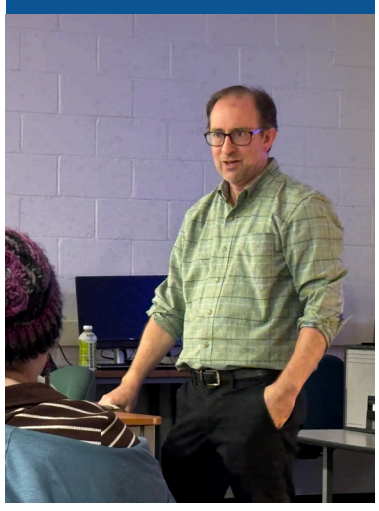
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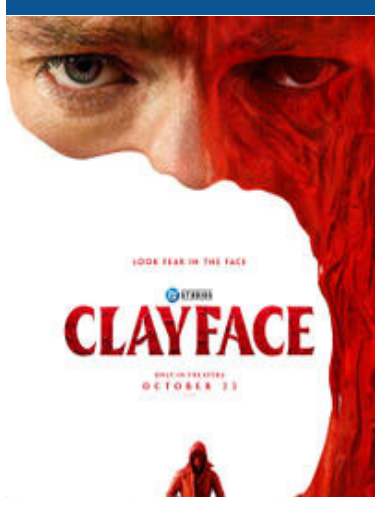
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Shapiro Re-elected, Fitzpatrick Loses as Blue Wave Sweeps Democrats Into Power Nationwide



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Democrat Josh Shapiro was re-elected Pennsylvania governor Tuesday night and incumbent Republican Brian Fitzpatrick lost to Democratic challenger Bob Harvie in the First Congressional District in midterm elections that dealt a crushing blow to the GOP nationwide.

Democrats regained control of the House and Senate in the U.S. Congress and appeared likely to do the same in both houses of the Pennsylvania legislature, according to Spotlight PA.

Fitzpatrick spent nearly $9 million more than Harvie during his campaign, according to the Federal Election Commission. Fitzpatrick stated his main message was being a moderate and emphasizing how the 1st Congressional District is "centrist and pragmatic," according to his campaign website.

Harvie ran as someone willing to critique his party. On his website it states "even as a proud Democrat, the fault lies with both parties. I'm angry at my party for leaving behind the people we are supposed to be fighting for." Harvie is currently on the board of Bucks County Commissioners and has been since 2019.

Nationwide, Keisha Lance Bottoms, a Democrat, won the race for Georgia governor, making her the first Black woman elected governor of any state. In Florida, Republican Byron Donalds was elected as the state's first Black governor. Democrat Roy Cooper won North Carolina's Senate race, while Democratic Sen. Jon Ossoff was re-elected in Georgia.

Trump said he welcomed being called "Mr. Veto" if the Democrats won a majority in the House or Senate.

Earlier, Trump had encouraged voters to imagine he was on the ballot, but the results were a disaster for his party: a "blue wave" that swept away Republicans across the country. Voters were clearly fed up with rising prices, particularly for gas, which skyrocketed in after Trump's war with Iran and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

The Associated Press Voter Poll found that roughly three-quarters of voters felt "angry" or "dissatisfied" with the way the country was going.

President Trump told CBS News he was ready to veto Democratic legislation if the Dems took control of Congress. "I have the ultimate power — it's called veto," he said in a phone interview with CBS.

Bucks County Herald Editor Visits Centurion Newsroom to Impart Lessons of a Lifetime in Journalism

Gus Clancy

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John Anastasi, the editor in chief of the Bucks County Herald with a nearly 30-year-long career, visited Bucks' newspaper editing class on Oct. 29 to speak with students about his career in journalism, his own background, and the inner workings of the newspaper industry.

Anastasi grew up in Philadelphia and attended Millersville University of Pennsylvania, graduating with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in print journalism. Around this time is when he also held an internship with The Catholic Standard & Times in Philly.

His first job in the field of journalism was as a staff writer for Montgomery Newspapers. Anastasi began his career writing about local school board meetings and bank robberies.

He became editor in chief of the Herald on Dec. 19, 2022, after years of working as a journalist.

Throughout his career, he has seen how the internet changed the process of news writing. He explained how the internet "revolutionized the way we get information" for newspapers, especially by speeding up the process of writing and research for them.

Anastasi described the day he visited the class as the only day within his work schedule that he could "breathe a little bit," since Thursdays are the days the paper is sent to print, and his week essentially starts over.

"Seeing the product of our work every Thursday morning is great. But even beyond my work, chronicling the story of a town, having writers rise to every occasion... It's all worth it," Anastasi remarked.

Anastasi feels as though the work of the Herald, amongst many other small local newspapers, not only chronicles the story of a town but also sheds a light on corruption.

However, Anastasi says shedding light on corruption is not the only way journalists impact local communities.

Writers and reporters have due diligence to report to the people what's going on in the communities around them, even if the community might not always enjoy what's being written.

"Reporting on a lawsuit, for example, obviously will not want to be written about...

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Bucks County Herald Editor John Anastasi -- Photo courtesy of Centurion Staff

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but you must grow thick skin and report on what people need to know," Anastasi said.

Growing thick skin is a requirement for many aspects of journalism, especially those just getting into the career. "You must also have a curiosity of the world around you and an interest in writing... You never know what's going to come out of a story," Anastasi said.

One student asked why much of the content in newspapers is negative, to which Anastasi replied, “we don’t always print bad stuff,” pointing to stories like the bell-to-bell phone ban and debates held at Bucks.

Anastasi explained that there's a necessary balance in writing about both positive and negative stories. Finding and fleshing out the positives going around in the community is an integral part of putting together the Herald weekly.

It's thanks to some community members who personally reach out to Anastasi that the team of writers can consistently keep a flow of good news in the newspaper.

"I think people just want good news more often than not right now, and it's our job to keep the community up to date. At the end of the day, the bad news will typically reveal itself, and we don't have to go looking for it," Anastasi said.

Anastasi continued giving examples on the personal impacts journalists make, most notably speaking to an article written by Joe Ferry, a former Bucks County Herald managerial editor and journalist who passed away in 2024.

The article Ferry wrote was in 2023, on a man with cerebral palsy, Brian Valdez, who experienced a newfound freedom playing sled hockey for the Hammerheads Sled Hockey Association Inc., a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for athletes with disabilities to play.

What touched Anastasi was how Valdez recently reached out to him to let him know that he had finally scored a goal, which was Ferry's encouraging remark following their interview in 2023.

Impassioned, Anastasi spoke to how even though it was one story, the impact Ferry made was inspiring and left a lasting mark on him and the community even post-death.

Anastasi continues to view the Herlad as “a forum for the community where people can have their thoughts and views in the paper,” adding that their biggest fans are people who have contributed to the paper via ideas or letters to the editor.

The Herald still prints its paper and releases it every Thursday. Anastasi explained that part of why they still print is because of the strong love for it. He continued saying that people are insistent that they keep printing, and there's still a lot of enjoyment for the simple act of fingering through the pages.

The Herald has a policy on AI allowing its use on a “limited basis if they disclose its use.” Anastasi explained how the policy is intended to free up time for an editor to do the heavier work, but that they still always let readers know when it's being used.

To be specific, AI is allowed in the following areas: Aiding in research, headline writing, fact-checking, creation of social media and newsletter language, generation of images and illustrations, assistance with email writing and summarization of press releases.

During the election season, the Herald allows politicians to write an article about themselves and their message for the community but discussed a future inclusion for politicians to receive an "AI score" to see if a candidate may have used AI to write their essays for them.

In general, the Herald attempts to approach politics by trying “to shoot straight down the middle.”

On the Road to Championships: The Lady Centurions Bring Home an 8-0 Win Against Central Penn College



Photo courtesy of Regan Kelso

Regan Kelso

Centurion Staff

The Women's Soccer Team has officially clinched the first seed for the ESAC Conference Championship after their 8-0 win against Central Penn.

The Centurions were on a three-game win streak before this matchup against Central Penn. The pressure was heavy since the game was the determining factor to if they would get to host the championship game on their home turf. They were able to bring home that win to continue on a four-game winning streak and securing the first seed spot.

Bucks was able to get on the scoreboard early with a goal from Lauren Overbeck. Overbeck’s first goal set the tempo for the rest of the game, and the Centurions were able to run away with the win from there. Overbeck was able to net another goal just a few minutes later.

Emmersyn Eckenrode was also able to successfully score in the first half, which put the Centurions in a three-goal lead. Regan Kelso was able to capitalize on three goals, ending the half at a solid six goals.

The Centurions were able to score two more goals in the second half. Eckenrode got one more which left her at two goals for that game. Kelso also scored another one which finished her stats with four goals. After the final whistle, the girls were ecstatic because they knew they had just secured the first seed in the ESAC which is historical for the women’s program.

After a rough loss against Kean in their first game of the season, the Centurions have really found their flow.

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Coach Torres says, "They have been working hard and the team chemistry is hitting things in full stride. This is a truly special group". Bucks Women's Soccer isn't done yet though.

The USCAA Women's Soccer National Championships are in sight for the Centurions. Oct 28 the USCAA is releasing the Coaches Poll. Torres says, "Our hope is that Wednesday we can get the vote and move into the Coaches Poll which would allow us to have a great shot at getting a National Bid". Given the phenomenal season Bucks has been having, they are hoping to get the bid. After a two-year lapse in having a program, it would be monumental for them to make it to the Nationals.

Unfortunately, getting the bid is out of the teams' hands.

Their hard work and dedication have been tremendous this season, and Torres is hopeful that it will pay off. "I hope that when the stats are looked at, the Bucks County Community College Women's Soccer Team will be announced on Nov 4th, the National Bid Day."

At halftime, the team honored the players that will not be returning to the team next season. Emmersyn Eckenrode, Alyssa Smith, Anna James, Emily Gilmore, and Regan Kelso will not be returning to Bucks next year. They were honored with heartfelt posters made by their teammates and a memorable gift from Coach Jose Torres.

Regardless of what the rest of this season holds for Torres and the Centurions, they have had a historical season and have brought a lot of pride to the Bucks soccer program. They are bringing the first ever ESAC Conference Championship right here to our very own Bucks County Community College.



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Riches to Rags and Grotesque Horror: “Clayface” Hits the Theaters

Jaydan Torres
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"Clayface," a new film from DC Studios' Gotham Universe chronicles the fall of a man named Matt Hagen who goes from riches to rags following a gory assault from his promiscuous lifestyle; here, Clayface rises in the city with no Batman to uphold justice.

“Clayface” is directed by James Watkins, written by Mike Flanigan and Hossein Amini. Starring Tom Rhys Harries as Matt Hagen, who's a star actor within the film, nominated for best performance in Gotham City.

Hagen's life started in poverty but quickly transitioned into luxury: Flying on private jets, living in high rise apartments, and even skipping lines at clubs. His drop-dead gorgeous appearance only added to his luxurious lifestyle where everybody wants to be him or with him.

As he returns to Gotham for preparations of the award ceremony, Hagen goes to a nightclub with his best friend, Corey Bowery, where Hagen meets a woman named Mia Torrez.

Unfortunately for Hagen, Torrez is the girlfriend of Szabo, an infamous crime lord in Gotham. After she hooks up with Hagen, in a fit of fury, Szabo cuts Hagen's face up in retaliation. Left scarred and mutilated beyond recognition; Hagen turns to the justice system in hopes of achieving retribution.

The vivid action when Szabo carves Hagen’s face up is amazingly horrific. Watching as the blood pools out of his face as the knife keeps slicing, it truly renders Hagen into a grotesque version of himself.

His path toward retribution left him empty-handed, even without the award from Gotham City. Hagen, due to his new look, is treated like a stain and is left with nothing but a cheap apartment in the slums of Gotham.

He soon hears about experimental medical technology created by Dr. Caitlyn Corr that's based on stem cells controlled to fix anything. Hagen begs to be a human test subject for Corr, who reluctantly agrees due to the fact that the technology has both beneficial and adverse effects.

As Hagen begins the stem-cell treatment, something goes wrong awry, but he continues to inject more cells until things begin to level out. That is until Hagen begins healing incredibly quickly and encounters other strange effects, leading him down a path of vengeance and sorrow.

Ultimately, "Clayface" is a sad movie about a person losing themselves to their vanity, vengeance, and violence. Leaving nothing but a monster behind, who should have let go of anger and hatred.

Alongside a tragic love story, that was never meant to be, "Clayface" is a great start for those who are interested in body horror or the horror genre.

With scenes causing feelings of dread and disgust, and psychological horror and suspense for what will happen next—Rhys-Harries puts on a spectacular show his depictions of Hagen's vanity, madness, and sorrow. Naomi Ackie plays Caitlyn Corr, the doctor, and in Hagen's eyes the only stable and loving person in his life.

The dynamic between these two is the heart of the film and allows for many amazing scenes. Alongside, an overall solid supporting cast, especially those Hagen disguises himself as.

There's a great fight near the end that just shows off all of Hagen's abilities alongside great music.



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There is a particular scene on an airplane which truly makes you wince and look away in dread for what will happen. The gruesome yet creative kills demonstrate Hagen’s powers in truly interesting ways.

Certain effects and CGI can look rather awkward at times in the early part of the film, but the practical effects look amazing, and the CGI gets better in the end. Overall, a good film for those looking for body-horror and tragedy.

A Seamless Transition: Bucks Honors Graduates Now Have the Opportunity to Pivot into Penn State Abington’s Honors Program



Bucks President Patrick Jones and Penn State Abington Chancellor Gary Liguori -- Photo courtesy of Centurion Staff

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A new transfer program is now available for Bucks Honors graduates to save over $18,000 in tuition and waived undergraduate application fees to attend Penn State Abington's Honors Program.

The "Honors-to-Honors" agreement was signed on Thursday, Oct. 29, by President and CEO of Bucks, Patrick M. Jones, and Penn State Abington Chancellor, Gary Liguori.

“This agreement recognizes the rigor and quality of the Bucks Honors program as appropriate preparation for upper-division work at Penn State Abington,” said Jones in a recent press release. “What’s more, this new pathway enhances collaboration between the two institutions in support of high-achieving, highly motivated students.”

The new pathway for Bucks' Honors graduates will be further supported for timely degree completion through aligned advising, student support services, and structured curriculum planning.

“Student success is at the heart of our partnership with Bucks County Community College." Liguori said in the same press release.

The agreement aligns with Bucks' own Centurion Leadership Program goals. Bucks' CLP provides hands on learning experiences and opportunities to practice the skills and concepts being taught while working alongside peers.

"By creating a seamless transfer pathway into the Abington Honors Program, we are expanding access to the leadership development and hands-on learning opportunities that define the Abington Experience,” Liguori stated.

The goal of the partnership, Liguori explains, is to build a foundation to help talented students enhance their chance of success and prepare for future meaningful careers and lifelong achievements.

Furthermore, Penn State Abington will waive the standard undergraduate transfer application fee for Bucks Honors students who apply under this agreement. Bucks students who decide to participate in the dual admission agreement with Penn State Abington save over $18,000 in tuition and fees by completing their associate degree at Bucks before transferring.