New bowling center coming to Coastal area

Katelin Gandee // Reporter

The owners of boutique bowling alley 710 in Myrtle Beach are bringing another location across from CCU.

The new bowling alley, which is being called 810, will be located across 501 from CCU and HGTC. 810, like its counterpart, is much more than bowling. While they’ll have typical bowling alley games, 810 offers a bar and restaurant.

“We’re kind of a bar and restaurant that happens to have a few bowling lanes,” said owner Michael Siniscalchi.

Siniscalchi remarked that, while they looked at other places to expand to, the city of Conway reached out to them, and they thought it would be the perfect to expand with both families located in Conway and university students being their prime target to enjoy 810.

While they’ll have more things for younger kids to do during the day, when it gets later, the main target will be college students, who now won’t have to drive to places like Broadway to have fun.

The prices of 810 will be similar to those of 710, which are around $5 per game of bowling. Their menu includes everything from wings to pizza and will include a happy hour, as well as a late night menu.

Michael DiGiorgio, the digital studio director, is looking forward to the new bowling alley.

“An updated nice, close facility is really awesome, and there does need to be more things for younger kids to do. It’s one more thing to do,” DiGiorgio said.

Another member of the community, Tad Robinson, isn’t that excited for it.

“It will be a good place for students. However, I don’t think I’ll take my kids there just due to all the college students.”

The bowling alley is expected to begin operations in spring of 2018. As for the community, Siniscalchi said this was a great area to be expanding to.

“There’s a growing population here, and we wanted to bring the entertainment to them.”

710 requires at least a 48 hour reservation in order to bowl, so it is possible 810 will also require this but, as it is located near campus, this could potentially change.
CCU student flees from police, hits two pedestrians

Kaley Lawlimore // Editor-in-Chief

Two people were hit by a car after a CCU student fled from police Oct. 28.

According to a police report, a CCU Public Safety officer was patrolling University Drive when a red Chevrolet Silverado spun out of control into oncoming traffic around 11:50 p.m.

When the officer initiated his blue lights, and turned around to stop the driver, identified as Graham Fernl McDonald, 20, he sped away, according to the police report.

McDonald then turned right onto Quail Run Road and when the officer followed, police said McDonald sped up.

The report stated McDonald rounded the corner and lost control of the truck, striking a black Ford F-150 which was parked on the left side of the road. That caused the Ford to out of control into oncoming traffic this would cause and how it would affect business.”

Ryan Murray, being only a few blocks down from the incident, felt the same way.

“I felt relatively safe in my work place and in the city,” said Murray. “This is meant to be deterrent, but if you don’t give it that power then they don’t win.”

Both Murray and Thomas felt that this feeling was the consensus of the rest of the city, in stating that they feel like in NYC, once something like this happens, everyone bounces back rather quickly. They also expect security to be amped up for the following days.

The people of New York New Yorkers react to NYC terrorist attack

Barjina Caldas // Reporter

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, a man rampaged through the streets of New York City in a rented Home Depot truck—killing eight and injuring 11. The attack is being called the deadliest attack on New York City since 9/11.

Following the attack, Mayor Bill de Blasio had a press conference with CNN and called this a “cowardly act of terror,” but that New Yorkers were “resilient and won’t be scared easily.”

As for New Yorkers Ryan Murray and Michelle Thomas, this statement rings true. When interviewed, both Murray and Michelle admitted that this did not really phase them.

“People are always on alert, but hearing of this incident doesn’t cause any heightened panic for me. I continue my daily routine as normal,” Thomas said. “While it was terrible to hear, I was too busy to really think about what happened. Before I was at work, my mindset was focused on what traffic this would cause and

Even more new student housing

Nicole Rabbitt // Reporter

If it is no secret that Coastal Housing has been expanding over the past few years. According to the Coastal website, Coastal has gained 3,000 students over the past 15 years—increasing the student body to just over 10,000 undergraduates.

With the continued growth efforts come more students and more housing options on and off-campus. Some new options popping up in Fall 2018 are off-campus housing complexes Aspen Heights and Bellamy Coastal.

Aspen Heights will offer two and three-bedroom duplex homes, as well as four and five-bedroom freestanding homes. These homes are much different than the dorm-style of CCU’s traditional residence halls.

The neighborhood will include a California style pool, clubhouses to campus, a fishing pond, dog runs, fenced in backyards, gated community access and tanning beds.

Prices will range from $599 to $729 per bedroom with a $250 pet free and $250 pet deposit. In addition to Aspen Heights, the home-style living community off Highway 501, Bellamy Coastal, is set to begin building townhomes type living for CCU students.

Bellamy Coastal, the newest addition, will offer two to four bedrooms and two to four-and-a-half bath townhomes. All townhomes will be equipped with Amazon’s home assistant, Alexa. Prices are still to be determined.

Both communities have begun leasing for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information visit Bellamycoastal.com or myaspenheights.com.
Meet CCU’s Homecoming Queen

Nicole Rabbitt // Reporter

After a week of voting, Morgan Howder was announced as CCU’s 2017 Homecoming Queen.

Howder is a junior Communication major with a minor in Marketing and New Media Design Culture. Howder loves attending CCU and is thankful for her crowning as Homecoming Queen.

“I am so thankful for all the love and support that my friends and family have showed me throughout the years,” said Howder. “Thank you for this opportunity.”

Since attending Coastal, she has been able to connect with others, make new friends and connections here. Getting involved was the best thing I have ever done for myself—you can do it if you just put a little effort into it.”

She is one of the nine students in the Wall Fellows Class of 2019. She also has a part of her summer interning for Dr. Debbie Conner in the Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement.

Howder also struggles with dyslexia, which can make learning hard for her. Since Coastal offers smaller class sizes than many other universities, CCU became Howder’s perfect choice.

For new and continuing students, Howder recommends getting involved and valuable words of encouragement.

“College is a time to learn more about yourself. It is a time to explore and take risk,” said Howder. “If you would have asked me freshman year if I would ever be Homecoming Queen, I would have liked laughed because I was so disconnected from CCU.”

She said the responsibilities she’s taken advantage of at Coastal has helped to mold her into the person she is now.

“I decided that I had to change my lifestyle here because I was tired of being alone and disconnected. I applied to be an Orientation Leader and, thankfully, was able to get the job,” said Howder. “Getting a job on campus allowed me to learn more about myself, leadership and our amazing community. It also helped me make more friends and connections here. Getting involved was the best thing I have ever done for myself—it’s easy to do and anyone can do it if you just put a little effort into it.”

Dunking for a cause

Alisha Petrizzo // Reporter

On Nov. 1, the sorority Sigma Kappa held a fundraiser to help find a cure to eradicate Alzheimer’s disease. With the help from a dunk tank on Prince Lawn, Sigma Kappa incorporated a fun new way to get students to participate.

Alzheimer’s is a degenerative disease that affects memory and other cognitive abilities. It is also progressive and worsens as a person ages.

The Alzheimer’s Association is one of many philanthropies for this sorority, and they have already raised $10,000 so far for this year. All of the proceeds are directed strictly to this association.

“The Sorority’s motto is ‘one campus, one family’,” said Townsend. “It gives chances for me to get deals at local shops and bond with the community.”

This was the first event that Sigma Kappa has done like this but, since they are a fairly new chapter, they are always trying to find new ways to achieve success, according to Townsend.

“In this year alone, chapters from all across the United States have already raised over $1 million for this cause,” said Townsend. “This was the first event that Sigma Kappa has done like this but, since they are a fairly new chapter, they are always trying to find new ways to achieve success, according to Townsend.

“The sorority’s motto is "one heart, one way," and represents their goal to better each other and their communities. Check out their next event titled, "Week of Giving," in which every day will have a different theme where the sorority will be giving back in some format.”

Some of the theme days are Campus day, Community day, Sorority/Fraternity day, and Gerontology day.

This year will be the 9th-annual Snowball Drop in downtown Conway. A tradition dating back to the early 2000’s, the hometown activity started with local businesses wanting the opportunity to expand by giving residents a way to bond and create connections with the community.

The snowball drop is hosted by Conway Downtown Alive and is located on 220 Main Street. It will be held at 10 a.m. and typically lasts 30 minutes. There will be approximately 1,500 ping pong balls with different store names and prize numbers inside, and all are inserted into a canon to be shot out.

After the event, the people that participated claim their prize including coupons, special offers and various gifts. The first launch is for kids only—the ping pong balls contain small prizes provided by the host. After the kids, the balls containing more than 40 Conway businesses’ coupons and deals are available for adult participants.

The Conway Downtown Alive is a nonprofit organization that hosts events for the bettering of the community and display hometown spirit.

Amanda Rodermond has lived in the Conway area for 14 years and loves how the snowball drop is so exciting.

“It gives chances for me to get deals at local shops and bond with the community,” said Rodermond.

Rodermond plans on making this a tradition with her family.
The 2017 Sasser Hall of Fame Class

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina will honor five new members of the George F. “Buddy” Sasser Hall of Fame this weekend prior to Coastal’s football matchup with Troy on Nov. 11.

David Anderson (baseball), Marie Matrika (women’s tennis), Anthony Meo (baseball), Josh Norman (football) and Frank Talotta (baseball) are the members of the 2017 Hall of Fame Class.

Anderson played baseball at Coastal from 2007-2009, and his 50 career home runs is still the Coastal Carolina all-time record. He was the Big South Tournament MVP in 2009 and was named to the Big South Team of the Decade (2000-2009). Matrika played tennis from 2001-2003 at Coastal Carolina, winning the Big South Conference Player of the Year award. She was the conference’s third highest selection of a Chanticleer in the draft. Anthony Meo played baseball at Coastal Carolina from 2008-2011. In his senior season, Meo was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, given annually to the most outstanding defensive player in NCAA Division I FCS. In the CCU career record book, Norman ranks in the top 10 of blocked kicks (1-1st), forced fumbles (4-4th), solo tackles (4-4th) and total tackles (8-8th). Norman was selected 143rd overall by the Coastal Carolina Panthers in the 2012 NFL Draft and was instrumental in leading the Panthers to Super Bowl 50. Meo is currently the only Coastal Carolina football player to have his number honored. Frank Talotta played two seasons of baseball at Coastal Carolina from 1992 to 1993. Among Coastal Carolina’s all-time career leaders, Talotta ranks fourth in batting average (.380) and sixth in triples (10). Overall, played in 107 career games and accumulated 24 home runs, 118 RBI and 53 stolen bases.

Congratulations all on the honor.

Coastal Carolina falls in Sun Belt Conference Championship

Ian Brooking // Reporter

The Coastal Carolina women’s soccer team ran its conference championship win streak to seven matches and advanced to the Big South Tournament final with a 3-1 victory over the University of South Alabama on Friday night.

Coastal Carolina finished the regular season 11-6-1 and 4-5-1 in NCAA Division I FCS. In conference play, Coastal Carolina was Sun Belt champions for the year and will take on the winner of the Sun Belt Tournament. The Chanticleers have a first round bye in the tournament and will take on the winner of Hawaii and Campbell on Friday, Nov. 10 at CCU Soccer Stadium.

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Junior forward Kayla Christian was the first to put the Chanticleers on the board when she scored from the penalty spot in the 52nd minute. Senior goalkeeper Braulio Linares-Ortiz came up with two big saves in the first ten minutes. Senior goalkeeper Braulio Linares-Ortiz came up with two big saves in the first ten minutes. Linares-Ortiz finished the match with five saves, putting him at 59 saves for the season.

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Coastal wins regular season Sun Belt crown

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina men’s soccer took down Georgia State 3-1 on Saturday, Nov. 4 in Atlanta, Georgia to earn an automatic Sun Belt conference regular season championship for the second consecutive season. It was an offensive firestorm on both sides, with the Chanticleers and Panthers registering a combined 17 shots in the first half. Senior goalkeeper Braulio Linares-Ortiz came up with a huge save in the 85th minute, keeping the Chanticleers’ two-goal advantage.

Emotions were running high in the final 20 minutes, and three yellow cards and a red card were handed out. Junior midfielder Saif AlBarakat was the lone Coastal player to be given a card while the Panthers saw themselves go down to 10-men in the 85th minute when Nick Hague was given a red card.

When the final whistle blew, the Chanticleers were Sun Belt conference regular season champions and given the number one seed in the Sun Belt Conference tournament. Coastal finished the regular season 10-6-1 and are currently on a seven-match unbeaten run.

The Chanticleers has a first round bye in the tournament and will take on the winner of North Carolina and Howard on Friday, Nov. 10 at CCU Soccer Stadium.

It was an offensive firestorm on both sides, with the Chanticleers and Panthers registering a combined 17 shots in the first half, giving up 5-0 at the break. Freshman forward Elisabeth Rodolph would add a fourth for the Chanticleers in the 69th minute. The Eagles would get a goal back in the final 30 seconds of the match, but that didn’t matter – Coastal was heading back to the Sun Belt Championship game hoping to knock out the visitors in the 64th minute.

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CCU volleyball continues winning streak

Katelin Gandee // Reporter

Chanticleer volleyball hits week five of non-stop wins. The Chanticleers’ head coach against the Georgia Southern Eagles on Nov. 2 then faced the Georgia State Panthers the following day Nov. 3.

The Chanticleers hit the road following two at home wins against Troy and South Alabama, which were their last home games of the season. Playing against the Eagles in their home turf of Statesboro, GA, the Chanticleers won in 5 sets with the set scores being 21-25, 26-24, 24-26, 15-8. The Chanticleers had a total of 75 kills, 6 kills, 54 digs and 9 blocks. Leah Hardeman led the teams in kills with 26, along with 3 aces and 3 block assists. Following Hardeman in kills was Kings Windisch with 15 kills, 1 ace and 2 block assists. The Chanticleers then traveled to Atlanta, GA, to play the Panthers. The Chanticleers won the game in 3 sets: 25-18, 25-14, 25-14. The Chanticleers had 38 kills, 6 aces, 47 digs and 5 blocks. Hardeman again lead the Chanticleers in kills with 14, followed by 2 aces and 2 block assists. Following Hardeman was Kyla Manning with 13 kills, 1 ace and 2 block assists. Following Manning was Kinga Windisch with 11 kills, 2 aces and 3 block assists. The Chanticleers play again Nov. 10 and again Nov. 11 for their last games before the conference. They play Southern Alabama on the 10 and then Troy on the 11.

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Coastal Carolina picked to finish 8th in Sun Belt

Ian Brooking // Reporter

The Coastal Carolina men’s basketball team was picked to finish in eighth place in the Sun Belt Conference for the 2017-2018 season. Texas-Arlington was picked to win the conference with Kevin Harvey, who was also selected as the Sun Belt Preseason Player of the Year.

Two Chanticleers were named to preseason teams with senior guard Jaylen Shaw named to the preseason Sun Belt Second Team and senior forward Demario Beck was named to the preseason Sun Belt Third Team. Coastal Carolina finished in eighth last season with a 10-8 conference record and made it to the quarterfinals, failing to Texas-Arlington.

Fane will look to see what the Chanticleers can do in the Sun Belt this year when conference play starts on Dec. 28, 2017 when they take on Texas-Arlington at the HTC Center.

Coastal takes down SC State in Exhibition

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina defeated South Carolina State in an exhibition game by a score of 83-69 on Thursday, Nov. 2, at the HTC Center. The Chanticleers have four players score in double figures with sophomore guard Artur Labinowicz leading the team with 19 points. Labinowicz went 5-7 from the floor and 3-3 from three-point range. Coastal had a 51-10 lead at one point in the first half, but a run by SC State cut the lead to 17 at the halftime break. While the Bulldogs showed some offensive promise throughout the second half, the Chanticleers were too much for SC State, and the Chants would pull away late with the 14-point win.

Senior guard Jaylen Shaw added 17 points to go along with a game-high 7 assists. Junior college transfer and North Myrtle Beach native Matt Lindsey finished with 11 points in a promising start to his Coastal career.

The team opens the season next Friday, Nov. 10, against Piedmont International at 7:30 p.m. at the HTC Center.
Coastal falls at Arkansas, 39-38.

Ian Brooking // Reporter

After sitting out all of the 2016 season, redshirt freshman Silas Kelly is making up for lost time this season.

The Mount Airy, Maryland native is third on the team in tackles with 57 tackles. Kelly has recorded five or more tackles in seven of the eight games he has played in the season, including a similar performance at Louisiana-Monroe where he recorded 11 tackles.

Kelly opened up about what it was like sitting out last season, and why that just added fuel to the fire for the 2017 season.

“I’m excited that I get to play the game,” Kelly said. “All of last year, I was just waiting on my moment, going to games and sitting on the sidelines — that was something I wasn’t used to. I’ve heard that every year from someone else, and I hope to make the most out of my moving forward.”

Kelly was a two-star recruit coming out of high school, but has recorded five or more tackles in seven of the eight games he has played in this season.

“A Mountaineer who was a two-star recruit to ever defeat an SEC program,” Kelly said. “To be able to say I have competed in the NFL has showed me that I have the opportunity to make it to the next level and hopefully I will have a chance.”

Kelly is a double major in sports therapy/performance and possibly own his own sports therapy/performance rehab center.

Coastal Carolina looks to get first conference win

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Weekend

The offense couldn’t get anything going and had to punt. With 1:55 left in the ball game, Arkansas scored a touchdown to put a 11-yard plays to give the ball back to the Razorbacks. Keane went 9-of-11 passing for 113 yards and a touchdown.

The Chanticleers led the Razorbacks for nearly 27 minutes and led the SEC program by as much as 13 points. Not only that, Coastal did not turn the ball over and put up over 350 yards against Arkansas.

There was nothing but praise for the Chanticleers as the clock went to triple zero. In July, three writers that cover Arkansas for SEC Country predicted that Coastal was going to put up a good fight, but “we all knew how this was going to end.”

The average predicted score was Arkansas 42 and Coastal 16. Saturday’s outcome was yet another embarrassment to the Trojans – there can be no one more embarrassing to the team than Arkansas.

The Chanticleers did a good job against the run for a majority of the game, but failed to convert a fourth down, giving the ball back to the Razorbacks. Keane went 9-of-11 passing for 113 yards and a touchdown.

The Chanticleers will look to use what they learned against Arkansas and put it to work in order to take down Troy this weekend.

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“I honestly don’t wish I was a regular student,” Kelly said. “I have been an infill all my life, and it wasn’t something I saw at other programs,” Kelly said. “I feel like this was my chance, and I liked what the coaches at Coastal had to offer.”

Kelly hopes that after his time at Coastal is done, he has the opportunity to make it to the next level, and hopefully he will have a chance.

Kelly is a double major in sports science and business management. If a career in the NFL doesn’t pan out, Kelly plans on furthering his education and wants to become a physical therapist and possibly own his own sports therapy/performance rehab center.
Las Vegas: Why have we gone silent?

Ian Brooking // Reporter

On Oct. 1, Stephen Paddock killed 58 people and injured 846 others when he opened fire on concertgoers from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel. Paddock would later kill himself before police entered the room.

The massacre has been labeled as the worst mass shooting in United States history, surpassing the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando in which 49 people were killed and 58 were injured back on June 12th, 2016. It has been over a month since the shooting in Las Vegas happened and yet, for some reason, conversations about the shooting and gun control have now become an afterthought.

Why? Why have we stopped talking about something that needs to be discussed?

I was nine years old when the Virginia Tech massacre happened in April of 2007. At the time, it was the deadliest mass shooting in the United States. That has changed twice since then, and yet something hasn’t been done.

There are so many questions we have after incidents like Las Vegas, but all we offer is our thoughts and prayers. How many more thoughts and prayers can we send to people before our elected officials take action?

America has become desensitized to gun violence. We hear the news of a shooting post on social media something along the lines of “sending thoughts and prayers to Las Vegas”, maybe go to a vigil, and a week later go back to our daily lives.

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How long until we change something? They say changing gun laws won’t help, but it’s worth a shot.

The first step in solving a problem is admitting there is a problem – there is a problem here in America when it comes to gun violence. So the question is: what are we going to do? What comes next?

Sexism is the scariest thing about Halloween

Yascha Ocampa // Assistant Editor

Halloween is a holiday where misogynistic men and women hide behind their masks of clowns and werewolves instead of the safety of a phone or laptop screen.

However, with or without the mask, they expose themselves as the heinous monsters and revolting trolls that they truly are by slut-shaming women for their costume of choice.

Miranda Hobbs, from the hit television series Sex and the City, summarized the dilemma all women face during Halloween while shopping for a costume.

“All right, what do they go?” she said while perusing. “Witch and sexy kitten – Posh’s it. The only two choices for women: witch and sexy kitten.”

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Meeting Greatness: Dallas Conference 2017

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Last week, I had the opportunity to go to Dallas, Texas and attend the 2017 ACP/CMA National College Media Convention. While I had an amazing time gaining some valuable knowledge, networking myself and enjoying the sights and sounds of the big city, the highlight of my trip was meeting broadcast legend Bob Schieffer.

Schieffer has been a household name in the journalism world for nearly half a century and to have the opportunity to go to Dallas, Texas and attend the 2017 ACP/CMA National College Media Convention in Dallas, TX. We wanted to share some of the enlightening moments from this experience.

Reaffirming moments in unexpected places

Alexa Stress // Art Director

I had goosebumps for a straight 30 minutes walking up to the pieces that I had only seen in books and discussed in class. It was overwhelming in a sense because I was seeing artwork that a real, physical artist had set and created on canvas with my own eyes. Pieces that, in some cases, occurred hundreds of years ago.

Looking at Pollock, Picasso, Mondrian, Chuck Close and so many more. The number of times that “Wow! Wow! This is crazy,” slipped out of my mouth was too many to count. As a graphic design major, it is infuriating how people assume that the degree you spend countless all-nighters, literal blood, sweat and tears for, is not even something worth pursuing.

The commonly heard, “Oh, you won’t get a job with that” phrase just adds fuel to the flames. The late nights coming home from the studio, collapsing in bed, contemplating whether all of those doubts are true. But then there’s moments like the Dallas Museum of Art where you realize that there is nothing in the world that would compare to the path you’ve chosen. Nothing moves me the way that art does—nothing else more worth it to me than all the hours that I put in, even while other majors assure that art is easy.

I had a lot of mixed feelings about going to Dallas for this conference. I’m a nervous flyer; I had high expectations for the seminars due to the grandeur of the hotel and it being a college conference in general. Typically, the speakers are somewhat knowledgeable on the topics they are addressing.

I can’t say that there were many for diversity and inclusion. The session I had the most issue with was on “Covering Sexual Assaults and Sexual Discrimination on a Small College Campus” led by Mark Siebert, from Simpson College and the editor of their college newspaper.

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I had high expectations for the seminars due to the grandeur of the hotel and it being a college conference in general. Typically, the speakers are somewhat knowledgeable on the topics they are addressing.

I can’t say that there were many for diversity and inclusion. The session I had the most issue with was on “Covering Sexual Assaults and Sexual Discrimination on a Small College Campus” led by Mark Siebert, from Simpson College and the editor of their college newspaper.

About 30 minutes into the session of continuously listening to the muffles of the seminar “victim,” I decided to ask a series of questions. The editor didn’t know how to answer my questions. Mark Siebert, her advisor, then attempted to argue that there were no set guidelines for reporting on topics of social justice.

He should have attended Rachel Kanigel’s session on “The Politics of Language.” Survivors in the room then opened up and added as to why the term “victims” is so problematic.

Men and women who experience sexual assault are survivors, and it is important that, as journalists, we do our research and inform ourselves before we report on controversial and sensitive topics such as sexual assault.

A lesson that should be included in next year’s conference.
Recently, myself and others from The Chanticleer visited Dallas, Texas, to attend a journalism conference. Although we didn’t bring home any awards, we left with invaluable knowledge and priceless memories.

My favorite memory was the Sixth Floor Museum which detailed the life, assassination and after-death of John F. Kennedy.

To say I was overwhelmed would be an understatement. To stand in the building, on the same floor and look out the window Oswald allegedly used to fire those deadly rounds onto an unsuspecting Kennedy was so powerful.

To my left was the box investigators said he used to steady his gun and to my right was an elderly woman sobbing. That’s the moment it was made clear to me that this type of senseless gun violence has been happening for decades.

Last weekend, dozens of people were shot and killed while attending a Sunday morning church service in a small Texas town’s Baptist church.

We keep saying strengthen gun laws, but what has it actually done? What will it actually do? People who have intention to do evil, will do evil. We saw that in New York City on Halloween when a man drove a rented Home Depot truck down a popular bicycle path in Manhattan.

We were lucky the body count wasn’t as high as it has been in places like Nice, France and Barcelona, Spain. In the end, it doesn’t matter which laws you have or how strictly enforced they are. People who want to kill others will always find a way, and that’s the sad reality of it.

Let’s stop reaching to pass impossible laws and work on actually strengthening our mental health services and giving opportunities for help to those who are in such desperate need of it.
November/December Movies

The Coastal Theater Box Office hours: Friday and Saturday, 5 - 11 p.m.  
Ticket prices: $2, includes one free popcorn. Previews start five minutes before showtime. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Lib Jackson Student Union Office (A-103) during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Must show a CINO, CCU Alumni Association or HGTC ID Card to purchase a ticket(s).

Nov. 3 - 4

6 p.m.: "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature"
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6 p.m.: "Logan Lucky"
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Dec. 1 - 2

6 p.m.: "Ninjago"
9 p.m.: "Girls Trip"

6 p.m.: "Girls Trip"
9 p.m.: "Ninjago"

Dec. 8 - 9

6 p.m.: "IT"
9 p.m.: "Wonder Woman"

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Dec. 12 - 13

6 p.m.: "American Made"
9 p.m.: "Flatliners"

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