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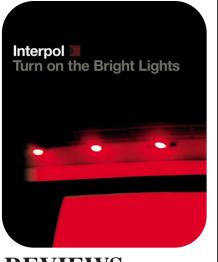


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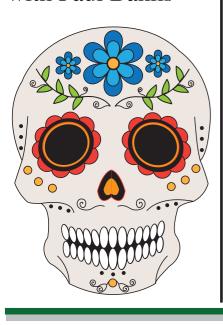


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# E|Dining reported for health violations in campus facilities

**ERIN FLYNN NEWS EDITOR** 

Inspections by the Washtenaw County Environmental Health details this year's recent health violations for Eastern Michigan University's ElDining establishments. The inspections revealed both minor and severe

A report on March 28 details four violations at EMU Eastern Eateries Cluck. One of the violations included evidence of

"Observed mouse droppings on the floor in the corner of the store room by the single use container rack," the document stated.

Cluck's minor violations ranged from wiping cloths not being properly sanitized to several hood filters above the fryers soiled with grease buildup.

In The Commons, a June 20 report noted its meat and cheese not being refrigerated at the required 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

Grant Saba, a former student supervisor for ElDining, noticed food not being refrigerated at the proper temperatures during his time as an employee.

"On multiple occasions, I have put the thermometer inside of food and realized that it was either far too hot or far too cold," Saba said. "People would forget to turn on the cold holding tubs leading to vegetables and cheese sometimes temping at almost 55 degrees Fahrenheit, when the maximum acceptable temperature is 41 degrees Fahrenheit. This often led to food having to be disposed of."

Saba worked in ElDining from the Fall 2022 semester to the Winter 2023 semester. During his time as an employee, he identified other violations documented in the reports.

This included food not being properly handled with sanitary gloves.

"I saw employees not washing hands changing gloves after touching raw meat," Saba said. "I would tell people to change gloves and wash hands if I was around, but I cannot speak for everyone, unfortunately.'

In July, another report documented that there were several flies

identified in EMU's Starbucks display case. However, a sign was noted by the display case stating that they were working with a pest control company to control the flies.

Other EMU dining locations included in reports by the Washtenaw County Environmental Health were Shake Smart, Chop'd & Wrap'd, Grille 734, True Burger, and Sonos. ElDining reported that these violations were corrected shortly after the

"Every violation is addressed, with nearly all of them corrected during or immediately after the inspection," ElDining Marketing



PHOTO CREDIT: BLAKE MCQUEARY OUTSIDE OF THE COMMONS DINING FACILITY ON SAINT JOHN'S STREET ON EMU'S CAMPUS.

Director, Greg Richards, said.

After the inspections, ElDining reported taking action with the following initiatives: Increased daily cleanings during heavier service periods.

Increased regular pest control activities and added additional treatments.

Re-trained team members on proper cleaning and storage techniques.

Started continual monitoring of food safety protocols: temperature checks, internal audits, and cleaning checklists.

Enhanced associate training and focus on ElDining's safety-champion program.

Throughout the fall semester, ElDining anticipates nearly 50 inspections across its 20 dining locations on campus. Each unit receives an audit from the Washtenaw County Health Department; internal audits from ElDining Safety Champions; and a third party company hired by EMU to measure ElDining's entire service program. The national brands receive numerous audits to ensure compliance of brand service, quality, and cleanliness standards.

"The ElDining team is proud to serve over 5,000 meals per day through 20 locations across campus and is committed to the health and safety of the EMU community," Richards said. "ElDining is confident that the measures it has put in place have addressed the violations noted in these health inspection reports. ElDining will continue working closely with the Washtenaw County Health Department to address any issues."

# University adopts AI-fueled safety initiative to prevent gun violence

AMEERA SALMAN **CELLAR ROOTS EIC** 

In October, Eastern Michigan University will become the state's first high education institution to launch an artificial intelligencebased firearm detection technology on

Designed by a U.S.-based company named ZeroEyes, the technology is a video analytics platform coupled with an immediate notification service. The system is the only one of its kind to receive the United States Department of Homeland Security's Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (SAFETY) Act designation. The SAFETY Act, passed by Congress in 2002, "provides incentives for the development and deployment of antiterrorism technologies by creating systems of risk and litigation management," according to the DHS' website.

EMU Chief of Police Matthew Lige said the search for a technology to improve campus safety was expedited after the fatal shooting on Michigan State University's campus in February. Three students died and five others were injured in that shooting.

After EMU's research and vetting process of the system, a three-year contract was signed amounting to \$300,000. Beginning in October, the firearm

detection technology will be installed on 500 of the approximately 1,000 cameras on EMU's campus.

camera with the software will have the ability to detect firearms within its view. If a firearm is detected by the AI, an alert is sent to the 24/7 staffed ZeroEyes headquarters for authentication. If authenticated, an image of the detected firearm would be sent to EMU Department of Public Safety (DPS) for immediate response.

Lige said this system will support first responders in more quickly identifying and mitigating potential threats to campus safety. "We're leveraging our technology to

hopefully prevent an act of violence on this campus," Lige said. The AI technology is also designed to

improve how first responders address and

help reduce the department's reliance on 911 calls, which, according to Lige, are not always reliable. "If you've ever had to call 911 when you're

scared, ... if you're involved in something you never expected you were going to be involved in, it's not uncommon for information to be inaccurate," Lige said.

A key component of the software, according to the company, is that it identifies guns, not people.

"[The] platform does not store personal or biometric data or conduct any kind of facial recognition," ZeroEyes reported on its frequently asked questions

AI firearm detection might be new to EMU, but it will not work alone on campus. Current university programs including RAVE text alerts, free ALICE

sponsored self-defense classes are in place to give students and staff an opportunity to take part in their own safety.

Lige said when it comes to this campus safety initiative and beyond, he wants to "constantly encourage students, staff and visitors, if you see something, say something."

"[It's] really a team effort," Lige said.



PHOTO CREDIT: MARIE WHITE A BLACK EMU POLICE VEHICLE ON CAMPUS

# Editors Note: Hispanic Heritage Month

**MARIE WHITE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** 

National Hispanic Heritage Month, from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Mexico, Spain, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

This is a nationally recognized holiday that began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under then President Lyndon Johnson.

It was then expanded in 1988 by former President Ronald Regan to cover the 30-day period beginning Sept. 15. It was enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988 after the approval of public law to become a national holiday.

The beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 15 symbolizes the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Other significant dates in this time period include Mexico's independence day on Sept. 16 and Chile's independence day on Sept. 18.

Each year, organizations throughout the United States honor this month with events, tributes, and sharing of resources involving Hispanic heritage. Some of these organizations include The Library of Congress, the National Gallery of Art, the National Park service, the Smithsonian Institution, and many more.

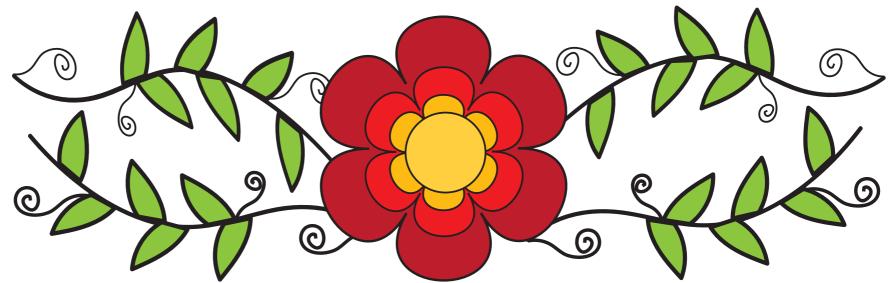
You can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in the community by participating in local events or getting involved in organizations like the Latinx Student Association or Association for Latin

American Students on EMU's campus.

"Your individuality is important, but so is belonging. Recognize the parts of your culture that have shaped your past, and the parts you want to carry with you into the future," Sol Peralta, audience engagement manager at Jopwell, said.

Jopwell is a diversity hiring platform specifically serving Black, Latinx, and Native American students and professionals. attributed

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Square Dance at the Freighthouse with

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, join the University Musical Society and the Detroit Square Dance Society for an evening of square dancing at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse. The event includes light refreshments. The main event in the Southern Square Dancing tradition includes live music, non-gender calling, and line dances. Each dance will be taught, rehearsed, and then danced to live music. The event, recommended for ages 18 and older, requires no experience or partner. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are pay as you wish, and available on the UMS website

Explore and restore at Independence

Naturalist Faye Stoner will lead a team through a project to protect Independence Lake's natural areas. The 10 a.m. to noon walking event will traverse the prairie, woods, and a variety of wetlands, including sedge meadows, prairie fen, cattail marshes, and a buttonbush swamp. Along the way, volunteers will use loppers and saws to bust down shrubs and vines to protect natural spaces. Snacks, tools, and gloves provided. Participants must bring their own water bottle. To register visit the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation event registration page.

**Tech Talk with Mark Stanislav** 

EMU alumnus Mark Stanislav, the vice president of security engineering for FullStory will be present discuss best practices in the industry, and what's around the corner, from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, in Sill Hall. Admission is free. His visit is part of the Tech Talk Series organized by the GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology Dean's Office. FullStory is a tech startup that focuses on improving customer experiences in the digital arena.

Scholarship Search Game Night

Looking for some scholarships? Learn some skills to hunt them down during a Scholarship Search Party from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at Halle Library, room G09. Hosted by the folks in financial aid and the Holman Success the event is designed to provide tools and skills for students who are searching for scholarship options. Food will be provided, as well. If interested in joining, fill out the registration form in this link.

Brown Bag Lunch: Mental Health and

On the idea of building a caring campus, the brown bag lunch event Wednesday, Sept. 28, features Mac Murphy from the Health Minds Network at the University of Michigan. McMurphy will speak about student mental health and how we can build a caring community. Lunch is provided. The event runs from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Porter College of Education

Curtis Eller at Ziggy's

Starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, Curtis Eller -- banjo player, songwriter, and rock-n-roller -- will provide the entertainment at Ziggy's, 206 W. Michigan Ave. in Ypsilanti.

Young Alumni Happy Hour

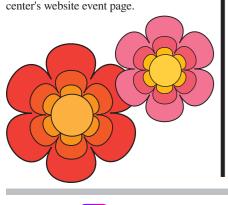
Eastern Michigan University alums from 2014-2023 are invited to a gathering at Revel & Roll Ann Arbor on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023. The event is designed to help recent alumni reunite with old friends and make new connections. The fun runs from 6 to 8 p.m., at Revel and Roll Ann Arbor 1950 S Industrial Highway in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through the

Barn Raiser for the B2B Trail

Frutig Farms on Scio Church Road is the venue for a barn dance and dinner Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, to raise money for the Border to Border Trail in Washtenaw County. The event includes food from Zingerman's, an open bar, lawn games, entertainment from the band Djangophonique. Tickets are \$75.

**Fall For Fringe Arts** 

On Thursday, Sept. 28, The Riverside Arts Center hosts a Fall for Fringe Arts event. From 5:30 to 8 p.m., guests can learn about body art, graffiti art, pottery, and more. Anyone planning to attend should also bring some dancing shoes! Purchase tickets on the



# What's the move at EMU community recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month

CHARLES BOYKINS NEWS REPORTER **ERIN FLYNN NEWS EDITOR** 

Hispanic Heritage Month has arrived with festivities taking place throughout the United States. It is the 34th annual anniversary of the month-long celebrated tradition. The monthlong celebration starts on Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 15.

Hispanic Heritage Month first began as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson. It wasn't until 1988 that it was expanded by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 30-day period. The celebration would soon be enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988.

"The HHM is an opportunity to share and celebrate the values and cultural practices of Hispanic communities in the USA," Marisol Garrido, a Spanish professor at Eastern Michigan University, said. "To me, it means an opportunity to gain visibility on campus and across the country, to share with others the important role that Hispanics have played in the development of this country."

Hispanic Heritage Month might have been in the history books since 1988, but many people who are not of Hispanic and Latin descent may not resonate with nor understand the significance behind the month and what it stands for.

To combat this, Garrido encourages others to take the time to learn about the celebration, Spanish language, and culture.

"As a Spanish professor at EMU, I use the classroom space to encourage students to take charge of their own learning, and use their knowledge of the Spanish language and culture as a gate to their dreams, Garrido said. "I believe that effective education is powerful in combating underrepresentation."

Garrido hopes more will come to learn that HHM is a time for education, understanding, and appreciation for culture.

Gracie Esquivel, president of EMU's Latinx Student Association (LSA) at EMU, often takes time to appreciate and reflect on her culture this time of year.

"This time of year I get to reflect on the strengths of my parents, grandparents and ancestors," Esquivel said. "I can learn about what they had to go through to get to where we are now and I appreciate that. I understand that the sacrifices they made impacts me to this day. Those sacrifices allowed me to be where I am now."

many organizations EMU's campus, The Student Latinx Association highly recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month as significant time of the year.

"Hispanic Heritage Month for LSA is a pretty big thing. We host multiple events during the month to educate others on our culture through fun activities,"

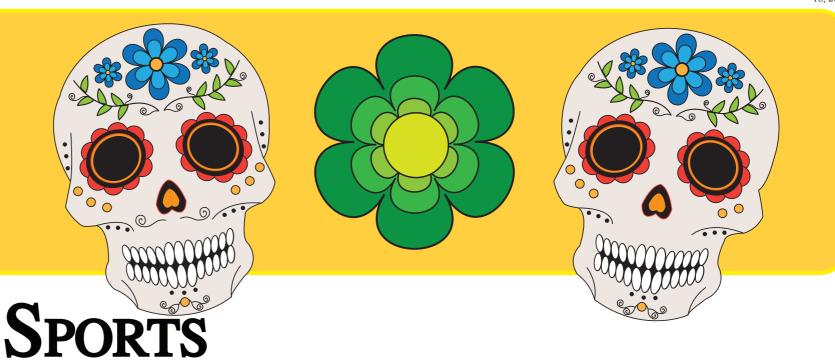
Esquivel said. "We

Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Sept. 18. Next, we have our annual Latin Night on Oct. 4 plus tons of other festivities and things to come.'



PHOTO CREDIT: JORDAN BOYD

LATIN STUDENT ASSOCIATION 'S HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH hosted our annual EVENT WITH FOOD, MUSIC AND HISTORY HOSTED ON SEPTEMBER



# Black Student Athlete Association back for a second year on EMU's campus

BLAKE MCQUEARY SPORTS EDITOR

The Black Student Athlete Association (BSAA) at Eastern Michigan University started its second year as an organization as they held its first meeting on Sunday, Sept.

The meeting included a game night filled with fun activities including Uno, Charades, and Jenga, followed by an informational meeting where EMU women's basketball player and BSAA President Kyndal Lewis and fellow E-board members discussed

the goals, missions, and values of the organization and highlighted the upcoming

"We wanted to create a space where black student-athletes can come feel safe and talk, because not everyone knows what you're going through," Lewis said. "If it's a lot of people in the same area that look like you, experience similar things, it makes you feel more comfortable."

Along with Lewis serving as President, the E-board includes EMU football's Max Reese serving as Vice President, as well as Austin Smith serving as Director

of Communications/Events Chair, EMU women's track and field's Maura Lane serving as secretary, and EMU women's volleyball's Mekayla Kroger serving as treasurer.

BSAA's aim is to not only bring black student-athletes around EMU together for a safer space off of their respective athletic realms, but to create and further that family aspect within individuals who share similar interests around sports at the University.

"It creates a sense of family, like a big family reunion with your people," Lewis said. "Finding a family away from home has made us feel more connected and comfortable."

> The organization's principles focus Growth and Development, Community Outreach, Unity, Advocacy, Representation.

Created by former EMU football linebacker Tariq Speights just a year ago, the vision of the organization stemmed from a visit to the annual Student-Athlete Black Summit which brought a sense of representation and the importance of sticking together as one.

"The organization allows for them to come

together as one and fight for what's right," BSAA advisor Tre Tiggs said. "I want them to be able to have that voice to speak out about issues and have that parliament to help and support."

BSAA is calling for all Black studentathletes at EMU to come join them and be a part of the ever growing family.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 7-8 p.m., at the Halle Library ground floor in room G-03.



FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S FIRST MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17.

#### **Providing the correct spelling**

The Eastern Echo misspelled the name of the Eastern Michigan University police chief in an article published in the Sept. 11 print edition. The chief's name is Matthew Lige.

#### **Correcting reported football statistics**

EMU running back Samson Evans' career stats were listed incorrectly in an article published in the Sept. 11 print edition. At that time, Evans had rushed for 1,809 yards on 400 attempts, averaging 60.3 yards a game during his time at Eastern. As of Sept. 24, Evans had 1,904 yards on 411 attempts, averaging 59.5 yards a game playing for the Eagles.

# home game against Ball State, 1-1

MACKENZIE THOMPSON SPORTS WRITER

The Eastern Michigan University women's soccer team hosted Ball State Sept. 24 for their first MAC home game of the season. The match-up resulted in a draw between the two teams, 1-1.

"Today was good for us playing one of the top teams, so for us to get a tie with them is a good start for us," head coach Scott Hall

Lily Spotak scored the first goal of the game during the first half, assisted by Kate Robinson who leads the MAC in assists. The goal scored by Spotak went unanswered until the second half with a goal from Ball State's

soccer finishes first MAC

"I thought we got good momentum early in the first half, but it kind of trickled off a little bit as we started the second half," Hall said. "Ball State stuck it to us last year so it was nice to come back and have a push back after the good beating we got last year."

Next up, the Eagles will travel to Ohio for a match-up against the Kent State Golden Flashes Sept. 28.

"They're a good team and they've had good results, we're a pretty young team so we're still trying to get things right trying to get players back who are injured," Hall said. "It's a hard place to play at, they [Kent State] play in a football stadium so it'll be under the lights, a little bit different, but we'll enjoy coming back on Sunday."







# The origins of Interpol: an interview with Paul Banks

**COLUMNIST** 



PHOTO CREDIT: KASPER MIELKE ECHO WRITER KASPER MIELKE WITH INTERPOL'S LEAD

On Sept. 6, Smashing Pumpkins came to Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston, Michigan. They were accompanied by Interpol, an NYC indie rock band who is known for songs such as 'Evil' and 'C'mere.' This is a band that is a household name in

> the rock scene, but, in asking people, not many people know that much about them.

#### **Band Name**

In an interview backstage with Paul Banks, the lead vocalist, he says that the band name comes from The International Police Association, also known as Interpol. He describes it as being sleek and mysterious sounding, and it especially worked when they were figuring out their footing with their sound. Banks says,

"...a big part of it in the beginning, we used to say, in a lot of bands it's kind of like one guy at the front; but we always felt like a band where it was all VOCALIST PAUL BANKS. the members forward, which kind of evokes

that Men in Black, anonymous but shared mission kind of thing."

Where Interpol Originates from While Banks lived in southeast Michigan from ages three to eleven, the band itself had tend to stay in these safe guidelines, and how formed in New York City. Banks says, "We met going to NYU, the guitar player, the original bassist, and myself, and our original drummer who then left us in the 90s."

#### Influences

The band's sound takes some inspiration from each member's favored artists. According to Banks, "Our original bassist was a big Joy Division fan...our drummer and myself are big Pixies fans...I'm a big Nirvana fan, the other guys are big The Jam fans. We're all Sonic Youth fans. It all comes through in some ways."

The band takes influence from some alternative rock bands from the 80s and early 90s, but all in all their sound is unique.

What sets them apart from other bands Banks does not think of it in the way of competitiveness with other bands, but rather self expression and enjoying creating music. "It's what makes a band a band."

"It's hard to say. Like we have distinct attributes but I often find it like I wouldn't want to say them." In a way, he is saying that he does not want to compare themselves to another band since it is not competitive in his eyes. Each band has something special about them in one way or another.

What to take away from Interpol's music

Banks prides himself in being able to write lyrics that don't feel empty. He talks about how some of the more popular songs his goal as a lyricist is to write something "f\*cking weird." He wants to take the 'top forty' template and flip it on its head.

As for the music,

"The other guitar player writes the chord progressions historically that become our songs, and he puts a lot of emotion in the chord progressions. I feel that, our music, when you're not even listening to vocals, I think it delivers a big emotional punch to a lot of people."

He describes the music as something that can stand on its own and still have a lasting impact. A lot of work goes on both musically and lyrically that lets the band have their own



## **Review: All** Time Low's 'Fake as Hell' is too real

KASPER MIELKE **COLUMNIST** 

"Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." That is a saying that many know well. It is hard to put into words how exhausting giving someone way too many chances is. That is until this single came out.

#### **Musical Overview**

This is the definition of pop punk. The hefty guitars sprinkled in the chorus along with the happy-ish pop vocals put a flare that is impossible to remove from the brain. The featured artist, Avril Lavigne, is an asset to this track as she provides a contrast in tone. It is a match made in heaven Gaskarth and

That being said, this song does not steer from their established formula. There is no break to show off any impressive instrumental chops. What might improve the song is some sort of instrumental solo in between verses. Having that would break up the monotony of

The lyrics are so simple yet so powerful. "Feel like a kite in a hurricane, so cut the string and let me fly away." It is rather easy to understand what the narrator is trying to say, but in instances like this it is the best way to go. This song seemingly does not want to be too complicated, so having lyrics like this are





#### 'Love at First Sight' is a lighthearted romantic comedy cynicism or overt seriousness. This film Law," brings her comedy background into

FRANK REMSKI **COLUMNIST** 

"Love at First Sight" is a Netflix original romantic film that was released Sept. 15. The film stars Haley Lu Richardson as Hadley Sullivan, Ben Hardy as Oliver Jones, and Jameela Jamil as the narrator. Vanessa Caswill directed the film, which is an adaptation of the novel "The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight," by Jennifer E. Smith.

**Synopsis** 

The film follows Hadley and Oliver's love story. Hadley misses her flight to London by four minutes and ends up running into Oliver. The two instantly fall in love with each other and encounter more improbable instances that push them together. The narration arrives randomly, with the narrator appearing as a background character who sometimes interacts with the main cast.

The title and premise of the film is a cliché, but one portrayed sincerely, without knows exactly what it is and presents the story in a heartfelt, genuine way. Highs

Because the story is lighthearted and heartwarming, the film offers a little

escapism. It's an easy watch. The film reveals its self-awareness early, when Hadley and Oliver decide to watch a cheesy romcom with a happy ending.

Throughout the story, the narrator is a mix of a near-mystical being who seems omnipotent and a fan of the couple. She roots for them along with the audience. Jamil, who previously acted in the absurdist comedy series "The Good Place" and in "She-Hulk: Attorney At

portraying the narrator. She is playful and humorous; and her role is absurd. Despite the narrator adding a fantasy

element, Hadley and Oliver are not soulmates. The film portrays their meetings

as merely chance. As the narrator says, "fate can only be fate if we decide that we want it to be."

Lows

The films cliché nature comes back to bite in the third act when a contrived conflict keeps Oliver and Hadley from getting together. This conflict brings Hadley and Oliver to their low points, so they can bond with their families

make them more rounded-out characters. Common in romance movies, this type of conflict comes at the expense of Hadley and Oliver's natural relationship development. The film's soundtrack is a mix of catchy

and emotional, including an acoustic cover of Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me)." The scenes take advantage of bright, colorful lighting in dark settings. These together create a comforting atmosphere.

#### Verdict

Although the film is not particularly unique, it offers an enjoyable time that made me briefly question how improbable love at first sight really is.

#### Rating: 7 out of 10 stars.

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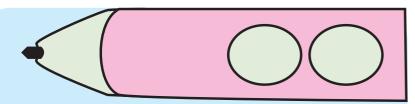


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SHAYLA MOSTYN

COULMNIST

"Golda" brings history alive by providing an in-depth look at the remarkable legacy of Israel's first female Prime Minister, Golda

The Yom Kippur War took place from Oct. 6 - Oct. 25, 1973. Egypt and Syria launched an attack on Israel during one of the holiest days of the year for Jewish people, Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is known as the Jewish day of atonement, happening roughly a week after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year. This year, Yom Kippur falls on Monday, Sept. 25.

"Golda" tells the true story of how Golda Meir navigated Israel's fight to win the Yom Kippur war of Oct. 1973. With the help of her cabinet and U.S. secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, and faced with the odds that Israel might be lost after recently being established in 1948, Meir's persistent faith in her country and soldiers results in Israel's victory.

Helen Mirren takes on the role of Golda Meir, showcasing a powerful performance that helps the audience understand the heartache Meir went through and her determination to protect her people and country. Throughout the movie, watching the reality of the war that was occurring, alongside the audio messages of soldiers updates and the prayers for hope, made it difficult to separate the audience's feelings

from Meir's and ultimately, Mirren's.

Opinion: 'Golda' brings Israeli history to life

There were many added aspects that helped showcase the different ways Meir upheld the role of prime minister of Israel that differed from a male prime minister. For instance, when she walked into a room full of government officials, only a select few stood up instead of the whole room.

"In my day, everyone stood for the Prime Minister," Meir said to her secretary.

In addition, Meir would often hold cabinet meetings in her own house, providing food and drinks to her officials as though they



were simply visiting and not discussing a war. However, among all those aspects, there was a lack of educating the audience about Meir's backstory, like who she was before becoming prime minister. The plot took place around her leadership during the Yom Kippur war and the only backstory that was given was her mention of being forced into hiding in Ukraine when she was younger, as well as the story showcasing her ongoing battle with cancer. The story seemed incomplete due to that missing aspect of her backstory, but nevertheless, it is worth seeing.

The phrase "history come to life," could not be more accurate. From the casting of Meir's cabinet officials in respect to the original roles they were taking on, to the intertwining of news articles and televised broadcasts from 1973, provided the audience with a visual representation that helped deepen their understanding as well as connect with Meir in her shared heartache of those who were lost in the war.

If one wishes to learn more about Golda Meir, Israel's history or simply wants to feel as though they themselves have lived through history, take time to go and watch "Golda."

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## A Wrinkle In Time

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Directed by Jennifer Felts

## Cyrano de Bergerae

April 11-14, 2024

Directed by John Seibert

## Hare and Tortoise

Nov. 10 &11, 2023 Directed by Emily Levickas

### Dontrell, Who Kissed The Sea

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Directed by Wallace Bridges

## **Multi-Sensory** Show

March, 2024

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