

Hysteria or Epidemic?

Vapers say benefits outweigh known risks

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Let's Dance

SLCC Dance Company center stage on campus and community

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ALL WEEK

SLCC President's Art Show

When: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, Multipurpose Room

Inspirational Native Americans Gallery

When: All day

Where: TR Campus, Student Center

Native American Art Showcase submissions

When: All day

Where: TR Campus, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs

THURSDAY 14th

Indigenous Language Fair

When: 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: TR Campus, AAB, Commons Area

Tatanka Means 'Laughter is Good Medicine' Comedy Show

When: 1 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, Technology Building, Room 104

Film Screening Series - 'Scott Pilgrim vs. the World'

When: 6 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, Screening Room

'Fortinbras' Black Box Theatre Production

When: 7:30 p.m. (Nov. 7 - 9)

Where: South City Campus, Black Box Theater

INK - Alumni Art & Design Group Show - Opening Reception

When: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, East Lobby

Jazz Preview - Singer of the Year Finals

When: 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, Grand Theatre

'Fortinbras' Black Box Theatre Production

When: 7:30 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, Black Box Theater

WEDNESDAY 13th

INK - Alumni Art & Design Group Show

When: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Nov.13 - Jan.10)

Where: South City Campus, East Lobby

HuLa Open House

When: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, AAB, Commons Area

FRIDAY 15th

University of Utah Transfer Event

When: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, Student Event Center

SATURDAY 16th

Native American Indian Exhibition

When: 1 - 4 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, LAC

» For more information on these events, visit www.globeslcc.com/calendar

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'Wild west': Research at odds with widespread vape use

Amie Schaeffer

Assignment Editor

Across the country, emergency rooms are admitting patients suffering from severely inflamed lungs, accelerated heart rate and labored breathing. While some patients report an onset of flu-like symptoms, primarily fever and nausea, symptoms can rapidly escalate. Many patients begin coughing up blood as fevers skyrocket, resulting in the brain starting to shut down.

As the cases of vaping-related lung illness increase, Utah remains on the forefront of what the Centers for Disease Control is calling an "epidemic." The CDC reports that Utah's numbers are six times the national average, with 109 confirmed cases including one death. That number is roughly 10 times higher than neighboring states.

Philip Howland, a nurse practitioner with a doctorate in nursing practice, splits his time between the South City and Taylorsville campuses working in the Center for Health and Counseling. Howland expresses concern that this issue could heavily impact our student body.

"Any kind of nicotine for adolescents or young adults is bad for the brain and not recommended," Howland says.

According to the CDC, the national median age of patients is 24. The median age for a student enrolled at Salt Lake Community College is 23. Around campus, vaping pens are as common as cell phones or keys.

"We are seeing a lot of increase in people who vape who didn't previously use any sort of tobacco or nicotine products," Howland says, noting he worries about the lack of strong regulations on vaping products. "It's like the wild west, and that should give people some pause."

Margaret Shaw, a SLCC sociology major, used vaping to kick the habit of cigarettes. She started vaping when smoking began taking a toll on her health.

"Cigarettes often gave me a cough or sore throat while e-cigs do not. I felt like I was out of breath all of the time," she says.

Shaw says vaping has become a daily habit. "I definitely have cravings like a cigarette smoker, but I don't spend obscene amounts of money on it," she says.

Not having to go outside or smell like an ashtray has also been a draw for Shaw. For many, those are benefits vaping offers over cigarettes.

"Vaping is very socially acceptable," Howland explains. "You can vape in classrooms without really being noticed. You can vape in places where, before because of the negative impacts of society, you wouldn't feel comfortable lighting up a cigarette."

Cases of severe pulmonary illness, comas and death have led to sweeping bans of vaping products throughout the United States. Such bans are creating hurdles for the medical marijuana community.

"I feel vaping as a whole is being attacked while ignoring the issues of off-market unregulated products," says Shaw. "We can stop these unregulated harmful products by legalizing THC and creating a system that regulates the ingredients while taking business away from the off market."

Christine Stenquist, a patient advocate and founder of Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education (TRUCE), has a history of battling such hurdles.

After undergoing surgery in her twenties to partially remove a brain tumor, Stenquist suffered a stroke. This began a complex array of medical issues and symptoms that left her bedridden. Feeling prescribed medication was failing her, she turned to self-medicating with marijuana in 2012.

"Vaping offers a patient immediate relief from their symptoms," she says. "Medication enters the bloodstream quite rapidly...giving three to four hours of lasting relief."

Other methods like edibles and oils can have a significantly longer delay.

As the FDA and CDC use words like "epidemic" and "outbreak," patients like Stenquist worry it will create roadblocks in accessing cannabis.

"Using hyperbole to demonize an industry causes misguided public panic," she says. "Address the problem, let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater."

Stenquist says ending federal prohibition is a start. "Transparency in the marketplace creates accountability and allows for effective regulation when

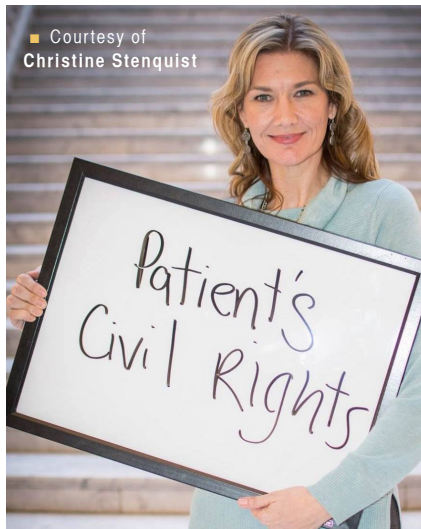
necessary," she says. "Illegal markets aren't disappearing, they're adapting ... We'll surely continue to see subpar products that are hard to trace."

Howland admits healthcare professionals are on their "back foot" with these cases. "We are having discussions with our students, with our patients, across our whole team," he says. "That's where our opportunity is, to not have people start in the first place."

The New England Journal of Medicine published a study last month, which noted the presence of fat-laden cells in the lungs of patients, possibly the result of vaping. New findings announced by the CDC on Nov. 8 escalate the standing of vitamin E acetate, calling it a, "strong culprit." The chemical is a known additive used to dilute vaping solutions.

According to a CNN report, Dr. James Pirkle, a physician with the CDC, characterizes vitamin E acetate as "enormously sticky" when it goes into the lungs.

The CDC, while continuing to investigate the effects of vaping, warns that this does not rule out other ingredients.



Pictured clockwise: Christine Stenquist, Philip Howland, student Margaret Shaw and a commonly used vape pen.

Bruin Pantry aims to remedy food scarcity among students

Megan Neff

Staff Writer

With Thanksgiving and finals right around the corner, the Bruin Pantry can be an aid for those struggling with food insecurity.

Located at the Taylorsville Redwood, South City, Jordan and West Valley Center campuses, food support services are made easily available to students. During this time of year especially, the pantries are experiencing food shortages.

Gabriella Battaglia and Michael Braak are a part of the Bruin Pantry Americorps VISTA. Their full-time volunteer work at Salt Lake Community College helps provide support to the pantry supplies and schedules.

“Our frontline staff members are students that are studying or earning a tuition waiver who actually work in the pantries on a regular basis. They’re the ones that staff the front, they do the stocking. We oversee everything, build partnerships, implement new policies and programming and help support our staff,” Battaglia says.

Around Thanksgiving, student groups and clubs coordinate drives for food donation toward the Bruin Pantry, she says.

“Mike and I have been coordinating with all of the different types of groups and working out logistics of the drives to make sure that the food or hygiene items are being transported to the pantries and making sure when that’s happening that we log those donations and put them away and organize them.”

Whenever a group is looking to organize a drive, Americorps VISTA asks that they contact them, so they are aware of the items needed in Bruin pantries.

“There is a consistent food shortage in Utah,” Battaglia says. “It’s not necessarily that there is not enough food as opposed to it’s not being distributed in equitable ways to the people that need it.”

The Utah Legislature recently released a draft proposal for tax reform that would increase sales tax on groceries from 3.0% to 6.1%. Two-thirds of Utahns oppose this sales tax and can sign a petition to enforce tax relief for low-income families. The increase has the potential to negatively affect local Utah food banks as well as SLCC’s Bruin Pantries.



Students experiencing food insecurity can find support from Bruin pantries. A Onecard is required if students are planning on using the pantries.

A national survey taken in April 2019 by the Hope Center for College, Community and Justice shows that 45% of community and university students were food insecure within the 30 days of taking the survey.

Students have recently experienced a time where they weren’t sure where their next meal was going to come from, or they weren’t sure if they were going to have enough to eat,” says Battaglia.

SLCC’s Bruin pantries are currently in need of donations for healthy foods, hygiene products and baby items.

If you are interested in donating or organizing a drive, contact the Bruin Pantry for more information.

Bruin Pantry donations needed

Menstrual products, especially sanitary napkins

Toilet paper

Soap and shampoo

Diapers, wipes and other baby supplies

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Laundry detergent

Canned fruit

Peanut butter

Canned tuna, chicken and other meats

Jam and jelly

Mayo, mustard, salad dressing, other condiments

Spices and seasonings

Whole grains (brown rice, quinoa, plain oats, etc.)

Baking mixes

Nonperishable boxed or canned starches and meals, such as instant rice, ramen noodles, pasta and canned soups

Snacks and granola bars

Cosmetics

Pet food

Items needed at Taylorsville Redwoodm and South City Campus pantries but must be dropped of during operating hours:

Fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs

Eggs

Dairy products

***Packaged, ready-to-eat sandwiches, salads, meals**

***Note: The Pantry cannot accept homemade meals**

SLCC students rally behind petition to close Lagoon's Zoo

Porsha Nielsen

Contributing Writer

Students at Salt Lake Community College rallied this fall behind a petition to shut down Lagoon's Wild Kingdom Train Ride, which has drawn criticism for decades over the treatment of animals at the park.

In recent Facebook posts, change has been demanded of Lagoon Amusement Park through an online petition. Some students at SLCC refuse to see Lagoon profit off the suffering of such beautiful animals.

Lagoon, a popular amusement park in Farmington, has run the Wild Kingdom train ride since 1967. The miniature train ride allows patrons to see 60 animals from all over the world. Lagoon's zoo is privately operated, meaning it is largely unregulated. Many exotic animals have been lethargic, shaking, sitting in their own feces and suffering muscle atrophy. Over the years, photos and videos of the animals in states of distress have surfaced many times on social media.

The animal's cages, some no larger than a walk-in closet, are made of cement and steel. Through the metal bars, guests can see ribs showing through fur. Students at SLCC are among thousands in Utah that have signed the Care2 petition to have it shut down and have the animals released to non-profit sanctuaries.

"I do think the zoo should be shut down, because the care of the animals is awful," says Audrey Gibson, a second-year music major at SLCC. "I do not see any point of having a zoo in an amusement park. 'Abusement park' would be an accurate description of the situation."

Students who had only recently had this brought to their attention were also eager for change.

Dominic Martinez, SLCC student in the surgical technician program, says he won't go to Lagoon while the ride is still in operation.

"I didn't see the petition, but I'm willing to sign it anytime," he says. "Lagoon is overpriced, [and I have no desire] to go there until the animals have been released."

The video that students are responding to was submitted anonymously to Utah Animal Rights Coalition (UARC) and depicts a lion on the ground in his cage in obvious distress. This video is one of many that have surfaced over the last few years. Lagoon did not respond to requests for an interview but did release a statement on its Facebook page regarding the lion in the video, claiming that this type of behavior from lions is normal and not to cause concern.

"With respect to the video circulating online, this is not uncommon behavior," the Sept. 13 post reads. "Lions roaring while lying down is well documented, and does not indicate or suggest distress – quite the opposite. Lagoon would like to reassure the public that this lion receives great care and treatment, and enjoys excellent health. This untruthful mischaracterization of the video is naïve, misguided, and unfortunate."

911 Animal Abuse, has an online page dedicated to raising awareness and organizing protests of the Wild Kingdom Ride. The page has many pictures from over the years of the park like these, including all the times the park has been cited by government agencies for mistreatment of the animals. In these photos, people can observe the small cages and a lack of entertainment, such as pools and balls to keep them active.



■ Courtesy of 911animalabuse.com

Change is being demanded through an online petition to shut down Lagoon's Wild Kingdom Train Ride for the mistreatment of the animals.

Dance Company takes stage end-of-semester concert

Carly Gooch

Staff Writer

Salt Lake Community College's Dance Company will be performing its end of semester concert at the Grand Theatre on Nov. 22 and Nov. 23. The concert will start at 7 p.m. and is free for SLCC students and staff. Tickets are \$5 for general admission.

"We've been practicing for six hours a week, every week," says Quinn Trutzel, who is in her first semester with the company.

SLCC's Dance Company is a student group, performing mostly contemporary, modern and jazz. According to SLCC's website, "Our mission is to support excellence in the art of dance."

The students who participate work with professional dancers in the community as they work to uphold their mission.

"Dancers are artists with a responsibility to tell stories as well as rewrite narratives," says Whitney Harris, Dance Company director. "On stage, our dancers do this through their choreography."

Trutzel echoes this sentiment, speaking about the art form as a means of expressing the human experience.

"Dance is unique in that it tends to be more abstract than other forms, lending to a greater range of interpretations," she says.

Dance Company members also engage with the community through other performances throughout the semester. Other community events include Operation Pay It Forward, an event created by non-profit organization Chemo to Crown to raise awareness and money for children with terminal illnesses; High School Day, an event where the SLCC Dance Company teaches and mentors youth about the value of education and the arts; and Art with Heart, a benefit concert where all event proceeds are donated to Shriners Hospital.

"This year, we have been offering master classes and high school workshops in order for us to show [students] what Dance Company is about and to expand our name further," says Carlos Mieja, publicity officer for the company. Mieja went on to encourage students to attend a class or performance and meet the SLCC Dance Company in action.

"SLCC Dance Company is not just about putting on a show for people," he says. "It is about helping the community with projects and building lasting relationships."

Courtesy of SLCC.edu

SLCC DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS
FALL 2019 COLLABORATIVE DANCE CONCERT

EXPRESSION

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The Utah concert is free for SLCC students, staff and faculty with college ID and a Bruin Pantry donation.

Opinion **Keep a Bruin Warm**

Submitted by Kelly Brown

In an effort to help alleviate some of the issues of campus poverty, a group of fellow Bruins is organizing a donation drive, "Keep a Bruin Warm", with the goal of obtaining blankets and warm clothing items for classmates, faculty and staff experiencing homelessness in the cold winter months. The donation event will take place on Nov. 20 on the first floor of the Taylorsville Redwood Student Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On Nov. 22, the group will be dispersing items to those in need. This second event will take place on the second floor of the Student Center from 10 am-11am. Volunteers are needed to collect and distribute donations, posters and flyers, as well as pack and move the donations to be stored.

Volunteers and representatives from Civically Engaged Scholars, the SLCC Social Work Association and the Bruin Scholars will be present.

The organizers are planning future events and welcome all who are interested in making a change for the better at their SLCC campus. The goal with these events is meant to educate and open up a much-needed dialogue within the SLCC community about poverty and homelessness.

For those interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Kelly Brown at bruinsagainstopoverty@gmail.com for more details. All Bruin family members are encouraged to support the event or come by and find out how to get involved in local issues caused by poverty. The group will also be available to those seeking crisis support if needed.



The donation drive 'Keep a Bruin Warm' is looking for blanket and warm clothing item donations for those experiencing homelessness in the cold winter months.

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