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The Woman's Dead! Who Did It?

There are new suspects in the murder of Jessica Cranshaw. Detective Frank Cioffi is working the case and he needs the help of the community to solve this murder. If you have any information about the murder, contact him immediately.

BY BELLA BARBERIO
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The cast of Liva will perform its murder mystery musical, "Curtains," April 20-22. Tickets are available for reservation online or at the door.

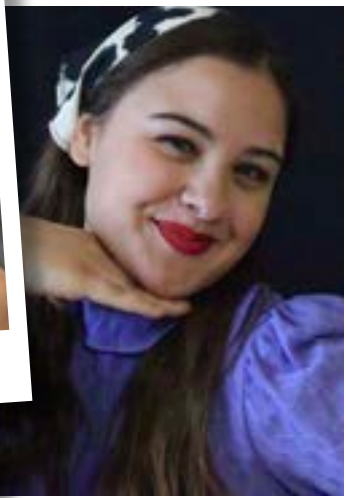
Liva performer and junior Aimee Mockler is excited to perform this show to a live audience.

"I think people should come see this show because it is the true embodiment of musical

theater. It is the perfect combination of silly and serious, with a collection of catchy songs and characters full of life, and death, that you don't want to miss" said Mockler.



Niki



Bambi



Aaron



Carmen



Bobby



Cioffi



Victim, Actress Jessica Cranshaw

Professor Presents Lecture In Honor Of Autism Awareness Month

BY VICTORIA SCRUSE
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In honor of Autism Awareness Month, Ran An, a professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance, presented "Interprofessional Collaboration: Supporting Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder" on April 4 in the Leahy Forum.

The professor spoke about autism's historical background, common myths and roles that each profession offers for children with autism. She left the audience to think about the interprofessional collaborations involving autism and plans in the future to ameliorate a child with autism into the world.

In the beginning of her presentation, the

professor elaborated on the history of the term "autism." In the 1930s, researchers had used the term "autism" to describe a lack of social communication and interaction skill. Later, they realized this condition encompassed a wider range of difficulties and abilities.

Today, autism spectrum disorder is defined by the DSM-5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition) as a persistent deficit in social communication and social interaction.

The professor explained that those with autism spectrum disorder can have high and low functioning abilities. This range consists of being gifted in math, art and science to struggling to accomplish basic life

skills like eating, showering and cooking.

Next, she briefly went over facts about autism. One fact was that children with autism struggle with social communication and sensory sensitivity. Another fact she mentioned is in regard to stimming. Stimming involves a person self-stimulating themselves, which is a protected response in order to relieve the sensory input. A popular myth in regard to stimming is that it is a behavior that should be stopped.

Speaking of sensory input, there were two distinctive terms she used: hyposensitivity and hypersensitivity. Hyposensitivity is when someone is very sensitive to noises, pain or heat and

cold. Hypersensitivity is when someone is overly sensitive to bright lights or anything that can be overstimulated.

Among sensory input issues, there are other associated disabilities that children with autism sometimes face. These include intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, motor behavior deficits, psychiatric diagnosis, ADHD, language disorders and medical problems such as gastrointestinal disorders.

The professor introduced specific professions that usually work with children with autism spectrum disorder and how professionals in these fields can help children with disabilities like autism spectrum disorder.



COURTESY OF VICTORIA SCRUSE

SEE "FIRST," PG. 4 **Victoria Scrusse, left, and Professor Ran An.**

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Cute Canines Come To Pet Therapy



Name: Henry
Breed: Golden Retriever
Owner: Aubree Armenzzani
Facts: playful, kind and loves to cuddle



Name: Lulu
Breed: Husky, Shepard mix
Owner: LTC Jason Wenger
Facts: Loves chasing leaves, watching birds and neck rubs.



Henry and Lulu are just two of the cute and lovable dogs you can visit at Pet Therapy April 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Dionne Green.



Courtesy of CSSJ

Silicon Valley Bank Failure Highlights Fragility Of Banks Amid Economic Uncertainty

BY RYAN HANLEY AND JACK GAUDIOSO
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COMMENTARY

As a string of recent failures has left industry insiders questioning the strength of these institutions in today's unpredictable economic climate, the cracks in the foundation of the banking system are becoming increasingly apparent.

Headlines involving the collapse of multiple regional banks in recent weeks have stirred up bad memories of the 2008 financial crisis, causing Americans to lose faith in the system.

Our economy relies on a fractional reserve system that allows banks to lend out a large portion of the money they receive from customer deposits. This effectively enables banks to use consumer deposits to make loans or invest in risk-free government bonds.

While this system facilitates economic growth, it becomes dangerous in the event of a bank run, which would pressure banks to meet customer withdrawal requests even if they have already lent out their customers' money for an extended period. This fabled scenario was thought to be a reminiscence of the old economy, until recently. Lately, interest rate hikes have played a major role in the collapse of multiple regional-sized banks, such as Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), which have seen an exodus of customer deposits in a true "bank run" fashion.

However, the Federal Reserve's actions have been heavily influenced by the federal government's excessive spending

in response to inflation. According to the Treasury Department, the United States government has been running a budget deficit since 2001, meaning more money is being spent than taken in.

Edward Scahill, Ph.D., a University of Scranton Economics Professor for over 30 years, argues that, while "the Fed kept interest rates very low for too long," the nation's fiscal policy has "placed great pressure on the [Federal Reserve]."

This pressure, combined with excess cash resulting from the influx of customer deposits and stimulus checks during the pandemic, created a difficult situation for banks like SVB, which had few places to deploy their excess capital, according to reports by The New York Times. Companies and individuals who received generous fiscal stimulus funding during the pandemic had little desire for additional loans, pressuring banks to park their excess cash in bonds during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the stabilization of macroeconomic conditions, consumers unleashed excess cash and began spending, utilizing what some consider to be overly generous fiscal stimulus checks that they had received from the government. This excess spending mixed with exceptionally low-interest rates made the economy boom, bringing inflation to a 40-year high in June 2022 and forcing Chairman Powell to combat rising prices.

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Students Share Their Opinions On Artificial Intelligence Chat Bot

BY GRACE WHITTAM
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Since its inception in November of 2022, the artificial intelligence chat bot, known as ChatGPT, has raised questions about the future of jobs, education and our creativity.

I decided to answer some frequently asked questions about the new phenomena that is taking the world by storm. To get the answers, I went straight to the source itself. All of the answers below are credited to ChatGPT.

What is ChatGPT?

ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence powered agent designed to process natural language input and generate human-like responses in real-time. ChatGPT can understand the context of conversations and generate coherent and contextually relevant responses to what the user inputs.

Could ChatGPT be dangerous?

ChatGPT is not inherently dangerous as it is designed to engage in human-like conversations and provide helpful responses. However, like any technology, it can be misused or manipulated for malicious purposes.

Is copying ChatGPT considered plagiarism?

Using ChatGPT to generate responses to a prompt or question and presenting those responses as one's own original work could be considered plagiarism, just as copy and pasting text from a source without proper attribution would be considered plagiarism. It is important for the user to ensure any text generated by ChatGPT is properly cited or attributed.

How do I know if what ChatGPT is saying is true?

ChatGPT does not have the ability to determine what is true or false on its own. The information it generates is based on patterns and relationships it has learned and been trained on, and it tries to generate responses relevant to the input it received. Therefore, it is important to use it as a tool to supplement one's own knowledge and understanding, rather than relying solely on its responses as a source of truth.

I asked students from different majors their thoughts about ChatGPT and there was a range of opinions.



Name: Nick Tomassoni
Grade: Junior
Hometown: Scranton
Major: Neuroscience

"I love it. I think the instant accessibility to information on such a large scale really helps to facilitate internet searching, and it's great."



Name: John Flanagan
Grade: Senior
Hometown: East Haven, Conn.
Major: Kinesiology

"Though it doesn't have the personal qualities that a human does, it gets pretty close. Hopefully it doesn't come up with better work than I can."



Name: Grace Chadwick
Grade: Sophomore
Hometown: North Wales, Pa.
Major: Education

"It's taking away from the educational experience. If used incorrectly, you are basically cheating the system."



Name: Rob Correas
Grade: Junior
Hometown: Reading, Pa.
Major: Journalism/Electronic Media

"I think it's a really cool way to provide a basis for assignments, as long as students use it as a tool and not a crutch to complete their assignments with their own work."



Name: Sean Gaughan
Grade: Senior
Hometown: Yonkers, N.Y.
Major: Computer Science

"It can do my assignments sometimes better than I can. But then again it can be wrong. It's honestly kind of scary to me."



Name: Lauren Tokash
Grade: Senior
Hometown: Coatesville, Pa.
Major: Marketing

"If I go into market research, how will I be able to acknowledge an actual source? Is it even a credible source? I think ChatGPT needs to provide its sources in order to be a considerable resource."

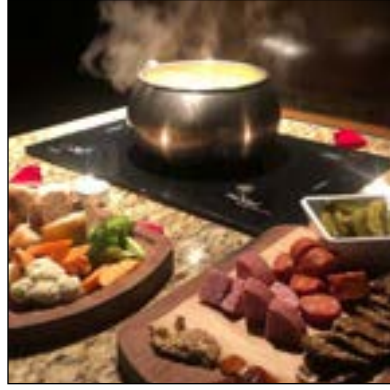
Bored With Food? Try Something New



Char grilled aged beef comes with szechuan fries and watercress salad at Buddakan, 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, 19106. Buddakan is an upscale Asian restaurant with its 10-foot-tall Buddha and background techno beats.



Mixed berry crumble topped with vanilla gelato and dusted with confectioners sugar at Bar Pazzo, 131 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, 18503. Bar Pazzo is a lively modern Italian eatery with an espresso bar.



The first course with the charcuterie board at the Melting Pot, 1 E. Broad St., Suite 100, Bethlehem, 18018. The Melting Pot is a fondue restaurant which specializes in four-course dinners and a Lover's Lane for special date nights.



Chicken pot pie skillet with mashed potatoes and vegetables on the side at Fire and Ice On Toby Creek, 111 S. Main St., Trucksville, 18708. Fire and Ice on Toby Creek is a casual restaurant with comfort foods that have an upscale flair and a calming, naturistic outside patio.



Breakfast brunch with a mimosa at the Fireside Martini Grill, 111 S Main St., Trucksville, 18708. The Fireside Martini Grill specializes in catering and buffets with a variety of foods for everyone and has seasonal igloo-style seating on its outside patio.



Steak + Eggs Shakshouka at Bank + Vine, 268 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701. French bistro fare with an upscale, farm-to-table selection of raw items, pasta, small plates and tableside items. The historic 1912 SouthSide Bank offers the experience of sharing plates underneath 30-foot vaulted ceilings in "The Lobby" and the option of secluded tables overlooking the view in "The Annex."



Tonkatsu ramen at Yamitsuki, 1028 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. Yamitsuki is created by a group of young people who love the taste of Japanese food. Their goal is to provide a taste of authentic Japanese food with a variety of sake and Japanese beer.



Massaman curry at Peculiar Kitchen & Bar, 307 Penn Ave., Scranton, 18503. Peculiar Kitchen & Bar is a new American-style restaurant with the motto "variety is a spice of life." The food is inspired from different travels around the world.



Quiche Lorraine with a side of bacon at Mansour's Market, 969 Prescott Ave., Scranton, 18510. Mansour's Market Cafe is an early 20th century NYC-inspired coffee shop and eatery specializing in pastries, cakes and comforting breakfast and lunch menu options.



Half a dozen donuts, strawberry confetti, glazed, blueberry pancake, chocolate explosion, maple bacon and chocolate icing with coffee drizzle at Duck Donuts, 1121 Shoppes Blvd., Moosic, 18507. Duck Donuts is a specialty donut shop.

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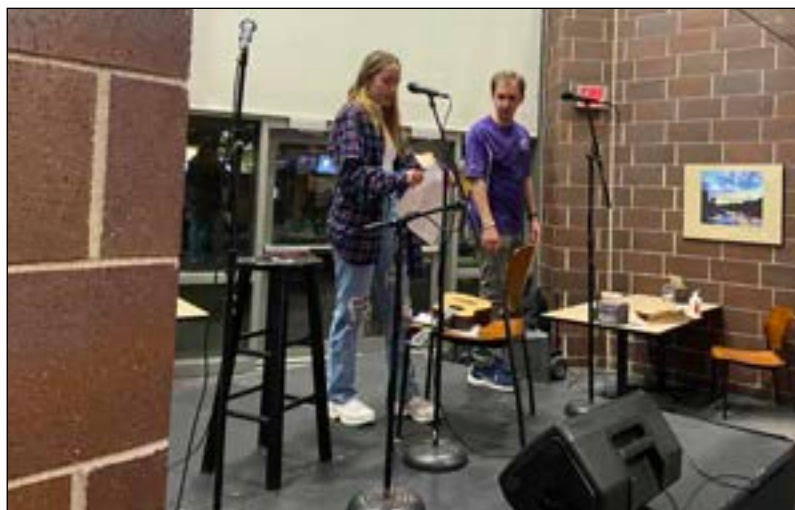
STUDENTS SHOWCASE TALENTS AT OPEN MIC NIGHT

BY DIEGO COLLADO-RAMIREZ

The University of Scranton Programming Board (USPB) held an open mic event March 31, where students presented their talents to an enthusiastic audience. The event showcased various musical styles, including heartwarming acoustic guitar renditions and stunning vocal performances. Alongside the opportunity to showcase their skills, the open mic provided a chance for students to connect and form new friendships, sharing their love of music. Students from all backgrounds celebrated their passion for the arts, creating an electric atmosphere. Overall, the USPB open mic event was a great success, offering a unique platform for students to demonstrate their abilities and form connections with their peers, resulting in a lasting sense of community.



University of Scranton students perform a variety of acts during the University of Scranton Programming Board open mic event March 31.



PHOTOS BY DIEGO COLLADO-RAMIREZ

BELLA'S BOOK REVIEW - "THE NEWCOMER"

BY BELLA BARBERIO
STAFF WRITER

Whether you are interested in mystery and crime or feel-good books, this combination of the two genres will steal your heart. The Newcomer by Mary Kay Andrews tells the story of Letty and her niece, Maya, as they flee to the sunshine state of Florida in efforts to start a new life.

When Letty's sister and Maya's mom Tanya is found dead in her New York City apartment, it becomes Letty's responsibility to take her niece and run.

What or who are they running from exactly?

Tanya's crazy ex-boyfriend Evan, who happens to be Maya's father.

Tanya left specific instructions for Letty in the event something were to happen to her and even packed a go-bag and put cash aside for emergencies. Letty doesn't want to believe anything bad will happen to her sister, but her world is flipped when the go-bag becomes their lifeline and last memory of Tanya.

While Letty is escaping from New York City to Florida, she ditches a car, buys a new one, experiences multiple toddler meltdowns, and realizes she is the prime suspect for the murder of her sister and the abduction of Maya. Who knows what lengths Evan will go to bring his daughter home? Regardless, he never seemed to care about her while Tanya was alive.

Hiring a private detective to solve the case might sound like a good idea to him, but Letty had a plan and a place to escape.

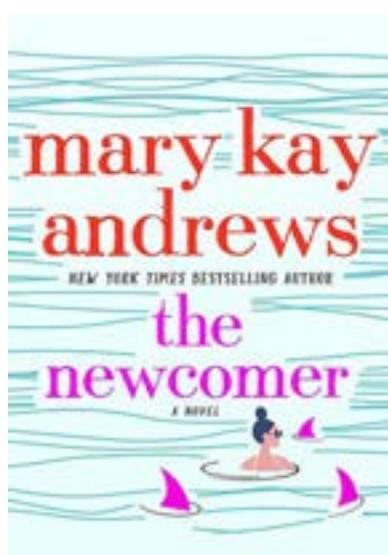
When she entered the old motel in Florida, everyone was skeptical of Letty and Maya and the reason for their arrival. By making multiple bargains, they managed to get a room at the motel.

They then meet Ava, the owner of the motel and someone who they can count on.

Later, they meet Joe, Ava's unwelcoming son, who is a police officer in Florida. Although he is uneasy and questioning of Letty's appearance at the motel, he reluctantly helps them settle in and get on their feet in this new life.

Will the private detective effectively help Evan get Maya back? Will the NYPD find the runaway Letty and frame her for the murder of her sister? Or will the two slip out of sight in their new home before anyone suspects who they really are?

This book was an action-packed story that had me on the edge of my seat. If you like a murder mystery, this is the book for you. You can find it online and at any bookstores.



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First, teachers, can create structure and predictable environments and reduce potential sensory overload.

Second, occupational therapists can implement sensory integration therapy and maximize functional activities of daily living.

Third, physical therapists can enhance communication and social skills/sensory processing skills.

Fourth, psychologists can address coping strategies with anxiety and depression.

Each profession working together leads to the main goal in children with autism: maximize the child's development and quality of life.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU IN AN ESCAPE ROOM?



5 people every escape room group needs

BY MAGGIE HOERZ
STAFF WRITER

Do you like escape rooms? You're in luck—USPB is hosting an escape the room event on campus April 29 at 7 p.m. To prepare for the escape room, here's five important people you should have in your group:

The Leader

Every escape room needs someone to lead the group through the tasks and puzzles. The leader is usually skilled in multitasking and should be able to both control the group and focus on escaping. The leader may designate different jobs to each member, recognizing what strengths

they have.

The Detail Orientated

The first thing the detail orientated person does is inspect the entire room for clues or things that may be out of place. They may spend extra time on certain information that seems unimportant, but they'll find a way to make it important.

Inventory Keeper

The inventory keeper keeps track of both everything the team collects and every lock that needs to be opened or has already been open. This person may try to find connections between the items found and try to find combinations to locks through the collected items.

Critical Thinker

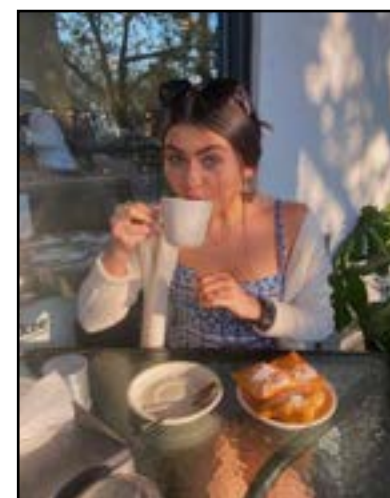
The critical thinker of the group will probably be the best at solving riddles and puzzles. This person may take their time on some puzzles to make sure they understand every aspect of it.

Timekeeper

The timekeeper makes sure the group isn't spending too much time on puzzles, as well as remind the group every so often about the time they have left to escape.

Not sure which description you fit best? Take this quiz to find your role in an escape room:

KEEPING UP WITH KELLY



BY KELLY NEE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I'm not really involved in anything on campus and I'm not sure where to start but I would like to change that for next year.

There's always a club fair at the beginning of every semester. That can be a great place to find different clubs and organizations and look for something to join! Everyone at the tables is really nice and wants to bring in new members, so it will be really easy to talk to people. You can sign up for a bunch of different things, and then try out the first meeting of each to see what you like! Also, departments usually have clubs, so if you like the classes that you're taking right now, I bet there are clubs related to those subjects! It's never too late to get involved in stuff on campus, and if all else fails, you can always join The Aquinas!

How do you stay consistent with going to the gym without getting bored?

I try to stick to three workouts a week. I'm usually able to make that work, but sometimes life happens, and you have to be forgiving with yourself. The best thing to do is to not overwhelm yourself. Don't force yourself to work out every single day. You'll get burnt out and stop going altogether. Pick exercises at the gym that feels good and switch it up with different machines and weights. Sometimes if I'm tired of the gym, I'll mix in a spin class to keep myself from getting bored. Over time, you'll develop a routine of what you like to do and roughly how long it takes you. Then you can build gym sessions into your daily routine! For example, if I'm only planning on going to the gym for an hour, I'll wear something sporty to class and then go in between classes while I'm already on campus. Getting there is half the battle, so if you can build workouts into your schedule, it makes it easier. Bonus points if you and one of your friends are free at the same time and can be gym buddies!

How to stay motivated with school-work? As soon as the weather gets nice, all I want to do is sit outside and do nothing.

Seasonal depression is over, and it feels amazing! But I completely agree. It's hard to actually get anything done. I like to make a to-do list every night before bed, so I know exactly what needs to be done the next day. If it feels like a lot of things are coming up, choose just a few to keep your daily goals achievable. Then you've made a contract with yourself to get those things done, so you have to do them! Try to get homework, studying and group projects out of the way as early as possible so that you can enjoy some sunshine in the afternoon! Or if you have obligations at fixed times, head to campus with some sunscreen and a snack and sit outside in between classes to get the best of both worlds! Also, if you have schoolwork that you're going to do regardless, you might as well enjoy the outdoors while you work! So, try to sit outside and do homework when possible, maybe with friends to make it more fun. Try to remind yourself why it's important to get your work done, and reward yourself with little treats like Starbucks! But at the end of the day, everyone deserves a break and to enjoy the beautiful weather. Once you've accomplished what needs to be done, close your laptop and walk away!