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MU benefactor Arthur Weisberg dies at 88

By **KATIE WISE**
THE PARTHENON

Huntington self-made businessman and philanthropist Arthur Weisberg died Saturday at the age of 88.

Weisberg's prominence in business and generosity led he and his wife to become substantial donors to Marshall University and its engineering program.

Weisberg's financial contributions to the university prompted Marshall to name the Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories and the forthcoming Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex after him.



WEISBERG

In a news release, Clarence Martin, chief executive officer of State Electric, said Weisberg and his

family has given substantial gifts to the university, though he never wanted to publicize the amount because he thought the intention of the gift was more important.

"I and the entire Marshall University community are deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Arthur Weisberg. I consider Art a dear friend and mentor and I've been so fortunate to have known him. I have especially cherished the time we shared together. He was never short on kind words and always willing to share his advice and wisdom – just two of the noble attributes that define this remarkable man." Marshall



Marshall University's Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories is shown in this file photo. Ground was recently broken for the forthcoming Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex which will expand Marshall's engineering program.

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President Stephen J. Kopp said in a press release.

Weisberg, who received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree at Marshall, has maintained strong ties to the engineering field and in

2006 played a major role in the re-launch of Marshall's engineering program.

Weisberg and his wife Joan started State Electric Supply Co. in Huntington in 1952.

From a humble beginning,

State Electric Supply Co. began by Art Weisberg selling light bulbs, extension cords and fuses out of the back of his truck to grocery and hardware stores.

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Interfaith Group holds open forum

By **SAMUEL SPECIALE**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Interfaith Group will host a forum Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Attending students will have the opportunity to ask a panel of religious educators questions about the major religions of the world.

The panel is made up of ministers, professors and teachers of Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Mormonism, Buddhism and Hinduism.

Shaheed Elhamdani is a student leader of the Interfaith Group and said he hopes the forum will give students a chance to ask questions that are commonly avoided and the night will serve as a religious community icebreaker.

"You strengthen your faith through understanding other's faith," Elhamdani, a junior chemistry and political science major, said. "Personally, I have learned so much about my faith by learning about the Christian faith because it forces me to ask questions about my own faith."

Elhamdani said the purpose of interfaith is to breed religious tolerance among students, faculty and staff and to celebrate fundamental differences and similarities among the religions of people on campus and of the world at large.

Reverend Dana Sutton, a campus minister and professor in the Religious Studies Department at Marshall, leads the interfaith group and said he hopes people will come with questions they do not already have answers for and will leave with a renewed respect for fellow students, faculty and staff who do not practice the same religion.

"We are in a learning environment and in order to coexist on a diverse campus, we need to value and talk about our differences," Sutton said. "We can have conversations about things that are heartfelt and I don't think there is anything more heartfelt than religion. It is essential if we are to peacefully cooperate and coexist."

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Marshall University's Old Main is shown in this file photo.

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Marshall prepared for disaster

By **ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH**
THE PARTHENON

While Superstorm Sandy did not directly hit Marshall University's Huntington campus, the university was prepared to take action if necessary with the MU emergency management plan.

John Yaun, director of Housing and Residence Life, ensured students Marshall has a plan in place to deal with a variety of potential emergencies.

"If you look in this plan, I think the university has done a really good job of trying to prepare for any potential emergency, whether it's tornadoes or severe weather crisis anything flooding, anything that might occur, they have a pretty thorough plan in here,"



Yaun said. "Those aren't things that we typically have in this part of the country but you never know what can happen and so it's always good to be prepared. I mean you've seen other campuses deal with some of the emergencies."

Yaun said if an emergency was to occur on Marshall's campus, there is a team in place to plan possible

courses of action.

"Typically what we do is we coordinate through an emergency response team that the university has made up of various individuals," Yaun said. "We would communicate with them. We typically gather that team together and they would then decide what a plan would be and see what resources are available."

Students are encouraged to sign up for MU Alerts. Students, faculty and staff can receive MU Alerts by email, text message or phone call.

"The university has an emergency notification system and so they're sure to notify students depending on the

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Obama foes call for secession

By **JAMES ROSEN**
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

WASHINGTON — In the three weeks since President Barack Obama's re-election victory, his most ardent foes — nearly 1 million people from all 50 states — have signed online petitions to take their opposition to the extreme: seceding from the United States.

They're doing it on the White House's "We the People" website, taking advantage of a pledge to review any petition that gains at least 25,000 signatures.

Texas was far ahead of the pack with 117,373 digital signatures on its petition by midday Monday.

"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," the petition states.

"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," it says.

Randy Dye, a North Carolina tea party member and retired trauma nurse from Pittsboro, started his state's petition, which had drawn more than 30,000 signatures, good for sixth-most among all states.

While helping victims of Hurricane Sandy in the New York City borough of Queens, Dye explained why he would like North Carolina to leave the union.

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Liberty University allowed to argue claims against health care law

By **DAVID G. SAVAGE**
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rectified an oversight Monday and gave a Baptist university in Virginia a chance to argue in a lower court two claims that were not considered in June when the justices upheld President Barack Obama's health care law.

Lawyers for Liberty University say it is unconstitutional for the government to require large employers to provide

health insurance to their full-time workers or pay a tax.

No one has seriously disputed that the federal government has broad power to regulate employers, and the justices did not even consider this claim earlier this year. Instead, the justices debated whether Congress could require an individual to buy insurance or pay a tax, the so-called individual mandate. The court upheld that requirement in a 5-4 decision.

Liberty's lawyers also say the "forced

funding of abortion" under the federal law violates the school's right to religious liberty. Administration officials say the law does not require funding of abortions, and district judges have rejected the claim.

Nonetheless, since Liberty University's claims had not been heard or decided, the justices issued a one-paragraph order allowing the university to raise these claims before the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

Last month, the Obama

administration told the justices it had no objection to such an order.

In late June, after upholding the health care law in a case called National Federation of Independent Business vs. Sebelius, the justices turned down a series of appeals that had challenged the law as unconstitutional. Liberty University's case was among them.

But Liberty's lawyers asked to have their appeal revived, since their claims had not been heard.

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Mayor-elect Steve Williams prepares to take office

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With the campaign and election over, Steve Williams prepares to take Huntington mayor's office in January.

"This is a validation of what I fought for and experienced during the campaign," Williams said.

Williams beat Republican incumbent Kim Wolfe in the Huntington mayoral race and has been strategizing for when he steps into City Hall.

"We're already working on assembling a transition team," Williams said. "The purpose of that team is to get us working on the city budget."

Williams said he plans to keep the staff currently working in Kim Wolfe's administration, but is very clear on the plan for what will be his own administration.

"If you control finances you control policy," Williams said. "We are immediately going to start working on the budget, identify what department heads I have and what their vision will be. The only sticking point will be the question of how will this make sure that we are performing in a manner of excellence?"

Excellence was the platform

Williams ran on, and he said it is a vision Marshall University has strived for. Less than 24 hours after winning the election, Williams had an early morning meeting with Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp.

"The meeting went wonderful," Williams said. "Dr. Kopp and I have known each other for a number of years, we've worked on several projects together and we have a similar vision."

Williams said Marshall is Huntington's largest employer and plays a vital role in his vision of "excellence." He also

stresses the importance of Marshall students' role in Huntington's economy. In order to promote economic activity, Williams said off campus security provided by the city is important, along with cleanliness.

"First off, I want the students to feel safe in Huntington," Williams said. "Secondly, Marshall's campus is pristine in the way that it is maintained. Yet, when you walk of campus there is a difference, and it appears there is grit and grime when students step off campus."

Williams said he wants to create an environment within



WILLIAMS

the city limits, which will make Marshall students want to stay,

even after they graduate.

"They need to have the choice," Williams said. "That choice being, once they graduate they be able to stay if they wish."

He said even if they do choose to leave, Williams wants to create a city where students will always carry a little bit of Huntington with them.

"I want them to have a love affair with Huntington that (if they leave) they absolutely can not wait to come back."

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White House issues new warning on 'fiscal cliff'

By DON LEE
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON
BUREAU (MCT)

WASHINGTON — On the heels of record sales over the Black Friday weekend, the White House warned that automatic federal tax increases set for next year could hurt the rest of the holiday shopping season and would likely crimp consumer spending by about \$200 billion in 2013.

The report released Monday projects that if Congress fails to act and middle-income taxes rise, consumer spending growth could be sliced by 1.7 percentage points and economic growth overall would probably be cut by 1.4 percentage points in 2013. Those are not small numbers given that consumer spending drives about two-thirds of U.S. economic activity and that the American economy has been growing by just a little more than 2 percent since the recovery began in mid-2009.

The report from the White House Council of Economic Advisors looked only at the impending income tax hikes for taxpayers, including a higher alternative minimum tax. These tax increases are part of the so-called fiscal cliff — a combination of mandated fiscal spending cuts and higher taxes that are slated to kick in next year and that on the whole would hit the economy by more than \$500 billion and likely send

the country back into recession into 2013.

The report is broadly consistent with forecasts by the Congressional Budget Office and leading private economists, and it comes after retailers amassed a record \$59.1 billion in sales from Thanksgiving day through Sunday, up from \$52.4 billion a year earlier, according to estimates from the National Retail Federation.

The encouraging start of the holiday shopping season reflects the recent strengthening of consumer confidence, which is at a five-year high. Consumers lately have been feeling better as housing prices have begun to rise and job growth has picked up slightly.

But the White House report warned that "the hard-earned rise in consumer confidence will be at risk if the middle-class tax cuts are not soon extended with a minimum of political drama."

A loss of \$200 billion in consumer spending is roughly the amount American families spent on all the new cars and trucks sold in the U.S. in the last year, the report said. And the pain would be felt by producers of goods and services across the board, with \$36 billion less spent next year for housing and utilities, for example, and \$32 billion less health care and \$26 billion less for groceries and at restaurants.



SUZANN AL-QAWASMI | THE PARTHENON

Students involved in the Honor's seminar "Rhetoric of Fashion, the Politics of Lifestyle" had a clothing drive Monday and will continue Tuesday at the Memorial Student Center lobby. All donations will go to Stepping Stones and Golden Girl Group Home, non-profit organizations that help needy kids in the Tri-State area.

Marshall Honors seminar class collects clothes for area youth

By SUZANN AL-QAWASMI
THE PARTHENON

The Honors seminar "Rhetoric of Fashion, the Politics of Lifestyle" hosted a clothing drive Monday that will continue Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center lobby. The Honors College Fashion Emergency is a project designed by the class to encourage students to donate clothes they no longer need or want.

Shaheed Elhamdani, junior chemistry and political science major, said the students in his class read an article about how people in other areas of the world do not have the

luxury of having a variety of clothing readily available to them. He said they learned that people around the world struggle because of their extreme lack of clothing, and it inspired them to host a clothing drive to help boys and girls in the local area.

"We decided that even though we may not be able to directly help these people in other areas of the world, we could still help the people in our community," Elhamdani said.

Elhamdani said they hope the drive will benefit the children on a deeper level than simply providing them with an extra article

of clothing.

"We want to help these children become more socially mobile," Elhamdani said. "If they have nicer clothes to wear, our hope is that they will have a higher self-esteem which will take their focus off of their lack of nice clothing and lead them to doing better academically and in other areas of their lives."

The class identified certain categories of clothing they are collecting for this drive. The first category is for homecoming and

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LEFT: Ray Forthuber, 54, unpacks his belongings from the trunk of his car, where he and his wife Sally, and their two dogs live, along the streets of Winter Park, Fla., September 28. RIGHT: Sally Forthuber, 69, walks her dog Abbey along Park Ave. in Winter Park, September 20. Sally and her husband of 31 years, Ray Forthuber, are homeless.

Homeless, and living near the lap of luxury

By KATE SANTICH
ORLANDO SENTINEL (MCT)

ORLANDO, Fla. — They linger at a sidewalk table on Winter Park's Park Avenue — he in a French-blue dress shirt, tan slacks and snakeskin boots; she in a silver halter dress with pixieish, strawberry-blond hair and a fragilely thin frame.

With them, as always, are their "children," a lanky, vigilant

hound and an exuberant Shih Tzu-poodle pup.

"We are a colorful attraction here on Park Avenue," Raymond Forthuber admits. "But I'm sorry — it's not what I set out to do."

They may spend their days chatting up passers-by, debating the state of humanity, sipping coffee and puffing cigarettes with the exaggerated

manner of movie stars from a bygone era. And when they are freshly showered and sharply dressed, which is often, they may be mistaken for eccentrics or artists.

But they are not. Raymond, 54, and wife Sally, 69, are homeless.

And for six months they have lived, more or less, in this most unlikely of places: amid the rich,

trendy and powerful of Park Avenue.

They're an \$11,000-a-year Social Security couple in an \$111,000-average-household-income city.

"Where am I supposed to be, begging at Lake Eola?" says Ray, indignantly. "I grew up in Winter Park. This is my home. And Sally loves it here."

But the love has not always

been mutual.

Kellie Strawley, a 29-year-old jewelry maker who works at the Morse Museum along Park Avenue, first noticed them last spring.

When she arrived for work each morning, they would be in the spot next to hers in the parking garage, Sally and Ray and dogs Jeb and Abbey all curled up in the couple's peeling 1992

Mercury Grand Marquis.

"At first I wasn't sure whether they were homeless, but then I got the impression that something was up, and a lot of other people who work on Park Avenue started talking about them, like, 'Are those people OK?' But eventually I just started talking to them, and I tried to help."

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EAST DIVISION	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
UCF	7	1	9	3
EAST CAROLINA	7	1	8	4
MARSHALL	4	4	5	7
MEMPHIS	4	4	4	8
UAB	2	6	3	9
SOUTHERN MISS	0	8	0	12

SPORTS

	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
TULSA	7	1	9	3
SMU	5	3	6	6
RICE	4	4	6	6
HOUSTON	4	4	5	7
UTEP	2	6	3	9
TULANE	2	6	2	10



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One on One



Jeremy Johnson sits down with Herd basketball player

Dennis Tinnon



Dennis Tinnon was named to the Conference USA All-Defensive team as a junior and was one of just 21 players in the NCAA to average a double-double last season. Tinnon, a senior on Marshall University men's basketball team averaged 10.2 points and 10 rebounds a game as a junior. The 10 rebounds per game were good enough for 22nd best in the country.

Tinnon, a Green Bay, Wis. native transferred from Kansas City Community College. While a sophomore at Kansas City Community College tinnon averaged 22.6 points and grabbed 13.3 rebounds a game. The 6-foot-8 forward led the NJCAA in rebounding in the 2010-2011 season. Now, he said in his senior season at Marshall he wants to lead the NCAA.



Q. Who is your favorite basketball player of all-time?
A. Michael Jordan.

Q. What has been the happiest moment of your life?
A. Getting married and having a beautiful daughter.

Q. If you could have any superpower what would it be?
A. Invisible.

Q. How do you want to be remembered?
A. As a great person.

Q. Who are your real life heroes?
A. My wife, my mother and God.

Q. Where would you like to live?
A. California.

Q. What is your most treasured possession?
A. My wedding ring.

Q. Who has influenced your life the most?
A. God.

Q. What do you most value in your friends?
A. Honesty.

Q. If you had 24 hours to live what would you do?
A. I would spend it with my family.

Q. What is your greatest moment playing basketball?
A. Hitting a buzzer-beater shot in high school.

Q. What was your favorite subject in school growing up?
A. Math.

Q. What is your favorite 1990s cartoon?
A. Dragon Ball Z.

Q. If you could be on any game show which one would it be?
A. 'The Price is Right.'

Q. What do you consider your greatest achievement?
A. Making it at Marshall.

Q. Would you rather skydive or bungee jump?
A. None of them ... bungee jump.

Q. What one word describes you?
A. Strong-minded.

Q. How would you like to die?
A. Sleeping.

Q. What is your motto?
A. Only the strong survive.

Q. If you were to be reincarnated as an animal what would you be?
A. A lion.

Q. If you could take a photo with anyone in the world, who would it be?
A. Kobe Bryant.

Q. What is your greatest moment as a father?
A. Being able to hold my daughter when she was first born and cutting the umbilical cord.

Over the next few weeks The Parthenon will run edited transcripts of several Q & A's with representatives of Marshall University's sports community. The interviews, conducted by reporters in the sports reporting class, incorporate a questionnaire style borrowed, in part, from French writer Marcel Proust and made famous in the back pages of Vanity Fair magazine.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Hunger food drive

By SARAH HAGERTY
THE PARTHENON

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be having their annual "SAAC Hunger" canned food drive on the Marshall University campus Nov. 26 through Thursday, Dec. 6.

SAAC is a group on campus made up of student athletes from various sports that are selected by Jeff O'Malley, the Associate Athletic Director for Chief of Staff, and Beatrice Crane, the associate athletic Director for Olympic sports

operations, who oversee the group. Each year they put on a food drive at certain athletic events to collect canned foods in order to give back to the community.

"SAAC always gets a great turn out every year," Aaron Goebbel, Interim Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs, said. "It is really encouraging to see so many fans help out during the holidays."

Fans are encouraged to bring canned goods to the men's basketball games at

the Cam Henderson Center on Wednesday and on Saturday Dec. 1. Marshall student-athletes will be at any of the four entrances to collect the canned goods. Anyone who brings a canned food item will receive \$5 off of a regular priced general admission ticket.

"If you have a couple of cans sitting in your cabinet at home bring them in," Goebbel said. "We will be glad to take them from you to help out the Huntington community."

The food drive is part of the Conference USA's "Let's SAAC Hunger" campaign, where each team in the conference works with their local community to collect the most canned goods than any other school. The contest lasts for a week and the winning group gets an incentive for their hard work. All donations and proceeds go to the Huntington area food bank.

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Column

Israel ready to negotiate peace

By **MICHAEL KALMOWICZ** and **NOAH PEERI**
THE ORACLE, U. SOUTH FLORIDA VIA UWIRE

The conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza arises from a long-stemming clash between the Israeli Defense Forces and the extremist Hamas government that claimed control over the Gaza Strip in 2007 from the more moderate Fatah government.

But the fate of the Palestinian people living in Gaza is unfortunately at the mercy of Hamas.

Israel is attempting to give the Palestinian people aid and end the horrendous treatment that Hamas provides to the innocent Palestinians living in Gaza.

The history of Hamas is one of violence, a direct quote from Article 7 of the Hamas Charter states.

"The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews and kill them," it said. "Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out, 'O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.'"

This reaffirms that Hamas' mission is not to create lasting peace with the Israelis, but to kill the Jews.

The conflict that is now arising in the Middle East is in response to rockets being fired from the Gaza Strip into the state of Israel. Hamas has been indiscriminately firing them for the last 12 years, paying no heed to what — or whom — they are targeting.

Hamas has been known to use human shields to cause civilian casualties, in an effort to appeal to the international media.

The fact is, Hamas has killed three Israeli civilians and wounded 68, according to the Associated Press. These numbers would be much higher if the Iron Dome defense system did not exist in the state of Israel — it is an anti-rocket defense system that is fired from Israeli soil to intercept and destroy the Fajr-5 rockets that Hamas has been firing into Israel.

Since the beginning of the "Pillar of Defense," the operation Israel launched Nov. 13, Iron Dome has intercepted more than 325 out of 700 rockets fired, heading for civilian populations in major cities such as Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The only purpose of the rockets fired into Israel by Hamas is to kill Israeli civilians.

Israel is amassing troops on the border for a possible ground assault. A cease-fire was attempted when the Prime Minister of Egypt met with Hamas leaders on the situation. Yet during the meeting Hamas vowed to continue firing rockets onto Israeli soil, thereby ending any hopes of a cease-fire.

Unfortunately, the Palestinians casualties have been high, but more than 50 Hamas terrorists and leaders have been killed. Israel attempts to clear civilians from bombing sites before any operation. Unfortunately, Hamas keeps women and children against their will, making them vulnerable to Israeli rockets — another example of the mistreatment by Hamas to the people it supposedly represents, and the reason why civilian casualties have been so high.

At the end of the day, what Israel truly wants is a lasting peace and to coexist with its neighbors without the threat of rockets hitting Israel on a daily basis. Israel is ready to negotiate unconditional peace, but it is up to Hamas to do the same.

ONLINE POLLS

Do you think the Thundering Herd men's basketball team will fare better or worse in Conference USA this season?

■ Yes
■ No

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Do you think the Thundering Herd will win its final two games and become bowl-eligible?

■ Yes 26% - 72 votes
■ No 74% - 203 votes

Visit marshallparthenon.com to share your opinion.

Editorial

Religious beliefs dictate harsh gov't decisions in Saudi Arabia

Get back in the kitchen woman!

A popular sexist catchphrase on the Internet, but sadly a reality in some countries — most noticeably at the moment Saudi Arabia.

Women in Saudi Arabia will no longer be able to slip out of the kitchen, their house or anywhere as they are being implanted with GPS tracking chips, which will send updates to their husbands via text messages regarding their whereabouts.

Hopefully, everyone can agree this is just crazy. The sad thing is we are doing something similar in America and way too many seem to not draw the comparison or even care.

Controlling a woman's, or anyone's, life is not okay — whether it be needing to know their every move or controlling what they can do with their bodies.

While the U.S. government has not created legislation yet to track our women like wildlife, we do have legislation in place that controls them in ways specific to their gender.

At what point do we draw a line? At what point do we say, "enough is enough?" Or do we just keep going until instead of

a few people with signs standing on street corners telling people they hate life if they are pro-choice, there are thousands? Or millions?

Now it does not seem as if we are headed in the direction of Saudi Arabia. The re-election of President Obama shows the majority of our country does not back a party whose leaders push legislation designed to trample the poor, old and feminine.

In no way is this referring to all Republicans, just the ones who support taking away women's rights and treating the old and poor as less than others.

The point is, instead of filling the Internet with comments calling out Saudi Arabia, not that they do not deserve criticism, perhaps we should focus here at home first and let Congress know we do not support any legislation that limits the rights of women.

Religious beliefs should not be the cornerstone of government — unless you enjoy only allowing women out of the kitchen to do laundry and clean the house.

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Column

Craving Twinkies, Wonder Bread and Ho Hos while eating seeded rye

By **AMY GOLDMAN KOSS**
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

In my childhood, Hostess snack foods loomed as the symbol of freedom. Freedom from the cruel health food regimen and ethnic dietary peculiarities of my keepers. Freedom to eat and dance and flirt and wear loafers and be cute and silly and utterly American.

While I trudged the three blocks to Zeman's bakery for a loaf of salted and seeded rye wrapped in brown paper, I knew that happy, free girls were out there digging into plastic polka-dotted bags of Wonder Bread, selecting two perfect slices as soft as clouds. They would then roll the bread into white balls, or spread peanut butter and jelly on them. Even a single slice of baloney looked lovely and pure on Wonder Bread. These lucky girls didn't even need teeth! They could eat using only their tongues against the roofs of their mouths.

Rye bread required not only teeth, and jaws, but determination. Rye bread was no laughing matter.

Sometimes the hair-netted lady at Zeman's let me pick a treat from the cookie counter. I'd choose between prune and poppy-seed filling, contained in dough so dry it screamed for milk. Or sometimes, I'd opt for the round cookies with a small dab of red jelly in the center, which my dad called "bloody sores."

These pastries did not giggle or float or bounce or look like happy coconut breasts. They had no cream filling or anything else soft and silly. The desserts of my childhood were level-headed and serious. The worldview of Hostess fun food hadn't entered my parents' consciousness, let alone their diet. Frozen peas, and a few other time-saving Sputnik foods, made it through our front door. But Twinkies? Never.

The girls at school who had Wonder Bread sandwiches and Hostess cupcakes in their lunches were the very same girls who didn't have to wear heavy, clunking oxfords for their arch support. The TVs were on in their houses while they ate dinner, and

they were allowed soda pop, pizza, potato chips and store-bought cake at their birthday parties. Their moms wore makeup and heels and nail polish, and their dads joked with us. And many of them got their hair cut by actual beauticians.

I envied every single thing about them, including that they didn't seem to realize what amazing lives they had. They were entirely casual about having not just the occasional Twinkie as a super treat after hours of pleading, while facing brain surgery or because a dog had died. All they had to do was help themselves from boxes kept in their own kitchen cupboards and replenished every week!

So what happened to all those happy Hostess Twinkie and Ding Dong girls? Didn't they grow and multiply, ensuring that ever more boxes of Ho Hos made it to shopping carts and kitchen cabinets? It doesn't seem possible that in the battle of prune filling versus fluffy cream, the prune won. But why else would Hostess Brands be closing 36

plants and threatening to fire 18,500 bakery employees? Or be talking about chopping up the company and selling the treats piecemeal, the Twinkie recipe here, the Wonder Bread recipe there?

As a child, I assumed that the moment I was a free adult, doing my own grocery shopping, with my own money, I'd fill my cart and home with Hostess everything. But somewhere along the line I forgot to do so. And now, given the possible liquidation of the company, I realize I've probably missed my chance.

The news talks of unions and strikes and fiscal mismanagement, but perhaps the problem was that I wasn't the only girl whose head was turned by more sophisticated pastries and possibilities. The Pepperidge Farm Milano, say, or even a Trader Joe's lemon tart.

Nonetheless, the potential loss of the Hostess Brand makes me melancholy for the kind of adulthood I'd intended to grow into, and for the little girl whose dreams of a Wonder Bread future never came true.

Homeless
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Yes, Ray was odd, what with his penchant for dressing like Doc Holliday or Wyatt Earp, but he also struck her as brilliant. He could quote the Bible and Jack Kerouac with equal ease, and he could captivate a crowd of strangers with historic tales of the Civil War.

Strawley began calling shelters, churches, charities — anyone who might take them in or offer aid. Some of the shelters had long waiting lists. Others said they had room, but that Sally would have to stay in one facility and Ray in another. No one would take the dogs.

And Ray and Sally weren't going anywhere without them.

"They're very, very nice, and since the summer (was) excruciatingly hot, I don't know how they managed to stay so nice," Strawley says. "But I didn't have any money, so there wasn't much else I could do."

After a while, a few of the garage's regular patrons began to complain, and the aging Grand Marquis and its occupants were evicted. For a few weeks, the family found a new temporary home in the parking garage for Rollins College, at Park Avenue's southern end.

But then they were evicted from there, too.

By that point, it was the dead of summer and they were in a car with power windows that didn't work, no functioning air conditioner and leaking brakes



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Ray Forthuber, 54, works on his resume on his laptop at the Starbucks Coffee in Winter Park, Fla., on Oct. 11. After 31 years of marriage, Ray and his wife Sally Forthuber, 69, find themselves victims of the latest recession, living out of their car with their two dogs.

a car that averaged 17 miles per gallon in its prime. At night, they would park beside the town's golf course, doors open, trying to catch a few winks between the intrusions of passing trains.

"Raymond, please!" Sally interrupts. Her husband of 31 years is recounting the sad confluence of events he blames for their predicament: how he lost his job as a tour bus driver in the early days of the recession. How the College Park farmhouse they rented for

years became riddled with mold, making them both sick. And how an aggressive skin cancer on Ray's face led to expensive surgery when he had no health insurance.

His unemployment had run out in April 2010, and they watched their savings slowly evaporate, until all they had left were Sally's monthly Social Security checks: \$900 and change, a large cut of which always went to the steep fees of payday lenders. There was never enough to save for rent or

security deposits.

There were the Winter Park police officers who brought them food for their dogs. The merchants who offered them something to eat. The investor who occasionally gave them money. The museum director's wife who helped Ray print his resume. And there was Sally's sister-in-law, who sent enough for a week's stay in a cheap motel, where they could bathe and rest.

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"States need to turn into countries where we keep our own money," Dye said in an interview.

"It would be a lot easier to control government at the state level than at the federal level," Dye said. "I believe that President Obama is probably a good man and a good daddy to his kids, but he's a socialist. I think we're headed we're heading toward a socialist nation, and I want nothing to do with that."

As of Monday afternoon, 11 would-be seceding states — Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, Florida and Ohio — had reached the 25,000-signature threshold that the "We the People" website promises will gain an official Obama administration review. Nine of the 11 states voted against Obama in the Nov. 6 election, with only Florida and Ohio as pro-Obama outliers.

"Every petition that crosses the threshold is reviewed and receives a response," White House spokesman Matt Lehrich said. "As a rule, we don't comment on the substance of those responses until they're issued to the petitioners."

Some constitutional law scholars say that while it wouldn't be impossible for a state to secede, to do so legally would entail highly implausible steps such as gaining ratification of a constitutional amendment or passage of a law redrawing the nation's boundaries.

"It all boils down to whether the larger country is willing to accept a peaceful withdrawal," said Sanford Levinson, a law professor at the University of Texas-Austin.

"I think it is a fantasy, but given the history of the United States, secession is not

necessarily a laughing matter," Levinson said. "The Constitution doesn't specify an answer one way or another. My view is that it's a close call."

Akhil Reed Amar, a Yale University law professor, disagrees.

While the Constitution doesn't directly address secession, Amar said, the founding document makes it clear in a half-dozen clauses that such a move is banned and would be tantamount to treason.

Amar said the most important provision, known as the Supremacy Clause in Article 6, makes clear the authority of the Constitution, along with federal laws and treaties, over "anything in the constitution or laws of any state."

"What the Constitution says repeatedly is once you're in (as a state), you're in," Amar said. "If people want to secede, they are allowed to leave, they just can't take the land and the water with them. There is a lawful way to secede — it's called emigration. They can move to Canada."

The secession movement has prompted a counter-secession drive on the White House website.

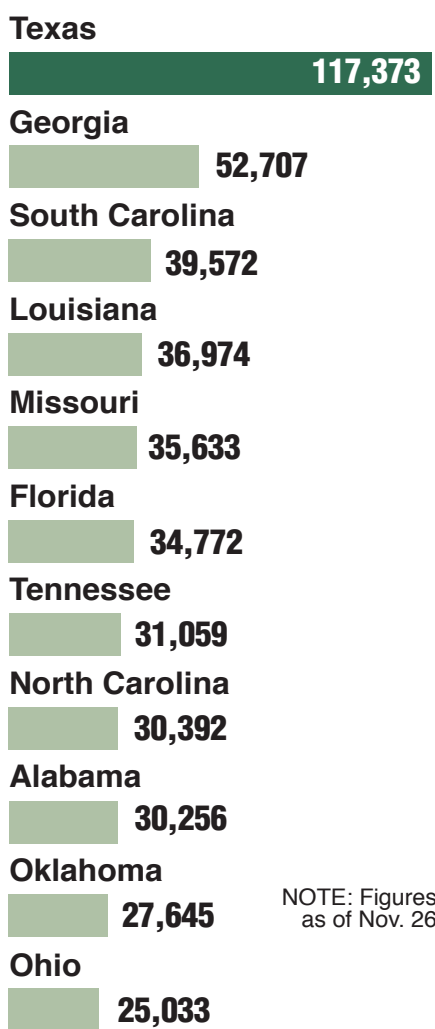
Several petitions demand that any seceding state pay its share of the national debt or make another form of restitution before leaving the union.

More than 8,500 Austinites and supporters have petitioned for the Texas capital to withdraw from the state before it secedes, while more than 1,600 Atlantans and allies are making the same request should Georgia go.

The White House website does have a few kinks. There's no way of verifying the residence or even the identity of any petition signers, and indeed among those who have signed onto the Texas secession drive, there appear to be as many who say they live outside the Lone Star State as in it.

Secession fever?

Nearly 1 million people have signed secession petitions on the White House web site. Eleven states have more than 25,000 signatures and are entitled to formal review.



NOTE: Figures as of Nov. 26

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prom style clothing, such as dresses, dress shirts and pants, ties, shoes and any other accessories that can be worn to a school dance.

The second category is for name brand clothing, such as jeans, shirts, hats, sunglasses and athletic wear from "popular" brands like American Eagle, Hollister, Ralph Lauren and Nike. The final category is for winter clothes, such as hats, scarves, coats and jackets, sweaters, socks and any other cold weather gear.

Shyla Snodgrass, sophomore business management major from Ravenswood, W. Va. said they decided on these categories because

they are want to benefit children in a way that differs from the benefit of receiving an old T-shirt or worn-out jeans.

"We don't want just any clothes for these children," Snodgrass said. "We want to give them clothes that will make them feel good and feel like they fit in."

Students from the seminar will be collecting the clothing in the Memorial Student Center lobby from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday. All donations will be sent to Stepping Stones and Golden Girl Group Home, non-profit organizations that help boys and girls in the area.

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situation and once a decision is made from the presidents office, a group gets together and figures out the best way to implement that plan," Yaun said. "And then what we do is we communicate the relevant information to the students in the halls."

In case of a power outage on campus, Yaun said the university works closely with the community to get power restored quickly.

"We do work with the city and with AEP to try and get it back on as soon as possible," Yaun said. "There's no guarantee obviously because they're having to look at Marshall and the surrounding community. If we had to find alternative housing for students depending on the situation we would certainly do

that. We would look at hotels, you know any type of alternative housing that would be available in the area and if we had to do that obviously we'd try to find a shuttle to be able to shuttle students back and forth."

The 36-page Marshall University emergency management plan can be found on Marshall's website under the emergency notification system section.

"From my understanding we look at it each year just to make sure it's updated and I think there's a date at the bottom of the plan as to the last update of that plan," Yaun said.

Yaun said the university implements the best option available for students and staff depending on the severity of the situation.

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After 60 years in business, State Electric Supply Co. has transformed into one of the nation's largest and best-known electrical retail-wholesale distributors with a strong emphasis in customer service.

The company has grown to include 40 branches with more than 700 employees in six different states- West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina.

Although Weisberg grew up in Brooklyn and graduated from City College of New York, he and his wife Jane have remained dedicated to the Huntington community and Marshall University.

"I've had the pleasure of knowing Art and Joan and their beautiful family for many years and I know of no one that has contributed more to the well-being of this community," A. Michael Perry, Marshall University Board of Governors Member Emeritus, said at the Applied Engineering Complex groundbreaking in October.

Perry said that many years ago Art was strongly advised to take his business elsewhere.

"Art forever endeared himself to me and this community when he said, 'this is my community this is where I've made some of my money and this is where I am going to stay.' Decisions like that characterized this giant of a man," Perry said.

Art and Joan Weisberg have been honored for their creativity, vision,

entrepreneurial spirit and philanthropy. In 1994, Art Weisberg received the Charles D. Scott Distinguished Career Award for his service to the American wire industry, was named Citizen of the Year by the Herald-Dispatch in 1995, and was inducted into the City of Huntington Wall of Fame in 1995.

Together, the Weisbergs were elected to the Marshall University Business Hall of Fame in 1996, were elected West Virginia Area Master Entrepreneurs of the Year in 1998, and received the highest Marshall University honor in 2008 when each were bestowed with honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

The Weisbergs have been honored through Marshall University for their unyielding commitment and significant contributions on several occasions.

Kopp said in a news release, "Huntington and the State of West Virginia have lost one of our greatest captains of industry and philanthropy. Art chose to make Huntington his home and throughout his lifetime here, he was committed to improving the quality of life for its current and future residents. Art and the entire Weisberg family have left an indelible imprint on this university through their support of our academic programs and willingness to give back to the community they so dearly love."

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Dunbar native drums out dream

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David Dunkley, from Dunbar, W.Va. had a dream as a child and has accomplished it throughout his life. Dunkley, the former drummer of country singer Tim McGraw's band, The Dancehall Doctors, now resides in Nashville, Tenn. and is switching gears to focus on helping lesser-known musicians start their careers.

Dunkley developed an interest in percussion at a young age when he received a snare drum as a gift around the age of seven. His family was very musical, with a father who played piano and a mother who often sang.

"My father needed a drummer so he got me a snare drum," Dunkley said. "I just had big dreams that couldn't be achieved in West Virginia to be in the music business."

Dunkley said in order to achieve the dream of being successful in the music business greater than just locally, it was necessary to leave the state to reach his goals.

"I came to Nashville three different times before I got the gig that I ended up getting," Dunkley said. "It was just a matter of opportunity."

He began his journey in 1989, and spent about a year in Nashville to try his luck in the business before returning to West Virginia.

"Finding a gig that paid any money just wasn't going to happen. They do tip jars around here," Dunkley said.

In 1995, while living in Charleston, Dunkley received a phone call from Nashville with a job offer he said he could not refuse.

Dunkley said Nashville is for more than just fans of country music.

"Once you get down in here you find there's a lot of music going on from a nice underground rock scene, it's just a nice place, close to home," Dunkley said. "I'm not a New York City or Los Angeles kind of guy, so I just thought Nashville would be the answer for me. They call it Music City."

Dunkley was a member of Tim McGraw's Dancehall Doctors for 17 years before parting ways in late 2010. He got the opportunity thanks to a friend from high school who did audio work for McGraw in the early 1990s when his fame started to rise. Initially, Dunkley was hired as a drum tech for a few weeks, and his career escalated

from there.

"Playing to crowds is the most wonderful part of being a professional drummer," Dunkley said. "It isn't as glamorous as it seems. A small part is, but the rest is getting to the next place."

Dunkley related his career to being on a team of athletes.

"My favorite part is the camaraderie of it," he said. "Sharing this life together that only a small group of people actually knows the story of it all and what it took to do it, it's really pretty neat to see it from the inside."

"We'll have a bond for the rest of our lives," Dunkley said. "We've all done something pretty wonderful together."

Dunkley has had the pleasure of performing worldwide during his 17-year career. "The most exciting performance was probably at Madison Square Garden," he said. "I've done it three times now, but the first time, I had always dreamed of playing Madison Square Garden, and for a lot of people who do this, it's one of the biggest, most famous things in the world."

Dunkley also cites the Hollywood Bowl as being a



memorable place he's had the opportunity to perform.

"Seeing a picture of The Beatles at the Hollywood Bowl and to know you're going to be there too is pretty neat," Dunkley said.

Since 2010, Dunkley has put

his touring days to rest to stay at home with his four sons and is now focusing on helping other musicians start their careers.

"I want to be able to take people's projects or studio re-people who are doing demos, or producers who are doing commercials or jingles, or whatever anyone needs that requires live drums and I can outsource them from my home," Dunkley said.

His website, mydrumoverdubs.com, discusses all the details needed to get professional drums completed for a project.

"All it takes is a couple of emails back and forth before you're sending music back and forth," Dunkley said. "It's a pretty wonderful world we live in nowadays where you can actually stay home and do drum tracks."

Although Dunkley has spent most of his career playing country music, that is not all he has experience in.

"I'm pretty diverse in playing different kinds of styles and I just understand what it takes to do anything from a film soundtrack to a commercial," Dunkley said. "I've played on some film soundtracks for Tim (McGraw) and I've done some commercials as well and I understand what it is and what is needed to do different things

like that."

Dunkley said he thinks using his outsourced drums as a way for musicians to get experience working with drums, even if they do not have a drummer readily available is a wonderful place to get their foot in the door.

"You always need a mentor or someone to help you, and I'm willing to take on a person who is interested in it and help them with what they want to do," Dunkley said.

Dunkley said in order for young musicians in West Virginia to achieve their dreams, it was necessary for him to leave the state, but with the use of technology today, it makes things a little bit easier.

"It's easier to get your music out to mass amounts of people now," Dunkley said. "You have to learn how to use the Internet and draw attention to you. Now, people can find you relatively easily."

Dunkley has performed with artists such as Elton John, Lynyrd Skynard, Miley Cyrus, Taylor Swift and dozens of others, and also performed at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Dunkley has also performed on more than a dozen television talk shows and awards shows.

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TOP: David Dunkley, originally from Dunbar, W.Va., performs with Tim McGraw and The Dancehall Doctors. ABOVE: David Dunkley performs at the opening night of the 2008 National Football League season in Pittsburgh.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Nov. 29

Huntington
Christmas Parade
13th Street to Pullman
Square
7 p.m.

Opening Night
for Holidays
Highlands Museum
and Discovery Center
6-8 p.m.
\$15

Sunday, Dec. 2

Holiday Candlelight
House Tour
First Century Bank
1-7 p.m.

Performances from
local artists, Santa,
and children's art
activities
Huntington Museum
of Art
1-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 3

Irish Tenors
Holiday Celebration
Keith-Albee
Performing Arts
Center
\$45-\$62.50
7:30 p.m.

