

Gun violence sparks debate, 4



Govs and Lady Govs double-header basketball action , 10



Top 10 events from 2012

1

Campus Construction

The campus welcomed further construction and renovation in 2012. The changes include new dorms and a new Math and Computer Science building which have begun construction. Plans for a new football stadium were approved, several parking lots were paved and a new Starbucks was introduced into the library.



2

U.S. Presidential Election

The United States reelected its first black president, Barack Obama, whom defeated former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in the historic November election. Obama promises to tackle the divisive partisan issues of the budget deficit, gun control and immigration in his second term. The Democrats held onto their majority in the Senate, while the Republicans held onto the House.

3

Govs baseball team win OVC Championship

APSU Govs baseball team wins OVC Championship in back to back seasons. The Govs baseball team won the regular season and OVC championship title for the second straight season for a total of eight OVC championships.

4

Hope Scholarship and Higher Education funding changes

State and federal financial limitations cause new Hope Scholarship and Pell Grant restrictions, limiting award amounts for recipients .

5

APSU Soccer players in the 2012 Olympics

Twin sisters and APSU soccer players, Natalia and Tatiana Ariza, competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics on Columbia's soccer team.



6

APSU's Gay Straight Alliance dispute with Chick-fil-A

GSA introduced a petition encouraging students to boycott Chick-fil-A after a company executive made anti-gay remarks and the company donated money to groups who oppose LGBT rights.

7

APSU Student Runs Across the Country

Senior pre-vet major and former APSU athlete, Tracee Gruskiewicz, ran across the country to raise money for scholarship and a charity that funds service animals for the mentally handicapped.



8

Gay Marriage and Marijuana legalization in 2012 elections

Voters in Colorado and Washington state became the first in the nation to legalize recreational marijuana, while Massachusetts voters approved medical marijuana. Maine and Maryland both passed referenda legalizing same-sex marriage.

9

APSU Degree Compass unveiled

The Degree Compass computer program, developed at APSU, was introduced to make scheduling easier for APSU students and gained national recognition.

10

The World did not end in 2012

The world did not end on Dec. 21, 2012, contrary to the expectations of "doomsdayers" who claimed the ending of the Mayan calendar on that day predicted the end of the world.

Polar plunging for SOS Food Pantry



Participants pose for pictures after jumping in the water during the 2012 Polar Plunge. FILE PHOTO

» By **BRITTANY HICKEY**
Guest Writer

The Foy pool is going to be absolutely arctic on Jan. 31 when students and faculty join in the fourth annual Polar Plunge to support the APSU SOS Food Pantry. Last year 200 people dove into a 45 degree pool – that's 40 degrees below normal swimming temperature.

The plunge did not begin as a philanthropic event, Madelyn Fox explains. Fox is the aquatics coordinator at the Foy, and she has been to the last two Polar Plunges where she served as a lifeguard.

University Recreation and the SOS Food Pantry have been teaming up since Fall 2011,

when they decided to take the existing event and turn it into a way for students to support their struggling classmates. According to Fox, the uniqueness of the activity and the opportunity to support a campus organization brings in their own slew of participants.

"Now some of the students are more motivated by the charity than just the novelty," Fox said. "Our hope is that it becomes more of a donation-driven event."

The SOS Food Pantry – established in 2011 by students – exists to provide hungry students with a meal when they need it to ensure that no student has to go without food.

This year participants must supply three
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Obama unveils gun plan

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — Conceding "this will be difficult," President Barack Obama urged a reluctant Congress on Wednesday to require background checks for all gun sales and ban both military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines in an emotion-laden plea to curb gun violence in America.

The president's sweeping, \$500 million plan, coming one month after the school massacre in Connecticut, marks the most comprehensive effort to tighten gun laws in nearly two decades. But his proposals, most of which are opposed by the National Rifle Association, face a doubtful future in a divided Congress where Republicans control the House.

Seeking to circumvent at least some opposition, Obama signed 23 executive actions on Wednesday, including orders to make more federal data available for background checks and end a freeze on government research on gun violence. But he acknowledged that the steps he took on his own would have less impact than the broad measures requiring approval from Capitol Hill.

"To make a real and lasting difference, Congress, too, must act," Obama said, speaking at a White House ceremony with school children and their parents. "And Congress must act soon."

The president's announcements capped a swift and wide-ranging effort, led by Vice President Joe Biden, to respond to the deaths of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. But Obama's gun control

proposals set him up for a tough political fight with Congress as he starts his second term, when he'll need Republican support to meet three looming fiscal deadlines and pass comprehensive immigration reform.

"I will put everything I've got into this, and so will Joe," the president said. "But I tell you, the only way we can change is if the American people demand it."

Key congressional leaders were tepid in their response to the White House proposals.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner's office signaled no urgency to act, with spokesman Michael Steel saying only that "House committees of jurisdiction will review these recommendations. And if the Senate passes a bill, we will also take a look at that."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he was committed to ensuring that the Senate will consider gun violence legislation "early this year." But he did not endorse any of Obama's specific proposals.

The president vowed to use "whatever weight this office holds" to fight for his recommendations. He's likely to travel around the country in the coming weeks to rally public support and could engage his still-active presidential campaign operation in the effort. But he'll have to overcome a well-financed counter-effort by the NRA.

"This will be difficult," Obama acknowledged. "There will be pundits and politicians and special interest lobbyists publicly warning of a tyrannical,

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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.

- 8:08 p.m.; Jan. 16; Hand Village; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 6:30 a.m.; Jan. 11; Dunn Center; vandalism
- 4:38 p.m.; Jan. 9; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center; theft of property
- 4:37 p.m.; Jan. 9; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center; theft of property
- 4:36 p.m.; Jan. 9; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center; theft of property
- 4:27 p.m.; Jan. 9; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center; theft of property
- 5:15 p.m.; Jan. 8; Meacham Apartments; aggravated burglary
- 5:15 p.m.; Jan. 8; Meacham Apartments; vandalism

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

Obama’s second inauguration focuses on unity

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Turning the page on years of war and recession, President Barack Obama summoned a divided nation Monday to act with “passion and dedication” to broaden equality and prosperity at home, nurture democracy around the world and combat global warming as he embarked on a second term before a vast and cheering crowd that spilled down the historic National Mall.

“America’s possibilities are limitless, for we possess all the qualities that this world without boundaries demands,”

the 44th president declared in his second inaugural address.

In a unity plea to politicians and the nation at large, he called for “collective action” to confront challenges and said, “Progress does not compel us to settle centuries-long debates about the role of government for all time — but it does require us to act in our time.”

Elected four years ago as America’s first black president, Obama spoke outside the Capitol after reciting the oath of office that all presidents have uttered since the nation’s founding.

The inauguration this year shared the day with Dr. Martin Luther King’s

birthday holiday, and the president used a Bible that had belonged to the civil rights leader for the swearing-in, along with a second one that had been Abraham Lincoln’s. The president also paused inside the Capitol Rotunda to gaze at a dark bronze statue of King.

Outside, the Inaugural Parade took shape, a reflection of American musicality and diversity that featured military units, bands, floats, the Chinese American Community Center Folk Dance Troupe from Hockessin, Del., and the Isiserettes Drill & Drum Corps from Des Moines, Iowa.

Obama addressed cheering crowds

at the Commander in Chief Ball, speaking by video to thank a group of troops in southern Afghanistan.

Then he introduced his “date,” Michelle Obama, who danced with her husband in a ruby chiffon and velvet gown while Jennifer Hudson sang “Let’s Stay Together.”

Obama hinted only barely at issues likely to spark opposition from Republicans. His speech was less a list of legislative proposals than a plea for tackling challenges. “We must act, knowing that our work will be imperfect,” he said, and today’s “victories will only be partial.” *TAS*

Polar Plunge

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canned goods as a fee to register before the day of the Polar Plunge, or they can bring five to register on the day of the event. With their registration, each student will receive their own Polar Plunge t-shirt.

Students can join in as individuals or as a team, and the team who gathers the most canned items gets a prize, a competitive element that Fox thinks will encourage more donations.

As an added twist to the annual plunge,

this year everyone is encouraged to participate in a costume contest.

APSU Tim President Hall has taken the plunge every year and he said that it is at the top of his list of favorite things to do. In the past Polar Plunges, he would jump in the freezing cold water wearing a suit and tie and proceed to swim a lap. He plans to do the same on Jan. 31.

“University presidents aren’t really supposed to do crazy things,” he said and continued, “This is one of the rare times that I get to do something crazy.” In addition to the crazy factor, Hall also appreciates the importance of supporting

the SOS Food Pantry.

A polar plunge brings with it a unique set of safety concerns which Fox is very familiar with as a lifeguard. Although she said there have not yet been any accidents at this particular event, there are several dangers that the University Recreation staff has to prepare for.

“Even a healthy 20-something can jump in that pool and experience hypothermia or shock,” Fox said, “When a lifeguard has to get in that puts them at risk of the same thing.”

Due to the larger level of risk, University Recreation will have double the lifeguards

on duty as well as many other members of the staff, all with first aid training.

To maintain an accident-free record, Fox thinks the most important thing students can do is get changed out of their wet clothes as quickly as possible. That issue solves itself usually; students generally have plenty of motivation themselves to get back to their dorm and into dry clothes.

Fox encourages undecided students to participate in the big event, she considers it a great way to combat the cabin fever that some experience around this time of year as well as a way for new students to get plugged in. *TAS*

Gun control

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all-out assault on liberty — not because that’s true, but because they want to gin up fear or higher ratings or revenue for themselves.”

The president, speaking in front of an audience that included families of some of those killed in Newtown, said 900 Americans had lost their lives to gun violence in the four weeks since the school shootings.

“We can’t put this off any longer,” Obama declared. “Every day we wait, the number

will keep growing.”

Many Democrats say an assault weapons ban faces the toughest road in Congress. Obama wants lawmakers to reinstate the expired 1994 ban on the high-grade weapons, and strengthen the measure to prevent manufacturers from circumventing the prohibition by making cosmetic changes to banned guns.

The president is also likely to face opposition to his call for Congress to limit ammunition magazines to 10 rounds.

But Democrats are hopeful they can build consensus around the president’s call for universal background checks. The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence says 40 percent of gun sales are conducted

with no criminal background checks, such as in some instances at gun shows or by private sellers over the Internet or through classified ads.

The NRA is opposed to all three measures. In a statement Wednesday, the gun lobby said, “Only honest, law-abiding gun owners will be affected” by Obama’s efforts and the nation’s children “will remain vulnerable to the inevitability of more tragedy.”

The president’s proposals did include a \$150 million request to Congress that would allow schools to hire 1,000 new police officers, counselors and psychologists.

The White House plan also includes

legislative and executive action to increase mental health services, including boosting funding for training aimed at getting young people into treatment more quickly.

A lopsided 84 percent of Americans back broader background checks, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll. Nearly six in 10 Americans want stricter gun laws, the same poll showed, with majorities favoring a nationwide ban on military-style weapons and limits on gun violence depicted in video games, movies and TV shows.

Obama also proposed to create stiffer penalties for gun trafficking, to provide \$14 million to help train police officers and others to respond to shootings. *TAS*



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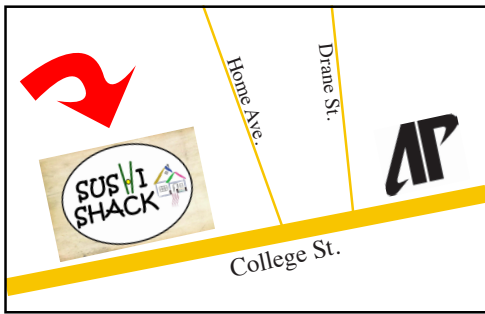

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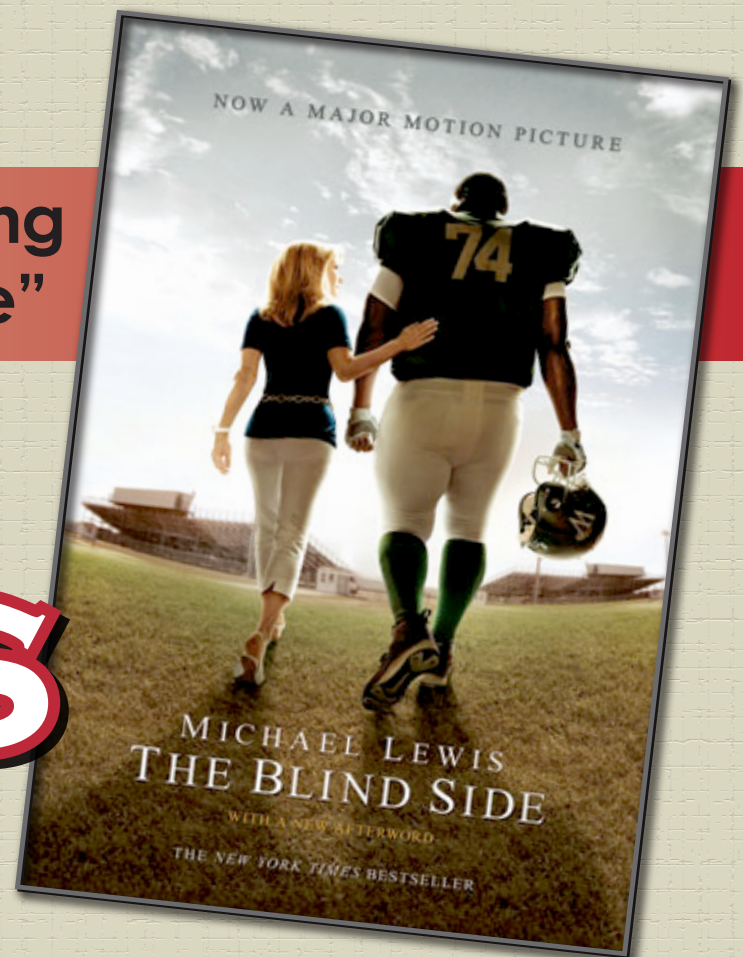
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Action needed to curb gun violence



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More and more tragedies due to gun violence are happening each day. Whether people are being killed or injured, innocent people all around the nation are being affected by the bad decisions of gunmen. It is now our responsibility as citizens to stop this from continuing to happen. Gun control has become a hot topic recently due to incidents like the Sandy Hook massacre. As many already know, on Dec. 14, 2012, 20 elementary

students and six teachers were fatally shot in Newtown, Conn. by Adam Lanza, who then killed himself. After hearing stories about what happened at Sandy Hook, it is clear many parents and family members of children are concerned about what could potentially happen to their loved ones. President Obama has come up with some ways to prevent situations like these from happening again. According to *The Huffington Post*, the President's proposal for better gun control laws is broken down into four parts. These include law enforcement measures, limiting the availability of dangerous firearms and ammunition, improved school safety and mental health treatment. These would be addressed by requiring criminal background checks for all gun

sales, reinstating the assault weapons ban, restoring a 10-round limit on ammunition magazines, eliminating armor-piercing bullets, providing mental health services in schools, allocating funds to hire more police officers and instituting a federal gun trafficking statute, among other policies. These are all great steps towards making our country a safer place to live. However, our public schools need to be safer. Teachers should be allowed to carry guns, after being trained on knowing when and how to use their guns. Although the President has made his own proposal for laws on gun control, some states are making some of their own decisions on gun restrictions. In 2008, Harrold, Texas decided to give teachers the right to carry

concealed weapons. "Country people are take-care-of-yourself people. They are not under the illusion that the police are there to protect them," David Thweatt, the schools superintendent told *The New York Times*. This law was put in place to give police officers back up, and under the condition that teachers were privately trained. Imagine how the Sandy Hook tragedy might have turned out if the teachers were armed. Since the incident, many states — including Tennessee, Missouri and Nebraska — have begun to consider allowing teachers to carry guns. Although some states feel it will be helpful to give teachers guns, other states have put more emphasis on tightening gun restrictions. According to *ABC News*, New York has passed a

bill titled The New York Safe Act, which will require background checks for ammunition and gun buyers, even in private sales, imposes tougher penalties for illegal gun use, a one-state check on all firearms purchases and programs to cut gun violence in high-crime neighborhoods. "It's unfortunate that it took those tragedies to get us to this point, but let's at least learn from what's happened," said New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. "Let's at least be able to say to people, yes, we went through terrible situations, but we saw, we learned, we responded, and we acted, and we are doing something about it. We are not victims." We are not victims, we need to take a stand against unnecessary violence and the loss of innocent people. **TAS**

YOUR TAKE

How would you improve gun control?



“Background checks seem fine, however, any method that makes guns less available to law-abiding citizens will not necessarily be followed by criminals. It becomes a question of whether or not these new gun control methods will ultimately do more harm to the same population they are meant to protect.”
»» **Erin Williams,**
senior nursing major



“I believe gun control should not be as big of an issue as it is. Law enforcement, military, and officials need guns to regulate our communities. Children should be taught about their safety at an early age.”
»» **Angelica Harris,**
senior biology major



“To better improve gun control, more thorough background checks should be administrated. Guns don't kill people; people kill people. As far as automatic weapons are concerned, any person can figure out how to change parts on a weapon to make it automatic. Plus, people will find ways to get guns whether they are illegal or not.”
»» **Cooper Hardin,**
senior nursing major



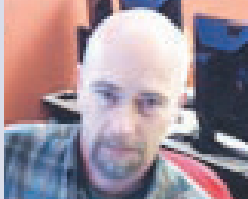
“I think that a method to improve gun control would be to require background checks to limit those charged with violent crimes from obtaining weapons but I don't think anything much more than that should change.”
»» **Kelsey Culand,**
junior biology major



“I feel that guns are a taboo subject and people should become better educated on true fact before jumping to conclusions on how bad guns are. Such as the fact that more people are killed yearly by drunk drivers than by guns. So that leaves us with the question of 'should cars or alcohol be banned?'”
»» **Colton Creasy,**
senior nursing major



“If people are required to surrender their firearms, criminals will ignore the law leaving law abiding citizens somewhat defenseless. Although, I agree a stricter gun policy is needed to prevent continuous violence, I believe no regulation, background check or restrictions will be as effective as pulling the guns off the streets ... If a type or all types of guns are considered banned by law, the government needs to carry out a plan to search, find and destroy all of them. If not, like Vladimir Lenin said, a man with one gun can control a hundred men without one.”
»» **Maurice Testa, senior geosciences major**



“The best controls on guns is incorporating Hunter Safety Courses in the public school and make it an elective, educate on the safe and proper use of firearms, arm the teachers, get rid of gun free zones because they don't work but instead emboldens criminals. It is too late to ban guns because there are too many in circulation, besides, it is unconstitutional.”
»» **Don Tripp, senior geosciences**

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EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 23

- 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; **Tres Reyes Welcome Back;** Hispanic Cultural Center
- 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; **SGA Senate Meeting;** MUC 307
- 5 p.m.-7 p.m.; **Group Fitness Sampler;** Foy Center

Thursday, Jan. 24

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; **Gay-Straight Alliance Diversity Rally;** MUC Plaza
- 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; **Summer Study Abroad Advising Sessions;** MUC 103
- 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; **Hispanic Cultural Center Spanish Game Night;** MUC 213

Monday, Jan. 28

- 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; **Mentor Teacher Training;** MUC 312
- 6 p.m.-8 p.m.; **GPC Open Mic Night;** Einstein Bros. Bagels

Tuesday, Jan. 29

- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; **Financial Literacy Workshop;** WNDAACC
- 12 p.m.-12:30 p.m.; **Wellness Class: Simple Stress Management;** Foy Center

How to survive awards season

» **By CONOR SCRUTON**
Features Editor

Are you clueless when it comes to movie awards?

When small talk at parties reaches Golden Globe winners or Best Supporting Actor nominees, do you feel hopelessly lost?

Well, don't fear. Whether you're a movie buff or you know nothing of the 2013 Oscar lineup, *The All State* is here to give you a comprehensive guide on how to look like an expert during this year's awards season.

"Awards season" refers to a stretch of events from December to January in which films are honored in a range of ceremonies, including the Screen Actors' Guild and Satellite Awards.

With the Golden Globes behind us, though, all eyes have turned towards the biggest event of the season, the Academy Awards.

Many Oscar discussions begin with the Best Actor and Actress nominees.

A good pick for Best Actor would be Daniel Day Lewis for the title role in "Lincoln."

Many critics have praised Lewis' performance as incredibly genuine and convincing, and Lewis is expected by many critics to take the award.

Jessica Chastain is also a good bet to

pick up the Best Actress award for her role as Maya, a CIA agent in the war movie "Zero Dark Thirty."

For Supporting Actress, Anne Hathaway's performance as the ill-fated mother Fantine in the musical "Les Misérables" was widely viewed as outstanding.

Despite being on screen for less than half of the movie, Hathaway was praised for both her acting and singing ability in the film.

The Best Supporting Actor award is looking to be a toss-up between two actors in particular.

Christopher Waltz already won the Golden Globe for Supporting Actor as Dr. Schultz in Quentin Tarantino's "Django Unchained."

Also worth noting, Waltz won the Best Supporting Actor Oscar in 2009 for his performance in "Inglorious Basterds," another Tarantino film.

However, Philip Seymour Hoffman — who won the 2005 Best Actor Oscar for "Capote" — is a strong candidate as well.

This year, Hoffman is nominated for playing the role of Lancaster Dodd in the critically acclaimed drama "The Master."

Ben Affleck, after winning Best Director for "Argo" at the Golden Globes, surprisingly wasn't even nominated for the award at the Oscars.

With Affleck out of the way, the most likely candidates now are probably Steven

Spielberg for "Lincoln" and Ang Lee for "Life of Pi."

Like any good year of movies, the award for Best Picture, arguably the biggest prize at the Oscars, could conceivably go to any one of several films.

Spielberg's "Lincoln," which garnered 12 nominations in all, is a strong possibility, however "Argo," "Life of Pi" and "Zero Dark Thirty" could all just as easily win.

Personally, I rather liked "Les Misérables," and I thought it had several really solid acting performances, though I think a Best Picture award would be a little bit too generous for the musical.

Also, "Beasts of the Southern Wild" is a vastly underrated — and little known — fantasy drama set in a Louisiana bayou.

While it's not the most obvious choice, the film has several nominations and may end up sneaking away with a few awards of its own.

While I have my own opinions regarding the best nominees of this year, some of these categories will have to come down to your personal preferences.

Maybe you're a fan of hard-hitting dramas like "The Master," and maybe you can't resist the musical numbers of "Les Misérables."

Either way, doing research and watching movies are the best ways to keep yourself from sounding like a fool at your Oscars viewing party.

The Academy Awards air on Sunday, Feb. 24, which gives you all plenty of time to see as many nominees as possible. *TAS*



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Honoring King on inauguration day

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ATLANTA — Commemorative events for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. slid seamlessly into celebrations of the swearing-in Monday of the nation's first black president, with many Americans moved by the reminder of how far the country has come since the 1960s.

"This is the dream that Dr. King talked about in his speech. We see history in the making," said Joyce Oliver, who observed King Day by visiting the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., built on the site of the old Lorraine Motel, where King was assassinated in 1968.

In Atlanta, at the 45th annual service for the civil rights leader at the church where he was pastor, those gathered in the sanctuary were invited to stay to watch President Barack Obama's second inauguration on a big-screen TV.

As the nearly three-hour service closed at Ebenezer Baptist Church, organizers suggested forgoing the traditional singing of "We Shall Overcome" because the inauguration would begin.

But the crowd shouted protests, so the choir and congregation sang the civil rights anthem before settling in to watch the events in Washington.

In the nation's capital, dozens took pictures of the King statue before walking to the National Mall for the inauguration.

Nicole Hailey, 34, drove all night with her family from Monroe, N.C. Hailey attended Obama's first inauguration four years ago and was carrying a

commemorative Metro ticket from that day with Obama's face on it.

She and her family visited the King memorial before the swearing-in.

"It's Martin Luther King's special day," she said. "We're just celebrating freedom."

At the ceremonial inauguration, Obama took the oath on a Bible once owned by King. He called it "a great privilege." The King Bible was one of two used; the other had belonged to Abraham Lincoln.

In Columbia, S.C., civil rights leaders paused during their annual King Day rally to watch the inauguration on a big screen. Most of the crowd of several hundred stayed to watch Obama's address.

"You feel like anything is possible," Jelin Cunningham, a 15-year-old black girl, said of Obama's presidency. "I've learned words alone can't hurt or stop you, because there have been so many hateful things said about him over the past four years."

At the Atlanta service, King's youngest daughter, Bernice King, said the country had been through a difficult year, with divisive elections, military conflicts and natural disasters.

"We pray that this day will be the beginning of a new day in America," she said. "It will be a day when people draw inspiration from the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. It will be a day when people realize and recognize that if it were not for Dr. King and those who fought the fight fought in that movement, we would not be celebrating this presidency."

She stressed her father's commitment to nonviolence, saying that after the

1956 bombing of the family's home in Montgomery, Ala., her father stood on the porch and urged an angry, armed crowd to fight with Christian love — not guns.

"This apostle of nonviolence perhaps introduced one of the bravest experiences of gun control that we've ever heard of in the history of our nation," she said.

The service also kicked off a year of celebrations of the 50th anniversary of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered Aug. 28, 1963, in Washington. Students led by King's great-niece Farris Christine Watkins delivered sections of the speech in turn. By the end, the crowd was on its feet, shouting, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

The keynote speaker was the Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, a socially conservative evangelical association. It marked the first time a Latino had

been invited to deliver the King Day address at Ebenezer Baptist.

He urged the audience to complete King's dream.

"Silence is not an option when 30 million of our brothers and sisters live

in poverty," he said. "Silence is not an option when 11 million undocumented individuals continue to live in the shadows."

Around the country, parades, service projects and memorials marked the holiday.

Visitors from as far as Europe thronged the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

In Detroit, students beautified schools.

Others painted murals honoring King in Arkansas, donated items to a food bank in Texas, and conducted a community health fair in Pennsylvania.

More than 500 people rallied outside the Alabama Capitol in Montgomery, where state employee Jessie Harris declared Obama's presidency was a sign of progress in "living the dream" that King spoke about.

"We have come far, but the struggle is not over," Harris said. *TAS*

“We pray that this day will be the beginning of a new day in America ... It will be a day when people realize and recognize that if it were not for Dr. King ... we would not be celebrating this presidency.”

— Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr.

Unity speaker Tuohy to discuss ‘The Blind Side’

» **By LINDA SAPP**
Staff Writer

Collins Tuohy is the daughter of Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy, better known as the real-life counterparts of Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw’s characters in the hit sports drama “The Blind Side.”

Collins Tuohy will speaking in conjunction with the event Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in Clement Auditorium.

APSU’s Unity Celebration is an annual event intended to allow students, faculty and staff to celebrate the campus and Clarksville communities.

The point of the event is to provide an opportunity to share messages which have social value.

“The Unity Celebration Event will be part of the curriculum to engage the spring common reading of all freshman APSU 1000 classes,” said Tammy Bryant, director of Student Affairs Programs and Services.

Bryant expects Tuohy’s message to be “inspirational.”

Tuohy plans to take the audience through her life with

her adoptive brother, Michael Oher, who now plays for the Baltimore Ravens.

“It was actually a group of students who related well to the book ... [who] encouraged student affairs to bring Tuohy to campus

— **Tammy Bryant, director of Student Affairs**

The book and movie based on Oher’s life detail his homelessness and his relationship to Tuohy as a fellow student, close friend and, later, her adoptive brother.

“It was actually a group of students who related well to the book, ‘In a Heartbeat: Sharing the Power of Cheerful Giving,’” Bryant said. “These students encouraged Student Affairs to bring Tuohy to campus.” The story is told through the experiences and lessons of growth through sports.

Currently, Tuohy is serving on the board of the Making It Happen Foundation, an organization dedicated to changing children’s lives through hope, love, and opportunity, according to the Greater Talent Network.

Tuohy graduated from Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, Tenn.

She went on to earn her Bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Mississippi. She also won the Tennessee State Championship in the pole vault.

The Unity Celebration is held annually and has previously featured speakers discussing other issues such as Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and actor Giancarlo Esposito, and Holly Thompson, WSMV news anchor. **TAS**



Tuohy is set to speak at the Unity Celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 6. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Phi Kappa Phi FACT

Quincy Jones, American record producer, conductor, arranger, film composer, television producer, and trumpeter has the most Grammy nominations (79) and is tied for second for most Grammy wins (27 with Allison Krause). Sir Georg Solti, best known as the long-serving music director of the Chicago Symphony has the most Grammy wins (31) and is second for most Grammy nominations (74).

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1991: "Seinfeld" debuts on NBC.

1984: Hulk Hogan defeats Iron Sheik to become WWF champ.

1983: "A-Team" with Mr. T premieres on NBC.

1930 Clyde Tombaugh photographs Pluto.

1556: Most deadly earthquake kills 830,000 in Shensi Province, China.

RANDOM FACTS

If you're like the average person, the hair on your head takes two to three months to grow 1 inch.

It was German-born theoretical physicist (and sometime philosopher) Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "An empty stomach is not a good political adviser."

According to research conducted at Rutgers University, graduate students who are studying business are more likely to cheat than students in any other field of study.

Cheese has been around for a long time, and it can last longer than you may think. In Ireland 25 years ago, a hunk of cheese was discovered that dated back 1,700 years – and it was still edible.

You've almost certainly heard of Supreme Court Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black American to serve as such. You might not know, though, that he was known to call a court recess at 1 p.m. so he could watch the soap opera "Days of Our Lives."

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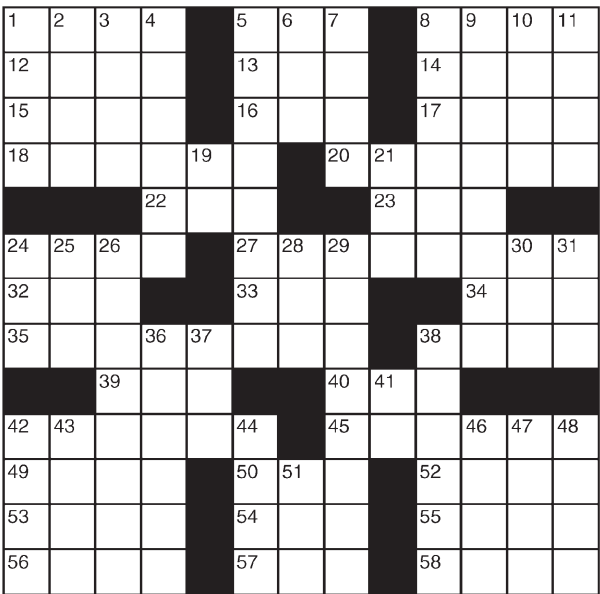


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Practice boxing
- 5 Has permission
- 8 Suspend
- 12 Mah-jongg piece
- 13 Yoko of music
- 14 By word of mouth
- 15 Surmounting
- 16 Kvetch
- 17 Shrek is one
- 18 Fancy French cake
- 20 Offer as an example
- 22 \$ dispenser
- 23 Comic DeLuise
- 24 Light bulb measure
- 27 Lengthwise and contiguous
- 32 Hearty quaff
- 33 "The Matrix" role
- 34 "There's — in team"
- 35 Huge
- 38 Norms (Abbr.)
- 39 GIs' entertainers
- 40 Work with
- 42 "The — of the Shrew"



- 45 Finicky cat in TV ads
- 49 Eye layer
- 50 Gorilla
- 52 Facility
- 53 German city
- 54 PC linking system
- 55 Cleo's river
- 56 Picnic invaders
- 57 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 58 Paradise

DOWN

- 1 Unescorted
- 2 Pocket bread
- 3 Greatly
- 4 Echo

- 5 Memorial building
- 6 Literary collection
- 7 Quiet exercise
- 8 Jinx
- 9 Fight
- 10 DEA worker
- 11 Jane Lynch's show
- 19 What @ means
- 21 Banned pesticide
- 24 Humorist
- 25 — Baba
- 26 Enveloping membrane
- 28 Verdi's "— giardin del

- 29 Paper
- 30 Affirmative action?
- 31 Insult (Sl.)
- 36 Easterners
- 37 "Smoking or —?"
- 38 Tranquil
- 41 Therefore
- 42 Big brass
- 43 Shakes-peare's river
- 44 Strong wind
- 46 Incurison
- 47 Wight or Man
- 48 Witnessed
- 51 — de deux

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MAGIC MAZE



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

- Brazil nut
- Coconut
- Green banana
- Jam jar
- Letters
- Monthly bills
- Nail polish
- No. 10 can
- Paint can
- Pickle jar
- Pills
- Safe
- Snack packs
- Walnut
- Wine bottle

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Extinct Foods

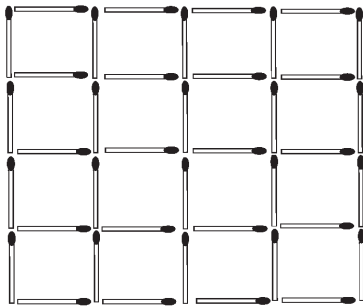
- 1. Hostess Cupcake
- 2. Chef Boyardee Meatball Stew
- 3. Heinz Purple Ketchup
- 4. Crystal Pepsi
- 5. C-3PO's cereal
- 6. Hi-C Ecto Cooler
- 7. Ho Hos
- 8. Tato Skins
- 9. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Cereal
- 10. Wonder Bread

Source: The Fiscal Times

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STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

Below are 40 matchsticks. What is the minimum number of matchsticks that need to be removed so there is no square of any size remaining?



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"How can you ask for at a time like this? They just announced the winning numbers for the lottery and they weren't mine!"

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!

- Lure
- NECTIE
- Spread
- REALY
- Process
- DEMOTH
- Assign
- TALLO

TODAY'S WORD



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LEFT: APSU Guard Kristen Stainback works to get the ball past a Lady Panther during the Saturday, Jan. 19 game. Even though the Lady Gavs started out strong, they were overcome and lost by 15 points. RIGHT: Lady Gavs coach Carrie Daniels, gives a pep talk to forward Jennifer Nwokocha before she heads out onto the court. JOSH VAUGHN | PHOTO EDITOR

Govs, Lady Gavs fall in double-header

» By KORY GIBBS
Guest Writer

For slideshow, visit www.theallstate.org

Both the Govs and Lady Gavs were in action Saturday, Jan. 19, against conference foe, Eastern Illinois Panthers. Both the Govs and Lady Gavs came into the game on losing streaks, the Lady Gavs riding a four game losing streak and the Govs on a two game skid. Both had hopes to end their respective losing streaks, but they found themselves coming up short, with the Lady Gavs falling in the first game 68-43. In that game, senior Meghan Bussaburger led in scoring with 13 points coming off the bench and the player of the game, senior Leslie Martinez had nine points with a team-leading 11 rebounds. The Lady Gavs came out firing early in the game, but were overcome by the fierce attack of the Lady Panthers. The Lady Panthers were hitting key shots to pull away at halftime leading 31-20. Although the Lady Gavs came back in the second half with a new fire, the 50 percent from the field that the Lady Panthers were posting kept the Lady Gavs attack at bay, which lead to the 15-point loss. In the second game of the double-header, the Govs were trying to get back on track

after losing two home games. Eastern Illinois started off firing two three-pointers to begin the game, but the Governors managed to keep up with the pace. Turnovers plagued the Govs early and often, as did second-chance points as the Panthers ended up with 16 total second chance points and 13 points off turnovers. Juniors Travis Betran and Will Triggs led scoring for the Govs with 14 points, with Triggs getting player of the game honors. The Panthers began to pull away in the second half, overwhelming the Govs with their presence in the paint and taking an aggressive 21-point lead, but the Govs were not going to go down without a fight. They dwindled the Panther lead down to nine with less than five minutes to go in the game. It seemed like a Governor comeback was on hand, but a number of key-made free throws by Eastern Illinois made sure a comeback did not happen with the Govs losing their third straight by a final score of 67-77. **TAS**



OVC STANDINGS

MEN'S BASKETBALL-EAST	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL-EAST
Belmont 6-0 Tennessee State 6-1 Eastern Kentucky 5-1 Morehead State 4-2 Jacksonville State 4-4 Tennessee Tech 1-5	Belmont 6-1 Tennessee Tech 4-1 Eastern Kentucky 4-1 Tennessee State 2-3 Morehead State 2-3 Jacksonville State 0-7
MEN'S BASKETBALL-WEST	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL-WEST
Murray State 5-1 Southeast Missouri 3-4 SIUE 2-4 Austin Peay 1-5 UT Martin 1-6 Eastern Illinois	Eastern Illinois 5-1 UT Martin 4-2 Murray State 3-3 Southeast Missouri 2-3 SIUE 2-4 Austin Peay 0-5

Women's indoor track, field hopeful to continue strong season

Accomplishments, future goals, highlighted by coach Molnar

» By VICENTE GRAYMAN
Guest Writer

The women's indoor track and field season for APSU has been filled with improvements from week to week despite unfavorable conditions. Even though they have no indoor facility and the weather is very cold, they continue to perform on

a high level. While reflecting on the season so far coach Douglas Molnar said, "I am really pleased with our freshman quarter milers, Kymmalett Ross and Breigh Jones, they have both done an outstanding job". The mile relay has also been a very strong event for the Lady Gavs; they recently ran a 3.53. Molnar expressed excitement about senior Chantell Grey's 800 meter performances, and senior Jasmine Foster's shot put and weight throw when discussing memorable moments of this season, calling their performances outstanding.

Thirty-three percent of the team's performances have been personal records this season. Sophomore Erika Adams is ranked top 10 in the conference, and APSU has two outstanding pole vaulters in junior Molly Basch and senior Nicole Brezner. Senior Lauren Lyles has run for two personal records in her last two races. APSU looks to challenge their school record in the 4 x 4; this record is also the conference record. The Lady Gavs are off to a good start, and hopefully can maintain this pace as the season continues. Coach Molnar said, "We are a little

behind in where I would like to see them, but ahead of last year." The APSU track and field team has an upcoming competition at Indiana University, and against Tennessee State University. The team would like to meet their goal of having a finalist in every event in the conference. The team would also like to be the top three finishers in the 4 x 4, relay, and distance medley relay. All are possible considering the improvements they have made, and continue to make every week. **TAS**



ADAMS



BASCH



FOSTERS



GREY



JONES



LYLES



MOLNAR



ROSS

SCHEDULE

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JAN. 24
Basketball (M) - 7 p.m.
at Jacksonville State

FRIDAY, JAN. 25
Track and Field- All day
at Indiana Relays

SATURDAY, JAN. 26
Tennis (W)-2 p.m.
at Samford

Tennis (M)- 2 p.m.
at Samford

Basketball (W) - 5:30 p.m.
at Tennessee Tech

Basketball (M) - 7:30 p.m.
at Tennessee Tech

MONDAY, JAN. 28
Basketball (W) - 7 p.m.
at Jacksonville State

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NASHVILLE, (AP) — T.J. Oshie and Alexander Steen scored in the shootout, and the St. Louis Blues edged the Nashville Predators 4-3 on Monday, Jan. 21. The Preds began the season with a 3-2 shootout loss to the Blues. The Blues had the only goals in a shootout that lasted only two rounds. Brian Elliott, who came off the bench in the second, stopped Craig Smith and Martin Erat to get the win. Rookie Vladimir Tarasenko had a goal and two assists for St. Louis. Andy McDonald had a power-play goal and an assist, Alex Pietrangelo's goal tied it up in the third period, and Kevin Shattenkirk

had two assists. Patric Hornqvist had a goal and two assists for Nashville. Mike Fisher had a goal and an assist, Colin Wilson a goal and Erat two assists. Oshie scored first with a backhander over Nashville's Pekka Rinne. After Elliott stopped Erat at the front of the crease, Steen skated up and squeezed the puck between the post and Rinne's outstretched skate. Rinne made sure the Predators at least got to the shootout. He stopped a shot from Pietrangelo from the slot, then stopped another by Oshie off the rebound laying down on his back at the post inside the final minute of overtime. But Wilson, who signed a three-year

contract before the lockout, scored on the Predators' fourth shot. Defenseman Ryan Ellis started the play, passing the puck to Patric Hornqvist, who found Wilson skating up ice. Wilson beat Halak with a wrist shot just inside the left circle at 9:10 of the first. Tarasenko, who scored two goals in his NHL debut, remained just as active against Nashville. He scored on a wrist shot from the right circle at 10:28 on assists from McDonald and Shattenkirk. Later in the period, David Legwand hooked the rookie as Tarasenko tried to score on Rinne, giving the Blues a power play in the first. So with the man advantage, Tarasenko found McDonald in the slot with the

puck, and McDonald scored with a wrist shot at 15:04 for a 2-1 lead. That lasted only until David Perron went to the box for slashing, and Fisher scored his first on the power play beating Halak to the gloveside at 17:13. Hornqvist took a pass from Erat, and his backhander slipped between Halak's body and his right arm stick-side at 12:53. That was Nashville's third goal on 11 shots, and Blues coach Ken Hitchcock had seen enough. He yanked Halak and put in Elliott. This game appeared headed for extra time even with Nashville holding a lead in the third. Nashville and St. Louis have gone past overtime 12 times. Pietrangelo scored with a wrist shot at 12:10 to tie it. **TAS**