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Gov. Whitmer delivers glowing report during 6th annual address

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivered a glowing report for Michigan on Wednesday. From creating tax breaks for seniors to clean energy projects on the horizon, Whitmer said the state is thriving.

"We have had a heck of a record and we are starting 2024 fired up," Whitmer said. "My fellow Michiganders, the state of our state is ready to rock!"

GOV. WHITMER GESTURES TO MEMBERS OF HER

LEGISLATURE WHILE RECOGNIZING THEM.

Delivering her State of the State address before a joint

session of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, at the state capital in Lansing, Whitmer compared her work as governor to the creation of an 80s rock album, proclaiming herself a product of the 80s.

She began with a recap of the state's Democratic trifecta policies in 2023 which included rolling back taxes on seniors, increasing the Working Families Tax Credit, and \$1 billion in tax relief for Michiganders. The trifecta refers to the Democratic-led administration and both houses in the Michigan Legislature. 2023 was the first time in 40 years Democrats controlled both state houses.

and lately, Michigan has been playing in harmony," Whitmer

"Groups only succeed when all its members are thriving,



PHOTO CREDIT: MARIE WHITE

GOV. WHITMER RECOGNIZES APPLAUSE AT THE PODIUM OF THE MICHIGAN HOUSE CHAMBERS DURING HER SIXTH

The governor highlighted the accomplishments of her time in office including paying down \$18 billion in debt, increasing Michigan's rainy-day fund to \$2 billion, and creating a rainy-day fund of nearly \$500 million for Michigan

Starting in 2023, 1.4 million students received two free meals a day at school as a part of an effort led by Sen. Darrin

Camilleri and House Rep. Regina Weiss. "When I introduce my next budget, we're going to keep feeding students and lowering grocery bills," Whitmer said.

In the rest of her speech the governor spelled out her priorities for 2024 including clean energy, education for all levels, and investing in Michigan housing and Michigan



THE CROWD AT THE STATE OF STATE ADDRESS IN THE MICHIGAN HOUSE CHAMBERS ON JAN. 24.

Local Artist of the Month: Aryana Jharia

MADISON CANTRELL PHOTO EDITOR

Aryana Jharia is an Eastern Michigan University junior studying secondary education and English. Jharia is a selfpublished poet, astrologer and tarot reader, and educator. Jharia is currently working with Reha, a Vedic astrology app, Aspiring Educators of Michigan, Advocates for Youth's Emergency Contraceptive Collective, and Mission Menstruation to bring about positive change in the community.

"I'm doing work at the local, state, and national levels," Jharia said.

Jharia aims to make education more adaptable and accessible. Jharia's poetry shares similar goals of being readable by avoiding big words, and impactful, by representing minority voices.

Jharia's poetry focuses on identity, personal experiences, human contradictions, and more. As a queer woman of color and child of Indian immigrants, her poetry offers readers a look into her lived reality.

handed children's book with somebody looked like me, or had a voice like me, or related to me, I would've been able to see me," Jharia said. "That is why I write."

Jharia's second self-published poetry book "The Meadow & The Stars" was released in 2023. It is a reversible book that can be read in any order. "The Meadow" focuses on attachment, whereas "The Stars" focuses on experience. There is also a middle section of the book that Jharia refers to as "The Atmosphere."



PHOTO CREDIT: MADISON CANTRELL begins with eureka

This book varies from her first poetry book "Everything I Wish I Said," as Jharia, now 20. feels more confident and authentic in her

"I was going through this soul change and not wanting to be a anymore envisioned this book about moving forward because I was always focused on growing but I realize now I have to change and so that's what this book is about," Jharia said. Jharia's creative

process typically prompt her. For "The Meadow & The Stars," the keywords were quirky and magical. After compiling the poetry and visuals, Jharia then works with a team of unique editors to develop the final product. The way Jharia formatted "The Meadow

moments as well as the use of keywords to

& The Stars" was intentional. By spreading poems across multiple pages and utilizing blank space, Jharia can convey attachment. "That's what it feels like to hold onto

something for longer than you should like that's so unnecessary." Jharia said.

In the past, Jharia focused on her words and didn't see herself as a visual artist, however, her visual art is now present in "The Meadow & The Stars." For "The Meadow" she used watercolor and experimented with color, for "The Stars" she used rainbow

Jharia's next poetry book titled "Inside Jokes" is in progress and will focus on the keywords: humor and seriousness as "We're all human contradictions."

Keep up with Jharia's work on Instagram @aryanajharia.

Ypsilanti City Council Recap: Jan. 23, 2024

VICTORIA SMITH

CONTENT EDITOR

The Ypsilanti City Council held their latest meeting on

The Finance Department and Ypsilanti Police Department then gave presentations to City Council regarding their goals for the new year.

Sharonda Simmons then led the final of her goal sessions through Zoom. City Council members reflected on their past goals of 2023, and they also discussed potential 2024 goals that had been submitted prior by Council members.

The notes taken by members will be sent to Simmons, and City Council will vote on official 2024 goals during their first meeting in February.

After the goal session concluded, Brown opened up the meeting for public comment. Following public comment portion, the City Council moved forward with resolutions, which began with the vote to fill the city manager position.

The two candidates for the position were Vester Davis Jr. and Andrew Hellenga.

Hellenga has been acting as the interim city manager prior to this vote, and he has been acting as the interim city clerk following Aaron Smith's resignation on Jan. 19. Council Member Me'Chelle King brought forth a motion

to extend the position of city manager to Davis Jr., Council

Member Simmons showed support for the motion. "I feel like I'm at a place right now where I think both of our candidates are strong in different ways, some in the same ways..." Council Member Simmons said. "I found some of [Davis Jr.'s] answers and responses in terms of some of the specifics that he shared to be compelling and... I saw

connections to things that we need here in Ypsi." Wilcoxen shared his reflection on Davis Jr.'s interview

and responses. "It just struck me that there was very little context for the

city of Ypsilanti in his responses," Wilcoxen said. Council Member Evan Sweet proceeded to mention the

other candidate, Hellenga. "Our current internal candidate, I think, does have more

strengths and more assets that play into the needs of the City as an organization and what is to come in the future," Sweet

The motion failed with the votes of one yes, five no's, and

Council Member Roland Tooson then moved to extend the job offer to Hellenga. The motion was supported by

"I think this is an opportunity for growth and continued development with someone who has shown their commitment, and through the last half of a year or a little bit more now, we've gone through a lot and has really hunkered down, and has shown their ability to withstand praise as well as ridicule," Brown said. "I think that is the direction and that's the type of person that I would like to see leading our community at this time.'

The motion passed with five voting yes, one voting no, and one vacant.

During the discussion surrounding both candidates, City Council also agreed to integrate required professional development courses into the job contract for city manager. The contract will be negotiated between City Attorney John Barr and Hellenga before being brought to City Council for

City Council then moved on to filling the Ward 2 vacancy

on Council, with the two candidates being Jason Keech and

Patrick McLean. Council Member Simmons moved to appoint McLean for

the position. The motion was supported by Wilcoxen. "I look at Patrick's extensive experience in city government, multiple larger cities, a finance background... I think that was the driving force. Just the depth of the experience and the broadness of that knowledge..." Wilcoxen said.

Sweet further spoke on McLean's experience.

"I do agree that Mr. McLean's interview and depth of knowledge and background on city government lends himself to the frontrunner in this process to join this group and to best serve the residents of this city and to take in consideration of factors that we may not otherwise consider at certain points

The motion passed with six members voting yes and one

and aspects," Council member Sweet said.

McLean proceeded to take his oath of office before joining the rest of the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

The next resolution was an adjustment to Hellenga's hourly salary. The resolution states that there would be an increase of \$16.166, to a total of \$70 per hour, while acting as both city manager and interim city clerk.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Council also moved to post the City Clerk position application with a pay range of \$70-\$85 per hour.

This motion passed unanimously, and the edited job description will be forwarded to City Council prior to its

Agenda minutes were approved, and the dismissal motion passed unanimously.

For future Ypsilanti City Council coverage, follow The Eastern Echo.





What's the move? Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

News

SARAI YANES DIGITAL EDITOR

Honors college card-making service event - Jan. 29

Feeling crafty? Join the Honors College on Jan. 29 and put together some cards. The event is from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Honors College Reception Hall.

Environmental Science and Society Internship Symposium - Jan. 30

Are you looking for an internship? On Jan. 30, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. attend the symposium that includes information about summer internships related to environmental science and society. Many environmental organizations will be available to speak with students from all majors. The event is free and located in Strong Hall Atrium.

Explore & Restore - Independence Lake - Jan. 30

Looking to get in touch with nature? Faye Stoner is working to protect Independence Lake's natural areas. Join the adventure on Jan. 30. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Comedy Open Mic - Jan. 31

Join local Ypsi comic and Lisa Green at their recurring Comedy Open Mic. Located at 734 Brewing Company from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., the free comedy show is an inclusive event intended to elevate comedic voices.

RecWell Fest - Feb. 1Visit the Rec/IM on Feb. 1 to partake in

their interactive wellness event. From 3 - 7 p.m. enjoy free healthy living booths and activities of all kinds.

Vegantines - Feb. 4

The season of love is upon us! Join Stone and Spoons at the vegan food market where there will be multiple vendors providing festive food. Vendors include Craveable Food Trailer, More Life Foods, Shimmy Shack, Super Baked, and Zella's Bakery. This event is from 12 - 3 p.m.

EMU Professor offers insight on the nation's largest public university strike ending

CHARLES BOYKINS NEWS REPORTER

On Monday, Jan. 22, a union of 29,000 faculty members,

librarians, coaches, and others went on strike at the nation's largest public university system at California State University.

The California Faculty Association(CFA) had originally

gone on strike looking for a 12% pay raise instead of the 5% CSU offered. This led the CFA to reach out to Eastern Michigan University accounting professor, Howard Bunsis to see if CSU could afford the raises.

Bunsis has had a unique perspective on how college-level faculty have been treated by their administrators over the decades of his work. This perspective has allowed for him to be requested by other college unions to analyze their financial situations to determine where the administration was showing up, and where they were coming up short.

"Over last summer, I did a financial analysis of the CSU system, and I presented those findings at a hearing before the strike in late December. I have performed these types of analyses in many universities around the country over the last two decades," Bunsis said.

Even though Bunsis did not participate in the strike himself, his analysis over the summer allowed the CFA to come to their conclusions about their work environment.

"The Cal State System is a system of 23 campuses and thousands of employees, so it is not similar to EMU in that regard. It is similar in that the CSU administration, like the EMU administration, is claiming poverty when they have more than sufficient resources to meet the union's demands," Bunsis said.

Read More: Board of Regents ratifies EMUFT contract Similar to CSU, Eastern had faced union negotiations and a strike within the past couple of years. Last semester the EMU Federation of Teachers negotiated a 12.5% over the next five years for full-time lecturers and 16.4% for part-time lecturers. In 2022 the the Eastern Michigan University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors received 4% or \$4,000 in the first year of the agreement, as well as a 3.25% base pay increase in the second and third years of the agreement This took place after a five-day strike.

CSU strike only lasted for one day and CFA reached a tentative agreement with the school. One of the highlights of the agreement stated by CFA Bargaining Chair, Kevin Wehr "What's happening is the general salary increase of 5% is raising the floor, and then we're adding another \$6,000 to that for A and the same for B," he said to the CSU University Times.

Though not all faculty are happy with this agreement the CFA and CSU will be going back into bargaining next year, supporters of the CFA hope for a more bountiful resolution for the faculty than what was reached this year.

University says cold weather to blame for recent facility issues

AARON HUGHES

MANAGING EDITOR

Eastern Michigan University experienced multiple facility incidents from Jan. 11-15.

Those incidents include a fire caused by an overloaded dryer in Pittman Hall on Monday, Jan. 15, damaged heating units in Halle Library on Monday, flooding in Pray Harrold on Tuesday, Jan. 16, and a broken water main that affected The Commons and nearby halls on Thursday, Jan. 11 until Monday.

Though the timing of some of the situation were by chance the University says many of the incidents were due to the extreme winter temperatures.

"We had a few situations occur across campus that were primarily related to the extreme cold temperatures in the Washtenaw area. The University's Facilities team responds quickly to resolve matters as soon as the cause is determined. In most cases last week, repairs were completed within one-to-two days. The dryer fire incident was not weather-related. It was the result of an overpacked dryer. Students are advised to use care when loading clothes in dryers," Brittany Mobley, senior media relations specialist at EMU said in a statement.

These events led to a temporary halt in classes, students waiting outside in 8-10-degree weather, or the temporary closure of buildings.

As of now all of the incidents have been resolved and operations are back to normal.

Dana Heller, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, was one of the faculty in Pray Harrold when a water flow alarm alerted the Ypsilanti Fire Department of flooding on the second floor.

"It's unfortunate that this happened on one of the coldest days of the year, but all in all we were evacuated for about 15 minutes before we were told that it was safe to reenter," Heller said. "On the bright side, the clean up was quick and successful."

According to Heller, only one space within Pray Harrold was damaged, but repair has already begun.

Many buildings on campus have been renovated on campus as part of plans such as Welcome Home 2025. As of this moment, the university does not see these recent issues as reasons to add these halls to the list.

"An unprecedented level of construction and renovation is underway on campus to modernize campus buildings. This is evidenced by the \$200 million+ renovation of residence halls and construction of two new apartment-style housing buildings. The University will continue to evaluate needs across campus and plan for future upgrades based on available funds and a prioritization of building use and needs," Mobley said in a statement.

If similar incidents arise the University recommends that students monitor their emich emails to stay updated.

SPORTS

Lions on verge of achieving impossible by restoring order to fanbase with new identity

BLAKE MCQUEARY SPORTS EDITOR

1991 was the last time the Detroit Lions made it to the NFC championship game. Gas prices were listed at \$1.12,



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Michael Jordan had just captured his first NBA championship, and Michael Jackson's single "Black and White" sat atop the "Billboard Hot 100" chart for seven weeks.

Fast forward to 33 years later and the Lions are back in that same exact spot — one win away from the Super Bowl.

During that '91 season the Lions capped off a 12-4 year which set a franchise record while locking up the division and a postseason appearance, leading to a conference championship.

Since then it's been nothing but struggles, hardships, and

suffering. Eight playoff losses, 19 losing seasons, and 11 different head coaches.

Even having to watch your former beloved franchise

quarterback Matthew Stafford, who dedicated his blood, sweat, and tears to the grind, divorce the relationship and find immediate success by winning a Super Bowl in his new home with the Los Angeles Rams.

It's hard to believe, but the Lions are achieving the

impossible in Detroit and the Honolulu Blue juice has people buzzing harder than ever.

As the Lions outlasted a back-and-forth shootout with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week in the NFC divisional round 31-23, the roar was louder than ever inside Ford Field. In both of Detroit's playoff games this season, the fans

that fulfill the den have broken the decibel record inside Ford Field. In the wildcard round against the Rams, fans hit 133.6 decibels only to one-up themselves a week later as they hit 134.3 decibels after defeating the Buccaneers.

While it's nice, decibel records aren't the focus for this

While it's nice, decibel records aren't the focus for this team or even the fans. It's building something that the fans can be proud of. It's getting away from being those same old Lions.

Head coach Dan Campbell has certainly earned the

respect of his players, staff, and the community. A guy who discussed biting off kneecaps in his introductory press

conference three years ago, also made a promise to take on the identity of this city. Tough, hard-nosed football. The blue-collar work ethic. The 'AllGrit' mentality. An order has been restored to the distressed, bereaved fans, and it's only the beginning in the D.

Building something up from the ground isn't always a fast process and there were rocky beginnings, but since Nov. 6, 2022, Campbell has led the Lions to a 22-7 overall record.

It of course would also mean that the Lions would be going to their first Super Bowl in franchise history. A statement that many have believed wouldn't be valid in their lifetime.

Suffering through a 0-16 season in 2008. Living past the controversial game in Dallas in 2015. Keeping faith even after Barry Sanders and Calvin Johnson said their goodbyes. A fanbase that has waited so long for this dream to come to fruition.

"We got two [wins] to go, with a bye in the middle," Campbell echoed in the locker room after the divisional round win.

That is how close the impossible has become. The new

Lions have arrived, a new 'America's Team.'



PHOTO CREDIT: MARIE WHITE

Eastern Michigan men's hoops tops Buffalo to protect home court

ELENA DAVIS SPORTS WRITER

The Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team hosted the University of Buffalo for a 3:30 pm tip-off on Saturday, Jan. 27, in Mid-American Conference (MAC) action. The game served as the nightcap of a doubleheader following the loss of the women's team inside the George Gervin GameAbove Center.

Junior guard Tyson Acuff (Detroit, Mich.) boasts an impressive scoring average of 21.8 points per game over 19 matches, leading the MAC and securing the fifth spot nationally. Additionally, he has achieved 23 or more points in nine games this season, ranking him third in this category. Tommy Bruner of Denver leads with 13 instances, followed by Zach Edey of Purdue with 11.

Freshman Arne Osojnik (Ljubljana, Slovenia) stepped up this game. Osojnik

Acuff led the team with 19 points while securing seven rebounds and contributing four assists.

"We are all going through these learning

"We are all going through these learning curves, we're trying to find ourselves our identity. We are watching a lot of films... just so we can see what it takes to win," head coach Stan Heath said in his postgame press conference following the win.

The lead exchanged hands between the

The lead exchanged hands between the teams during the first half, ultimately settling with the Eagles holding a 35-33 advantage at halftime.

Buffalo briefly claimed a 36-35 lead just 13 seconds into the second half, but the Eagles responded with an impressive 8-0 run. With four minutes remaining, EMU expanded its lead to a maximum of 14 points before the final buzzer.

With this win, EMU moved to 9-11 overall and 2-6 in the MAC while Buffalo

recorded 16 points on 5-of-9 shooting, while moved to 2-17 overall and 1-6 in the MAC. Acuff led the team with 19 points while "Even at the end of the game when we are

up, I want to make sure we close it the right way," Heath said. "Those things are really important."

The Fagles displayed sharp shooting

The Eagles displayed sharp shooting, hitting 50% from the field and 41.2% from beyond the arc, with a 29-of-58 overall and 7-of-17 three-point performance. In contrast, Buffalo achieved a 41.5% field goal rate and a 24.2% three-point accuracy, going 27-of-65 and 8-of-33. This marks the fourth occasion this season that the Green and White have surpassed the 40% mark in three-point shooting, coinciding with their fourth instance of achieving a 50% shooting accuracy overall.

Acuff led the team with 19 points.

accuracy overall.

Acuff led the team with 19 points, extending his impressive streak to 22 consecutive games with at least 11 points. His total of 839 points as an Eagle now places him 47th in EMU history. Notably, Acuff

surpasses John Bowler's (2005-06) record for the most consecutive games scoring at least 10 points by an EMU player since 2000.

"I thought the second half we tweaked and fixed some things that were bothers that were in the first half, the guys did a nice job of sharing the ball," Heath said, "We got the ball to go in the basket. That makes a big difference and helps your defense too."

Eight players from the Green and White successfully made multiple field goals in the game, marking only the second occurrence this season where the Eagles achieved such widespread scoring distribution. The previous instance took place against Georgia Southern University on November 11, where, once again, eight players demonstrated proficiency with multiple made field goals.

Next for the Eagles, they are scheduled to

host the MAC-leading University of Akron on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. inside the George Gervin GameAbove Center.

Eagle Sports Tips and Tales

BLAKE MCQUEARY
SPORTS EDITOR

EMU men's Track and Field's Brendan Hill named MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week

Eastern Michigan University men's track and field high jumper Brendan Hill was named the Mid-American Conference (MAC) Male Scholar Athlete of the Week on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Hill achieved a jump of 2.10m at the Bob Marks Memorial Invitational on Jan. 20, to receive the honor, marking the first time an Eagle of the men's team was named male scholar athlete of the week since Newlyn Stephenson in March of 2023.

The honor adds to Hill's resume which includes three-time member of the Academic All-MAC team, one-time United States Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic athlete, and two-time All-MAC selection.

Mid-American Conference announces football scheduling for 2024-26

Months after the MAC announced its new football scheduling format, eliminating the MAC East and West Divisions and introducing a four-pod three-team system, the conference opponent schedule is finally here.

The first pod will feature EMU, Central Michigan, and Western Michigan. The second pod will feature Buffalo, Akron, and Kent State. The third pod will feature Miami, Ohio, and Ball State, while the fourth pod features Toledo, Bowling Green State, and Northern Illinois.

The new model will consist of each team

facing all 11 conference opponents home and away at least once during a three-year cycle. The top two teams based on conference winning percentage will compete in the MAC Championship Game at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich.

For the upcoming 2024 season, EMU

will host Buffalo, Central Michigan, Miami, and Toledo, while traveling to Akron, Kent State, Ohio, and Western Michigan.

EMU women's Track and Field's Paige Marchant named MAC Female Track Athlete of the Week

After Brendan Hill was named male scholar athlete of the week, Eastern Michigan University women's Track and Field athlete Paige Marchant was named the Mid-American Conference's (MAC) Female Indoor Track Athlete of the Week.

Marchant marked the sixth-fastest time in EMU history in the 3,000m run as she finished in 9:23.90 at the Sharon Colyear-Danville Opener in Boston, Mass., Dec. 2. She would then clock the fourth-fastest 800m at the inaugural Bob Parks Memorial Invitational in 2:07.90, Jan. 20.

Her 3,000m run finish stands as the

second-fastest in the MAC this season and the 38th-best in the country, while her 800m time is the best in the MAC and ranks 19th-fastest in the country.





Around The Community



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ACTION FOR PALESTINE YPSILANTI HOSTS COMMUNITY MARCH IN DEPOT TOWN, ON SUNDAY, JAN. 28, THE LAST DAY OF THE GLOBAL STRIKE

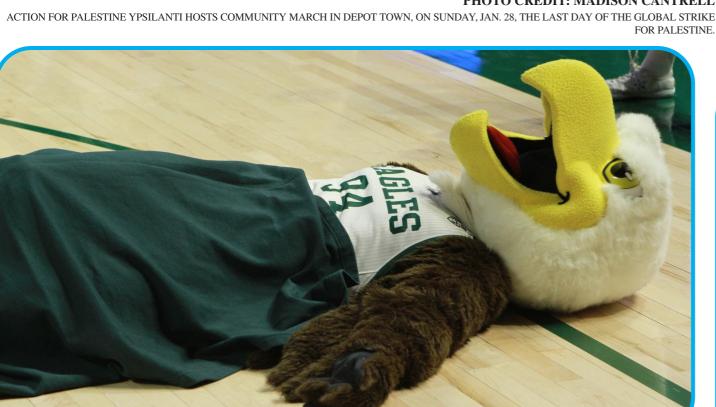


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SWOOP SLEEPS AS SPEAKER ANNOUNCES OPPOSING TEAM'S STARTING LINE UP ON JAN. 27 AT GEORGE GERVIN GAMEABOVE CENTER.



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EMU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM PREPARES TO VERSE BALL STATE ON JAN. 27 AT THE GEORGE GERVIN GAMEABOVE CENTER.

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PHOTO CREDIT: MADISON CANTRELL DARA CAPALDI (#12), EMU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GUARD,



PHOTO CREDIT: MADISON CANTRELL

EMU'S CHEER TEAM HYPES UP THE CROWD AS EMU BASKETBALL STARTING LINE-UP IS ANNOUNCED ON JAN. 27 AT GEORGE GERVIN



PHOTO CREDIT: MADISON CANTRELL

EMU MEN'S BASKETBALL TIP-OFF ON JAN. 27 AT THE GEORGE GERVIN GAMEABOVE CENTER.





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MARIE WHITE

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If you simply came to see this film for Jenna Ortega, like I did, the results may not be worth the watch. On a tight line between right and wrong sits "Miller's Girl", a film about a high school student's innermost thoughts and life.

Synopsis

A teacher in a rural high school in Tennessee takes a special interest in one of his students. When a creative writing assignment is given the results yield an uneasy and complex relationship between teacher and student.

Starring Jenna Ortega as Cairo Sweet and Martin Freeman as Johnathan Miller.

The movie is shot beautifully. Throughout the film, viewers get these whimsy shots of forests, fog, and writing that overall give the feeling of youth and playfulness. The film's credit scene shows the title surrounded in lace, setting this film off to a dainty start for

the audience. Everything felt intentional from the scenes of ghostlike fog to the dreams of ethereal beings; they all play into this gothic allure from the beginning. Overall this film sells itself as whimsy southern charm in its cinematography, but differs heavily in plot.

Lows

This movie lacks substance. This film has a lot of words and speaking, but most of it is of no use to the plot. The film begins with a narrator discussing the emptiness of her life saying, "I am 18 and entirely unremarkable." Yet someone finds her remarkable and starts this whole inappropriate relationship. The whole movie just seems to use language as a justification for a teenager and teacher having a relationship. Using the idea that she is so smart and mature that justifies her age in this complex relationship is overdone and gross. The film uses the work of Henry Miller to lay into this idea of utter intelligence for an 18-year-old girl, who is still in high school but yearns for more. It feels like unneeded substance to justify this relationship, you never truly get a sense of any of this

Verdict

Overall the movie felt like the plot was this delusional fantasy of a high schooler, that shouldn't have been seen as okay in any form. If the movie was about a college student, rather than a high school student, I could maybe see the film in another light. But given the material, and age group it's set in, it just is another bad example of when adults should realize high schoolers are children.

Review: 'Miller's Girl' is an uncomfortable underage fantasy

I give "Miller's Girl" a 3.5 out of 10.



Check out more reviews of new movies on the Echo website!

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Eagletainment

Host Queso Tone (left) with guest Dillan Reed (center) and host Julez DeShetler (right)



Soaring Eagles

Hosted by Sarai Yanes (left) with guest MaKayla Stevens.

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