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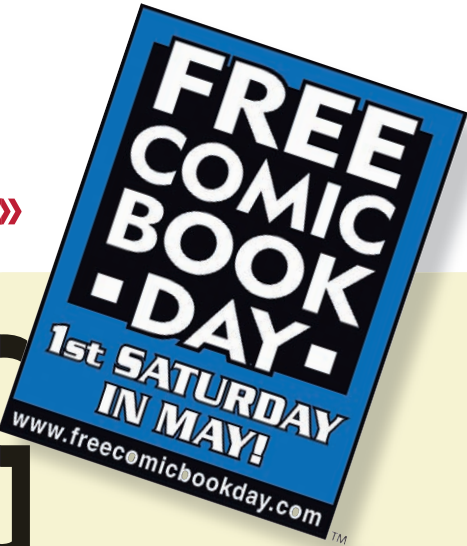
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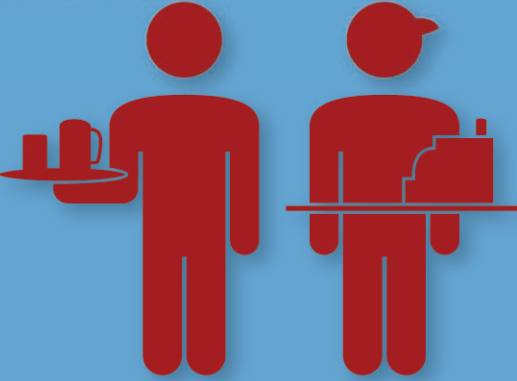
College loan debt in a nutshell

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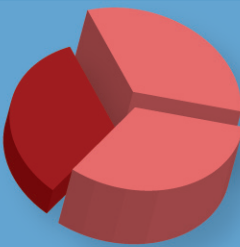
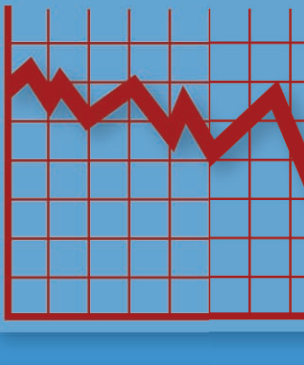
In the United States today, 317,000 waiters and waitresses have college degrees.

In the United States today, 365,000 cashiers have college degrees.



Under most circumstances, if you file for bankruptcy, you still have to pay your loans back.¹

Currently, legislation is being considered that would allow private student loans, not federal student loans, to be discharged during a bankruptcy case.²



Two-thirds of college seniors graduated with loans in 2010, and they carried an average of **\$25,250** in debt.

Total outstanding student loan debt exceeded total credit card outstanding debt for the first time in June 2010.¹

\$994 billion

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#ROSSMATHEWS



Comedian Ross Mathews struck a pose while talking about his road to fame for a crowd at the Clement Auditorium on Thursday, April 12. BRITTNEY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Sexiest man of 2023'

'Tonight Show,' 'Chelsea Lately' regular; comedian Ross Mathews performs at Clement Auditorium

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The self proclaimed "People Magazine's sexiest man of 2023," Ross Mathews, graced APSU with his presence. The comedian, who has been in the TV spotlight for 10 years, is from the small town of Mt. Vernon, Wa., where Mathews said one can hear "charming things like wind chimes and shotguns." Mathews describes his journey as going from "small town to tinsel town."

The comedian's eccentric TV personality is regularly featured on channels such as E! and NBC. But Mathew's performance focused as much on his

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#DISABILITY

Campus accessibility for the disabled a priority

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Accessibility for all students is a necessary priority for APSU.

"For the most part, we are a really accessible campus. All buildings are accessible for students with disabilities. I feel like we are ahead on accessibility," said Nicole Jamen, Accommodations Coordinator for Disabilities.

One problem Jamen did mention is how the Dunn Center has room numbers on top of the doors. The location of the numbers poses a problem for students who have poor vision or no vision at all. All of the other buildings on campus have door numbers next to the door with braille writing.

Administrative Assistant II for Disabilities, April Williams, said the issue with the Dunn Center has been addressed, and there are plans to fix the problem.

Williams also said one of the most recent accommodations for disabled students are the signs on different parts of campus which say the route is inaccessible. The signs have been put up as recently as this semester.

"The concern with these paths are that the slopes would be too steep for wheelchairs to the point that the wheelchairs would be going too fast and the student might not be able to slow down or even stop," Williams said.

Williams said the Adaptive Technology Coordinator, Philip Voorhees, really strives for the idea of having a Universal Design campus. The Universal Design is a design that allows all students equal access to every building.

Academic buildings are not the only structures being evaluated. The safety of dorms has also been called into question.

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#EVOLUTION

Controversial bill on evolution, creationism in schools now law

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Similar to the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial," the state of Tennessee is again at the center of a controversy regarding the teaching of evolution and other scientific theories in public schools.

The Tennessee Legislature recently passed a controversial law that changes the instructional measures for elementary and secondary school science teachers in Tennessee.

The new law, known as the evolution or "monkey" bill, officially named HB 368/SB 893, protects science teachers who encourage their students to analyze, critique and review the strengths and weaknesses of controversial scientific theories, such as the origins of life, evolution, global warming and cloning.

While some state legislators suggest the new law protects teachers and

students' rights, this new law has also sparked a national controversy and has generated great apprehensions among the science community.

"I don't think the new law does anything positive for Tennessee's education," said James Thompson, professor of biology and evolution at APSU. "Saying that well-proven and widely acknowledged scientific theories are controversial is typically code to introduce nonscientific ideas, like creationism and intelligent design, into the science curriculum ... Even most Christian denominations consider these so called 'controversial' theories as accepted and recognized scientific theories."

According to Brent Leatherwood, communications director for the Tennessee House Majority Republican Party, this law provides clarity and protection for teachers to be able to foster flexibility when teaching

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CRIME LOG

The campus crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 6:39 p.m.; April 11; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; harassment
- 6:02 p.m.; April 11; Castle Heights lot; theft of property
- 8:23 p.m.; April 9; Sundquist Science Complex; theft of property
- 9:25 p.m.; April 5; Castle Heights hall; theft of property
- 11:24 a.m.; April 5; Marion and Robb Avenue; vandalism
- 3:41 p.m.; April 3; Burt lot; assault

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German major awarded Edelweiss Club scholarship

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Evolution

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controversial scientific theories. “This bill gives guidelines for teachers so they will be protected from punishment as long as they stick with objective, scientific facts when discussing this subject,” Leatherwood said. According to a statement released by the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee, this law threatens to undermine science and science education across the state and could open the door for some teachers to inject religious or nonscientific ideas into Tennessee’s science curriculum and classrooms. The ACLU of Tennessee also raises concerns that this bill will harm students’ future academic and professional success and allow students’ constitutional rights to be violated. Thompson pointed out, ever since the Scopes “monkey trial” in 1925, there have been well-funded anti-science groups, mostly made up of lawyer-savvy Christian fundamentalists, who have continuously attempted to inject their own religious principles into our laws. According to Thompson, these fundamentalist groups have also made repeated attempts to alter the scientific teaching of evolution, in order to include the religious introductions of

creationism or intelligent design. Leatherwood suggests the new law does not infringe on anyone’s religious liberties. “The bill does not protect a particular ideology nor does it change any education curriculum,” Leatherwood said. “At the end of the day, it is a simple law that respects the First Amendment by protecting the right of all views to be expressed in the classroom.” State Rep. Joe Pitts, D-Clarksville and member of the Tennessee House Education Committee, voted against the passing of this bill and suggested the new law was a solution looking for a problem. “I do not believe the Legislature should not be writing or manipulating the science curriculum for our schools,” Pitts said. “That task is best left to the professionals. Opponents of this law view it as the landmark Monkey Scopes Trial revisited, but it is really just another effort by some to use their power, just because they can.” David Kanervo, chair of the Political Science Department points to recent studies by the Fordham Institute, a conservative education research organization, which gives Tennessee’s science standards a grade of a D and total score of four out of 10. The Fordham Institute points to vague science standards and curriculum that fails to adequately address life sciences and poor treatment of

“The bill does not protect a particular ideology, nor does it change any education curriculum.” — Brent Leatherwood, communications director for the Tennessee House Majority Republican Party

scientific theories such as evolution, as contributing reasons for the low marks. Kanervo believes this new law has a small chance to allow room for some teachers to inject their own religious beliefs into the classroom discussion, as some people fear. However, Kanervo also believes this new law could possibly help evolution and other controversial scientific theories be further discussed and ultimately further understood by Tennessee science students. “Having an open and scientific review of controversial issues in science classes could help bring this

issue to the table for further and more in-depth discussions, which is definitely needed in Tennessee, considering the state’s poor scores and lack of focus on these issues,” Kanervo said. Both Thompson and numerous professional science organizations have sent letters to Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and members of the Tennessee Legislature urging them to vote against or veto the bill because they fear the law will allow infringements on recognized and accepted science curriculum. Haslam did not sign the bill, but the bill passed into law by default because Haslam did not veto the bill within 10 days of passage, in accordance with Tennessee law. Haslam pointed out in a recent statement the bill does not accomplish anything that is not already acceptable in our schools. “Good legislation should bring clarity and not confusion,” Haslam said in a recent statement. “My concern is that this bill has not met this objective. For that reason, I will not sign the bill but will allow it to become law without my signature.” The ACLU, along with other civil liberty and religious freedom organizations, have suggested this law was passed on shaky constitutional grounds and these groups have proposed they will challenge the constitutionality of the new law in court. *TAS*

Accessibility

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All dorms have rooms that follow the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. “Castle Heights has ADA-certified rooms on all three floors,” said Kimberley Morrow, associate director of Housing. Students with disabilities would not necessarily be forced to take a room on

the bottom floor. The accommodation of the student depends on the extent and type of disability. Students with disabilities could be placed on the third floor of Castle Heights. Castle Heights also has elevators that are accessible for disabled students on either side of the building. Morrow said all students with disabilities should register with both Housing and Disabilities to make sure proper precautions and guidelines are enforced. Once registered with Housing, all

students with disabilities are directed to the residence hall directors along with the individual floor resident advisors. Each of these people would be equipped with a list of students with disabilities. In the event of a fire or other disaster, the RAs and RHDs are required to knock on every door belonging to students with disabilities, to ensure the student is aware there is an evacuation of the building. “Whichever RA or RHD that gets to the disabled students first

is responsible for making sure that student gets out,” Morrow said. Morrow also emphasized students who have a temporary disability should also register with Housing and Disabilities to make sure that during their time of recovery they are taken care of. Disability Services also has student volunteers who take notes for disabled students. The volunteers take notes and put together useful information for a student who would not ordinarily be able to take notes. *TAS*

Lottery scholarship bill passes Senate 20-10

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE — A proposal that would make cutting some students’ lottery scholarships in half contingent on lottery revenues passed the Senate 20-10 the evening of Monday, April 16, despite criticism that the increase in revenues may not be consistent. The legislation, sponsored by Republican Sen. Dolores Gresham of Somerville, was approved 20-10. The companion bill is awaiting a vote in the House Education Committee. An original proposal sought to reduce by 50 percent the award for students who do not meet both standardized testing and high school grade requirements. A special panel of lawmakers recommended the proposal in November. Right now, students can get a scholarship worth \$4,000 for each of four years if they either earn a 3.0 grade point average in high school or score a 21 on their ACT college entrance exam. Under the new legislation, the lottery scholarship requirements won’t change if lottery proceeds match, or exceed, the previous year’s through 2015. Tennessee Lottery officials said in a news release earlier on Monday, April 16, that proceeds have reached \$234 million,

or were up \$22 million, over this time last year. That means proceeds next year must be at least \$22 million to keep from triggering Gresham’s proposal. The measure is different from one that moved late in the legislative process. That proposal would have kept the current lottery requirements in place if lottery proceeds of at least \$10 million — or more — were maintained through 2015. Opponents of the new legislation say a mega jackpot contributed to the high proceeds this year, but they’re concerned that may not be the case next year — or the year after. “If it is anything below this record year ... these changes go into effect,” said Democratic Sen. Andy Berke of Chattanooga. “I don’t understand why we can’t wait another few years. What this does is put in projected cuts that are completely unnecessary.” Supporters of the proposal say it’s needed because the cost of the scholarship program has outpaced lottery revenues. To make up the difference in the short term, the state has dipped into the lottery reserves. If nothing is done, state officials estimate the lottery reserve balance could dwindle to about \$145 million by 2021, including the \$50 million that state law requires remain in reserve for

the program. Legislation to raise the \$50 million figure to \$100 million passed the Senate 19-11 on Monday, April 16, and is headed to the governor for his consideration. The companion bill passed the House 73-18 last month. “The issue is for years we have been spending more than we take in,” Gresham said. “We cannot continue to do that.” Critics say no type of modification proposal is needed because there’s nearly \$400 million in the lottery reserves. U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen, the Democratic congressman who as a state lawmaker spearheaded the creation of the lottery-funded scholarship program, visited the state Capitol earlier Monday, April 16. He has long said “excess” lottery money should be used for scholarships. “The money that they’ve got ... is a large reserve,” Cohen said. “It should be used for students today.” If the requirements were to change, Sen. Roy Herron said the drop from \$4,000 to \$2,000 will adversely affect many students. “It’s going to hurt a whole lot of people we represent,” the Dresden Democrat said in a passionate speech on the Senate floor. “There’s nothing more important than these kids getting an education.” *TAS*

The All State wins ‘outstanding’ paper in national competition

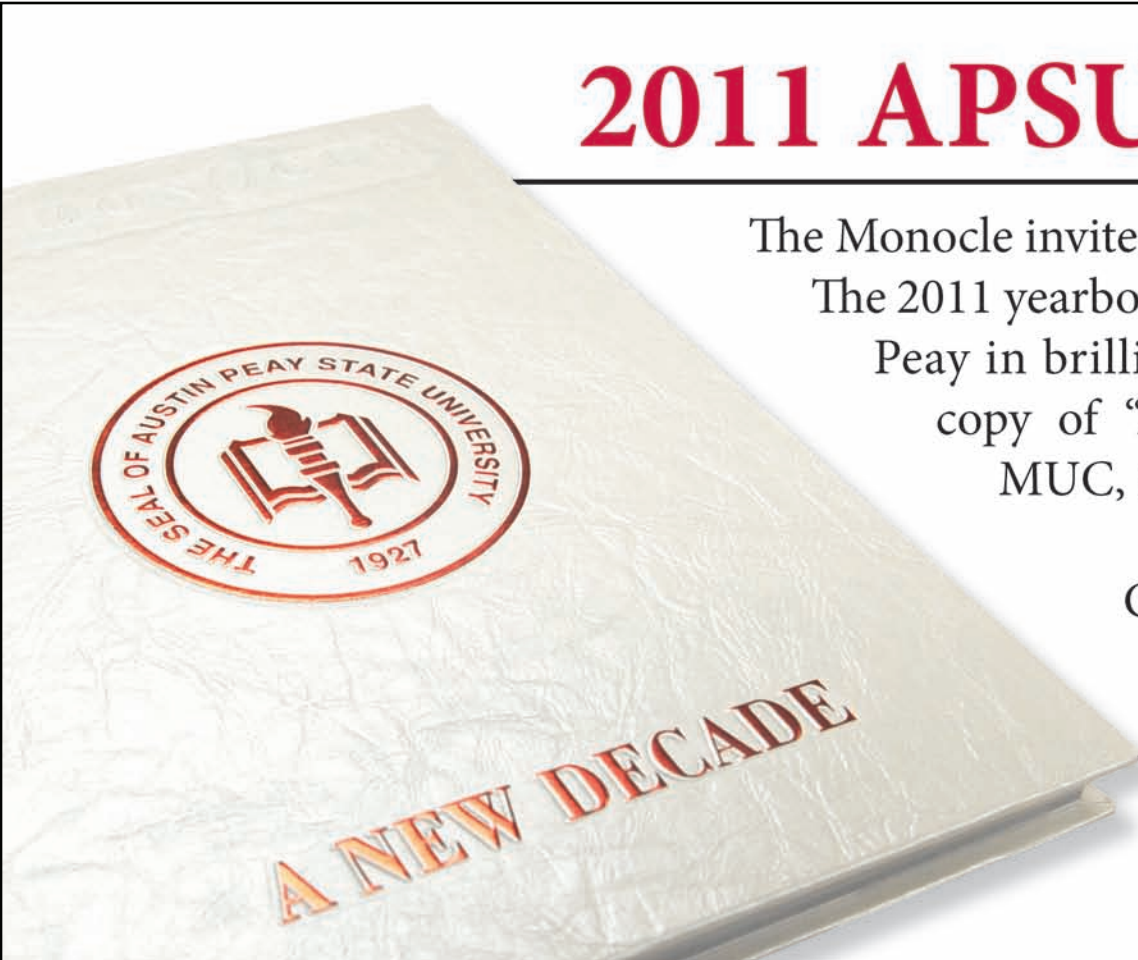
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The All State was awarded the “Most Outstanding University Newspaper for 2011-2012” among schools with enrollment of 2,500 or more and “First Place With Special Merit” by the American Scholastic Press Association. “First Place With Special Merit’ [is] given to a publication that scored over 950 points and, in the opinion of the reviewer, was an outstanding overall example of a scholastic publication in format, content and presentation,” according to the ASPA. The All State scored a 970 out of a possible 1,000 in the contest and tied with The North Wind from Northern Michigan University for most outstanding university newspaper. “I am proud of everything we have accomplished as a team. This year has shown we are one of the top college newspapers in the state, the south and now the country,” said Patrick Armstrong, editor-in-chief. The annual contest includes university, college and high school publications including yearbooks, magazines and newspapers. *TAS*

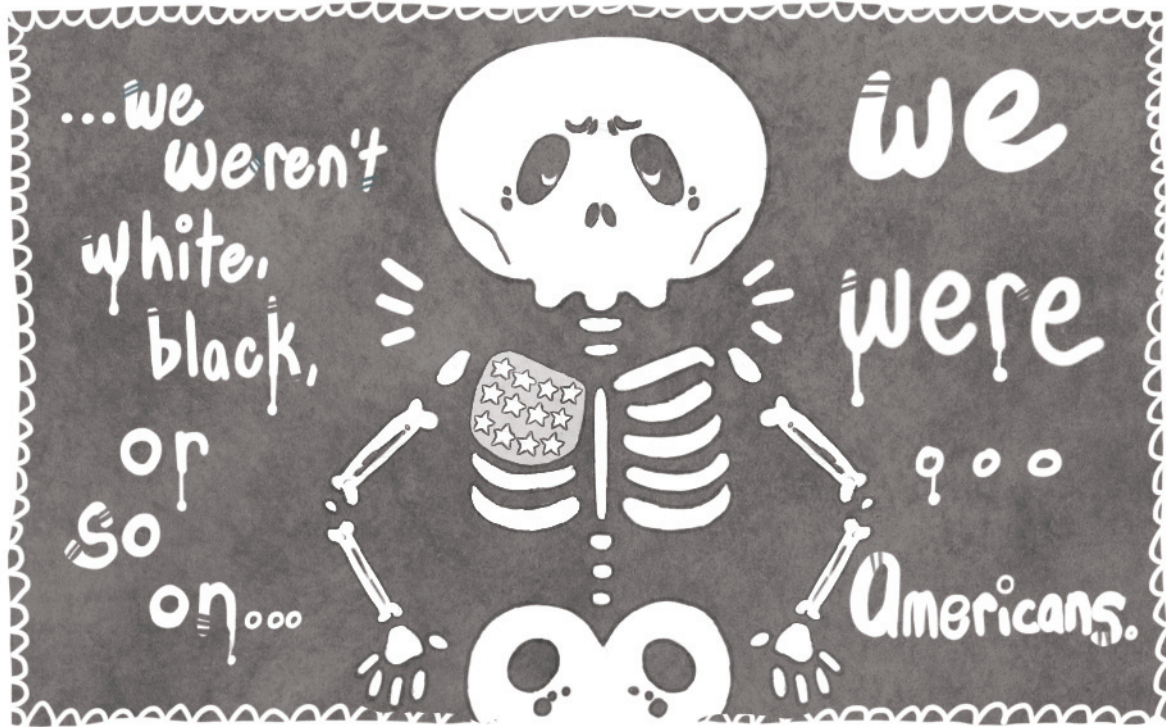
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‘Race alert’ era has to end



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In a very politically correct society, it is often hard to get a point across without unintentionally hurting someone’s feelings. People will go very much out of their way to ensure everyone is placated and unoffended, often missing the point of what they were trying to convey in the first place.

I am not one of those people. I’ve been called many things in my life, 90 percent of them

not fit for printing in this publication. However, until recently, I don’t ever think I was called a “racist.”

Pulling “race card” has always been a sore subject with me. We, as a society, have reached the point where we can all cast our ballots, give back to society and serve alongside men and women of all colors and creeds. Once upon a time, “affirmative action” and the “race card” had their place in society, in order to bring about equality for minorities. Lately, it seems those same categorizing practices have created a sort of “Them and Us” mentality, festering the wound that is the racial divide in America. It is no longer about opportunity, it is all about race.

Driving through certain areas, my list of questions included who the individual would vote for in the next election and why. To sum up the most common response, I will quote one student, “Obama, I don’t know much about him, but [he’s] black, so he [has] my vote.”

When I myself said I wasn’t a fan of Obama, I was

called a “racist” by a group of preppy white college kids in flat-billed hats who happened to think they were “thuggin.” As they walked out of a coffee shop with frappes and muffins, something on the backpack of the scrawniest kid read “Dirty Ghetto Kids: For Those Who Came From Nothing.”

I remember coming from nothing, not too far outside the county line. For a bit, it was rather tough times where the “take a penny” dish would often determine whether or not baby Andy would be getting milk that night. I also remember moving up in the world, and then throwing it all away to join the army.

As fate would have it, I was assigned to be the right hand man and protector of my best friend, Commander Hampton, a big black guy from New York who escaped a similarly bleak life to do his part. Oh, our part we did do, some of the most grueling combat during what would later be known as the Surge. There was no black, there was no white, Asian or hispanic. Racial slurs were flung about as terms of endearment. We didn’t fight over trivialities like creed and color. We all loved each other more than any fraternity or even blood family could hope to mimic.

Why? Because we weren’t white, black and so on, we were Americans. We had stuff to do, and we would’ve been damned had we done anything short of our best in order to bring our great family home alive.

So, why can’t we try that in civilian life? Seriously, talk like the educated adult your parent wanted you to be. Intermingle amongst a more diverse crowd. This “race alert” era has to end. You aren’t white. You aren’t black, you aren’t anything else. If you’re here, you’re American. Don’t you forget it. *TAS*

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”
— First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

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Supreme Court strip-search ruling violates arrestees’ rights, privacy



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“What about people who go to jail for simple things like not paying a ticket?”

What about the people who go to jail for simple things like not paying a ticket? They are subject to having to strip completely naked for something that simple.

The ruling comes from a case called *Florence v. Burlington*. In this case, a man named Albert Florence was stripped down and searched multiple times for what the police said was a non-paid traffic fine. According to CNN, the traffic fine was already paid and he had proof it was paid. Regardless, the police still arrested him and took him to jail.

After searching him numerous times and transferring him to a correctional facility, he was finally let go once a judicial officer realized he had indeed paid his fine. Florence sued claiming “the search protocols violated his Fourth Amendment rights, since neither jail reasonably suspected he presented a security threat, or was smuggling contraband.” Despite his unfair treatment, he still lost the battle in court.

The reality of Florence’s unfair treatment is it could’ve been anybody. It could have been me, you, your brother or your best friend. It should not be OK to strip search someone multiple times because of a traffic fine. We should not be subject to taking off all of our clothes just because the police tell us to.

There are some cases, like *Florence’s*, when the person is completely innocent and the situation just isn’t fair. *TAS*

‘Hunger Games’ political discussion catches fire among readers, critics, reviewers



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The New York Times bestselling trilogy “The Hunger Games” has spread in popularity like wildfire. So much, it is sometimes hard to believe it was published a mere four years ago. For many devoted fans, the series is on par with the classics of

past generations.

Whether you agree with the hype and the rave reviews, dismiss it as the current fad or have no opinion on the series one way or the other, there’s no denying the inordinate amount of press coverage, advertisement and attention the story has received.

“The Hunger Games” is a story of survival, and as a cautionary tale. It takes place in a dystopian future, where North America has become the nation of Panem. Panem is ruled by the corrupt and lavish Capitol, which receives resources from the backbreaking labor of the workers in the 12 Districts.

Understandably, the Districts rioted against the Capitol at a certain point in their history, but the rebellion was unsuccessful. As punishment, each year the Capitol holds a gladiator-style tournament known as

the Hunger Games, in which one boy and one girl, called tributes, from every district are randomly selected to fight to the death against the other tributes. From this, the first novel begins.

Chilling tales of what we as a nation could potentially evolve into continue to capture audiences. Such a timeless and universal theme cannot be called anything other than classic. With a premise like that one, though, there is obviously an enormous capacity for violence. Suzanne Collins, the author of the trilogy, pulled no punches when describing brutal, gory and numerous deaths in her story.

Like many great classics, “The Hunger Games” has provoked a variety of responses. Some are unsure of how they feel about it, mainly because of all the child victims, while others consider it too gruesome for the young adults it has been clearly marketed for. Some are calling for the banning of the trilogy from library shelves.

I’m going to be honest and plainly say I am not a fan of the books, but I do not agree with the idea of preventing children from accessing them. Considering the popularity and widespread availability of these books, not only would it be morally reprehensible but, it’d just be impractical.

The best authors write for a reason. Anyone with the patience to write out an entire novel obviously has passion for his or her message. Although writers create art for

art’s sake, they publish to be read, and the least the public can do is listen to what they have to say. Whether we agree with what they say, or are repulsed by their message and reject it absolutely, at least we have given the author a chance. Literature dies only when it is no longer read.

As for the reasons cited for desiring the removal of these texts, for a story largely held up by child-on-child violence, there are surprisingly little gratuitous or graphic scenes. The more difficult scenes are tastefully handled, with just enough detail to paint a stark picture, but never over-the-top or, glorified.

There is absolutely no profanity in these books, even in situations that might reasonably call for it. The prose is strong enough to stand without them. The books are maybe even a little bewildering in their popularity, as they use few of the gimmicks usually used to reel in younger readers.

The fighters are not highly-trained people displaying neatly choreographed, visually pleasing fight scenes; they are frightened children clumsily bludgeoning and shooting at one another in a desperate attempt for survival. At times, it is uncomfortable and the prose is risky. There is a love story involved, but it is only another means for survival and not real.

In this way, the books are ahead of their time, and this is why so many might feel threatened by it. There’s a belief among

authors if you’ve touched enough people, your books cause an uproar and people have challenged it from reaching the shelves, it’s a sign you’ve made it big.

I would say this is a case of people fearing what they don’t understand, but actually, the concerned individuals filing complaints with the American Library Associations might understand the book too well. It hits close to home, and makes people squirm a bit.

Almost every other banned or challenged book in American history has had a similar effect; they have turned an unwavering eye to an uncomfortable truth. They have also been hailed as literature’s greatest classics.

And so, like it or not, I think “The Hunger Games” is here to stay, and there are much less worthwhile young adult novels in the market today trying to pass themselves off as literature. But “The Hunger Games” is the real deal — the trilogy is the third most frequently challenged book of 2011 according to the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom. With that distinction, Suzanne Collins has marked her place in the literature world forever. *TAS*

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- 8 a.m.; **Scholastic Book Fair**; Child Learning Center
- 5:15-9 p.m.; **Rivers & Spires**; Downtown Clarksville

Friday, April 20

- 4:30-9 p.m.; **Rivers & Spires**; Downtown Clarksville

Saturday, April 21

- 6 a.m.; **“Big Dirty Run” river paddle**; Port Royal
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Chance to Dance**; Memorial Health Studio B
- 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; **Rivers & Spires**; Downtown Clarksville

Monday, April 23

- 5-7 p.m.; **Global Gobs Recognition Banquet**; MUC Ballroom

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FEATURES

#ROSSMATHEWS



Comedian Ross Mathews ventures off the Clement Auditorium stage to interact with the audience during his Thursday, April 12 performance. **BRITTNEY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Mathews

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previous obstacles as his current success. Mathews was 10 years old when he decided he would grow up to be a flamboyant TV talk show host. He went from having a TV named Jessica as a best friend to flirting with a girl in college in order to get the number to a “Tonight Show” internship. Once Mathews got the number, he immediately called and set up an interview. With only a few dollars in his pocket, he bought an olive suit with sleeves that were too short, a hole in the crotch and the aroma of cats to gear up for the interview. Mathews landed the internship with ease and quickly entered into what he called “show-biz boot camp.” During his internship he worked long, hard hours, fetching lunch and coffee for executives being the hardest part for Mathews. Being a starving college student, picking up all those lunches gave him a case of “blue belly” and led to him, “oops ordering an extra lunch, and oops inhaling it.” He decided if he got arrested for it his prison name would be muffin top. On the last day of his internship Mathews was called into the “top dog’s” office and was asked to interview alongside George Clooney for the opening of



« **HEAR MORE** of Ross Mathews’ thoughts and stand up by scanning the QR code.

“Ocean’s Eleven.” He readily accepted, but “momma’s most perfect little angel face” was faced with the predicament of wondering if he would be laughed at for who he was. He had to decide if he should butch up or have faith in who he was. Mathews stayed true to himself and “loved what made him different.” Since that day, he has led a booming career on shows like “The Tonight Show,” “Chelsea Lately,” host of an Olympic game and E! interviews. “His story was moving, and he is an inspiration to so many,” student Shannon Elizabeth said. She also enjoyed the fact Mathews supplied the audience with free popcorn. “I had a wonderful night, the kids were excited and down to laugh,” Mathews said, wearing an APSU hoodie. “I hope everyone accepted the positive message, and I am falling in love with Tennessee.” **TAS**

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Duke’s combines Thai, American diner food



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In my travels this semester, I’ve been to an Asian restaurant and two diners, but never in my life had I eaten somewhere that combined the two. Only about a two minute drive from campus, Thai-American restaurant Duke’s Diner somehow went unnoticed to me all year. Duke’s Diner is located at 886 Kraft St., near the intersection of North Second Street and Riverside Drive. It’s open every weekday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for both dine-in and to-go orders. I’ll admit I didn’t know what to expect when I went to Duke’s. I’ve developed the habit of typing my “travels” restaurants into Google before I try them, and Duke’s had gotten 4-star reviews from multiple restaurant review websites. Still, I wasn’t sure if one restaurant could truly have the best of both culinary worlds. My worries were soon proven wrong. All the food at Duke’s is made fresh, which is really the secret for

both a good Asian restaurant and a good diner. I tried a standard fried rice and chicken meal, which was as good as any I’ve had, and my photographer got an order of loaded fries with bacon to test both sides of the spectrum. As I’ve said, Duke’s doesn’t sacrifice quality in Thai or American diner food to focus on either one too much. It is effectively a restaurant that can satisfy whatever craving you happen to have at the moment. This, combined with fairly low prices and close proximity to campus, makes it a good restaurant for an impulsive weeknight dinner. While the food was great, it also deserves mentioning Duke’s provided possibly the best service I’ve had all year. The employees were incredibly nice and easygoing, and seemed genuinely happy we were enjoying our meals. While it’s not open for a midnight snack, Duke’s has a classic, cozy diner atmosphere that’s refreshing in a fast food-dominated world. Duke’s is also available for catering, and features lunch specials every day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information, including a map and a small list of menu options, can be found on the Duke’s Diner Facebook page. Don’t be intimidated by the unusual food combinations; any fans of Pad Thai or a good old-fashioned cheeseburger will feel right at home at Duke’s. **TAS**



Conor thinks about the loaded fries, bacon and Thai fried rice on the table at Duke’s Diner. **SYNTHIA CLARK | PHOTO EDITOR**

#FREECOMICBOOKDAY

Local store to offer free comic books

Heroes Legacy to participate in Free Comic Book Day

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We all know what Saturday, May 5 is, right?

For those of you who don't, the first Saturday in May is always Free Comic Book Day — a national day where your local comic shop offers dozens of titles for free to anyone who comes into the store.

"It's something that's really good for the publishers," said Jason Stephenson, 36, owner of Heroes Legacy, a comic shop on University Avenue across from APSU.

"You have something that's all age groups — really the whole spectrum of tastes. It's good. It's exciting. It's low risk. You're not having to spend the money to get the books. You just get to come in and look and pick and choose and see what's out there that you like."

Free Comic Book Day began in 2002 as an industry-wide marketing technique to attract customers to comic book stores, and has often coincided with the release of major comic-based movies — this year, Marvel's "Avengers" movie comes out Friday, May 4 — the day before FCBD.

All of the major comic book companies — Marvel, D.C., Image, Dark Horse and other lesser-known publishers — offer special FCBD editions of comics which retailers purchase at a reduced rate — a few cents apiece — and then hand them out for free.

The hope is the promotion will get someone in the door who otherwise might not go to a comic store and, by letting them test-drive certain titles, to hopefully create a repeat customer and a new fan of the medium.

Heroes Legacy sees FCBD as an extension of its philosophy. They strive to be a destination and attracts customers — first timers and regulars — by offering a communal environment with interactive card

gaming tournaments, a broad selection of new comics, back-issue comics, camaraderie, conversation and late night hours — often not closing until after midnight.

"When I approached the idea of opening a shop like this, one of the main things in my mind that I wanted to focus on was making it a very social environment," Stephenson said. "If the comic book shop is not an experience in and of itself that's worth something to the clientele, then that decision is just about numbers. It's really turned out to be even more than I could have ever hoped for in that area."

Adam Shelton and Sean Beyke, the store's only two other employees, both said their employment at Heroes Legacy grew out of time spent there as regular customers.

"I just didn't have anything to do after my classes," said Beyke, a part-time Computer Science major. "So I came here and met a lot of cool people and just stuck around. I just hung out here for like a year beforehand until they [offered the job]."

The best part of the job? "The people, definitely," Beyke said.

For Stephenson, "The most rewarding part of running this business has been ... the social aspect of it ... but also being able to provide something that means a lot to a lot of people that maybe they haven't been able to have access to, or at least not in an environment like this."

Stephenson started Heroes Legacy after a lifetime of fandom.

"My grandparents bought me my first books when I was around [5 or 6] and I just fell in love with them immediately, and that just grew deeper and progressed more as I got older," Stephenson said.

After getting a degree in Psychology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Stephenson went into the mental health field. During an assignment in Birmingham, Ala., Stephenson bought into an already established local comic shop and learned the ropes from "the other side of the counter" and "[got] a better grip on how the business worked."

He then left a successful 10-year career working with troubled adolescents to branch out on his own. He came back to his hometown, Clarksville, and officially opened Heroes Legacy in 2008.



Junior Computer Science major and Heroes Legacy employee Sean Veyke reads a comic that will be featured on Free Comic Book Day.**BRITTNEY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY™

"I've always had an interest in owning my own business, being able to have an element of control over the quality of whatever you're delivering," Stephenson said.

He also notes how lucky he has been that, in the midst of such a significant economic downturn, his store has managed to survive and thrive.

"We've been really fortunate. It's been a struggle and a half, but the reason it's been a struggle and a half is because the store's done so well that it was able to survive ... If it would have been anything else I think I would have been six months and done," Stephenson said.

According to Shelton, Heroes Legacy employee and part-time bail bondsman, the shop sees between 50 and 75 customers in a given day and has approximately 20 regulars that come in most days for hours at a time playing customizable card games, reading or just hanging out with friends. When explaining the appeal of comics, Stephenson gives credit to the creativity of the writers and artists.

"I think it gets back to having strong characters and good writing and great art that continues to promote interest and allows for other areas to have this fantastic resource in terms of source material to draw from when they go to do work in other areas [such as film and television]," Stephenson said.

Shelton added, "There's something for everybody, pretty much. They're pretty inexpensive for what they are. It's a serial, so you get a new issue every week [or month]."

Add to that 70 years of monthly publishing and new comics released every Wednesday that run the gamut from children's comics, to superheroes, to romance, intrigue, mystery, fantasy, science fiction and slice of life, and you have the ingredients for a viable mass medium of both entertainment and self-expression.

It doesn't hurt that some comics can become very valuable, either. And, on Saturday, May 5, some will be completely free. **TAS**

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1924: Simon & Schuster published the first crossword puzzle book.

1980: The Republic of Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, came into being.

2007: The Supreme Court of the United States upheld the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act in a 5-4 decision.

RANDOM FACTS

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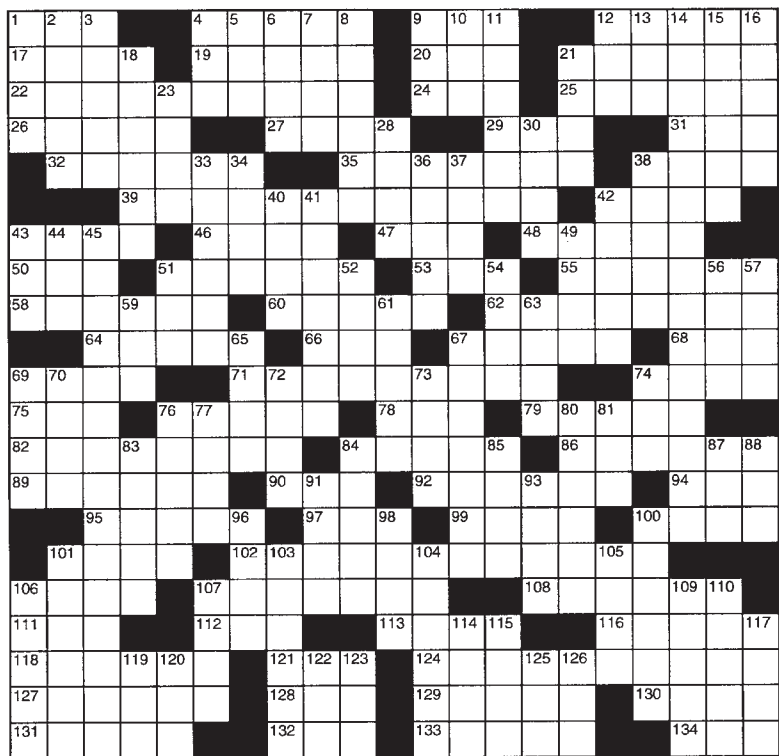
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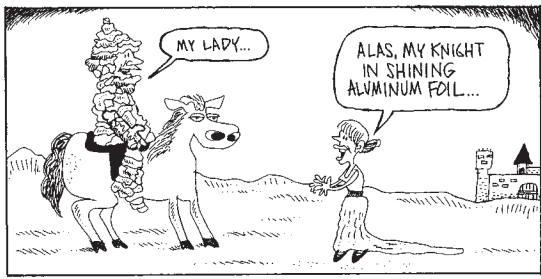
Super Crossword

WEATHER OR NOT

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4 "Crocodile Dundee" star
9 "The — Hurt" (59 hit)
12 Word form for "large"
17 Composer Janacek
19 Persian, presently
20 Zsa Zsa's sister
21 Mead subject
22 MISTY
24 Perfect score
25 Statistical foci
26 Vessel part
27 Utah city
29 SHAEF commander
31 Fasten a brogue
32 Lacking principles
35 Kid heaven
38 Unisex garment
39 SNOW
42 Pageant prop
43 Word with farm or frog
46 "Casa-blanca" character
- 47 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
48 Prepared to propose
50 Actress Hagen
51 Muslim title
53 Medical grp.
55 Left out
58 "Cabaret" setting
60 Feat
62 Sudden decline
64 Rover's restraint
66 Barcelona bravo
67 Turns soft
68 Compete
69 — Mawr
71 FAIR
74 Like May
75 W. Hemisphere grp.
76 Torrid and frigid
78 Napa Valley vessel
79 Porthos' pal
82 Neighbor of Ethiopia
84 Park feature
86 Half the
89 Diner patrons
90 Shaq's pack
92 Israeli coin
94 — Looka, FL
95 Magna —
97 Terrier's tidbit
- 99 Part of UCLA
100 Cut a outlie
101 Extinct bird
102 RAIN
106 Actress Schneider
107 Heebie-jeebies
108 Folklore figures
111 Burro
112 Gray matter?
113 Annie Oakley's birthplace
116 Impressive tales
118 Big name in temperance
121 Sprite
124 HURRI-CANE
127 Kampala's country
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129 Once more
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8 "One of These —" ('75 hit)
9 Wager
10 "— had it!"
11 '82 Attentive film
12 Damage
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14 HEAT
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16 Attack
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23 Calvary inscription
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41 Some computers
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- 43 Bathroom fixture
44 Hwy.
45 STORM
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51 Security grp.
52 A shake in the grass?
54 Draft status
56 Malicious
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69 Augur
70 Punjabi prince
72 Chow —
73 Gets what one basks for
74 '60s chic
76 Bernardo's boss
77 Force out
80 Claire of "Key Largo"
81 "2001" computer
83 Like some eyes
84 Freight
85 Coop crowd
87 News org.
- 88 Weaken
91 Match
93 Singer Eartha
96 "Lucky Jim" author
98 "Comin' — the Rye"
100 Successful dieters
101 Medical measure
103 Pericles' home
104 Guru's grounds
105 Director Nicolas
106 "— the mouse — the clock"
107 Novotna of tennis
109 Metric measure
110 Tatum
114 Othello's ensign
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123 Fish babies
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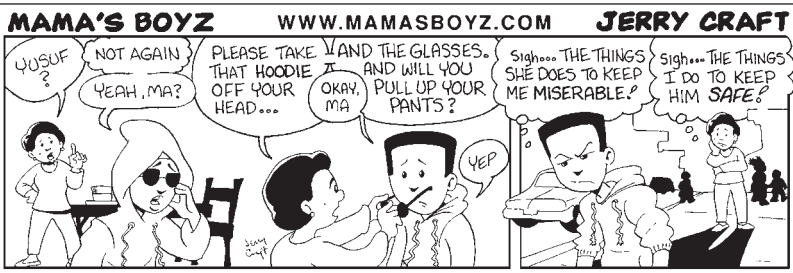
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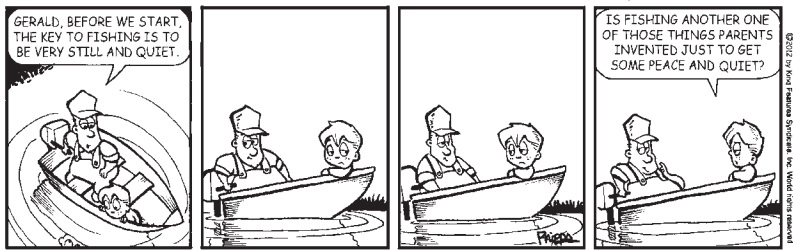
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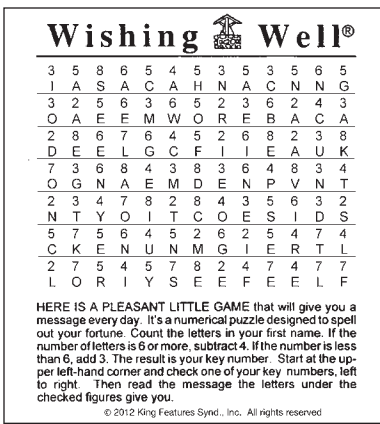
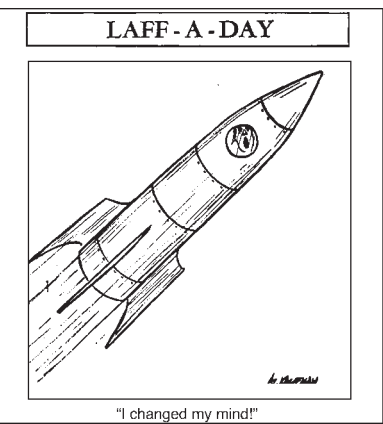
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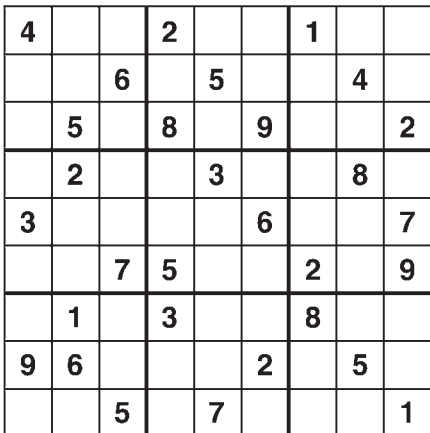


by Dave T. Phipps



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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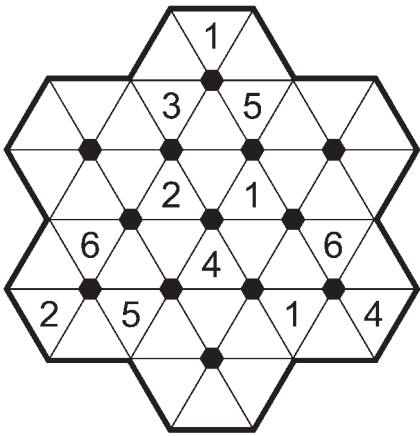
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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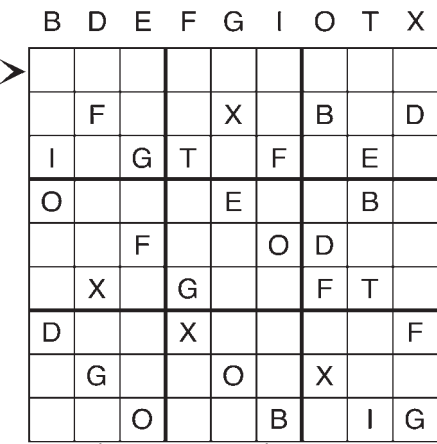
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Letter Box

by Linda Thistle

Place a letter in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the letters listed above the diagram. When completed, the row indicated will spell out a word or words.



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I find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Angry boss Cannon Grenade Supernova
Blasting cap Detonator Mine Torpedo
Boiler Dynamite Missile Volcano
Bomb Fireworks Population

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Nearly MALTOS
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#TITANS

State of the Titans: 2012-13 Preview

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Catching Up

Last season under newly appointed head coach Mike Munchak the Titans were able to walk away with a 9-7 record, falling one game short of a wild-card spot in the playoffs. Veteran quarterback Matt Hasselbeck had one of his best seasons to date, throwing for over 3,000 yards.

Rookie quarterback Jake Locker, when called upon, also proved he should have a bright future in the NFL. Locker threw for over 500 yards, four touchdowns, and no interceptions in relief of Hasselbeck.

Nate Washington also had a record season, hauling in over 1,000 receiving yards, as receiver Kenny Britt went down in the third game with an ACL and MCL tear. Aside from their great veteran play, the Titans had good production from their rookies. They were able to hit on all of their draft picks and had rookies step up to make big plays in 2011. All in all, they should be an interesting team to watch next season.

Free Agency

The Titans were anything but quiet in free agency this offseason. Although they lost out to Denver in the pursuit of Peyton Manning, they were still able to make some key signings. On offense, the Titans acquired veteran guard Steve Hutchinson from the Vikings. Defensively, the Titans lost cornerback Cortland Finnegan and defensive end Jason Jones. Tennessee was able to lock up Kamerion Wimbley from Oakland to play defensive end, and tackle Leger Douzable from Jacksonville. The team was able to resign David Ball on defense, as well as special teams captain Tim Shaw.

Draft Needs

The Titans sit with the 20th pick in this years' draft and are looking for a defense-



Perhaps the biggest question this offseason is who will be Tennessee's quarterback next year: Matt Hasselbeck or Jake Locker? ASSOCIATED PRESS

heavy draft class. The team's key needs are at defensive end, cornerback and possibly a center on offense.

Tennessee may be able to land players such as Stephon Gilmore, Dre Kirkpatrick, Whitney Mercilus, or Peter Konz. With seven picks in this draft, don't be surprised if the team uses up to six on defense alone.

Prediction

If the Titans are able to draft like they did last year and get production from their key veterans, they will be a dangerous team in the AFC South this year. The quarterback battle between Hasselbeck and Locker will be wide open this year, but the team should be just fine with whomever they go with. If Kenny Britt can make a healthy recovery, it will make Tennessee much more dangerous.

Chris Johnson will need to find his stride again, and with Hutchinson there to open holes, there should be no excuse for him to have a great season. The Titans could steal the AFC South title this year from Houston and possibly make a hard push for a nice seed in the playoffs. TAS

#SUMMERFITNESS

Fitness with Daniel

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The summer is a break from school work and lessening of responsibilities for many of us. Some stay just as busy during the summer as during the school year. There a few things you can do in the summer for fun that will help you stay fit, healthy and stress-free without having to go the extra mile to perform.

Here are a few things you can do normally and not realize you're exercising or dieting to help you stay healthy during the summer and snap back into the fall semester full of energy and eager to accomplish the semester GPA you have always wanted.

Go to the pool: Swimming constantly for an hour burns around 1,000 calories an hour, so playing around with your friends for hours and hours has to burn something, right? Throw in some games of chicken and largest-splash contests and you have a good lower-body workout as well.

Canoe with friends: It may be an excuse to drink with your buddies and hang out on the water, but canoeing lightly for an hour can burn almost 600 calories. Just do not cancel those calories burned with too many alcoholic refreshments with little nutritional value, and like Captain Morgan says, always drink responsibly.

Golf: Walking 18 holes carrying your bag can burn almost 1,500 calories, almost 75 percent of the recommended calorie intake for the day. It is a great way to relax, enjoy the weather and bond with your fellow golfing partners.

Go to the club: If you are really shaking your money-maker, you can burn up to 500 calories an hour. Even the common uncoordinated swayer who stays in one spot can burn more than 200 an hour. If you look good enough, you may not even need to pay for anything to enjoy the night.

Water-balloon fight: Run around with friends or strangers for an hour throwing water balloons and dodging your enemies, and tell me you are not worn out. If a wall-sitter at a club can burn 200 calories, think

of how many you will burn while doing your best Billy Haywood impersonation. (From the movie 'Little Big League' for those who do not understand the reference)

Frisbee: The average person can burn more than 400 calories an hour lightly playing ultimate frisbee, but who honestly plays for only one hour?

Eat watermelon: With only 46 calories per one-cup serving, watermelon is great for keeping you healthy. It contains more than 20 vitamins and minerals and is sweet without needing to add any sugar.

Grow a garden: Tending to a garden relaxes your mind and offers you a payoff in food in the end. Getting your hands dirty can burn calories, reduce stress and provide you with delicious vegetables. Just beware of squirrels, a garden's sworn nemesis and biggest hindrance to success.

Chopping wood: Since winter has passed, we can tell by now if a tree is going to make it or is already gone. Chopping wood is a full-body work out that can wear you out faster than you expect, but tapping into your internal Paul Bunyan will release stress and work your body. Since it is summer, you can go without wearing a t-shirt instead of being forced to wear flannel and grow a beard to fit the part.

Walk to the gas station: Whether you are going to buy a healthy snack or another round of sodas and bon-bons, walking to the gas station is a simple way to stay fit that most people do not realize. Most people have a gas station within two miles from their residency and can easily find the time to enjoy the concrete scenery between their place and the local gas station/chicken shack/bait shop.

Your summer may consist of 12-hour work days and online homework, or it may consist of a lot of "Boy Meets World" and "American Gladiator" reruns viewed safely from the view of your favorite loveseat. Either way, there is still a way to get out and be active without spending hours hating your life while you run aimlessly on a treadmill or push-mow every elderly ladies yard in the neighborhood. Enjoy your summer and stay active, Clarksville. TAS

#GOLADYGOVS



Sophomore Taylor Mills fires a pitch for the Lady Govs against Southeast Missouri on Sunday, April 15. The Lady Govs dropped all three games against SEMO, 4-5, 3-7 and 2-6, bringing their OVC Record to 6-15. The Lady Govs will travel to Huntsville, Ala. to play Alabama A&M on Wednesday, April 18. SUSIE LIBERATORE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Tenn. Tech.	6-6 (15-20)
Eastern Illinois	5-6 (14-19)
SIUE	5-7 (17-19)
Murray St.	4-8 (18-19)
UT Martin	4-8 (10-25)
Southeast Mo.	3-9 (11-26)

OVC SOFTBALL STANDINGS

UT Martin	18-3 (30-13)
Jacksonville St.	17-7 (23-21)
Eastern Illinois	12-6 (22-17)
Murray St.	12-9 (19-15)
Eastern Ky.	11-9 (19-22)
Tenn. Tech.	11-11 (17-24)
SIUE	10-10 (18-23)
Southeast Mo.	10-12 (19-24)
Austin Peay	6-15 (12-25)
Morehead St.	5-15 (12-27)
Tennessee St.	3-18 (10-29)

UPCOMING HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Track and Field - All Day
Showdown on the Cumberland

Baseball - 6 p.m.
APSU vs. Jacksonville State

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Baseball - 2 p.m.
APSU vs. Jacksonville State

Softball - 1 and 3 p.m.
APSU vs. Jacksonville State

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Baseball - 1 p.m.
APSU vs. Jacksonville State

Softball - 1 p.m.
APSU vs. Jacksonville State

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Baseball - 6 p.m.
APSU vs. Lipscomb

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Baseball - 6 p.m.
APSU vs. Morehead St.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Baseball - 2 p.m.
APSU vs. Morehead St.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Baseball - 1 p.m.
APSU vs. Morehead St.



NHL PLAYOFF UPDATE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

No. 1 New York Rangers - 2
No. 8 Ottawa Senators - 1
No. 2 Boston Bruins - 2
No. 7 Washington Capitals - 1
No. 3 Florida Panthers - 1
No. 6 New Jersey Devils - 1
No. 4 Pittsburgh Penguins - 0
No. 5 Philadelphia Flyers - 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

No. 1 Vancouver Canucks - 0
No. 8 Los Angeles Kings - 3
No. 2 St. Louis Blues - 1
No. 7 San Jose Sharks - 1
No. 3 Phoenix Coyotes - 1
No. 6 Chicago Blackhawks - 1
No. 4 Nashville Predators - 2
No. 5 Detroit Red Wings - 1



NBA PLAYOFF STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

1.) Chicago	46-14
2.) Miami	42-17
3.) Indiana	38-22
4.) Boston	36-25
5.) Atlanta	35-25
6.) Orlando	35-25
7.) Philadelphia	31-28
8.) New York	31-29
9.) Milwaukee	29-31
10.) Detroit	22-38
11.) New Jersey	22-39
12.) Toronto	22-39
13.) Cleveland	20-39
14.) Washington	14-46
15.) Charlotte	7-52

WESTERN CONFERENCE

1.) Oklahoma City	44-16
2.) San Antonio	42-16
3.) L.A. Lakers	39-22
4.) L.A. Clippers	37-23
5.) Memphis	35-25
6.) Dallas	34-27
7.) Denver	33-27
8.) Houston	32-28
9.) Phoenix	31-29
10.) Utah	31-30
11.) Portland	28-33
12.) Minnesota	25-36
13.) Golden State	22-37
14.) Sacramento	20-41
15.) New Orleans	18-42



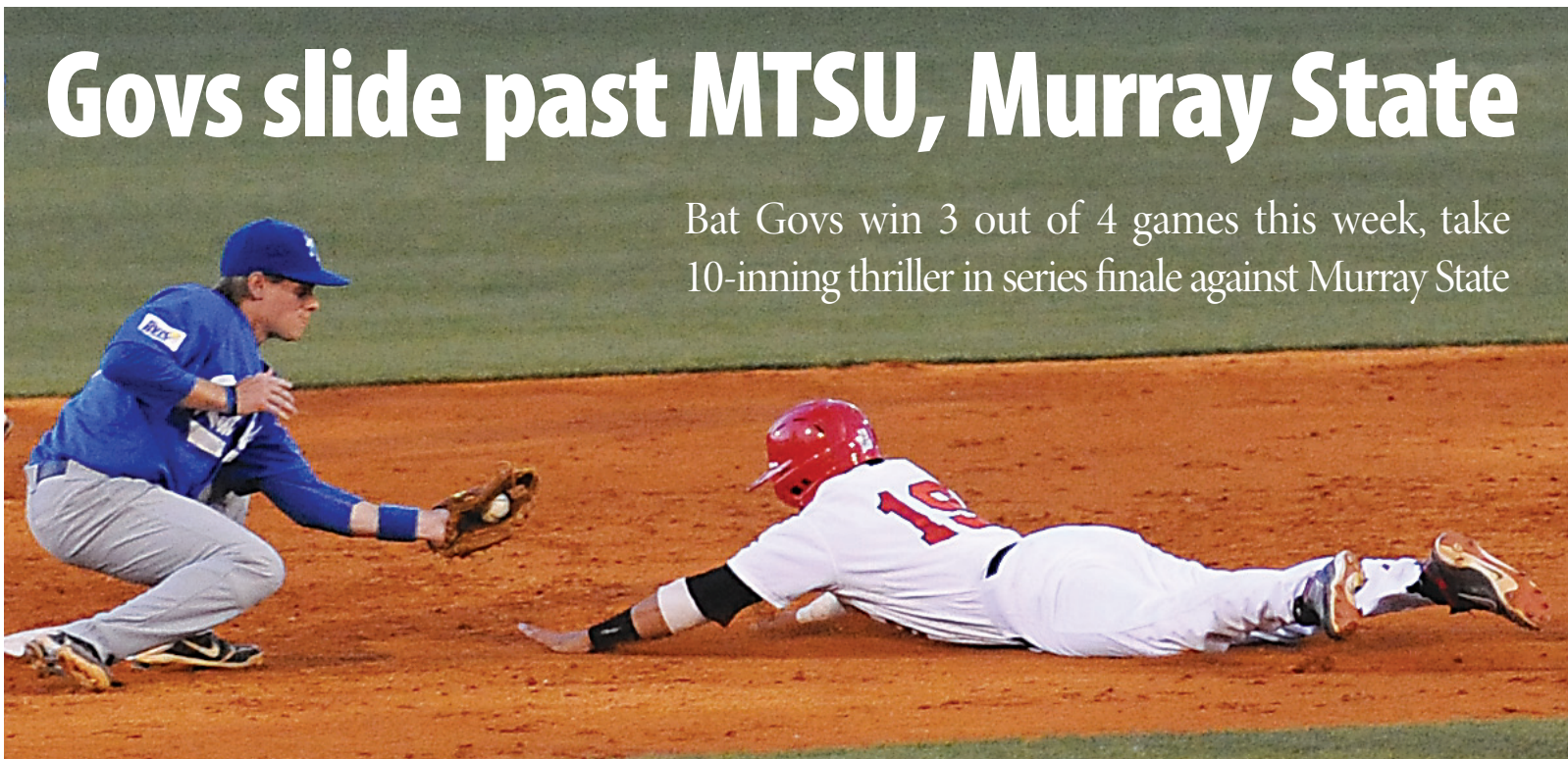
Saints' owner **Tom Benson** buys **Hornets**

Arkansas head coach **Bobby Petrino** canned

Predators lead Red Wings, **2-1**, in NHL playoffs

SPORTS

#GOBATGOVS



Govs slide past MTSU, Murray State

Bat Govs win 3 out of 4 games this week, take 10-inning thriller in series finale against Murray State

Sophomore P.J. Torres slides into second base in the game against MTSU on Wednesday, April 11. The Bat Govs won, 10-3, scoring a combined six runs in the fifth and sixth innings. **JOSH VAUGHN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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If the APSU Bat Govs had a theme song for this week, it would most likely be "All I Do is Win" by hip-hop star DJ Khalid.

The Bat Govs were victorious in three of their four games, beating visiting MTSU on Wednesday, April 11, and winning two of three against visiting Murray State on Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15, both wins coming from walk-off home runs.

Wednesday's game against MTSU saw the Bat Govs enjoy a team effort in the victory.

The Bat Govs used nine pitchers throughout the game, one pitcher per inning.

The APSU pitching staff surrendered only two earned runs as the Bat Govs pulled out the 10-3 victory over the Blue Raiders.

On Friday, April 13, the Bat Govs lost their second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference game against Murray State, 13-7.

The game went into the top of the ninth with APSU behind by one run, 8-7, but that is as close as the Bat Govs came.

Four ninth-inning errors allowed the Thoroughbreds to plate five runs and put the game out of reach.

The team had six errors on the game, the most since April 27, 2008 at Southeast Missouri.

Both Saturday and Sunday's games ended with APSU celebrating at home plate in dramatic finishes.

Saturday's game ended by a Tyler

Childress home run in the bottom of the ninth.

The Bat Govs jumped out to an early 7-1 lead by the fifth inning, but saw its lead squandered in the sixth behind some errors and clutch Murray State hitting.

The Thoroughbreds tacked on five runs in the inning and a single run in the seventh and eighth innings.

The Murray State late charge was no match for the Bat Govs as they were able to keep the 'Breds from gaining the lead and Childress delivered the victory blow in the bottom of the ninth.

Sunday's game was even more exciting than Saturday's game, as APSU was able to escape with a narrow 13-12 victory in extra innings.

The Bat Govs blew a lead two separate times during the game, but were able to come back thanks to the big bat of senior Greg Bachman. Bachman had a three-run home run in the first inning to jump the Bat Govs into the lead.

Later in the contest, Bachman had another clutch three-run home run in the eighth inning to help tie the game at 11.

The Bat Govs surrendered a run in the ninth but were able to bring in the tying run with two outs and a 1-2 count, as sophomore Jordan Hankins hit a game-tying double.

In the bottom of the 10th inning, junior Cody Hudson hit a towering home run, giving APSU their fifth home run of the game and more importantly, the win.

This week boosted the Bat Govs

Wednesday, April 11	6 p.m.	R	H	E
MTSU	010001001	3	10	1
APSU	00102430X	10	11	0

Friday, April 13	6 p.m.	R	H	E
Murray	011300035	13	13	3
APSU	120101020	7	8	6

Saturday, April 14	2 p.m.	R	H	E
Murray	001005110	8	11	2
APSU	122021001	9	14	2

Sunday, April 15	1 p.m.	R	H	E
Murray	2000300610	12	17	0
APSU	4000130311	13	11	0

record to 22-13 and 9-2 in OVC play, keeping them in first place in the conference.

The team will look to stay hot when they travel to Murfreesboro on Wednesday, April 18, for a rematch

with MTSU.

The team will now travel to Richmond, Ky. for an OVC series with conference rival Eastern Kentucky Friday, April 20, through Sunday, April 22. **TAS**



Left: Senior Chuck Edlin was one of nine pitchers during the Bat Govs' game against MTSU on Wednesday, April 11. **JOSH VAUGHN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**



Right: Junior Cody Hudson led the Bat Govs to victory on Sunday, April 15, with a walk-off home run over Murray State. **BRITTNEY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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Tennis teams finish season, prepare for OVC tournament

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Men's and women's tennis will enter the Ohio Valley Conference tournament this weekend Friday, April 20, through Sunday, April 22, with a No. 2 and No. 4 seed.

The teams concluded their regular this week with the men winning two of three matches and the women winless in two.

Tuesday, April 10, was the biggest match this year for the men's team.

It would end up being the match that decided the No. 1 seed for the

OVC tournament, as APSU lost to Tennessee Tech, 4-3, resulting in APSU's first and only OVC loss this year.

The Govs would travel to Richmond, Ky. later in the week on Saturday, April 14, to take on Eastern Kentucky.

The Govs were able to pull out the close victory, handing Eastern Kentucky its second OVC loss of the season and solidifying their No. 2 spot in the OVC tournament.

On the next day, the Tennis Govs were victorious over Morehead State, 4-0, in a match that was ended

after APSU had won the four points needed.

The Tennis Govs end the season 7-1 in league play.

The Lady Govs were not as successful, losing to top seed Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, 1-6, and on Sunday to Morehead State, 3-4.

This biggest surprise was No. 1 senior Vanja Tomic losing her match on Saturday, April 14, ending her 17-game winning streak.

It was only her second OVC loss throughout her career, both against Eastern Kentucky.

The Govs received the No. 2

spot in the OVC tournament due to their loss to Tennessee Tech, the tournament's No. 1 team.

APSU will play the winner of Eastern Kentucky and Murray State in the second round.

Heading into the women's OVC tournament, the Lady Govs earned a No. 4 seed, with a 5-4 conference record, pairing them against Eastern Illinois, a team they beat on March 27, 5-2.

Should they win, they will face top seed Eastern Kentucky who is undefeated in OVC play and defeated APSU on Saturday. **TAS**