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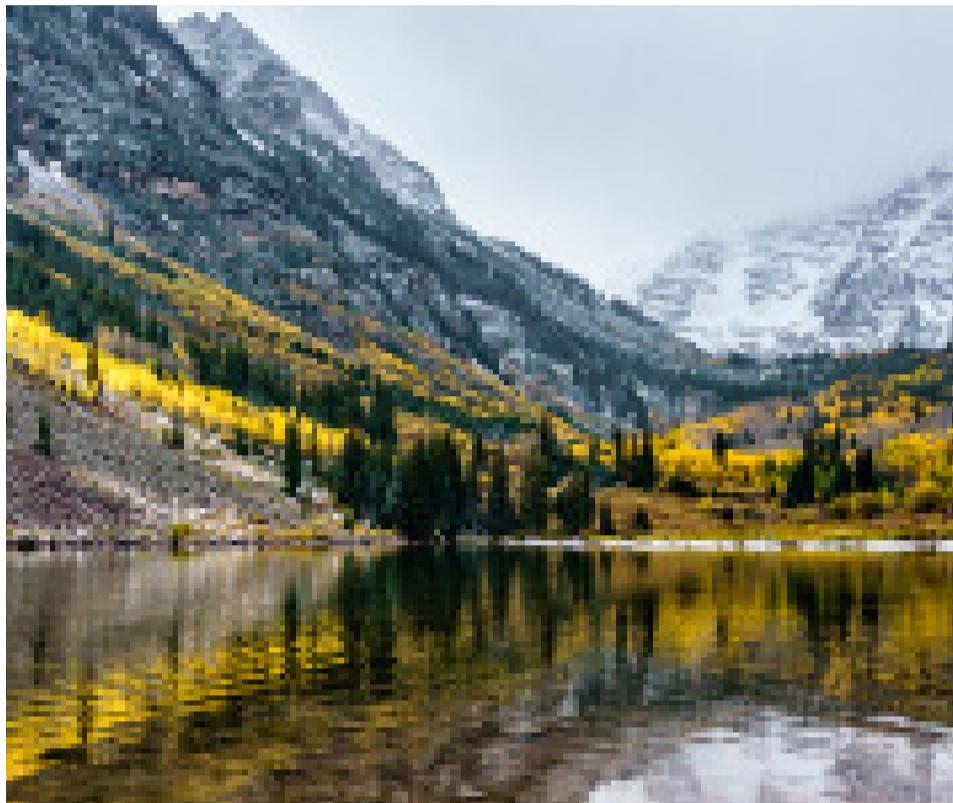


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Summer is over and now it's time to get "back in the saddle". A new quarter is starting and it is the season of new students and fresh courses. Please keep in mind all those affected by the hurricanes and tropical storms. It's sometimes difficult to think about so many things at once but we are all global citizens. On a lighter note, enjoy this issue of Radar Magazine. If you have any thoughts or opinions on the articles therein, we would love to hear from you! If you have a photo you want featured in the magazine, let us know. As always, we welcome submissions. Have a great autumn quarter and a safe and fun holiday season! See you in the new year! Email anytime RadarMag@icloud.com

-Jennifer Stahl

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Hello Students!

Do you want to join a dynamic and exciting student run organization?

Want to travel to different parts of the country and compete to earn national titles?

Want to find out how you can make a difference and get the most out of your college experience?

Then **PBL** is what you are looking for!

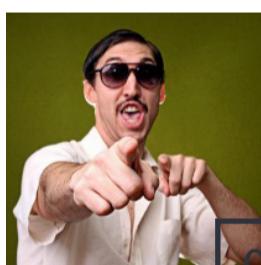
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Coast Guard working overtime in Houston. (Flickr)

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The Equifax Breach.

What to do.

After hurricanes ravaged parts of America and its territories we got more bad news:

143 million Americans have had personal information stolen from a hack on one of the three major credit reporting agencies. Social Security numbers, birth dates, drivers license numbers and some credit card information, among other info is out there somewhere.

What to do????

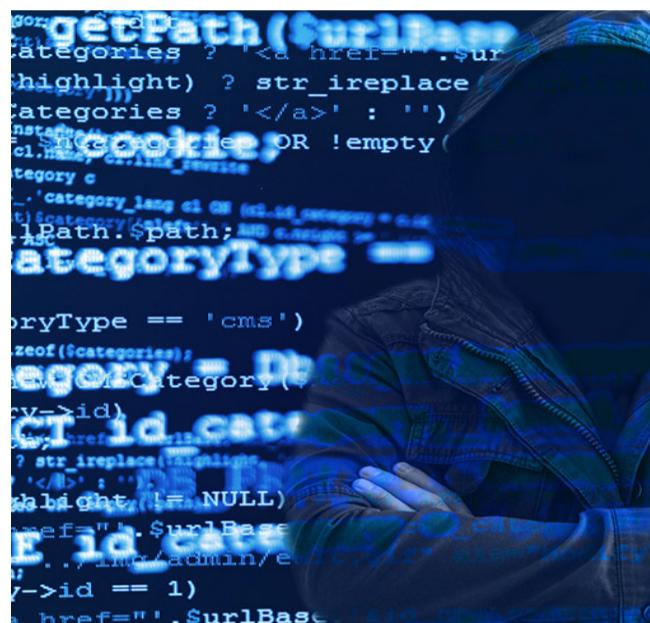
Seena Gressin, an attorney from the Division of Consumer & Business Education, FTC, advises:

"Find out if your information was exposed. Click on the "Potential Impact" tab at www.equifaxsecurity2017.com and enter your last name and the last six digits of your Social Security number. Your Social Security number is sensitive information, so make sure you're on a secure computer and an encrypted network connection any time you enter it. The site will tell you if you've been affected by this breach."

Check your credit reports from Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion — for free — by visiting annualcreditreport.com. Accounts or activity that you don't recognize could indicate identity theft. Visit IdentityTheft.gov to find out what to do.

Consider placing a credit freeze on your files. A credit freeze makes it harder for someone to open a new account in your name. Keep in mind that a credit freeze won't prevent a thief from making charges to your existing accounts.

Monitor your existing credit card and bank accounts closely for charges you don't recognize. If you decide against a credit freeze, consider placing a fraud alert on your files. A fraud alert warns creditors



that you may be an identity theft victim and that they should verify that anyone seeking credit in your name really is you.

File your taxes early — as soon as you have the tax information you need, before a scammer can. Tax identity theft happens when someone uses your Social Security number to get a tax refund or a job. Respond right away to letters from the IRS.

Visit IdentityTheft.gov/databreach to learn more about protecting yourself after a data breach."
-FTC.gov



What are Soft Skills and Why are they so Important?



Most people are still not clear about what soft skills mean. Frankly, the term itself was coined just a few years ago. In any job, the sole importance was given to the candidate's resume and what his qualifications were. But nowadays, a lot of stress is being laid on the candidate's soft skills and if he is properly trained in them.

So what are soft skills? It is hard to be exact in this case, but it essentially is a method to judge a person's performance, leadership ability, and team spirit. Hard skills constitute your educational qualifications and previous job experience. In fact, a lot of recruiters are now paying more attention to soft skills rather than the hard ones. A lot of candidates with impressive resumes but poor soft skills have been rejected in the final rounds of interviews.

That is why you should enroll in soft skills programs in order to develop these skills better. Soft skills can be classified into these categories:

- Negotiation – This is a very crucial soft skill that you need to possess. The art of negotiating a deal with a client or even negotiating with a co-worker is something that you need to master effectively. There is no hard and fast rule about mastering this aspect but you will be trained to negotiate to the fullest of your capabilities.

- Team building – Instilling team spirit in the members of a team is perhaps the most difficult task ever. Ego, personal rivalry, office politics, and various other factors come into play and you have to overcome all these hurdles and utilize all the resources efficiently. This is known as team building and it requires some training beforehand.

- Communication – Last but not the least, you need to communicate well with your superiors and peers. If you can't express your thoughts or grievances in the proper manner, then it will soon begin to affect your performance. Honing this particular soft skill is all the more important when you are talking to clients of the company.

by L. India

CITIZENS IN PERIL



Puerto Rico

Please donate at RedCross.org

Also check out CharityNavigator.org where you can donate to individuals affected by specific hurricanes.

Radar Magazine has made small donations for those affected by natural disasters. Even small donations make a difference as money is pooled for relief.



Puerto Ricans are American citizens. There are 3.5 million Puerto Ricans without power and supplies are not reaching the people. Due to a lack of truck drivers (to deliver supplies) and donor fatigue Puerto Rico is quickly falling in the cracks. The small island (100 miles across) is in desperate need of assistance.

Did you know....
One in eight Guam residents is a U.S. veteran. More than any U.S. state.

4.1 million Americans live in U.S. island territories.
(Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa)

Ingredients

2 cups packed light brown sugar
12 to 14 slices applewood-smoked bacon (not thick-cut)
Cooking spray
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 sweet onions (preferably Maui), sliced
Dry red wine, for deglazing (if needed)
1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons barbecue rub
1 teaspoon hot sauce
1 Roma tomato, sliced
4 brioche buns, split, toasted and buttered
4 crisp romaine lettuce leaves



photo by Steve Giralt

Pig Candy BLT

recipe by Jeff Mauro

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Place the brown sugar in a pie dish. Gently press each slice of bacon into the sugar until coated (there can be small patches of uncoated bacon). Line a baking sheet with a wire rack and spray with cooking spray. Arrange the bacon on the rack. Bake, rotating the pan halfway through baking, until the bacon is super crisp and golden, 30 to 50 minutes (depending on the thickness of the bacon). Remove the rack from the pan and let the bacon cool on the rack.

Meanwhile, heat a large skillet over medium heat. Place the vegetable oil and onions in the pan and gently cook, stirring only occasionally to let the sugars develop, until the onions are a deep golden brown, about 30 minutes. If necessary, deglaze the pan with red wine a couple of times. Season with the vinegar, salt and pepper and set aside.

Combine the mayonnaise, barbecue rub and hot sauce in a small bowl to make an aioli.

Build the sandwiches: Season the tomato slices with salt; cut the bacon slices in half. On each toasted bun, place a layer of caramelized onions, followed by about 6 half slices of bacon, a tomato slice, a romaine leaf and a nice schmear of the aioli on the bun top only. Close and serve with extra aioli on the side.

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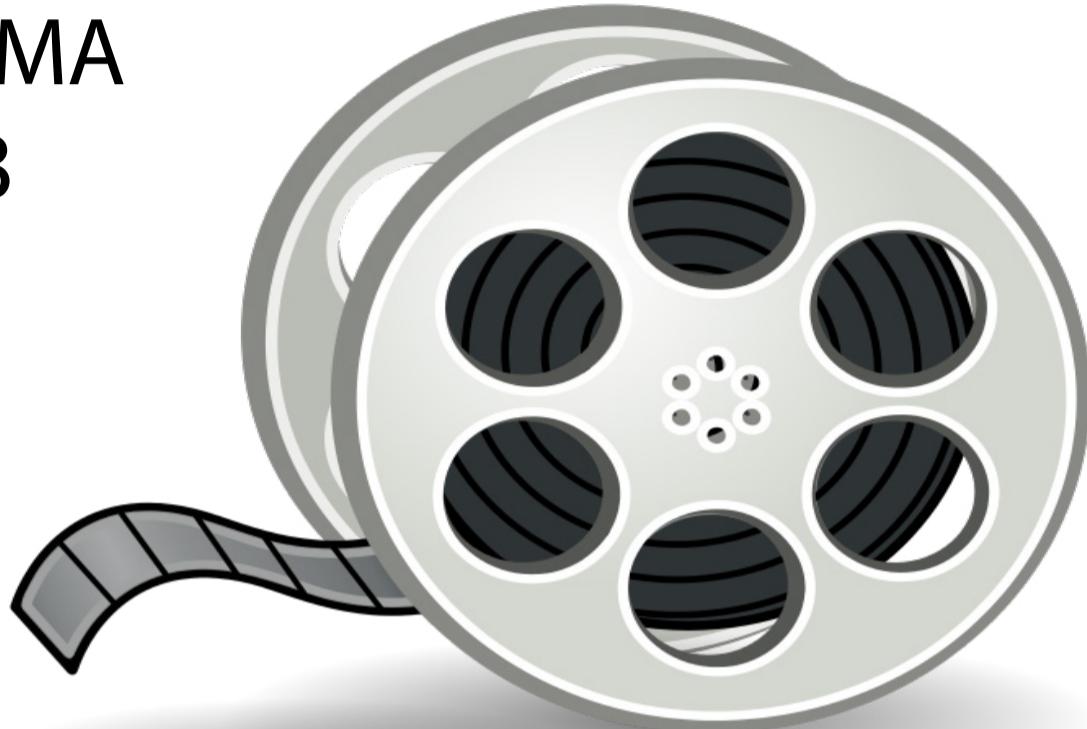
Aurora campus New Student Senate!

The new Student Senate has taken office! The elections took place in July instead of February since the Constitution had to go through a university revision. These students stepped up and wanted to do more for their university and the students of Colorado Technical University. They have many events planned for this next year to promote the clubs on campus so keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events.

Student Senate Advisor,
Deb Horant



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Like movies? Want to meet some fellow movie buffs? Join CTU's Cinema Club!
contact ajones@coloradotech.edu

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You hear bad tenant stories all the time...they don't pay the rent, they knock holes in the wall, etc.



We figured it goes both ways so we asked renters to share some bad landlord stories...

Here's some of the worst...



Some gang members decided to have an altercation outside my otherwise quiet apartment complex. They started yelling at each other outside. I thought it was just kids until someone pulled a gun. I heard a shot and my window shattered. I hit the floor and the gang took off. The cops came and interviewed me and a bunch of other tenants. No one was hurt and two of the gang members were caught nearby. The police came back to my place to pick me up to identify the two they arrested. After all of that and more questioning an officer dropped me off at my apartment around midnight. (Later, I had summons to court to testify against the two.) I decided to move about two months later. The management company was very aware of the incident. They refused to give me my deposit back because I didn't give them a "full 60 days notice". They didn't care about the safety of their residents.

-A.G.

I was the only female tenant in a small apartment building. The landlord seemed overly nice. He seemed to check up on me often. I didn't think much of it until he came over one day to show me his prescription for Viagra. He then asked me to go "work out" with him. I shut him down. Not only was he married, he was old enough to be my grandfather.

-M.A.

I was renting the basement of a house. The owner decided to remodel the rest of the house. So, for weeks I heard nothing but loud construction above my head. Then one of the workers cut through a water pipe which proceeded to spray water all over the basement, ruining my stuff. Then, part of the soaked ceiling gave way and fell on my head. It was full of dead mice carcasses. The owner evicted me four days later saying that he needed me "out of the way".

-C.M.

A few days into a new month (my rent check had already been cashed), I heard loud banging on the front door early on Sunday. Thinking something was seriously wrong I rushed to the door. The man outside said he had just bought the house and wanted to know why I was still there. I called the landlord to confirm. Yep. This guy at my door was the new owner. I had no idea that the landlord had even put the house on the market. He had no problem cashing that rent check, though.

-T.H.

The sump pump on the basement level of the house I was renting failed. I came home to find the basement flooded. It turned out to be sewage. I was mortified but grateful I had renter's insurance. When I went to the insurance office with my policy they told me that my insurance covered everything except "that type" of flooding. I took my policy to the head of the insurance company. He canceled my policy while I was sitting at his desk. I had to go home and throw away everything I was storing in the basement. It was a huge loss.

-B.R.

fall fest...



by Jasmine Cervantes

Wafts of pumpkin spice in the air and North Face jackets everywhere. It's time. October's rolling in smoothly like the aloe vera on last week's sunburn! And nothing makes a good transition to the cold like spooks and sugar! This month is filled with festivities for both kids and adults all over Colorado and I'm going to pick my top three.

The zombie crawl!!!

When? October 7th 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Where?! Skyline Park

Starting this month STRONG with limbs, brains, and blood oozing out of all the orifices in the first Saturday of October! It opens at 11am with vendors and makeup booths, later you got a costume contest and a Thriller dance to keep that stiff cold body warmed up! And if you're still hungry for brains when the crawl is over; head to the after party Zombie Prom. Slow dance the night away with the undead.

<http://denverzombiecrawl.com/>

Glow at the Gardens

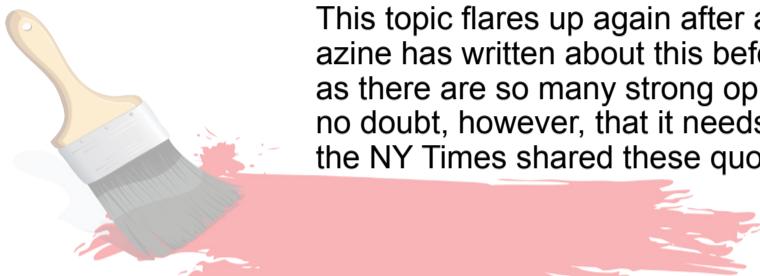
Where? 1007 York Street

When?! Oct. 18, 19, 25, and 26 Wednesday's and Thursday's 5:30-9:30pm

Nothing more classic for the fall than jack-o'-lanterns! Glow at the Gardens has just that with professional carvers strutting their stuff with hundreds of pumpkins illuminating the night, as well as pumpkin carving demos, Thriller dance lessons (of course), free face painting, TWO costume contests every night, and LED performers!! Plus so much more. You can buy tickets at the door but I highly recommend buying online in advance since tickets sell out so fast! But once you get in you can stay til close and enjoy every bit this event has to offer.

<https://www.botanicgardens.org/events/special-events/glow-gardens>

The gun control debate



This topic flares up again after acts of domestic terrorism. Radar Magazine has written about this before. It is difficult to report on this topic as there are so many strong opinions relating to gun control. There is no doubt, however, that it needs to be addressed. Justin Banks from the NY Times shared these quotes from both sides of the issue.

David Harsanyi in The Federalist:

“Maybe Paddock evaded or abused some gun law. Maybe it can be tightened. But those who reflexively call for more restrictive gun laws without even knowing how or why Paddock got his hands on guns — or what kind of firearms he used — give themselves away.”

Noah Rothman in Commentary:

“The American left honestly wants to see gun violence in America reduced. But appealing to the same failed tactics over and over suggests that they’re only preening for the advantage of their like-minded audience. The people they need to convince tuned out years ago.”

Ben Shapiro in The Daily Wire:

“Good policy is good regardless of timing; bad policy is bad regardless of timing. But when something horrific occurs, it’s in the interest of those pushing a related policy to suggest that those who oppose the policy somehow don’t care enough about victims.”

Esmé E. Deprez in Bloomberg:

“The well-funded NRA and its allies argue that gun regulations only hurt law-abiding gun owners because criminals simply ignore them. They note that since Congress let a ban on assault weapons expire in 2004, violent crime in America has fallen significantly, while fatal and non-fatal shootings also declined. Meanwhile, gun-control advocates (some backed

German Lopez in Vox:

“The only way to get significant legislation passed is by staying on an issue, particularly when it’s on the news, usually due to a crisis. And since mass shootings help highlight the need for gun control, they are often the only major opportunity for lawmakers to act on momentum.”

Charles P. Pierce in Esquire:

“Only with the Second Amendment do we hear that the price of freedom is the occasional Stephen Paddock, locked away in his own madness on the 32nd floor of a luxury hotel and casino, deciding coolly whose brains he will blow out next a few blocks away in the 273rd such unfortunate exercise of Second Amendment rights this year.”

Richard Wolffe in The Guardian:

“This happens to be a national sickness, requiring a national series of cures. We can’t pray it away. It’s a public health crisis that kills more Americans than HIV, Parkinson’s disease and hypertension.”

by Michael Bloomberg, founder and majority owner of the Bloomberg News parent Bloomberg LP) say limiting weapons will drive down gun-related crimes.”

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Did you know.....

Lynda.com, the video tutorial site- is free for CTU students?

Stop by CTU's library for the login and password!

(Also free for public library card holders in Denver, Aurora, and Colorado Springs.)

Student Senate Events



FALL STUDENT SENATE EVENTS **CLUB WEEKS**

**BEGINS OCTOBER 9TH THRU NOVEMBER 15TH
TIME 5-7PM**

LOCATION AURORA CAMPUS CAFE

Week 1 Oct 9th - 13th NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS (NSCS)

Week 2 Oct 16th- 20th CINEMA CLUB

Week 3 Oct 23rd – 27th
of America PHI BETA LAMDA (PBL) Business Leaders

Week 4 Oct 30th – Nov 3rd DOCTORAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (DSA)

Week 5 Nov 6th – 10th CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

Week 6 Nov 15th SENATE & CLUBS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

What is NSCS?

NSCS at Colorado Technical University is an honor society inviting high-achieving freshmen and sophomores. Members must have a GPA of 3.4 or above and rank in the top 20 percent of their class.



want in?

IMPORTANT! Please note: Right now there are openings for officer positions. Grants and scholarships are being offered for those members that qualify.

Contact Karen Peirce at kpeirce@coloradotech.edu for more information

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