New wheels roll out onto campus

Both Xavier and non-Xavier persons can rent bicycles through the Lime app

By Ryan Kambich
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This weekend, the California-based company Lime delivered several green and yellow bicycles to campus as part of a planned rollout meant to bring accessible personal transportation to students. In the coming weeks the system will expand to include electronic scooters as well. Lime has implemented similar networks on a number of other campuses around the country, including the University of Notre Dame and most recently the Ohio State University.

Students can rent the bikes and scooters by scanning a QR code with the Lime app. Once scanned, the rear wheel of a LimeBike can be unlocked for riding and the throttle of a Lime scooter can be engaged. When finished, riders need only park their vehicle in a safe and accessible place, usually an existing bike rack, and re-engage the rear wheel lock to end their ride. The app will display the locations of nearby LimeBikes that are ready for use.

The network is designed to be affordable. Any individual who registers with a .edu email account can choose a daily rental for 50 cents, a weekly rental for $10 or a semester-long rental for $30.

Scooters can likewise be rented ride-to-ride, though information on the actual fee is still forthcoming. Members of the wider community can also use campus LimeBikes for a rental fee of $1 per day, according to Mark Hanlon, the director of utilities and energy for Physical Plant.

The foundations for the partnership with Lime were set last semester, when Sustainability Committee Co-Chair Dr. Nancy Bertaux of the economics department pushed to bring a bike-sharing program to campus in an effort to expand options for eco-friendly transportation.

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Birds scoot around campus

By Hannah Page

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Staff Writer

Birds have landed on campus. The electric vehicle sharing service Bird seemed to flock to Cincinnati overnight after the scooters appeared scattered around downtown in late July. Since then, the scooters have migrated from downtown and Over-the-Rhine to Norwood and Clifton near Xavier and University of Cincinnati.

The eco-friendly transportation service has nestled in major cities like Los Angeles and Austin. Bird is continuing its expansion into cities all across the country and the world. As Bird expands its services, there have been a few bumps in the road.

When signing up for the Bird app, there are a few requirements of riders: be 18 years or older with a driver’s license, wear a helmet, do not ride on sidewalks and park scooters clear of walkways. With a base fee of $1 and an additional 15 cents per minute, the scooters are a fairly cheap way to get around town. But many cities have experienced a love-hate relationship with Bird scooters.

According to WSMV, a Nashville news outlet, Bird scooters were pulled off the streets in June for “safety concerns and lack of regulation.” The main concerns included people riding scooters on sidewalks and parking them incorrectly. While the scooters have returned to the streets of Nashville since, other cities aren’t so forgiving. Boston’s mayor, Marty Walsh, warned the company that if they dropped off scooters in the city, they could “pick them up at the tow yard.”

At Xavier, spirits regard the scooters as a step higher. “I personally think that they are a good start to giving students a better way to get around campus and some closer places in Norwood without needing to drive,” senior Jonathan Duffy said.

Duffy hopes the Bird scooters are a stepping stone to implement other sustainable initiatives on campus. Unlike Lime, Bird does not have any partnership with Xavier. As with the city of Cincinnati, Bird scooters appeared around the perimeter of campus. Director of Utilities and Energy at the Office of Physical Plant Marty Walsh, warned the campus about student safety with the new ride sharing programs. “Ride sharing and mobility is something we’re all looking forward to,” Hanlon said.

For some final words on safety as Xavier enters the ride sharing community, Hanlon said, “We strongly encourage everyone to wear a helmet.”

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Who is the mysterious dancing man?

Students have marveled at the first-year in person and on Snapchat stories

BY BRITTANY WELLS  Staff Writer

You walk outside of the caf, green to-go box in hand, ready to keep moving with your busy day. You know there are Week of Welcome events happening, but you don’t really have the time to do much of anything other than study.

On your walk to Gallagher you see a large crowd surrounding the Husman Stage, all watching a tall and flexible student dancing and wearing headphones. He begins to run, slides on his knees across the stage and shreds on an invisible guitar. No one can hear his music, but everyone can feel it.

His physical expressions draw a crowd, but for Elliot Auch, a first-year explorer, it requires (me) to be continually choosing to dance. It always has to be renewed.

Arce isn’t the only one dambound by Auch’s “surprising” level of confidence. Tyler Gilkey, sophomore choreographer for the show choir Xavier Singers, hopes to see Auch try out for the club. According to Gilkey, not only is he “fun to watch,” but Auch is “a good performer,” too.

When peers ask Auch how he acquired the confidence to dance onstage, he reminds them that all he feels he is doing is taking a leap of faith. “I struggle like everyone else,” Auch said. “I often doubt my worth. I shrink from the occasion far more often than I rise to it.”

Every time I walk on that stage, I get anxious. My hands shake. My chest tightens. My shoulders tense up. Confidence isn’t something you have or acquire. It’s a process of continually grappling with who you are, reflecting on what you value and recognizing that sometimes it’s more dangerous to play it safe than it is to take the leap.

For Auch, continuing to renew the leap isn’t just an impulsion anymore, it’s a matter of remaining human. “We have a choice in how we approach the world. Leaping is a choice. You must choose, intentionally and actively, to do it each and every time,” Auch said. “That ability, the ability to choose, is the truest expression of what it means to be human.”

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Xavier community shares what makes X unique

BY MADDY GOODMAN  Guest Writer

“I like the inclusivity of Xavier… Everywhere else that I visited it wasn’t like homey, like that home feeling, Xavier just makes me feel at home.”

Drew Philips  First-year exercise science major

“I think Xavier is unique because of its diversity and inclusivity and history all around Xavier and Cincinnati and all the activities for non-school happenings and Father B. I love him.”

Emma Barlow  Senior HAB Major

“I think Xavier (is unique) because it offers students an opportunity for an education that I fully believe supports them as a whole person and not just in academics.”

Roberta Whitley  Center for Faith and Justice Liturgy, Music Coordinator

“I think that… the Xavier difference is in our people… because we — as faculty and staff here and as students — we are all sort of dedicated to these Ignatian ideals of education of the whole person and giving more… digging deep and engaging in hard questions and really trying to be really trying to work for the greater good in everything that we do, whether that’s in classes or as we’re learning to try to do things when we get out of here. And I think that that really makes this place special, and I think that’s one of the things I see in my students after they graduate and my students as they are here. I think that’s really what makes this place different than all the other places, that not only are we dedicated to those places, but we also talk about them.”

Dr. Ann Ray  Biology professor

“I struggle like everyone else, but for Elliot Auch, a first-year explorer, dance moves bring them unexplainable joy. Whether the cause of that joy is his fulfillment of the spectators’ wildest dreams or his smile-inducing dance moves, Auch believes that “people like how it’s unusual… I personally like how it requires (me) to be continually active, instead of passive. You are continually choosing, you are continually choosing, you are continually choosing to dance. It always has to be renewed.”

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McCain honored
Bush, Obama give eulogies
BY MIKE MARCHESE

Arizona Sen. John McCain, 81, passed away from brain cancer on Aug. 25 at his Arizona ranch. Services in Arizona began in Phoenix on Wednesday, Aug. 29, and concluded the next day. At a memorial service on Thursday at Northern Phoenix Baptist Church, former Vice President Joe Biden spoke highly of McCain, saying he “always thought of John as a brother.”

Former Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush gave eulogies during the funeral at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C., at the request of the late senator.

“In the end, I got to enjoy one of life’s great gifts: the friendship of John McCain,” Bush said of his former GOP rival. McCain was Bush’s primary challenger in the 2000 election. McCain won the New Hampshire primary in February but withdrew in March after falling behind in delegates. McCain eventually endorsed the future president.

Obama said he was surprised when McCain called him asking him to speak but eventually realized it made perfect sense. Obama defeated McCain in the 2008 election, winning 264-171.

“It showed his irreverence, his sense of humor,” said, “most of all it showed a largeness of spirit, an ability to see past differences in search of common ground.”

A private funeral at the Naval Academy on Sunday concluded the memorial services. McCain was buried at the Naval Academy’s Cemetery next to his classmate and longtime friend, Chuck Larson.

Xavier first-year Thomas Platt shared his thoughts on McCain’s death. “Whether you agree with John McCain’s politics or not, he was a true American hero and was willing to make any sacrifice to protect the country he loved,” Platt said.

McCain’s “Straight Talk Express” has made a campaign stop at Xavier for a “Dirty Dozen” rally. “I am proud to have created over 130,000 new jobs last year alone,” the statement read. It isn’t the first time that Amazon has been criticized for its working conditions.

Amazon, however, has maintained that its proud of its working environments and uphold the highest standards of safety.

Amazon also maintains that with incentives, stock options and bonuses that the average pay before overtime is more than $15/hour.

When asked what she thought of the press release, Student Veterans of Xavier President Samantha Estes said “I think it’s very important to have regulations on companies like that (Amazon).” When companies get too big like that, their employees are the ones who tend to suffer.

Amazon has 3000 full-time employees at its local facility in Hebron, Kentucky.
Serial killer Kirkland resentedenced

Hamilton County Prosecutor Deters satisfied, but words on faith questioned

BY JACK DUNN
Campus News Editor

Prosecutor Joe Deters said after serial killer Anthony Kirkland was resentenced to death on Aug. 27, Kirkland was convicted for the murders of five women between 1987 and 2009. Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters (right) began litigations for resentencing him after the initial death sentence was overturned.

He believes the new policy is misguided.

Rev. Paul Mueller, the vice director and superior of the Jesuit community at the Vatican, about his ability to separate questions from the Vatican be imposed fast enough.” At death on Aug. 27,  that it “can’t know who the person would be that should get it,” Deters

Kirkland was initially given the death sentence for the murders of 13-year-old Esme Kenney and 14-year-old Cas- sonya Crawford.

The sentence was overturned by the Ohio Supreme Court, prompting the resen-
tencing.

Deters then later respond-
ed to a Pope Francis decree earlier in August that the death penalty is “inadmissa-
ble” under all circumstances and the Catholic Church must work to abolish it. Deters said his letter to the code of conduct.

Deters, a St. Xavier alumnus of St. Xavier High School, have used the platform of your public office to oppose and confuse the moral teach-
ing of the Church in so open a fashion.”

Mueller was a freshman at the same time Deters was a senior, but Deters said he does not recall him. Mueller’s letter did not change Deters’ mind on the issue.

Mueller responded publicly in the Cincinnati Enquirer, saying, “I am surprised that my letter, which was sent as a private communication to Deters, came into your hands. But since it has been made public, I would like to state my central point more clearly and explicitly.”

He went on to clarify that the point of his letter was to “encourage Deters, when he is speaking as prosecutor, to stick to prosecuting and avoid getting into Catholic count-
er-catechesis.”

Prior to the resentencing, Kirkland had plead guilty to manslaughter for the murder of his girlfriend in 1987 and served a 16-year prison sen-
tence.

After being released on pa-
role in 2004, he murdered four more people, two women and two teenagers between 2006 and 2009. He was convicted in 2010, and was sentenced to two life terms for the killings of the adult women.

Kirkland’s execution date is set for March 7, 2019.

Week in review

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Prague, the city of fairytales

Two weeks ago, I wrote my last recap for bisons.com. It was the conclusion of what was an unforgettable experience working for the Buffalo Bisons, the Triple-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, as a website reporting intern. Admittedly, I faced a daunting reality. I was embarking on a journey into uncharted territory, to parts unknown. I had an understanding of what my daily tasks were going to be, but a variety of factors (chief among them the fact that I was going to be living six hours away from home by myself all summer) scared me. Despite these early qualms, I soon learned why it was the best decision I could have ever made.

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One aspect of my internship that was rewarding and humbling was interacting with players either face-to-face or in a press conference setting. Many were on the precipice of reaching the Major Leagues, and some had already seen time with big league clubs. Near the end of my time in Buffalo, two players I interviewed for a feature story were called up to the Blue Jays for the first time, which was gratifying to see.

Under special circumstances, a media press conference was held prior to the game and players I interviewed that afternoon were “crums” on the field. That was a great experience for me because questions were being tossed out from every direction and I had to operate in tight quarters with other reporters and camera-men. At the same time, it gave me my first taste of what my job might look like in the future.

I firmly believe my internship let me blossom as a writer and as a professional. Now that I have officially bookended my time with the Bisons, I can say I wouldn’t have traded it for anything.

Starting from the bottom is difficult. Often times it’s a steep uphill climb to reach the apex of the seemingly unconquerable mountain. You may not get paid as an intern, but any opportunity to be involved in the professional process is a step, even a leap, in the right direction.

The best pieces of advice that I can offer to prospective students on a quest to finding their first internship are these: Trust your skills, aim high and even if you have to take an unpaid position, take it. I guarantee with near certainty that you won’t end up regretting it.

Reflections on a summer internship

Prague is an intimate city with a noble bearing that borders on austerity. It’s a small, persisive place, quiet and solitary, wreathed with sunlight on the red-tiled roofs and cream curlicues of buildings rising from grey cobblestone. Truly, Prague is the city of fairytales, preserved across the centuries in one timeless place. The architecture of Prague bears insignias of German rule and Jewish con- quest, of a culture seeping into reality. I was embarking on a journey into uncharted territory, to parts unknown.

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By Joe Clark

Guest Writer

Week 1 of the college football season has come to a close, and it was full of all the drama that fans have come to expect from the sport. Here are the biggest takeaways from Week 1 action.

Ohio State was just fine without Urban Meyer

Urban Meyer served the first game of his three-game suspension for mishandling abuse allegations against former wide receivers coach Zach Smith on Saturday as the Buckeyes took on Oregon State. They didn’t seem to miss his head coach too much as they took care of business with a 77-31 blowout win.

Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins is getting some early Heisman buzz after finishing 22 for 30 with 313 yards and five touchdowns. 11/.3 in his debut, Haskins and the Buckeyes can continue their momentum in the next two weeks when they take on Rutgers and then head down to Fort Worth, Texas, to face No. 16 TCU.

Penn State quarterback and potential Heisman candidate Trace McSorley helped the Nittany Lions stave off a potential Week 1 upset.

While Ohio State dominated, their Big Ten counterparts struggled a bit. No. 11 Michigan State barely avoided an upset at the hands of Utah State, scoring a late TD to win 28-21. Spartans’ star running back LJ Scott didn’t have a great game, running the ball 23 times for 54 yards. The Spartans will need to get Scott going if they want to have a chance at the College Football Playoff.

No. 12 Michigan took on No. 12 Notre Dame and couldn’t get anything going on offense, taking 57 minutes to score its first offensive touchdown en route to a 24-17 loss.

No. 10 Penn State squandered a 14-point second-half lead against Appalachian State, who took the Nittany Lions to overtime. On the bright side, Penn State QB Trace McSorley, an early Heisman candidate, looked good, throwing for 250 yards and a TD while running for 53 yards and two touchdowns. While it’s a small sample size, the early returns on the Big Ten and specifically the Big Ten East aren’t great.

Auburn wins first top-10 matchup of the season

The Chick-Fil-A Kickoff Game pitted No. 9 Auburn against No. 6 Washington at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, the same place where Auburn lost the 2017 SEC Championship Game. The Tigers had a much better result over the weekend as their defense stepped up and helped lead them to a 21-16 win.

Jarrett Stidham, one of the top-ranked quarterbacks in the country, threw for 273 yards and a touchdown. If Stidham plays well and the defense plays the way they did on Saturday, expect to see Auburn in the College Football Playoff.

Texas disappoints, again

It seems as if every year for the past four of five years, Texas gets enough preseason hype to make fans believe that it’ll finally be the year they break through and return to their roots as a perennial contender.

This year was no different as the No. 10 Longhorns entered their week one matchup against Maryland with a lot of hype around the program. However, the Longhorns went down quietly as three-quarter-turnovers, including two interceptions from quarterback Sam Ehlinger, doomed Texas as Maryland picked up a 34-29 win.

Like Ohio State, Maryland was playing without its head coach. D.J. Durkin is on administrative leave while the program is under investigation following the death of offensive line coach Jordan McNair after a team workout out in May. Maryland left his spot open on the first play of the game and took a day of game penalty in his honor.

Texas does not have an easy schedule this year, and it wouldn’t be surprising to see the Longhorns have a down season.

Browns marred by off-field troubles

Linebacker Mychal Kendricks charged with insider trading

The Cleveland Browns released linebacker Mychal Kendricks before he played a regular season game. Kendricks, a Super Bowl Champion with the Philadelphia Eagles last season, was arrested last week on charges of insider trading.

In the scheme, Kendricks accused $1.2 million in 2016 after bartering information for an ex-Goldman Sachs analyst in exchange for free Eagles tickets.

Kendricks was cut by the Eagles after Philadelphia’s championship season last year, reportedly to clear cap space. However, John Clark of NBC Sports Philadelphia reported that the Eagles were aware that Kendricks was under federal investigation before his release.

Kendricks signed a one-year contract worth $1.72 million with the Browns in June 2018.

Kendricks publicly apologized and acknowledged his actions. If found guilty, he could face an expected eight to 12 months in prison.

This preseason, the Browns have been the subject of the HBO Hard Knocks series. Each season, Hard Knocks follows one NFL team through training camp and the preseason, noting the all-star caliber players and the long shot rookies vying for roster spots.

In the fourth episode, filmed just days before his arrest, Kendricks supplied a scouting report on the Eagles as the Browns prepared to go up against his former team in preseason. He appeared to take some verbal jabs at his ex-teammates.

Before his time in Philadelphia, Kendricks was the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the year during his senior season at the University of California.

Kendricks was drafted by Philadelphia in the 2nd round of the 2012 NFL Draft and played six seasons with the Eagles before being released. In recent seasons, the Browns have struggled both on and off the field.

Since Hue Jackson took over as head coach in 2016, the Browns have posted a record of 1-31. Off the field, Cleveland has been dealing with the seemingly never-ending Josh Gordon saga, Corey Coleman begging to be traded and now the Kendricks incident.

The Browns have made strides to improve their personnel with the additions of quarterbacks Tyrod Taylor and former Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield as well as leadership from Myles Garrett and Pro Bowl wide receiver Jarvis Landry.

With the release of Kendricks, the jobs of Jackson, General Manager John Dorsey and the rest of the Browns front office just got easier when finalizing the 53-man roster this week, with the regular season around the corner.

The Browns won their final preseason game against the Detroit Lions by a score of 35-17 last Thursday, the same day that Kendricks was charged.

The Browns will open the regular season on Sunday against the Pittsburgh Steelers at FirstEnergy Stadium in Cleveland. Though the Browns cut their losses with Kendricks, the 27-year-old could still find his way onto an NFL roster after completing a potential prison sentence.
Former Xavier great David West retires

BY EVA N GOTTSCHALK Guest Writer

Former Xavier standout David West recently announced his retirement from professional basketball. He played at Xavier from 1999-2003.

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BlacKkKlansman speaks to 2018

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BlacKkKlansman, directed by Spike Lee, is the most needed movie of 2018. Based on the 2014 memoir written by Ron Stallworth, it represents a reality that many Americans have struggled with and still struggle with today. Its realism is unlike other sugarcoated Hollywood blockbusters. The good guys don’t always win, the guy doesn’t always get the girl and some stories don’t have a happy ending.

Ron Stallworth, played by John David Washington, is the first African-American man to join the Colorado Springs police department. Determined to make a name for himself and unsatisfied working in the record room, he petitions to go undercover. During this time he meets Patrice, an activist at college, and just so happens to join the white supremacist group known as Ku Klux Klan. Obviously his ethnic background creates a rift in the investigation, so he enlists fellow detective Flip Zimmerman to physically infiltrate the Klan, while he plays the role over the phone. This leads to an dramatic and meaningful escapade.

The realism and vulgar humor may make some viewers uncomfortable, but in my opinion, that’s what it’s supposed to do. In a mere 136 minutes, you will feel every emotion imaginable. The highs and lows left me mentally exhausted but also enlightened. This is one of the reasons I adored the movie so much. It has all the qualities of a great movie. It is humorous, meaningful and resonates with the viewers.

The only reason this movie fails to rate a full five stars is the over-dramatization of the original story. Although necessary for rating and profit purposes, it was certainly disappointing to read that some of the most important scenes were fictional. Without spoiling it, I would like to recommend fact checking the movie after watching or even reading the memoir that is the basis for the plot.

This movie was unquestionably worth sitting through 20 minutes of previews and paying the ridiculously high theater prices. I highly recommend it to anyone, regardless of political and social views. With talented and facetious lead actors and a quintessential sound track, it is a film that should be added to your watch list. With that being said, I would like to leave you with my favorite quote from the movie, “All power, to all the people.”

Total score:

Brunch Buddies
This semester, two Newswire writers will eat brunch at a different local location each month and share their findings with you!

Atmosphere:
Sydney:
It had a very classic diner feel, which was cool. It was really busy, but we still had great service and everyone was friendly.

Riley:
The diner had a bright, friendly neighborhood vibe that made my Sunday morning feel like it was spent with a community. Seating is limited, but in nice weather the wait goes quickly.

Food selection:
Sydney:
There were a lot of choices for both breakfast and lunch. I think my total was about $11, so it wasn’t terribly expensive. Most things on the menu ranged from $10-$15.

Riley:
I was expecting a much larger menu for a diner-style restaurant, but they stuck to the classics. Not too many sweet options, but if you want a hearty, American-style breakfast, this is the menu for you.

Taste:
Sydney:
I had an omelet and fruit. They both were good and fresh, but to be honest, it wasn’t significantly better than the caf. I would go back but maybe try something else.

Riley:
I’m not a picky eater, and I really enjoyed my three chocolate chip pancakes with baked apples on the side. The pancakes were standard, but the baked apples are definitely a new breakfast favorite for me!

Overall:
Sydney:
I enjoyed The Echo. I would definitely go back.

Riley:
It might have been a little overpriced for the food that it was, but for the location (Hyde Park), the friendly staff and the baked apples, it was a great brunch for me! Hot coffee with a side of nostalgia.

Now Playing:
Wake Me Up When September Ends
X Green Day

Brunch Buddies took place at The Echo Restaurant, located in Hyde Park just 10 minutes from campus.
**Book review: The Compound Effect**

**BY JOSHUA HOUSE**

Guest Writer

It is a consistent and almost guaranteed fact that at some point in our lives we will hear some form of the famous adage, “practice makes perfect.” However, the hidden innuendo of that statement is that little actions over time will produce big results. True; however, the correct actions performed consistently and persistently over time will yield the desired result. The Compound Effect by Darren Hardy is a phenomenal, short 160-page read that puts life before, during and after Xavier into personal growth.

We are millennials, but our mindset must be greater than the impact that we have on our everyday environments and interactions at and around Xavier. Those very same interactions and environments we choose to involve ourselves in are pertinent and should be ones of growth, challenge and excitement.

Shattering status, which is nothing more than the line between the place where we are and the place we want others to think we are, is a core point of the book that is concurrent with how we, as college students, are being prepared for the world around us. Yes, making the right decisions is important. However, how we create a filter that excludes negativity and activities that do not get us to our goals is a cornerstone of this book.

**Environment**

**Compound**

**Status**

**Mindset**

**World**

**Practice**

**Impact**

**Excitement**

**Prepared**

Aries: That moment when you don’t do a reading for a class but still ace in-class discussions. That’s you. So imagine how boss you’d be if you actually did those readings.

Taurus: If an upcoming non-obligatory trip you have involves skipping a class, it becomes more OK (but still not OK) if you talk to the professor before you actually leave.

Gemini: Watch out for that freshman 15. Even if you’re not a freshman, watch out for that freshman 15.

Cancer: It’s time to start looking for a couch on campus to claim as your second bed—that’s not an actual bed.

Leo: After Labor Day weekend, we probably all want to get a workout in, but let’s be real. We’ll be quoting the, “Oh hi thanks for checking in, I’m STILL A Piece Of Garbage” Vine.

Virgo: You’re gonna have a ton of ideas this week, so don’t be afraid to scribble them onto your arms. Only like... four people might think you swam in ink.