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SUPER REGIONAL BOUND



Left: The Pirates celebrate a walk-off win against defending national champions Virginia. Right: Godwin returns to Greenville and waves to fans that greeted him.

Godwin brings Pirates back to the super regionals

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Two years ago, Jeff Compher decided not to renew a pretty successful coach in Billy Godwin, that had fallen short in recent years, to hire a young upstart alumnus that had never been the head skipper of any college baseball program — Cliff Godwin.

“Baseball has certainly been a sport here that has enjoyed success over time,” said Compher back in March before his hire took the baseball team to the Super Regional. “Because of that, we were able to go out and hire a great coach in Cliff Godwin, who was here during the heyday of our baseball success. He’s reinvigorated the program again.”

ECU is 12th all-time in win percentage as a baseball program. Godwin was a player during one of the best times in the Pirates’ baseball program. Godwin, as a player, won 169 games in 245 career games. He helped earn ECU’s first Super Regional bid in program history, which the

Pirates hosted in Kinston before being eliminated by Tennessee.

His late-coach Keith LeClair had this vision of making it to the College World Series, and never got the chance to, as ALS struck his body and he was done coaching the Pirates in just five seasons.

“I’d be lying if I told you I don’t think about it, the first time East Carolina gets to Omaha and I can wear 23 (coach LeClair’s number), and out in Omaha with the purple and gold, that’s a big deal,” said Godwin. “We talk about coach LeClair almost everyday in our program, so I want to wear 23 in Omaha, then retire his jersey and put it up on the outfield where it belongs.”

Godwin is almost a home-grown talent as he is from Snow Hill, a very small-town just 15 minutes away from ECU.

“It gives people hope that are from small-towns that you can do whatever you want to, work hard, and dreams do come true,” said Godwin. “I never could imagine standing here as the head baseball coach of East Carolina going to a super

regional.”

In just two years, Godwin has put up 40 wins in a season, won a conference tournament title, took ECU back to the regionals for the first time since 2012 last year, and now a super regional for the first time since 2009, and the fourth in school history.

“I knew it was going to happen, but I didn’t know it would be this quick,” said Godwin.

Godwin played an essential role in the 2001 super regional. He also said he still thinks about making the last out of the Pirates’ super regional. Now as a coach he has chance to redeem himself. And his players, who were not even pre-teens in 2001, are well aware.

“We talk about coach LeClair on a daily basis, we talk about those 2000, 2001, 2004 teams all the time, and it’s something we want to keep going,” said junior second baseman Charlie Yorgen. “Everyone who’s been related to this program,

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BASEBALL CONTINUES POSTSEASON

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

After dropping back-to-back games to be the first team out of the American Athletic Conference tournament, the NCAA tournament was just a mere week later and it was unsure about how the East Carolina Pirates’ baseball team would perform. You best start believin’ in miracle stories Pirate fans... you’re in one.

After recording no wins in the AAC tournament, the Pirates had to wait and see if they would even receive a bid to enter the NCAA tournament. They earned the No. three seed in the Charlottesville Region with Virginia, Bryant and William & Mary. They faced off against Bryant in the first game and won 9-1 behind pitcher Evan Kruczynski who tossed seven shutout innings and allowed just one hit. Bryant was 0-for-17 on the day with runners on base and 0-for-11 with runners in scoring position.

“You just got to play one pitch at a time, every pitch is crucial. The difference in a baseball game is three or four pitches in a game,” said sophomore closer “Fireman” Joe Ingle.

After winning, the Pirates’ next opponent was host team Virginia where they won on catcher Travis Watkins’ three-run walk-off home run. The Cavaliers were up 6-3 headed to the bottom half of the final frame, after it seemed as though the Pirates’ offense hadn’t showed up for the matchup.

Kirk Morgan began the inning with a single, who was immediately lifted for Wesley Phillips. Right after, Parker Lamm smacked a double and scored Phillips. There was then a 6-4 deficit with no outs as hot-and-cold second baseman Charlie Yorgen stepped to the plate. Yorgen hit a single and Lamm

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WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
ECU VS. TEXAS TECH	Lubbock Super Regional	Friday - 8 p.m. (EST) on ESPNU Saturday - 3 p.m. (EST) on ESPNU Sunday - 3 p.m. (EST) on ESPN2 or ESPNU (If necessary)	Lubbock, Texas

Cotanche ECU alert causes confusion

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University alerts, a communication tool used by ECU to distribute emergency notifications and information, sent out an alert yesterday regarding the power outage at the Cotanche Building that some students were startled by.

Monday afternoon, three

alerts were sent out regarding an “incident in the Cotanche Building.”

Marcia Rouse, the technology systems analyst in the Cotanche Building, said their team was working diligently to fix the problem, but after the first alert yesterday, was not taking or answering questions.

The first alert was sent out at 2:18. It read, “There has been an

incident in the Cotanche building. We’re aware of the issue and we will send out updates as soon as possible.”

Junior finance and marketing major Shamar Collins, as well as some of his friends, were confused over the wording of this alert.

“My initial reaction to the first ECU alert was confusion because an incident could mean anything,” Collins said. “I was with a group

of friends and we started asking questions like is there an active shooter there, or did someone get assaulted?”

Collins said he and his friends then discovered that all of the ECU pages were down. Later they received the second ECU alert.

After the first alert was sent out, Collins, as well as others who received the alerts, commented on Twitter.

Brandon Stroud tweeted, “This ECU alert is way too broad for me, why can’t you just tell us what happened?”

Senior communications major Mallory Strange, a student who also tweeted about the alert, said she thought the first alert was unnecessary. She was curious and worried when she saw it.

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BRIEFS

Greenville to Unveil New Horizons Community Plan

The City of Greenville plans to unveil the newest draft for the city's community plans, Horizons 2026. The plan includes land usage and development, transportation, parks and recreation, historic preservation, environmental protections and numerous other city topics.

The draft plan seeks to improve the quality of development in Greenville. The meeting is set to be held Monday June, 20 from 6-8 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center.

Laupus Library exhibit coming to a close

The last day to view the exhibit "The Development of Medicine in Eastern North Carolina: 1849-2005" will be June 10.

Viewers have viewing access to unique materials regarding the history of medicine in North Carolina.

The exhibit is housed in Laupus Library on the 4th floor in the Evelyn Laupus Gallery, which is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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GPD hiring grant approved

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

At the Greenville City Council meeting last night, the council approved Greenville Police Department's request to apply for four additional police officers under this year's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) hiring grant.

The application is through the Department of Justice and adding four officers would raise the number of sworn positions from 188 to 192 officers, according to the city council meeting minutes.

"My overall budget proposal for the police department was to add 10 more police officers over the next two years and that moves us from a ratio of 2.1 officers per 1,000 residents to 2.2; it sounds like a small step but the regional average here is closer to 2.4 and some cases 2.7, which could mean somewhere between 30 and 80 cops," Greenville Police Chief Mark Holtzman said. "But that's really an unrealistic goal so what I propose is that we sort of march slowly ahead in adding our officers to resident population."

Greenville is below the national average of 2.3 officers per 1,000 residents.

"You always try to compare yourself to national averages, regional averages and comparison cities and we sort of look at all that," Holtzman said. "We are a bit behind in the number of police officers per resident."

The GPD is applying for the



Members of Greenville's Police Department stand at attention near the courthouse.

grant in order to ensure safety within Greenville as well as accommodate the rapid growth and increase in residents.

"Our city's growing a lot; the census took us to 90,000 (residents) a couple weeks ago," Councilman Rick Smiley said. "We're seeing a lot of growth here uptown, and whenever you get more people, you need more police officers."

Smiley said the GPD is trying to catch up with Greenville's growth by applying for funding to add officers now.

"We're a little lower than a lot of our peer cities and that's because we've been growing so fast and we haven't been able to add officers at a consistent pace so we're trying to catch up with that," Smiley said.

The grant supplies a maximum of \$125,000 per officer over the first three-year period for a total grant funding of \$500,000 for the four officers. The city's portion for all four officers during the first three years will be \$227,577. The fourth year retention requirement is not grant funded and

is estimated to cost the city \$260,000 (at \$65,000 per officer for salary and benefits). The total city cost over the four-year period is estimated at \$487,577, according to the city council meeting minutes.

The new officers would work primarily on foot patrols and in pairs in problem neighborhoods, according to Holtzman, under the title of a "Neighborhood Guardianship Program."

If funding for 10 officers is eventually approved, Holtzman said half of them would go to neighborhoods and half of them would patrol downtown.

"So the first six officers would go to each of the three zones that we have the city laid out; the police department patrols the city in three different zones: east, west and south, and so two officers would go to each zone to work primarily on foot patrols in problem neighborhoods, so that would be year one," Holtzman said. "And then year two, the last four officers would add a single foot patrol beat down here 24 hours a day and then in the downtown area somewhere between the campus' expansion and the millennial campus area, through our new student housing and then the Dickenson Avenue area that's being built up over the next 18 months."

Holtzman said this is a model for the 2018 downtown patrol plan.

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Yogis practice at YogiVibes studio. Samantha Harrison of YogiVibes is set to instruct this weekend's 'Pints and Poses' yoga event.

Trollingwood to host 'Pints and Poses' event

Summer Rivenbark
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Most people drink water after they exercise, but Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery is offering another unlikely option this weekend.

Yoga lovers can down a pint of their favorite beer after practicing yoga as the brewery is hosting its first ever 'Pints and Poses' event this Sunday at 12 p.m.

The one-hour yoga session will be taught by Samantha Harrison of YogiVibes Studio.

"Usually after yoga class, everyone leaves class and there's usually not much talking to your fellow yogis," said Harrison. "I like to foster community in my classes by helping people get to know each other and hopefully become friends."

The idea behind 'Pints and Poses' is to encourage interacting by creating an environment where exercising and

socializing are combined into one event.

"You'd probably be friends with most of the people that are practicing yoga with you so having an event where people can hang out after class, have a drink and socialize really fosters friendships and community building," said Harrison. "After graduating college, I personally had issues with finding friends and I always felt like I would make friends in yoga but unless you have a teacher that helps you build those relationships it can seem awkward."

While Trollingwood may sound like an uncommon venue to practice yoga, the idea of bringing two ancient arts together has caught on, with several beer and yoga partnerships popping up nationwide.

Attendees should plan to bring a yoga mat, water bottle and thirst for a

cold brew afterwards.

"You can expect to get a little sweaty and leave feeling equally energized and relaxed," said Harrison. "After the yoga practice, yogis can socialize over a beer."

The cost is \$10 per class, which includes one pint of beer after the session. Tickets can be purchased in advance to reserve a spot on Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery's Facebook event page.

Harrison hopes to have 'Pints and Poses' become a reoccurring event in the fall once school is back in session.

"You should come to Pints and Poses if you like yoga and beer, if you like beer but have always wanted try yoga or if you just want to make new friends and have fun," said Harrison.

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Spellings speaks out against HB2

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

After months of discord, the University of North Carolina system finally spoke out against House Bill 2 and the backlash the law has caused on campuses across the state.

"You all would be mistaken if you thought we were not concerned about the kind of chill this is having as it relates to the climate, the culture, the goodwill that we attempt to engender on university campuses as it relates to free expression, diversity and ability to recruit students and faculty of all types from all over the world," said UNC system President Margaret Spellings.

On May 27, Spellings filed an affidavit asking the federal court to impede any further legal action against the UNC system regarding HB2. Spellings said that the court should wait until a decision is made concerning a similar case in Virginia, where a transgender student sued the local school board for not allowing him to use the boy's bathroom.

In her affidavit, Spellings said that "pending final judgement" of the Virginia case she was not going to enforce the part of HB2 that requires transgender students to use the bathroom that coordinates with the gender on their birth certificate.

"I have no intent to exercise my authority to promulgate any guidelines or regulations that require transgender students to use the restrooms consistent with their biological sex," Spellings said.

Roger Villarreal, the president of ECU College Republicans, said that he agrees with where Spellings' priorities lie.

"I've always been an advocate for keeping the HB2 discussion out of education," said Villarreal. "It's too controversial and isn't relevant to the things Spellings wants to get done for the UNC system."

However, many people point out that Spellings choice to not enforce HB2 does not match her previous views on the issue. In a letter, Spellings wrote to the U.S. Department of Justice on May 9, the UNC system president supported the state law saying, "The University takes its obligation to comply with federal non-discrimination laws very seriously. We also must adhere to laws duly enacted by the State's General Assembly and Governor."

Jon Cockerham, president of ECU's GLBT student union, said regardless of Spelling's earlier actions regarding HB2 "this is definitely a step in the right direction."

"Since then, [Spellings] has come a long way in terms of acceptance of LGBT persons and to offset the bill on our college campuses," said Cockerham. "We will encourage her growth in supporting LGBT students, faculty, and staff."

Spellings' change in response towards this law was caused by recent threats from the federal government to cut North Carolina's funding. The budget cut would put \$4.5 billion at risk in North Carolina and \$1.2 billion in the Greenville area alone.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Virginia Hardy said that ECU will adhere to Spellings' orders until further notice.

"East Carolina University will comply with President Spellings' decision and continue to follow our current campus and systemwide policies," said Hardy.

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Book Fest set to hit Greenville

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Young adults can meet authors and participate in a variety of literary activities at an upcoming event hosted by Barnes & Noble.

This festival will be the first and largest teen book festival nationwide.

Events for festival goers are set to include chapter and cover reveals, a story development workshop and chapter giveaways of new upcoming releases.

“Our hope with B-Fest, and our other events such as Comic Con inspired Get Pop-Cultured and Mini Maker Faire, is to make exciting events accessible to all our customers,” said Jessica Lawrence, Community Development Manager for Barnes & Noble.

Lawrence said a number of authors, including Whitney Grady (I Am Currency), Sabaa Tahir (An Ember in the Ashes), Brandon Sanderson (Calamity), and Jazz Jennings (Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen) will be present over the weekend.

Grady said she is excited to be speaking and signing Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

“The teacher in me loves any chance to speak to kids/teens and get them excited about reading,” said Grady. “I wrote the books [I Am Currency] for today’s teen readers in hopes that I could remind them about all the adventure that still exists in the world outside the realm of technology.”

There are four main cornerstone events of the festival: ‘B-In the Know’, ‘B-First’, ‘B-Part of the Fun’ and ‘B-Creative’.

The festival starts on Friday at 7 p.m. with the ‘B-In the Know’ event. Participants for this event will get to be a part of a trivia blast where they will have to answer questions on teen book properties. The winner of trivia blast will be added to Penguin’s Teen Advanced Reader Copy mailing list for a year and will receive five to six advanced copies of books.

During the next event, ‘B-First’, teens will receive sneak previews of upcoming book releases and other exclusive content including a special cover reveal. Participants for this event will also receive a free ‘Epic Reads’ festival brochure provided from HarperCollins Publishers. The event will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday.

At 2 p.m. the festival will transition into the ‘B-Part of the Fun’ event, which will be a combination of interactive games and activities based on popular teen book series, including a spelling showdown, story ball, scavenger hunts and charades. Cosplay is also encouraged at this event for kids 13 and older. People who take a photo dressed up in a costume and upload the photo on Instagram using the hashtag #BFestBuzz may be chosen to win a prize pack of 50 teen hardcover books.

For the last event held on Sunday, B-Fest will feature the “B-Creative” event at 2 p.m. where teens will receive writing tips and will get the opportunity to participate in a story development workshop created by Adaptive Studios, a new company that transforms pending movie scripts into re-imagined novels, which ultimately make it to the big screen.

Lawrence said Barnes & Noble got the inspiration for this event from previous events they have hosted, as well as other teen book festivals across the country, including YALL West and YALLFest.

“It is still too early to say whether B-Fest will be a reoccurring event, but it definitely has the potential to be,” said Lawrence.

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A selection of cigarettes at 252 Tobacco Shop. Studies have shown an increased support in raising the legal tobacco age.

Professor’s study supports raising legal tobacco age

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

A professor at East Carolina University says most adults in the United States would support the government raising the legal age required to buy tobacco products.

Joseph G. Lee, an assistant professor in the ECU College of Health and Human Performance, published this finding on June 1 in the American Journal of Preventative Medicine.

Lee’s report came from a study he conducted using a national phone survey, which showed two-thirds of adults agree the current age of 18 should be increased.

“This support exists regardless of the region of the country the person lived in,” said Lee. “This support exists regardless of how liberal or conservative the state they lived in.”

Lee said he and his colleagues used statistical weighting techniques in order to make sure the results were scaled to the national population.

Not only did the study show most people wanted to increase the age requirement, but also that more people wanted to change it to 21 rather than 19 or 20.

Lee said he got the idea for the study from a report in the National Academy of Medicine, which said changing the legal age to 21 would correlate a reduction in the amount of youth who smoke.

“Many 15 to 17-year-olds get their cigarettes from friends who are 18 or 19,” said Lee. “By increasing the age, 15 to 17-year-olds would have reduced access to cigarettes at an age when they are vulnerable to starting a lifelong addiction to

cigarettes.”

Lee said college students are being targeted by tobacco companies, because they are in a “time of transition” and are more susceptible to forming habits—bad or good.

Lee stressed that this issue is important to him for many reasons.

“I have lost too many friends and family to addiction to cigarettes,” Lee said. “As a public health profession, it’s my job to focus attention on the leading cause of preventable death and disability.”

According to Lee, cigarettes result in 485,000 premature deaths yearly in the U.S, more than double the populations of Pitt and Lenoir County combined.

“Cigarettes are the only legal product that kills about half of its users when used as directed,” said Lee. “They have an important history in North Carolina; but if we knew then what we know now about them, we would not have permitted their sale.”

Lee said there are many ways for youth to get involved and take action against this issue.

“Students interested in public health policy work around tobacco can get involved with the North Carolina Alliance for Health or the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network,” said Lee. “Students can also work on policies on [ECU’s] campus, such as working to change the 25 foot smoking rule into a stronger policy.”

Lee worked on this study with the help of five other colleagues from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, including Marcella H. Boynton, Amanda Richardson, Kristen Jarman, Leah M. Ranney and Dr. Adam O. Goldstein.

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“A couple of my friends wrote in a group message trying to figure out what it could be because we were all worried about it because the message was so vague,” Strange said. “All other ECU alerts we receive are very thorough and this was so vague that it seemed extremely sketchy, which is why I took to Twitter.”

Strange said once she received the second alert, she was annoyed by the first.

“It caused an uprise of worry among students for no real danger,” Strange said. “The first alert seemed like something seriously wrong had happened since the alert was a totally different format than all of our normal alerts so I felt like this one was something crazy.”

Collins, Strange and their friends were not the only ones who were worried about what happened in the Cotanche building.

“That ECU alert had me thinking something serious happened,” tweeted Jordan Lagle.

Another tweeted, “Thought the ECU

alert was going to be a shooting or something serious, not a power outage.”

Though Strange was worried by the alerts sent Monday, she said the system is a great thing.

“I feel like ECU alerts are a Godsend,” Strange said. “There are so many incidents that happen during the school year that students need to know about; this is such an awesome way to get the news out to everyone. Even my mom gets ECU alerts because they are so helpful to keep everyone in the know about what is really happening on campus.”

Collins also added, although initially the ECU alert frightened him, he said the overall alert system is helpful.

“Even though every incident on and off campus doesn’t become an ECU alert, I believe the system has a lot of potential,” Collins said. “From telling us if class is cancelled due to weather, and potentially alerting us in case a serious emergency takes

place, I like the system of getting a brief text message, then getting a more detailed email later, although I feel that sometimes the emails lack substance.”

Graduate student Kara Rice, in the Master of Public Health program, said she thinks the ECU alert system is a good and easy way to stay up to date.

“I think they’re good; it keeps you up to date,” Rice said. “I get them through text message so I like that.”

ECU alerts can be distributed via the ECU Alert webpage, email, computer pop-up screen, ECU hotlines, outdoor and indoor speakers, voice and text messages, digital screen messages, and Twitter by following @ECUalert, according to the ECU Alert webpage.

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PIRATE RANTS

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It's easy to notice who actually lives in Greenville and who just attends ECU

Bae-cations all I've ever wanted

The one thing I will miss most about ECU is the girls. Carolina girls....best in the World.

It seems like the people here at ECU during the summer are more friendly!

Dissatisfaction among U.S. voters

For each question, is there something with which you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Somewhat agree

Somewhat disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know/No answer

America has lost its identity

28%29%18%25%1%

I feel as though I'm falling further and further behind economically

28%29%23%19%1%

I feel as though my beliefs and values are under attack in America these days

40%22%18%19%1%

The government has gone too far in assisting minority groups

25%20%21%32%3%

Public officials don't care much what people like me think

45%31%16%7%1%

The old way of doing things no longer works and we need radical change

33%31%21%13%2%

Source: Quinnipiac University Poll
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

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Poll results

Should ECU concentrate more on commemorating holidays such as Memorial Day?

YES — 75%

NO — 25%

Poll question

Was the ECU alert regarding the Cotanche building necessary?

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Our view

Stanford rape case yields soft ruling

A woman is sexually assaulted in 20 minutes. Unconscious, behind a dumpster. In the course of 20 minutes, a woman's body, her mind and her world-view are brought against tremendous assault. She is, in every essence, raped. Yet, the attacker's father still claims jail is "a steep price to pay for 20 minutes of action".

It's only 20 minutes versus a lifetime to harbor the memory of a painful experience. It's only 20 minutes versus hours spent in the hospital trying to piece together what happened and the heart-stopping moment she had to face her attacker in court.

To claim six months of jail time is "a steep price to pay" shows exactly why rape culture continues to thrive in our society. A father's grief is understandable but contrary to Dan Turner's controversial statement, there is only one word that accurately describes his son: criminal.

As an editorial staff, we believe the light sentencing of Brock Turner encompasses the injustices regularly served through our country's clearly broken justice system.

In the victim's letter addressed to Turner during trial, her powerful account showed the public a side of the assault that should have nullified all of Turner's past achievements in the moment. However, Turner's prison sentence was based on the fact that "prison would have a severe impact on him."

This thought process is not only a danger to college campuses across the country, but also a danger to society as a whole. No achievement, be it academic or athletic can erase the fact that what Turner did was an act of inexcusable malice and the case should have been treated as such.

Every criminal has a starting point and if our judicial system chooses to ignore it in light of past achievements, then it will continue to serve a miscarriage of justice to all victims of sexual assault.

Protests limit free speech



Dimitri Dragonas
TEC COLUMNIST

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Freedom of speech is a tricky thing. You have a right to say practically anything, with few exceptions, without fear of government retribution, but what happens when it's private entities or people attempting to silence you, sometimes violently? Having written on this topic before, it's depressing and outright scary to see mobs or protests turning so easily to violence. I speak specifically of a Donald Trump rally in San Jose, where supporters had eggs thrown at them, physically assaulted, intimidated, threatened, and other disturbing actions taken against them. Accompanying it was varying levels of damage and destruction, including burning Trump hats, throwing rocks at police and kicking cars.

This isn't by any means the first time we've seen this. Anti-Trump protesters have blocked roads, tried to rush stages, justified violence and other actions. What is unique however, is that such actions are either encouraged or unemotionally justified. Emmett Rensin, Vox editor, tweeted "advice" that if Trump came to town, start a riot. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, also blamed Trump for the violence, saying "At some point Donald Trump needs to take responsibility for the irresponsible behavior of his campaign." Various other pundits and talking heads give the usual "violence is bad" statement, then follow that up with a laundry list of "but Trump..." focusing far more on what Trump must do to avoid other's intolerance and violence, or focusing on the protesters feelings and emotions, saying we all have to "understand where they are coming from".

The disturbing part is the idea embedded in such statements and attitudes, that violence is something that can be justified, or at a minimum excused, if the target is sufficiently opposed to you enough. This is what monsters from Nazi Germany to modern dictators do to excuse their actions. You can do anything to anyone once you deem them a high enough level of threat, from burning synagogues and mass interment culminating in mass murder, to allowing mob violence to take its course on anything in its path.

The one commonality, the only one, is that the target groups had rights up until they ran counter to what the opposing group wanted to accomplish. Whether that was a pure Germany, a country free of political dissidents, or something as small as a presidential candidate saying things you don't like, the common theme is those people have rights, until you decide they didn't deserve them. That's not how rights work. The protester

with a rock in one hand and a megaphone in the other doesn't decide if you get to speak in public, the Constitution did.

What the left must face, is that such action is almost universally originating with them. You can see it from what the protesters say, put on their signs, who they affiliate with, and most of all, who they target. Conservative college speakers are threatened, protested and silenced. Left-leaning groups like Black Lives Matter are constantly in the news for riots and destruction, although sometimes they are benevolent enough to just shut down political rallies. Leftist protesters decide for you that you shouldn't hear Trump's words, so they block roads, harass police, and if all else fails, hit you until you stay quiet.

I would not consider myself a Trump fan, in fact I would prefer a sweet meteor to end this nightmare of an election cycle. That being said, George Orwell had the right idea when he said, "Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." You have the right to be upset, you have the right to speak out, and you even have the right to protest. But you do not have the right, nor even a good reason, to enact violence or intimidate those whom you disagree with.

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Put some respect on Ali's name



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Everybody Hates Kai

Before there was hip-hop, there was Muhammad Ali. Before unapologetically black was a hashtag, Ali was unapologetically black.

As a 21-year-old man, I don't understand the impact of Ali. I see only amazing clips and stories. Stories like a 72-year-old black man betting on Ali, not because Ali was the better fighter, but because Ali "gave him his dignity".

Ali died a legendary death on Friday, as his organs had failed him, his amazing heart kept beating for 30 minutes. As a man, he was polarizing. As a boxer, he was an all-time great.

Ali was never afraid to speak his mind, to stand up for what he believed in. And in a time where a black man was not looked at as an equal citizen (he's still not, but that's a different conversation for another day), Ali was in the spotlight speaking his mind and not backing down. Racial issues, freedom of religion, and even the Vietnam War. He stood for what he believed in.

Yet he was not perfect. He changed his views as he grew older. But that showed the growth and maturity of Ali. As Parkinson's consumed Ali, and eventually taking his speech, America seemed to grow to appreciate him as a man. When he could no longer be the loud mouth, pain in the ass, America began to love him. And as people mourn his death there seems to be a celebration of the sanitized version of Ali. Ali is not the first black leader to be treated this way, as America seems to forget about Martin Luther King Jr's history post-"I Have A Dream" speech.

Either way, it's great to see America celebrating an icon. So iconic, you almost forget he's one of the greatest (he'd tell you he was the greatest) boxers ever to step foot in the ring.

He was one of those early athletes that used athletics as a platform for his messages. And I am here to say, more athletes need to do this.

The big name athletes seem to prefer to protect their image, rather than say what's right, that may give them heat. It seems athletes wait to unify rather than go out and say it on their own. Such as LeBron James with Tamir Rice and Trayvon Martin. James participated in a team picture in support of Martin, yet when asked about Rice, he went silent.

Athletes are such high profile people now, compared to Ali's time. Athletes are role models, and we need them to step up. Stop being afraid. And start speaking their mind. They could change the world. Look at Missouri.

Say what you want about Ali, but he would never be timid or cower from speaking his mind. He was black man in the 1960's calling white people the devil, if that's not balls, I don't know what is.

And there's been a lot of talk of people calling Ali a racist. But Ali is not a racist for two reasons. First, Ali is a black man in the United States, that makes it impossible to be racist, prejudice? Absolutely, racist? Nope.

Secondly, understand the time and place he grew up in. Here was a 20-year-old black man raised in Kentucky in the 1940's and '50's. Think about this, Ali was controversial, but white-only hotels weren't.

It's sad to see that now that Ali is dead, so many people want to come out and attack the icon who was weakened before death and now definitely cannot defend himself. He is an icon, an imperfect icon, but an icon who deserves respect in his death.

Ali's death is saddening because we lost a one-of-a-kind person. But even sadder, we lost a man who taught us so much. Who inspired the world. Who defined what a black man should be. For that, I thank him. Rest in peace to "The Greatest": Muhammad Ali.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Oodles
5 Language group that includes Swahili
10 Enormous
14 "Forget it"
15 Single-master
16 Funny Dame
17 NYC-to-Suffolk County line
18 Highway beautification program
20 Put forward
22 Middle East carrier
23 Counterfeiter catcher
25 Mischievous god
26 2015 Payne Stewart Award honoree Ernie
27 "Enough already!"
30 Common pay period
32 Toaster Strudel kin
34 Unhand, in a toaster brand slogan
38 Nevada's ___ 51
39 Like most chopsticks users
42 Estrada of "CHiPs"
43 Lip-__: mouths the words
45 "The Tempest" hero
47 Musical work
50 Motivating halftime speech
51 Obstinate beast
54 MSN and AOL
56 "Beat it!"
57 Crunchy snacks sometimes dipped in baba ghanouj
60 "Idol" judge replaced by DeGeneres
63 After-school event ... and, literally, what takes place at this puzzle's circles
65 H.H. Munro's pen name
66 Checkout hassle
67 Indian royals
68 Small bills

DOWN

1 Large swallow
2 University about an hour from Columbus
3 Break forcefully, as an inflated bag
4 Seafood in a shell
5 Merit badge gp.
6 "The Blacklist" actor Alan
7 Salad restriction
8 Stadium high spot
9 Understanding
10 Wang with a Hippy Princess fragrance line
11 Acrobat maker
12 Escargot
13 Triumphant shouts
19 Servant of 45- Across
21 Lake __: Blue Nile source
24 Screenwriter Ephron
27 Golf resort amenities
28 Conservative Brit
29 Lb. and kg.
31 Watch closely
69 Brings to a close
70 First instruction
71 Robin's house

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Clear clutter at home for a new sense of space. Take on a project that leaves you feeling renewed. The more hands involved, the faster it goes. Cook up something delicious together.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Switch up the rhythm. Slow down and listen. It's easier to concentrate for the next

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Explore something fascinating. Gather and share information over the next two days. Promote your view, and talk about what you're learning with people who share your interest.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Accept a lucrative challenge, and move fast. You have an opportunity to increase your stature. Let your team know what's needed, and get it by working together.

couple of days. Make long-range plans. Get out in nature with someone who's sharing your road.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Look for inspiration and find it. You're especially sensitive to mood and energy over the next few days. Gain strength from the past, while applying focused efforts to what's going on right now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Slow down before jumping into the next thing. Look back for insight for the road ahead. Prepare yourself mentally, emotionally and physically. Consider your dreams and spiritual journey. Plan your moves.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Talk with teammates to coordinate and strategize the game plan. Practice every move. Work with a good coach who sees

your blind spots. Balance physical action with rest and good food.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Disciplined focus advances your career over the next two days. Get physical to get a job done. An opportunity requires immediate action. You can pass this test. Accept assistance and celebrate together after.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Get out and explore. Discover a new view. Travel to connect with a compelling conversation. You can make it happen with intentionality and focused action. Satisfy your curiosity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Take action today and tomorrow to grow your family finances. It's a good time to ask for money. Send invoices and collect receivables. Work together to gather resources.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Team up with a high-energy partner to handle increased demand at a faster pace. Coordinate and plot the timing in advance. Show up and lend a willing hand.

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Spang bolsters program

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Frida Gustafsson Spang finished her career at East Carolina and garnered one of the highest honors for women's collegiate golf to help boost the programs notability.

Spang was awarded Second-team All-American honors, which is the first ever by a Pirate. She also was unanimously awarded First-Team All-Conference. She also finished ranked 10th in the country, which is the highest rank a player at ECU has been.

"She's had a special year and is extremely talented," said ECU's head women's golf coach Kevin Williams. "We have felt like the past three years she is good enough to be All-American those three years, but she never put it together mentally. Her maturity now has helped her so much."

Looking forward, Spang will look to continue her golfing career and will be playing qualifiers to hopefully make it into the LPGA tour.

"She's going to try and make it on the tour out in California this August," said Williams. "That's her plan right now, and she has a good chance to make it all the way and get her tour card."

Having a player like Spang come through ECU's program is a great boost for recruiting and recognition to help develop the program further. Players looking at colleges can see how Spang made a name for herself at ECU and may want to follow suit.

"It helps us in recruiting and finding world class, especially in Sweden [Spang's



Women's golfer Frida Spang plays golf earlier this season. She was awarded WGCA Second-Team.

She's had a special year and is extremely talented.

Kevin Williams

home country]," said Williams. "There are two or three girls right now who would not be interested in us if it wasn't for Spang. It validates the program, it shows that she can

come here, and we have the facilities and everything that gives players a chance to make it."

The Pirates have had a good national standing, too. The team ranks consistently in the top-50 in the country. This is also ideal for recruits to see when making their choice on what school to play for.

"We've had a good reputation, and have received eight national at large the last nine years," said Williams. "Players like Spang are more likely."

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BASEBALL continued from A1

beat the throw on to make the game 6-5. There were still no outs.

"That's what we trained for, for moments like these," said Yorgen. "It's exciting that we were able to have the success we had."

AAC batting champion, freshman Dwanya Williams-Sutton, collected the fourth straight hit of the inning in a single that advanced Yorgen to second. After a Turner Brown sacrifice bunt moved the runners into scoring position, Watkins stepped up. After a 1-1 count, Watkins watched his bat crack as he launched a three-run walk off home run to advance the Pirates and silence the Cavaliers, who were the defending champions.

"It wasn't just the home run," Watkins said. "We had a ton of quality at bats before that, leading up to it. I'm just fortunate enough to be the one that got the opportunity for the hit. Like I said, I'd be confident with anyone on the team there."

A win over William & Mary in the regional final, 8-4, moved ECU on to play Texas Tech in a Super Regional this weekend, just the fourth Super Regional in school history. Watkins again hit a home run to propel the Pirates to victory and was named the Most Outstanding Player for the regional.

ECU will head to a Big 12 school after winning three straight and take on a team who only lost five games in its conference all year. Surrounding Texas Tech, names such as Baylor, Oklahoma and Texas could intimidate most teams around the country. All five of Texas Tech's conference losses came at home.

"You want to be amped up, but not over amped — especially going into an environment like (Texas Tech)," Ingle said. "I was just watching (in the clubhouse) and that place lights up when things are going well for them. It's going to be a tough environment because I've never played in anything like that. But it'll be fun and a good little test."

Houston was the common opponent between ECU and Texas Tech. Texas Tech won 3-2 after it fell behind early, while the Pirates took the series win at home against Houston.

The Red Raiders are better offensively than the Pirates in batting average, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, home runs, runs scored, hits and stolen bases.

"(Texas Tech) is really good offensively, young arms on the mound," said the presumed Friday starter Kruczynski. "We'll just keep the same mentality and take it one game at a time."

When the Pirates get their pitching going and match it up with their offensive weapons, their defense has tended to follow.

"We threw up some runs this weekend and I think that kind of overshadowed our defense," Lamm said. "I think the defense played very well, probably the best weekend of defense we've played and that helped us a lot and our pitching was great as always. I can't say enough about them."

The Pirates hold the pitching edge with a slightly better team ERA. It will be interesting to see if they can stand up to Texas Tech's well-rounded offense. And will the Pirates as a team overcome these statistical disadvantages?

A plundering Pirate team has awakened in the NCAA tournament, and they have the caliber to send ECU head coach Cliff Godwin to Omaha.

GODWIN continued from A1

they're playing in the super regional right now. It's not just us, it's for coach LeClair, all those guys."

The Pirates have the support of the community, as when the Pirates came home regional champs, there was a large crowd of supporters waiting to greet and congratulate the Pirates.

Yorgen was not off at all when he says it's not just them, it is everyone ever involved with program. Evidence as Ryan Wood, who was on the last team that went to the super regional in 2009 and was the best hitter, has kept track of the team and is excited about his alma mater's chances.

"They have a good shot, they're getting hot at the right time, that's what you need to happen to have success in the postseason," said Wood.

Wood played and coached under Billy Godwin, and he made sure to note the good that Billy did in his time, but he gave all props to Cliff about his strides with the program and his great reputation around college baseball.

"He works his butt off, it's well known around college baseball world, he's one of the hardest workers there is," said Wood. "Cliff's done a great job these last few years of getting the guys to buy in and really get them focused. Really play together as a team, and getting them hot at the right time."

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ECU's baseball team won the Charlottesville Regional.	
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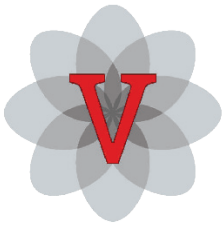


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