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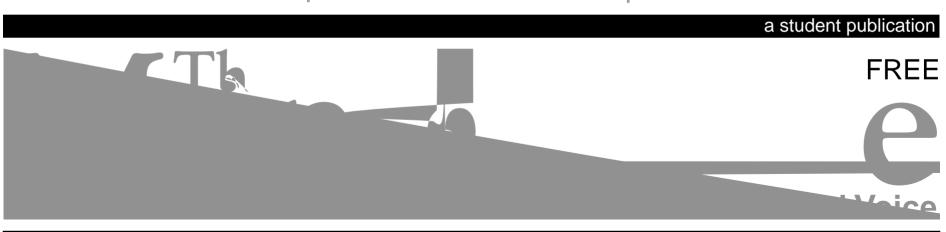
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Serving Montgomery County Community College and the Surrounding Community

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Hello, and welcome back toto our busy schedules. Luckily, physically active. According everyone who has returned to the ithis particular prediction cameto a study published in the studies at Montgomery Countytrue for me, for the most part; International Journal of Community College. I hope youhowever, since that letter, ther environmental Research and all have a positive, successfuhave been many other positive Public Health that examined semester. As always, I am happ to come out of this less-thanto extend a warm welcome to ideal situation.

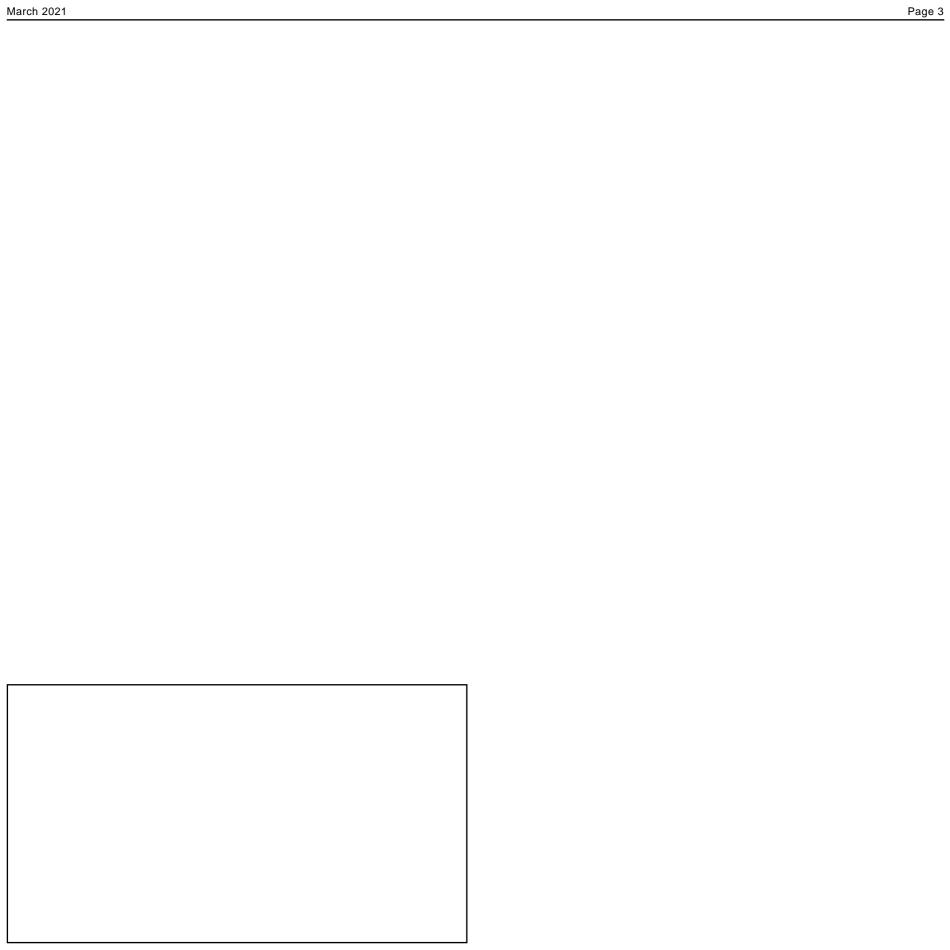
students who are entering their In addition to spending

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I would like to harken back family members, there has also to a letter I wrote one year agobeen a resurgence in community when the COVID virus had just spirit. In the months immediately started its spread across the globellowing the shutdown of and into the United States. Atbusinesses and other local that time, the College decidednstitutions, online conversations to move to a completely remotenvolving community members environment in the middle of anon Facebook and other social active semester, and I am sure media aroups rose 82%. was not the only one who wasaccording Wunderman to experiencing an anxiety attack all hompson. In the months that point in time. since, community engagement

Not long afterward, while and spirit has stayed relatively I was recovering from that stable. As a result, many of us initial shock, I wrote a letter have actually met and talked to where I talked about somepeople online we likely would of the unexpected positivesnot have before the pandemic. that could come out of this Additionally, there have been pandemic. Among the things thatmany feel-good stories of I highlighted was the increased heighbors helping each other out amount of time we would get by buying groceries for those to spend with close friends andwho are immunocompromised or family, thereby giving us the are at an increased risk of death chance to reconnect, and alsfrom COVID.

the time we would get to engage We have also been looking in activities and hobbies thatafter ourselves better by eating we had neglected, due in parhealthier and becoming more





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Although these tactics seem innocent, WKH\GLG LQ IDFW KDYH D VLJQL;FDQW HIIHFW RQ YRWHUV \$ UHFHQW 0DULVW VXUYH\;QGV

The Montgomery County Community College Theatre Arts Program has been an incredible experience for me and a lot of other students. It has helped me with my mental health, and I consider myself lucky to have a place to create such great bonds with faculty and students. But will those bonds continue to be strong with the pandemic seemingly pulling us apart?

Look up. The picture the stars and planets paint are much greater than what the human H\H FDQ FDSWXUH 7KH VWXG\RIWKHLU LQÄXHQFH RQ us has intrigued many over time — but nothing like the interest Generation Z has shown with the current boom in new-age astrologers.

Think of an area of your life: family, where you live, your career. You name it and there is a part of our galaxy that will have an LQÀXHQFHRQ\RXUVWRU\7KHVWXG\RIDVWURORJ\systems and the planets' transits has gone as far as pointing to when major social, political, or economic movements of their own will occur. Most of us do not like thinking that we as individuals, or as a society, are so predictable. Astrology is no longer just the small column DW WKH ERWWRP RID PDJD]LQH WKLV LV D JURZLQJ and trendy way of life.

\$VWURORJ\ LV PDGH XS RI WZHOYH ]RGLDF signs and twelve corresponding houses. Each ]RGLDF UHSUHVHQWV DQ DUFKHW\SH DQG HDFK house corresponds with an area of your life.
)RU H[DPSOH WKH ¿UVW KRXVH FRUUHODWHV WR the physical body, the appearance, and it is known as the house of self. By entering one's birth date, location of birth and birth time, a natal chart can be composed. This applies to businesses and countries as well, if all of the above information is known.

\*HQ = KDV XVHG VRFLDO PHGLD VSHFL¿FDOO\
TikTok, to resurrect an interest in the age-old study of astrology. An astrology enthusiast, Maren
Altman has repainted the image that many see in the stars, mixing new technology with centuries-old techniques.

Astrology is not a belief. The system GRHV QRW FDUH LI  $\RX$  XWLOL]H LW RU QRW ,W LV WKHUH WR EH UHFRJQL]HG RU LJQRUHG  $\S$ OWPDQ XVHV

### Opinion:

# Making music through a pandemic

Emma Daubert
MSP 111 The Montgazette Contributor

Making music is an important of not having that exposure to otherheir lives. When asked about students afer times post pandemic, it loo part of many lives, as it challenges musicians could have changed myeacher connections during this times though many music program the mind and allows people to expressassion for music altogether.

6 Q \ G H U V W D W H G 3 1 Rwill, closing e Qfor ever, I hald Orea Dhot themselves. Because of the recent Katie Snyder, a student majoring connected, due to the lack of facehave developed ways to learn a global pandemic, however, thosen Music Education at University of to-face instruction, and when we are grow online. We can only hope the challenges have been taken to the elaware, who has been in musicace to face, it is in very small groups these newly reformed programs we next level. Schools these days have programs throughout her years in that do not get to interact and truly becontinue to give students a commune EHHQ IRUFHG WR ¿ Q GV IDK IR VO W RV IDW VI D Q V KHUL S D Q G VIHR G FL QK IDWK H P X MeL and immersive education with teaching and extracurricular activities certainly changed my perspective on Moving toward reopening and W K L V P R G L ¿ H G H [ S H online, and that includes music.

music, but not my passion. I am just

Shania Daubert, an elementary sededicated to music as I was when school student learning the trumpelt started, but the lens through which I through virtual music classes, says HH LW KDV FKDQJHG WKDW VKH IHHOV LW 3 A Rig Cas sence telephandemid WR work in person and would have been trying to feel just as easier to learn and play with the connected as we were before, without RWKHU VWXGHQWV being near one another. Most schools

From my own experience in ahave resorted to dropping the big band program, pre-pandemic, I caband aspect and focusing on helping say that some of my favorite times tostudents learn more about themselves play were during big band practicesand their instruments individually Being around everyone and able twith private lessons. This allows learn and play together changed the tudents to strengthen their basids experience completely. In fact, the and become better musicians in their feeling of having another student, onewn way.

who comes from an entirely different Snyder, however, feels her musical background, play next to P X V L F D O H [S H U L H Q F H

you helps you grow as a musicianlessened by the pandemic overall, You learn to blend and mix youralthough her professors are doing sound into the sound of the band as exerything in their power to ensure whole, and it is exhilarating. Thinking that the students still have music in

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Margarita Mamun wakes up, for 7 months. The Russian team grabs her morning latte, and getbelieves this was a planned rumor ready for her day. She takes the pread in order to help other teams earliest morning bus for the longworldwide catch up with Russian ride to Novogorsk, Russia, to starthythmic mastery. her grueling daily training. This Rhythmic gymnastics is a sport young lady is getting ready for the WKDW PHHWV DUW DQG PDNHV D SHUIHFW 3\LQ 2021 Summer Olympics, which DQG \DQJ' EDODQFH WKDW GHVHUYHV WR will take place in Tokyo. She is astay in the Olympic Games schedule. rhythmic gymnast. The Olympic committee has been Rhvthmic gymnastics is a considering removina rhvthmic

Rhythmic gymnastics is a considering removing rhythmic very beautiful sport. Performances gymnastics from the Olympic IHDWXUH ÀH[LEOH GAROHS PSthedWeV unlæst Widderation featured apparatus and props such atternationale de Gymnastique allows rope, hoop, ball, clubs, and ribbonmale participants to compete both Many think it should be taken off in individual and group acts. Many the Olympic discipline; however, Irhythmic coaches around the world believe we need to follow this sportsupport this idea. Male competitors more closely because these athlete LOO KDYH WKHLU ¿UVW FKDQFH WR SHUIRUP are some of the best in the world. professionally and compete at the

Among those telepted at letter and 024 Russian Compete at the

Among these talented athletes an 2021 Russian Games.

their teams, the Russian Federation Irina Viner, a head for coach of Rhythmic Team is the strongest. Their RFRT, is a living legend who athletes have consistently broughwill forever be remembered for her back home Olympic gold medalsaccomplishments in this beautiful since the 2000 Games in Sydneyand delicate sport. Her path to , Q IDFW DV RI Sopatching RrQ rhythrhic gymnastics Olympic medals in a row. The Russianwas very unexpected. Viner wanted team developed many different movesW R OHDUQ D 3 0 that only athletes from their country can perform because of the movesworlt. complexity. They have a highly secretmend training process and the best coachesatsthepuntstoo muachsprssurhl in the sport. However, back in 2002, yroo

Alina Kabaeva and Irina Tchachinæas'

were accused of doping and werering(the Russian tea.d)10 ( )]TJ T12\_0 1 Tf 0 c -5.26 -24.4 Td [Cinused n P banned from performing in any

rhythmic gymnastics' competitions

DQLPDWHG;OPDWWKH\*RONGLHOOH\* WOVRUE LHQ\$UZ DWURG VKH 60x36kind0 tHteEd4údien Ge GwankK thol Unheer for h the most important precursor to the Oscarsnissing mother, Robyn uncovers the trutbne moment and nearly hate him the new Their competition was steep, with studioDERXWWKHIRUHVWDQGTheondship7ak6dHfoundfamily8na giants like Disney, Dreamworks and Sona tale full of whimsy and imagination with 3: ROIZDONHUV 'D ; OP W already having several early season awardise backdrop of the Irish town of Kilkenny, and sticks with you long after the credits re under their belts. EULHÀ\ DIWHU WKH (QJOLV:KLYOLHHJHYGQBYQTGY WARRRX

recently earned a nomination for bestvolf when she sleeps.

Cartoon Saloon begancontrol of it in 1650, promising an engaging the well-established Pixar universe a Ireland's their animation journey in 2005 whenexperience for young and old movie UHDPZRUN¶V 37KH &URI WKHLU ; UVW ; OP <sup>3</sup>7KHw 6tth Frt Jahlk W. RI WKH . HOOV a continuation of an already beloved sto entered production. With a team of only 3:ROIZDONHUV′LV D YŁRVOXI**ZDONHU, V**XL**D**Y\$L\$WHDO

& DUWRRQ 6DORRQ¶V VupPoLDaVfk/eLe-QouiriteqlQinD,1021eHbh, WhNa claims2D animation is not only alive and well b WKHLU , ULVK IRONORUH toWobelba @WoRfwWalker::aRk@umbZmDb@ Notah/blow/ bthat it can still pack a punch. Sean Be

brings life and depth as Robyn's fath

37KH 6 Hillim U belayah firam eWisk beem hin Qiyo puluckednner child and wraps the viewer in earned recognition at home and abroad byom the pages of a children's bookmystical, dreamlike world unlike any oth snagging a nomination for best animated rom the crowded and angular streets of lease this year.

; OP IURP WKH 2VFDUV MZilKeln 60vHothbeOfNvii 8tanzd Lri@chQve.o@etaltion 7KH ¿OP¶V PDVWHUI several equivalent awards from Irelandof the forest, every moment is bustlingand incredibly detailed artwork give Scotland and even South Korea's biggestith unforgettable imagery. 3:ROIZDONHUV´HQGOHV\ award shows. What's more, the score perfectly TXDOLW\LQDQDQLPDW

\$IWHUWKHLU¿UVW¿Odanfitwires/thoe Frithshen/y of Whike Hirish Zibhik Donah may be strong, but this love letter to Iri RQ WR SURGXFH 36RQJ R lpaWirk from 6ate Dtó tria Outional so Do Chroudholk lore may just be enchanting enough 37KH %UHDGZLQQHU´LQ the use left Dollet/Left bioQedna Note Halphylan Dollet/Left bioquat them out and win the Golden Globe a more nominations and awards, but still theorolor contrasts, Cartoon Saloon proves that VFDU IRU EHVW DQLPDV lived in the bigger studios' shadows. Despite

Cartoon Saloon's youth, they may have a shot of stealing past their competition with their

PRVW UHFHQW ¿OP WKH YLYLG DQG FKDUPLQJ DQLPDWHG ¿OP 3:ROIZDONHUV ′

3:ROIZDONHUV′WHOOV WKH VWRU\ RI D \RXQJ aspiring hunter, Robyn, and her father, who is hired to kill the last pack of wolves in 17th century Ireland. Against her father's wishes, Robyn sneaks into the forests and stumbles



Using Zoom a Iso adds the problemV W X G H Q W D W W K H & R O O H J H of performing plays online, such as whethough I am honored to be a part of the plays someone's connection drops. It wasnd productions and get to see my friends troubling in rehearsal when a screen would rough a screen, it hurts, as well, not to be just go black or log actors out of their Zoomwith them in person. It's hard to get out of room. During tech rehearsal, actors facedur own heads when we are surrounded by many complications, including access the same people and lu KinC 0 -1.2 Td (e)- 25 Internet and Wi-Fi support.

+ROORZ VD\V 3, WKRURXJKO\ HQMR\HG still being able to continue doing theatre, EXW.GLG;QGLWWREHPRUHKHFWLF YLUWXDOO\

than in person. It also made me upset that we couldn't really get the experience of going out to eat or bowling, as we normally

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The Theatre Arts Program is gaining a bunch of new faces, but the veteran students are feeling a little discouraged because they know what it was like previously and how different it is now.

Megan Kinn, a new Theatre Arts

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The deprivation of the ability to during his freefall into total deafnessinterspersed moments of silence go to movie theaters has been easi@onversations are either muddled oDUH WDQWDPRXQW WR WKH ¿OP IDFLD one of the most irritating things forincoherent, until he is assisted by expressions and eye movement are me throughout the pandemic. My lovemachine or another person. YLWDO WR D EHOLHYDEOH SHUIRUPDQFH for the experience knows no bounds. The silence is purposefully Ahmed achieves this in spades and and, without it, I feel incomplete unnerving and deftly placed in thecreates a portrayal of a heavy-metal However, the advent of streaming; OP 7KLV DVSHFW LVdrEinOmHeinDforOwhida HeDocathicetor Favo EH services has been able to satiate nineard in a theater, where the darknets ours a day, losing his most important GHVLUH DOLWWOH armid Dokotrublin Dig Ls Gence 6 Wrokild QtGuly Sehse so effectively that it could easily 0 HWDO / IHDWXULQJ p5elnetrSteX #PneHa@idie@c@.LFYrulstDatingly. Cooke and Paul Raci, makes maye have been denied this luxury. That even more frustrated that I could noils not to say that the movie cannot experience it in a theater. be enjoyed in one's own home; it

\$ JUHDW SRUWLR QustRmleatMs Kithat view of strucks leave predicated on sound design and side the time and absolute focus to even more importantly, silence appreciate this excellent movie.

Darius Marder, director and The individual performances by principal screenwriter, expertly 5 L] \$ KPHG DOVR LQ 3 1 LJKWFUDZOHU′ lets the audience hear what Rubeand Paul Raci are truly masterful.

Stone, the main character, hearsince the lack of dialogue and

All the Boys I've Loved %HIRUH'", I \RX VDZ WKH ¿UVW movie, vou are likely hooked DQG DOVR VDZ LWV VHTXHO 37R All the Boys: P.S. I Still /RYH <RX ' 'LG \RX NQRZ WKDW D WKLUG ; OP ZDV UHOHDVHG on February 12, 2021? The ¿QDO LQVWDOOPHQW LV FDOOHG \$OZD\V <sup>3</sup>7R \$00 WKH %R\V DQG )RUHYHU ' DQG LW FDQ EH YLHZHG RQ 1HWÀL[ ZKLFK produced all three movies with the help of series writer Jenny Han. For those who have never heard of this series, it is about a romance between a boy, Peter Kavinsky (Noah Centineo), and a girl, Lara Jean (Lana Condor) and the various struggles and triumphs of their relationship.

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Lara Jean lives with her father and two sisters, Kitty and Marfather

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