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ENTERTAINMENT



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Marvel's 'Doctor Strange' brings a spellbindingly good time

By CHRIS GARCIA

STAFF WRITER

The newest entry in the already extensive Marvel Cinematic Universe, "Doctor Strange" serves as a strong origin story and a gateway for what's to come while standing out among the multitude of Marvel films already released.

The film follows Dr. Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) on his journey to learn the mystic arts from the secretive Ancient One (Tilda Swinton) and thwart the plans of the villainous Kaecilius (Mads Mikkelsen).

Plot-wise, "Strange" serves as a straightforward origin story. While a bit rushed, the film manages to effectively follow Strange's journey and helps to build the beginning of his character arc rather than try to complete it in a short amount of time. "Strange" also has some well done segments that help to subvert the "punch the way to victory" type of plot that Marvel has gotten used to.

The biggest problem with the plot is that there's a lot to go

through. It becomes apparent that while being an origin story, Strange is also setting up for future movies in Marvel's "Phase 3". This gives the audience little time to actually connect with the characters in the film and keeps the film from being as strong as it could have been.

That said, "Strange" is one of the better solo films from Marvel, introducing new characters and another dimension to the already extensive cinematic universe. The action in "Strange" is also on par with the movies released so far. It is fun and visually interesting while having its own unique flair. This all makes "Strange" another strong entry in the Marvel franchise, even if it does feel a bit safe at times.

The cast is strong, but Cumberbatch leads with a standout performance as Dr. Strange. He brings snark and a bit of playfulness to the Sorcerer Supreme. The rest of the cast is relatively strong as well, especially Chiwetel Ejiofor as Strange's mentor Baron Mordo.

This leads to the biggest problem with "Strange", however, which is relatively average characters. While

the cast does a great job with what they have, almost everyone aside from Dr. Strange and Mordo feel somewhat underdeveloped. This is especially the case with Mikkelsen's Kaecilius, whose backstory is stated outright in two sentences and ignored completely afterward, becoming yet another disappointing Marvel villain.

While the biggest weakness in "Strange" is its characters, the film's biggest strength lies in its incredible visuals. The film fully embraces the magic its characters use, using multiple dimensions, detailed magical symbols and "Inception"-esque world folding to create what is by far the most visually interesting Marvel movie to date. Even without the magic, the film looks great thanks to a combination of impressive cinematography and mind-bending shots.

VERDICT:

A fun and visually stunning journey into a new portion of the Marvel Universe, "Doctor Strange" is a magical experience that must be seen to be believed.



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SPORTS

TCU soccer earns first NCAA tournament berth

By **CALEB JAKANA**
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For the first time in TCU women's soccer history, TCU scored a NCAA tournament spot Monday.

Only 64 teams are chosen for this tournament. TCU is coming off an outstanding run going undefeated in nonconference play and 12-6-2 overall. The Horned Frogs defeated No. 25 Kansas and Baylor, winning two out of the three games they played in the Big 12 Championship.

Head coach Eric Bell has been the head coach for five seasons. Bell said he is not surprised that his team is in the tournament because their "body of work" was good enough to earn a berth.

Bell said he is glad to be in the tournament, but has bigger goals.

"The mentality is not 'we are just good enough

to be here.'" Bell said. "We want to make a run and go as far as we can go."

When Bell was brought to be the head coach, TCU was not well known for its soccer program, but Bell said he knew that being in this successful position would not happen overnight.

Senior forward Michelle Prokof is one better players TCU has seen; Prokof is tied for 2nd all-time in goals.

Prokof said words do not describe what earning a berth to the tournament means to the coaches.

"I don't have a word for it," Prokof said. "My heart feels utter joy for them because I know how much work they put in. They have been through the hard times, the fun times; they been through it all."

Prokof said she is confident in her team



The TCU Women's Soccer team takes the field.

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because of challenges they have faced together.

"The confidence of

the team is like it never has been before because we have experienced

adversity, and that's been huge for us," Prokof said. TCU will face Texas

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NATIONAL AP

President-elect Trump begins transition to White House

By **STEVE PEOPLES**,
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The true test now begins for Donald Trump.

The Republican president-elect paid little attention to transition planning leading up to his stunning victory. With 72 days before he takes control of the executive branch, Trump and his senior team on Wednesday immediately began the herculean task of picking a Cabinet and tapping hundreds of appointees to senior roles in key departments — State, Defense, Homeland Security, Commerce and Treasury among them — many requiring multiple security reviews or Senate confirmation.

"They have a long way to go," said Max

Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service, an outside group that was working with both campaigns on transition planning since the summer. "It's imperative to have the right people brought in fast and they're prepared."

Stier described the transition as "a point of maximum vulnerability" for the nation.

As president-elect, Trump is entitled to get the same daily intelligence briefing as President Barack Obama — one that includes information on U.S. covert operations, information gleaned about world leaders and other data gathered by America's 17 intelligence agencies.

Trump's senior team huddled privately to being a more focused period of transition planning. The group included the

transition chairman, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, and Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, Vice President-elect Mike Pence and daughter Ivanka Trump's husband, Jared Kushner, among others.

The team is putting a premium on quickly filling key national security posts, according to people familiar with the conversations but not authorized to discuss them publicly.

"It's something that's got to be pretty close held until the president-elect is ready to begin to announce appointments," said Bill Hagerty, Trump's director of presidential appointments, who declined to offer any details on a timeline for Trump's first personnel moves. A chief of staff is traditionally appointed in the initial weeks after an

election.

Hagerty said the transition from one administration to another "in essence, is a \$2 trillion takeover when you think about it."

A small transition team has been meeting since early August to discuss legislative priorities and plans for taking over agencies. While Christie provided Trump with weekly updates, until now, the campaign and transition operations functioned as relatively distinct entities and in different cities — Trump's campaign in New York and the transition team in Washington.

An organizational chart for the transition team obtained by The Associated Press confirms that some familiar names are playing senior roles in the formation of a Trump administration.

National security



(AP PHOTO/ EVAN VUCCI)

President-elect Donald Trump speaks during an election night rally.

planning was being led by former Michigan Rep. Mike Rogers, who previously worked for the FBI. Joseph "Keith" Kellogg, a retired Army lieutenant general, was heading defense planning. For domestic issues, the Trump transition team was relying on the leadership of Ken Blackwell, a former Cincinnati mayor and

Ohio secretary of state.

A Trump spokesman did not respond to questions about the team.

It's far from clear who would occupy Trump's Cabinet and senior staff. His inner circle is famously small, defined by loyalty to the president-elect and largely devoid of establishment leaders.



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CAMPUS NEWS

eSPOT questionnaire to undergo changes

By NIA BROOKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Faculty Senate voted to change the criteria of the semesterly eSPOT teacher evaluations at their meeting Thursday.

Julie Fry, Chair of the Senate's Educational Evaluation Committee, proposed the idea to change the the Student Perception of Teaching (eSPOT) questionnaire. This decision was based on a series of student focus groups' findings and recommendations from last school year.

With their input along with the recommendation of the Senate's University Evaluation Committee, the EEC changed some questions and erased others.

"We now have 12 questions compared to 22 in the spring," Fry said.

Fry pointed out that in the past students had to do instructor questions for classes even when they had multiple instructors. She said the student groups recommended that the questions be



PHOTO BY NIA BROOKINS

Jane Fry speaking with Chair Jesus Castro-Balbi at the Senate meeting Thursday.

unique and personal.

"They are more meaningful," she said. "And with the shortened survey, faculty members can add their own personal questions that would really help them."

The Senate approved this proposal and the new eSPOT is scheduled to be used at the end of this semester.

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Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Scorpio and a Moon in Pisces if born before 8:45 p.m. (EST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016:

This year you feel more in control than in the past. Conversations flourish. Many people might feel as if they can't get enough of you, no matter what you do. If you are single, you are unlikely to settle down for a while. You enjoy meeting people, but you tend to attract suitors who are emotionally unavailable. Don't worry; this trend will change from mid-October 2017 on. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will enjoy a quiet, intimate phase of your relationship. ARIES often pushes your buttons in order to get a quick reaction! Maintain a sense of humor.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes right now. News or gossip you hear could send you into a frenzy. Avoid having a knee-jerk reaction. Opt to say little for now. Use more self-discipline, and you will be happier as a result. You'll know what to do. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Remain sensitive to those around you. What people disclose when they feel more comfortable might surprise you; vulnerability of that nature opens up many doors. Know that a boss or older friend appears to be unusually assertive. Tonight: Not to be found!

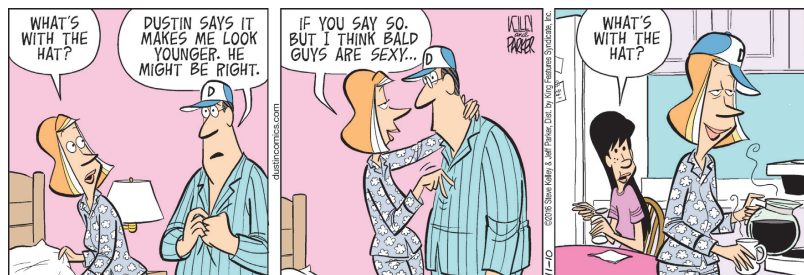
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Try not to be so demanding. In a professional situation, the leadership role could be less desirable than you originally had thought. Curb a tendency to overindulge or to stumble into a recurring

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



negative habit. A little self-discipline goes a long way. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ When you take an overview of recent events, you'll gain a much more complete perspective. Once you walk in someone else's shoes, you will be able to settle an issue that involves opposite points of view. Avoid going overboard. Tonight: On top of your game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Deal with individuals as opposed to groups. Understand that you are likely to hear a response that forces you to declare your intentions more clearly. Chatter might be gossip or important information. Listen, but test out what you hear. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others will let you know in

their own way that they plan to run the show. A discussion about their decision could be difficult to hear. Ride the wave of the moment, and know that it won't last forever. Act is if you are on vacation. Tonight: Spend time with a special friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You likely won't care whether someone else runs with the ball. You have a lot to do, and a little extra time will serve you well. A loved one could

make an overture later in the day, but you might choose to do your own thing. Tonight: Say "yes" to an enticing invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Allow more of your creativity to emerge. Others find you irresistible, no matter what you are doing. Curb a tendency to go overboard, whether you are socializing, shopping or simply visiting with a friend. Spending needs to be restrained to a degree. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Allow your adventurous spirit to emerge. You'll discover the importance of remaining expressive and open. You know your limits; nevertheless, spending could be a problem. You let go of difficult feelings when you're out shopping. Tonight: Think about weekend plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You have a lot more to say than you originally might have intended. Calls and meetings could go much longer than expected. Make sure you give the other party an equal amount of time to respond. Be more aware of others' requests. Tonight: Off to the gym, then head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You are full of fun, and you have the ability to come to terms with others. However, without even thinking, you might overspend in an attempt to please someone else and/or to express your enduring caring. Avoid sitting on any anger for now. Tonight: Speak your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ When someone is faced with your sensitivity, he or she generally opens up. You have the ability to work through a problem with ease. However, a key person might not be as easygoing as you are, and he or she could become quite difficult as a result. Tonight: Be spontaneous.



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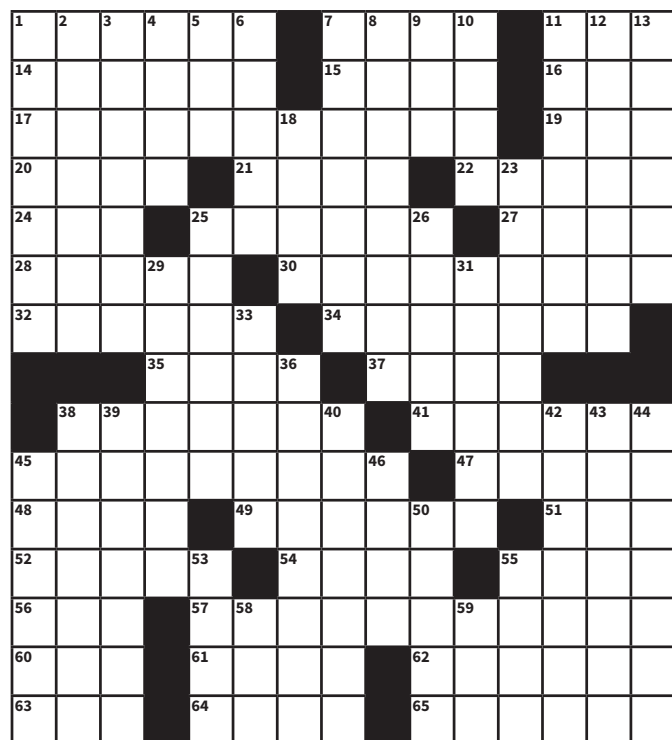
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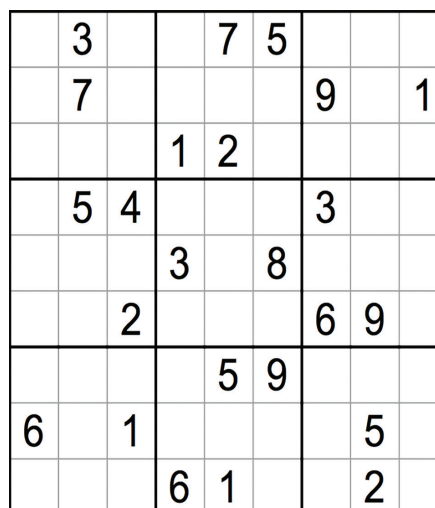
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- 11 "___ on Melancholy"
- 14 Not so current
- 15 Clue
- 16 Children's author Asquith
- 17 Give an "Odyssey" character a trim?
- 19 Some media coverage
- 20 Old Testament book that asks "Does a lion roar in the thicket when it has no prey?"
- 21 Take it easy
- 22 Japanese writing system
- 24 Back muscle, informally
- 25 Ecosystem components
- 27 Threaten
- 28 Cover story
- 30 Favorite whack job?
- 32 Windshield decorations
- 34 Act of sedition
- 35 Be a crowd
- 37 Hurrahs
- 38 Slummy building
- 41 Rhythmic Cuban dance: Var.
- 45 Invoice a whole Mideast peninsula?
- 47 OPEC dignitaries
- 48 Annual New York honor
- 49 Letter sign-off
- 51 Talk smack about
- 52 Shadow
- 54 Barrio greeting
- 55 Cruising along
- 56 PBS backer
- 57 Motto of a huge "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" fan?
- 60 One hailed by city dwellers
- 61 Meticolous to a fault
- 62 Washington in "Philadelphia"
- 64 Ticket info
- 63 Carnival ride provider
- 65 Silver and others

Down

- 1 Small business purchase, perhaps
- 2 Like Wabash College
- 3 Not worth considering
- 4 Ballroom maneuvers
- 5 The Gamecocks of the N.C.A.A.
- 6 They're found within kingdoms
- 7 Controversial fish catcher
- 8 Blind love
- 9 Sales ___
- 10 Charge
- 11 River that's home to the black spot piranha
- 12 "Much Ado About Nothing" villain
- 13 White house occupant?
- 18 Masterstroke
- 23 "Sweet" plant of the mustard family
- 25 Sole orders
- 26 ___ gun
- 29 Conflicted sort?
- 31 Willie Mays descriptor
- 33 Letter embellishment
- 36 "Holy cow!"
- 38 Barbecue's supply
- 39 Hero of a tale told by Scheherazade
- 40 Impressive collection
- 42 Neither large nor small ... or a phonetic hint to 17-, 30-, 45- and 57-Across
- 43 Brought up to speed
- 44 Tears into
- 45 Pep in one's step
- 46 Take it easy
- 50 Enriches, in a way
- 53 "This can't wait!"
- 55 Bumps on the head?
- 58 Collaborator on several David Bowie albums
- 59 Fixed

Sudoku



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TCU Trivia

TRUE OR FALSE: The first TCU men's basketball game is Friday at 6 p.m. against University of Saint Thomas.

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

TRUE: Go Frogs!

FEATURE

Meet Diane Snow, new dean of the John V. Roach Honors College

By **SAM BRUTON**
STAFF WRITER

Mother. Neuroscientist. Researcher. Adventurer. Diane Snow is always working, always moving.

Just a few months ago, Snow packed a few suitcases and left her home in Lexington, Kentucky, to head to Fort Worth.

Snow said she connected with TCU during her first interview. "This is a people place," she said. "It's people first. It exudes from all the things they do."

As new dean of the John V. Roach Honors College, Snow already has a two-pronged plan for the college. She wants to strengthen its ties to faculty and enrich the learning environment across campus, while encouraging mentoring relationships for students.

Honors as essential element

"It's my job to help people understand just what an integral part honors is in the education of all students on campus," said Snow, who added she understands that sometimes honors colleges are seen as elitist or separate from everybody else and given more resources.

She said the enriched environment meant to engage and excite honors students about learning extends through campus because honors students are in every discipline.

The Honors College is a concurrent enrollment college allowing students to graduate in any major. For incoming first-year students, it is invitation-only upon completion of the application process. For continuing students with 12 or more graded TCU hours, a 3.5 or greater GPA is required for admission to the Honors College. There are currently 1,223 honors students.

"We want students to get to know each other because when you know somebody you are much more likely to collaborate with them, work with them, and invite them to various opportunities," Snow said.

"We have to be better at telling people what honors is all about," Snow said. "There are so many students who could be honors students and do honors work and they just don't know it. I don't think they've had the exposure to it."

Snow said she wants to accentuate the apprenticeship experience of honors students with professors, working one-on-one academically.

"Our job is to help them open the right doors and get the right experiences," Snow said.

An appetite for science

Snow's academic roots are in Ohio. She earned bachelor's degrees in biology

and German from the University of Akron, Ohio. Her master's degree in neuroscience is from Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown, Ohio.

Before beginning her work toward a Ph.D. degree, Snow worked at the Cleveland Clinic in the Brain and Vascular Science division under Dr. Bernadine Healy.

"I had just enough of an intrigue with science at that point to know that I wanted to go on and get a Ph.D. and do my own projects," said Snow.

After hearing what Dr. Jerry Silver was doing in the research of spinal cord injury, Snow chose Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland for her Ph.D. in neuroscience.

"It was hook, line and sinker," she said. "Everything he talked about was so incredibly exciting to me."

She then completed her postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

In 1996, Snow began her first assistant professor job at the University of Kentucky in Anatomy and Neurobiology. She worked her way through the ranks there and became a full professor. After receiving tenure, Snow moved to the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center as a professor of neuroscience studying spinal cord injury.

After 15 years, she became the director of undergraduate research and in the past few years became the director of the honors program at UK. Snow ushered the program into being an honors college.

She enjoys her research.

At Northeastern Ohio Medical University, Snow found her passion for discovery while working in a space the size of a closet—with only a little table and a microscope.

She was hired to look at slides and count the number of cells that were stained in a part of the brain.

"I love the discovery and the thought that I'm that first person seeing something happen," Snow said. "This has happened many times in my career, looking through a microscope and it's the first time anybody has seen these changes."

"I've had a couple bits of serendipity throughout my career that have led me to success. I have been very grateful for those."

Snow is still working with undergraduate students in Lexington, Kentucky, on a NASA-related research project. The team is working with a group called Space Tango that has equipment on the International Space Station.

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researchers to facilitate projects in microgravity to discover solutions in space for applications on Earth. The research group is optimizing the pieces that will be tested on the station to look at the effects of low gravity and zero-gravity on a population of neural cells.

Esther Putman, an intern at Space Tango, credits Snow for getting her the position.

On Putman's move-in day at the University of Kentucky, Snow noticed her carrying a brain anatomy poster into her room. Snow gave Putman her contact information and later they met for coffee; this sparked not only a discussion on neuroscience but also a mentorship.

"I am where I am today because of the people like Dr. Snow who have invested in me," Putman said. "I know I would not have experienced the opportunities and positive atmosphere I had during my first year here if I had not met her and benefited from her mentorship."

Next June, Snow will be teaching a three-week summer study abroad session in London open to students from both TCU and the University of Kentucky. The mission: "Where are all the women?" looking at the attrition of women in the sciences. Students will compare and contrast what they know about the U.S. and what they will discover in the U.K.

"We have some ideas about the conditions that make women unable to reach higher positions in science in

the U.S. and plan to look at systems in the UK to compare and contrast, and hopefully find solutions," Snow said.

Snow taught the course last year and considers it an enriching experience.

Putman said she admires how Snow is encouraging young women to never feel restricted in their academic pursuits, despite living in a society that discourages their success.

"She encourages young women in such a professional and admirable manner, fueled by logic and fact," said

Putman. She's a "mom first."

Snow said the most significant thing she has done is experiencing the process of bringing a human into the world. Snow met her husband at Case Western Reserve in 1987 and both were highly focused on careers in science and medicine.

"Then something happened and all the sudden children became part of being in love," Snow said. "My two sons are my most successful neuroscience experiment to date."

After her first son, Connor, was born, Snow returned to work and looked around the lab.

"It just paled in comparison to my love and appreciation for this human being," she said. "It wasn't that my science wasn't important anymore, it just really added perspective to my life."

"We are a mobile family now," said Snow. Connor, 21, is a recent graduate of the University of Kentucky with degrees in Music (percussion) and German. Aidan, 17, is a freshman at the same university, studying computer science. Her husband is a urologist doing locum tenens (a person who works temporarily in the place of another) across the nation.

"Our boys never know where we are on any given day," she said. "We use social media in a big way to keep connected."

Someday, Snow and her family hope to end up back at their home in rural Lexington.

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