person who helped push him towards electrical engineering. During Mr. Hatrock’s class, Patel would work on solar panels that BCTHS uses for power.

Patel says that his family is very proud of him and that his mother “called everyone and sent every family member the valedictorian speech video.”

Patel hopes to make an impact as an electrical engineer with ambitions to work at NASA and try to “push boundaries” in his field.

News

Music Professor Jazzes up his Classes

Raeanne Raccagno
Editor In Chief

A gust of wind whips open the door to cottage 2, a man follows who seemed to waltz in cooler than the breeze. His transition lenses darkened from the sunlight couldn't hide the humor in his eyes as he gave a cheeky grin to his student waiting for his piano lesson, "You ready?" He asked.

Professor Jeff Baumeister has a few signature traits; his blue Levi jeans, a zip-up with a tee and being on vacation time. Despite being a scarce 10 minutes late to his student lesson he starts his sessions right away.

"I had the best teachers here at Bucks," Baumeister professor of music said. "Sometimes when I'm teaching I can actually hear their voice, as I'm saying something, and I'm like (ugh) they would think that was so stupid," he said while laughing.

He holds his music lessons in his office, a small, simple room with a few personal items like pictures, a mug, keychain and lots of music books. The piano is set up against a wall next to a window. He stands next to the piano as his students play, usually nodding or tapping his foot along as

he listens with his hand on the piano. His students are comfortable joking around and show him attentiveness when he's giving advice or pointers. "Go the way your ear is taking you."

Baumeister started playing the piano around 13 or 14 years of age. He drew himself a keyboard made out of cardboard and would use that as practice, "I eventually got a piano in high school," he said. "I really wanted to play." Throughout his youth he was a fan of rock piano, the two biggest artists that he listened to were Little Feet and Elton John. Then when he enrolled in Bucks as a music major his professors started introducing him to jazz and "I didn't know anything about jazz at all," he said.

"At Bucks, I started playing jazz and classical music, and I still am. So I studied both forever, I'm still studying, still learning, still practicing, every day I try to." He asked one of his teachers, Professor Sam Bellardo who was lecturing music theory, for piano lessons and they worked together for years.

Baumeister works together with his pupils during a lesson, they're able to swiftly switch seats so he can demonstrate a tune. As he

sits on the piano bench you see his spine decompress, and his body melts toward the piano as his fingers touch the keys. He's always devoted his time to the piano and plays the melodica, a handheld reed-free instrument similar to a harmonica, for fun.

His main classes are History of Jazz and History of Rock but Baumeister also influences the early students at Bucks teaching courses like Guided Studies and College Seminar. He shows just as much passion in those classes as he displays for jazz, encouraging students to do a lot of self-reflection to tap into their interests to help them pick a major, while also informing others about the School of Music. "A lot of students and faculty don't even know we have music in the arts department," Baumeister said. "In almost every semester in Guided Studies or College101, they're like 'Wait a minute, you have music here?' And I'm like yes we do."

He says a lot of students played an instrument or sang in high school but didn't want to do it as a major. "You don't need to be a music major to take advantage of the school of music," he said. He tells



Photo courtesy of Jeff Baumeister

students about how they can join an ensemble or choir to keep up with their musical hobbies.

Being a huge Phillies fan he takes advantage of the school of music himself by joining the Bucks choir every year as they sing the national anthem at the Citizen Bank Park before a game. "Any chance I get I go to a game, so signing on the grass that was freaking awesome."

His singing is also featured in the rock band he is a part of, "that's kinda signing by default because no one else wanted to," he jokes. The band consists of people he's known for over 30 years, but their first gig was not the usual spot for rock tunes. Every year the college will ask Baumeister to put together music for graduation.

"In the past, it's been classical music and I have the students play along, and I've been thinking wow this is so boring. So one spring I couldn't get enough students to play so a drummer, bass player and I got together and we decided we were going to play a bunch of Rock Tunes," so for the past ten years he's been singing rock music at graduation he said.

Adding on to his rock practices, Baumeister came up with a project during his sabbatical in Spring 2023. To honor a past Bucks Language and Literature professor who passed in 2021, Dr. Christopher Bursk, Baumeister has been working on taking his poetry and turning it into rock songs.

Baumeister also teaches private lessons to several adult students out of his home, "it doesn't hurt but it's not the end you can start at any time," he said. "I have a bunch of adult students and they're doing it for the love of doing it."

His other musical work includes two jazz CDs "Useful Music," produced in 2005, and "Pretty Mel-

odies That Dig That Sort of Thing," made in 2013. His one song, "Ok, Now What?" was inspired by the moments after his daughter was born and asking the nurse "Ok, no what?" "That stayed with me forever," he said.

"When the phone rings, it's that sort of thing," he said referring to when he plays gigs either solo or with his band. Baumeister used to play at church every Sunday, and will start playing at more of the weddings held in Bucks' Tyler Gardens since his daughter works for the wedding company.

Besides teaching on the Bucks campus, Baumeister has made quite an impact on the cafeteria section as well. The jazz lover once had a sandwich named after him, "The Jazzy Jeff Wrap." "I was ordering at the deli and after I was done, a student behind me said 'You know what that sounds pretty good, I'll have the same,' and then a bunch of kids after him did the same." Eventually, they had a sign in the cafeteria featuring the Jazzy Jeff but has not returned to campus after covid.

Baumeister also donated paintings that his wife made which he gave to the college after she passed from cancer in 2015. "It's nice knowing that they're there, I appreciate it," he said. The three paintings on are the upper level of the Science Building.

When he's not at the piano he's on his bike cycling around Bucks County, he enjoys using trails made by the Rails to Trails Conservancy. He also enjoys playing darts at the local restaurant and bar, and sharing his chilli recipe, white bean turkey, which won third place at a competition in Warminster.



On-campus Transfer Fridays:
APRIL 26 or MAY 3
(11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Learn about the transfer admission process, programs of study, credit evaluation, financial aid, campus housing, dining, student life, and more. Includes a campus tour.

KUTZTOWN
UNIVERSITY
www.kutztown.edu/transfer

News

Solar Eclipse Dazzles Skygazers Across America

Continued from page 1...

Cleveland ended up ‘hitting the bullseye’ with clouds moving out just before the eclipse began at 1:50 p.m.

At first, it wasn’t noticeable that the moon had begun covering the sun. But with special glasses to protect yourself from eye damage for looking at the sun, you could clearly see its bottom right quadrant had disappeared under the moon’s shadow. An hour later, my family set up camp at a scenic overlook at a not-so-scenic warehouse park in Brooklyn Centre on Cleveland’s west side. By then, nearly half of the sun was ‘gone,’ and the sky was noticeably darker.

The loss of sunlight also led to a decrease in temperature. Data from the National Weather Service showed Hopkins Airport

dropped from 74°F at 1:50 p.m. to 63°F at 3:20 p.m., before rising again after the eclipse.

Then at 3:11 p.m., the main event began. A halo appeared around the sun due to interactions with ice crystals in the high cirrus clouds, something that is usually only seen around the moon. Then the sky got progressively dark, and what looked like a 360-degree subset overtook the Cleveland skyline. The sun got dark, and white rays appeared on the sides of the sun and moon. Suddenly, the birds stopped chirping, thinking it was night. It was so dark you could see the stars in the sky, as well as Venus just below the eclipse.

Despite only a handful of people in that field with us, you could hear hundreds of

people scream and applaud. Everything and everyone had stopped what they were doing for this event. Workers from the warehouses had gone to their rooftops to see it. There was a watch party at the community center down the block with everyone gazing in awe. Cars had pulled over to see it. Even the officers came out of the police station across the street to witness the celestial beauty. I personally felt both nervous and excited to finally see something I had wanted to see for years, and may never see again. The next total solar eclipse in the US won’t happen for another 20 years.

But just like that, the sun started moving away, and a peak of sunlight created what is called the diamond ring effect. And soon after, the sky became light again,

but you could still see the moon’s shadow traversing the sky to its next destination. Despite the short length of time, totality was one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen. Professor Babij, an earth sciences professor, also got the chance to experience totality in Clyde, Ohio, about an hour west of Cleveland.

“It was just such a great experience. The sky was pretty clear, maybe some high clouds, but it was just so neat to see what happens during totality,” he said.

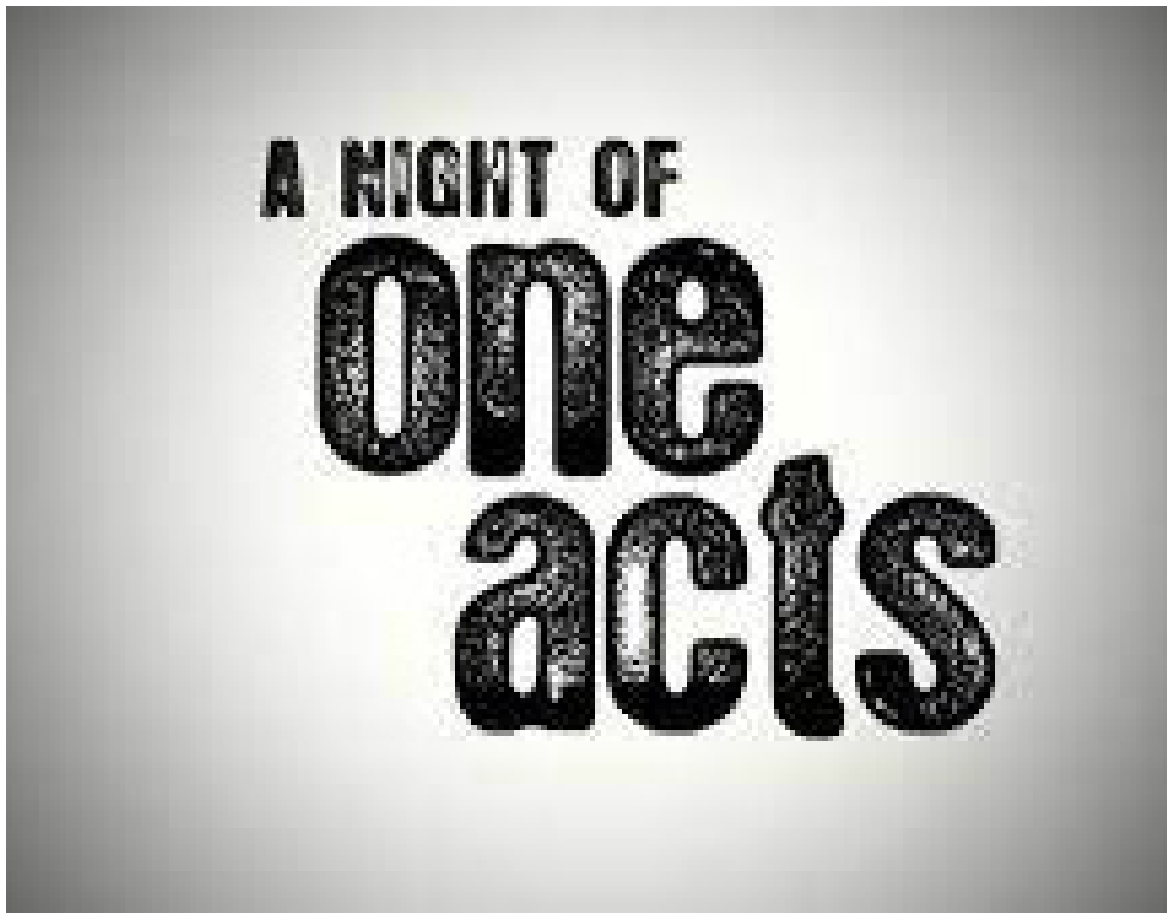
For those outside the path of totality, the eclipse still put on a show, if you had the proper glasses that was. Around Bucks County, multiple places had watch parties to see the solar eclipse at 90 percent totality. Like during the 2017 eclipse, the Margaret S. Grundy Library

in Bristol once again held a watch party on the library’s scenic overlook of the Delaware River.

And right here at Bucks, a viewing was held in the Quad, with music, snacks, entertainment and of course, free eclipse glasses. Sadly, clouds blocked the view during the peak of the eclipse in Bucks County.

As for Alyssa Mangeri, a psychology major, the view was just as close as her neighbor’s house.

“I went over to my neighbor’s house and hung out in some lounge chairs. I thought it was very cool, though I was a little disappointed with the clouds. But not an event you experience every day.”



Join us in the Zlock Performing Arts Center for a night of comedy, as the Drama Club presents its One Acts Production. This show is occurring on May 1, 2 and 3 so don’t miss this opportunity. Admission is free, and anyone is welcome to attend. Come out and support your fellow classmates and actors for this exciting night of theater. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. for each show night. Free and Open to the Public.

Information and picture courtesy of BCCC website.

What’s Shaking at Bucks?

Ava Grimm
Centurion Staff

An earthquake originating from Tewksbury, New Jersey shook up the Bucks’ campus early Friday morning on April 5.

Around 10:23 am a 4.8 magnitude earthquake rumbled New Jersey, Philadelphia, New York and the surrounding suburbs according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Scientists apart from the USGS said the earthquakes erupted from a branch of the Ramapo fault which is the most well-known fault in the state that separates the Piedmont and Highlands Physiographic Provinces.

Many people were surprised and confused being from an area where earthquakes are infrequent when hearing and feeling the ground and surrounding buildings shift and move.

The U.S. Geological Survey map shows Bucks’ Campus in Newton felt about a 3-3.5 magnitude quake for those who were

on campus that morning. There were very small amounts of economic loss or building damage with the USGS reporting an estimated 98% of the region without serious damage.

Although aftershocks have been occurring there is a less than 1 percent chance of a magnitude 4 or above quake happening again within the next week. Earthquakes are infrequent in this area but not impossible.

When Bucks began to rumble many staff and students had varying reactions to this unfamiliar phenomenon.

The rumbling started and the sounds of the building creaking and shifting were echoing in the walls at the Academic Success Center where Ava Odenwald a 20-year-old from Doylestown majoring in marketing was sitting. She was unsure of what was happening, Odenwald said, “I texted my mom I loved her- unsure if the building was gonna collapse or something.”

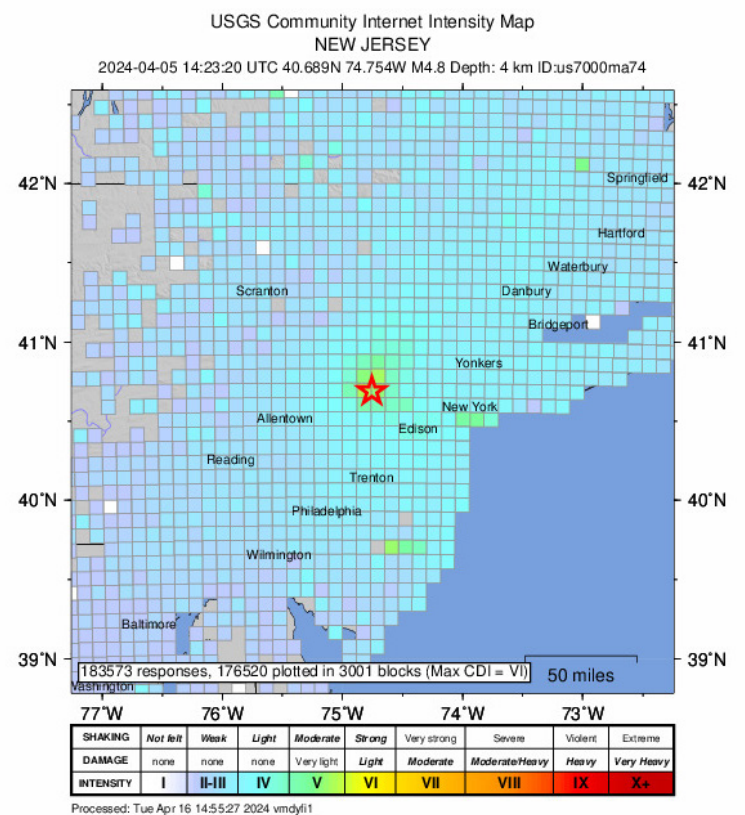
Staff in the Academic Success Center began to recognize that they were experiencing an earthquake and alerted surrounding students.

Professor John Sheridan, from the music and multimedia department, who tutors students in the Academic Success Center assured the students they would be fine. He began to gather information from other staff members and online news sources and shared with the surrounding students that they were experiencing an earthquake and that it would stop shortly.

After the shaking stopped, Professor Matthew Seibert came from a back meeting room and announced, “Did you guys just experience what I experienced in there?” Students laughed and anxiously checked their phones to see details of what happened and texted their friends and family.

Odenwald said that she was worried there would be another soon after, “This isn’t California! This doesn’t happen here!”

With the unlikelihood



Graphic courtesy of <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/event-page/at00sbh3yv/executive>

of aftershocks and lack of damages in surrounding areas students and staff should have little to worry about at Bucks.

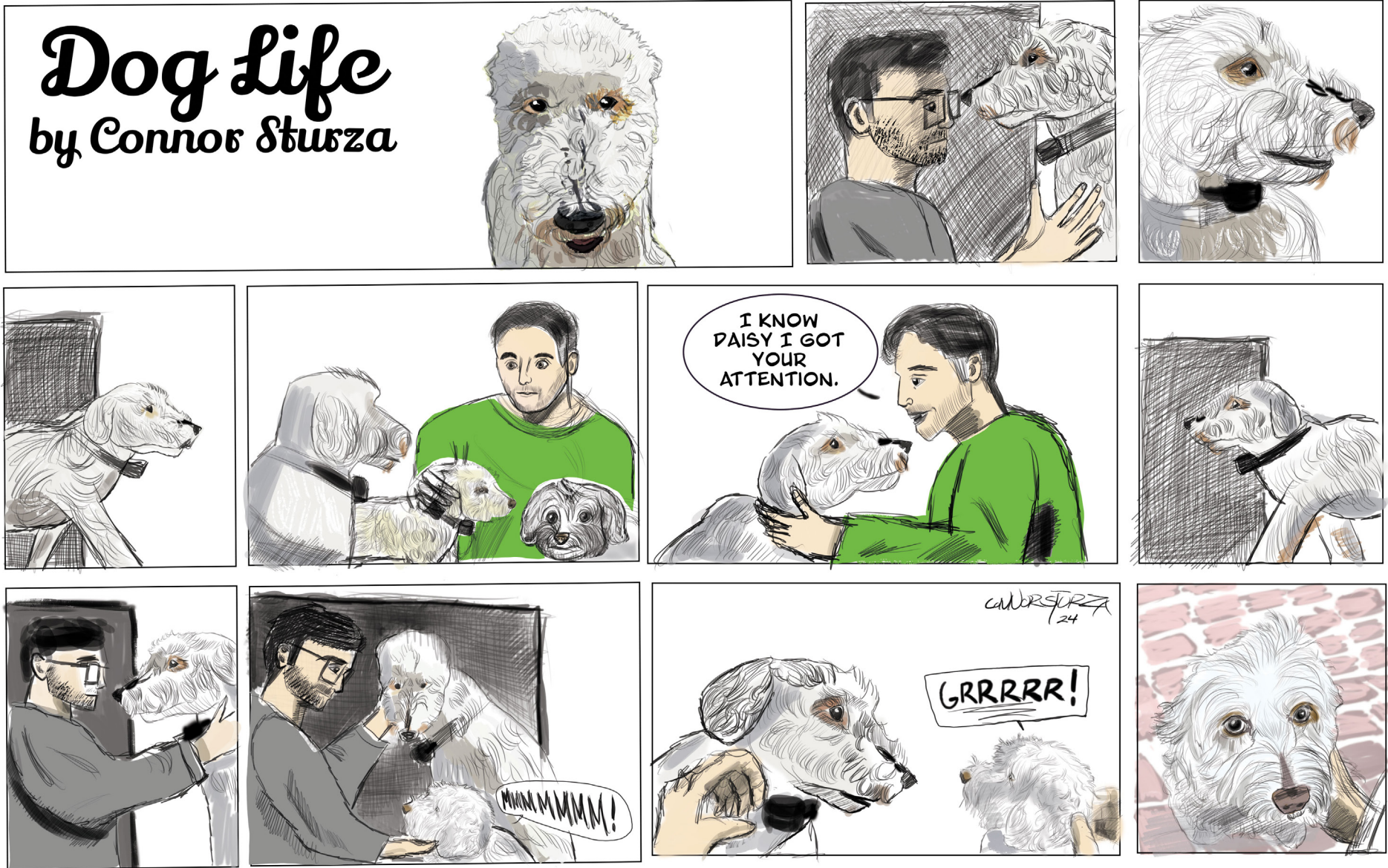
The USGS recommends If an earthquake ever occurs while you or others are inside it is important to remember to “Drop, Cover and Hold On.” If you experience an earthquake outside it is important to get in the open and watch for

falling debris, according to the USGS.

On the United States Geological Survey website- <https://www.usgs.gov/>- you can fill out a “Felt Report” to help scientists better understand the region and the severity of its impact.

For more information on the Tewksbury Earthquake and aftershocks visit- <https://www.usgs.gov/>.

Entertainment



America's Favorite Food and Love for Years - Pizza

Raymundo Varela-Urizar
Centurion Staff

Raffaele Esposito a baker from Italy in the Southwestern region is credited for being the creator of Pizza in modern times but pizza goes farther back. 1000 years flatbreads were featured with toppings consumed by Ancient Greeks, Ancient Romans and Ancient Egyptians but in recent times flatbreads with tomato sauce, toppings and of course cheese would be born in Italy in the city of Naples.

Despite the beloved meal only being for Neapolitans of the working class, it wouldn't be until the 1940s that pizza finally got its popular appeal because around that time Italian Immigrants brought their slices of deliciousness to the United States of America.

The word "Pizza" comes from "Pitta" which is Greek, but it is also theorized that "Pizza" came from the word "Bizzo" which is Langobar-

dic for "Bite."

Bucks County Community College alumni Patrick Meyer said, "It's a simple recipe, but it's also one of my favorites. I'm kind of a fussy eater. I don't like a lot of different things. You can order it after a long busy day and it's also healthier than most fast foods."

Pizza is not only food to some people but it means unlocking fond memories among communities and businesses or friends and families, especially schools, carnivals, movie theaters and even dates.

Bucks Student Justin Henderson said, "Pizza is definitely important to me. I love a good slice of pizza! Eating some pizza includes some of my best memories. Whether it's eating out with my family, or having some late-night slices with friends. Whenever there's pizza, there's usually fun!"

As years went on, pizza evolved shapes and toppings



as well such as Cheesesteak Pizza, Burger Pizza, Pickle Pizza, Chicken Quesadilla Pizza, Taco Pizza and has even included gluten-free and Vegan Options.

"The many toppings and the shape of it and you can eat however many you

want!" Said Devin Thekkudan of Bucks County.

Be sure to keep on enjoying that slice with every little bite and taste of that delicious bread and cheese Bucks County friends.

All photos courtesy of Unsplash

Do You Like Coke or Pepsi More?

The sugary Coca-Cola has reached its 138 birthday as of this year. The Lemon flavored soft drink that originated in West Germany, Sprite has reached its 65 anniversary recently. And finally, the Orangey Fanta which was created in Germany is now 84!

Besides all the birthday celebrations the great competition with Coca-Cola and Pepsi is timeless. For years and years, the competitive tension between the two soft drinks has spun a debate as to which has a better taste.

The contest is not just between the two companies but also many consumers of

all ages along with bizarre data such as "People that drink Pepsi are more likely to live longer" or "Coca-Cola drinkers are more likely to be successful."

Bucks County Community College English and Literature Professor David Venditto said, "I prefer Coke. I just feel like it's more full flavor and I like it in old glass bottles. They're made with cane sugar. Pepsi always tasted more fake to me."

Sackery Sabu, a Computer Science student at Bucks in favor of Coca-Cola says "Pepsi may have a sweeter taste, Coca-Cola has more

of a Vanilla Flavor that is more suitable to me. I can't explain it. I'll finish more Coke anytime."

Bucks History Major Connor Barry adds in, "To me, it's sort of a lighter flavor (Pepsi) as when you drink Coke you end up getting rattled with sugar but when you drink Pepsi it's not as abundantly sweet when you taste it. Coca-Cola may have celebrities and Christmas but Pepsi has an iconic set of commercials made up of my boy Michael Jackson. The Pepsi Generation. What else?"

Regardless of competitive viewpoints, at the end of the



day, there is nothing better than having our favorite drinks at our parties, bonfires, barbecues and lunch time. What do you think? Who wins the debate? That answer will forever be up in the air.

Sports

WWE Fans Stay Hungry and Rowdy for WrestleMania

Daulton Parry
Centurion Staff

One of the biggest events in Wrestling history was hosted by the city of brotherly love, full of Philly residents acting only Philadelphia could act. WrestleMania has grown from a one to a two-night event that occurred at Lincoln Financial Field on April 6 and 7.

The first match was between Seth Rollins and Drew McIntyre for the World Heavyweight championship. The Match was a trade of finishers that got the crowd ready for more to come.

The match had a special commentator CM Punk who has a rivalry with both participants. Who was being taunted by McIntyre by using Punk's taunt to get Rollins in the GTS (go to sleep).

McIntyre is the New World Heavyweight champion and taunted CM Punk before going back but CM Punk waited for him to turn around so he could sweep the leg. McIntyre fell flat on his back on the commentary table. Punk is recovering from a torn triceps, and he took the brace off and hammered McIntyre with it.

Then out came the Money in the Bank contract holder which gives the winner the right to choose whatever championship to have a match with at any point. Damian Priest cashed in and hit him with the case rolled McIntyre in and hit him with a south-of-heaven chokeslam to become the new World Heavyweight Champion. People in the stands were laughing not because they made him champion but because McIntyre lost. "They did it so McIntyre can win again at Clash at the Castle," some crowd-goers said.

The next match was just a

fun match and had another special commentator Snoop Dogg and a special guest referee, a Philly wrestling legend Bubba Ray Dudley. It was between The Final Testament with leader Karion Cross, Akam (Sunny Dhinsa and Rezar (Gzim Selmani) versus the street profits Angelo Dawkins, Montez Ford and Bobby Lashley. Entering people said, "This is the piss break match right."

The next match was a grudge match between AJ Styles and LA Knights. The whole match everyone was chanting LA Knight his ability to engage the crowd is top-level skills. Still, the lights persisted when LA Knight was not in control fans wanted the lights off or LA Knight.

Styles tried to hit his finisher with a springboard 450 splash he missed, and they went blow for blow reversal after reversal. LA Knight hit his finisher and they turned the lights off fans went crazy 1 2 3 even louder but they set it up so the fans would go nuts for LA Knight.

The next match had so much talent with Randy Orton, Kevin Owens and Logan Paul, but nothing crazy. Paul has shown that he wants to be seen as a wrestler, being a great heel. Paul got pulled out by his friend IShowSpeed in a prime bottle which led to Speed getting hit with RKO by Orton. This helped Paul retain his United States Championship after Orton hit the RKO on Owens and Paul tossed Orton out of the ring and hit a frog splash for the win.

The next match was for the WWE women's Championship defended by Iyo Sky who was looking to defeat former ally Bayley. The match was solid but was more about Bayley getting

revenge.

Ski worked Bayley's leg by constantly attacking after she started limping. The crowd chanted louder and louder "Hey Bayley uh ah will you be my girl" Ski reversed Bayley's finisher with a flip-up of sorts she ran at Bayley's shoulder tackle, back Supplex, top rope elbow drop and her finisher rose plant for the new Women's Champion.

The final match of the night took place between Cody Rhodes and Roman Reigns. People thought last year Rhodes would finish his story to beat Reigns after he took his talents away from the WWE, he created a rival company so he could show his talents he felt he was being held down by WWE so he had to go.

Rhodes won back-to-back royal rumbles which the rumble guarantees the winner of the main event against the main title holder and that is Reigns who holds the WWE Universal Championship. He has had that title for over a thousand days only three others in WWE Champions held the main championship longer: Hulk Hogan, Bruno Sammartino and Bob Backlund.

The previous night Rhodes and Rollins lost to The Rock and Reigns which gave the match tonight no rules just pin the opponent for the three-count inside the ring. Before entering the stadium, someone said, "Cody has to win and if he doesn't then it becomes impossible for anyone to ever actually beat Roman."

There were fans decked out in Rhodes's whole attire but there were also so many Reigns fans putting their finger to the sky to acknowledge him. The crowd was even, Rhodes went for a table early but Reigns kicked him and put the table back under the ring angering the

fans.

Reigns took the fight to the crowd, in control he tried to Supplex Rhodes into the crowd but Rhodes reversed into his Supplex onto a stage. They took it back to the ring where Rhodes went for a kick that turned into him getting a powerbomb where Reigns took control of the match.

Rhodes was getting beat in the corner, Reigns turned his back and Rhodes found a way to superkick Reigns big boot, Reigns super kick, Rhodes big boot, Reigns clothesline Cody and Reigns hit each other down. An exchange of fists leads to Rhodes's comeback. Reigns stole Rhodes's finisher Cross Rhodes for a two-count he said, "That move beats no one."

Reigns tried to hit a Superman punch but Rhodes gained momentum and sent Reigns to the outside. His eyes saw a standing announce table and wanted to put Reigns through it, Reigns hit a low blow and turned the idea on him to send Rhodes through the table and hit a Superman punch in the ring for another near count.

Reigns went for his finisher but blocked Cody Cutter by Rhodes and stole Reigns's finisher the spear for another two. Rhodes hit the cross Rhodes but was interference by Jimmy Uso with a superkick.

Then out came Jey Uso to defend Rhodes from Jimmy Uso spearing him off the stage rolled up Reigns but was led to a Spear by Reigns only two again. They both fell to the outside where Rhodes speared Reigns through the barricade.

Rhodes brought Reigns to the ring hit two Cross Rhodes and intrusion by Solo Soka who hit him with his finisher called the spike

and pulled Reigns on top for again two. Soka frustrated, hammered away but then the man who can't be seen appeared.

John Cena beat up Soka threw him out of the ring and AA delivered to Reigns and went outside AA to Soka through the Spanish announce table. Then out came the Rock face to face Rock and Cena for a third time at WrestleMania. The Rock hit Cena with a Rock Bottom. Then out came Rollins to an old song when he was partners with Reigns in his old gear Rollins turned his back on his group. Rollins was taken out by Reigns and Rock has a belt to whip Rhodes with. Fans were expecting the best wrestler in WWE history to come out Stone Cold Steve Austin. "That glass is going to break any second now."

Then the ultimate ominous music in all of WWE hits the undertaker. The lights go out, fans are so shocked and happy lights come on Undertaker is behind the Rock and hits him with a chokeslam. The match is down to four people in the ring.

Those left in the ring, were Reigns, Rhodes and Rollins. Reigns is the first up he grabs a chair looks at both men but sees Rollins in his old gear and has the chance to get payback. Hitting Rollins in the back setting up in the corner to spear and continue his title reign. Rhodes sees it coming and gets him Cross Rhodes rolls through still has Reigns in position another cross Rhodes and still has him in position to go for the third and final cross Rhodes hits it. ONE! TWO! THREE! CODY RHODES FINISHED THE STORY!

Flyers Struggling in Final Stretch of the Season

Jesse Fischer
Centurion Staff

The Philadelphia Flyers have been one of the National Hockey League's biggest surprises this season. A team that many predicted to be a bottom feeder has shocked the league with their surprising play. However, the team has plummeted, dropping eight games in a row during the most important stretch of the season.

The losing streak featured losses to good teams such as the Florida Panthers and New York Rangers. However, the team has also had tough losses to teams at the bottom of the league with losses to the Chicago Blackhawks, Columbus Blue Jackets and two losses to the Montreal Canadiens.

Hardnosed head coach

John Tortorella has made headlines throughout the season as he has had no problem publicly calling out players who he believes to be underperforming.

Tortorella has spoken during these losses, saying "This is rock bottom, tonight, for us" in a postgame interview with NBC Sports Philadelphia. "Hate to see us, at this time of year, be playing this way after all the good minutes we've put in throughout the year," he added.

It's hard to argue against his coaching, as for much of the season the team has heavily outperformed low expectations that many had before the season began.

The team has been headlined throughout the year by the play of all-star forward Travis Konecny, a promising young goalie in Samuel

Ersson, and the great play of youngsters Tyson Foerster, Cam York, Jamie Drysdale, Morgan Frost and Owen Tippett.

Unfortunately, this losing stretch has seen guys struggle mightily. Konecny has just one assist in his last five games and Morgan Frost has only one goal in his last five. Meanwhile, the team's goaltending between Samuel Ersson and Ivan Fedotov has struggled.

The Flyers have two spots up for grabs that would guarantee playoffs. Third in the metro division or the final wild-card spot in the east. The third spot in the Metro is currently held by the New York Islanders who are up four points on the Flyers in the standings with a game in hand. The last wild card spot also isn't easy either, with the Flyers com-



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

peting with the Washington Capitals who currently hold the last spot, the Pittsburgh Penguins, and the Detroit Red Wings.

"The team overachieved," said James, a Feasterville resident. "The way Tortorella coaches; the team is now tired and gassed. This leads to the team collapsing and losing games that the Flyers would easily be winning earlier in the season."

Despite the struggle, the

Regardless, there's still a chance and the team has done a great job getting themselves into a playoff race that many said they'd never be in to begin with.