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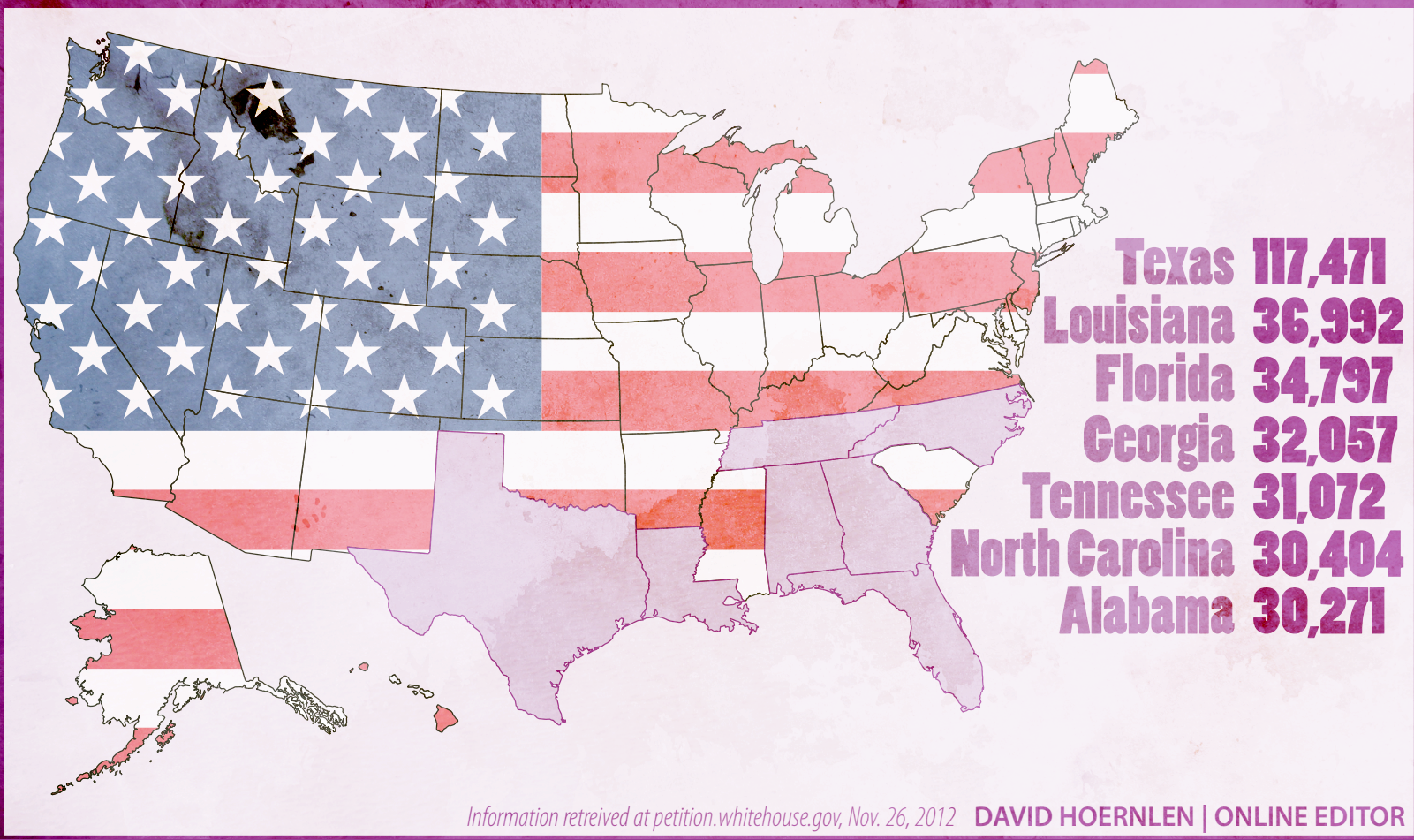
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Divided states of America

All 50 states file petitions with federal government to secede from union

Secession petitions with over 25,000 signatures



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The election of Democratic presidents traditionally results in increased sales of firearms and ammunition, but now it may have triggered a movement of petitions advocating states' peaceful secession from the United States.

According to CNN, citizens in all 50 states have started petitions to allow for their peaceful secession from the United States.

The *All State* has only been able to independently verify unique petitions for 45 individual states, with some states, such as Ohio, Georgia, Alaska and Virginia having multiple petitions requesting secession.

One petition, for Texas's secession from the union, has gathered over 117,000 digital signatures on the White House website.

"The possibility of a state seceding is practically zero," said David Kanervo, professor of political science. "This is ... a publicity stunt, I think, for the purpose of trying to send a message of dissatisfaction. I think this whole issue really is overblown because

there's just no way that a state is going to be able to secede from the union."

According to Kanervo, for a state to secede, it would require a vote by Congress, just as admitting a state into the union would, and there is probably very little support in the federal government for any state to secede.

"I think it is people who are particularly conservative who are perhaps upset by the election outcome, or they're concerned about some specific policy, such as ... Obamacare and the tax burdens that it might create for each state, and, also, I think they're worried about the federal budget deficit."

The White House website states that a petition must reach 25,000 signatures within 30 days in order to "require a response" from the administration. Related issues may be grouped into a single response. So far, seven states – Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana and Texas – have achieved this threshold amount.

According to one petition on the White House website, "Given that the state of Texas maintains a balanced budget and is the 15th largest economy in the world, it is practically feasible for Texas to

withdraw from the union, and to do so would protect its citizens' standard of living and re-secure their rights and liberties in accordance with the original ideas and beliefs of our founding fathers which are no longer being reflected by the federal government."

However, some consider this to be more than just an economic issue or a matter of disagreeing with federal policy.

"There would be no movement if a white man was sitting in the Oval Office," said *Huffington Post* blogger and former White House senior policy analyst, Jeff Schweitzer. "The economy continues to recover in all sectors, unemployment continues to inch down, the auto industry is healthy and the stock market is 65 percent higher now than when Obama took office," yet the push to secede surfaces despite these positive developments.

Other petitions filed on the White House website include proposals for the repeal of Obamacare, the impeachment of President Obama and the legalization of marijuana, as well as one advocating the deportation of anyone who signed a petition for secession. **TAS**

Several southern teachers arrested in testing scandal

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

It was a brazen and surprisingly long-lived scheme, authorities said, to help aspiring public school teachers cheat on the tests they must pass to prove they are qualified to lead their classrooms.

For 15 years, teachers in three Southern states paid Clarence Mumford Sr. — himself a longtime educator — to send someone else to take the tests in their place, authorities said.

Each time, Mumford received a fee of between \$1,500 and \$3,000 to send one of his test ringers with fake identification to the Praxis exam. In return, his customers got a passing grade and began their careers as cheaters, according to federal prosecutors in Memphis.

Authorities say the scheme affected hundreds — if not thousands — of public school students who ended

up being taught by unqualified instructors.

Mumford faces more than 60 fraud and conspiracy charges that claim he created fake driver's licenses with the information of a teacher or an aspiring teacher and attached the photograph of a test-taker. Prospective teachers are accused of giving Mumford their Social Security numbers for him to make the fake identities.

The hired-test takers went to testing centers, showed the proctor the fake license, and passed the certification exam, prosecutors say.

Then, the aspiring teacher used the test score to secure a job with a public school district, the indictment alleges. Fourteen people have been charged with mail and Social Security fraud, and four people have pleaded guilty to charges associated with the scheme.

Mumford "obtained tens of

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60 dogs rescued in Thanksgiving weekend raid



Sixty animals were discovered chained on a property surrounded by burning trees over Thanksgiving weekend. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

» **STAFF REPORT**

Over Thanksgiving weekend, 60 dogs suspected of being victimized in a dog-fighting operation outside of Nashville were rescued by Animal Rescue Corps.

Ashland City and Pleasant View fire departments discovered the dogs while responding to a brush fire about 25 miles west of Nashville.

The dogs — mostly American Pit Bull Terriers and some Beagles — were chained on the property with no access to food or water while the fire raged around them.

All of the dogs required medical attention.

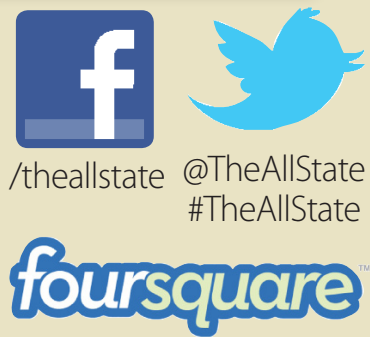
Local authorities called in the ARC, a nationwide non-profit organization specializing in complex rescue operations.

The ARC transported the dogs to Nashville shelters and volunteers are administering daily care and medications temporarily until they can

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Degree Compass adds My Future technology

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A new feature was recently added to APSU's OneStop called My Future. The new program will work with Degree Compass (a popular feature on OneStop that helps students pick what classes they should sign up for) in helping students with their future in college and after college.

While Degree Compass uses students' transcripts to pick which classes they are best suited for, My Future helps students decide which major fits them the most.

The My Future program includes a description of the student's current major, contact information to learn more about that major, jobs the student would qualify for with that major, degree options, help with a four-year plan and a list of recommended majors for the student.

Some students find the new feature helpful while others are still confused on what the program does.

"At first when I found out about it, I wasn't quite sure what it was, but after a while it started to make more sense and helped steer me in the right direction. It showed me what options were open for me related to my major and gave me a brief outlook and sense of hope that even though people say that field doesn't have any jobs, I can open up the My Future tab and be reassured that it, in fact, does," said Liz Howie, a freshman.

Another freshman, Sara Raines, said "I'm not sure what the program does or how to use it, but it sounds helpful and I look forward to learning more about it." **TAS**

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.

- 9:30 a.m.; Nov. 20; Shasteen; burglary
- 4:41 p.m.; Nov. 20; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center; theft of property
- 1:16 p.m.; Nov. 17; Main street/University Lot; vandalism
- 11:34 p.m.; Nov. 17; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; underage possession/consumption
- 1:29 a.m.; Nov. 16; Meacham Apartments; purchasing alcohol
- 1:04 a.m.; Nov. 16; Meacham Apartments; underage possession/consumption
- 10:02 p.m.; Nov. 16; McCord Lot; public intoxication
- 11:09 p.m.; Nov. 14; Morgan University Center; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 8:19 p.m.; Nov. 13; Hand Village; domestic assault
- 5:57 p.m.; Nov. 13; Marion St.; Underage possession/consumption
- 11:18 a.m.; Nov. 13; Woodward Library; theft of property
- 2:25 a.m.; Nov. 12; Castle Heights Hall; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 4:26 a.m.; Nov. 10; Meacham Apartments; underage possession/consumption
- 4:25 a.m.; Nov. 10; Meacham Apartments; enticing a child to purchase

Visit TheAllState.org to see an interactive of the campus crime log.

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Test scandal

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thousands of dollars” during the alleged conspiracy, which prosecutors say lasted from 1995 to 2010 in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Among those charged is former University of Tennessee and NFL wide receiver Cedrick Wilson, who is accused of employing a test-taker for a Praxis physical education exam. He was charged in late October with four counts of Social Security and mail fraud. He has pleaded not guilty and is out of jail on a \$10,000 bond. He has been suspended by the Memphis City Schools system.

If convicted, Mumford could face between two and 20 years in prison on each count. Lawyers for Mumford and Wilson did not return calls for comment.

Prosecutors and standardized test experts say students were hurt the most by the scheme because they were being taught by unqualified teachers.

“There’s a never-ending war between those who try to maintain standards and those who are looking out for their own interests,” said Neal Kingston, director of the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation at the University of Kansas.

Most of the recent test-taking scandals involved students taking tests, not people taking teacher certification exams. Cheating scams involving teacher certification tests are more unusual, said Robert Schaeffer, public education director for the National Center for Fair & Open Testing.

Schaeffer notes that a large-scale scandal involving teacher certification tests was discovered in 2000, also in the South. In that case, 52 teachers were charged with paying up to \$1,000 apiece to a former Educational Testing Services proctor to ensure a passing grade on teacher certification tests.

Teachers from Arkansas, Georgia,



Wide receiver Cedrick Wilson was charged with four counts of social security and mail fraud in connection with the test-taking scandal. AP PHOTO

Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi took tests through Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., in 1998. The college was not accused of wrongdoing.

Educational Testing Services also writes and administers the Praxis examinations involved in the Memphis case. ETS spokesman Tom Ewing said the company discovered the cheating in June 2009, conducted an investigation and canceled scores. The company began meeting with authorities to turn over the information in late 2009, Ewing said.

“These cases are rare, but we consider them to be very serious and something we have to guard against happening for

all the honest test-takers, students and teachers,” Ewing said.

Ewing said ETS observes test-takers and reviews test scores to try to root out cheaters. ETS also has received anonymous tips that have led them to cheaters.

An experienced educator, Mumford was working for Memphis City Schools when the alleged scam took place.

“What happens at many testing centers is that a whole bunch of test-takers show up simultaneously, early on a Saturday morning, and the proctors give only a cursory look to the identification,” Schaeffer said. “It’s not like going through airport security

where a guy holds up a magnifying glass and puts our license under ultraviolet light to make sure it has not been tampered with.”

Mumford was fired after news of the investigation came out, and others, like Wilson, have been suspended. But at least three teachers implicated in the scandal remain employed with their school district.

Kingston, the university professor, said prospective teachers may not be confident in their knowledge base to pass the test. Or, the cheaters may believe they are smart enough to pass on their own but also know they are poor test takers. Kingston said his research has shown that cheating on exams is getting more prevalent.

“The propensity to cheat on exams both through college and for licensure and certification exams seems to be increasing over time,” said Kingston. “People often don’t see it as something wrong.”

The pressure of passing the test could make people do things they normally would not do.

Nina Monfredo, a 23-year-old history teacher at Power Center Academy in Memphis, has taken Praxis exams for history, geography, middle school content, and secondary teaching and learning.

Monfredo, who passed all her tests and is not involved in the fraud case, said the exams she took were relatively easy for someone who has a high school education. She said some people use study aids to prepare, but she didn’t. And she didn’t feel much pressure because it was her understanding that she could take the test again if she did not pass.

“If you feel like you can’t pass and you hire someone it means you really didn’t know what you were doing,” she said. “I think it would be easier to just learn what’s on the test.” TAS



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Dog rescue

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be transported to permanent facilities.
A treadmill, fighting pen and a spring pole used for strengthening dogs' jaws were all found on the property, leading authorities to believe the dogs were being bred and trained for fighting.

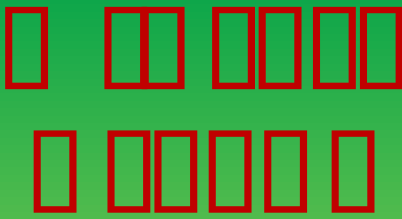
ARC president Scotlund Haisley said these were the worst conditions he had ever seen in the 15-20 dog rescues he has led.
Tennessee Bureau of Investigations is currently investigating the operation. *TAS*



A dog rescued by the ARC from a home where it was chained and starved. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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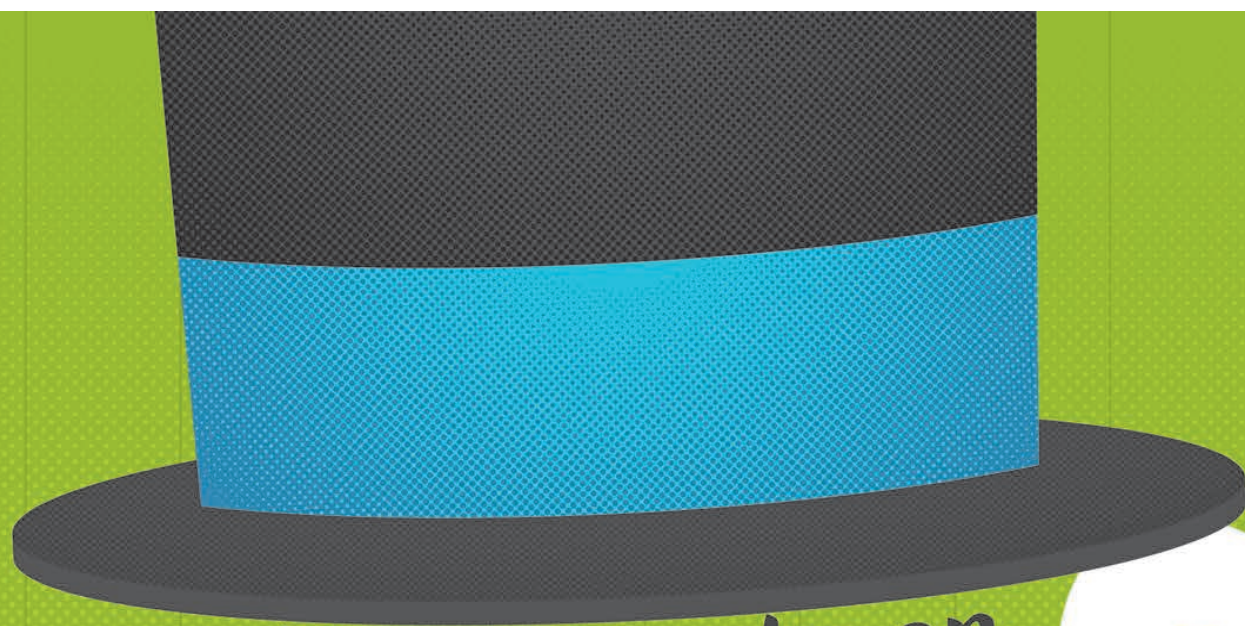
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Black Friday sucks for employees, families



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Black Friday is the day many people traditionally do most of their holiday shopping. The past two years Black Friday has been taken to another level because some stores now open on Thanksgiving Day to begin the shopping madness.

This new trend of opening stores on Thanksgiving began last year when Toys “R” Us opened their store at 9 p.m., which immediately sparked controversy with employees.

According to CNN, the first petition was started a year ago by a woman named Casey St. Clair.

“It shouldn’t have to be a rushed affair, slipping in to eat some turkey and taking a piece of pie for the road,” St. Clair said. “It’s one of few days retail employees get to spend with their families, but at this point there’s no time to see family ... My anger is aimed at the loss of a day that, up until now, was considered important enough for only the most essential services to be open.”

The essence of Thanksgiving is in some ways dwindled, because it is no longer how we remembered it. People should not be shopping and employees should not have to work at Target, Kmart or Walmart on Thanksgiving. It takes away from the meaning of the holiday.

As a customer, I love the idea of shopping late

at night or whenever I want, but as an employee, I understand not wanting to have to leave or skip family gatherings to be at work on the holiday. Some retailers force all their employees to work on Thanksgiving without extra pay or regard for the holiday.

“Retailers should focus on showing thanks to their employees instead of swindling them away from their families on Thanksgiving Day to make extra money.”

“Employees should be mad, and they should not have to work, it is pathetic that our consumer-driven economy worships the dollar over people,” Black Friday shopper Maura Ducharme told USA Today.

Employers demanding employees to work on Thanksgiving Day should make consumers wonder about the morals of the businessmen and women running these companies. Some retailers are not worried about their employees, who are more than likely customers as well, but, instead, are worried about profits. It puts employees in a tough situation because they must choose making

a profit or spending time with their families.

St. Clair started her petition on Change.org, and since then many others have started petitions relating to the topic. Most of them are specifically aimed at Walmart, Sears, Best Buy and Target.

“Each year, retailers start their Black Friday sales earlier and earlier. People are now leaving Thanksgiving dinners Thursday evening. Soon, if this doesn’t stop, our holiday will be lost entirely. Stop the Black Friday Creep,” Elizabeth Newton wrote on her petition to stop every retailer with Thursday night Black Friday sales.

Retailers must be cautious of what starting Black Friday early really does to the Thanksgiving tradition. It takes away from the joy of the occasion and the true meaning of the holiday. Retailers should focus on showing thanks to their employees instead of swindling them away from their families on Thanksgiving Day to make extra money.

“A midnight opening robs the hourly and in-store salary workers of time off with their families on Thanksgiving Day. By opening the doors at midnight, Best Buy is requiring team members to be in the store late on Thanksgiving Day. A full holiday with family is not just for the elite of this nation — all Americans should be able to break bread with loved ones and get a good night’s rest on Thanksgiving,” Rick Newton wrote in his petition against Best Buy’s Black Friday schedule.

These petitions have become very successful, with some of them gathering thousands of signatures. However, they might not be enough to stop the Black Friday madness. To help support these petitions, go to Change.org. **TAS**

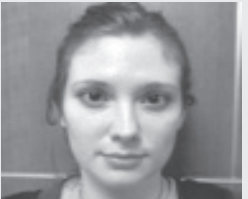
YOUR TAKE

What are you most thankful for?



“I am thankful the semester is soon to come to an end after an intense class load and that I have a good group of friends and amazing family.”

>>> **Zach Sullivan**,
senior geosciences major



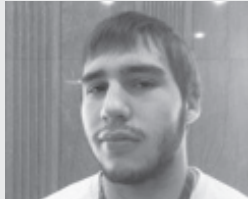
“I am thankful for my family, friends and professors that help keep my on my academic path to success.”

>>> **Jenni Kaiser**,
junior history major



“I am thankful my girlfriend, now fiancée, said yes.”

>>> **Jerry Tanner**,
junior geosciences major



“I am thankful for the HOPE scholarship and that this month is No Shave November.”

>>> **Donald Evans**,
freshman biochemistry major



“I am thankful for the patience of my instructors this semester and for my family that supports me every day.”

>>> **Floyd Mullins**,
freshman biology major



“I am thankful for everything that God has blessed us with: love freedom, hope and happiness.”

>>> **Don Hodges**,
junior history major

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#HOLIDAYGIFTS

Holiday gift how-to guide

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With the holiday season in full swing, gift-giving has become, once again, a monster looming on the horizon.

A college student's life is already stressful enough around this time of year with the end of the semester approaching, in addition to extracurricular obligations, work and studying.

To help ease the stress of picking that "perfect" gift for a friend, loved one or that "someone special" we at *The All State* have amassed a list of gifts that will be sure to please any personality type.

- **Fraternity Brother/Sorority Sister** – Guys or girls who attend every function their fraternity or sorority holds always have their brothers or sisters over at the apartment or house. A great gift for this kind of person would be a hat or jacket with their Greek letters embroidered on it.

Hats are cheaper and can be acquired at Lids in Governor's Square Mall, and the shop does offer embroidering services. A custom embroidered hat for your brother or sister would run about \$23 plus sales tax.

Jackets are nicer, but also pricier. A nice jacket/hoodie with embroidered letters will cost from \$40 to \$200 depending on the style.

- **Hipster** – A hipster is defined as "a subculture of men and women typically in their 20s and 30s that value independent thinking, counter-culture, progressive politics, an appreciation of art and indie-rock, creativity, intelligence and witty banter" according to urbandictionary.com.

We know who they are, and so do they, and they let you know it.

Gifts recommended for hipsters, by hipsters, have been clothes from Goodwill on Fort Campbell Boulevard and Madison Street, which are cheap and in good condition (\$4.99- \$7.99; less if you catch it during a sale).

Another low-cost option recommended is "The Casual Vacancy" by J.K. Rowling, author of the best-selling Harry Potter series.



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The book runs \$17.50 plus shipping costs and taxes on Amazon.com.

- **Gamer** – Gamers play games, they wear gaming shirts, pins and have backpacks depicting their favorite characters. The things to get for gamers are games or gaming accessories.

The multiple Gamestop stores in town are perfect shops to find deals on new and used games.

Used games, depending on how new and rare they are, can run from as cheap as a couple of dollars to \$59.99.

For the "retro" gamer, the Play N Trade on Madison Street is a better option, with stock that ranges from the ancient Atari 2600 up to the new stuff, as well as merchandise like T-shirts and pins.

Prices range from a few dollars up into the hundreds for the latest and greatest in gaming gear.

- **Artist** – They tend to linger inside the Trahern building and

come in all types, including sketchers, sculptors and general art majors.

Anything that would assist the artist in mitigating costs on class supplies is great.

Suggestions include leather-bound sketchbooks, which, depending on quality and detail included on the leather, can range from \$25 to \$75.

A cheaper gift idea is a set of quality colored pencils, which go about as cheap as \$5.00 for a basic set, all the way up to \$129.99 for a large tin of 150 colored pencils.

Hobby Lobby on Wilma Rudolph Boulevard has these and a large assortment of other ideas for the artist on your list this season.

If your friend or loved one doesn't fall into one of these four categories, don't fret.

While advice can help sometimes, you know your friends better than we do, and you can always just ask what they'd like as a gift for the holidays.

Remember, it's the thought that counts, not how much money you spend. *TAS*

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FACTS

What do John Elway, Steve Martin, Rahm Emmanuel and Susan Sarandon have in common? They were all philosophy majors as undergraduates.

-Mark Michael

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FEATURES

Birds invade Calif. shopping center
Cops: illegal dentist **kissed woman’s buttocks**
Judge sentences woman **to hold “idiot” sign**

EVENT CALENDAR

#CONORSTRAVELS



» **By CONOR SCRUTON**
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With the break over and the Thanksgiving leftovers relegated to the back of the fridge, it's safe to say the holiday season is in full swing. Unfortunately, it also brings finals season along. If you need a little holiday cheer to break up your day-long study sessions, it may be worth heading down to Christmas on the Cumberland. Anyone who has spent more than a year in Clarksville probably knows about this popular tradition. Christmas on the Cumberland is a free annual event where all of McGregor Park on Riverside Drive is decorated with lights. When I say all of McGregor Park, I'm not exaggerating. Almost every tree on Riverwalk is completely covered in lights, and there are even more displays constructed alongside the entire path. Christmas on the Cumberland is a classic family-friendly holiday option. There are opportunities to visit with Santa on select days, and on any given night there are plenty of families with children on the Riverwalk. That being said, I like going around 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. when it's a little less busy.

Christmas on the Cumberland is open Sundays through Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., which leaves plenty of time to try and escape the early-hour crowds. My friends and I like late-night walks in McGregor Park anyway, and Christmas on the Cumberland has a nice sense of serenity once those crowds have died down. If you like going on walks, Christmas on the Cumberland is a great excuse to make the trek down to Riverside for an evening. The sensation of walking through Christmas on the Cumberland for the first time is sort of like being in Willy Wonka's factory, in that there are lots of colors and flashing lights in every direction, and it can be a little hard to know what to focus on. The light display on Riverside is a mainstay of Clarksville culture. While it's not necessarily as exciting as some of my other travels, it's the sort of event that all APSU students should experience before they graduate. It's not an incredibly masterful or tasteful job of decoration, but honestly, it doesn't have to be. That's why I feel Christmas on the Cumberland is a perfect escape from study marathons. It's not overly fancy, but rather is content to be exactly what it is — a whole lot of corny lights and holiday cheer. But I think corny lights and holiday cheer are exactly what we all need to de-stress during final exams. On behalf of Conor's Travels, have a safe and happy holiday season. *TAS*



Above: Riverside's McGregor Park is decked out in lights. Right: Conor takes some time to appreciate the décor. SUSAN LIBERTADORE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Wednesday,
Nov. 28**

- 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Holiday Sanity: Stress Management**; MUC Lobby
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; **Holiday Photo Booth**; MUC Lobby
- 7 p.m.; **Creative Writing Club: Roxy Playfest**; Roxy Regional Theatre

**Thursday,
Nov. 29**

- 7 p.m.; **Alpha Gamma Delta: Mr. APSU Pageant**; Clement Auditorium

**Saturday,
Dec. 1**

- 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; **Holiday Choral Dinner**; MUC Ballroom

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Dec. 4**

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#APPALACHIANBOOKPROJECT

Appalachian Book Project helps inmates in 6 states

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — For people behind bars in six Appalachian states, they are one of the few forms of escape — hundreds of used books, wrapped in brown paper and stacked thigh-high under a table, just waiting to be shipped. Parenting and self-help books. History and law. Dictionaries, biographies and fiction. Whatever the subject, volunteers with the Appalachian Prison Book Project believe they hold the power to unlock worlds. From a small room in a historic house next to the Morgantown Public Library, they meticulously organize requests, exchanging letters to find just the right read and get permission from prison administrators while simultaneously scrambling to raise money for shipping. The process takes months, and the restrictions are many: Spiral-bound books are banned, their spines seen as potential weapons. Hardcover are discouraged. Some institutions refuse books altogether, often with no explanation. “You would think it’s not that big a deal. We’re just sending out used books, free of charge, to people in prison,” says Dominique Bruno, a doctoral student at West Virginia University who serves as outreach coordinator. “But it is as hard

to get something into a prison as it is to get out of one.” For six years they have kept at it, shipping the 11,000th book last month. They’ve since sent dozens more to state and federal prisons across West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Other states have had prison book programs for decades, from California to Illinois and Texas to Massachusetts. Pennsylvania alone has at least six. But until professor Katy Ryan taught a course on prison literature in 2004, West Virginia and the other five states had none. She and her graduate students discussed the need, spent two years raising money and collecting books, then started taking requests. The books are all privately donated, many by students and professors in WVU’s English department and some by others in the community. Occasionally, an author or publisher will send a box of new books, too. The volunteers shipped the first book, “Natural Remedies,” to the Trumbull Correctional Institution in Leavittsburg, Ohio, in 2006. The second went to the Mount Olive Correctional Complex in southern West Virginia. Warden David Ballard says the program keeps his prisoners occupied with material from a trustworthy source.

“It was a free resource the inmates could use, and most of the books are educational or religious in nature, so that was a plus,” Ballard says. “There was no reason for us why we should stop it.” Books are X-rayed and inspected by hand before they’re delivered. Anything that would help an inmate plot an escape or manipulate locks would be rejected, as would anything pornographic. But Ballard need not worry about that kind of material; it doesn’t get shipped. Many prisons lack the money to develop a good library, and most inmates have no way to buy books themselves, Ryan says. Her team receives letters that range from pragmatic (a Scrabble dictionary to settle fights) to heartbreaking (a mother determined to become a better parent). “I have MS and am bound to a wheelchair, so I spend most of my time reading,” one Tennessee prisoner wrote. “I don’t have anyone on the outside that can help me with finances or packages. You are very special people to do this for us.” Prisons typically offer inmates the chance to purchase small televisions, portable CD players and radios, or even MP3 players. But not everyone can afford them. For many, free books fill the gap. A Virginia inmate on 24-hour lockdown told the project volunteers that he sleeps 18-20 hours a day. “And I have nine years to go,” his letter said. “So, I want to learn a few things.”

Initially, the team relied on small grants from the Faculty Senate and the WVU Center for Civic Engagement. But this past spring, it became a tax-exempt 501c3 organization, capable of accepting tax-deductible donations. It also makes the program eligible for more grants and discounts on postage, the only significant expense. The group raises money with concerts and carnivals, letter readings and bake sales. Though it takes only a few hundred dollars a month to keep the program running, it can only ship books every other month. The program has no real structure. Inmates often learn of it from each other. Parents sometimes write on behalf of incarcerated children. Inmates often function as informal librarians, passing their books along to others. Still, some institutions refuse donations, a decision Bruno says is largely subjective. She suspects some administrators question the politics of certain members. But the group’s mission is apolitical. “We are basically responding to a need. But I don’t know if you can see that or understand that unless you are here with us,” Bruno says. She understands the skepticism but shrugs. “We are simply doing exactly what we say in our mission statement,” Bruno says. “We are sending books to prisoners. That’s all.” *TAS*

DID YOU KNOW ...

THIS DAY IN HISTORY
NOV. 28

1520: Ferdinand Magellan reaches the Pacific Ocean, becoming the first European explorer to reach it from the Atlantic.

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Information from history.com and mentalfloss.com.

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To stay or not to stay: the question for top NFL prospects from Tennessee

» **By ASSOCIATED PRESS**

KNOXVILLE — Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray has experienced many peaks and valleys in his junior season, but he was a model of consistency in his final weekly media session.

Three times during his discussion with reporters, Bray was asked draft-related questions. He gave pretty much the same response to each.

"We play Kentucky on Saturday," Bray said. "That's all I'm worried about."

Tennessee's season finale against Kentucky could represent the last college game for Bray and junior wide receivers Justin Hunter and Cordarrelle Patterson. All three are projected to get taken in the first two rounds of the NFL Draft if they forgo their senior seasons.

Because of their uncertain status, the future complexion of Tennessee's offense remains almost as murky as the makeup of next year's coaching staff now that Derek Dooley has been fired.

Fullback Ben Bartholomew, tight end Mychal Rivera, wide receiver Zach Rogers and guard Dallas Thomas are the only senior offensive players who have started at least five games for Tennessee this season. The Vols are expected to return Rajion Neal and Marlin Lane, who have combined to rush for 1,238 yards this season. Thomas is the lone senior on an offensive line that has allowed only seven sacks all season.

Tennessee could have one of the more potent offenses in the nation if Bray, Hunter and Patterson stay in school. If all three leave, the offense would have a serious lack of star power at the skill positions.

Each could boost his pro stock by returning.
 "Assuming they come back and remain healthy

and iron out some of those wrinkles, I think they could go from being borderline first-round picks to top-10 picks,” said Rob Rang, a senior analyst for nfldraftscout.com. “But at the same time, there’s also the risk of a new head coach coming in and whether his system would fit those players, and also the injury concerns as well.”

Rang believes Patterson and Hunter could get taken late in the first round or early in the second, though he rates Patterson ahead of his teammate. ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. rates Patterson as the nation's No. 12 overall draft-eligible prospect.

Rang currently has Bray as a second-round pick, but he believes the pre-draft interview process will be particularly crucial for him.

"He really does possess as much or more arm talent than any quarterback potentially available in the 2013 draft," Rang said.

Bray has passed for 3,319 yards and 30 touchdowns this season. During one three-week stretch, Bray threw for 1,302 yards, 13 touchdowns and only one interception against South Carolina, Troy and Missouri. But he struggled in losses to Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Vanderbilt. He also could face questions from NFL teams about his maturity and demeanor.

“There are some similarities to (former Arkansas quarterback) Ryan Mallett when he came out,” Rang said. “He had first-round tools, but there were some concerns about his mental makeup and things of that nature. It’s the same kind of thing with Tyler Bray. He’s going to have to impress teams with his maturity and leadership.”

Patterson leads the SEC with 1,700 all-purpose yards and is 21 yards away from Reggie Cobb's 25-year-old school record in that category. He's the first college football player since 2008 to score



Tennessee wide receiver Justin Hunter celebrates after scoring a touchdown during an NCAA college football game against Kentucky Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012, in Knoxville, Tenn. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

a touchdown four different ways — receiving, rushing, returning a punt and returning a kickoff.


"I'm not even thinking about that right now," Patterson said. "I'm just trying to get this game over with. Whatever happens out there just happens."

Rang said Patterson's big season has moved him ahead of Hunter, though the Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College transfer still needs to improve his route running. Rang also noted Patterson might have to answer questions about his maturity. Each of the last two weeks, Patterson has been penalized for taunting.

After missing the last nine games of the 2011 season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, Hunter has returned to form this year

while catching 70 passes for 1,018 yards and eight touchdowns. But he also has a number of drops, and his production hasn't been consistent. Six of his eight touchdown catches came against Georgia State and Troy.

"If I had just seen (Hunter) running around and hadn't known his injury history, I wouldn't know which knee he'd hurt," Rang said. "That's certainly a testament to his work ethic and ability to bounce back from a major injury. But inconsistency catching the ball, especially tracking it over his shoulder on deep passes, has been a problem this season. It hasn't been one or two games. It's been a handful of games, and at times in critical situations against big-time opponents." **TAS**



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BASKETBALL

APSU over Western Car., 72-71
Gardner-Webb over APSU, 72-62

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Texas-San Antonio over APSU, 69-67
William&Mary over APSU, 88-76

UPCOMING HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

Basketball (M) - 7 p.m.
APSU vs. Borea

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

Basketball (W) - 5:15
APSU vs. Ball State

Basketball (M) - 7 p.m.
APSU vs. Fairfield

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

Basketball (M) - 7 p.m.
APSU vs. Oakland City

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

Basketball (W) - 4 p.m.
APSU vs St. Catherine College

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Basketball (M) - 7 p.m.
APSU vs. Lipscomb

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

Basketball (W) - 7 p.m.
APSU vs. Lipscomb

ALL-OVC TEAM SOCCER

FIRST TEAM

- GK - Mariah Klenke, UT Martin
- D - Ashley Reveiz, UT Martin
- D - Hayley Abbott, SEMO
- D - Emily D'Italia, Eastern Kentucky
- D - Lauren Fant, Eastern Kentucky
- MF - Hannah McGowen, UT Martin
- MF - **Natalia Ariza, APSU**
- MF - Veronika Pribyslavska, Murray St.
- F - **Tatiana Ariza, APSU**
- F - Saphyra Coombs-James, UT Martin
- F - Nikki Donnelly, Eastern Kentucky

2012 OVC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: **Tatiana Ariza, APSU**

2012 OVC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Hayley Abbott, Southeast Missouri

2012 OVC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Saphyra Coombs-James, UT Martin

2012 OVC COACH OF THE YEAR: Phil McNamara, UT Martin

SECOND TEAM

- GK - **Haylee Shoaff, APSU**
- GK - Jennifer Pelley, SIUE
- D - Ashley Streid, Eastern Illinois
- D - Kourtney Price, SIUE
- D - Ali Bauer, SEMO
- MF - Alyssa Curtis, UT Martin
- MF - Cassidy Sherman, SIUE
- MF - Michelle Auer, SIUE
- F - Kristin Germann, Eastern Illinois
- F - Kelsey Bright, Jacksonville State
- F - Ellie Iacofano, Tennessee Tech
- F - **Emily Perkins, APSU**

ALL-OVC TEAM VOLLEYBALL

- Ellie Roberson, Morehead St
- Nikki Doyle, APSU**
- Kelsey Gray, Tenn. Tech
- Colleen Yarber, SEMO
- Jen Myer, Belmont
- Emily Coon, SEMO
- Naomi Wells, Tenn. State
- Annie Gruenschlaeger, Morehead State
- Hannah Miranda, Belmont
- Jen Meyer, J'ville State
- Reynae Hutchinson, Eastern Ill
- Kasey Elswick, UT Martin
- Ashley Edmond, Eastern Ky
- Erika Moss, Tenn. State

OVC Player of the Year: Ellie Roberson, Morehead State

OVC Freshman of the Year: Abby Saalfank, Eastern Illinois

OVC Defensive Player of the Year: Kelsey Gray, Tennessee Tech

OVC Coach of the Year: Jaime Gordon, Morehead State

Notre Dame to play in title game

Morehead State suspends coach for one game

49ers down Saints with back-up, Harbaugh unsure who will start

SPORTS

#CLOSEBUTNOCIGAR

Govs start strong but fall late in division championship game in Cancun Challenge



The Govs look on in an earlier game in the Cancun Challenge against DePaul. DePaul played in the Riviera Division while APSU played in the Mayan Division. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

» **By DANIEL NEWTON**

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While many of us were either finishing up last-minute research papers or sitting at home waiting to stuff our faces with a delicious Thanksgiving Day feast, the APSU men's basketball team enjoyed the scenery in Cancun, Mexico, as they competed in the Mayan Division of the Triple Crown Cancun Challenge held on Tuesday, Nov. 20, and Wednesday, Nov. 21. The Govs split their pair of games, squeaking past Western Carolina, 72-71, in their first game before falling to Gardner-Webb, 72-62, in the Mayan Division championship game. Gardner-

Webb defeated Howard to reach the finals. DePaul, Wichita State, Iowa and Western Kentucky competed in the Riviera Division.

APSU used big runs against Carolina to help secure their second victory of the season and end a two-game losing streak.

The Govs found themselves in a hole when a Carolina 14-2 run left APSU trailing 28-16 in the first half. Carolina grew their lead to 14 before going into the half with a 10-point lead.

In the second half, veteran Anthony Campbell and newcomer Travis Betran led the charge, sparking a strong second half. Campbell finished with 21 points and Betran finished 22, accounting for over

half the points.

A 12-2 run led by five points from Campbell cut the Carolina lead to 50-48. After trading baskets, Betran started a 10-0 run that put the game out of reach, connecting on two consecutive three-pointers to start the run that put them ahead, 68-58. Carolina had a chance to tie, forcing an APSU turnover in the final 20 seconds down 72-69, but a missed three-point and a Chris Horton block kept Carolina from scoring except for a lay-up as time expired.

The Govs fell victim to the same M.O. against Gardner-Webb, as the Bulldogs used a 12-3 run in the second half to put the game away against the Govs.

The Govs did pull within three points, but Gardner-Webb kept pushing the lead higher late in the game and eventually scoring the final seven points as the Govs missed their final seven shots during the game's last three minutes of play.

Betran and Horton both made the all-tournament team. Betran had 18 points in the Gardner-Webb game to go along with his 22 in the Western Carolina games. Horton only had 12 points in both games total, but had four blocks in each contest.

The Cancun Challenge left the team with a 2-3 record on the season. The Govs look to gain a winning record when they take on Berea College on Wednesday, Nov. 28, and Fairfield on Saturday, Dec. 1. **TAS**

#SADINSANANTONIO

Lady Govs winless in San Antonio

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The Lady Govs were unable record a victory over the break in San Antonio, as they fell to Texas-San Antonio 67-69 on Friday, Nov. 23, and William & Mary, 88-76, on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The Lady Govs let the first game slip away from them, going back and forth with the Roadrunners all game.

After starting cold, the Lady Govs used a 23-9 run to build a 24-17 first-half lead, but fell victim to another slump. APSU missed their first five shots of the game and missed their final 12 of the half, allowing UTSA to end the half on a 15-1 and go into halftime with a 32-25 lead.

UTSA built a 12 point lead before the Lady Govs put together an 11-0 run in the second half to pull within one, but that would be as close as they would come. Although the Lady Govs kept it close, they never grabbed the lead in the second half, despite coming close in the final minutes thanks to clutch shooting from Nicole Olszewski.

In their next game, the Lady Govs started slow again, but this time never recovered. William & Mary lead the entire game thanks to a great start. The Tribe started the game on fire, making 11 of their first 13 shots, helping to build an early 22-8 lead.

After benching most of her starters,



The Lady Govs look on in disappointment earlier in the season in their game against Louisville. The disappointment continued over Thanksgiving break as the Lady Govs fell in two close matches. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

head coach Carrie Daniels played a young lineup that kept up with the red-hot Tribe, but could not put a large dent into their deficit, sending APSU into halftime down, 43-34.

The second half did not treat the Lady Govs any better. William & Mary shot even better in the second half, building as large a lead as 20 points with just over 13 minutes remaining. The Lady Govs scrapped back to lighten the deficit before falling 88-76.

The one bright spot for APSU was Olszewski making the all-tournament

first team. She averaged 14 points in the two games, all of them coming in the second half of both games. Her 5-8 shooting from three-point range helped to bring the Lady Govs close in the end in both games.

The tournament leaves the Lady Govs record at 1-5. They will look to recover as they go to Nashville to take on Vanderbilt on Wednesday, Nov. 28, and returning home for a women-men basketball doubleheader, taking on Ball State on Saturday, Dec. 1, right before the men play Fairfield. **TAS**

Games to decide major conferences and BCS bowl automatic qualifiers

Florida State vs. Georgia Tech
ACC Championship game - 7:17 p.m.

Nebraska vs. Wisconsin
Big 10 championship game - 7 p.m.

Stanford vs. UCLA
Pac 12 championship game - 7 p.m. (Friday)

Georgia vs. Alabama
SEC championship game - 3 p.m.

- Oklahoma vs. TCU - 11 a.m.
- Kansas State vs. Texas - 7 p.m.

decides Big 12 winner, Kansas State currently holds the tie-breaker over Oklahoma

- Louisville vs. Rutgers - 6:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- Cincinnati vs. Connecticut - 2:30 p.m.

decides Big East winner, Rutgers currently in first-place