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## AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT SCOTUS RULINGS



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The Supreme Court of the United States is the highest federal judiciary court in the country.

**Breanna Sapp**  
TEC STAFF

In a blockbuster term, the U.S. Supreme Court has released a number of landmark decisions that may have lasting effects on American law and politics.

### June 21, 2022 - Carson V. Makin

Parents living in Maine school districts without a secondary school or a contract with a school in another district were given the opportunity to choose a school they'd like their child to attend. In doing so, participating private schools were provided tuition payments. Because Maine limited tuition assistance payments to "nonsectarian schools," petitioners sued over violations of various constitutional rights.

In an opinion delivered by Chief Justice John Roberts, the Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 vote that the tuition assistance program violates the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment.

### June 23, 2022 - New York State Rifle & Pistol Assn., Inc. v. Bruen

In the state of New York, it is illegal to possess a firearm inside or outside of the home without a license. For an individual to possess a firearm outside of their home, one must obtain a license to conceal and carry a pistol or revolver, though the applicant must show proof of a proper cause, or special need, for self-protection. Petitioners sued over violations of their Second and 14th Amendment Rights.

The Court ruled in a 6-3 vote that the proper-cause requirement violates the Fourteenth Amendment in an opinion delivered by Justice Clarence Thomas.

### June 23, 2022 - Vega v. Tekoh

Following the arrest of medical center employee Terence Tekoh for reported sexual assault of a patient, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Carlos Vega questioned Tekoh regarding the assault without informing him of his rights under Miranda v. Arizona. Tekoh admitted to the crime through a written statement. Tekoh then sued Vega under a 1983 civil lawsuit for violation of his Fifth Amendment and Miranda rights.

In an opinion delivered by Justice Samuel

Alito, the Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 vote that a violation of Miranda rights does not serve as a basis for a 1983 civil lawsuit.

### June 23, 2022 - Nance v. Ward

Under the Eighth Amendment, a prisoner in the United States who challenges their state's method of execution due to a risk of severe pain must identify another available method. In the state of Georgia, lethal injection is the only authorized method. Petitioner Michael Nance sued the state under a 1983 civil lawsuit, alleging lethal injection could cause substantial pain, instead proposing death by firing squad.

The Court ruled in a 5-4 vote that a 1983 civil lawsuit is "an appropriate vehicle" for the method of execution that a prisoner claims in an opinion delivered by Justice Elena Kagan.

### June 24, 2022 - Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

The Mississippi Gestational Act states that a person cannot perform or receive an abortion if the age of the fetus is greater than 15 weeks, in exception of a medical emergency or severe fetal abnormality. Petitioner Jackson Women's Health Organization challenged the act, stating that it violates both Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey.

In an opinion delivered by Justice Samuel Alito, the Court ruled in a 5-4 vote that the Constitution does not permit a right to an abortion, effectively overturning both Roe and Casey.

### June 27, 2022 - Kennedy v. Bremerton School District

After kneeling at midfield after games in personal prayer, high school football coach and petitioner Joseph Kennedy lost his job in the Bremerton School District. Kennedy sued in federal court over violations of the First Amendment's Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses.

In an opinion delivered by Justice Neil Gorsuch, the Court ruled in a 6-3 vote that the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses protects an individual's right to religious observance, overruling precedent Lemon v. Kurtzman.

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## City of Greenville plans for affordable housing complex

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A \$32 million construction project for affordable housing in the Greenville Medical District will begin in August 2022 to build a 180 unit rental property known as Arlington Trace.

Dustin Mills, president of real estate developer Taft-Mills Group, said the rental development will include one, two and three bedroom units for multifamily use with rates ranging from \$647 to \$897 at acquired property near the intersection of Dickinson Ave and W Arlington Blvd.

Mills said the rent was determined based on federal guidelines that outline tenants must have household income that is 50 to 60% below the average median income in Pitt County. He said the rent will remain consistent for 30 years.

"There'll be a resident clubhouse that includes a great facility. There will be room for an internet cafe, basically a computer lab with, you know, computers and printers, and then a community room that can be used for things like birthday parties or neighborhood meetings," Mills said.

18 units will be set aside as part of federal tax credit program guidelines for veterans, homeless individuals and victims of domestic violence, Mills said. He said these units will have reduced rent from supplemental funding from the City of Greenville's government.

The rental development is currently under contract to be finalized and closed by the end of the summer with construction to begin in the fall, Mills said, lasting 24 months with expected completion in August 2024. Based on the construction and development plans, Mills said he expects this property to lease to renters immediately.

Mills said he is very excited about the opportunity to move forward with this community rental development.

"Our company Taft-Mills focuses primarily on the development of affordable housing. We liked this location because it is close to a lot of jobs and a lot of amenities such as grocery stores and pharmacies and things and all sorts of amenities that, you know, we all use on a daily basis," Mills said. "So from our standpoint, the site itself lends itself to a multi-family use."

Tiana Berryman, housing administrator for the Planning and Development Services Department for the City of Greenville, said

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A customer looks at TNT fireworks offered at a tent off of Stantonsburg Road in Greenville, NC.

## Community to celebrate Fourth of July festivities

**Breanna Sapp**  
TEC STAFF

In celebration of Independence Day, the City of Greenville will host its annual Independence Day Celebration next Monday from 3 p.m. to dusk, featuring a number of food trucks, games, activities, live performances and a fireworks display.

Megan Howard, events supervisor for the City of Greenville's Recreation and Parks, said the Independence Day Celebration will kick off at the Greenville Town Common off First Street with a Classic Car Cruise In at 3 p.m. Alongside the car show, Howard said various food trucks and vendors will open, as well as face painting, bounce houses, a gaming truck

and live music from WMGV V103.3.

"I started back in October, so this is my first year during the Fourth (of July) with the city," Howard said. "But, it's been a longstanding tradition at the Town Common for a decade or more."

The band "Sometimes Lions" will begin their live performance at 5 p.m., Howard said, followed by the Monterio Experience at 7 p.m. Local musician Tim Ottinger will perform the National Anthem around 9 p.m., and Howard said the city's annual fireworks display will go off shortly after.

Howard said vendors include Gorham's Cafe, Tie Breakers, Anita's Mexican

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» Check out our website for stories, photo galleries and more.

» Check out our website for a poll about the city's Independence Day celebration.

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## CRIME LOGS

**Editor's Note:** The East Carolinian Crime Logs are derived from East Carolina University Police Department's (ECU PD) public crime logs accessible to all individuals. Crime Logs are done within the partnership of ECU PD and The East Carolinian, as this publication is meant to act as an additional resource for Pirate Nation. Below are listings of criminal activity that has occurred on or within proximity of main campus.

## June 21, 2022

Stalking was cleared and the victim refused to cooperate at the Eakin Student Recreation Center at 11:22 a.m.

## June 26, 2022

Warrant Service for Other Agency was cleared by arrest and Possession of Marijuana < ½ oz. was cleared and declined prosecution at 12th Street and Charles Boulevard at 11:23 p.m.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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Greenville residents stroll along Dickinson Avenue, passing local businesses, restaurants and breweries that have popped up within the last decade.

## Dickinson Avenue brings growth to area

### Blossoming entertainment district stirs economic activity

Breanna Sapp  
TEC STAFF

As restaurants, bars and other small businesses continue to pop up along Dickinson Avenue, the growing district has generated positive economic activity and an increase in entertainment opportunities for the local Greenville, North Carolina community.

Tim Elliott, managing partner of real estate developer Elliott Sidewalk Communities, said his work in the Dickinson Avenue Historic District began years ago when Barbara Lipscomb, former City of Greenville city manager, asked Elliott and other private developers to assist with various revitalization projects around the Dickinson



Tim Elliott

Avenue Corridor.

The area had almost 100% vacancy at the time, Elliott said, and the goal was to create a walkable student-focused, commercial area.

In late 2015, Elliott said he began a residential commercial project that became the 300-bedroom University Edge and Dickinson Lofts apartment complex. As well as this, he said the team helped incorporate the G.K. Butterfield Transportation Center adjacent to the complex.

"You can see the rejuvenation result today, where it's a really lovely, walkable four blocks. And the most impressive thing to me about it, is that when I began the project, there was 100% vacancy, I think the Antique Store was there, but there was not much else in the area."

The stock of historic and industrial buildings available on Dickinson Avenue were interesting from an architectural standpoint, Elliott said, in addition to the wide sidewalks on the street. He said the area appeals to developers, residents and business owners alike who are looking for walkable urban areas.

Now, Elliott said there are a number of shops, restaurants, breweries and local businesses throughout the area.

By creating connectivity from the Dickinson Avenue Corridor to other pertinent areas of Uptown Greenville, Elliott said local businesses, industries and the workforce will see positive economic benefits.

"Our aim is to make downtown Greenville a great, walkable street-system, with apartments, retail, offices, research and an academic campus," Elliott said.

Brad Hufford, co-owner of local restaurant Dickinson Avenue Public (DAP) House and director of Economic Development for Beaufort County, said planning for the DAP House began in 2014 before settling for a location on Dickinson Avenue, an area he describes as perfect for revitalization.

Dickinson Avenue is a walkable distance to Uptown Greenville, Hufford said, fit with ample parking. The area has a commercial

and industrial history, he said, which he and other owners of the DAP House kept when designing the restaurant to keep the avenue's character.

The area has been revitalized since, he said, becoming a destination for residents and tourists alike to visit for the number of restaurants and shops in the area. Hufford said investment into the area has also created an "urban feel" that has retained young professionals.

"I think through the investments of all the entrepreneurs in that district, it's become somewhat of a showcase for the community and a destination for visitors," Hufford said.

Andrew Schmidt, president of marketing organization Visit Greenville, NC, said the organization aims

to create a positive economic impact for all areas of Greenville and Pitt County through travel and tourism.

To do so, Schmidt said the organization has to have assets to sell the city and county so visitors choose to come to the area. Visit Greenville, NC sells Uptown Greenville as an entertainment area, Schmidt said, as well as the growing Dickinson Avenue Historic District.

The Dickinson Avenue Corridor has changed quite a bit in the last five years, Schmidt said. He said the area went from a vacant area 15 years ago to a diverse district full of restaurants and shops. In the future, Schmidt said he expects to see a growth in market-rate housing intended for young professionals, as well as retail stores like grocery stores and pharmacies.

"You have people coming in, you know private investors, that are building down on Dickinson or other places in Uptown, so that obviously creates property tax for the city, because that's important," Schmidt said. "Then it's also helping me, in my office, to be able to draw more visitors down here from other places."

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Brad Hufford

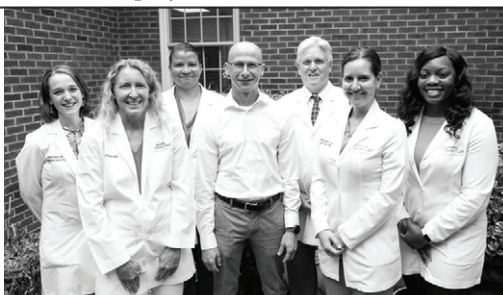
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## HOUSING

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the city put out a call for developers regarding an affordable housing project. Taft-Mills group is a local Greenville developer, Berryman said, and was the only company that responded to the call with pre-approved favorability from the state finance agency.

The city is providing \$1 million to cover any gap in finances that the developer has, Berryman said. She said this will allow for supplemental rental rates for the units that are being set aside for at-risk community members.

"This is an opportunity to incentivize and encourage affordable housing. The city put out a call to developers for the purposes of a sample meeting and tax credit project," Berryman said. "So the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency provides tax credits to eligible developers who are creating affordable housing rental housing opportunities throughout the state."

Affordable housing and the federal tax credit system also required housing expenses to be less than 30% of an individual's income, she said. Berryman said city support for this project was positive and incentivized when they released their call for developers.

The City of Greenville is working towards supporting homeowners and renters, Berryman said, especially with inflation and changes in the market. She said the city is currently conducting some gap analysis to better address the needs of the community.

"I think we're seeing the need for affordable housing and we're seeing a rise in rental rates nationwide. And the City of Greenville is no different," Berryman said. "We're seeing a lot of pressure on property owners, pressure on renters and it's certainly creating what could very easily become a crisis. The city is a recipient of several federal and state awarded grant funding that we're looking to determine, how



Tiana Berryman



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Greenville Taft-Mills is developing the complex.

can we best address the needs that are arising."

Tara Hall, manager of rental development for the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA), said the NCHFA federal tax program approves rental development requests based on federal guidelines. She said this specific request regarding affordable housing in the Greenville Medical District was based on 4% credit through bond authority the NCHFA authorizes.

Hall said the federal government allocates tax credits to each state based on population and income. She said the supplemental funding is provided and administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program funds.

"We work by reviewing this information on behalf of, you know, the city project. We start by presenting a project or questioning about buying one based on the North Carolina federal tax reform allocation committees findings," Hall said.

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## EVENTS

## TODAY

**Umbrella Market**  
Uptown Greenville  
Fifth and Evans Street  
5 to 8 p.m.  
(252) 561-8400

**Open Mic Night**  
Pitt Brewing Street Company  
630 S. Pitt St.  
8 to 10 p.m.  
(252) 227-4151

## TOMORROW

**Concert on the Common**  
Greenville Town Common  
105 E. First St.  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
(252) 329-4567

**Emerald Express Uptown Circulator**  
Uptown District  
408 Evans St. #102  
Noon to 8:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY

**Bad New Birds**  
Dirty Dans  
110 E. Fourth St.  
10 to 11:30 p.m.

**Comedy Night**  
Greenville Theater Art Center  
629 Albemarle Ave.  
7 to 10 p.m.  
(252) 830-0963

## SUNDAY

**Sunday in the Park**  
Greenville Town Common  
105 E. First St.  
7 to 8:30 p.m.  
(252) 329-4200

**National Beer Run Day**  
Pitt Brewing Street Company  
630 S. Pitt St.  
8 to 10 p.m.  
(252) 227-4151



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The Emerald Loop Artistic Lighting Plan will encompass 12 different buildings throughout Uptown Greenville from both the public and private sectors.

## Emerald Loop Lighting Plan begins

**Breanna Sapp**  
TEC STAFF

Following the completion of its Intersection Murals Phase, the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge continues implementation of the Emerald Loop through the project's second of four phases, the Emerald Loop Artistic Lighting Plan.



**Holly Garriott** executive director of the Emerge Gallery and Art Center, said the Emerald Loop is an urban arts project that acts as a trail, connecting the area's "cultural gems" through the center of the City of Greenville.

The Emerald Loop Artistic Lighting Plan is the project's current phase, Garriott said, and will have 12 different buildings and structures involved. She said each structure will implement various lighting that will change colors.

"Imagine driving over the 10th Street Connector and looking over our downtown. You would see over 10 buildings all lit in the same colors," Garriott said.

Currently, Garriott said Greenville City Hall, the Fourth Street Parking Deck and the Greenville Municipal Building have been approved by City Council to take part in the lighting plan.

Buildings and structures from the private sector will also take part in the Emerald Loop

Artistic Lighting Plan, including the Greenville Utilities Commission, Roxy Theater, the Intersect East Smokestack and Water Tower, the Ficklen Stilos and the Cupola Building.

While the lighting phase is currently being designed and budgeted, Garriott said Emerge hopes to have the lighting implemented in Spring 2023.

"We know that the Emerald Loop will not only aesthetically enhance our downtown, it will have an incredible economic impact on our businesses and city," Garriott said.

Marketing Coordinator of the Emerge Gallery and Art Center Sarah Lazure said in 2018, Greenville was designated as a SmART City by the North Carolina Arts Council. She said a SmART City is a community that uses the arts and culture to revitalize the area and create economic development.

Following the designation, Lazure said the Emerald Loop was chosen to be the project that would positively benefit the Greenville community through the arts.

The project is a partnership between the city, Pitt County, Greenville Eastern North Carolina Alliance, East Carolina University, Uptown Greenville, the African American Cultural Trail Committee and the Greenville Museum of Art.

"The Emerald Loop was chosen to be the project that would transform our Center City through the arts," Lazure said. "The Pitt County

Arts Council is the project manager for the Emerald Loop planning process, but this is truly a partnership between both the public and private sector."

Courtnee McGrath, Events and Branding director for Uptown Greenville, wrote in an email statement that Uptown Greenville is one of the original stakeholders for the Emerald Loop project, McGrath wrote, as well as a major funder of the program.

A supporter of the arts through projects like the First Friday ArtWalk and the Greenville Mural Project, McGrath wrote that the Emerald Loop is a unique project that will continue to add to the culture of Uptown Greenville. She wrote that many of the project's stakeholders have already collaborated for the benefit of the



**Sarah Lazure**

local community. The Emerald Loop will bring in visitors and residents alike to Uptown Greenville and the area's businesses, McGrath wrote, making Greenville an attractive community that all can enjoy.

"The Emerald Loop project will definitely increase tourism, but also create a sense of place for our current residents," McGrath wrote. "This will increase our quality of life in a major way."

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## HeARToscope promotes youth art

**Rachana Charla**  
TEC STAFF

HeARToscope, a non-profit organization that focuses on bringing art initiatives to West Greenville, is presenting "The Mandala Effect," a student exhibition at Pitt Street Brewing Company from Monday to July 23, with 100% of the funds going directly back to the youth artists.

Deborah Sheppard, founder and executive director of HeARToscope, said the "Mandala Effect" exhibition showcases the work of 15 students from the Spring 2022 HeART Exchange class at Moyewood Recreation Center.

The HeART Exchange worked on painting, specifically mandalas, a type of geometric based artwork, Sheppard said, but they also focus on entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

"When kids see their parents struggle, they try to find ways to bring money into the home, and sometimes that could be in, you know, ways that are not what people might say, ethical or legal, but it still means that these kids do have some sort of entrepreneurial spirit," Sheppard said.

HeARToscope is intentional with their location, Sheppard said, located within the West Greenville community at the Moyewood Recreation Center.

Spring 2022 was HeARToscope's first semester hosting the HeART Exchange program and will continue for the Fall 2022 semester. The students in this cohort range from ages five to 12, Sheppard said.

"Why not create a space where art can be used to deal with those impacts of trauma while also giving these communities a creative space that they usually don't have exposure to," Sheppard said.

Reginald Barrett, teacher for Pitt County Schools and founder of the Black Cultural Hub, said he has been excited to watch Sheppard build HeARToscopes as a "magnificent" organization that brings together the arts and the community.

Young people are pivotal to community change and are able to uplift communities through the arts, Barrett said, including Sheppard who created programs like HeART Exchange.

Having already attended a few of the sessions for HeART Exchange, Barrett said the program acts as an agent of change by creating a space for the kids' artistic talent to flourish.

"Allowing a space where arts is being celebrated and accepted and people are being more comfortable with pursuing careers or even just following their passion in arts is exciting," Barrett said.

Jermaine McNair, founder and executive director of non-



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Artwork is displayed on the wall of Pitt Street Brewing Company.

profit NC CIVIL, said he has been supportive of Sheppard, whose advocacy work makes her a prominent community member. Since Sheppard founded HeARToscopes, McNair said NC CIVIL has tried to support the organization in many ways.

Art has the ability to allow people to have uncomfortable conversations, McNair said. Similarly, he said art provides a space for young people to have tough conversations through a positive outlet that can allow for healing.

"What HeARToscope does is they kind of have a dual approach by providing access and exposure to the arts, but they do it in a manner that also promotes therapy for young people that allows them to develop their voice," McNair said.

Monica Daniels, social worker and District One City Council Representative, said organizations like HeARToscope work to meet the needs of the city in a way that promotes social and economic development through art therapy.

The students impacted by HeART Exchange are able to understand that they have potential and have been given an opportunity to improve their futures, Daniels said. Because of these programs, she said the City of Greenville is able to help support and uplift communities.

From a city government perspective, Daniels said being involved in community programs like HeART Exchange makes her an approachable representative. Daniels said she has enjoyed participating in the mural painting, something the Mayor of Greenville also came out to support.

"HeARToscopes came along as we were out in the community and I love the work that they do. I love the way that art is healing the community. It is bringing people together that otherwise wouldn't have come together so I am really loving it," Daniels said.

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Restaurant, The Jerk Truck, Uncle Fred's Food Truck and more.

The city's Independence Day Celebration is a yearly tradition, Howard said, open to citizens in the local community, as well as those in surrounding areas.

"I have heard the Town Common park referred to as 'the front lawn of the city,' and this is like the city inviting everyone out to our front lawn to watch a fantastic show of fireworks," Howard said. "And so, each year that I have come to the fireworks as a citizen of the community, you just see everybody out there that is in town. It's just a local staple."

Public Information Officer for Greenville PD Kristen Hunter wrote in an email statement that maximum attendance for the celebration is expected to be around 20,000 people. Additional staffing will provide security at the event, Hunter wrote, as well as to help manage traffic flow, particularly before and after the fireworks display.

No pets, alcohol, glass, grills or personal fireworks will be allowed at the event, according to a flier from Hunter,



**Kristen Hunter**

and First Street in front of the Town Common will be closed to vehicle traffic beginning at noon. Access to the Town Common parking lot will be open until 3 p.m. and East Carolina University will allow public parking in lots along Reade Circle at noon, the flier wrote, and parking near Evans, Cotanche, Greene and Washington Street is advised.

"As always, we advise attendees to be aware of their surroundings, travel in groups, park in well-lit areas and abide by the event rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for all," Hunter wrote.

Michayla Moore, band manager for "The Monterio Experience," said the band will perform at the City of Greenville's Independence Day Celebration on July 4 for the first time in three years.

A total of five members, Moore said The Monterio Experience is a cover band that plays titles from a number of genres, including rap, hip hop, R&B, pop, country and more.

Attendees can expect a very family-friendly performance featuring a diverse set list at the Independence Day Celebration, Moore said, and lead singer Eric Monterio will cover songs for all ages present in the audience.

"I think it's just great to have a big crowd, you know, they really feed off when there's a lot of people and they're into the music," Moore said. "And especially after COVID(-19), it's so fun to have, you know, a bunch of people in one spot again."

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## OUR VIEW

### Sheetz will make its comeback

As students and community members alike mourn the empty site of what was once 1000 Charles Blvd., it's important to remember what is yet to come for the remodeling of a Sheetz that is dear to our hearts.

On June 5, the Sheetz location closed its doors to customers in order for a complete store transformation to take place. This transformation will include expanded indoor and outdoor dining, additional parking and a drive thru.

Though seeing the empty site of Sheetz at 1000 Charles Blvd. pains our hearts, we, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the convenience story "made for people on the go" is making a comeback.

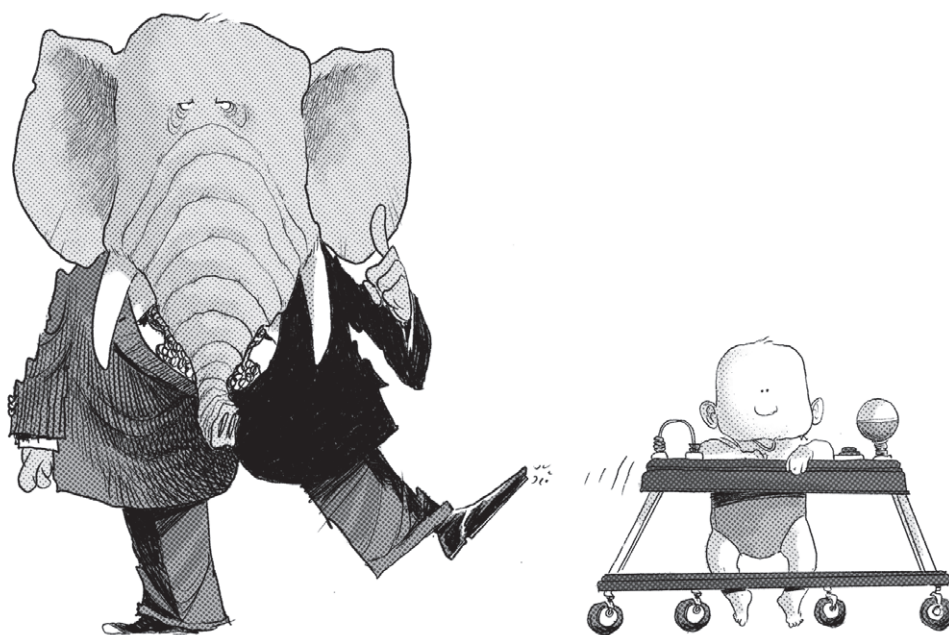
Fall 2022 seems to be ages from now, and a tentative opening date is even harder to cope with. Many of us are missing the personal pan pizzas, hot dogs and Wisconsin cheese bites Sheetz offered us after a long day of classes, work or a night out.

Though Pirate Nation may feel a bit emptier following the demolition, the return of the Sheetz location this Fall will bring us together like nothing before (excluding the time PeeDee the Pirate was taken from us and safely returned).

We must stay strong through this difficult time. Sheetz was always patient with us when thirty East Carolina University students would wait for the store's award-winning made-to-order food at 2 a.m.

It's imperative that we remain patient with Sheetz.

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## Finding optimism through turmoil



Jala Davis  
TEC COLUMNIST

Since March 2020, we've been living in a season of unprecedented times. We've been through and are still going through a major pandemic, intense racial tensions, protests, war, recession, inflation, mass shootings and just recently the government overturned the 50 year streak of Roe v. Wade, snatching away the federal protection of legal abortions.

It seems like with every day, week, month, and year that passes us by, we're going through hurt and pain as a nation. However, it's not just us, it's the entire world. The earth is dying, people are dying, kids are dying, basic human rights are being snatched away from people, tensions amongst people are higher than this generation has ever seen.

I'm a firm believer in everything happens for a reason and that things must get worse before they get better. However, I also believe that present and future generations have the power and the ability to incite change in our world and make this place a better place to live.

We all know that history repeats itself, and I believe that this generation has the power to repeat the good parts of history where we were able to give the power back to the people and change the course of history.

"I'm a firm believer in everything happens for a reason and that things must get worse before they get better."

- Jala Davis

With that being said, we need to continue to change the course of history and we start off by putting politicians in office that will actually listen to their people. Not only do we need to change the people in office, but we need to hold them to higher standards and make them adhere to the voice of the people.

That's what they're elected to do, uphold the values and voices of the people that they serve and I think in recent years that we've been a little too relaxed as a country with allowing said politicians to make decisions without the voice of the people. That has to change immediately.

We the people need to dismantle and reconstruct a governmental system that works for the people and I feel like we have the power to do just that.

I say all of this to say that although life right now is hard and we're going through a period of sickness, conflict and pain, I am optimistic about the future. We've seen this before, and we've seen the changes that each generation is able to make. So I'm optimistic

and hopeful that we'll see a better day.

We'll see a better day where women have a choice on what to do with their bodies, people are making livable wages to provide for themselves and their families, racial tensions are laid to rest, children can go to school without the potential of getting slaughtered, and corrupt politicians are no longer in office.

Will it happen today, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year? No, but I do believe that it will happen. I believe that future generations will reap the benefits of this generation's fight. Eventually, this country and the entire world can be at peace, and we'll finally be able to say that all of our pain and fighting has been working.

So with that, please keep fighting, keep voting, keep inciting change and making your voice be heard because sooner or later it'll have a long lasting impact and it will all be worth it. Rest assured.

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## PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse the statements made in Pirate Rants.

I would love to do a show at ECU, but they NEVER publicly announce auditions. If your shows are technically open to everyone, shouldn't everyone have access to the auditions. I have been performing my whole life and I transferred in last year. I would do to at least one musical while I'm a student here.

PROTECT WOMEN'S RIGHTS!

We need to get in the booths and VOTE! Vote out these people who have their greedy interests in mind and who are not protecting the PEOPLE!

Not old enough to consent but old enough to conceive?

I'm really struggling without the sheetz on 10th. :(

\$5 gas? Yeah time to buy a bike.

It's me again advocating for a Trader Joes in Greenville!!!

Is it bad that i'm already ready for it to be fall.

You know you're in Greenville when you fall asleep to sirens and idiots revving their engines at 2am.

Spent this weekend unfollowing a lot of people after seeing them celebrate my rights being taken away.

Can October hurry up and get here?!

They really are RAISING the parking in Uptown???

Where is sheetz...

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Emily Peek at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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## Fire up the grill, not the planet: Eat vegan

Heather Moore  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICES

This July 4, try eating green when you celebrate the red, white and blue. Environmental scientists say that phasing out animal agriculture and eating vegan is "our best and most immediate chance to reverse the trajectory of climate change." So, I'm asking you, my fellow Americans, to go vegan to give our country and our planet a fighting chance.

The production of meat and other animal-based foods is making the planet scorching hot. If you plan to grill out over the holiday weekend, opt for veggie burgers, not beef burgers or other animal-derived foods.

The average American eats about four times as much beef as people in the rest of the world, and according to studies published in Nature Food, people who eat beef do 10 times as much damage to the climate as vegetarians. Eating pork does six times as much damage, and eating chicken is twice as harmful.

The World Economic Forum says that dairy cheese is one of the biggest greenhouse-gas generators, behind beef

and lamb. Research shows that eating vegan cheese instead of dairy varieties can reduce carbon emissions by as much as 50%.

Eating vegan foods, including fruit, vegetables, legumes, whole grains and all the great-tasting meals that can be made from them, won't just help curb greenhouse-gas emissions, it will also help conserve resources, reduce deforestation and spare animals an enormous amount of pain and suffering. And eating vegan doesn't stop us from enjoying fun summertime activities like picnicking and cooking out.

Beef and other animal-based foods aren't the only options when barbecuing. Try grilling corn on the cob, portobello mushrooms, zucchini, potatoes or marinated vegetable kebabs. Roasting fruit and vegetables caramelizes their natural sugars and brings out their flavor. If you like flipping burgers on the barbecue, you'll love the popular vegan Beyond Burgers, which generate 90% fewer greenhouse-gas emissions than a typical quarter-pounder.

A report from Johns Hopkins University indicates that in general, vegan meats have a 93% smaller carbon footprint than beef.

They also require considerably less energy, land and water to produce.

If you haven't already gone vegan, now is the time to do it. All around the world, we are seeing floods, tropical storms, heatwaves, wildfires and other climate-related crises becoming more regular and intense. There's no way to justify eating animal-derived foods when doing so causes so much pain and suffering, both to humans and animals alike.

Even animals who aren't raised and killed for food are suffering because of humans' taste for meat, eggs and dairy. Marine animals, for example, are facing extinction because of warming ocean waters. Climate scientists warn that extreme temperatures and frequent droughts may even chase our national bird out of the U.S.

No one wants that. So declare your independence from meat, eggs and dairy-based foods on the Fourth of July, and then stand firm. The American flag isn't green, but Americans should be.

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## HOROSCOPES

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Realize domestic visions over the next two-week New Moon phase. Get creative. Improve the beauty and functionality of your home. Nurture family; including yourself.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle in the dark of this New Moon. Dreams seem within reach. Enjoy a two-week creative, imaginative and organizational phase.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Find creative ways to grow your family nest egg. A lucrative two-week phase dawns with tonight's New Moon. Launch valuable initiatives with your partner.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Creative projects take beautiful shape over the next two weeks. Possibilities spark in conversation with this New Moon phase. Express, share and connect.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Connect for shared support, fun and appreciation. This Cancer New Moon phase benefits team efforts. Grow through friendships, social networks and community participation.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Collaboration flowers. Your partnership blossoms with the New Moon. Strengthen bonds and deepen roots over the next two weeks. Begin another chapter together.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 9 — Begin a lucrative New Moon phase. Discover fresh markets and rising prosperity. Strengthen financial foundations for growth. Rake in and preserve a healthy harvest.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — This New Moon illuminates professional opportunities. Develop interesting projects over the next two weeks. Pursue exciting possibilities. Your career, status and influence rise.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Energize your physical moves. Put love into your work. The New Moon tonight initiates two weeks of growing health, beauty and vitality. Practice makes perfect.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Pursue personal dreams. Expand talents, capacities and skills over two weeks, with the New Moon in your sign. Grow and develop. Shine your light.

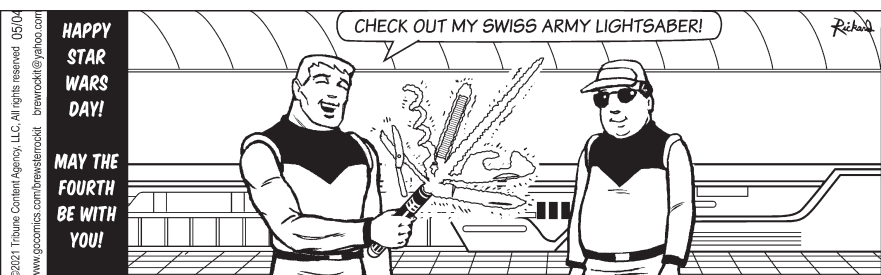
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Educational opportunities arise after the New Moon. The next two-week phase favors study, investigation and exploration. Consider new perspectives. Make connections, contributions and bold

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — Enjoy yourself. Stir up some romance. The New Moon tonight begins a two-week family, fun and passion phase. Get creative. It's all for love.

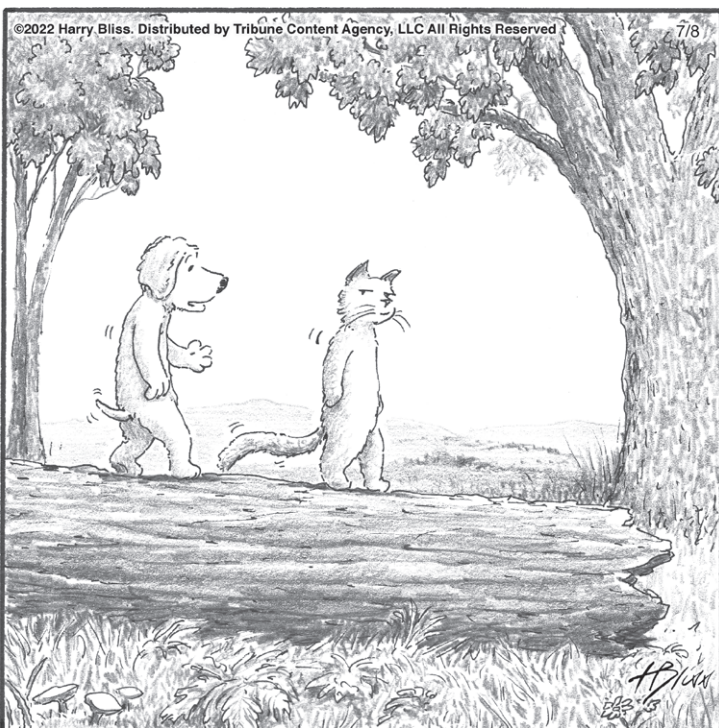
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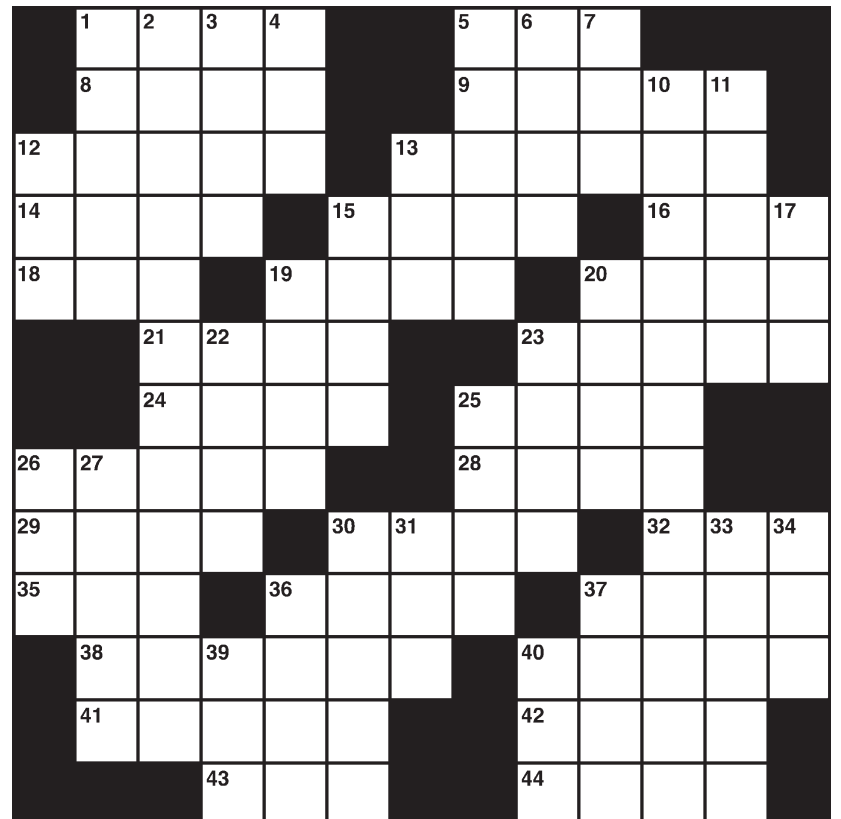


"I tried the whole ball of yarn thing ... didn't take."

## CROSSWORD

# THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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**ACROSS**

- 1 "Man with a \_\_\_"
- 5 Boone or Sajak
- 8 Verdi opera
- 9 Lavin or Ronstadt
- 12 Adam of "The O.C."
- 13 Charlie Sheen's dad
- 14 Canisters
- 15 "I Love \_\_\_"
- 16 Santa \_\_, CA
- 18 180 degrees from NNW
- 19 "My \_\_\_ Is Earl"
- 20 Make a tiny cut
- 21 Thompson & Michele
- 23 "\_\_\_ Home Alabama"; Reese Witherspoon film
- 24 Angry speech
- 25 File drawer, perhaps
- 26 Actress Kelly
- 28 Lincoln or Ford
- 29 Basics
- 30 Blood vessel
- 32 Toad's movement
- 35 Slang refusal

**DOWN**

- 1 Hilton or Jackson
- 2 "American Idol" judge
- 3 Finds a total
- 4 Anti's vote
- 5 "The Good \_\_\_" (2016-20)
- 6 Like meringue
- 7 Explosive letters
- 10 Role on "Black-ish"
- 11 Broadway role for Andrea McArdle
- 12 Air gun pellets
- 13 Kate, to George, Charlotte & Louis
- 15 "\_\_\_ Man Standing"
- 17 Isn't \_\_\_ to; probably won't
- 19 Dog in "Peter Pan"
- 20 Hot Lips Houlihan's portrayer
- 22 Dumbo's "wings"
- 23 Give the cold shoulder to
- 25 Trot or gallop
- 26 "A Gifted \_\_\_" (2011-12)
- 27 21st-century U.S. president
- 30 Regard highly
- 31 Suffix for legal or journal
- 33 Beginning
- 34 "\_\_\_ It Forward"; Kevin Spacey film
- 36 Smell
- 37 Has a bug
- 39 "\_\_\_ Hard"; Bruce Willis movie
- 40 \_\_\_ tai; rum cocktail

Solution from 6/22

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## SUDOKU

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk)

Solution from 6/22

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## BASEBALL POSTSEASON AWARDS

**Cliff Godwin**  
Head Coach



2022 USA Baseball Collegiate National Team coach  
**June 28**

**Zach Agnos**

Sophomore infielder/Right hand Pitcher



D1 Baseball Second-Team All-American  
**June 24**

**Carter Spivey**

Junior right hand pitcher



American Baseball Coaches Association Atlantic All-Region Team  
**June 15**

**Bryson Worrell**

Senior outfielder



American Baseball Coaches Association Atlantic All-Region Team  
**June 15**

**Jake Kuchmaner**

Senior left hand pitcher



2022 Senior CLASS Award All-American Second-Team  
**June 15**



Senior outfielder Bryson Worrell and sophomore infielder/right hand pitcher Zach Agnos hoist their helmets into the air in celebration. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

## Baseball summer league assignments

**Chris Long**  
TEC STAFF

Following the conclusion of East Carolina University baseball's 2022 season, the school has released the team's summer league assignments for players extending their playing career through the summer of 2022.

Of the Pirates roster, 21 players will be fulfilling summer league assignments throughout the east coast from New England to the Carolinas. 13 teams across six leagues will welcome ECU's players to their rosters.

Two of the six leagues will be adding two players from ECU's roster. The Appalachian League will be welcoming the Pirates' freshman outfielder Jacob Jenkins-Cowart and freshman catcher Ryan McCrystal. Both players will be joining the Burlington Sock Puppets.

In the Cape Cod League, sophomore first baseman Josh Moylan will be joining the Bourne Braves and sophomore

pitcher Carson Whisenhunt will be joining the Chatham Anglers.

The New England Collegiate League will welcome three players to two teams. Sophomore pitcher Josh Grosz and sophomore third baseman Alec Makarewicz will be joining the Newport Gulls. Whereas, sophomore outfielder Joey Rezek is set to join the Sanford Mainers.

Closest to home in Greenville, the Coastal Plains League will add four Pirates. Sophomore pitcher Danny Beal and sophomore catcher Justin Wilcoxon will join the Asheboro Zookeepers, while sophomore infielder Joey Berini joins the Holly Springs Salamanders. Finally, redshirt freshman pitcher Bradley Wilson will join the Wilmington Sharks to wrap up the Coastal Plains League additions.

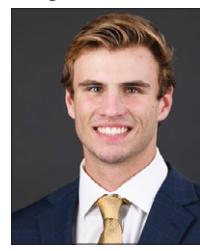
The Valley League will also add four members of the ECU baseball team. Sophomore infielder Cam Clonch will be joining the Strasburg Express,

meanwhile the Charlottesville Tom Sox will add three members in sophomore infielder Carter Cunningham, freshman pitcher Wyatt Lunsford-Shenkman and freshman pitcher Trey Yesavage.

Finally, the Cal Ripken League will find space for six new members. The Bethesda Big Train will get the most Pirates out of any summer league teams. Joining the Big Train are freshman pitcher Merritt Beeker, freshman pitcher Jordan Little, freshman outfielder Luke Nowak and freshman pitcher Erik Ritchie. Sophomore infielder CJ Boyd will also join the Alexandria Aces and freshman pitcher Jaden Winter will join the Olney Cropdusters.

The teams will play in their respective leagues through the rest of summer league play with the rosters finalized following the College World Series. Most players selected for summer league play are either first or second year players to the school's program and will seek to hone their skills at the collegiate level through the continued competition.

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Jacob Jenkins-Cowart



## SUMMER 22 ON-AIR SCHEDULE

WZMB 91.3 FM GREENVILLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>DJ KAT:</b> "WHAT'S GOING ON?" 11-12AM	<b>FOLK/SONG INDIE/ALT</b>	<b>DJ KAT:</b> "WHAT'S GOING ON?" 11-12AM	<b>FOLK/SONG INDIE/ALT</b>	<b>FOLK/SONG INDIE/ALT</b>
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<b>DJ APOLLO &amp; DJ MKULTRA:</b> "THE SEPTIC TANK" 1-3PM	<b>DJ JUAN:</b> "I GUESS SOMEONES LISTENING" 1-2PM	<b>INDIE/ALT EDM/POP</b>	<b>DJ JUAN:</b> "I GUESS SOMEONES LISTENING" 1-2PM	<b>INDIE/ALT</b>
<b>DJ LIV:</b> "BRAIN DUMP" 4-5PM	<b>EDM/POP ROCK</b>	<b>DJ LIV:</b> "BRAIN DUMP" 4-5PM	<b>EDM/POP ROCK</b>	<b>EDM/POP ROCK</b>