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The fireworks show brought thousands of people to Town Common in Uptown Greenville to commemorate the Fourth of July.

City celebrates Independence Day

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

Thousands of people from Greenville and beyond gathered at Town Common to celebrate the nation's birthday with food, fun and fireworks yesterday.

For more than four decades, the Independence Day Celebration has been set up by the Greenville Jaycees. But this year was the first time the city of Greenville organized the celebration, according to Patricia Tyndall, the marketing and events coordinator for the Greenville Recreation and Parks Department.

"The Jaycees led the event for 46 years and after last year's event, it transitioned over to the city of Greenville Recreation and Parks Department," Tyndall said. "The Jaycees were interested in focusing on some of their other events. This year, they are just going to enjoy the show."

The celebration started at 3 p.m. with live music from three bands: Zen Pirates, The Experience and Runyons Funyons. The performances were scheduled to provide the crowds with more than five hours of live entertainment until the



Greenville resident Dan Sherfey watches the fireworks displays at Town Common.

fireworks started, Tyndall said.

For Tyndall, continuing the tradition was one of the main goals of setting up the celebration because so many of the viewing public has grown accustomed to the "great fun, good music and fireworks."

"Going to see the fireworks in Greenville has been a tradition for families and ECU students for a very long time," Tyndall said. "We didn't want to change too much of a good thing. We are hoping

to continue the tradition of having 10 to 15 thousand people in Town Common by the time the fireworks go off. You can't move a golf cart through Town Common once everyone comes to view the fireworks."

In the past, the Independence Day Celebration has raised money for charities in the Greenville area and,

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>> WHERE'S THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Outside firm evaluation delayed again

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Greenville Fire/Rescue employees received an email this past Friday from Greenville City Manager Ann Wall, announcing the release dates of the on-going GFR evaluation will be delayed for a second time until the end of July or early August.

Greenville City Councilmember Kandie Smith, who represents District 1, provided the email to The East Carolinian where GFR employees were informed of the delay by Wall. The evaluation from Developmental Associates was originally scheduled to be released on May 15, but was delayed by Wall on May 14.

Rick Smiley, District 3 councilmember, said he hasn't gotten a response from the city manager with the reason for the most recent delay, but he plans to follow up with her to find out why the city is delaying the evaluation for a second time.

"I know that for the first delay, I get that, right? Those are pretty obvious. Consultant(s) make a presentation at the beginning, they give you some timelines, then they get into it and you know, any number of things can lead to an additional delay," Smiley said. "Maybe the client wasn't fast enough getting everything laid out, maybe there was more data to analyse, so, I understand."

Smiley added after the initial delay, Developmental Associates should've known "what was involved."

Heather Lee, senior partner at Developmental Associates, said on Tuesday that Developmental Associates "will not consent to an interview."

Lee provided a statement regarding the GFR evaluation results in an email, "in the hope of stemming the number of erroneous inferences being made."

"The original deadline for the GFRD report of May 15th was set in January when we assumed an earlier start date for the project. Such an important report, with so many expectations riding on it, cannot be rushed because of a deadline originally set by Developmental Associates in a proposal," Lee said. "Because of an outstanding response rate, the amount of data received in the three surveys (active duty, former employees and academy participants)



Heather Lee

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East Carolina University outfielder Bryant Packard makes contact with a pitch.

Packard joins teammate on collegiate national team

Dylan Johnson
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East Carolina University outfielder Bryant Packard's July 4th plans changed quickly after getting a call on Monday that he would be joining the USA Collegiate National Team (CNT) immediately, leaving the summer league and reuniting with two fellow Pirates.

Packard will join ECU teammate Jake Agnos, who was added to the USA CNT roster a week ago, and ECU head coach Cliff Godwin, who has been serving as the third base and hitting coach for the CNT this summer.

Packard flew back to North Carolina on Tuesday to join up with Team USA, and will be with the team through the 42nd USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Series, as well as the team's trip to

Havana, Cuba for the 7th Annual USA vs. Cuba International Friendship Series. If all goes according to plan, Packard is supposed to rejoin his summer team, the Gateman, after the



Jake Agnos

two games so far for the CNT. Agnos has pitched one inning in each of his appearances, and has allowed two hits and struck out five batters. USA won both of the games that he pitched in, and swept its series with Chinese Taipei before losing the first game of its series with the Japan All-

Star Series on Tuesday.

As for the summer ball Agnos and now Packard have both left behind, several ECU players are still making their mark. Alec Burleson has had an impressive summer playing for the Bethesda Big Train of the Cal Ripken League. Burleson is 1-1 on the mound with a 0.62 ERA in 14.1 innings pitched for the Big Train. As good as Burleson has been on the mound, it is at the plate where he has really stood out. Burleson is batting .492, and has recorded eight home runs and 33 RBI, leading both categories of the Cal Ripken Summer League.

Meanwhile in the Cape Cod League, Spencer Brickhouse is having a successful summer as well.

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BRIEFS

Uptown Greenville to host first Friday Artwalk

Galleries, museums and restaurants will be open and offering special sales during the first Friday Artwalk of the summer in Greenville. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Uptown district will have art exhibits on display, live music, cultural activity and food. For more information, contact 252-561-8400.

Whirligig Stage to hold first comedy night

A comedy showcase will be held at the Whirligig Stage in Uptown Greenville this Saturday. Featured performer Matt White is returning to Greenville after being a regular at Topsy Teapot shows as well as others across eastern North Carolina. The show will also feature local comedian Eric Shouse. The showcase starts at 9 p.m. and is located at 628 S. Pitt Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

Local Business to host musical event

Love Joy Music will host a gathering in the grassy area across from Sojourner in Uptown Greenville this Friday at 5 p.m. The event called "First Friday Drumming" will allow Greenville residents to bring their own drum or percussion instrument to play in a group setting. Participants should also bring something to sit on. There is no cost for the event, but donations are welcomed.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's edition of the "Where There's Smoke There's Fire" series, The East Carolinian incorrectly stated that Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the city of Greenville, declined to comment.

However, Letchworth did not officially decline to comment to The East Carolinian. Letchworth was contacted for an official comment on behalf of the city, but didn't respond to The East Carolinian's requests by the time of production.

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Matthew Prensny at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

ECU professors research life, liberty, happiness

Staff Report

East Carolina University's Center for Survey and Research recently published its findings from "The Life, Liberty, and Happiness Project," a recent study which looked at the opinions of Americans on topics related to a variety of social and political topics.

The three categories participants were asked about were "Life," "Liberty" and "Happiness," inspired by the Declaration of Independence.

The project was a group effort led by professors and researchers in the Department of Health Education and Promotion, Departments of Public Health, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology at ECU. The group surveyed more than 1,000 Americans via mail, phone and the internet, according to the Center for Survey Research's website.

Peter Francia, director of the ECU Center for Survey Research and a professor in the political science department, was one of the professors who worked on the survey. The research team was also comprised of Mark Bowler, Bob Edwards, Melinda Kane, Joseph Lee, Jonathan Morris and Ann Rafferty.



Jonathan Morris

Francia said in a release from ECU News Services that he and the other ECU professors involved in the study asked Americans across the country a variety of questions, including how satisfied they were with their own lives.

"We found that 68 percent of the people that were surveyed reported that they were satisfied with their lives," Francia said in the release. "So in an environment where we often hear about partisan rancor, nastiness and divisiveness in American society, it turns out that large majorities of Americans report that they are satisfied with their lives."

Francia worked with Morris primarily on the "Liberty" section of the study, which asked participants how they felt about their rights of free speech, to bear arms, taxation and personal freedom. The "Life" section explored how individuals felt about social behaviors and longevity. In the "Happiness" section, participants rated their feelings of self esteem, satisfaction in life, optimism and financial security.

One question in the "Liberty" section asked participants about their stance on the legalization of marijuana. The responses



The nationwide "Life, Liberty and Happiness" survey was conducted entirely by ECU professors.

were broken down by Democrat, Republican and Independent. Forty seven point zero six percent of respondents who identified as Republicans and 63.54 percent of respondents



Peter Francia

who identified as Democrats said they "somewhat agree" or "strongly agree" with legalization. Another question in the "Liberty" section asked Americans about their level of trust in the media to report news accurately. Sixty three point zero six percent of Americans who identified as Republicans selected either the

"none at all" or "a little" options. Only 28.24 percent of respondents who identified as Democrats selected the same answers.

Another question relating to the media asked if respondents were concerned whether President Donald Trump will limit the freedom of the press.

Sixty nine point one eight percent of respondents who identified as Republicans said they were "slightly concerned" or "not at all concerned", while 65.9 percent of respondents who identified as Democrats said they were "very concerned" or "extremely concerned."

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according to Tyndall, the Greenville Noon Rotary is responsible for picking the charity this year. The Greenville Noon Rotary also sponsored the "Field of Honor," a field of more than 500 American flags installed as a dedication to Greenville heroes which will stay up in Town Common until Saturday.

"The Greenville Noon Rotary is handling the vendor court and that's where the majority of the money is raised and any proceeds they raised through the vendor court will support charities."

The celebration had more than 20 vendors, ranging from food, arts

and crafts, inflatables for children and even a henna tattoo stand.

Vendor Destiny Askew, who is the manager of R & D Crafts, said the preparation for the celebration was important. Askew said R & D Crafts



Destiny Askew

is usually a part of the Umbrella Market on Wednesdays. With the market closed today, she spoke with Tyndall

because she wanted to be a part of the Independence Day Celebration.

"The most important thing is making sure you have everything before you come out here," Askew said. "With the Umbrella Market,

we're only able to sell for three hours. I like this because we have more time out here."

Barney Barker was also one of the vendors at the Independence Day Celebration. Barker, owner of Mac Ryan's Messenger, takes scrapped and used wood and repurposes them into art pieces. For Barker, the celebration was not only about his business, but also enjoying the congregation of event goers.

"The crowd has gotten thicker and sales will get up a little bit better. I'm here to vend and sell a few things," Barker said. "One thing I really enjoy about it is just seeing people I hadn't seen in a while."

This was only the second time Greenville resident Tamra Walker has gone to the celebration, but she

"I hope people will come out and have a great time with their family and friends and enjoy this great chance to celebrate

Independence Day.

-Patricia Tyndall

said she loved the fact the event provided something for her children.

"Last year, we didn't get to stay for the fireworks, so I planned to stay later this year," Walker said. "I also think the music is nice. They've played a lot of different kinds of music, which I enjoy."

According to Tyndall, she wanted to provide an event for all residents and

visitors of Greenville could enjoy and call their own while also celebrating the independence of America.

"I hope people will come out and have a great time with their family and friends and enjoy this great chance to celebrate Independence Day," Tyndall said.

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is significant and is requiring us to do due diligence on the feedback."

Lee said Developmental Associates does not merely want to report on perceptions, "though doing so is very important."

According to Lee, in order to have "actionable" information from the survey, Developmental Associates also wants to provide objective data to aid city leadership in making decisions. Lee added going through information from multiple places takes time and Developmental Associates is currently working through it.

In her email, Wall said Developmental Associates is still working through the information it gathered while evaluating GFR.

"The DA Team continues to analyze vast amounts of data including surveys, system data, national standards and published best practices," Wall said. "Rather than rushing a report, the DA Team continues to thoughtfully and thoroughly review and analyze the data."

Wall said the goal of the extension placed on evaluations and assessments



Two Greenville Fire/Rescue trucks sit in Station 1 with two firefighters standing in the engine bay.

of GFR is to ensure the consultants' recommendations are sound, evidence based and actionable on the city and Developmental Associates's part.

According to the email from Wall, Developmental Associates will need several additional weeks to complete its review and evaluation.

"We anticipate a final report around the end of July or early August," Wall said. "As I have indicated, the DA Team will return to Greenville and share the results of their assessment with the department upon the completion of the assessment."

Developmental Associates is currently evaluating GFR based upon allegations

surrounding the fire department. After several weeks of meeting with GFR employees, Wall announced on March 16 that Developmental Associates would come in and evaluate the fire department.

Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the city of Greenville, said in a phone interview that he doesn't know whether the city and Developmental Associates are leaning closer to releasing the information found in the evaluation in late July or early August.

Letchworth said he doesn't know anything about what Developmental Associates has found throughout its evaluation and if it plans on delaying the results again.

Greenville Mayor PJ Connelly was contacted for this story, but said he would not be able to speak on personnel issues regarding the GFR evaluation.



Brock Letchworth

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FOURTH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



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From left: Breanna and Cody Spalti, Sophie and Alex Graves enjoy the games and inflatables provided for the festivities.



From left: Pat and Sean Higgins play cornhole together.



Runyons Funyons- made up of Justin Runyon, Arlan Tart, Todd Proctor and Ben Palmer- perform.



Two community members enjoy the live entertainment bands playing at the Town Common.

ECU jazz professor reflects on career, accomplishments

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

For Carroll V. Dashiell Jr., music has been a part of his life since the start. The East Carolina University music director and world-renowned musician has traveled the world doing what he loves since he was a teenager, all to the beat of his own drum.

Dashiell's music career started in the fourth grade in the Washington D.C. Public School System, where his first instrument was the viola.

"I played viola for a year or so then I grew to the size I am almost now and my music teacher came to me and said 'I want to switch you to the string bass because you're the only one large enough who can bring it from the third floor storeroom to the rehearsal hall,'" Dashiell said. "That was one of the best moves I ever made."

Dashiell immediately became enamored with the string bass and put it upon himself to master the instrument.

"The first rehearsal after my music teacher switched me to it, I went home and told my parents that I want to learn everything I possibly can about this instrument," Dashiell said. "That was the beginning."

While in middle school, Dashiell became the student of Arthur Capehart, who arranged music for many different artists, including Kool and the Gang. Capehart noticed an unusual talent in the young Dashiell and when a bassist in his cabaret band The Moonlighters was unable to perform, Capehart called on Dashiell to fill the spot.

"I was probably 14 years old or so, and Arthur told the guys in the group that had he thought I could handle the gig. So I went into the first rehearsal and the older gentlemen were a little skeptical at first because they were seasoned musicians," Dashiell said. "But once I played, they said I could have the gig if I wanted it."

Dashiell played with the band for several years afterward, with his parents taking him from show to show across the east coast. While in high school, he continued to have the support of his teachers and even performed with them and other professionals.

Dashiell attended Howard



From left: Dr. Billy Taylor and Carroll V. Dashiell Jr. This year's Greenville Grooves festival was named after Dashiell.

University and while there wrote for the jazz ensemble. One of the pieces Dashiell wrote was "Loving You Has Been an Ecstasy," which has been re-released three times on the yearly Howard University Jazz Ensemble Collection CD.

"That was actually the tune that catapulted Howard's jazz ensemble to get really significant recognition," Dashiell said.

After graduating from Howard University, Dashiell continued to travel with the jazz ensemble and recorded with them. Dashiell also started writing, putting out records and producing for different artists after college.

One of the artists which Dashiell worked with closely during his career was Ray Charles, or "Mr. C." as Dashiell likes to call him. Charles was a prominent soul musician, ranked No. 10 in Rolling Stones' list of "100 Greatest Artists of All Time." Dashiell first performed with Charles when he was a teenager and did so "on and off" up until Charles' death in 2004.

"I've learned so much from him being on the road with him and going to different countries, he really was a genius," Dashiell said. "I've just

been very blessed and fortunate."

Dashiell has been a professor and the director of jazz ensemble at ECU since August of 1989. Dashiell was on the road with Maurice Hines, Stephanie Mills and Jennifer Holiday when ECU first contacted him about the position.

"At first I said I'd be here for two years, then go back on the road. Then I said three to five years and then I'm going to go back on the road, now, 30 years later, I'm still here," Dashiell said.

Dashiell has made Greenville his home and has been a part of many events in the area. Dashiell was the musical director of the Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic in Greenville. He was asked to be a part of the research for the book African American Music Trails of eastern North Carolina and in 2017, Dashiell was appointed to the North Carolina Arts Council Board by Governor Roy Cooper.

All these years later and after much success, Dashiell said he has not forgotten those who helped to make his success an actuality. Dashiell said he has received help from both Billy Taylor, for which the ECU jazz festival is named, and Arthur Capehart.

"I've had some very good mentors and teachers," Dashiell said. "But it's not just my teachers, I learn each and (every) day from all of my students and I only hope that they learn just a little bit from me."

When it comes to the students Dashiell has taught over the years, he said he wants to empower and inspire every one of them, and pass down the knowledge he has accumulated over his career.

"I really want them to do their best all the time and give 1,000 percent at whatever they are doing," Dashiell said. "I try to share with them my experiences and to see former students working with Aretha Franklin or becoming the director of jazz studies, that's the reward."

Dashiell is currently working on music with other vocalists and musicians, while also planning to release an album of his own by the end of the year based on the theme of lineage. Dashiell wants to involve his children in the record, all of whom have music-related careers.

"I like to joke that they're all broke musicians like their dad," Dashiell said with a hearty laugh. During his career, Dashiell has traveled the world over, played with some of the best musicians in the world, and worked on more than 35 music recordings. But he said all of those accomplishments pale in comparison to the thing he's most proud of.

"The best thing that's happened to me, believe it or not, is marrying my wife and having our children. When it all comes down to it, the only thing you have is family," Dashiell said.

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THURSDAY

Market on the Square

Main Street & Church Street, Winterville
4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Barks and Brews

Uptown Brewing Company
5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Brunch and Brew

Pitt Street Brewing Company
1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Drag Brunch

The Scullery
11:30 a.m.

Sunday in the Park

Town Common
7 p.m.

OUR VIEW

Staffing problems highlight GFR needs

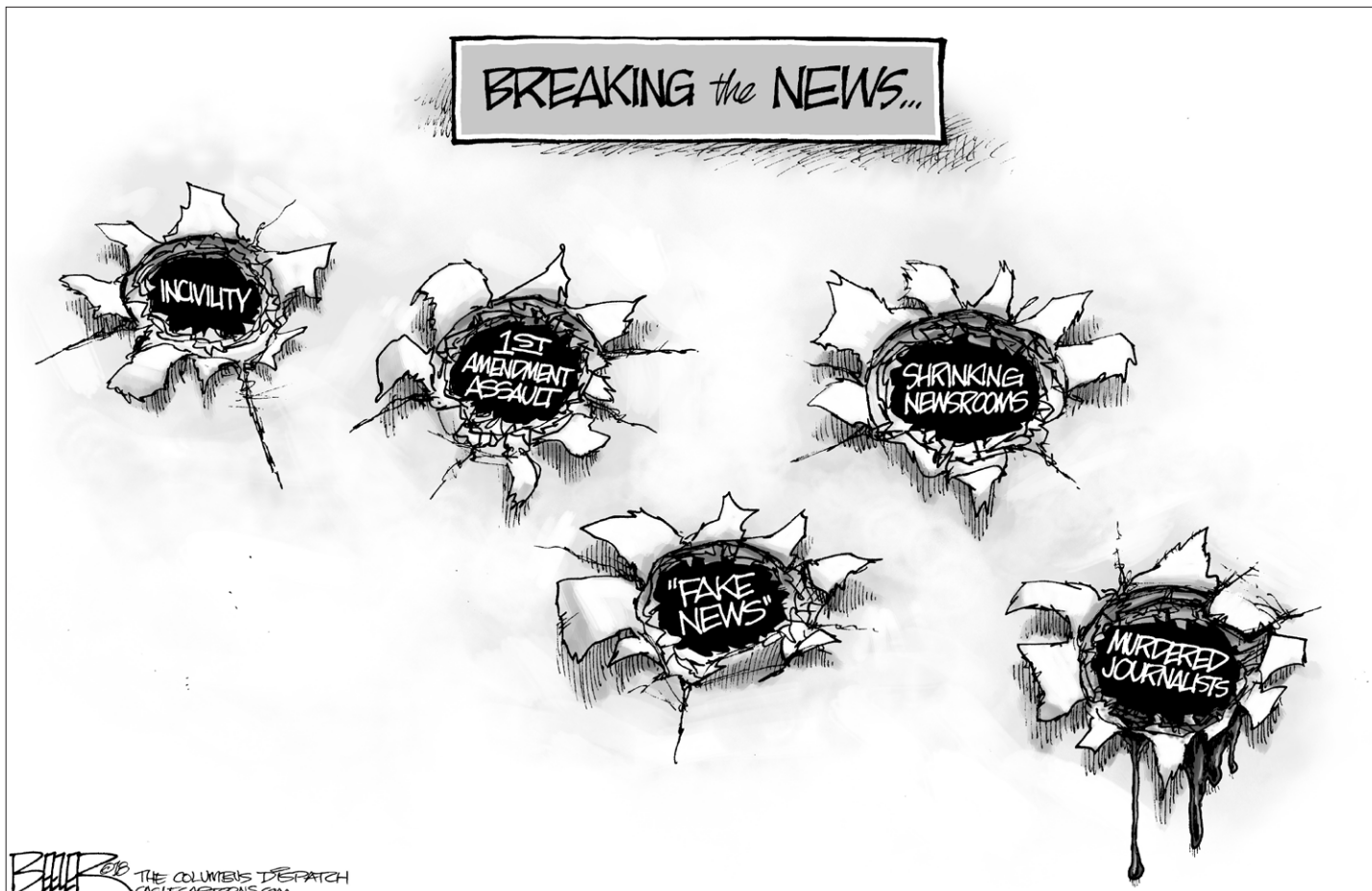
According to departmental records and a current firefighter, Greenville Fire/Rescue's Tower 1 and Rescue 1, two fire trucks integral to the safety of the Greenville community, have been understaffed. The understaffing has created response issues as a result.

An EMS Specialist, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said both trucks are needed for large fires and while the understaffing helps the department "just barely get by," it is not the safest situation for the community.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe this understaffing creates a clear and direct threat to the safety of Greenville and GFR should be more open about what it's doing to fix this problem.

The EMS Specialist said it has been at least two years since the tower and rescue trucks were staffed with more than just one firefighter due to the current staffing shortages at GFR. This has essentially taken a truck out of service permanently, as the department only has enough staff to have one of these trucks in service.

While reporting on this understaffing, GFR's Public Information Officer Rebekah Thurston refused to comment, as did Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the city of Greenville. As The East Carolinian continues to investigate the practices of GFR, it is important for GFR and the city of Greenville to remember this publication serves the East Carolina University and Greenville community. By not commenting, these institutions are withholding information that deeply affects the safety of the people they are sworn to protect.



Annapolis shooting shows vulnerability of journalists



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TEC STAFF

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On June 28, 38-year-old Jarrod W. Ramos opened fire in a newspaper office in Annapolis, Maryland, killing five people and gravely injuring several others in the offices of Capital

Gazette newspaper before he was taken into custody. Phil Davis, a reporter for the paper, tweeted that the gunman shot out the glass door to the office and fired into the newsroom.

"There is nothing more terrifying than hearing multiple people get shot while you're under your desk and then hear the gunman reload," he wrote.

Ramos allegedly had a personal grievance against Capital Gazette. He unsuccessfully sued the newspaper for defamation for its reporting on his guilty plea for harassment. He then created a Twitter account to mock and attack the newspaper staff and the local court officials involved in his case. While the investigation is ongoing, it's clear this attack was an intentional attack on journalism and the free press.

In a political arena where President

Donald Trump often takes points to mainstream media outlets such as CNN as the greatest threat to American society, it doesn't surprise me that this attack took place. It surprises me that it took this long. Media outlets are lambasted for biased reporting, covering up lies, inflating conspiracies and valuing money over the truth.

It's important to note that there is no solid connection between Ramos and President Trump. But if the president's "fake news" rhetoric did not directly motivate the shooter, it certainly helped create a world where attacks on journalists are commonplace on social media and real-world violence is just the natural progression of that antagonism.

There can be a debate about the ethics of modern journalism, and there should be. CNN, MSNBC, Fox News—these are corporations worth billions of dollars whose owners have a vested interests in certain political parties, and that interest often gives them power to unethically report on issues which strengthen those parties. The fake news debate is not about ethical journalism, it is about news which is unflattering for President Trump. This debate isn't even new; hostile media effect has been studied for generations. But now, this debate has turned deadly, and

journalists are paying for it with their lives.

No matter your feelings toward the major news conglomerates, it is important to remember that democracy, and American society as we know it, would not exist without the free press. We are the watchdog of every administration, the whistleblowers of every corrupted business, the first feet on the ground of every scene. We are the Fourth Estate, and right now, we are under attack.

When I first started working as a reporter for The East Carolinian, I covered the theater department of East Carolina University. I wrote my first review for ECU's production of "1776." Apparently, my winning sense of humor didn't come through in my words. My boss received emails asking for my termination, and my roommate, a theater major herself, urged me to lay low because she had overheard threats of violence against me.

Normally, this is a funny anecdote about the oversensitivity of actors and the hypocrisy of criticism. Now, this story just makes me scared that one day, I'll have to hide under my desk and tweet that someone is shooting my coworkers and then text my parents to let them know I love them.

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Disney vacations overrated, overpriced



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Dani's Good Vibes

With summer vacations in full swing Disney World may be known as the most magical place in the world for families all over the world. But it's also a place where families spend to much

money and argue way to much. According to an article by Time, on average, a family of four spends more than \$6,000 on a Disney vacation.

Disney Parks consist of over-priced food, long lines, hot sweaty people and, of course, a lot of hyper children. If that's your thing, or if you're just really good at avoiding all these issues at Disney then good for you, but I just can't.

Castmates, the name of Disney employees, also tend to have some complaints from backstage. According to an interview done with a former castmate who worked with Disney for six years, featured on Trillist, some weeks employees work 80 hours, in 120 degree weather while wearing costumes for \$6.50 a hour.

The issue I have with that is the fact more than 22 million guests enter at least one Disney park a year. If each of those people spent only \$100, Disney would still be making more than 2 billion dollars a year. Now for it to be such a high quality of an amusement park and make as much money as it does, Disney can at least pay its employees more.

I'm not completely hating on Disney. I understand if your kids are young and you want to take them there once or twice. But



Guests walking down Main Street in Disney World's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida.

to be a young adult going more than once every ten years, that's a little ridiculous. Ridiculous not only for the money aspect. Think of all the money you could be saving, but for the cultural aspect also. As a growing teen or adult, we should want to learn things when we travel and vacation. We should spend our money on trips which will help us open our eyes and grow.

Disney World is overrated. Take your friends or family to Washington D.C. to see the monuments instead. An Airbnb for two nights in D.C. is about \$300 for a very nice place. You'll learn some interesting things, you'll meet some intriguing people and you won't have to deal with bratty kids everywhere you turn.

Like I mentioned I'm not hating on Disney World, I've been before and it's fun, but I'm just saying it's a bit outdated and overrated. There's so much more to do in the world and the United States alone and if you're just searching for roller coasters in an amusement park along the way.

If you are trying to go to Disney though, really take some time to plan your trip and don't go during holidays or the summers. Last, have a good time, remember how much money you're spending there and don't let little issues ruin your fun.

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HOROSCOPES



Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Take actions on personal plans laid earlier. Postpone a financial discussion. Respond to all mail and calls. Resolve any disagreements before they grow.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Actions speak louder than words. Study, research, explore and investigate. Avoid a conflict of interests. Stand firm for a cause. Good news benefits your objectives.



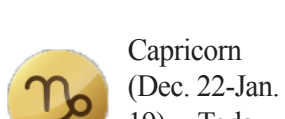
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Consider your romantic history. You can overcome an obstacle. Adapt to changes. Someone finds you attractive. Share your heart through your actions.



Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Indulge nostalgia, retrospection and reflection. Contemplate potential outcomes. Consider what you want to say in an upcoming conversation. Take notes. Talk later.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- New information spurs action. Review shared investments and finances. Reaffirm a commitment. Cooperate for mutual gain. Be sure to thank those who contribute.



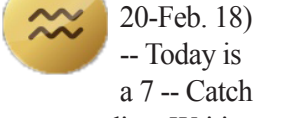
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Avoid a domestic fuss and clean a mess. It's quicker and easier to handle it than to argue. Support your family with elbow grease.



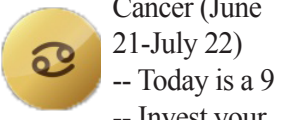
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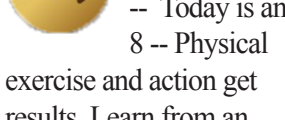
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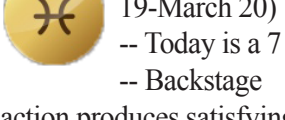
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Catch up on reading. Writing projects can advance beyond expectation. Exceed your goals by reducing distractions and maintaining forward momentum.



Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Invest your time, energy and money for future career benefit. Listen to your heart. Follow rules closely. Take advantage of a lucky break.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Physical exercise and action get results. Learn from an expert, and listen to your coach. Discipline is required. Avoid controversy. Work on the details.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Backstage action produces satisfying results. Don't argue with a wise suggestion. Do the work that nobody sees. Postpone important conversations. Repay a favor.

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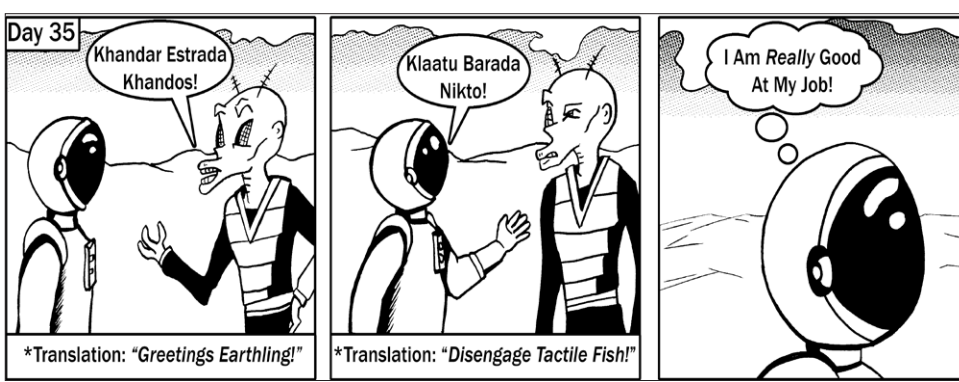
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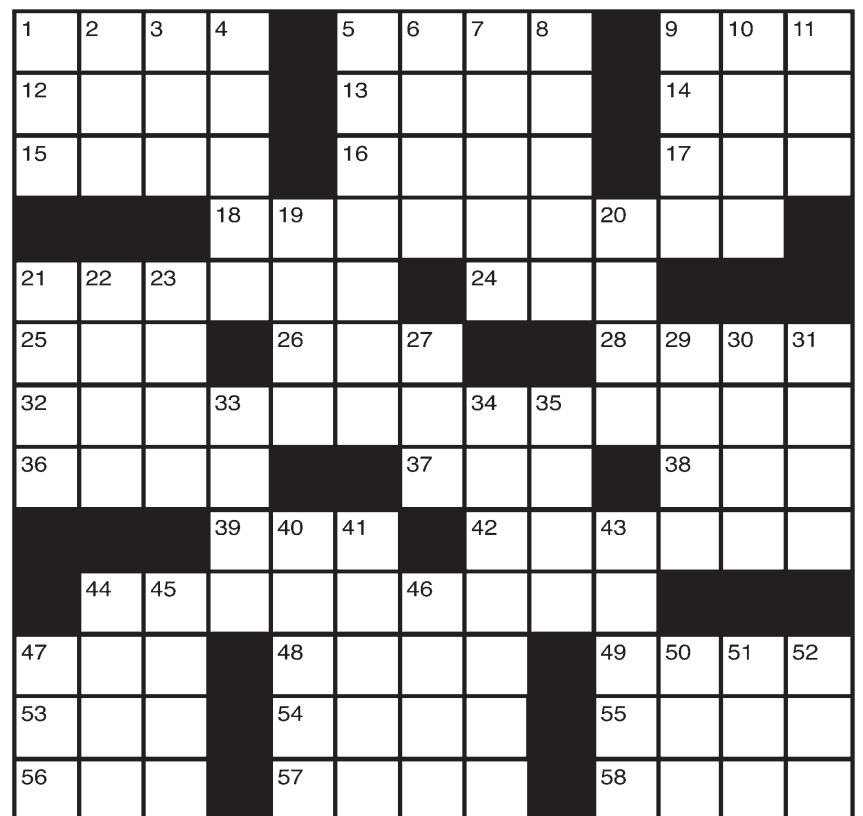
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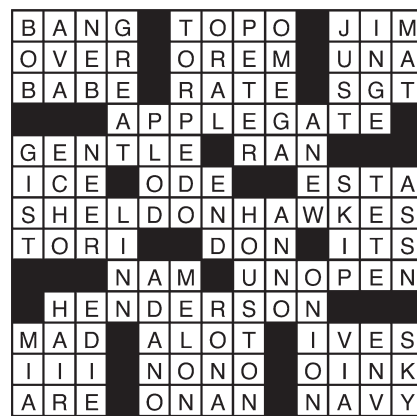
THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



- ACROSS**
- 1 Jason Lee's role
 - 5 "___ the Sheriff"
 - 9 One of the Clampetts
 - 12 Costa ___
 - 13 Story
 - 14 "___ to Billy Joe"
 - 15 Role on "Two and a Half Men"
 - 16 Actor Gross
 - 17 Shoot carefully
 - 18 Julia Louis-Dreyfus' role
 - 21 Truly
 - 24 Long period of time
 - 25 Actress Leoni
 - 26 Actor/director ___ Howard
 - 28 Actress Summer
 - 32 MSNBC talk show host
 - 36 Successes
 - 37 Refrain syllable
 - 38 "___ the I"; James D'Arcy film
 - 39 Monogram for writer Alcott
 - 42 Setting for "Men in Trees"
 - 44 Series for Rainn Wilson
 - 47 Actress Sara
 - 48 Brooke Shields movie
 - 49 Notion
- DOWN**
- 1 Generation
 - 2 Feel achy and feverish
 - 3 TV brand
 - 4 Actor Henriksen
 - 5 Celebrity's achievement
 - 6 "Mata ___"
 - 7 Meredith Baxter's role on "Family Ties"
 - 8 Take care of, as a problem
 - 9 ___ Rivers
 - 10 Actress Falco
 - 11 Carter or Clinton: abbr.
 - 19 Word on a towel
 - 20 Part of a foot
 - 21 "The Seven Year ___"
 - 22 Favorite drink for Radar on "M*A*S*H"
 - 23 Move quickly
 - 27 ___ King Cole
 - 29 Barber and Buttons
 - 30 Creature in "Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi"
 - 31 "¿Cómo ___ Usted?"
 - 33 Bit of land surrounded by water
 - 34 Benedict Arnold, for one
 - 35 Type of powder
 - 40 Engine
 - 41 "Hearts ___"
 - 43 Vowel list
 - 44 Grow weary
 - 45 "___ to Hart"
 - 46 "A ___ in Her Ear"
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 - 50 Mr. Aykroyd
 - 51 Greek letter
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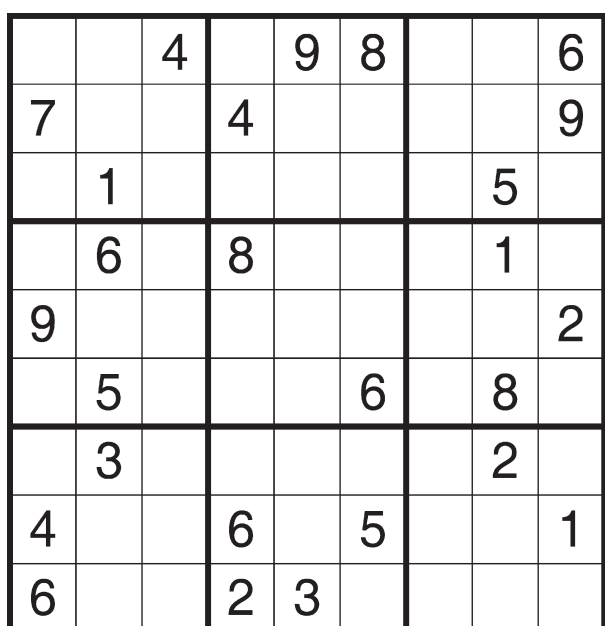


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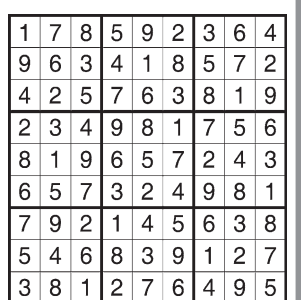
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Track adds 22 new faces

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Track and Field and Cross Country team announced the addition of 22 new faces for the 2018-2019 season on Friday. The class consists of seven men and 15 women, and includes four NCAA Division 1 transfers.

Joining the team are distance runners Alex Boseman, Ethan Hagemen, Mitchell Martin, Garrett Miller, Nat Romaine, Anna Bristle, Brooke Lindsay, Jaeden Phelix, Ammahtullah Abel-Rahman, Abby Sweeney, Lindsay Yentz and Abby Yourkavitch. Also joining the Pirates are sprinters Kayin Fails, Isaac Roberts, Mariah Atwater, Leya Essex, Tajah Walston, pole vaulter Mia Alamo-Worley, as well as throwers Naadiya Faison, Mya Muse, Maya Stanley and India Williams.

The team will look to the new faces to help build on a successful season which saw the women finish second place in the American Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships, and the team finish with 12 All-Conference honorees and three AAC individual champions. The Pirates will also be forced to replace some valuable seniors next season, including Stefano Migliorati (800m) and Galissia Cause (Shot Put), who represented the Pirates at the NCAA Outdoor Championships where Migliorati placed 20th and Cause placed 10th.

Even though the graduated seniors have competed in their last match for the Pirates, their impact is still making a



ECU Track and Field Head Coach Curt Kraft cheers on his team as they run in an event.

difference for the team. Head coach Curt Kraft credits the success of the team last season as a useful tool in recruiting the incoming freshmen and transfers.

"There is no question that a successful team is easier to recruit for," Kraft said. "When we are competing for conference titles and sending players to national competition, it is really a good draw for the program."

The seniors leave a strong legacy and culture behind at ECU, and even though Kraft is sad to see his seniors go, he said he has faith the team and the newcomers can step up and fill their shoes.

"It's hard to lose a senior group that includes players like Galissia Cause and Stefano Migliorati and all the other seniors, all of the players we're losing helped us

get to where we are right now, and their contribution will be missed," Kraft said. "Ultimately, it's the job of the returning and incoming players to step up and fill some new roles, and I think that we will do that."

The newcomers will also attempt to mimic the success of last year's freshman class, which just sent rising sophomores Sommer Knight, Jada Terrell, Brooke Stith and Mackenzie Whitaker to Indiana to compete in the USA Track and Field Junior Outdoor Championships. Knight posted a personal best 4.20 meters in the pole vault for a fourth-place finish and Whitaker and Stith also notched top 10 finishes.

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ECU golfer begins career in PGA event

Staff Report

East Carolina University rising junior golfer Blake Taylor will compete in the Greenbrier Classic starting today, marking his first career PGA event. This comes after he qualified for the event by shooting a 5-under-par 66 in the Greenbrier Classic "Open" qualifier at the Resort at Glade Springs in West Virginia to finish in a four-way tie for second place.

Taylor, who was named to the American all-conference team after finishing second with a 72.8 scoring average, becomes the second Pirate to compete in the PGA joining former ECU golfer Harold Varner III, who currently has six career top-10 finishes in the PGA. Taylor continued his strong play in the qualifier, showing much of what he did as a sophomore for the Pirates where he shot



Blake Taylor

par or better in 13 events, with top 10 finishes in two separate tournaments including his season-best fifth-place finish at the Stitch Intercollegiate MacGregor Downs in Cary, North Carolina. Taylor, as well as fellow golfers Wes Homan and Logan Lagodich all received the final qualifying spots after edging out golfer Mark Silvers in a playoff hole. Taylor's 66 placed him just behind the leader, former U.S. Amateur Public Links champion T. J. Vogel, who shot a 6-under-par 65. Vogel qualified for his seventh PGA event this season.

Taylor will represent Pirate nation today as he tees off in the first round of the Greenbrier Classic at the Old White TPC course in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

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BASEBALL continued from A1

Brickhouse has been playing with the Bourne Braves, batting .324 while hitting three home runs. His 18 RBI leads the Cape Cod League.

Dwanya Williams-Sutton, Chris Holba and Connor Litton, the three former ECU baseball players who were

drafted last month in the MLB First-Year Player Draft, are all experiencing their first tastes of the professionals as they have been in the minor leagues. Williams-Sutton has been playing with the Tri-City Dust Devils, the Class-A Short Season club with the San Diego Padres. Williams-Sutton is batting .262 with one home run and nine RBI in 12 games with the Dust Devils.

Holba has been playing with the State College Spikes, the Class-A Short Season affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Holba has pitched in three games so far for the Spikes while making one start. Holba



Chris Holba

has a 1-1 record and a 2.35 ERA in 7.2 innings pitched.

Litton has been playing with the Gulf Coast League Phillies, the Rookie class affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies. Litton has not played much so far, having five plate appearances and no hits and a sacrifice fly as his lone RBI of the season so far.

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