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Pedals and Pistons, owned by Alvin Gardner, is a bike sales and repairs shop located in the Dickenson Avenue Arts District on 621 Clark Street.

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GPD to study traffic accidents

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The Greenville Police Department has started a Traffic Safety Task Force as an initiative to address the rising traffic accidents in Pitt County.

The task force will be comprised of GPD officers, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the East Carolina University Police Department, Vidant Medical Center and the city of Greenville's Public Works Department.

Greenville is the leading city in the state of North Carolina for vehicle crashes in both 2016 and 2017, according to GPD's Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter— which is why the task force has been initiated.

"Our chief of police, Mark Holtzman, approached several of us within the police department to form a task force that could come up with solutions to drive these numbers down," Hunter said.

According to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, Greenville had 14,694 total car crashes from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Hunter said rear end and parked motor vehicles accidents are two of the most common types of crashes in Greenville. According to Hunter, letters have already been drafted to businesses who have had the highest number of crashes in their parking lots and asked how they can work with GPD to address these issues.

"This isn't a task force that's just going to talk about making changes. We legitimately want to make changes and will make changes and are holding ourselves accountable through a quarterly progress report," Hunter said.

Hunter said GPD made sure to include

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Pedals to the metal

Local bike shop adds diversity to Greenville

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Pedals and Pistons, which opened its doors in 2013, has become the one-stop shop in Greenville for bicyclists who are in the market for either purchasing a new set of wheels or repairing the ones they already ride.

Located at 621 Clark St., the shop is owned by Alvin Gardner. Gardner started the bike shop in late 2013 after working for a now closed bicycle shop, Recycle, which was located at 309 W 9th St.

"I do anything bicycle related. Because I do run a used-bike business, I can rent out my own used bikes that are already repaired. I do bike sales, bike rentals, bike refurbishing, pretty much anything you can think of," Gardner said.

Gardner taught kids how to work on bicycles when he was employed at Recycle. Gardner said when he started Pedals and Pistons, he wanted to continue to involve local kids and encourages them to stop by the shop.



Alvin Gardner has been working with community on a bike ramp to honor BMX legend Dave Mirra.

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"I got some of the neighborhood kids who come around and they come and snatch parts off of my used bikes and put them on their own," Gardner said.

During the almost five years Pedals and Pistons has been open, the city of Greenville has seen a lot of growth in the

Dickinson Avenue Arts District, including the construction of the new G.K. Butterfield Transportation Center next door. Gardner said he feels the construction has been a setback for his business.

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ECU predicted last in AAC media poll

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East Carolina University's football team was picked to finish sixth in the East division of the American Athletic Conference by members of the media Tuesday morning.

ECU, entering into its fifth season in the AAC, received 41 points, putting it just behind the University of Connecticut (51). The University of Central Florida (175), last season's AAC champion, was picked to finish first. UCF is followed by the University of South Florida (140), Temple University (132), the University of Cincinnati (91), with UConn and ECU rounding out the bottom.

The West division of the AAC was led by last year's west champion, the University of Memphis with 171 points. Memphis was followed by the University of Houston (146), Navy (129), Southern Methodist University (72), Tulane University (68) and the University of Tulsa finishing last with 44 points.

Last season, ECU defeated the

two teams which finished directly higher in the polls Tuesday, UConn and Cincinnati. ECU defeated UConn 41-38 on September 24 in Connecticut, and defeated Cincinnati 48-20 on November 18 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

ECU finished with a 3-9 record, including going 2-6 in the AAC, finishing tied for fourth in the East division. It was the second season in a row the Pirates finished 3-9, but third-year head coach Scottie Montgomery and the Pirates return 40 letterman from last season's team.

This comes on the heels of a week which featured players from some of ECU's better seasons. Former ECU wide receiver Zay Jones was named to the AAC fifth anniversary team on Monday, and two former ECU football players are being inducted into the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Jones finished his ECU career in 2016 as the NCAA FBS career and single season leader in receptions. Jones was a finalist



East Carolina University Chancellor Cecil Staton talks with the football team after a practice during the 2017 season.

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for the 2016 Biletnikoff Award, the William V. Campbell Trophy and the Senior CLASS Award.

In addition to being a finalist for numerous awards, Jones was named to 14 All-America teams and was recognized as a Heisman Trophy candidate by the Heisman Trophy Trust. Jones went on to be selected by the

Buffalo Bills in the second round of the 2017 NFL draft.

Jimmy Creech and Chris Johnson, both former ECU football players, will also be inducted into the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame on October 12 inside of Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum for the 41st installment ceremony as part of annual Hall

of Fame/Letterwinners' Weekend.

ECU will hope to replicate the success of these former teams and players this season and prove the last-place prediction wrong when it opens the season on September 1 against North Carolina A&T at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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ECU hosts STEAM camps for K-12 students

East Carolina University's School of Art and Design is holding a summer camp for students in kindergarten through 12th grade to learn about the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math disciplines. Students will participate in art projects, as well as hands on learning exercises led by teachers and student teachers.

Classes began Monday and will continue through Friday with available sessions starting at 9 a.m. till noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or full day attendance. Groups are divided by kindergarten to second grade, third to fifth grade,

Moms Demand Action to discuss future plans

Moms Demand Action of Greenville, a group of mothers in Greenville lobbying against gun violence, will meet Sunday, July 29 at 3 p.m. to discuss how MDA originated, what MDA is trying to accomplish and how volunteers in Greenville can help prevent gun violence from within the community.

The group meets monthly and encourages current and interested volunteers and mothers to join them at Sheppard Memorial Library in meeting room A. MDA encourages community members, no matter their availability, to come together to help and contribute in any way they can, whether that may be taking 15 minutes a week to serve as a volunteer or 40 hours as an

Emerge Art Center to hold weekly art workshops.

Emerge Gallery and Art Center, located at 404 Evans St., will be hosting weekly workshops, where participants learn a new medium of artistic creation each week. The first workshop is being held July 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and focuses on the topic of ceramics. Cost for attendance is \$85 for Emerge members and \$125 for Emerge nonmembers, in addition to \$20 per bag of clay used.

The workshop topics range from bookmaking to metalwork, with different instructors and costs each week. For more information, go to Emerge's

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Coming to ECU, the North Carolina New Teacher Support Program will provide education students with support cultivated to each teacher's individual needs.

Teacher support program relocates to Greenville

Staff Report

East Carolina University was selected by the University of North Carolina System to be the new home of the North Carolina New Teacher Support Program on July 16.

The NC NTSP is a university-based program designed "to promote retention and improve the effectiveness of beginning teachers," according to a press release from ECU News Services. The program promotes research and provides support cultivated to each teacher's needs and is due to relocate to ECU in July, but no specific date or location is available at this time.

"Housing the NC New Teacher Support Program at ECU confirms our institution's commitment to improving the quality of education for citizens of North Carolina, specifically in



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The University of North Carolina Board of Governors visit North Carolina A&T's campus.

historically disadvantaged communities, in collaboration with UNC institutions across the state," ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton said in the release. "We hope that our work in improving the education for students in North Carolina will create better opportunities for our youth to gain access to our great university system."

Grant Hayes, current dean of ECU's College of Education, said his department is excited to

house the NC NTSP.

"We are committed to ensuring educator preparation reform and we are currently conducting research on the impact NC NTSP has on teacher preparation, teacher induction and teacher leadership," Hayes said in the release. "We plan to work collaboratively with participating institutions to continue to advance the important work of this impactful program."

University of North Carolina System President, Margaret Spellings, said this relocation is a part of a larger strategy to see how current systems align with the UNC System goals.

The UNC System formed a committee to review proposals from other universities interested in hosting the NCNTSP. The committee was composed of three people familiar with

the NC NTSP. Despite strong proposals from Appalachian State University and UNC at Greensboro, the committee voted unanimously for ECU.

UNC System committee members include Andrea Whittaker, director of teacher performance assessment at the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning and Equity, Andrew Sioberg, director of educator preparation at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Bryan Hassel, co-president at Public Impact, which is an organization dedicated "to improve education dramatically for all students, especially low-income students, students of color, and other students whose needs historically have not been well met," according to Public Impact's website.

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ECU prepares for fall semester, plans events

Staff Report

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As the dog days of summer sessions begin to wane, East Carolina University is preparing for its 2018 fall semester with several events to welcome students back to campus.

According to the ECU academic calendar, classes will reconvene for the fall semester on Aug. 20. Several different campus groups have organized events for returning students and incoming freshmen.

The 2nd annual 'Raid the Rec' 2018 will be taking place on Aug. 17 at the Student Recreation Center from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. According

to the ECU Events calendar, 'Raid the Rec' plans to have an indoor roller rink, glow-in-the-dark putt putt golf, an inflatable obstacle course sponsored by the National Guard, a punching meter and a complete Bubble Sumo set up on the basketball course.

There will also be free food served from local Greenville restaurants and free giveaways such as T-shirts and foam hooks to several of the first participants who show up to the event, according to the ECU events page.

'Get a Clue,' an annual event held by the University

to encourage students to get involved with on and off-campus organizations, will be held on Aug. 22 from 11:00-3:00 p.m. on the university mall near the Cupola.

'Get a Clue' will have more than 200 student organizations and more than 100 local business to meet and collect information on along with several give-a-ways and free promotional items.

Besides these two campus events, other campus organizations have planned activities to welcome students back to ECU.

The ECU Adventure

Leadership Program will hold a freshmen tubing event on Aug. 25 to provide new Pirates the opportunity to make friends while floating down the Cape Fear River. This event is restricted to members of the ECU Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

ECU Career Services will also be holding a launch party in the Mendenhall Student Center brickyard from Aug. 28 to Aug. 30 to celebrate its new job posting site, HANDSHAKE. Students can get free T-shirts and food as part of the party.

The first ECU home football

game will take place on Sep. 1 at 6 p.m. versus North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Students can sign up to be apart of the Student Pirate Club, SPC, which offers tickets to get into the Boneyard student section.

According to the academic calendar, the last day to add or drop classes is Aug. 24 by 5 p.m. Census day, the official enrollment count, will be taken on Aug. 30 at 5 p.m., according to the ECU academic calendar.

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other organizations and departments to be certain that the full scope of responsibilities would be covered.

"So we realized that not all of the answers or all of the solutions would be coming from the police department," Hunter said. "So that's why it was important to bring some of these other entities who could provide solutions that may not fall within the police department."

According to NCDOT Division Traffic Engineer Steve Hamilton, the reason behind Greenville leading

the state in crashes is most likely caused by several different factors.

"I think it's a mixture of multiple things. You've got a high turnover in population, so you have a lot of new, unfamiliar drivers," Hamilton said. "This is a regional shopping area, so you have a lot of traffic that comes in from rural areas that are not used to handling the heavier traffic volumes that Greenville has."

According to Hunter, the task force is still in the "planning phase and public input phase," but for Hunter, and all involved, the goal is clear: drive crashes down and prevent injuries to Greenville citizens. As of now, Hunter said the members of the task force "will select various action items/projects and set deadlines moving forward."

The Eastern North Carolina Injury Prevention Program at Vidant Medical Center has had a traffic safety action team since

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- Steve Hamilton

early this year.

According to Ellen Walston, injury prevention coordinator for Vidant Medical Center, ECIPP was approached by Holtzman in May to see if it would be willing to partner with GPD "to tackle traffic safety issues."

According to Walston, Vidant will focus more on coordination and the behind the scenes details of the traffic safety effort.

"We may go to a school and

teach students, drivers, or parents about safe routes to school, walking to school, biking to school or just making areas around the school safer," Walston said.

Jason Sugg, deputy chief for ECU PD, said his department is happy to help GPD in improving Greenville's safety, but also wants to make sure they focus on ECU as well.

"We certainly want to help the city where we can help, but our interest, for us in particular,

is how the city can help us back with the areas around ECU," Sugg said. "What we're interested in is where are the areas around campus that we can improve on."

Sugg said ECU PD is also working on "Pirate Pathways" which will identify primary pedestrian pathways that students tend to take and work on making them safer for walking students.

According to Sugg, the task force will be different than what ECU PD has done in the past regarding traffic safety due to the attention of detail and the different groups working on the task force.

"This is more of a concentrated group effort looking to identify the worst places in the city as far as traffic crashes go," Sugg said.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

FRIDAY

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Pitt Street Brewing
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Winslow's Deli
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SUNDAY

Hustle Souls
Christy's Euro Pub
8 p.m.

MONDAY

Trivia Night
Pitt Street Brewing
7 p.m.

Great Harvest Bread Company holds 'Christmas in July' event

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Great Harvest Bread Company's annual 'Christmas in July' special begins today through July 27, bringing a winter wonderland to the Greenville community.

The bakery has recreated a winter holiday atmosphere, which includes an array of Christmas music and a chance to win gift baskets, gift cards and free loaves of bread, to sponsor and support a local food bank.

Great Harvest Bread Company, located at 2803 Evans St, will host its third 'Christmas in July' to provide extra assistance to a local organization, Hope of Glory Ministries, by holding a food drive in exchange for free loaves of bread.

'Christmas in July' begins when the bakery opens at 6:30 a.m. today and will last through 5:30 p.m. on July 27. Customers who bring in five non-perishable and non-expired items for the food bank will receive a free loaf of honey whole wheat or farmhouse white bread.

Gabe Farrer, bakery manager at Great Harvest Bread Company, said he is excited about the return of the annual event. Farrer said for guests who are familiar with their holiday menu, some of their favorite breads and sweets will be



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Donations from customers for Great Harvest Bread Company's 2016 fundraiser.

making a return to the summer menu for the next few days.

"We usually have our Christmas tree up here in the front window decorated with lights. We'll also put up different wreaths and various tinsels and things around throughout the bakery," Farrer said.

Farrer said community members who truly enjoy the holiday flavors and unique tastes will be able to enjoy this particular week in July where the menu is re-stocked with speciality items which are only served throughout the traditional holiday season. He

said it gives community members a chance to enjoy a kind of "mid-way point" that marks now until the holiday season returns.

"We'll be doing a cranberry orange bread, our white chocolate cranberry swirl, the peppermint bark brownies and then our ginger cookies will be across the three days," Farrer said.

Farrer said there is no limit to the amount of canned goods a customer can bring in to exchange for a free loaf of bread.

"As a thank you from us as a business, for anybody who takes part in the event, for every five items that they donate, they can exchange those for a loaf of honey wheat or farmhouse white bread here at the bakery," Farrer said.

Farrer said 'Christmas in July' is a positive way for Great Harvest to say thank you to its customers and also provide a unique chance for new and old customers to try out new bread selections, all the while giving back to the community through donations.

"As they give to the community, we give to them, so it's a happy circle. We've done this every year since we've opened and we've been open three years," Farrer said.

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"The city has gone off the charts. The shop itself has been hindered by the city's growth," Gardner said. "Because of all the construction, my road was closed for over a year."

Despite these setbacks, Gardner said he is still optimistic about the future of Pedals and Pistons and feels that time will get the shop back on track.

"I think we're getting there, it's still going to take more time. Once all the roads are completely open and the bus station over here is running, I think it'll be just fine," Gardner said.

Although people are able to buy used bicycles from Pedals and Pistons, Gardner said his primary task is working on bicycles people bring in. According to Gardner, he sells anywhere from three to seven bikes in a week.

Benjamin Herd, a member of Greenville Advocates for Public Skateparks, has worked with Gardner on building a ramp for the action sports community in Greenville outside of Pedals and Pistons.

Herd said he had made plans to add a do-it-yourself spot to the Jaycee skatepark, located at 2000 Cedar Ln, but was denied by the city due to not being a licensed concrete contractor. Herd then came up with the plan to build a ramp off-site and was approved.

Soon after, Herd told Gardner about the independent ramp idea and Gardner offered his bicycle shop as the home for it.

"We really started investigating the land that he has and we came up with what might be the best way to do it," Herd said.

According to Herd, the ramp will honor the memory of BMX legend Dave Mirra, who passed away in 2016. Herd said any helping hands will be welcomed at Pedals and Pistons

during its business hours from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, to help Gardner in completing this project. Gardner can also be reached through his Facebook page.

For Herd, the ramp at the Pedals and Pistons shop will be a great addition for the community, but he also has his focus on a bigger picture for the future of action sports in Greenville.

"What Alvin is doing is awesome, but what I want that to be is a catalyst for the city to realize how necessary it is for them to build a concrete skatepark structure for the skaters and bikers of the city," Herd said.

Gardner said he has had a hand in many different ventures in the community. He said he has "worked with almost every building in the Dickinson area" from either pouring concrete or helping to build bicycle racks.

"I build bicycle parking racks and install them around town. Some of the businesses downtown will pay for them. Usually, it's the owner of the business or the building who's asking for them to be installed," Gardner said.

"Overall, throughout the city, I've probably done at least 20 bike racks."

Gardner has built Pedals and Pistons from the ground up and hopes to further his growth to eventually become the "bicycle hub of the Greenville community."

"I just want to be the main bike shop for Greenville. Where you can come and learn how to work on your bike as well as get a bike," Gardner said. "We want to be all-inclusive to the community."

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Student center construction requires transparency

The opening of East Carolina University's Main Campus Student Center has been pushed back to January, leaving students without dining options, service rooms and answers.

Originally slated for Nov. 1, the opening was moved due to the date being too close to Thanksgiving and exams, the 10th Street Bypass construction and a need for a longer transition period to make sure the center runs smoothly when it does open, according to Associate Vice Chancellor Erik Kneubuehl.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, believe the university requires a level of transparency concerning the project that has not been displayed by ECU's administration.

The construction around the new student center put much of campus life on hold, most notably Mendenhall Student Center, which is going through a huge renovation to remake Destination 360 into a catering kitchen. It's unclear if the current summer food truck arrangement will or can be sustained during the school year.

Additionally, several organizations and services vital to student life were supposed to move into the new center, and there has been no clear answer about where these groups will move during this extended construction period.

While delays are understandable, and expected at times, the administration behind the project has not kept the public up to date on its status and how the current delay will affect student life.



Students should join college organizations



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Bless The Press

The end of July brings the horizon of August and soon college students from East Carolina University will return to the world of academia and all that it brings. Life as a college student consists of a multitude of things, but one facet which often gets taken for granted is campus involvement, which is one possible regret that college students can have post-graduation.

According to a 2017 survey of 444 recent college graduates conducted by the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, about 33 percent said their biggest college regret was not getting involved on campus, which was the second biggest college regret from the surveyed group.

Joining a club or organization on campus is an opportunity that can be just as life changing as earning your degree. Campus involvement has something for every student because ECU has more than 425 registered organizations. Additionally, it gives students a chance to contribute to the university is the way they see fit.

One of the biggest hurdles which most college students go through is time management and staying organized. Credit hours pile up, stress can be

“ It’s rewarding to do work in an organization you believe in, but the true reward can come from working with people who became your friends in the process. ”

constant and there’s nothing worse than remembering at 11:50 p.m that you have an assignment due at 11:59 p.m. By joining the right clubs and organizations, students are more likely to better manage their time. At first, it may seem as though it’s a on your plate, but if you really find something that interests you, you will make time for it in your schedule.

While having a degree is nice and worth it in the end, when it comes time to enter the competitive reality that is the workforce, your degree may not be enough when compared to someone else’s. Playing a role in community service, organizations and clubs unequivocally gives your resume an added bonus for employers to look at. Also, campus involvement can connect you to peers or people in higher positions who could potentially help you in the future.

On a large campus such as ECU’s, it can be easy to feel small and blend in with the numbers. Getting involved on campus is the best way to change that. You’re

surrounded by like-minded people who you probably wouldn’t have met in your classes. You’ll spend time with each other outside of an academic setting, serving as support systems for each other in times of need. It’s rewarding to do work in an organization you believe in, but the true reward can come from working with people who became your friends in the process.

As a member of ECU’s Student Activities Board and Student Media, getting involved on campus was one of the best choices I made as a freshman. I made friends who became family, made lasting memories and experienced opportunities beyond what the classroom could give. No matter how much time you have left in college, live in the now. Ask around, use your OrgSync account and return to campus as a member of something new.

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Podcasts are the news media of the future



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Robbie's Rumbles

Recently, there has been a large uptake in the podcast scene. According to a study done by Edison Research, roughly thirty-three percent of Americans ages

25-54 listen to podcasts monthly. There are podcasts for everything and that is the future of media. We are seeing this uptake in podcasts because of people’s general interest in seeing and hearing topics they have a true interest in.

Too many people have lost interest in the original news outlets because it’s filled with nothing but sad, depressing, upsetting and disturbing stories and events. As a professional in the media world, I truly understand where people are on their stance. Although the traditional news outlets will forever remain important, these podcasts that are growing are helping to improve the dialogue going on in the world.

For example, the Joe Rogan Experience has on all types of guests and they and the eponymous host cover everything from aliens to economics and politics. The thing about a podcast like this is that it gets all walks of life to come together and



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Joe Rogan celebrating the 100th episode of ‘Fear Factor.’ Rogan also hosts a regular podcast.

hear different perspectives on a wide variety of topics.

Along with diversity, there is the more upbeat tone to these programs and there is the break from the mundane stories about murders and catastrophes.

We are seeing a transition from the original interest in the news to a newer more self-driven view of news. This transition is because of the longing for change in the media. The second reason is because of President Donald Trump and his blatant hatred for the media, then there is the final reason being people’s change of interest from what the media

has provided year-in-and-year-out.

This new uptake in podcasts is great because it is creating dialogue about topics that some news organizations would never cover. The dialogues being created not only are healthy ones, but they are bringing new ideas to the surface to try and fix all sorts of problems or to adjust the situations we find ourselves in no matter who we are as individuals.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)
-- Today is a 7 -- Expand your

territory. Explore and study new perspectives. Unexpected household circumstances could lead to practical solutions. Discover charming details for your home along your travels.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Conditions

and expectations are changing. You see dollar signs. Craft budgets and reports. Put contracts and bargains together. Use what you gain to benefit family.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- A schedule

conflict could mess with plans. Talk with your partner to resolve the situation. Accept suggestions and advice. Another can see what you cannot.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- A

personal surprise reveals fresh options. Maintain reassuring physical health and fitness routines. Steadily build energy and strength. Demand for your work is increasing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- Consider

a transition. Think about love and gratitude. Teach your children well. Discover wisdom. Share love with your family and sweetheart. Relax together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- Changes

between friends require adaptation. Home and family has your attention. Fulfill a shared dream together. Nurture the ones you love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
-- Today is an 8 -- Wait

for developments with professional challenges. The full picture hasn't hit the news yet. Write, record and express your view. Issue a statement.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
-- Today is an 8 -- Expect surprises

along the journey. The profit potential keeps rising. Make an idealistic commitment and schedule milestones. Monitor budgets closely for positive cash flow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
-- Today is a 9 -- Financial changes

have your attention. You're feeling stronger and more confident for a few days. Take advantage to advance a personal passion project.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
-- Today is a 7 -- Support

your partner with an unexpected turn of events. Keep a low profile and get productive behind closed doors. Rest and recharge your batteries.

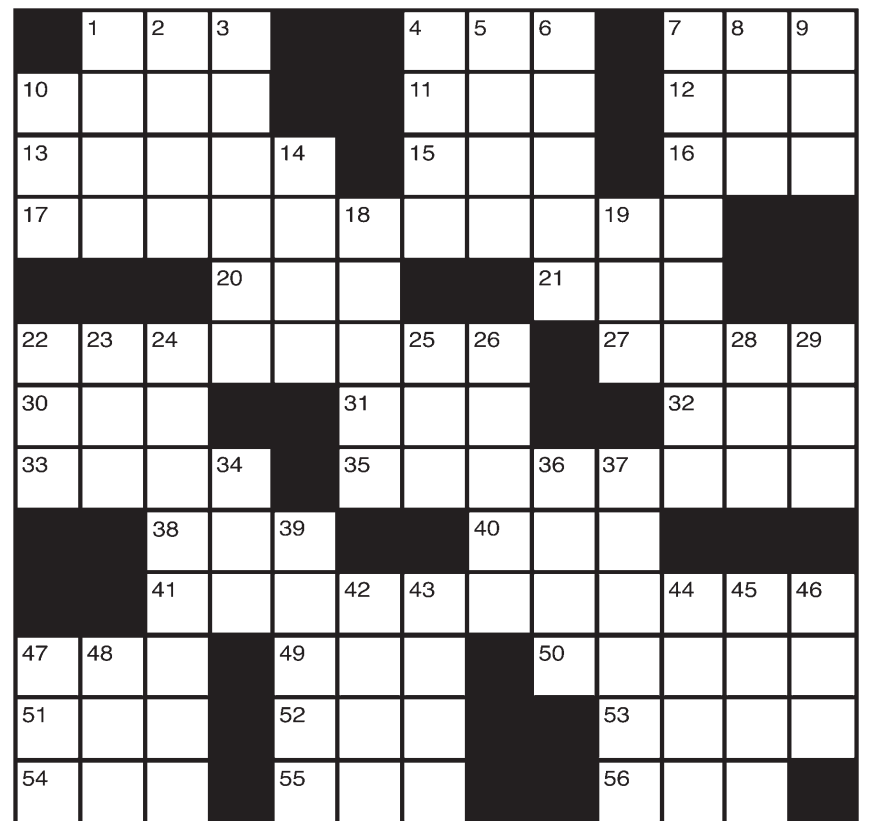
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Pamper your

health and energy. Your team comes through for you, especially today and tomorrow. Cooperate and collaborate. Pull together for a shared cause.

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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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- 1 ___ Barker
- 4 "___ in Trees"
- 7 Actor Pesci
- 10 Sitcom about a soccer mom
- 11 Acapulco gold
- 12 Fancy vase
- 13 "What ___ About You"
- 15 "Blame It on ___"
- 16 "___ and Stacey"
- 17 Newsmagazine series
- 20 ___ of; free from
- 21 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- 22 "Running with ___"; Annette Bening film
- 27 "Hit Me, Baby, One More ___"
- 30 Reagan or Howard
- 31 "Salem's ___"; Rob Lowe film
- 32 Mork's home planet
- 33 Mr. Baldwin
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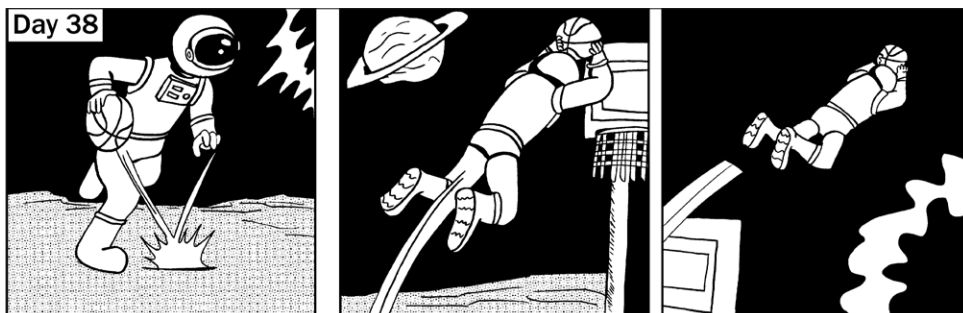
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- 8 Raw mineral
- 9 "Land's ___"; Fred Dryer series
- 10 ___ of; free from
- 14 Whitney and Wallach
- 18 Carrie Underwood and Kelly Clarkson
- 19 "___ Masterson"
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- 23 "Old Cape ___"
- 24 Shortly
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- 36 ___ Domino
- 37 "___ Can Win"; old AI Capp game show
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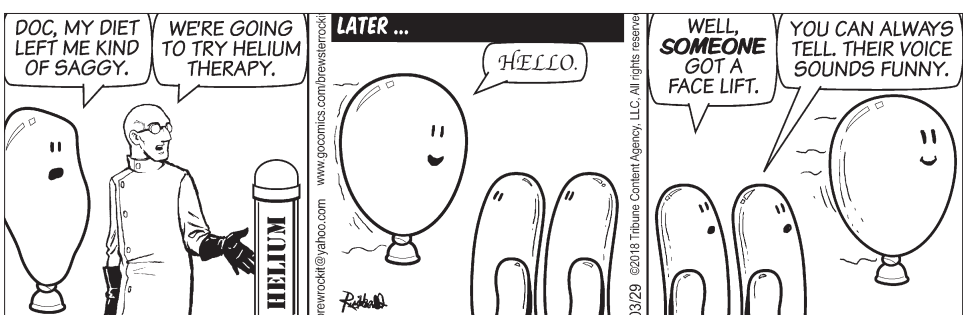
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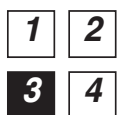


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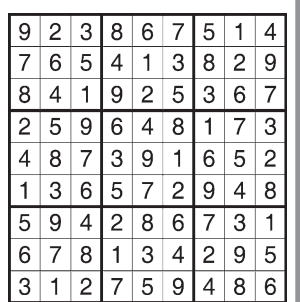
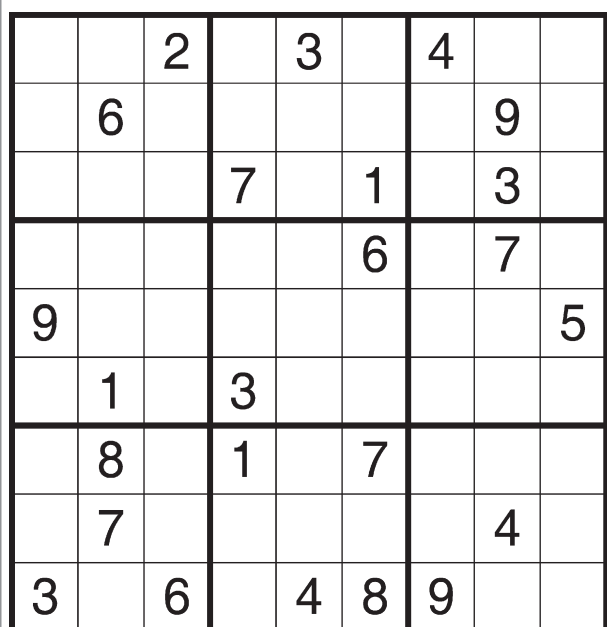
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Zay Jones receives AAC recognition



Former East Carolina University wide receiver Zay Jones runs the ball for the Pirates.

Staff Report

Former East Carolina University wide receiver and current Buffalo Bill Zay Jones was named to the American Athletic Conference Fifth Anniversary Football Team by the AAC.

The voting is compiled of three separate categories according to the AAC announcement: a fan vote, a vote of local and national media members and a vote of the conference's 12 football programs. The voting was conducted in late June and early July.

Jones played three years in the AAC after ECU moved to the conference from Conference USA in 2014. During his time in the AAC, Jones was a two-time all-conference pick, and set many school and conference

records, as well as the NCAA single-season and career receptions records.

Jones was also a 2016 Biletnikoff Award finalist, the award for top wide receiver in college football and was narrowly beaten out by former University of Oklahoma wide receiver Dede Westbrook, who currently plays for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

During a senior season that saw Jones reel in 158 receptions in 2016, he also set AAC and ECU single-season standards with 1,746 receiving yards. Jones 4,279 yards in his college career left him as one of just 19 FBS players in history to have over 4,000 yards receiving.

Jones played his rookie year for the Bills last season, compiling 27 catches for 316 yards and two touchdowns

in 15 games. Jones was hampered by multiple lingering injuries the entire season including a torn labrum in his shoulder, which he ultimately got surgery for. He also underwent surgery on his knee in mid-March and hopes to be ready to go for Bills' training camp starting on July 27.

Joining Jones on the list of skill position players are former Naval Academy quarterback Kennan Reynolds, former AAC running backs D'Angelo Brewer from the University of Tulsa and Marlon Mack of the University of South Florida, wide receivers Anthony Miller of the University of Memphis and Courtland Sutton of Southern Methodist University.

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>> COLUMN

ECU's smaller sports deserve larger amounts of support



Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

If you asked someone about sports at East Carolina University, their thoughts would probably go straight to football.

Pirate football has amazing support at ECU and in Greenville, despite two disappointing 3-9 seasons under head coach Scottie Montgomery.

Supporting the team is great and shows how passionate Pirate Nation is about their school, but it is time for the smaller sports at ECU to

get the recognition they deserve. Sports such as tennis, cross country, track and field and golf are hardly talked about, yet they continue to succeed, often more so than the "big three" sports of football, baseball and basketball. These smaller sports continue to build a winning culture most students at ECU will rarely hear of.

ECU men's tennis is coming off its best season ever this spring, which saw the team compile a 22-5 record and a 12-1 record at home. Track and field sent seniors Stefano Migliorati and Galissia Cause to the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Oregon where they competed against the top 20 competitors in their event. The women's track and field team placed second in the conference. Women's golf finished

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second in the conference and earned a trip to the NCAA regionals. Men's golf saw junior Blake Taylor qualify and compete in his first PGA event at the Greenbrier classic.

While we should not abandon the struggling football this fall, it's time for Pirate Nation to show its support for the smaller programs, and

to share in the hard-earned success with them. Students and fans alike should find a program that interest them, and go out and cheer as loudly as if they were in Dowdy-Ficken Stadium.

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