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East Carolina University students sign pledge to end sexual assault and violence yesterday on ECU's mall during Take The Pledge Day. THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## PLEDGE PURPLE

Assault awareness events aim to educate

**Darby Hubbell**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University kicked off its annual Pledge Purple Week yesterday with Take the Pledge Day, as students pledged to end sexual harassment, bullying and violence on ECU's campus.

The annual event is hosted by ECUUnited, the department of Student Involvement and Leadership, Student Activities Board as well other departments, and aims to bring attention to sexual assault, violence and bullying on campus. This year, ECUUnited decided to condense the week into three days due to Fall Break.

Lauren Thorn, interim associate dean of students, said at the college level, bullying goes beyond the stereotype that you see in elementary through high school. She added there is a deep concern about students posting things that could potentially impact another student's overall career or getting into medical or graduate school.

"When you look at bullying now, it's not 'Hey, give me your lunch money,' it's 'Hey, I have this picture of you that I snapped and I'm going to threaten to send it,'" Thorn said.

Pledge Purple Week usually takes place in November, but Thorn said



SGA President La'Quon Rogers holds a Pledge Purple T-shirt during Take The Pledge Day. THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

the university decided to move it up to the first week of October this year when they noticed a majority of sexual assaults and other concerning incidents have already occurred by late October around Halloween.

"(In November), Homecoming has already happened and Halloween has already happened and a lot of the events on and around campus that we know tend to be sort of a time where potentially a lot of sexual assaults and concerning incidents have already occurred," Thorn said.

Take the Pledge Day, held yesterday



**Lauren Thorn**

afternoon, was dedicated to having students sign the Pledge Banner, pledging not to commit any acts of sexual assault, violence and bullying. The event occurred in two different locations, from 11 a.m.

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>> 2017 LOCAL ELECTION

## Uptown safety discussed during candidate forum

**Julie Estep**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

**Matthew Prensley**  
TEC STAFF



Greenville locals gathered at the Willis building last night to hear a number of the city council and mayoral candidates speak about the progress of Uptown Greenville and the Town Common area.

The nonpartisan public forum was sponsored by Uptown Greenville, The Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, A Time for Science, The United Way of Pitt County, The Greenville Museum of Art and The Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce.

Approximately 60-70 individuals gathered into East Carolina University's Willis Building to hear the candidates speak on various of topics that ranged from street safety to the support of the arts to housing.

Moderators took turns presenting twelve pre-chosen questions to the candidates, allocating them exactly one minute to speak on the topic. One of the most discussed topics of the evening was safety in relation to roads and Uptown Greenville.

"One of the focuses of my campaign has been safety with roads," Greenville resident Uriah Ward, who is running for city council in District 3, said. "Greenville has the third most dangerous roads of any city in North Carolina. We have a long way to go if we want make sure that people trying to get around town, get around town safely"

Greenville resident Brian Meyerhoeffer, who is running for City Council Member At-Large, emphasized using police to ensure the safety of students and residents.

"There has to be a presence of police officers here," Meyerhoeffer said. "Number one, and number two, we have to identify at what times are critical times that there are issues are caused. And there needs to be more of a presence during those times."

Greenville resident Darrell Hinnant said he also believes an increased police presence would help to make crosswalks safer. Hinnant is running for City Council seat representing District 4.

"I think to make the city easier and safer to walk is to reduce the traffic in the area to make it easier for people to walk across the crosswalks," Hinnant said. "But then also increasing our police presence through bikes and different kinds of patrol."

City Council member and mayoral candidate Calvin Mercer said bike and sidewalk safety has to be emphasized.

"We are not going to be able to pay our way out of our transportation issues," Mercer said. "When I talk to people who don't like sidewalks and bike paths, I say 'look every person that we can get on a bicycle, every person we can get on a greenway, on a sidewalk, is one person out of your traffic lanes."

Resident Christopher Nunnally, running for the City Council Member At-Large seat, agreed with Mercer and

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

## State fire expert: GFR turnover rate higher than most

**Matthew Prensley**  
TEC STAFF

According to one state firefighting expert, the turnover rate at Greenville Fire/Rescue is much higher than at other fire departments, costing the city of Greenville and its residents financially.

From March 2013 to September of this year, 74 firefighters have left GFR, according to personnel records from the city of Greenville. Of the 74 firefighters, 48 were resignations, 22 were retirements and three were terminations.

Tim Bradley, executive director of the North Carolina State Firefighters Association, said losing a significant amount of firefighters costs the department both in terms of experience and money.

"Employees are expensive to train," Bradley said. "Experience is difficult to replace and any time you lose significant numbers, it has a financial impact that goes beyond just simply replacing an employee."

Bradley said he didn't have any knowledge as to why firefighters were leaving GFR. Regardless, Bradley said whether the



**Tim Bradley**

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## Campus Kitchen gives back

**Madison Lawson**  
TEC STAFF

When waking up to the sound of their stomachs growling, most East Carolina University students have the luxury of meandering over to the closest eatery on campus and having a hot, fresh meal for breakfast. Some residents of Greenville don't have the same options available to them, as the sound of their stomachs crying out for food is an everyday thing.

Campus Kitchen, an ECU organization and service group, has made its mission to keep the community from going hungry since 2013. Through the members' hard work, they have fed thousands of people at four different locations, such as Joy's Community Center, The Ronald McDonald House, The Little Willie Center and Operation Sunshine.

"We are one of five Campus Kitchens in North Carolina alone and there are 60 total in the nation," said Lauren Howard, ECU assistant director in the Center of

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A Campus Kitchen volunteer works in Todd Dining Hall. Campus Kitchen is an organization at ECU and one of five in North Carolina.

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BRIEFS

ECU to host topping off ceremony

East Carolina University celebrates the new student center scheduled to open in November of 2018 by hosting a topping off ceremony held on the Main Campus Student Center.

Students, staff, faculty and construction partners are welcome to gather as the last beam is installed into the new students center main structure. The beam will be open for students, staff and faculty to sign before it is placed into the structure.

The event is hosted by ECU chancellor Cecil Staton, ECU vice chancellor for student affairs Virginia Hardy, chair of the ECU Board of Trustees Kieran Shanahan, SGA president La'Quon Rogers, among others.

The event will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. located behind Mendenhall Student Center.

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said the city council would have to be creative in terms of transportation.

"We need to find ways to move more people more efficiently and the answer can not just be cars, it can not just be buses, it can not just be bikes and it can not just be feet," Nunnally said.

Curtis Pulley, one of the candidates running for mayor, said Greenville is dangerous to residents for a number of unconventional reasons.

"I've been all over the world, and I am going to tell you something, Greenville is one of the most unsafest cities ever," Pulley said. "Roaches, bed bugs, fleas, ticks, living in your homes. You need to clean these homes up."

The arts was another hot topic of the night with many of the candidates expressing their support for the arts in Greenville as a means to create community.

"If we want this to be a city that people want to live in, if we're trying to recruit people here, we have to make it a city people can enjoy and the arts is a great way to do that," Ward said. "It makes it more marketable. We have to make sure we're supporting it so we're the kind of city people want to move here."

While on the topic of the arts in Greenville, Rick Smiley, current city council member up for re-election for District 4, said the city is lacking in public spaces enriched by art for residents to gather at.

"Think of every public in every great city you've ever been in and the arts are always crucial to that," Smiley said. "That kind of area doesn't exist in our area."

The expansion of housing for both students and non-students has been an ongoing debate amongst city residents and the council.

The candidates agreed that there was no need



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District 3 candidate Uriah Ward speaks during last night's candidate forum in ECU's Willis Building.

to create more student housing. Meyerhoeffer said building residential areas for non-student residents was more important.

Greenville resident Ernest Reeves, a mayoral candidate, said racial bias may also be impacting some residents' ability to find proper housing.

"From the people I've talked to, a lot of them don't feel like they're welcomed down here," Reeves said.

In addition, Greenville resident William Litchfield urged the public to consider long term effects when thinking about city development.

"We have to wonder what the next five years looks like, 10 years looks like, 15 years to 20 years looks like," said Litchfield, running for the city council seat representing District 5. "A performing arts center, wonderful, right? Where's it going to go? A minor league baseball stadium, wonderful, right? Where's it going to go? We have to plan accordingly now, and that would be one of my priorities."

Many of the candidates running for a seat

participated in the forum: Mercer, Smiley and Connelly and Greenville residents Ward, Meyerhoeffer, Christopher Nunnally, Litchfield, Tom Best and Reeves.

Of the 15 city council races, only three candidates didn't participate in the forum. Current Mayor Kandie Smith, Mayor Pro-Term Rose Glover and current East Carolina University senior William Bell were absent from Monday's forum.

"You wish you could have more debates with fewer candidates so you can go more in-depth, but it was still great that people had the opportunity to ask some questions," Ward said.

The election will be held Nov. 7. Voters can find their voting station at the North Carolina State Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement's website.

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to 2 p.m., at the ECU Mall and the Starbucks Lounge at the Health Sciences Campus.

Many ECU students chose to take the pledge for personal reasons. Lindsey Williams, a graduate student studying social work, chose to sign because she felt the need to stand for something bigger than herself.

"It's just really important to be an advocate and bring awareness," Williams said. "It feels really good to be a part of that."

Today's events include a program titled 'It's On Us', where faculty and staff volunteers provide transportation for students all over campus via golf carts.

"Like Cash Cab, they (It's On Us committee volunteers) will be taking students around to classes, asking them trivia questions, giving out prizes and things like that," Thorn said.

It's On Us Too will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Wright Plaza and the HSC Student Center entrance. Attendees will learn about positive bystander intervention stories and students can share their own stories

on a banner, Thorn said.

A Survivor's Vigil will be held tonight in Mendenhall Student Center, room 244, at 5:30 p.m., according to ECUnited's website.

The night will end with the national Take Back the Night Walk, led by victim advocates at 6:30 p.m. It will start at two different locations, Hendrix Theater and the Starbucks Lounge by the HSC Student Center, according to ECUnited's website.

The week will conclude on Wednesday night in Hendrix Theater at 7 p.m. with Pledge Purple keynote speaker, Jay Asher, author of the bestselling novel "13 Reasons

Why" and co-writer of the Netflix series by the same name, Erik Kneubuehl, associate vice chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership at ECU, said.



Erik Kneubuehl

"All the things brought up (by Pledge Purple Week), reminds me of "13 Reasons Why"... I think that's why we always try and connect a speaker to Pledge Purple Week in unique ways and I think that this year in particular it's

not only very timely because of the success of the book and series but now they also have the next season coming out," Kneubuehl, said.

The speech will be an interactive Q & A passport event where students can ask questions from the author.

"The key to the prevention is going to be a cultural shift," Kneubuehl said. "It's going to take people saying, both men and women, that they are just not going to accept this kind of behavior anymore."

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department is run by a municipal government or private industry, the individuals in charge should investigate the problem in order to understand what is going on.

"The best thing to occur would be for the city leaders to take a look and see what's going on," Bradley said. "A fair and objective look."

The East Carolinian requested an interview with Greenville City Manager Ann Wall to understand how the city is handling these allegations, along with the accusations of poor leadership and mismanagement from GFR's chief and deputy chief investigated through The East Carolinian's "Where There's Smoke There's Fire" series. However, the request was declined by the city of Greenville.

"We are going to decline this request," said Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the city of Greenville, in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian. "However, I will send you a statement from the City Manager in the next day or two."

In an interview with The East Carolinian on Sept. 20, GFR Fire Chief Eric Griffin said

the turnover rate at GFR is similar across the fire service industry.

"I sat on a panel with 50 other fire chiefs, EMS personnel and fire professionals," Griffin said. "The number one issue facing today's fire and emergency service profession is recruitment and retention."

Griffin said across the fire service industry, individuals aren't staying in the same positions as long in previous years.

"They're very mobile," Griffin said. "People are typically three to five year employees. The (staff turnover) issue that you (The East Carolinian) are referring to is not centralized and only located to Greenville Fire/Rescue."

When asked, Griffin said it's impossible to compare the turnover rates of GFR to other fire departments because of how the department runs its EMS calls.

"We can't answer your question directly because (GFR) offers different types of services," Griffin said.

However, Bradley said GFR's turnover is higher than normal no matter if the department offers EMS services or not.

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## OUR VIEW

### Vegas shooting warrants more than just tweets

It took one night for 59 lives to be lost. One place, that was supposed to be a space of comforting and liberating entertainment. One man, who had access to countless weapons. One act, which grasped the country's attention, but where will our focus be in one month?

On Sunday evening, a man in Las Vegas took the lives of more than 50 innocent civilians and injured more than 500, making this the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman in U.S. history. Almost immediately following the shooting, a deluge of support flooded all social media platforms. Hashtags, 'thoughts and prayers' and Facebook filters allowed people across the nation to express their grief and support for the victims and their families. But where does expression end and action begin?

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, understand that such a great loss of life makes us want to express our sorrow and grief. But for true, lasting change to take place, we need action. The victims of mass violence deserve more than just a few weeks of tweets on prayers and condolences or a useless hashtag. They deserve laws to prevent similar tragedies from occurring again and again. They deserve regulations to keep guns out of the hands of people like their shooters. They deserve mental health coverage to help mitigate the issues that cause these violent acts. They deserve action.

Mass shootings used to be something that happened maybe once a decade, but now these tragedies are becoming a constant. There has already been a total of 273 mass shooting incidents in 2017 alone and in 2016, there was 483 mass shootings, according to the Gun Violence Archive. This pattern cannot continue. These deaths cannot continue. We, as a country, need to take action now, not later, not when more blood is shed.

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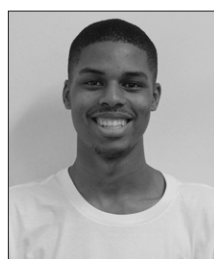
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## Brother Ross distorts Christianity



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TEC STAFF

This past week, students all over East Carolina University gathered around the Cupola on the main campus to hear controversial religious activist, Brother Ross, speak on the "truths" about faith.

Throughout time, there have been many people who claim they were sent by God to deliver the word to, as the Bible would call us, "the lost sheep." Some of those people spoke truth, established religions, and were the deciding factor between whether or not you believe in God and want to do right in your walk of life.

Ross has visited ECU and other college campuses along the East Coast of the United States claiming to have been sent by God to deliver the word.

Ross made it sound like he knew what he was talking about. He sounded like he knew his scripture but he never once opened his Bible to let us see that he was quoting the right scripture.

To his credit, the self-made prophet made some good factual points in his message, such as stating what the two great commandments are supposed to be. He said that people are "supposed to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love thy neighbor as thyself." Ross used that fact to try and strengthen his message to the students.

However, his whole message to the students was to "repent or perish." That has been a message preached from

generation to generation to generation. But we as humans in this life, will never be perfect. His partial message about repenting carried some truth, but the way he went about addressing it was where he lost his way.

Ross went on to condemn his audience of college students, telling them that everything they have done up to this point was a sin, and because we sin we are going to hell.

The controversy in that statement is people know they will not be perfect in the sight of God. Even the people of old were never perfect, but they strived to do right. All of the names mentioned in the Bible, the prophets or the anointed ones, sinned in their life but God forgave them as he does all of us everyday, otherwise we would not be here, we would have "perished" as Ross said throughout his message.

Ross even went further as to define what a saint is, saying that a saint is "someone who lives perfectly." Since none of us are perfect, including Ross, how can that even be possible if we all fall short? There have been those who have tried to live right by loving and caring for each other. There are those who have fed the hungry and clothed the naked. Those are the true saints.

Nowhere in the Bible does it say that we have to live perfectly. We were born to sin, it is bound to happen whether committed intentionally or accidentally.

Everything Brother Ross said did not reflect what God and religion is all about. Religion is about how someone lives. Even though there are many different doctrines

or churches that draw people in, we can't put down what somebody else does. What makes you think you are perfect?

For some students who do not know anything about religion, if they took the time to listen to Ross, they have been given a misunderstanding on religion and God.

For Ross to do that was totally wrong because, in the end, he can not say what will get us into heaven and what will get us into hell. In the end, no one can judge one another based off of their actions. Instead, we have to take a look in the mirror on our lives before judging one another. God is the ultimate judge on our lives. In the end, we will have to face him—or whoever—in the after life, depending on what each person believes.

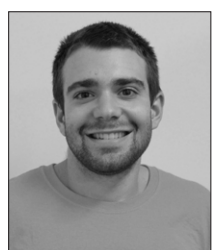
Even though an overwhelming majority of the students did not believe a word he said, he actually had the nerve to return for a second day and talk to the students.

A good amount of the student body does not want Ross to come back. The only way we can make it so Ross will not come back is if we do not give him this platform by forcing a group around him. If he returns, witnesses should ignore him and refuse to give him the attention he craves.

If you know that you are the only one who really believes in what you are preaching and no one else shares your belief, why waste the time and the breath you have in this life to preach blasphemy to a group of college students who have a good idea of what God is all about?

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## Activism worthy of place in athletics



**Robert Romero**  
TEC STAFF

If you're a sports fan like me, you probably know what's going on with all the protesting and politics that have been interjected into our favorite games. Colin Kaepernick's silent protests are still making headlines more than a year later and professional athletes are engaging in Twitter warfare with President Donald Trump on the issues of kneeling during the national anthem.

Most recently, President Trump denounced NFL players who kneel during the anthem, calling out the act by saying "Get that son of a bitch off the field right now" and vocalized his wish that NFL owners fire their players on the spot for doing so. Correlating the silent protesters of the NFL to disrespect for the military, the President has created a firestorm that has left the 32 teams of the NFL in a frenzy to find the right response to take to the field.

I understand why some feel that politics should be kept out of sports. We watch sports to escape all the chaos that politics seems to bring on a daily basis. But maybe the reason why politics is becoming a regular part of sports is because we fail to recognize that the social injustices of U.S citizens of color is what is being protested.

When Kaepernick first started protesting, U.S. Army veteran Richard Allen Smith came out with an open letter, stating how he thought it was ridiculous that people were burning jerseys because they thought Kaepernick's protests were disrespectful to him and other veterans.

I understand there are many veterans and veteran families that despise the protest during the national anthem. Veteran families recently have begun burning NFL jerseys, merchandise and season tickets due to the protesting.

However, in his open letter, Smith said, "I wanted to put something out there and say that there are veterans who not only agree with Colin Kaepernick's right to protest, but also agree with the substance of the action."

The idea of protesting during the national anthem being disrespectful to the military is not a unanimous opinion among our veterans. So wouldn't it be disrespectful for someone who has no affiliation with the US military to speak for them only to validate their own viewpoint?

As much as I love sports, I understand that it is just a game. I have also been annoyed with the constant talk about politics and wish it would die down, but that will not change until President Trump and the blind anti-protesters can understand what the protests are about.

When athletes are told that they should

just focus on their sport and stay out of politics, we forget the impact athletes have made with their roles as social activists throughout history. Paving the way for athletics and social activism was Muhammad Ali, who was degraded for many decades before kneeling became a well debated phenomenon in sports.

Ali, most recognized as one the greatest boxers and athletes of all time, refused to go to the Vietnam War because it stood against his beliefs. Ali, who was already hated by white America at the time for being a sensational African American athlete, was heavily scrutinized for being unpatriotic and disrespectful for his decision.

While racial tensions aren't nearly as bad as they were then, you would think we as a nation would have more common sense and put our personal beliefs aside to listen to the facts and issues others are trying to make us aware of.

If you are someone who thinks that protesting during the anthem is unpatriotic or thinks that politics should be out of sports, I think the best suggestion for that to change would be for you to find out the reason behind the kneeling and to listen to the changes that need to be made for racial progress.

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**Oktoberfest!**

Starlight Cafe  
6 p.m.

**Composting 101**

River Park North  
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**ECU Fall Career Fair**

Greenville  
Convention Center  
1 p.m.

**Peace Love Pirates**

Student  
Recreation Center  
4 p.m.

**Oktoberfest Pub Run Series**

Uptown Brewing  
Company  
6 p.m.

**Intro to Backpacking**

Student  
Recreation Center  
7 p.m.

**Voyages of Discovery**

Wright Auditorium  
7 p.m.

**Night Photography**

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7 p.m.



Guisado, one of Villa Verde's dishes, is priced at \$9.99. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday.



## Dominican eatery holds true to roots

Madison Lawson  
TEC STAFF

**Editor's Note:** This is part six in a 10-part series which aims to highlight 'mom and pop shops' and meal options under \$10.

Starting up in 2013 and known as the first food truck in Greenville's progressive restaurant scene, Villa Verde has taken it's on-the-go dominican cuisine and created a more permanent establishment.

With its home base located at 2601 E. 10th Street, Villa Verde used it's food truck earnings and transformed a building from the 1960's into a colorful, high-energy eatery. Open Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and closed on Sundays, salsa music pulses in the background making guests shimmy as they take bites into



Jay Bastardo

authentic caribbean dishes. "Our story starts off with the food truck; we are the truck that grew into a restaurant," Jay Bastardo, owner of Villa Verde, said. "This place is all about the customers. I don't eat here, they do, and you'll notice a lot of the decor in here is from them."

Most of the decorations that coat the sandy colored walls are license plates, not only from across the nation, but the world.

"My uncle gave me the license plate from his 1962 Chevy pickup truck from the Dominican Republic, and that is where I am from," Bastardo

said. "Then right next to that one is one from New Jersey, that's where I grew up. We haven't put one up from North Carolina because that chapter of our lives isn't complete yet."

With over 100 plates in the back that he hasn't put up yet for spatial reasons, Bastardo said this tradition is his customer's way of leaving their mark on Villa Verde.

Along with the upbeat, homey atmosphere, a whiff of Dominican spices, escaping from the sizzling pans in kitchen fill the restaurant. On the menu, customers get to choose from traditional dominican meals such as Mofongo: mashed green plantains served with chicken and a small salad for \$9.95, the Big Papi Steak Plate: savory grilled steak complimented by onions, colorful bell peppers, rice and beans for \$9.99 and the Villa Verde Cuban Sandwich: a "fall off the bone pork shoulder" sandwich topped with ham, swiss cheese and mustard, also for \$9.99.

With these prices at the top of a cheap eats customer's \$10 budget, East Carolina University juniors Savannah Johnson and Jonathan Sanchez said the portion size and quality of the dish matches the price.

"I love good food and if I want a decent meal, I'm not going to give myself a price range," Sanchez said. "I'm leaving here stuffed; this food reminds me of home and what I ate growing up, it's unique and has lots of flavor, you can't put a price on that."

Bastardo said the plates they serve are large and filled with food because that's how it was for him when he was younger.

"What happens when you go to grandma's house? She keeps feeding you," Bastardo said. "That's how I wanted

it to be here. I even have my mother in the back help cook empanadas right now, 98 percent of our products are all made from scratch and we do this to honor the generations before us and represent an entire culture."

As a supporter of the university, Bastardo said they park their food truck right behind the Boneyard at home games, thrilled to serve the students getting rowdy in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"This is a place built for Pirates and by Pirates, most of our staff is ECU alumni," Bastardo said. "I never thought I would add nachos to the menu but I had a group of girls come up to our truck and request them and bam, now we've added a three pound nacho plate to our menu."

When it's not serving the Pirate community, Bastardo said the Villa Verde food truck travels to local farms in the county to take care of those working hard. As an entrepreneur, Bastardo said when he sees an opportunity that will positively impact the community, he takes it.

"A cold drink and good meal has a completely different meaning to someone working outside in 95 degrees," Bastardo said. "We feed upwards of 650 to 700 people everyday with our truck, taking care of the farmers."

Karen Wagner, customer for about two years, sat in a booth in the corner of the restaurant, packaging the remainder of her Pernil Plate into a to-go box.

"I love the food and the atmosphere," Wagner said. "It's absolutely worth the price; I get two meals out of it."

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## KITCHEN

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Leadership and Civic Engagement. "I think that speaks volumes as to how many people go hungry in this area."

Robert Eggar, founder and CEO of Washington D.C.'s Central Kitchen, the country's first "community kitchen" in 1989, noticed how wasteful hotels and restaurants were with food. Throwing out tons of quality fruits, vegetables and grains every night, Eggar knocked on doors and asked for leftover food to satisfy hungry people on the streets. Just like other food establishments, Howard said Eggar noticed universities producing large amounts of waste as well, thus the creation of campus kitchen.

"Each campus kitchen is different," Howard said. "Our motto is to strengthen bodies, empower minds and build a community. What makes us unique is our focus on nutrition and giving those in need a well balanced meal containing all the major food groups."

Using the leftover, unused food from Todd Dining Hall, Campus Kitchen student leaders and volunteers all gather every two weeks to cook and prepare a hot meal for one of their four partner locations. Volunteers are trained, Servsafe certified and take proper sanitary precautions, just like any other cook in the kitchen.

"When people hear the word 'leftover,' they assume it's stale or bad quality," Howard said. "The food we serve is always fresh and repurposed to taste just as good."

With a 32.5 percent poverty rate in Greenville, according to Data USA, senior service leadership assistant Emma Bouie, said the need for campus kitchen is strong.

"You wouldn't believe it unless you've seen it with your own eyes," Bouie said. "Not only is there a high poverty rate but a lack of knowledge on nutrition and what foods to put into your body. It's children, it's adults; there is a need across the entire county, across all age groups for something good to eat."

With this lack of nutrition knowledge, Bouie said Campus Kitchen has recently added a nutrition lesson component into its program where they visit Operation Sunshine and The Little Willie Center, teach students about what is healthy and prepare snacks accordingly.

"The goal of this project is to give back, help those in need, and teach children all the benefits of eating right," Bouie said. "People sometimes take for granted how nice it is to be able to eat whatever and whenever they want."

Hilda Little, administrative assistant at Operation Sunshine, said she sees firsthand the impact Campus Kitchen has on the children at the center and imagines it's the same across the board.

"They're so happy and so grateful," Little said. "When they come in here and give our girls delicious fresh food, some might not even realize that that's the only meal they'll have for the rest of the night until school the next day."

Operation Sunshine is an all-girls youth center located at 1328 Chestnut Street, where they specialize on working with girls who come from single parent households and focus on academic success, personal growth and how to have a high self esteem.

Little said she is grateful to Campus Kitchen, for even considering them.

"What they don't know is that they are also big role models for our girls," Little said. "It teaches them that with hard work they too are able to go to college and give back to those in need."

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ECU quarterback Thomas Sirk (10) fights off South Florida's defensive end Mike Love (98) to complete a pass down the field. The Pirates lost 61-31 despite Sirk's 389 yards and four touchdowns.

## Sirk steals show in Pirates loss to Bulls

Tyler Gavin  
TEC STAFF

All eyes in the American Athletic Conference have been locked on returning conference Offensive Player of the Year Quinton Flowers. But, anyone stuck watching the South Florida quarterback in their win over East Carolina missed the show Thomas Sirk put on for the Pirates.

ECU fans finally got to see what they expected out of the Duke transfer who led the Blue Devils to a national ranking and bowl game victory in 2014. Sirk combined for 389 yards (302 passing, 87 rushing) and four touchdowns against the No. 18 ranked team in college football.

While Sirk was a major bright spot, ECU looked overmatched and allowed the game to get out of hand in the second-half again, almost getting doubled-up in the 61-31 loss.

"Thomas is going to give us a real chance this year," ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery said. "He's going to get better. I knew this was going to happen. What we've got to do now is make sure people around him play at a high enough level that if we

do have to get into some shootouts, we can win some."

This game certainly had all the makings of a shootout in the first half. With the Pirates keeping pace early, only trailing 14-10, Sirk threw a pass to Quay Johnson but the ball bounced off his hands and into USF linebacker Auggie Sanchez's. What would have been a bad break got worse because Sanchez had a clear path to the endzone for an early back-breaking touchdown.



Scottie Montgomery

From then on, the Bulls had a safe lead the Pirates could never close up, but cut it to just seven on multiple instances going forward. ECU went into halftime only down by seven after a stressful score from the one-yard line. ECU had roughly a minute remaining from inside the 10, but let the clock run all the way down to just four seconds before having to burn its final timeout. Montgomery dialed up a jump pass which Sirk executed and barely got the ball

to tight end Stephen Baggett who hauled it in with one hand, bringing the score to 31-24.

"It was going to be called no matter what, whether it was on second down or third down, but you've got to call timeout before you get it (the play) called because people can get aligned right and (Sirk) has to be able to see what the defense is doing," Montgomery said. "It was called and Thomas executed it, and what a catch by Baggett."

The Pirates couldn't capitalize on closing the gap and got crushed down the stretch. ECU scored just one touchdown, Sirk's second rushing on the day, but surrendered four to Flowers and the Bulls' rushing attack. By the end of the game, Flowers had rushed for 93 yards and added 160 through the air, much less than Sirk, but got the support his counterpart didn't. USF running back D'Ernest Johnson eclipsed the 100-yard mark, rushing for 111 and two touchdowns, adding the final one of the game.

Saturday shows just how far the Pirates have to come to be a top contender in the conference. ECU still has six conference games remaining and all the possibilities of making a conference championship still in

front of them. However, that takes putting a complete game together.

"Our guys are still energized, they're still playing hard, they know we're coming though," Montgomery said. "They also know we're hitting this conference and in this conference, we've got a long way to go. Right now, we're 1-1 in this conference with a loss to the team most people picked to win it. With some help from some other people and with us playing well, we can be right back in the driver's seat."

Up next for the Pirates is another conference matchup when they face Temple. The Owls have given the Pirates problems for years, beating them in the last three matchups, but aren't as talented as they've been in the past. Two weeks ago, Temple faced off with USF and only gained 85 total yards with a combined negative-four on the ground. ECU was able to take care of Connecticut two weeks ago, and will be faced with that same challenge come this Saturday at noon against an average Temple.

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## SRC to hold annual cancer awareness event

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East Carolina University will host the 10th Annual Peace.Love. Pirates.Cure Cancer (PLPC) event in the ECU Recreation and Wellness center (SRC) tomorrow and is teaming up with The Gift of Life to bring cancer awareness to the Greenville community.

During the event at the SRC a skills basketball competition, similar to NBA All-Star Weekend, will take place in order to draw in crowds and give them the opportunity to swab and take the first steps in donating to bone marrow research with The Gift of Life, a national bone marrow registry organization.

"I knew a crowd would get drawn in for a great cause if we incorporated more events and modeled it after the NBA since this event is relating to basketball,"

senior Cameron Walker, the facility manager and president of Gift of Life said.

The community event will also partner with the Vidant Hospital in Greenville to bring awareness to signs of cancer, such as skin conditions and changes in someone's behavior, that usually lead to cancer. ECU Dining Services and Student Health dietitians will also be present to provide attendees with various cancer-fighting food.

The basketball competitions are the main attractions at this event, with teams of twos and fours competing throughout the day for prizes. Events include skills challenges, a dunk contest and rock

wall climbing. A large banner will also be there for all attendees to sign in honor of any loved ones who have battled or beaten cancer.

Numerous new students are attracted each year, evident by their numbers continuing to grow every year. Last year, 80 plus individuals were swabbed for bone marrow by signing up to get tested as well as giving blood and having some small test being given to them. When someone volunteers to be swabbed, a Q-tip is used to "swab" each corner of a person's mouth and is then placed in a plastic bag to be sent to a center that looks for matches with cancer patients who need bone marrow.

This event is intended to bring awareness and information to different signs and forms of cancer that individuals may have not already known about. By doing so, PLPC will also bring in cancer

survivors to speak about their experiences and give advice, according to Georgia Childs, the Associate Director of Wellness. For the past 10 years, the PLPC has educated more than 5,000 people through the stories of survivors, Childs said.

The SRC is constantly trying to bring attention to different signs and forms of cancer by having constant blood drives, as well as opening doors to cancer professionals so that anyone with questions about signs or forms of cancer can have someone to talk to.

The event was put together by Childs, advisor of Gift of Life, and Walker. These two met through Walker's frequent visits to the Recreation Center and linked up to help organize the event last year and conducted all the events and activities that came along with the blood drive.

"After Gift of Life participated last year and got so many swabs, we knew we had to keep the relationship strong," Childs said. "Our collaboration last year for the basketball tournament sealed the deal for me so I am excited to keep that going this year at our event. We've added a few new activities to appeal to a wider audience."

Childs has been working with cancer awareness ever since this event started 10 years ago and she got the inspiration from her mother who is a breast cancer survivor.

"I'm really excited about the event and happy that I get to work with passionate people. It's amazing to have a lady like Georgia Childs at ECU (who) cares about the community and bettering others lives," Walker said.

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## ECU men's basketball conducts first practice

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Head coach Jeff Lebo and the East Carolina University men's basketball team held their first official practice on Sunday.

As the guys shot around and went through their various drills depending on their positions, Lebo expressed how he felt on practicing again.

"We are excited to be back out here with the guys," Lebo said. "We



Jeff Lebo

have been on the floor for a little bit but now it has kinda escalated, now we can have a full practice. We have a lot of new faces, a lot of things to cover, and we are looking forward to working with them again."

New faces were added to the team as the Pirates lost four-year

starter Caleb White, and will need to work with the new players to fill his role. Chemistry will be a factor in the upcoming weeks for the entire team as it gets deeper and deeper into practice, trying to adjust the way it plays the game.

"We have to teach a lot, it is time demanding," Lebo said. "The teaching and slowing things down will be a big thing. We will be relying on the older guys to be the pillars in the first month of practice."

For senior guard B.J. Tyson, this will be his opportunity to work on the court and make sure he is ready for the season after suffering a knee injury last year that kept him from playing most of the season.

"Last year was tough for me when I went down," Tyson said. "This year, I am healthy and feel 100 percent again. I just want to come and win, I want to be able to leave off with a winning season at the end of my senior year."

Junior Kentrell Barkley, who led the team in scoring last year with 13.2 points per game, is not only working for a better year, but also aiming to get the team going with a different look.



Kentrell Barkley

"With regards to basketball, I want to continue letting the game come to me, and if I can keep doing that, I will be aggressive on the boards and on defense as well," Barkley said.

ECU is coming off a season where it finished 15-18 overall and 6-12 in conference play, so new expectations for the team have been set by Lebo for both the younger guys all the way up to the senior players.

In the upcoming weeks, the team will be working to make sure it is ready for the first game of the season



Athletic trainer Nate Clark explains a play to Kentrell Barkley during practice.

both physically and mentally.

"I want to see our young guys be able to listen and learn, to be able to move from area to another quickly, instead of going back and reteaching them something every single day," Lebo said. "This is a hard day of the year because when we get started it is an exciting day for us but the line starts, it is a long season. The

consistency of their attitude and work habits will be real important."

The Pirates will still only be practicing for the next month as their first game of the season will be on Nov. 12 at home against Coppin State.

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## TAKEAWAYS

### FOOTBALL

East Carolina quarterback Thomas Sirk was named a semifinalist for the William V. Camp award, despite the 61-31 loss to South Florida on Saturday.

### SOCCER

ECU failed to capture its first American Athletic Conference victory again this weekend as it dropped away games against the University of Connecticut (2-1) and Temple University (1-0). ECU is now below .500 for the first time this season.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates completed their first official practice in preparation for the 2017-18 season on Sunday afternoon.

### SWIM & DIVE

ECU hosted its annual Purple Gold intrasquad meet and set five new meet records. The team will play at Navy this upcoming weekend for its first dual meet of the season.

### VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates snap a 16-game losing streak to the Tulsa Golden Hurricane for their second conference win on the year.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

Dorthea Forbrigd was named the American Athletic Conference's Women's Golfer-Of-The-Month for the month of September.

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# ECU wins second AAC match

## Pirates defeat Tulsa for first time in 16 matchups

Chase Carroll  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's volleyball team battled another tough American Athletic Conference opponent, taking on Tulsa last Sunday at home. The Pirates (10-6, 2-2 AAC) erased a tough first set to earn their second conference win of the season.

The Pirates opened the game with a 5-0 set lead, but Tulsa responded by scoring 13 of the next 15 points and stopped ECU from going over the rest of the first set. ECU only scored 10 points during the rest of the set, resulting in a 25-15 loss.

ECU was able to bounce back from its rough 25-15 first set by earning a close second set victory, shifting momentum to the Pirates. Both teams went point for point for most of the set, but the Pirates were able to pull away by scoring six of seven points when the score was 16-15. In the end, the Golden Hurricane made it close but ECU escaped with a 25-20 set victory.

After the big second set victory, ECU head coach Julie Torbett was proud of the adjustments her team was able to make to shift momentum its way.

"I always believe in them," Torbett said. "I know, if we execute the gameplan, that we are going to be successful. In volleyball, you get to reset at zero, so that's a nice thing, you can get that first set out of the way, and go back to zero."

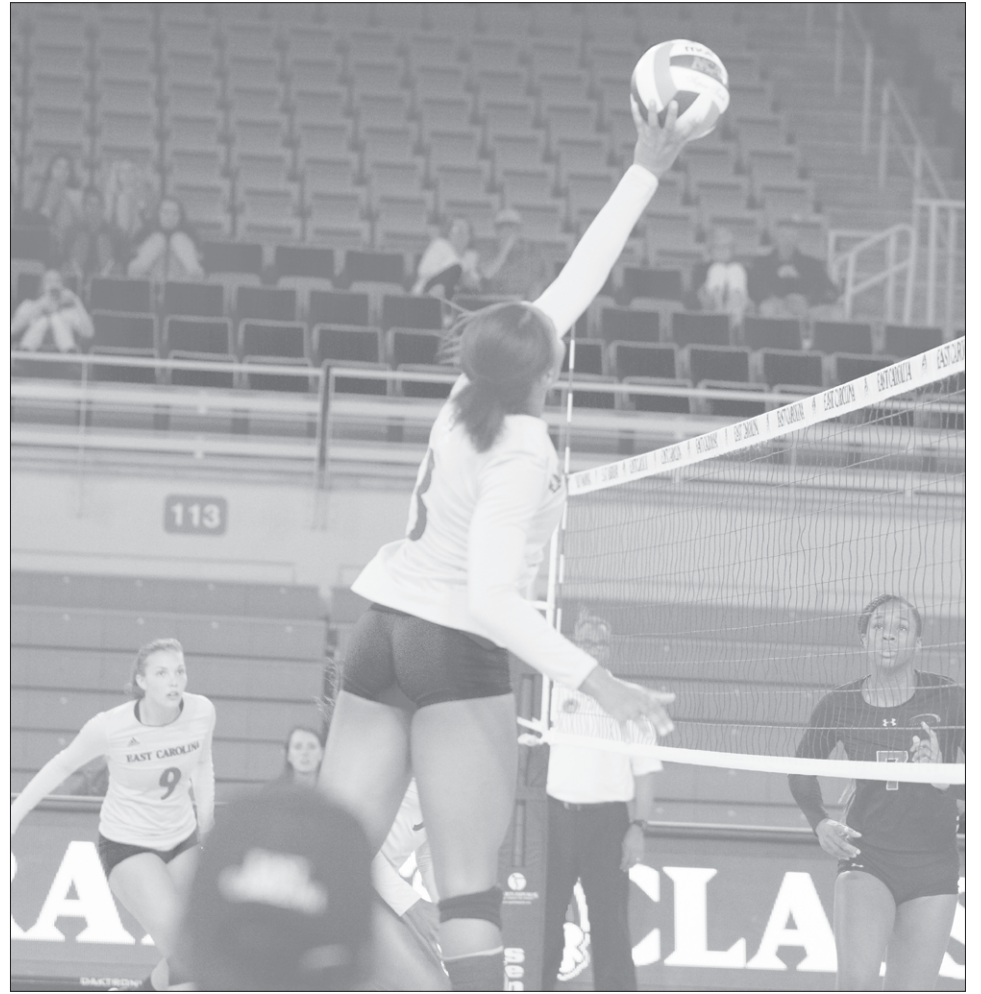
An attack error by the Golden Hurricane a little more than midway through the third set, increased the score to 14-9 ECU, and from there, Tulsa would never threaten. The Pirates wouldn't look back on their way to a 25-19 set win and a 2-1 match lead.



Natalie Montini

Now, with the Pirates just one set away from another victory, the teams swapped points again, but an 11-3 run midway through the set and a 7-3 ECU margin down the stretch was enough to push the Pirates over the top. Natalie Montini put the cap on ECU's 11-3 run with a kill to grow the lead to 17-13 then was followed up with kills by freshman setter Shelby Martin, and senior outside hitter Lael Ceriani to bring the game out of reach, ultimately winning the fourth set 25-20.

Brandee Markwith, sophomore libero, and Alex Jessett, senior defensive specialist, played incredible defense for the Pirates all day. Markwith led the team with 23 digs while Jessett set a personal career high with



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Pirates right side Bri Wood attempts to tap the ball over the net in a match earlier this season.

18 to help lead her team to victory. On the other side, senior middle hitter Montini led the offensive charger with a team high 13 kills. She also played her part defensively, leading the team with eight blocks.

Montini has saved some of her best play for AAC matchups since she set a career high in kills, 17, during ECU's first conference win over the University of South Florida on Sept. 24. She has been a key part to the success of the Pirates this season, elevating her game in both wins over two teams ranked higher than ECU in the preseason polls. Despite the success she's had as an individual, Montini been more proud of the team's success than her own.

"Honestly I just feel like everyone has played really well," Montini said. "Our passes and our sets, Shelby (Martin) did an awesome job today, and our defense, back row was awesome. Once we all come together, that's what really uplifts the front row too, so all of us just played really well."

ECU was ranked 11th out of 12 teams in the American preseason polls, edging Houston in the rankings, because of the Pirates' rough 5-15 conference record in

2016. ECU has proved these polls wrong already, defeating sixth ranked USEF, as well as ninth ranked Tulsa.

While Torbett has said the preseason polls don't mean much, she was proud of her team for beating two tough conference opponents that ECU struggled with last season, getting outscored 12-2 and going 0-4 against these two teams. The win over Tulsa showed just how much the team has improved over the last few seasons and snapped a 16-game losing streak to the Golden Hurricane. It was also just the second win over Tulsa in the program's history.

"The significance, we beat USEF on their floor for the first time since I've been here, and we had not beaten Tulsa since I've been here. That was a big thing we were going after is to get them, and there's only a few teams left that we haven't beat," Torbett said. "That is something that we work towards, to get those wins. But those are really good programs and they've had really good volleyball for years, and that's what we're building."

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# Pirates soccer still winless in conference play

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East Carolina University's soccer team struggled to score on its road trip to the University of Connecticut and Temple University this weekend, and still finds itself in the ongoing search for the first conference win of the season.

ECU (5-6-2, 0-4 AAC), last season lost to UConn by a score of 2-1 and fell behind in the team's all-time matchups 4-0. Although the Huskies were favored again this year, the Pirates had an opportunity on Sunday to exercise their underdog label and pick up their first conference win. However, history repeated itself and the Pirates lost the match by the same score as last season.

The Huskies got off to a quick start and took a 1-0 lead after just 11 minutes thanks to Erin Spillane's first goal of the year. Just 15 minutes later, the Pirates knotted things up on a goal from 12-yards-out by Jenna Geist, also the first of her career. But, after the Huskies retook the lead right after the ECU goal, head coach Rob Donnenwirth knew his team was probably in trouble.



Rob Donnenwirth

"I thought the team played a great first half but we lost our focus after our first goal," Donnenwirth said. "We just didn't have enough legs left to make a big push in the second half to get the equalizer."

ECU's scoring opportunities were limited throughout the match as they were outshot 10-1 in the second half and 14-4 for the entire game. The Pirates only recorded two shots, one goal, and didn't have a single corner kick opportunity which the Huskies had six of.

The Pirates played a much better game Thursday night against Temple and kept the Owls scoreless in the first half while maintaining a 6-2 shot advantage. However, Temple midfielder Elana Falcone scored on



COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

Midfielder Jenna Geist (7) pushes off a defender and makes a sprint with the ball upfield. ECU has failed to pick up an AAC win in four contests.

a shot into the top left corner off an assist from forward Kayla Cunningham to give the Owls a 1-0 lead in the second half in the 50th minute.

The Pirates had multiple scoring opportunities that they squandered, including a shot by Chentay Warnes from just a few yards in front of Owl's goalkeeper Morgan Basileo, which she saved thanks to her quick reaction to preserve the 1-0 lead in the 74th minute. Temple would do just enough to fend off the Pirates and hand them their third straight conference loss.

"I thought we played very well possession wise, but we really weren't generating

anything," Donnenwirth said. "I think when we did, we had a few very good chances that we didn't put away, and in the end they finished their one good look that they had and we didn't."

With their current four game losing streak, the Pirates (5-6-2, 0-4 AAC) fell below .500 for the first time this season. This is the second year in a row ECU has started AAC play with an (0-4) record. With the Pirates now entering their bye week, Donnenwirth emphasizes the need for his players to rejuvenate and rest in order to get back to their winning ways that they formulated during the beginning of the year.

"We have our bye week this week and we need to get some players healthy for the second half of conference play," Donnenwirth said.

The Pirates won't play again for 11 days and will focus on their practice and preparation. These aspects will be vital for the Pirates over this break as they still search for their first conference win. Play will resume Oct. 12, when ECU faces the Memphis Tigers in Greenville.

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**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Make plans for the future, together. Invest, budget and strategize for them. Take advantage of a lucky break. Small contributions add up with time.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec.21) -- Today is a 7 -- It's a great time for making changes at home. Reorganize and declutter. Beautify your space. Good things come from far away.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- A crazy scheme could work. Together, your team comes up with the perfect plan. Make changes, but not to your core values. Use secret resources.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Someone attractive has your attention. Work together to resolve a mystery. Your creativity builds on another's cleverness. What you generate has long-term potential.

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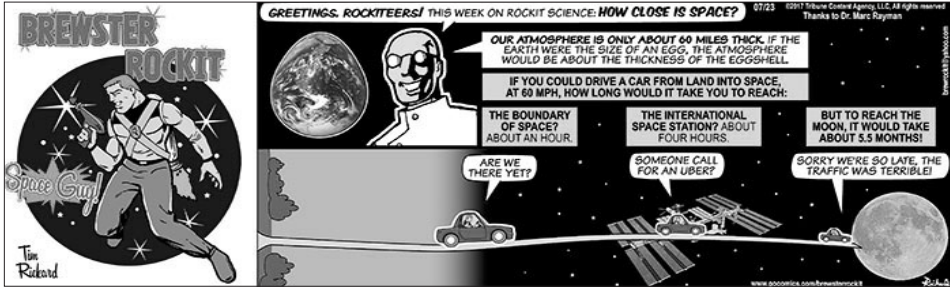
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Make a romantic move. The actions you take today can have long-lasting benefit. It may take a mess to create a work of art.

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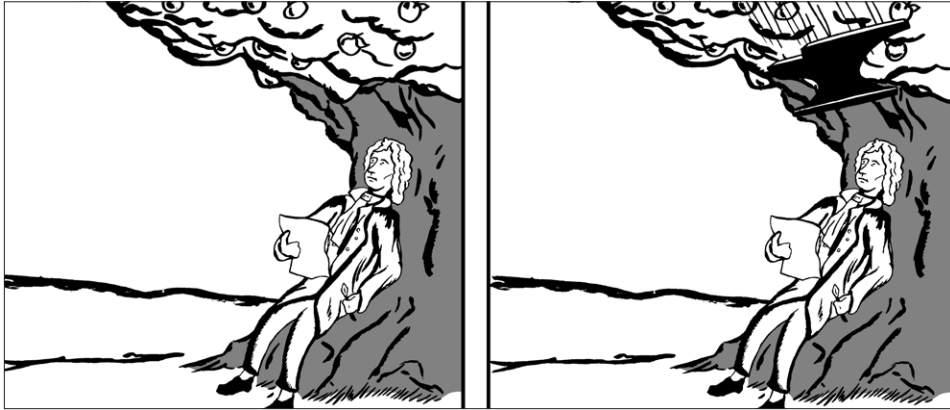
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### ACROSS

- Korean War sitcom
- "\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- "Welcome \_\_, Kotter"
- Sheriff Taylor's kid
- 1964 Murray Schisgal play
- Raines or Fitzgerald
- "Dr. Quinn, \_\_ Woman"
- Wyle of "ER"
- Fargo and Karan
- FDR's Blue Eagle
- Talk on a talk show?
- "General Electric Theater" host Ronald
- "South Park" character
- "Seven \_\_ for Seven Brothers"
- 1996 Tony Award winning play
- Function
- Carson's predecessor
- Bean and Welles
- \_\_ Lanka
- 41 Frasier and Niles
- Dana of "Diff'rent Strokes"
- Sweet 'ums
- "Tammy" singer Reynolds
- Wallach and Whitney

### DOWN

- Teri Garr movie, "Mr. \_\_"
- Tony Danza film, "Going \_\_"
- Silly Caesar
- Spyri children's story
- Ken or Lena
- Nora of "SNL"
- "Our Miss Brooks" star
- Medical series, "\_\_ Casey"
- "Sing \_\_ with Mitch"
- Bow of silent films
- Judy of "Doc"
- Lee J. or Ty
- "\_\_ No Evil"
- 4th month
- Bruce Willis movie, "\_\_ Hard"
- Hosp. employee
- Small, poisonous snake
- Ken and Kurt
- Equal: pref.
- 2,000 pounds
- \_\_ Yoelson, a.k.a. Al Jolson
- Fleming or Carney
- "Blame It on \_\_"
- Comic Skelton
- Michael J. Fox sitcom, "\_\_ City"
- Huntley and Atkins
- "\_\_ Polie Olie"
- Louise or Baker
- Robin of "Lifestyles..."
- Bud Collyer show, "\_\_ the Clock"
- "The G.E. College \_\_"
- "Harrigan and \_\_"
- Joey in Australia
- "A \_\_ White Season"
- Part of "SNL"

Solution from Thursday

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Level:

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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, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

Solution from Thursday

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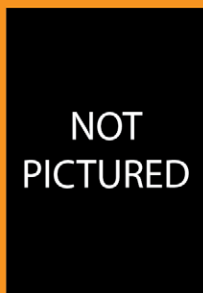


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