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A summer Crumbs “recipe”

QDOBA Burrito

It's that time of the year again. The weather is nice and the birds are chirping, so there's no better opportunity to dust off that grill and get to barbequing. And with Fourth of July upon us, having any shortage of burgers or hot dogs can be equated to a doomsday disaster of sorts.

So what if a barbeque isn't up your alley? As someone who doesn't currently own a grill but still wants to hone my skills, I've found the perfect solution for my summer food needs. Catering. From QDOBA. You may be wondering how this ties into barbeque, but I'll be asking the questions here. Sometimes we just need something a little different.

Start to Finish: It's a race against time. Can you finish before the burrito falls apart?

Servings: Honestly, one burrito can feed anywhere from 1-4. Your guess is as good as mine.

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Ingredients

- 1 tortilla
- Your choice of meat (did you know QDOBA now offers plant-based options?)
- Always black beans, never pinto.
- Either queso or salsa. Not both.
- Cheese, pico de gallo, lettuce, etc.
- Guacamole now costs extra, and it honestly breaks my heart.

Directions

- 1) Settle the discussion. Is QDOBA better than Chipotle? I think so.
- 2) Venture to the nearest QDOBA.
- 3) Pick and choose one of each topping. Make your burrito as large as possible.
- 4) If not in the mood for a tortilla, a burrito bowl is acceptable. Only once every four times at most, however.
- 5) Watch in amusement as they struggle to roll your titanic burrito.
- 6) Look at the picture to the left. Do you see that pencil? This burrito is the size of 50 pencils. It would destroy that pencil with one smash.
- 7) Enjoy your burrito, and laugh at those who are still barbequing by the time you're done eating.

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ADMINISTRATION

A Green future

Community reaction to the university's next president

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Scott Green took on his first day of his three-year contract as the 19th president of the University of Idaho Monday. The Idaho State Board Education named the Moscow native as outgoing President Chuck Staben's successor on April 11.

UI's next president is being welcomed home with open arms.

Green graduated from UI in 1984 with a B.S. in Accounting. During his time as a student, he served as student body president and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

He went on to earn an MBA in general management from Harvard Business School in 1989. Green currently serves as the global chief operating and financial officer for Hogan Lovells, one of the largest law firms in the world. Holly Wichman, a university distinguished professor in the biological sciences department, said she

is excited Green has accepted the Board's offer to become UI's next president.

"There was a great deal of enthusiasm at his open interview and it is echoed in conversations I have heard across campus since the announcement," she said.

Wichamn said she thinks the most important thing for Green to do as incoming president is take a "listening tour" of the UI community in Moscow and around the state of Idaho.

At a press conference April 11, Green said he wants to eventually travel to each county in Idaho to "meet all the right people as well as spend time with faculty here on campus."

In his welcome letter Monday, Green said he "plans to travel to our statewide locations to listen and learn from our Vandals and others."

Liz Brandt, retiring James E. Wilson distinguished professor of law, said she is looking forward to Green's presidency.



Scott Green

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ADMINISTRATION

Discrimination lawsuit

Professor seeks remedies for race and gender discrimination

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A University of Idaho law professor is seeking all available remedies for alleged race and gender discrimination from the university, its college of law and former law school dean.

Shaakirrah Sanders was subject to unfair and biased treatment following the appointment of Mark Adams as dean of the college of law in 2014 when “a pattern of disparate terms and conditions of employment” began, according to the complaint, filed June 19 in Boise federal court. These disparities included denying Sanders a similar type of compensation to other professors who taught a course load over 12 credits.

Sanders was hired by the UI College of Law in 2011 as a tenure-track associate professor. Sanders earned tenure in 2016, and in 2018 became the first African-American and second person of color to achieve the rank of full professor in the UI College of Law.

In documents, Sanders alleges she pointed out the lack of neutral criteria to assign and assess faculty workloads, which led to a lack of fundamental fairness to Adams and Associate Dean Richard Seamon, which resulted in her teaching the normal credit package.

“Professor Sanders also told them that she was willing and happy to teach Constitutional Law I but believed that a course release or other compensation was appropriate,” the complaint read. “Dean Adams made clear in response she would not be teaching Constitutional Law I.”

In 2017, the school created two associate dean positions. Sanders met the requirements for the position, including being tenured and able to commit two years to the position, but was not consid-

ered, though Adams approached several white and/or male professors about the position, according to the complaint. Sanders said after she confronted Adam about his decision to hire two white men, she was further retaliated against, including being passed over for a stipend that ended up going to two white men with a rank equal to Sanders, according to documents.

In November 2018, the Executive Summary of the climate and culture of the College of Law documented that leadership was aware of multiple complaints, which included concerns of uncivil and abusive communications, gender and sex bias and perception of favoritism in allocation of resources. The same documents allege the university and College of Law “specifically were willing to have the diversity and discrimination concerns that clearly existed at the college take a seat at the back of the bus until after they could sort through other concerns.”

Adams, whose areas of expertise include employment law and human rights, stepped down as dean last year. Adams did not respond to request for comment.

This is the sixth lawsuit pending against UI at this time. The university does not comment on pending litigation, according to university spokesperson Jodi Walker.

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Shaakirrah Sanders



Mark Adams

Green Future

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“I look forward to the fresh ideas and perspective he will bring as a president from a non-academic background,” Brandt said. “Having a Vandal as our president is an added plus. I think his passion for the university will bring great benefits to UI.”

Assistant Professor of American Literature, Zachary Turpin, said UI presidency is a complex responsibility and Green will need support and input from the get-go.

“Heading into this position, he already seems to have the makings of a good president given his financial acumen, management acumen and sunny demeanor,” Turpin said. “Now he begins the process of becoming a president in full — which will mean cultivating skills that no job interview

can test for: teambuilding, long term planning, developing a real and rich relationship with faculty and staff and embodying idealism without setting impossible goals.”

To Turpin, impossible goals include moving UI to a R1 University within five years, a Carnegie classification reserved for doctoral universities with the highest level of research activity, and obtaining budget surplus within three years.

“And through it all, the steward of Idaho’s best university will need to be an open and transparent leader at all times,” Turpin said. “As Green wrote in 2004, ‘simply implementing new governance processes means nothing if there is not a culture of transparency and openness.’ I agree with him.”

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BRIEF



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Music, meals, and missions can be found in Moscow this week

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“Space Jam” on the Green

Screen on the Green’s latest showings include “Space Jam,” playing 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, and the newly released “Shazam,” playing 8:45 p.m. July 11. The family-friendly summer film series is held on the Theophilus Tower lawn through

Aug. 24, and chairs, blankets and snacks are recommended. Alcohol is prohibited, and popcorn is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

UI researcher, team selected by NASA for mission

Launching a robotic rotorcraft lander to Saturn’s moon, Titan, was envisioned by University of Idaho Associate Professor Jason Barnes, and will become a reality after being selected by NASA for

launch in 2025.

The mission, Dragonfly, beat 11 other teams to win NASA’s New Frontiers Program competition. The mission now involves 35 scientists from around the globe and is funded for up to \$850 million, according to a press release. The project will be led by the John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Dragonfly will arrive on Titan in December 2034, with its primary mission to last a little over two years.

Folk music at Slice and Biscuit

Wes Urbaniak and the Mountain Folk will perform 4 p.m. July 7 at Moscow Slice and Biscuit as part of their tour, sharing music from Urbaniak’s eighth and ninth albums.

The pair will share previous albums and new material that mixes beatboxing and bluegrass with custom Montana-made instruments.

“Summer Breezes and Sweet Sounds”

This annual, free summer outdoor concert featuring local musicians and composers will take place July 8.

Hosted by UI’s Arboretum Associates and the Lionel Hampton School of Music, the concert begins 7 p.m. in the arboretum on Nez Perce Drive.

Community Meal

Food Not Bombs of the Palouse is holding a community meal from 4 to 6 p.m. July 7 at the Presbyterian Church.

All are invited to join in the free vegan/vegetarian meal and to bring Tupperware to take food home.

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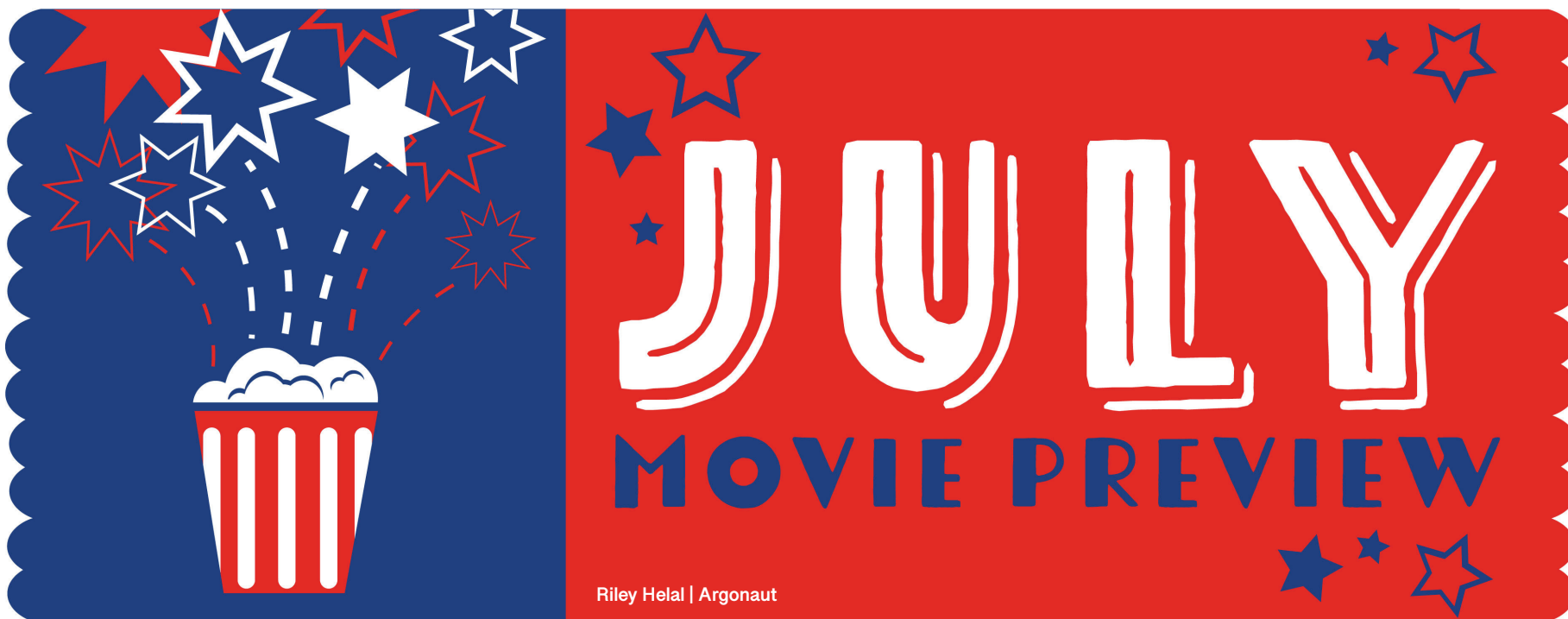
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FILM



Spiders, lions, alligators and more this month

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“Spider-Man: Far From Home” — July 2

Serving as the icing on the cake to Marvel’s third phase, “Far From Home” explores the aftermath of “Avengers: Endgame” and the snap’s effects on civilization. More importantly, the film will address how this affects students who have now come back to life. Will some people not have to take full credit workloads?

Jake Gyllenhaal plays the fan-favorite villain Mysterio, who apparently is not even a villain. I don’t buy it.

My verdict: See it as soon as you find a showtime where fans don’t cheer during every scene.

“Midsommar” — July 3

“Hereditary” is one messed up movie, but you can’t deny it’s well-made. Ari Aster has a knack for beautiful cinematography accompanied by a borderline nonsensical plot, and “Midsommar” looks to be no exception. When a couple goes to Sweden on vacation amidst relationship troubles, they stumble onto a small village hosting a special festival.

The only problem? The festivities are being put on by a crazed Pagan cult, and Christian and Dani are caught in the middle. We know few details regarding what comes next, but I can’t even begin to imagine what Aster has in store for us this time.

My verdict: Did you cover your eyes during “Hereditary?” If the answer is yes, then turn away now.

“Stuber” — July 12

Kumail Nanjiani and Dave Bautista are a rather odd pairing. But sometimes, the strangest decisions yield the most surprising results. When Uber driver Stu (Nanjiani) picks up Vic (Bautista) one ordinary day, he finds himself suddenly front-and-center amidst Vic’s detective hunt for a terrorist.

Marketed as an action comedy, I’m still not quite sure where my expectations lie. However, this may just be what finally gets me to try Uber.

My verdict: I expect Bautista fans to come out of the woodwork in support. Besides that? Curb your excitement.

“Crawl” — July 12

The last Sam Raimi film I remember is Spider-Man 3, and we’ll leave it at that. Don’t expect to see any superhero cameos in this horror flick, but what we can look forward to is alligators.

After a strong hurricane ravages a small Florida town, Haley Keller goes back to her family’s home to find her father, who is trapped in their crawlspace.

The trailers portray her as being surprised to find the water rising so much, but I can’t help but feel that’s expected when you blatantly disobey evacuation warnings. The two must try to escape both their home and the completely random alligators swimming inside.

My verdict: This one should be crawling right out of theaters within a few weeks.

“The Lion King” — July 19

We find ourselves in the era of Disney remakes, and I’m honestly OK with it. “Aladdin” managed to exceed my expectations, and if I wasn’t even let down by a blue Will Smith, I don’t see how this can disappoint me either. The trailers look promising, and the music is stray-

ing far less than the constant hip-hop spin-offs from “Aladdin.”

We all know this story, so it’ll be interesting to take note of any changes Disney and director Jon Favreau may make. If he’s bold enough, maybe Scar will even win.

My verdict: Watch for the incredible CGI and Seth Rogen as Pumbaa.

“Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” — July 26

Quentin Tarantino films are very odd, and there’s no real way to get around it. Some love his style, while others maybe don’t feel the same way. I find myself in an awkward kind of middle ground, where I appreciate what he’s doing, but I just don’t quite get it.

There’s no denying his phenomenal track record, with films such as “Inglorious Bastards,” “Pulp Fiction” and “Reservoir Dogs,” just to name a few.

His latest film has an all-star cast, and centers on Leonardo DiCaprio playing a struggling actor in the ‘60s. This is an alternate version of Hollywood, and one that has been described as “a modern fairy tale tribute.” Bolstered by a cast including Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie and Timothy Olyphant, the actors alone should be able to carry the film.

My verdict: Who knows? This could be a smash hit, or it could be another odd, ‘60s outing.

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REVIEW

Who let the dogs out?

My all time favorite dog movies

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During the summer, I have been surrounded by the drooly animal we all love — the dog. He has followed me in my own home and dragged me to the dog park every day. Not only have I had time to enjoy the company of my own dog, but I had the opportunity to volunteer at an animal shelter.

So who is top dog? My dog — obviously. But I decided to take it upon myself to dig deeper into my VHS collection of the classic '90s and early '00s dog cinema.

1. "See Spot Run" (2001)

While picking the top spot in the dog film pecking order was ruff, I have to give it to "See Spot Run." Gordan (David Arquette) is a mailman who frankly isn't responsible, and when he ends up babysitting James (Angus T. Jones), his life takes a turn.

He encounters an FBI dog who escapes the witness protection program and James talks him into taking him home. Yet, Gordan hates dogs with a burning passion. This film excels in humor.

No matter how many times you watch it, you are guaranteed to laugh over and over again, maybe even obtaining a belly ache. And believe me, you won't look at a pet store the same way again. It may have gotten one star on Rotten Tomatoes, but I give it five.

2. "Beethoven 2" (1993)

Beethoven has been a beloved character for quite a few years. The last "Beethoven" film was made in 2014, so obviously audience members wagged their tails for more. Why does this film rate so high on my list? Because there are puppies. Who doesn't love puppies?

Beethoven finds a love interest, Missy, and one thing leads to another. Puppies arrive and they can be proven to lead to a decent amount of money— so Missy's owner tries everything in her power to steal them from the Newton family.

Almost every dog movie has puppy dog-

napping in it, but this one exceeds expectations to make the audience smile and really feel the love between the canines as well as the family. Watching this film will make you want to adopt a puppy, so beware.

3. "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" (1993)

What happens when you get two dogs and a cat lost in the wilderness? A pack to find their way home. Chance (Michael J. Fox), Shadow (Don Ameche) and Sassy (Sally Field) travel across the mountains running into wildcats, porcupines and even bears. This Walt Disney movie does something right in creating this enriching family film.

Talking animals can be a bit of predicament, and if done wrong, can look cheesy and childish. But this film's talking animals keep the audience engaged and paws in our heartstrings wanting them to succeed. This film reminds everyone that a dog and even a cat truly are man's best friend.

4. "Air Bud" (1997)

The loyal, trustworthy Golden Retriever breed has entered family households everywhere, but it is famous for one particular movie: "Air Bud." Josh (Kevin Zegers) adapts to his new home, but it becomes easier when he meets Buddy.

Only, Buddy's previous owner (Micheal Jeter) hunts down the dog when he sees his mad dunk skills on television. When the child has just about lost everything, the dog enters his life and a new family member emerges.

Pudding cups and all, this film shows that friendship can overcome any obstacle. If you've seen any of the Air Bud movies without watching the original the original, you are an underdog missing out on a cinematic treasure.

5. "Beethoven" (1992)

Normally a dog series drops off after the first film and turns into stale dog food — they aren't good anymore but you watch them anyway. "Beethoven 2" ended up higher on my list because of the puppy aspect, but that doesn't make the original "Beethoven" bad.

Beethoven starts off as just a puppy getting away from dog nappers who are conducting animal experiments, but somehow, they find Beethoven years older when he finds a family.

Beethoven first shows his loyalty and what it truly means to be a dog in this film. Beethoven may be saved, but I think he actually ends up saving the Newton family. This is where it all started and tears are shed.

6. "Snow Dogs" (2002)

Mush! Dentist Ted (Cuba Gooding Jr.) travels to Alaska based on his mother's will and encounters the journey of a lifetime he didn't expect. What's a part of the will? A pack of sled dogs who don't like Ted too much — but they do like his toothpaste.

A man in town, Thunder Jack (James Coburn), wants to take the dogs away and will do anything in his power to undermine Ted's sledding skills. Ted makes some unlikely friends along the way and even finds a possible love interest. This film shows dogs are smarter than we think and even in a cold climate they will warm our hearts.

7. "Turner and Hooch" (1989)

This dog drools, chews on everything and will wreck the house — he can even slam his head through a door. Meet Hooch, the hero. Detective Scott Turner (Tom Hanks) is a police officer who doesn't like dogs too much, but after a murder, he ends up getting one of his own. Turner and Hooch are the perfect pair to solve crimes and bite the bad guy on the neck. Everyone needs a dog like Hooch in their life. So, sit back and relax. Turn this movie on from your Netflix subscription and enjoy some good, sloppy fun.

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REVIEW

The Warrens are back for more

What should you see before watching "Annabelle Comes Home?"

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"The Conjuring"

The movie that started it all, "The Conjuring" came out in 2013 and is the first movie Annabelle made an appearance in. The movie starts with us learning about Annabelle. Not her creation, but the real-life story — of two nursing students who were being terrorized by whatever is attached to this doll. But don't let that make you think this movie is about Annabelle. This is the last we'll see of her in here.

It will play into the later Annabelle movies, so remember the Warrens had Annabelle around the same time as the first Conjuring movie.

Watch: Netflix

"The Conjuring 2"

The Conjuring movies have a problem. The second one in any series is better than the first one. "The Conjuring 2" follows a young British girl and her family, who are being haunted by an old man who died in their house before they moved in.

It does not feature Annabelle at all, so it's not necessary to watch before going to see "Annabelle Comes Home." But, it is good enough to spend \$2.50 to rent for a week through the Moscow Video Co-op.

Watch: Rent online or through the Moscow Video Co-op

"Annabelle"

If you want more back story on the Annabelle doll before you watch the third movie in this series, you're going to have to watch "Annabelle." Just watch it after "Annabelle Creation," because it makes much more sense this way.

The doll became attached to this demon is because of a cult — but there is no other explanation, since the writers threw in a cult and did not decide to capitalize on it. It's mentioned once or twice when our main character does some research toward the end, but we still know basically nothing.

Watch: Hulu

"Annabelle Creation"

"Annabelle Creation" is much better than "Annabelle." We get more backstory, we know the characters better and it give Annabelle some much needed context. You can't pull a Star Wars and make the movies out of order if the movies cannot stand alone, and "Annabelle Creation" should be watched first, because "Annabelle" is awful.

This movie gives you more context on why the doll is called Annabelle, the reason behind the notes and a look at what is connected to it. One downside is this movie doesn't include the cult, but that's to be expected when it's a prequel filmed later on. Plus, the last few minutes are just a copy and paste of the opening scenes of "Annabelle."

Watch: Rent online or through the Moscow Video Co-op

"Annabelle Comes Home"

"Annabelle Comes Home" is my favorite in this trilogy, as it builds

more on the demon connected to Annabelle while also exploring the other objects in the Warren's house. It also is unique because Ed and Lorraine's characters aren't the main people in this story — it's their daughter, her babysitter and her friend.

I won't spoil it to much more, but they've found the sweet spot between jump scares and good old psychological thrillers. Plus, we get to see a few new demons the Warrens looked into in real life — an added bonus which could point to new spin offs.

Watch: In theaters

Not featured in this review: "The Nun" and "The Curse of La Llorona"

"The Nun" is featured in "The Conjuring 2" and plays a big role in the plot, so if you want to know the backstory watch this 2018 film. "The Curse of La Llorona" is still too new to be on DVD or streamable, so I was unable to watch it. Despite this, the film does not play into Annabelle's story and has

very loose connections to the Conjuring universe.

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 **Leo** 7/23-8/22
During this long weekend, I challenge you to do something different. Instead of diving deep into your phone, look up (especially since the fireworks will be so pretty). You know, unless you're reading your horoscope.

 **Virgo** 8/23-9/22
Break that diet you've been putting yourself on. This weekend is about fun and celebration, and you should be enjoying it. Don't worry. You won't remember those few extra calories, but you will remember this weekend. Live it to the fullest.


 **Libra** 9/23- 10/22
Do you know who loves long weekends more than you? Your pets. Take your dog for an extra long walk this weekend or spend your Saturday at home lounging with the cats. No matter how you spend the weekend with your animals, they'll be happy to see you for an


 **Scorpio** 10/23- 11/21
You have been spending a lot of money eating out this summer, so let me reason with you. You need to stop. I know you're making more money this summer, but you won't have any left if you don't eat at home. Plus, one of the joys of summer is being able to use your kitchen!


 **Sagittarius** 11/22-12/21
One challenge I have for you is to start reading more news. No, this is not a biased opinion (mostly), but there is a lot happening all across the globe, and you should be keeping informed and up-to-date.


Cancer 6/22-7/22


Being patriotic may not be all hot dogs and fireworks, but that's OK. I would know, because while the stars are in my favor, BBQ is not. This astrological teller is a vegetarian. But the fourth doesn't have to be pure 'Merica, just celebrate with some people you love — with or without hot dogs.


 **Capricorn** 12/22-1/19
With less than two months left before school starts again, make sure to take into consideration your goals for the summer. Get them done and take care of yourself. Now is the best time to take care of your personal health, because it is not as easy to do once school starts back up.

 **Aquarius** 1/20-2/18
While summer vacation is a vacation in itself, most of us are busy working and/or studying. So, take this week as a holiday! This means (hopefully) you get a vacation during your summer vacation. Take this time to restore and remember the summer is about halfway through.

 **Pisces** 2/19-3/20
The fourth week usually tends to allow for lots of traveling or vacation. When you are preparing to leave for this long weekend, remember to be safe. Whether you're just celebrating the night or you are going away for the whole week, drive slowly, be careful and watch your surroundings.

 **Aries** 3/21-4/19
You might be feeling quite tired this summer, since while summer vacation can be nice, it's quite different than your normal routine. Take this long weekend to restore. And remember, summer does not last forever, and having a break from your normal routine can be good.

 **Taurus** 4/20-5/20
Summers usually mean making a decent amount of money. Sometimes more than decent, and more than you could ever make while in school. While saving is important, have some fun and treat yourself to the thing you've been wanting.

 **Gemini** 5/21-6/21
Most Fourth of July celebrations involve some kind of fireworks. While they can be a great way to celebrate our country, this year's fourth is on a Thursday, so don't go too wild. Some of us have to work.

REVIEW

Harry Potter Go

“Wizards Unite,” a casual game to get in your hour of activity

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When I found out “Wizards Unite” was coming, I knew I had to download it and give it a go.

My first impression of the app is it pulls hard on the connection to the Harry Potter franchise — from the opening scenes being an owl flying through the sky to the Harry Potter soundtrack playing when the app launches.

The game is fun to play, simply open it and much like “Pokemon Go,” walk around until you run into a confound-

able. These are things common in the Harry Potter world, just like Ministry of Magic employees, Quidditch gear and a multitude of other objects from around the magical universe.

The game begins with a profile creator where you can pick your Hogwarts house, your occupation and even design your own wand.

The game uses augmented reality to place the confoundable into your world, so when you’re walking around trying to find them, you follow a little wizard in a stripped-down map of whatever city you’re currently located in.

There is a story as well, told through pop-ups from characters like Hermione, Harry and other ministry officials.

But there are other things you can do, like brew potions, find ingredients and visit houses to find food you can use for energy. You can even add your friends through codes set up when you make your account. The app keeps personal information separate and does ask for your name, which they say is kept secret since it is just “for the ministry’s records.”

When you find your confoundable, the character stops so you can trace the shape of the different spells you need to fight them or to find them in general. I love the concept and the game is a great way to get outside and be active, but it is not for me. I forget to open the app, and have to remember to open it just to play.

The game is good to get you out of the house if you’ve spent all day cooped up and want to have some fun, so maybe I just need some friends to walk around playing the game with while playing.

The app does drain my battery though, and if I’m trying to get somewhere in a reasonable amount of time, “Wizards Unite” is not going to help.

You can get it for free through any app store that comes with your phone. Go ahead and give it a try, it’s a fun way to get outside. Just don’t if you’re strapped for time — give yourself a few hours to go exploring.

Should you download the game, there’s a few things to keep in mind. Stay out of the street, take water, wear your sunscreen and definitely wear comfortable shoes. This game is addictive, and you won’t want to stop.

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Five-star engulfing

How to see through the flood of sponsored five-star ratings

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While browsing the New York Times, I stumbled over an article that made me more conscious of the times we live in. It made me realize the way I hunt for products over the internet is completely wrong and it's a recurring problem everyone is going through, without even knowing it.

Whether it's buying a new game, sheet music like Joanne Chen in her article or a new piece for your computer, you are likely being misled by the way you are used to online shopping.

The article "Do Not Trust That Stranger's 5-Star Review" inspired me to write a piece tackling internet shopping errors and how we can become better consumers. It is time to expose the reviews on our trusted internet commerce websites and bring home something we are confident is the best product.

Chen is a senior writer for WIRECUTTER, a New York Times product review website. It is her job to scan through reviews online and find the best product, so she knows what she is doing.

We have reached a point where we trust reviews rather than our product providers, and with great power to sell comes great responsibility to know what we are buying.

We can have a tendency to be overly nice when it comes to reviewing mediocre products, online or "irl." Although this is a kind gesture, it is only helping the purchase of crappy products and takes advantage of the consumer.

As Chen puts it, we "validate" our purchases

all the time using the five-star method. We automatically look at the stars next to the product, and which ever has the most surely must be the best.

The problem here is that it can be quite the opposite. I had this same problem when I was trying to buy fake air pods to fit in with the rich youth. It was almost like there was a flood of five stars on each product, even though most of them were crap.

We validate all kinds of products all the time, and in my opinion, the five-star method doesn't work.

When we rely on ratings, we look past important parts in buying the product such as where it was made, who was it made by, product specifics and more.

Chen also says it is a lot more helpful when the product has a few helpful reviews, rather than a product with 500 five-star ratings. It is meant to be more authentic and less "flooded."

It may seem like a no brainer, but to find the best product you have to look past the review. Yes, in some cases it may help looking at reviews from valid purchases to see if it is not a scam. It is so

easy for other people to leave positive reviews with the company's influence.

When buying online it is very important to not look past specifics, but to look further than the review.

The best advice is that you simply have to go the extra mile. As Chen puts it, "the majority of products and business reviews are positive. ... since reviewing is such a subject matter, I hope people would take the star rating with a grain of salt. Because let's be honest, ratings shouldn't be taken so seriously.

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Food insecurity

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Food insecurity is a college health issue gaining awareness on many campuses nationwide. Here at University of Idaho, 38% of undergraduates reported experiencing food insecurity in 2017 according to a study conducted by The Ohio State University. Food insecurity is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as an “economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food” and is characterized by reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet, and/or reduced food intake due and hunger.

College student food insecurity typically reflects or is significantly higher than state and national rates, and can be intermittent or chronic. It's caused by inadequate financial resources, including insufficient financial aid. Other contributing factors can be lack of transportation, an unanticipated medical bill, or an event that wipes out a student's savings. Food insecurity ultimately leads to coping mechanisms including stretching and skipping meals, eating unbalanced meals, attending events on campus that offer free food, suppressing hunger with excessive fluid intake, and going to sleep to avoid feeling hungry. Food insecurity is often found to be related to low GPA and depression in college students.

There is a stigma associated with food insecurity. Feelings of shame, guilt, and embarrassment are reported by students experiencing limited access to food due to inadequate financial resources. The stigma and its stinging affects are also reported as barriers to accessing resources, like campus food pantries.

The Food Security Coalition is a group on campus dedicated to eliminating food insecurity among U of I students. It's currently chaired by graduate student Madie Brown, and includes dedicated faculty, staff, and students from various campus departments. The Coalition is working

from a comprehensive, U of I-specific, multi-faceted plan to eliminate campus food insecurity in a variety of ways. Results from a recent survey conducted by the chair to assess current faculty and staff knowledge of campus food insecurity and related resources have been made available and initiatives are underway to fill gaps in faculty and staff knowledge. The Coalition is focusing on increasing access to free or reduced-price fresh food on campus, reduction of stigma, and promoting the Vandal Food Pantry.

Any interested faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to join the Coalition. All perspectives, ideas, and input are welcome. For information about the Coalition, contact Madie at madeline@uidaho.edu or Amber Schneider, at aschneider@uidaho.edu.

Eliminating food insecurity is a campus-wide effort. There are many ways faculty, staff, and students can get involved. Consider donating to the Vandal Food Pantry – they are always in need of key food items. Faculty are encouraged to add a statement about the Pantry to their syllabi so that all students are exposed to the resource regardless of their food security status. Staff working with students on a regular basis are encouraged to be aware of signs of food insecurity and refer students to resources when appropriate. All of this information can be found at uidaho.edu/food-pantry.

If you know anyone – student, faculty, staff, or community member – experiencing food insecurity, inform them of the Vandal Food Pantry. It's open to all and people are encouraged to take what they need, no questions asked.

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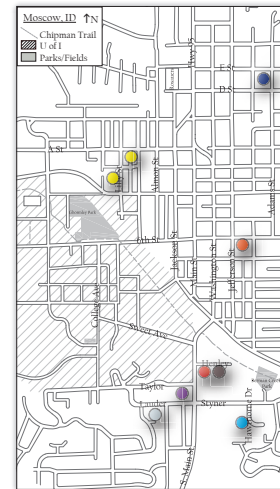
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