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## Women band together during a new administration



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People crowd the streets of downtown Washington, D.C., for the Women's March, Jan. 21, 2017.

Women flooded the nation's capital this past weekend to protest President Trump and his policies.

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The morning of the Women's March — full of coffee and high on feminism — my sister, two friends and I stepped on the Metro in Arlington to head into D.C. As more people poured onto the train, solidarity was in the air. There were high fives, raised fists, singing and pussy hats as far as the eye could see.

When we stepped off the Metro, the line to simply get out of the station stretched all the way from the station's entrance to 10 feet from where we had gotten off. We waited patiently and excitedly to get out of the station and into the open air.

Screens were set up every two blocks on Independence showing the stage that was set up at the corner of 3rd, and as it got closer to 10 a.m., my friends

and I looked for the perfect spot to stand for the day.

Then, America Ferrera appeared. One of my idols ever since "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," she gave a fiery speech of how we are all under attack living under the Trump administration. She started the day off, and from her speech on, the powerful words coming through those speakers were nonstop.

As we navigated through the crowd, surrounded by women, and being spoken to by some amazing women, there was a feeling of camaraderie that could not be matched. Although I've been in large crowds before, this was different.

Being surrounded by over half a million like-minded

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## Locals criticize town council's sinkhole reaction

Citizen comments at latest Blacksburg Town Council meeting address contaminated well water and dangerous U.S. 460 intersection.

LEWIS MILLHOLLAND  
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The Blacksburg Town Council breezed through its Tuesday night meeting. The public hearing for adjusting the boundary of approximately 26.6 acres near Windsor Hills Apartments was canceled per applicant request, and the resolution to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan through fiscal year 2022 passed unanimously and without discussion.

The easy nature of the evening shifted when the floor was opened to citizen comments.

Douglas White, who introduced himself as "the guy in the white truck who likes to irritate you," was the first to speak, laying a hefty stack of documents on the podium and carrying poster-size photos under his arm.

The photos showed a new sinkhole that appeared next to the Windsor Hills pump station. White suspects that the sinkhole was created by the heavy rainfall in Blacksburg over the past two days. Recently, the Bradley Company of Roanoke has proposed building

99 private residences adjacent to its existing complex.

Locals were concerned by the potential damage from the construction to an already endangered water system.

**"The photos showed a new sinkhole that appeared next to the Windsor Hills pump station ... created by the heavy rainfall in Blacksburg."**

The ridge line in that area of town is a karst system, a type of topography characterized by sinkholes and underground drainage systems — in this system, contaminated runoff can sink into these natural drains and be pulled up into local wells, a primary water source for Harding Road-area residents.

Several Blacksburg citizens took the podium next to tell personal

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John Adams speaks to the College Republicans about his ongoing campaign to secure the Republican nomination for Virginia attorney general, Jan. 24, 2017.

## Adams pursues Republican vote

John Adams, hopeful Republican candidate for attorney general, speaks with College Republicans about his positions on gun control, the death penalty and President Donald Trump.

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On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the College Republicans at Virginia Tech hosted John Adams, who is pursuing the Republican nomination for attorney general in the 2017 Virginia general election. At the beginning of the meeting, Adams' campaign was collecting signatures to place him on the ballot for the Virginia Primary.

Adams attended Virginia Military Institute and graduated in 1996 before becoming a commissioned Naval Officer and later attended law school at University of Virginia. Since

earning his law degree, Adams has clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas and served as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

At the meeting, Adams held a Q&A session with the members of the audience on issues involving gun rights, limited government, the death penalty and President Donald Trump.

When asked for his position on a federal law that would allow concealed carry in any form, Adams explained that he would be opposed to the federal government becoming involved in concealed carry because their involvement would inevitably usurp control from the states.

Throughout the meeting Adams emphasized his position of supporting a limited federal government, regardless of who controls Congress and the White House.

"I would fight against Trump as much as Clinton to keep D.C. and the federal government out of Virginia," Adams said.

A question relevant to Virginia Tech was with regard to the bomb threat emails that students at Virginia Tech and other Virginia schools received in October 2016. A student expressed the frustration that he and

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## Fuente finds success in first full recruiting season

With a 10-win season under his belt, Fuente has used his recruiting savvy to build one of the best signing classes in recent memory.

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Head football coach Justin Fuente's first full recruiting cycle is coming to a close, and the 2017 recruiting class is looking just as good as the Hokies 10-win season.

When Fuente signed on as head coach at the end of 2015, he had only two months to contact recruits and sell the new Virginia Tech football program. This time around, he had a strong season along with a full year to pitch his team to recruits. It has paid off so far, with 26 total commitments including two top 10 recruits in Virginia. According to the 247 Sports composite rankings, which averages rankings from all of the major recruiting outlets, the Hokies own the 20th best recruiting class in the nation. This could

improve even more over the next week as some of Tech's top targets remain undecided.

**"A lot can happen in the last week of the recruiting year, and it appears that Virginia Tech wants to be at the center of the action."**

With signing day approaching on Feb. 1, many recruits' decisions are coming down to the wire and the Hokies are coming on strong. Over the weekend, Tech gained four commitments in just as many days, including a former Penn State commit and top 10 in-state recruit

Dylan Rivers, along with the crown jewel of this recruiting class, safety Devon Hunter.

Hunter has been a target for this program since former head coach Frank Beamer hosted him as an eighth grader, then offered him a scholarship just after his freshman year. His original recruiters, Bryan Stinespring and Torrian Gray, have since left the program along with Beamer, which made many fans nervous that another top in-state recruit would slip away. Fortunately, Fuente and head recruiter Zohn Burden revitalized Hunter's relationship with the Hokies. Not only did the new coaches do a great job building a relationship with Hunter, but the strong start to the Fuente era helped immensely as well.

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## Hungry Hokies: Brunch offers a religious experience

From their bakery sweets to their brunch treats, Our Daily Bread is a Blacksburg brunch staple for students and residents alike.

MEGAN MAURY CHURCH  
food columnist

Saturday brunch is the best kind of remedy for any of Friday's activities. With coffee and eggs in your system, you can reboot and prepare to do it all over again on Saturday.



MEGAN MAURY CHURCH / COLLEGIATE TIMES

There are plenty of brunch options in Blacksburg, both on and off Virginia Tech's campus. One that stands out among them is Saturday brunch at Our Daily Bread and Bistro.

Don't feel like waking up early? No worries — brunch is served until 2 p.m.

However, you'll want to get there before 1 p.m. if you hope to make it through the line in time. This South Main bistro is a popular spot for brunch and is usually crowded.

As the name suggests, this restaurant has two main parts: the bakery and the bistro.

The bakery is the first thing patrons will see upon entering the Blacksburg location. From full cheese-cakes topped with mango slices to assorted flavors of macarons, the bakery case is nearly irresistible. Also available are freshly baked breads, bagged and ready to buy by the bushel.

The line for ordering from the bistro is separate from that of the bakery. While customers wait in line for food, others can order cakes and pastries

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Virginia Tech students perform CPR on local.

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Tech will look to build on its back-to-back victories.

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# Satire has lost its power as a political weapon

Increasingly controversial political situations have led many to carelessly overuse what was once a great and effective political tool.

We can no longer think of satire as a weapon, at least not in its current form. Once intended to be a clever way to highlight problems in the positions we disagreed with, it has been weakened by widespread indifference to its lessons, as well as weak structure.

Satire has become a form of entertainment meant to affirm the like-minded, rather than an entertaining form of critique.”

Those against whom satire is used have recently begun to shrug in its face. It has nestled into echo chambers. Yet despite

this shift in effectiveness, it has become even more widespread and treated as a nearly sufficient form of criticism, even argument, in the wars of conflicting ideologies.

The demise of satire is a very recent phenomenon, and it came at a time when we thought it would be the most apt; a combination of the Trump campaign, the use of drones, NSA activities and technology obsessions play spotlight roles in the changing dynamics.

Drones, the NSA activities revealed by Edward Snowden and the accessibility of technology set the tone by creating unavoidable privacy invasions. People realized these things had strong dystopian characteristics, and they became more in tune to the ill will residing in government agencies and corporations, but they also felt helpless. Critics responded, “What else is new?” Those in power began to question whether



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the bad publicity mattered all that much. On cue, the Trump campaign said firmly: no, it does not.

Satire has become a form of entertainment meant to affirm the like-minded, rather than an entertaining form of critique. The critique can no longer be heard. Yet, as our lives depend on the whims of those preaching that facts are opinions, we continue in our production and enjoyment of satire. We affirm ourselves without truly addressing the matters with those we disagree.

It is not that we should abandon satire, but that we must recognize that it will no longer shed light on the views of ideological opponents in its current form. If we want others to understand us, we must take a different approach. This may mean adopting or inventing other artistic forms of argument, or it may mean improving the form of satire itself, a more feasible approach.

Satire could be greatly improved if its creators avoided making strawmen that provide easy targets that lead those who do not

already agree to dismiss the work. On the other hand, it may prove useful to provide incentive for those with differing viewpoints to listen by starting off with a line deliberately meant to reel them in, such as a starting point of common ground to branch off from.

For more extreme matters, rather than hiding behind a veil of humor, approach issues with a more serious tone, provided that the initial claim of the argument is in fact undeniable and not meant to cause total

disinterest or anger in the listener. The aim should be to demand an explanation.

Until such changes are made, satire risks serving as a passive consent to the conditions we have found ourselves in. “We may hate the conditions we are given, but at least we have satire,” it goes, and in that way it may be pacifying us. It is, for that reason, worth our time to consider changing it.

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[letter to the editor]

# Betsy DeVos unfit to lead future of public education

Lacking experience with public education coupled with a controversial history in Michigan has many questioning her fitness to head the department.

It’s no secret that President Donald Trump’s cabinet nominations have been on the controversial side. Perhaps one of his most controversial picks has been his choice of billionaire businesswoman Betsy DeVos to lead the Department of Education.

Most of DeVos’ work in the education field for the better part of 20 years has been centered in Michigan where she has been a staunch supporter of both school choice and charter school expansion as a means of improving academic performance. According to the National Assessment for Educational Progress, Michigan’s overall charter school performance has failed to keep up with the pace of other states in subjects such as math and reading.

This has left many wondering if her charter and school choice model could work on a national level. Besides what many consider to be an overall failure of the Michigan charter school system, DeVos (despite her lack of teaching experience) has continued down the path to nomination.

The fact that Trump has chosen a nominee with absolutely zero education experience as either an educator or school administrator to lead the federal body responsible for student achievement and educational excellence is alarming, especially considering she would be responsible for managing the agency’s \$68 billion budget, including various grant and loan programs.

DeVos is completely unqualified to serve as the chief executive of this agency. For starters, she has no teaching or education degree, nor has she ever taught at any learning institution. On the contrary, the last two education secretaries under former President Barack



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Obama, John King Jr. and Arne Duncan, had several years of prior experience working in the education field, having served as New York Commissioner of Education and Superintendent of Chicago Public Schools respectively.

In addition, neither DeVos nor her children have ever attended a public school or had to take out a loan for educational expenses, according to her confirmation hearing testimony. That is a big deal breaker because, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, approximately 50.4 million students attended a public school in fall 2016 while only 5.2 million attended a private school.

So, having a keen understanding of how the public school system and college financial aid works is crucial to

evolving the greater education apparatus. Additionally, her confirmation hearing cemented in my mind that DeVos does not understand the needs of our education system, specifically our public education system.

Her lack of experience came to light when questioned by Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) about the difference between proficiency and growth. DeVos proved to not understand the question when she confused the two vital educational principles.

Furthermore, DeVos thinks that individual states should be able to decide whether or not to follow the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, a federal law which provides funding to support kids with disabilities.

Her confirmation hearing showed that she simply has no knowledge of the complex inner workings of our education system.

The American people deserve better. We deserve an education secretary who understands the concerns of teachers.”

This woman is the person that Trump has selected to potentially shape education policy for the next four years. If you are terrified right now, I can tell you that you are not alone. DeVos simply should not be allowed to lead the Department of Education. She has no qualifications or understanding of the subject matter. The American people deserve better. We deserve a qualified secretary who can lead from day one and who we can hold accountable for his or her actions.

We deserve an education secretary who understands the concerns of teachers, the problems with the public education system, the nightmare that is college financial aid and who has concrete solutions to correct the status quo. We do not need a lobbyist in charge of our education system. With Betsy DeVos in charge, the future of the American education system is surely on a course for disaster.

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Peppers at Kroger sit waiting to be selected by customers, Jan. 24, 2017.

# Get Vegucated: A first person view of veganism

From shedding the ‘Freshman 15’ to being more environmentally conscious — find out all of the benefits of becoming a vegan.

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Quinoa, tofu and kale — oh my! These are some of the stereotypical staples of veganism, which are, by the way, delicious (except for kale, ew). Vegans often get a bad rep as granola, self-righteous tree-huggers, but after reading a book called “Skinny Bitch,” I finally decided that the pros outweighed the cons. I went vegan.

Thus far, not eating ice cream and cheese (two of my favorite foods) has been worth the positive health and environmental consequences. Let’s take a look at some of these benefits and “get vegucated.”

One of the main reasons I changed my diet was to lose weight. So far, I have lost 11 pounds in about 20 days.

My weight loss, however, is not only due to removing animals and their by-products from my diet. I have been eating much healthier than I did back in my omnivore days because it is much easier as a vegan. The temptations of Cook Out, cupcakes and DX chicken tenders are completely removed from the equation, so I naturally eat less junk food.

Beware — eating less junk food does not necessarily equate eating healthily. I was a vegetarian from age 6 to about age 16, and I faced very real consequences for my poor eating choices. I suffered from severe protein and iron deficiencies. My mom

actually referred to me as a “carbetarian” because of the amount of pasta and bread I ate. This time around, I am being exceedingly careful to have a well rounded, protein- and iron-rich diet.

My diet has not only changed the numbers on my scale, but it has also transformed the way I feel. I am a more energized, confident individual because veganism has ameliorated my health and self-esteem.

Additionally, and I know you have heard this before, I save animals. I have always had a soft spot in my heart for cows — I have cow slippers named Ben and Jerry (ironic, I know). I have no desire, quite the opposite actually, to bring harm to these animals any more than I do to my pet cats.

Animals killed in the meat industry can sometimes suffer and be pumped with harmful growth hormones. Some even carry harmful diseases. Chickens and eggs, for example, are filled with salmonella. Every time I bring this up I hear, “Oh, but no one actually gets salmonella! I eat cookie dough all the time.” False. I once contracted salmonella from chicken. Additionally, farmers can make more money if their animals are larger. Thus, they are incentivized to feed their animals hormones, which we put into our bodies every time we eat a Big Mac or t-bone.

Milk is the root of all evil. Just kidding, that’s a

little extreme, but it is really gross. Humans are meant to drink the milk from their mothers’ breasts, not the breasts of a cow. We are the only mammals that drink another animal’s milk — it simply isn’t natural.

When you are a baby, you drink the milk from your mom and then that is supposed to be it. Human milk is intended to grow you from a 6 pound baby into a slightly larger baby of about 18 pounds. Cow milk is intended to grow a calf from a 63 pound baby to a much larger 600 pound cow. Do I want to be 600 pounds? No, so I am not drinking cows’ milk.

Even if I ignore all of the above, the amount of resources that veganism saves is enough to convince me to change my diet. After just one month of veganism, I will have saved 33,000 gallons of water, 1,200 pounds of grain, 900 square feet of forest, 600 pounds of carbon dioxide and 30 animals’ lives.

All in all, going vegan has been the right choice for me. Removing animals and animal by-products from your diet may not be for you, and that is fine. But if veganism or vegetarianism is something you are considering, remember it is okay to make mistakes. After all, I didn’t realize until after the first week of my diet that milk chocolate has milk in it.

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# REVIEW: Our Daily Bread warms the stomach and soul

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without having to navigate the line. I was tempted to order a macaron while I waited, but didn’t want to fill up before the main course.

“Don’t forget your mimosa!!!” was written in pink letters on the chalk-board menu. All of the tables were occupied. When customers finished their meal and left, their seats were quickly filled. I was worried that we wouldn’t get a seat, but one cleared up just as we needed it, and no one ever had to wait around for a table.

On Jan. 21, the brunch selections were the Peach Pie Crepe, Hillbilly Biscuit Breakfast, Pigs in a Blanket, Garbage Plate and the Salmon Southwest Omelette. By the time I ordered at 1:30 p.m., the Garbage Plate had been sold out. Most of these involved a croissant or biscuit, sausage and/or bacon, and eggs.

Because I don’t eat much meat, I wasn’t keen on ordering any of the options besides the Peach Pie Crepe, but that didn’t particularly catch my interest either. Luckily, the regular Bistro options were also available.

I ordered the eggs florentine, which is essentially eggs benedict sans ham, on a croissant.

I once read a book called “Everything on a Waffle” in which the main character frequents a diner where absolutely everything is served on top of a waffle. Our Daily Bread is the real-life version of this, except everything can be served on a croissant.

Given the length of the line and the time we spent waiting in it, I assumed it would take a while to get the food. However, within minutes of ordering, my meal was in front of me, looking even better than I had imagined.

The buttery, flaky croissant was amazing. The poached egg was

perfectly cooked — not solid but not too runny to eat — and paired well with the croissant. My only complaint was the small amount of hollandaise sauce; it was delicious but there was not enough on my dish.

So, what is the other key component of brunch? Coffee. Our Daily Bread’s drink menu is extensive and includes many truly French options. I opted for the French hot chocolate, made from real chocolate and steamed sweetened condensed milk. Let me tell you, it was like drinking pure chocolate; it warmed my stomach and my soul.

I left Our Daily Bread with a full stomach and every intention of going back for brunch, or perhaps just a macaron, as soon as possible. I give Our Daily Bread four out of five stars.

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# MARCH: Protesting Trump unifies women in D.C.

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people, all there for the same reason you are — the feeling is indescribable. I wasn’t scared because it was evident that I was not surrounded by ill-intent, and the zero arrests made on Saturday proves that. Sometimes navigating yourself through a large crowd can be a daunting task, but not in this crowd. Everyone around us was so understanding, and we all knew that one of the main reasons we were there was to lift others up.

As the day went on, emotions got higher and higher. Tears fell more and more with every speech, and as I looked around the crowd, I received an endless amount of all-knowing looks.

For me, there were two moments of the day that carried the most emotion. The

first came when Ashley Judd took the stage. Borrowing words from a 19-year-old named Nina Donovan, Judd delivered a speech that got stronger with every word.

Identifying herself as a “nasty woman” (a phrase many feminists have worn as a badge of honor ever since Trump called Clinton a nasty woman during a debate), Judd spoke of sexist issues in this country with eloquence, using gut-wrenching phrases such as, “I’m not nasty like the combo of Trump and Pence being served up to me in my voting booth, I’m nasty like the battles my grandmothers fought to get me into that voting booth.”

The other moment was when the Mothers of the Movement (the mothers of the men and women who have lost their lives to police brutality) took the stage. During a speech by Janelle Monae, the

mothers came out and asked the audience to repeat the names of the children they had lost. At this point in the day, my friends and I were in a spot where we could not see the screen. But for this moment, it didn’t matter. Everyone could hear the emotion in these mothers’ voices — it was unlike anything I have ever heard or will ever hear again, and there was not a dry eye in those streets.

After a fiery speech and two songs by Madonna, the march began and the feminist coalition was stronger than ever.

As we marched down Pennsylvania Avenue toward the White House, it became clear that this march had a force that could not be matched or ignored. There were people looking down on the march from surrounding buildings cheering us on or holding signs, and the chants on the ground became louder and louder. The fire inside of us could not be put out as we chanted things like, “We will not go away, welcome to your first day,” and, “We want a leader, not a creepy tweeter.”


Throughout the march, our strength was never lessened. From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., the crowd’s enthusiasm never wavered. It was an experience that can never be recreated, and it came with stories that will always be told. That is why I can say with absolute certainty, this march was the greatest thing I have ever done.




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Protesters stand along the route of the Women’s March on Washington. The march temporarily shut down areas of Washington, D.C., Jan. 21, 2017.

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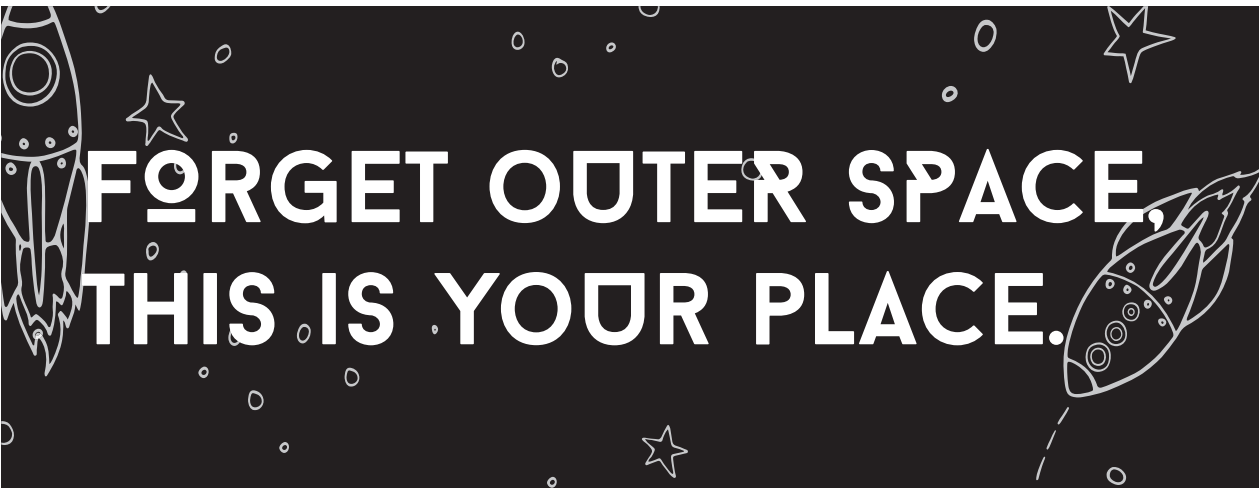
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### Brewster Rokit: Space Guy! by Tim Rickard



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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 5 Like pastrami
- 10 Rum cake
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By Jerome Gunderson

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#### DOWN

- 1 They get carried away
- 2 Be of use to
- 3 Pudding snack cup maker
- 4 It may come after you
- 5 Bone below the sacrum
- 6 State on the Colorado Plateau
- 7 Fall back (on)
- 8 Before, in verse
- 9 Doesn't care for
- 10 Lunch order with "special sauce"
- 11 "May I speak?"
- 12 Pro \_\_\_
- 13 High point
- 18 Flavorful
- 23 Cold War letters
- 25 Trident-shaped letters
- 28 Johnnycakes
- 29 Top story
- 30 Fine \_\_\_
- 31 Lady's company?
- 32 Take to the cleaners
- 33 Fifth Avenue store

#### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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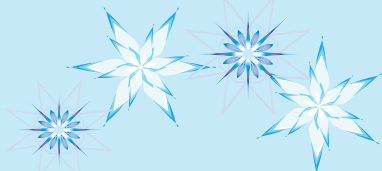
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- 34 Keister
- 35 Miles off
- 36 Suffrage, with "the"
- 40 Moorish palace of southern Spain
- 41 Sneakily seek, with "for"
- 43 Dodge Aries, e.g.
- 44 Eye-related
- 46 Aced
- 47 Shows one's feelings
- 50 Battling
- 51 "48 HRS." co-star
- 52 Moved carefully
- 53 Stray sounds?
- 54 Epic \_\_\_
- 55 Name for a poodle
- 56 Vacation plan
- 57 Diarist Frank
- 61 "I get it" sounds
- 62 Not quite right

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## SNOW ACTIVITIES WORD SEARCH



Locate the list of words in the word bank in the letter grid.

### WORD BANK

- Sledding
- Skiing
- Snow Golf
- Igloo
- Snowball
- Snowman
- Snowboarding
- Snowangles
- Ice skating
- Ice fishing
- Snowshoeing
- Snow tubing



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MEETING: Residents worry about dangers of junction

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stories concerning well contamination and the resulting illnesses.

“September, I had a little stomach problem and I ignored it ... I’m young, I’m stubborn, foolish, whatever,” said a resident who bought his house on Harding Road a year and a half ago. “Blacksburg’s on the top of a mountain, and all water and waste runs downhill. It affects everybody.”

The pump station sends sewage and runoff up to the top of Harding Road, where gravity takes over. Given the current town-county boundaries, the runoff from the gravity system will only impact residents on county-owned land.

“Blacksburg won’t feel a thing,” said Gary Glesener, a member of the Virginia Tech geosciences department.

White and other worried residents brought their concerns to the town in 2009 when another developer wanted to build houses in the same location that the Bradley Company is eyeing now. The

developer later withdrew the application, and the conversation ended.

The recent proposal for boundary adjustment provided an ideal platform to reignite the dialogue.

“We are all concerned and fearful that another precious life may perish at that intersection.”

Javad Torabinejad  
Blacksburg-based ecologist

“There are indications that the channel below the Windsor Hills apartment complex is inadequate, and therefore any development in that area should be closely monitored,” said Javad Torabinejad, a Blacksburg-based ecologist. “Residents living downstream should not pay the cost of someone else’s gains upstream.”

Torabinejad also advocated for a grade-separated interchange to be built on the intersection of North Main Street and U.S. 460.

In December, the state board rejected the \$37.7-million plan in favor of a simpler \$3.3-million alternative that has been met with public disdain.

“We are all concerned and fearful that another precious life may perish at that intersection,” Torabinejad said. “This is the time for VDOT to come to its senses and abandon the R-cut plan, and the CTB (Commonwealth Transportation Board) to fund the construction of the ultimate solution, a grade-separated interchange.”

The online petition demanding a grade-separated interchange has reached nearly 400 signatures.

The Town Council will next convene in a quarterly work session on Jan. 31 and again in another work session on Feb. 7. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blacksburg Municipal Building at 300 South Main St.

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Hokies perform CPR to save Blacksburg citizen

Four Virginia Tech students perform emergency CPR to save the life of an HVAC maintenance repair man for the Edge Rental Community.

CAROLINE PROVOST  
news staff writer

The Edge Rental Community honored four students — Christina Wood, Kalli Brooks, Heather Uzer and Alison Morehead — on Wednesday, Jan. 16, for rescuing an HVAC maintenance repairman, Dennis Flack, last semester.

“We’re just so glad that he is doing well,” Brooks, a junior business management major, said. “It was so sweet to see his wife, and she was so thankful for what we did. It was nice to see him walking, and he looked really good.”

On Dec. 9, nearly a month and a half ago when students were preparing for final exams, Wood, a junior marketing major, pulled into 310 Edge Way to meet Brooks for lunch. She was walking from her car when she first noticed Flack bending down, in visible distress.

“I was walking over to Kalli’s apartment and I thought, ‘something’s not right.’ So, I turned around and he was on the ground,” Wood said.

Wood then ran over to Brooks’ apartment, called 911 and returned to the parking lot. Flack had fallen to the floor and his eyes were glossed over, according to Brooks.

“I ran out and tried to wake him up while she was calling 9-1-1 and he

wasn’t really responding,” Brooks said. “I tried to get more help because I didn’t really know what to do. I ran to Allison and Heather’s apartment, which was two steps away from where it happened.”

Uzer went to go get people from the housing office, right across the street. In a few moments, Edmund Hughes, who works for VT Rescue and heard the call, started giving CPR to Flack.

“Because we had to put the call to emergency services, someone from VT Rescue had gotten the radio message about the incident,” Uzer said. “He was on campus and thought he could get to the scene faster than the ambulance so he biked over (and) kind of just came out of nowhere. We thought he was from the Edge and he started doing CPR on the man, so he really started resuscitating the man.”

After emergency services arrived, the girls went back inside until the police came to ask them questions.

“It was very emotional to see that,” Brooks said. “We stayed there until everyone was there to help. We went back into the apartment until the cops came. Then we talked to them and told them the story and what happened.”

Flack eventually gained a pulse, but remained in a coma for six days after the

incident. After he awoke in the hospital, his doctor remarked that if the four girls hadn’t been at the scene at the time that he initially started struggling, it would have been too late for the medical staff to try to revive him.

“(310 Edge Way) is a very secluded part because it’s just parking and usually people go through the front to get to class,” Brooks said.

“No one else would have been there,” Wood said. “I was the only one around when it happened, so if I wasn’t there who knows when someone would have found him.”

“It happened to be super lucky that she had come to the Edge,” Uzer said.

At the ceremony Wednesday, the apartment agency held a ceremony for the girls and Hughes, providing them with plaques and various gift cards, all organized by Lauren Crofts, human resources and benefits generalist for CMG Leasing.

“Seeing how grateful his wife was — that always gives you a reason to help people,” Wood said. “She was just so happy.”

“Even if it’s not your family, it’s someone’s family,” Brooks said. “You always have to remember that.”

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A concerned citizen stresses the importance of water quality maintenance for the Town of Blacksburg to the town council, Jan. 24, 2017.

Professor granted \$2.1 million for heart research

Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute associate professor Steven Poelzing has been granted \$2.1 million for heart disease research.

MIKE LIU  
news reporter

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health has recently given out a \$2.1 million grant to Steven Poelzing, associate professor at the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute (VTCRI). Poelzing will be leading a research team to study heart diseases with the help of the grant.

“It’s what can kill a student while they are playing football, or soccer, as well as just an otherwise healthy looking adult out walking the dog,” Poelzing said. “We try to understand the environmental factors that actually unmask genetic diseases or even pathological diseases like heart attacks.”

Michael Entz, a graduate student at Virginia Tech who is also part of Poelzing’s research team says that their team is comprised of six researchers — three researchers who are working full-time, two students and a postdoctoral researcher. The main part of Poelzing’s research is to investigate the mechanisms of sudden cardiac death, which is the affliction when the heart stops beating correctly.

VTCRI is a collaboration between Virginia Tech and Carilion, which is a private medical company in Roanoke. Entz explains

that the institute serves as a medical school as well as a place where researchers and health scientists can brainstorm on new scientific initiatives.

“We have many people that work from neuro studies to cardiac studies to vascular studies and we are all in the environment where we can actually work interdisciplinary with one another, (which) is something they were trying to foster when they built the research complex.”

According to Poelzing, the research team is trying to find an alternative form of cell-to-cell communication in heart cells. Heart cells need to communicate on every beat the exact same way, and abnormal communication leads to sudden cardiac death. The research team will be focusing on finding a new way for cells to communicate with each other and use the new mechanism to conceal cardiac diseases.

“Unfortunately for a lot of people with genetic cardiovascular diseases, their first presentation to a hospital is their last presentation to a hospital if they enter in with an arrhythmia,” Poelzing said. “We are taking the standpoint that if a patient can maintain a concealed disease state for the majority of their life, then you can prevent what accesses it, causes death (and) then you can keep that

patient healthy.”

The mechanism that the research team is trying to find could prevent heart diseases or keep the patient in the healthy state. Poelzing hopes that their research will help extend living expectations with those individuals who suffer from these unfortunate diseases.

“It will help keep patients alive for longer. I’m always reticent to use the word ‘cure,’ but that’s the popular vernacular,” Poelzing said. “If you know exactly what the mechanism is to unmask a disease then presumably if you can prevent that, you can keep the disease, or keep the person in a healthy state.”

Entz believes that their research could help patients with heart diseases who may need surgeries or drugs to keep them in a healthy state and people who are in an emergency medical situation.

“We are hoping that by looking at these mechanisms of changing ionic balance that we can find the underlying problem, what is exactly happening and hopefully find a therapy so that (patients) don’t have to go to surgical means, or someone doesn’t need to be on drugs for the next 50 years in their lives,” Entz said. “It could possibly cause other problems.”

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REPUBLICANS: Adams talks amendment rights

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some of his classmates had when classes were not canceled, and they could not bring their firearms on campus due to school policy prohibiting the carry or storage of firearms on campus.

Adams responded that his general attitude regarding firearms was, “If you are trained, then you are okay to own a firearm.” Adams placed a caveat, saying that he holds a reservation about firearms at elementary through high schools due to logistically being able to secure a gun in the school.

Later in the night, Adams addressed the death penalty with statistical findings to back up his argument.

“I support the death penalty,” Adams said. “If you commit a felony and kill a victim, you deserve the death penalty.”

Adams stated that he had reviewed 31 cases

of individuals sentenced to death in the state of Virginia in the past year, with 30 of those individuals reportedly abused as children. This information, coupled with Adam’s experiences interviewing criminals and heroin addicts, led him to emphasize the horrible ramifications of child molestation in the long run and his position to fully prosecute individuals who abuse children.

When a member of the audience asked about his opinion of Trump, Adams expressed that he was happy to have a Republican in the White House but did describe his concerns in regards to Trump.

“Tweeting will kill Trump,” Adams said. “President Ronald Reagan treated the office with respect and some positions should not allow unregulated emotions to spew out.”

Trump was not Adam’s first choice from the Republican nominees. However, given the choice

between candidates Clinton and Trump, Trump was the easy choice for Adams.

“Tweeting will kill Trump ... and some positions should not allow unregulated emotions to spew out.”

John Adams  
attorney general nominee  
hopeful

The meeting concluded with the College Republicans taking a group photo with Adams and some words on the importance of local and state politics, being both a stepping stone to reaching national politics and playing a more important role in people’s daily lives.

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## RECRUITING: Hokies flip handful of star recruits

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“That’s one of the main reasons I chose (Virginia Tech). Coach Fuente brought that energy back and ... they’re winning 10 games,” Hunter said when asked about Fuente’s first season as head coach.

It feels safe to assume that

Fuente’s successful debut influenced other recruits, as three of the four recruits that signed with the Hokies this past weekend were previously committed to other schools. Rivers, the eighth-best prospect in the state, was a longtime Penn State commit until he rescinded his commitment on Jan. 22 and announced his switch

to the Hokies later that same day. The four-star inside linebacker will be filling a position that’s up for grabs, as starting inside linebacker Andrew Motuapuaka is entering his senior season with no experienced players behind him.

Robert Porcher IV and Bryce Watts were the other two weekend commits, with

the former originally planning on playing at Nebraska and the latter at Rutgers. Both players fill position needs on the defensive line and the receiving corps, respectively, and show how prolific this coaching staff has been at recruiting.

Signing day is approaching fast and the Hokies still have a few players on their radar,

including top 10 in-state recruit Tyjuan Garbutt. This class is already one of the biggest in recent years and looks like it could grow, but NCAA rules could limit its size.

The two rules for scholarship players in NCAA football are that each recruiting class can enroll no more than 25 scholarship

players, and each year a team’s active roster can have no more than 85 scholarship athletes on it. With the recent departure of several underclassmen as well as seniors and early draft prospects, the Hokies will not have a problem coming in under the 85 allotted spots. However, they are already over the limit of 25 players per recruiting class.

However, there are ways to maneuver around these restrictions, and Tech has done so in the past and is already doing so this year. First, players can be sent to Fork Union Military Academy as a “grayshirt.” This means they will sign to play for Virginia Tech, but take one year to play at Fork Union to prepare for college football and therefore not be included in the final count of enrollees for that recruiting class.

Second, players that enroll in the spring rather than in the fall can be counted toward the previous year’s enrollees. In 2016, the Hokies only had 21 players enroll for the year, leaving four spots open for early enrollees in the 2017 class, of which there are nine.

A lot can happen in the last week of the recruiting year, and it appears that Virginia Tech wants to be the team at the center of the action. With several spots still available on the roster and a coaching staff trying hard to build a new program, the Hokies could be heading into the offseason with the most talent they have had in recent history.



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Virginia Tech head coach Justin Fuente walking around the field at the Bank of America Stadium before the game against the Arkansas Razorbacks in Charlotte, North Carolina, Dec. 29, 2016.

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## Mens basketball eyeing an upset at Chapel Hill

Buzz Williams and company will face off against Roy Williams and the Tar Heels in an ACC matchup that could affect the playoffs in March.

ROBERT FLETCHER  
sports staff writer

Coming off two hard-fought, one-point victories over Clemson and Georgia Tech this past week, the Hokies will look to build off their momentum on the road this Thursday as they travel to Chapel Hill to face the No. 9 ranked North Carolina Tar Heels.

The Tar Heels, who are currently riding an impressive six-game win streak behind juniors Joel Berry and Justin Jackson, their top scorers of the season, will not be an easy win for the Hokies, who are looking to win their third straight game.

While the Tar Heels’ formidable depth down low and high scoring, up-tempo offense may seem daunting, the Hokies have shown strong signs of resiliency throughout the season, as well as a knack for stepping up in the second half against ranked opponents, as shown in their 14-point upset over Duke.

Virginia Tech will also need big games from key players like point guard Seth Allen and power forward Zach LeDay, who combined for 33 points in their win over Clemson. The

duo led the Hokies in scoring in both the Clemson and Georgia Tech victories. Allen has been especially clutch in their last two wins, first by hitting the game-winning layup over Georgia Tech and then scoring 15 of his 17 points in the second half against Clemson. After the Clemson victory, Allen showed that Virginia Tech might just be peaking at the right time.

“It was just a huge win because I thought it was the most together we’ve played in a long time,” Allen said in a postgame interview.

On the defensive side of the ball, the most intriguing matchup to keep an eye on will be Allen on Berry, who leads North Carolina in both 3-point percentage and assists. While Allen has been a very reliable on-the-ball defender this season, it’ll be interesting to see how he handles a guard like Berry throughout the game.

Another key matchup to watch out for will be how Virginia Tech’s frontcourt players like Chris Clarke and LeDay match up with North Carolina’s big men. With seniors Kennedy Meeks and Isaiah Hicks constantly

rotating with freshman phenom Tony Bradley, Virginia Tech’s big men are going to have to step up and play a consistently strong 40 minutes of basketball if they want to pull off the upset. One of the biggest deciding factors for the contest will be for the Hokies to avoid giving up costly offensive rebounds to the Tar Heels, which might be hard considering the Hokies’ big men. Both Clarke and LeDay are too small to be referred to as big men, but they make up for their size with athleticism. The numbers don’t lie, either. Clarke is averaging just under eight rebounds per game and LeDay averages seven.

With a big game from Virginia Tech’s top players, as well as a strong performance from Clarke and LeDay, the Hokies might be able to keep up with the high-scoring offense of Roy Williams’ squad. Another huge upset would keep the Hokies in contention in ACC play as well as build on their resume for the NCAA Tournament in March.

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Seth Allen (4) takes a jump shot over the defense of Notre Dame’s Austin Torres (1), Jan. 14, 2017.

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