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By BENNETT CONLIN

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Diane Goodlatte ('86), who represents the 6th District of Virginia, which includes Harrisonburg.

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Satirical film focuses on realities regarding race and sexuality

By EVAN W. MALLISTER

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**Religious freedom trouble is a problem for many countries**, **McClatchy Foreign Staff**

WASHINGTON — The latest round of religious freedom trouble is a problem for many countries, including some landlocked nations that have long struggled with religious discrimination and harassment.

Recent incidents in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and other nations have highlighted the challenges facing religious minorities in these nations. The situation has sparked concern among religious leaders and human rights activists, who argue that the lack of religious freedom and discrimination against religious minorities is a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

In Pakistan, the government has been accused of perpetrating violence against minority groups, including Christians and Hindus. The attacks have been fueled by religious extremism and political polarization, leading to a rise in religious violence and discrimination.

In Saudi Arabia, the government has long been criticized for its treatment of religious minorities, particularly the Shia community. The government has been accused of using violence and repression to suppress the Shia minority, leading to widespread human rights abuses and discrimination.

Other countries, such as Egypt, have also faced religious freedom challenges, with instances of violence and discrimination against religious minorities reported. These incidents have sparked concern among religious leaders and human rights activists, who argue that the lack of religious freedom and discrimination against religious minorities is a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

In conclusion, the lack of religious freedom and discrimination against religious minorities is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. Religious leaders and human rights activists must work together to promote religious tolerance and understanding, and to ensure that religious minorities have the right to practice their faith freely and without fear of persecution.

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**US executions and death sentences decline**, **McClatchy Foreign Staff**

GENEVA — Executions and death sentences declined in the United States during 2015, according to a report by Amnesty International.

The United States executed only 17 inmates last year, a decline from 2014, when 37 were executed. The number of death sentences handed down also declined, to 75, from 89 in 2014. The report found that 24 states have abolished the death penalty, including New Hampshire, which has not executed an inmate since 1939.

The report also noted that the number of executions in the United States has declined in recent years, with the majority of states opting for life without parole as an alternative to the death penalty. The report concluded that the decline in executions is a positive development, but that more needs to be done to ensure that all citizens are treated equally under the law.

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

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ness, but three years through April 9, JMU's Post-Conflict Recovery Week (PCRW) is bring-
ing individuals with various backgrounds and experiences with trauma to campus. Among these various include 2019, 2020, and 2021, this year's PCRW has a theme of "Together We Can:" addressing fragility and resilience in the military and the military community. According to Jennifer Riser, managing editor for CISR, this year's PCRW is dedicated to helping individuals who have been impacted by trauma to understand and cope with their experiences.

The PCRW is a part of the International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR) to share their international work with JMU faculty and staff. According to Risser, the PCRW is sponsored by CISR in conjunction with the JMU Department of Political Science, Justice Studies, Graduate Psychology, JMU Institute for Visual Studies, and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation.

The week's activities, which offer a diverse array of speakers and films, allow students to engage with the stories of war survivors in the United Kingdom, Colombia, and Burundi, and to experience the impact of war on individuals and communities.

The center has worked around the world to help communities build a peaceful and prosperous future, and the JMU community is a part of that mission. According to Risser, "We want to increase awareness among students, faculty, and staff of the impact of war on communities around the world."

The PCRW is scheduled for April 4-8, 2023, and will feature a variety of speakers, discussions, and films. For more information, visit the PCRW website or contact Jennifer Riser at breezenews@gmail.com.

By KAYLA RINI
The Breeze
Students participate in discussion on social issues and stereotypes

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**GOODLATTE**

**EXHIBITION TOWNHOMES**

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FROGS

Frogs are amphibians that breathe through their skin and have moist skin. They also have lungs for breathing air, which they use when they are on land. Frogs have long hind legs that are adapted for jumping and short front legs. They have moist skin and breathe through their skin and lungs. The skin of a frog helps it to absorb water and oxygen.

A mountain yellow-legged frog population killed by Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis, a skin fungus that affects amphibian species, such as frogs and salamanders. In the field test, frogs that went untreated died. In the lab trial, all frogs recovered. In both cases the team used frogs with Bd, a pathogen that is a major threat to amphibian populations around the world. The probiotic was able to inhibit the athlete’s foot fungus [in a petri dish]. So we were also able to get a patent on that through [JMU] and that’s pretty much as far as we’ve gone,” Harris said.

In addition to their success with amphibians, the team has also been able to apply their probiotic technology to human medicine. A recent study that took place between 2010-11. In the lab trial in 2009 and a field trial in 2011, the team was able to show that a bacterium that already exists on humans, was able to inhibit the athlete’s foot fungus [in a petri dish]. The probiotic could control athlete’s foot. The project would need to be further developed so that it can be used for human treatment. The project was successful and the probiotic could be used for human treatment in the future.

There have been successful moments, but the probiotic is still in need of more testing and research. Harris said, “The idea is to use good bacteria to kill bad bacteria, instead of antibiotics, which just kill everything.”

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FROGS

Probiotic that could cure disease and treat athlete's foot still needs improvement

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Transgender actors should be cast in all roles

HAYLEY MOORE | historical nonfiction

This semester, I’ve been taking a writing class about art, and so far I’ve been following the art community more closely. In doing so, I’ve come to learn that, in the art world, it’s all about being trans. If that sounds impossible to you, you’re not alone. I’ve been trans myself for six years now, and yet I’ve never fully realized that art was something I could be a part of. Yet, as I’ve learned from my friends who are also trans, it’s a world that definitely exists for us.

Critics are very picky people. They’re one of a kind, and the only people they’d like to see in the art world are those who are trans. However, if you were to ask a critic what it means to be trans in art, they’d probably say it means being a “special” role. They’d say being trans is a “special” role because it’s a role that no one else has ever played before. They’d say that, in order to be trans, you have to be transgender instead of just transgender.

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If people saw trans men and women be “normal” members of society by existing in society, or being accepted in our society, it would show them that they’re not alone. It also shows them that they’re not alone. It shows them that they’re not alone. It shows them that they’re not alone. It shows them that they’re not alone. It shows them that they’re not alone. It shows them that they’re not alone. It shows them that they’re not alone. It shows them that they’re not alone.

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Ted Cruz article proves arrogance, not intelligence

As Google has tried to advertise self-driving car and has pumped up the marketing of the “Google Car,” I’ve found many people easily dismiss this technology with a sense of the hand — something that surprises me, given the amount of people who are in the workforce and that have to drive somewhere or another. However, these people seem to have become synonymous with being everyone’s nightmare. The reason he disagrees with the views of U.S. Senator Cruz is not that few of us are ever likely to match. Instead of mocking and dismissing views that challenge the way we see the world, Cruz should be more open-minded. The way he describes his own self-driving car trip? I suggest imagining a future where cars are not only a mode of transportation, but also a place to work, watch TV or even nap. While I believe it’ll take longer than five years, I think the United States and other countries will eventually adopt self-driving vehicle technology (which has already been slowly integrated into the cars we drive today). I think that while there are major hurdles to surpass, the benefits of autonomous vehicles greatly outweigh the challenges.

Like Trump, Cruz also thinks that completely autonomous vehicles won’t be on the road in the next decade, but will be implemented in society in three stages. Instead of mocking and dismissing views that challenge the way we see the world, Cruz should be more open-minded. The way he describes his own self-driving car trip? I suggest imagining a future where cars are not only a mode of transportation, but also a place to work, watch TV or even nap.

Ted Wachob is a 2018 JMU alumnus.

As the world of technology changes, so do the expectations of the future. With self-driving cars becoming more common, it is important to consider the impact they will have on society. The benefits of autonomous vehicles greatly outweigh the challenges. However, there are also major hurdles to surpass. The benefits of autonomous vehicles greatly outweigh the challenges.

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HATERS GONNA HATE

Internet trolls are wasting their time with negative comments on social media

BRIANA ELLISON / off topic

We live in a world filled with diversity and polar opposites. In a twisted sense, that’s a good thing. We should be able to embrace all the things we love and oppose all the things we hate. But there are times when that, the anti-fans that have begun to grow in popularity.

1. Solid fans
2. Mourning former fans
3. Internet trolls
4. Anti-fans

First, you have the mourning former fans. These anti-fans are inspired by the content of these entities, anti-fans harbor opposing sentiments. They hate anything and everything they do and can’t wait to announce, and the hardcore anti-fans can’t wait to throw their two cents in.

I see these anti-fans a lot on the Facebook page for my favorite band, Etsyabasis. The band posts anything—a movie poster, a tour schedule, a new album, a photo of the band’s leader, and former fans think to the you’re a liar thing is a heathen. They immediately lug the comments with statements like, “You are going to play some of your old stuff? I don’t like the new songs,” or “I wish I didn’t have to listen to the album so much.”

On the other end of the spectrum, we have the anti-fans who absolutely love what they do. There are the ones who make comments ranging from a snippy “you’re crap,” to long, painful paragraphs about how much they dislike someone’s work. These anti-fans could also be referred to as snobs, since they love loving the emotions and hate of fans. In order to rate more drastically than other fans, and a band or solo artist’s social media account. Their favorite lines are inspired by the content of these entities, anti-fans harbor opposing sentiments.

Anti-fans absolutely loathe certain bands, solo artists, celebrities and authors. They hate absolutely everything they do and can’t wait to tell you, the adoring fan, all about it. Every more surprising than their actual presence is the sheer variety of anti-fans who exist (although it isn’t so much a variety as it is two extremes).

First, you have the mourning former fans. These anti-fans are gaining in number, and can primarily be found drooling on a band or solo artist’s social media account. Their favorite lines are inspired by the content of these entities, anti-fans harbor opposing sentiments.

Hatred can be expressed in a variety of ways, such as: “I don’t like your new album,” or “I hate the way you act.” The biggest question to ask is why anti-fans become anti-fans. Not only do they feed off the angry emotions they elicit in the fans of their targets, they also survive on their expressions of hate. So, the more negative the emotions and hate of fans, the more survival they gain from stalking them and including your negative opinion on their page?

It’s frustrating because it doesn’t make any sense. There’s no logical reason for anti-fans to stalk their subjects only to be hate.

It’s almost hilarious the way anti-fans unknowingly make bars even more interesting. Part of the reason for their dislike can be overexposure. The best thing we can do is remain cold that line doesn’t exist. It may be a frustrating concept to consider, but we do have free will. Even if, just like most of us, we don’t have to interact with them. You can separate yourself from their lives.

Of course, their presence will always pop up, but it’s a fleeting moment on an otherwise momentous scale.

Don’t let your dislike of someone cloud your judgment and further realize the problem.

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MACROCK celebrates 18 years of do-it-yourself indie rock

Eryn Mann | contributing writer

The Friendly City is about to get a lot louder. This Friday and Saturday, downtown Harrisonburg will be thrum-
ning with music and noise from all over the East Coast. MACROCK is Harrisonburg's annual music fest that brings
local artists and community members. Now in its 18th year, MACROCK kicks off Friday and continues into the night on Saturday. Over 50 bands will perform downtown, drawing tens from all over and hopefully leaving town two.

The attitude of the bands and the coordinators is different from many other music festivals.

Landon Walker, a senior English and media arts and design major, says, "It's kind of like a Disneyland or a Disney World for people who are into up-and-
coming acts. "The thing I always compare it to is... "The Night Of The Daycare," he added. "It's like a corporate label to be successful..."

MACROCK has been a staple of the downtown scene for the past 18 years, and attendees can expect a variety of musical genres and artists at this year's event. The festival will feature concerts at various venues throughout downtown Harrisonburg, including the Pony, Golden Pony, and Court Square Theatre. In addition to the concerts, there will also be a Garage Sale and a Label Expo on Saturday, offering a platform for independent music fans to interact with local musicians and discover new music.

The festival is living proof that bands don't need a corporate label to be successful. Without the university, MACROCK has found its home in the handful of downtown venues.

"It's a unique opportunity to connect with the local community. In its original conception, it served as an annex to student-run radio station WXJM, directly tied and financially assisted by JMU. In 1996. This being the 18th installment of the festival, it's seen some alternations over the years."

Tales and folklore abound, and we can't extend official reasons why things have happened. However, there's a story out there concerning some missing money, which may have come from the crime.

The festival is a testament to the artist's talent, while being all offi-
cially joined at the hip of WXJM. According to the MACROCK va.org, MACROCK has been and always will be perpetuated by the belief that music can thrive without a corporate influence.

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Council News

Getting to know the Classics

As a true believer in the classics, we've decided to focus on some of the most well-known and beloved songs of the past. These tracks have stood the test of time and continue to be a staple in our music libraries. From timeless rock hits to classic ballads, we've rounded up a selection of songs that are sure to get you up and dancing. Enjoy these nostalgic favorites:

1. “Hey Jude” by The Beatles
2. “Hotel California” by The Eagles
3. “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen
4. “Stairway to Heaven” by Led Zeppelin
5. “Shape of You” by Ed Sheeran

These songs are just a small sample of the classic hits that continue to be popular today. Keep an eye out for our next edition, where we’ll be exploring even more timeless tracks. Until then, enjoy the music and keep the classics close to your heart!
THE BREEZE

By ANDRE HAROUSH
The Breeze

Since 1998, the Dukes Building a Lifelong Leader (B.A.L.L.) program has been a Successful way to coach the student-athletes into upperclassmen and beyond. In 2013, the B.A.L.L. program was implemented to the University’s sports programs. Since then, the program has accomplished many goals and has been successful in preparing athletes for the future. The program started with the volleyball team and expanded to include other sports such as men’s and women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, and softball. The program has been successful in preparing athletes for the future, and has helped many athletes achieve their goals.

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Dukes spring in to 2015

Braking down JMU football as the program kicks off its spring schedule.

The Dukes’ 2016 campaigns have many notable achievements, including winning seven games with at least in the final half of the season and a team-high 11 victories over an opponent with a losing record. The Dukes’ offense was also the third-highest scoring in the CAA, tallying 35.7 points per game, as the program moves forward.

The future

With the amount of changes made within the coaching staff, it’s very much on new that can be considered a new era in its own.

Former offensive coordinator Drew Meieringer and Kevin Ruff both return this season to orchestrate the Dukes’ offense, while former defensive coordinator Jason Kutznow also returns to assist in the coaching position at the University of Houston while Davis took on an offensive coaching position at East Carolina University.

Devin Ellick, formerly of Minnesota State University, now oversees the Dukes’ special teams and offensive line with coach John Bowers also transitioning from tight ends coach to outside linebackers coach. T.J. Law also joins the Dukes’ coaching staff, as the new offensive coordinator.

The Dukes have been outscored 100-55 in their last 11 games. The stretch of hard times began back on March 15, when JMU was swept by Indiana, currently ranked No. 14 in the same poll.

In regards to Hofstra, its successes all stem from having such a talented roster. "We’ve got a lot of guys who have already proved they can play at this level," Meieringer said. "It’s our job to take those guys and see how they stack up against the best and make sure they’re ready to compete in the the future.

"This demanding schedule allows the Dukes to prepare for the future and get ready to compete against some of the best teams in the nation including Victoria against the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, and the University of Central Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

The Dukes will look to improve on its defense as well, as the team’s improvement greatly outweighs any possible blemishes on its resume. The team, though, remains young. The season also will serve as a stepping stone for some of JMU’s younger players to see how they stack up against the best.

Dean knows a demanding schedule may add pressure, but he prides himself on looking forward to the future. "We’re always thinking about what we need to do to be better," Dean said. "I think it’s a good thing for us as a program that we’re always looking forward."

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