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## Events to focus on sexual honesty

### Marshall club seeks to promote open conversation

By **MARCUS CONSTANTINO**  
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University club is hosting two upcoming events to bring attention to open sexual

dialogue and honesty and the lack of sufficient pregnancy care to women in the United States and abroad.

Vox: Students for Choice at Marshall University will be in the Memorial Student Center Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for "Super Sexy Honesty," an event that will encourage students to be honest about their sexuality and have open and honest

conversations about sex with partners.

"We're trying to make people comfortable with talking about sex, because the more open and honest you are about it with your partner, and in general, I think, the healthier your relationships will be and the safer you will be," Jordan Bean, senior public relations major from Huntington and founder of Marshall's Vox chapter,

said. "You're more likely to get yourself tested for STDs and inform yourself about important things and stay safe.

According to a 2010 report by the Centers for Disease Control titled "Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance," young people ages 15-24 account for an estimated 50 percent of all new STDs in the United States, even though they represent only an estimated 25

percent of the sexually experienced population. Bean said the taboo nature discussing sex among young people and between parents and children may prevent high school and college-aged students from finding out important information about sex.

"We live in a really conservative area and I think a lot of the times people are kind of discouraged from talking about

it, and I don't think that's OK," Bean said. "I think it's important that people feel it's normal to decide whether or not to do it or not to do it, or to wait until you want, and you can make whatever decision that you would like, but it's important that you know about it and that you educate yourself about your body."

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### Obama returns to the trail to promote middle-class tax cuts

By **CHRISTI PARSONS**  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is heading back out on the campaign trail this week — this time to pressure Congress to extend the expiring middle-class tax cuts.

On Friday, Obama plans to travel to Hatfield, Pa., for an event at a toy factory that, according to the White House, "depends on middle-class consumers during the holiday season."

Lest anyone miss the holiday spin of this public campaign, the White House issued an analysis Monday predicting how the automatic tax increases could hurt the winter shopping season. Obama is expected to mention its findings, including its estimate that the hike would put a \$200 billion crimp in consumer spending in 2013.

Of course, Republicans are perfectly amenable to extending the Bush-era tax cuts as a complete package. But aides to Obama are reiterating that he won't go along with a deal that extends the cuts for high earners.

Staffers on all sides are working now to come up with an agreement that will avert the expiration of the tax cuts as well as the federal government spending cuts set to take effect the end of the year.

Just how hard Obama plans to hit the "Grinch" message at this point in the talks isn't clear. The politics of a deal call for a delicate balance of partisan interests — no easy task so soon after the acrimonious fall campaigns.

For much of this week, the campaign will take place behind closed doors. On Tuesday Obama is scheduled to meet with small retailers whose profits depend significantly on holiday sales.

On Wednesday, he has scheduled an event at the White House with middle-class Americans who responded to an email from senior adviser David Plouffe seeking accounts of how a tax increase would affect them. He'll also meet that day with business leaders.

But on Friday, Obama is set to go to Pennsylvania to visit the 150 employees of the Rodon Group factory.

Republicans are planning their own public campaign on the tax fight. House members are planning events at small businesses to argue the merits of extending all of the Bush-era tax cuts.



## Religion educators respond to students' questions about faith

By **SAMUEL SPECIALE**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students convened in the Marshall Student Center's Shawkey Dining Room on Tuesday to ask a panel of religion educators questions about world religions.

The panel was made up of Elder Mears and Elder Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, The Rev. Dana Sutton, a Presbyterian campus minister, Tom Scarr, a member of B'nai Shalom Congregation, Jeffrey Ruff, a professor of Asian religions at Marshall and Dr. Ahmad Nusair, an associate professor of medicine at Marshall and member of the Muslim Association of Huntington.

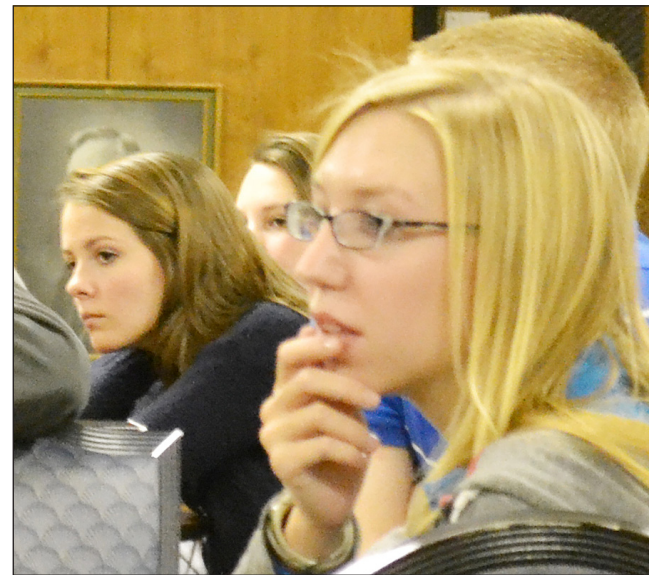
Among the many questions asked during the two-hour forum, students inquired about gender roles, sexual orientation, salvation, the afterlife and the supernatural.

Each member of the panel responded to questions from the perspective of their faith or the faith they were representing.

When asked about the differences between each religion, Scarr, a local attorney, said there are linguistic differences in the way religions address specific issues but each religion addresses the same problems people face.

Ashley Reed, a senior early childhood education major, said the discussion reaffirmed her belief that people are on the same path, trying to get to the same place, but in different ways.

"Faith is essential to our being," Reed said. "Everyone wants to know why we are here and what we should do while we are here."

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TOP: From left, Elders Mears and Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, The Rev. Dana Sutton, Presbyterian campus minister, Tom Scarr, member of B'nai Shalom Congregation, Jeffrey Ruff, professor of Asian religions and philosophies, Dr. Ahmad Nusair, associate professor of medicine and Shaheed Elhamdani, senior chemistry and political science major who acted as moderator.

BOTTOM: Students listen as religion educators answer questions about world religions.

## Scientists say climate talks must consider impact of melting permafrost

By **ERIKA BOLSTAD**  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Scientists who study the Arctic say they're worried that nations meeting this week to set targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions aren't adequately considering how much carbon dioxide and methane could be released from the world's rapidly thawing permafrost.

Researchers have known the permafrost is warming for some time, but they've only recently

begun to accurately measure just how much carbon is in the Earth's frozen regions. And they're only beginning to understand the consequences of such unanticipated greenhouse gas emissions, which weren't factored into the manmade emissions targets world leaders are considering this week at the United Nations climate talks in Doha, Qatar.

Permafrost, ground that stays frozen for at least two years in a row, stores vast amounts

of decayed plant matter. As the Earth warms, that frozen organic matter thaws and is released in the form of carbon dioxide or, more troublingly, methane. Global warming is creating a feedback loop — as the Earth warms, higher temperatures put the permafrost at greater risk. And melting permafrost releases the very greenhouse gases that contribute to the Earth's warming.

As they learn more about the

carbon in permafrost, scientists say the possible emissions must be factored into climate talks. A report issued this week by the U.N. Environment Program urges the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to assess the impact of permafrost carbon dioxide and methane emissions. The report relies heavily on research done in Alaska by scientists with the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Colorado and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

"The message is that policy-makers have to be aware of the possible consequences of an already changing world," said Vladimir Romanovsky of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. "And these kinds of concerns should be included in any kind of further plans to mitigate and adapt to these changes. We need to know more about any changes in permafrost in a more robust way to have good information to build our decisions."

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## Final Amicus Curiae lecture set for Thursday

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Scholar George C. Edwards III is coming to Marshall University on Thursday to share his thoughts on the Electoral College. His writing credits include the books "Overreach: Leadership in the Obama Presidency" and "Why the Electoral College Is Bad for America." He is also a University Distinguished Professor at Texas A&M University and has served as the Olin Professor of American Government at Oxford University.

Edwards, the third and final speaker in this semester's Amicus Curiae lecture series, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Marshall University Foundation Hall.

The series resumes in February with Cliff Sloan speaking on the Marbury v. Madison case, in which Chief Justice John Marshall ruled, and it concludes in April when Marshall graduate, Gregory B. Friel, the deputy attorney general for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice comes to campus.

The series, which is sponsored through the West Virginia Humanities Council and the Simon D. Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, is free and open to the public.

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## Republican senators present Dream Act alternative

By BRIAN BENNETT

TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Under political pressure to take action on immigration reform, three Republican senators introduced an alternative version of the Dream Act on Tuesday that would give legal status for young immigrants brought to the U.S. unlawfully as children.

The effort, called the Achieve Act and launched by retiring senators Jon Kyl of Arizona and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and supported by Arizona Sen. John McCain, appears to be a push to take some of the heat off of Republicans on immigration.

But Senate Democrats, in an effort to hold their feet to the fire, won't let the bill come to a vote during the lame-duck session.

Exit polls from the election showed widespread disenchantment with the GOP among Latino voters. Some Republicans, including McCain, have indicated in recent weeks that they would be willing to discuss a more "comprehensive" package of immigration bills.

But Hutchison said she felt it would be better to tackle small pieces of immigration reform one at a time because getting all sides to agree on a large package has proved to be too difficult in the past.

Fewer young immigrants would qualify for the proposal than would have been eligible under earlier versions of the Dream Act. Unlike the Dream Act, the bill would not guarantee a pathway to citizenship.

Under the Republican proposal, applicants who were brought to the U.S. before the age of 14 could apply for student

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Christopher Swindell, associate professor of journalism at Marshall University, speaks to students who attended the SPJ lecture Tuesday in the Marvin L. Stone Library in Smith Hall. The lecture focused on "fake news" in today's society and the issue of media credibility.

# SPJ lecture aimed to inject passion into journalism

By BISHOP NASH  
THE PARTHENON

The Society of Professional Journalists lecture series continued Tuesday afternoon with an installment pointed at the minds of Marshall's up-and-coming journalists. Christopher Swindell, associate professor of journalism, delivered a message of "fake news in a real world" to journalism students and educators in the Marvin L. Stone Library.

"It's very important for them to be engaged in the body politic so that they can be part of the discussion that shapes where we go," Swindell said. "The key to that is to be passionate."

The lecture was billed as pertaining to journalism

credibility, but Swindell announced he had altered his plans at the last moment. His aim instead shifted toward igniting a passion for hard news in young journalists.

"I see a lack of passion in up-and-coming writers," Swindell said. "There are people who are passionate about their opinions who are crowding their way into news and there are people who are not passionate about news letting them."

Swindell's speech was as animated as it was passionate. A veteran of journalism field work, he spoke of digging deep into stories with implications and the position of the media as advocates of public information.

"Information really is still

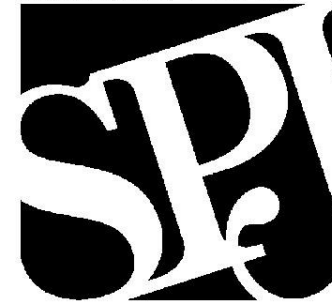
power," Swindell said. "It's been power for ten thousand years."

While acknowledging the changing mediascape and the rise of instant news via Internet, Swindell also argued that newer practices and quicker relaying of news did not equal integrity in journalism.

"The Internet does not provide journalism that is afforded when one takes the time to think about how we govern ourselves," Swindell said. "In a world of instant messaging, you can't take how we govern into 140 characters."

In a time when anyone with Internet access and a basic understanding of language could pass along news, Swindell advocated the importance of trained, knowledgeable

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journalists in a world becoming dominated by bloggers.

"Journalism is more important than it has ever been because we need people who are informed," Swindell said.

Among the students listening was Taylor Stephenson, freshman broadcast journalism major from Barboursville, W.Va. In her first semester

of Marshall, Stephenson was introduced to one of the journalism school's spirited faces.

"Swindell was really animated and it was easy to pay attention to him," Stephenson said. "He keeps it very lively."

In regards to what a young journalist could take for the speech's emphasis on extensive hard news over entertaining pieces, Stephenson noted Swindell would not mind angering a few in the name of informing the whole.

"He said that if you're not making people mad you're not doing your job as a journalist," Stephenson said. "You can't just do the entertainment stuff."

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## Female service members challenge policy on women in combat

By MICHAEL DOYLE

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Taliban fighters didn't discriminate when they wounded then-Capt. Mary Jennings of the California Air National Guard. She was the enemy, so they shot at her as well as the men flying beside her.

Now a major, and known as Mary Jennings Hegar, the decorated helicopter pilot and other female service members are opening a new front in the challenge to the military's long-standing exclusion of women from ground combat positions. In a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday, the women say eliminating the policy is long overdue.

"This policy is outdated, and it does not match the reality of modern war," American Civil Liberties Union senior staff attorney Ariela Migdal said in a telephone news conference.

The lawsuit filed by the ACLU in U.S. District Court in San Francisco is the second this year challenging the military's female ground-combat exclusion policy. Last May, a University of Virginia Law School team filed the first suit in federal court in Washington.

The lawsuits take similar approaches, calling the military policy a violation of constitutional guarantees of equal protection and a hindrance to promotion potential. Both also face similar challenges. In particular, courts often are loath to interfere with military practices.

"The ground combat assignment policy is founded on (the Defense Department's) assessment, based on its military expertise, of what is necessary to preserve force readiness and military effectiveness," Justice Department attorneys wrote in response to the Washington lawsuit, adding that "this assessment is entitled to substantial deference."

The military's policy regarding women in combat has been a work in progress since 1948, when Congress first passed a law making women a permanent — though explicitly limited — part of the U.S. armed services. By 1994, after the first Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon narrowed the female exclusion to cover units below the brigade level whose primary mission is to engage in direct combat on the ground. A brigade is usually composed of 3,000 to 5,000 troops.

Last February, the Pentagon further refined the exclusion to allow women in certain occupations to serve in battalion-level units, which typically have



Col. Ricky Gibbs, commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division, places a Purple Heart on the collar of Sgt. Jennifer Hunt, a civil affairs specialist assigned to Company A, 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne), for wounds suffered due to enemy contact during her deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hunt, a civil affairs specialist in the Army Reserves, served in both Afghanistan and Iraq, where she was wounded by an roadside bomb in 2007. She is one of several servicewomen joining a lawsuit filed Tuesday, challenging the Pentagon's policy excluding women from combat positions.

500 to 600 soldiers. Individual branches also are permitted to exclude women from their special operations forces, such as the Navy SEALs.

"The elimination of gender-restricted assignment policies requires deliberate action," the Pentagon's February report to Congress cautioned. "There are serious practical barriers, which require time to resolve."

More than 280,000 women have served in the military during the past decade, while the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have been fought. More than 130

have died and more than 800 have been wounded, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Hegar came under fire on July 29, 2009, while co-piloting a HH-60G Pave Hawk search-and-rescue helicopter near Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan. Assigned to the 129th Rescue Squadron, usually based at Moffett Field in the San Francisco Bay Area, Hegar was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, as well as the Purple Heart, for her

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EAST DIVISION	CUSA		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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## Advance tickets for Marshall Maniacs

By SARAH HAGERTY  
THE PARTHENON

The Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic men's basketball game is back again in Charleston on Dec. 5 and the Marshall Maniacs have a chance to get their tickets in advance starting Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

"The Marshall Maniacs can get one ticket per student for \$10 with their student ID," Aaron Goebbel, interim associate athletic director for External Affairs, said. "They can also pick up their free ticket to the Dec. 15 game versus Cincinnati starting Wednesday as well." Goebbel said this is the first time

that the athletic department has gone completely exclusive to the Marshall Maniacs for the Capital Classic tickets. "We had such a good response to it last year and only had a certain amount of tickets to hand out. This year we want to see how the Marshall Maniacs will respond to having more

tickets available to them first," Goebbel said. "We aren't trying to alienate the rest of the student body at all. We just want students to see that this is one of the perks that are offered to them when being a member of the Marshall Maniacs." The advance tickets will be available

to the Marshall Maniacs for pickup between Wednesday and Friday. Anything not picked up by the end of the day on Friday will be released to the general student body Monday morning. Sarah Hagerty can be contacted at [hagerty5@marshall.edu](mailto:hagerty5@marshall.edu).

## Freshman quarterback Frohnapfel impresses

By KARA KUCIN  
THE PARTHENON

During last Saturday's game against East Carolina, one of the Herd's redshirt freshman quarterbacks had to step in and take injured sophomore quarterback Rakeem Cato's position. Stafford, Va., native Blake Frohnapfel was all geared up on the sideline to throw a couple passes. Little did he know he would have to play half of the third quarter and the entire fourth quarter.

"I was waiting on the sideline with my helmet on as a I always do, and I heard people start yelling my name and then saw Cato being helped off the field," Frohnapfel said.

Some people might go into the game excited and others extremely nervous because of the pressure to come back and win the game. However, Frohnapfel said he was very excited to have the opportunity to help his team in its last regular season game.

"I had not gotten much playing time during the season, so I was very anxious to play," Frohnapfel said. "The first couple plays I was in I was a bit nervous, but I got into the flow of the game and it felt great. This was a moment that I dreamt about since I was a kid." After taking the field as

the quarterback, Frohnapfel completed 12 of 15 passing attempts for 101 yards and ran for a 51-yard touchdown.

"Scoring on a play like that in that game was something I will always remember," Frohnapfel said. "I started running and was waiting for someone to tackle me and realized I was running in an open field and was getting closer to the end zone."

The Herd's 59-65 loss against ECU resulted in losing their bowl game eligibility. The Herd competed in the Beef O' Brady's Bowl last year and defeated Florida International University.

"We were all really upset that we could not go to a bowl game anymore, but I was especially upset for the fact that our seniors did not have the chance," Frohnapfel said. "They had worked very hard for a chance to play a bowl game and watching them walk off the field for the last time was a very sad moment for us all."

The Herd is now working out three days a week as a team and then will be on their own for the winter break as far as staying in shape goes. The players are taking this time to heal up from the season and prepare for the 2013 season.

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Blake Frohnapfel completed 12-15 passes for 101 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Frohnapfel also ran the ball eight times for 62 yards and a touchdown.

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## Marshall AD Mike Hamrick on C-USA Departures

HERDZONE

"We at Marshall University would like to wish Tulane and East Carolina the best of luck in their new conference affiliations. At the same time, I remain confident in the future of Conference USA, and the direction we will go.

"We have recently made some great regional additions (Charlotte, Old Dominion and a growing and vibrant Florida institution, FIU) in Conference USA for future matchups that

Herd fans will enjoy, and I feel this trend of expanding with the right institutions will continue.

"My focus now, as it has been since I returned here more than three years ago, is on our program at Marshall University, and how we can best build for the future for our coaches and student-athletes. We should focus on what we can control, and we are doing just that with our \$30 million Vision Campaign that will significantly improve and add to our athletic facilities."

## Morehead State's head coach returns from suspension

By JAMES COLLIER  
FOR THE PARTHENON

Passion is an element in life that can cause one to lose control of one's emotions and react in an unacceptable manner. For first-year Morehead State men's head basketball coach Sean Woods, his passion for the game of basketball overtook his emotions and allowed him to react to a situation in a manner that Morehead State Athletic Director Brian Hutchinson claimed was "unacceptable."

Woods is a legend in the state of Kentucky. He was a member of the 1992 East Regional final team and scored 21 points against Duke in one of the most memorable games in the history of NCAA basketball. He was named SWAC Coach of the Year last season and earned the prestigious Ben Jobe Award, which honors the top minority coach in NCAA Division I men's college basketball. He led Mississippi Valley State into the NCAA tournament last season after finishing with a record of 21-13 overall, 17-1 in the SWAC. While Woods' resume speaks for itself, his actions last Wednesday night in Lexington, Ky., were out of line.

During the game against his alma-mater, Woods shoved one of his players that had fouled out of the game and was slow to leave the court. After the altercation, Morehead State suspended Woods for one game for his actions during the contest.

"My behavior during Wednesday night's game was inappropriate and unacceptable," Woods said. "I value the opportunity I have been given as the head men's basketball coach at Morehead State. I am passionate about the young man on our team and the opportunity we have together. I care for them deeply. I can assure our student-athletes, university community, alumni and fans that anything approaching this type of situation will not happen again."

The rest, according to Woods, is history and he and the university are ready to move on from the mistake; although, do



WOODS

not expect Woods' passion to fade away.

Woods style of coaching is labeled as out of control by some and complete passion by others. Woods prefers the later of the two and is quick to explain why he brings passion to the court every day.

"Basketball is a game of expression," Woods said. "Play with emotion and a reason. If you don't have any type of expression, you don't need to be on the court."

Forced from the sidelines Monday night, Woods had to watch his team endure a battle with Norfolk State without him at the controls of the ship. Morehead State overcame 16 lead changes and seven ties in the contest to eventually secure a 73-67 victory. Woods praised his staff and players for sticking together and finding a way to get the win.

"We found a way," Woods said. "Playing under distress and with emotion brings us as a program closer and makes us more relentless. It shows me that everyone is looking at the big picture."

People make mistakes every day, some more serious than others, but for Woods, his mistake is one that he has acknowledged and is ready to move on. How a person reacts after admitting a mistake is often how one is remembered. Woods would not comment about the episode during the Kentucky game, but provided his thoughts about his future with Morehead State basketball.

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## Kentucky hires Mark Stoops as new football coach

By JENNIFER SMITH  
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER (MCT)

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The University of Kentucky named Mark Stoops its new head football coach on Tuesday.

Stoops, 45, the younger brother of Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops and Sooners defensive coordinator Mike Stoops, has helped guide the Seminoles back to national prominence, including a No. 13 ranking and a spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game this weekend.

The 23-year coaching veteran is in his third year as Florida State's defensive coordinator and secondary coach under Jimbo Fisher.

"New beginnings always provide a sense of excitement," Kentucky Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said in making the announcement through a news release. "That's why today I'm excited for Mark Stoops and his family as they provide a new beginning for our football program, fans and players."

"Mark's passion has been evident in the way he coaches and in his love for the game of football. That passion carried over into our process and his desire to wear the Blue and White. Our desire to get better defensively and continue to expand our recruiting base helped guide us to Mark. He comes from a coaching family and has been in big games and

big atmospheres throughout his career. That has prepared him for this opportunity to become head coach at Kentucky. We welcome Mark, Chantel, Will and Zack to the Big Blue Nation."

Kentucky did not announce contract terms Tuesday. The school has tentatively scheduled a news conference to introduce Stoops on Sunday, at which time Stoops' contract will be made public.

"I enjoyed my time this week with Coach Stoops," UK President Dr. Eli Capilouto said. "I am impressed with his commitment to student-athletes, both in the classroom and on the field. I am also deeply impressed with the way Mitch Barnhart has conducted this important process. I am confident that Coach Stoops has the character and skill to build the winning program the Big Blue Nation wants and deserves."

Before taking over the Seminoles' defense, which he turned into one of the nation's best the past two seasons, Stoops spent six seasons at Arizona as the defensive coordinator for his brother Mike.

This season, Florida State is second in the nation in total defense, behind only Alabama,

allowing 249.42 yards a game. The Seminoles have given up just 21 touchdowns in their 10-2 season.

"I am thrilled to be named the head football coach at the University of Kentucky," Stoops said in a statement released through UK. "My family and I are excited and looking forward to becoming a part of the Big Blue Nation."

"I want to thank President Capilouto and Mitch Barnhart for this opportunity. I promise the faithful of the Big Blue Nation I will be focused and

driven to create a positive, winning atmosphere for the program and an environment that all of Kentucky can be proud of."

Behind Stoops, the Seminoles are seventh in the nation in scoring defense, giving up just 15.1 points a game. They are sixth in the country in pass defense (164.3 yards a game) and fourth in rushing defense (85.1 yards a game).

Stoops is credited with overhauling the Seminoles' defense in his first season there. Florida State gave up just 19.6 points a game after ranking last in the Atlantic Coast Conference the year before in total defense. The Seminoles' total defense improved by more than 80 yards a game in his



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### THE FIRST AMENDMENT | The Constitution of the United States of America

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## 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

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### Editorial

# Thanksgiving being sacrificed to shopping

Black Friday is widely recognized as the busiest shopping day of the year in America. Throngs of people converge on malls and retail establishments across the country, beginning the Christmas shopping season with a mission and a credit card. But, Black Friday is becoming more than just a one-day frenzy.

Post-Thanksgiving shopping in America has become pandemonium. In recent years, several other recognized shopping opportunities have been tacked on to the front end of the holiday shopping season "Small Business Saturday" and "Cyber Monday," not to mention, the yet-to-be named leave the dinner table sales that are seeping their way into turkey day.

Both Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday seem to be

right-minded, with Small Business Saturday, as the name would suggest, focusing on shopping locally and Cyber Monday geared toward online sales. But where does the Thanksgiving celebration end and the shopping begin? This year, thousands of people hastily packed their leftovers into Tupperware and headed out to the stores in advance of 8 p.m. openings on Thursday night.

It seems that every year, the stores open their doors earlier and earlier. When at one time Black Friday sales made their debut in the early morning hours the day after Thanksgiving, they are now seeping into family celebrations on Thursday. So where and when will the line be drawn? When will the meaning of Thanksgiving be sacrificed to the bargain gods?

### Correction:

An editing error in Tuesday's edition of The Parthenon incorrectly stated Arthur Weisberg received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Marshall University. Weisberg received his degree from City College of New York.

### Letter to the editor

## Saudi Arabian GPS Wife-trackers and Sandra Fluke

In regards to the editorial entitled "Religious beliefs dictate harsh gov't decisions in Saudi Arabia" in the November 27 issue of the Parthenon:

Firstly, I would like to express my hopes that the following will be published for the Parthenon's readership to make their own decision about, rather than being tossed in the waste basket at first glance. After all, if a piece about the fountain ceremony being unnecessary and outdated is worthy of our student body's time, then so too should my thoughts on the paper itself.

I picked up a copy of the Parthenon this afternoon to see what Marshall's young and ambitious journalism students have worked hard to crank out today. I would like to say I'm surprised by what I saw and disappointed at the intellectual dishonesty, but I'm afraid only the latter half would be true. The piece begins by bringing to light the fact that Saudi Arabian women are being tracked by way of GPS chips in order for their husbands to keep a close eye on their whereabouts. By the third line, however, the author begins to draw comparisons between this injustice and the sentiments of the American right and their supposed desire to "control what [women] can do with their body." The remainder of the article tells readers that if we do not "draw the line" soon, pro-life individuals will fill the streets (, and God forbid our citizens should be able to speak freely about their moral convictions.)

At this point, I cannot conscientiously remain silent about how far removed from reality this garbage is. My first contention would be that, as a tax-paying, conservative American citizen and huge fan of individual liberties, I am disgusted by the idea that I should be ashamed of not wanting to pay for Sandra Fluke to sleep around. For those who aren't familiar with this prime example of liberal BS, feel free to have a look online at her impressive accomplishments and extravagant week-long fame for wanting free birth control.

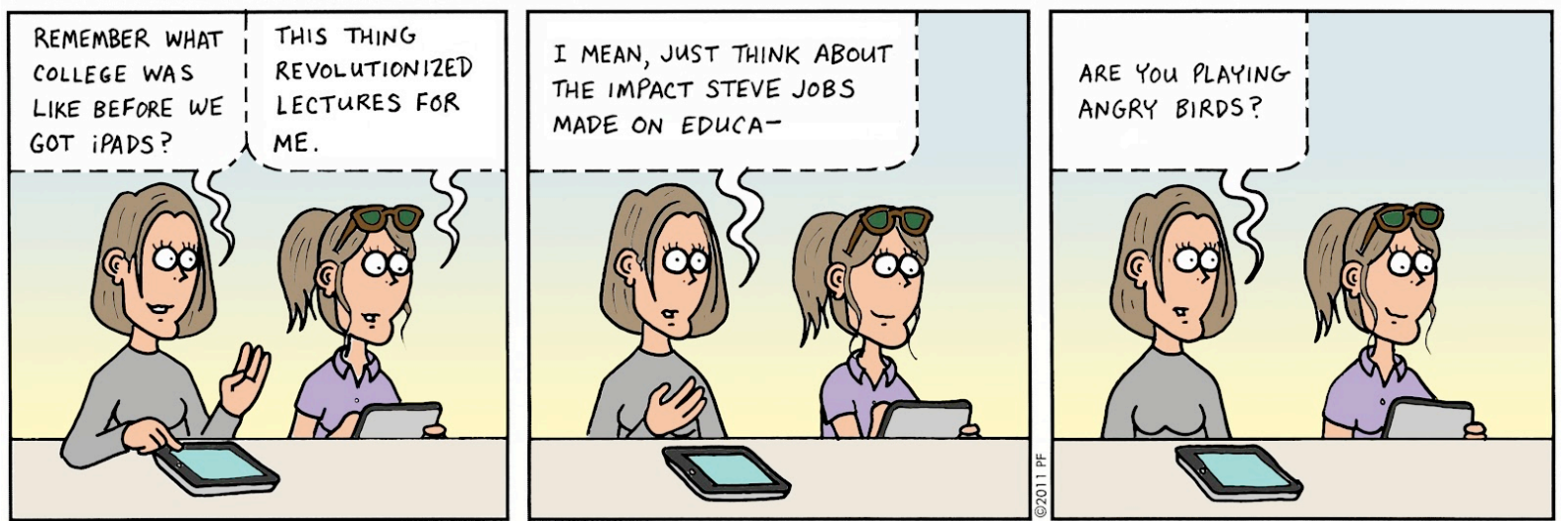
For the sake of brevity, I will limit this letter to just one more idea for your consideration. The final line of the editorial states "Religious beliefs should not be the cornerstone of government—unless you enjoy only allowing women out of the kitchen to do laundry and clean the house." Allow me to respond with another familiar scenario. Imagine a world where men and women alike can move about freely and carry on with their lives as they please and, of course, leave the house at their own will. Meanwhile, the unborn are not permitted to leave their mothers' bodies alive but instead are poisoned to death or stabbed in the back of the head with scissors in what should be the safest place on the planet. But that's absurd—what kind of human being with half a soul could allow that to happen thousands of times a day? Give it some thought.

Pro-women, pro-babies,  
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### Column

## Why Americans don't learn languages

By MARIA-XENIA HARDT  
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Ten years ago, no one would have predicted that I would someday write for an English newspaper, get along in an English-speaking country or study English literature. As a German grammar school student, I was made to believe that English just wasn't my language.

I am doing all those things I previously presumed impossible now because I found the motivation to learn English, spent long hours working through grammar rules and vocabulary and worked as hard as I could when other people asked for a bit more than what I thought was capable of.

In America, being fluent in two or three languages is extraordinary. In Germany, it's average. So what is it that American students lack? Do they lack motivation? Are they unwilling to do the hard work it takes to become fluent in a foreign language? Or is there just no one who pushes them?

Motivation to learn a foreign language is indeed higher in Germany — and in Europe in general — because large populations speaking different languages reside so much closer. Within a 12-hour drive from Germany you can easily pass through five or six countries and read road signs in seven or eight different languages — an experience difficult to replicate in North America.

But that's not the only reason why Germans and Europeans learn more languages than their

American counterparts. In German universities, unlike at UT, where even majors in popular languages like French start with a beginner course, students enter college-level language courses more or less fluent. They acquired their language skills in primary and secondary schools. Studying French at the college level in Germany means studying French linguistics or literature; it means gaining an understanding of the language and the culture that goes far beyond a fluent coffee shop conversation.

At university in Germany, the languages that are not taught in the earlier grades start with very tough introductory courses. Language courses are two hours a week, which is just enough to cover grammar topics. Learning vocabulary, practicing speech and writing are things you either do at home voluntarily or you don't. Failing to do so, however, means that you won't make it to the second year.

So the biggest difference between learning a foreign language in Germany and in the United States is not the level of motivation but the quality and style of teaching in grade school and at universities. In Austin, I have taught German to pupils at a middle school and I have experienced language instruction at the University as a student. Both groups seemed motivated to learn a foreign language. At the elementary school where I taught, the nine- or ten-year-olds were at the perfect age

to acquire a language. But the advantages of their age and their motivation were wasted because the teaching lasted only a week. Those students probably won't hear or read any more German until college, if ever. And longer-term attempts to teach language in grade schools in the United States appear ineffective too. I've met many Americans here who studied French or Spanish for years in school but can now barely remember how to order a coffee. They readily admit that the language programs at their primary and secondary schools were ineffective.

Things seem a bit better at the university level. I've met quite a number of people who study a foreign language in college and, within two or three years, have gained a decent knowledge of that language. Unfortunately, I ended up in a less effective department.

I wanted to continue my study of Portuguese — a language that I had started to study in Germany — and the intermediate Portuguese class I am taking offered promise. It's a small class with a motivated professor. When the semester began, most students were equipped with a sound knowledge of grammar and vocabulary, and I was quite optimistic that this course would help me improve. I was wrong.

Rather than moving on, the course repeated introductory grammar topics. We're not improving; we're just chewing on bits of knowledge most of us had already digested last year.

# Back to school, 6,000 miles from home

By NARA SCHOENBERG  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

CHICAGO — When Zipeng “Frank” Jiang arrived in the U.S. for the first time, he was a 16-year-old Chinese honors student with big dreams, limited English skills and no idea how to recover the carry-on bag that the flight crew had taken for last-minute check-in.

“It was my carry-on luggage, so all my important stuff was in it: my ID, a bunch of cash, my laptop,” said Jiang, who came here to attend boarding school.

“I basically had my backpack and my saxophone with me. The dorm director picked me up, and he’s like, ‘Where’s your stuff?’ and I’m like, ‘I lost it.’ I’m pretty sure I left a bad first impression.”

Jiang’s next few months at The King’s Academy in rural Seymour, Tenn., were similarly stressful, as he battled homesickness, scrambled to get up to speed on idiomatic English and struggled with everything from fast-food refills to classroom etiquette.

But five years later he’s a Northwestern senior with a JPMorgan Chase & Co. internship \_ and windsurfing lessons \_ under his belt, strolling confidently across campus in red suede loafers and greeting classmates with waves, hugs and Facebook references.

“I’ve never regretted for a second that I came here,” he said of Northwestern. “I’ve really enjoyed it.”

Jiang is part of a new generation of high-powered Chinese students increasingly looking to America for a college education. Facing a shortage of spots at top universities at home and drawn by the prestige of U.S. schools and the opportunity for international experience, 57,000 Chinese undergraduates attended U.S. colleges in 2011, up from 10,000 in 2007.



Yuqing He, 19, poses for portrait on the Northwestern University campus in Evanston, Oct. 5. Yuqing is her given name in Chinese, but she goes by the first name of Andrea here. She’s among the rapidly increasing Chinese students in U.S. colleges.

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“Five or 10 years ago, going abroad was considered what dumb rich kids did, and now it’s considered what smart middle-class kids do,” said Xueqin Jiang, former director of the international division at Peking University High School. “That’s a huge shift right now in China.”

The trend appears to be accelerating, Xueqin Jiang said, with Chinese students coming to America to prepare for college while in high school or even middle school.

Chinese students said they initially struggle to connect with classmates who speak rapid-fire idiomatic English, listen to different music, watch different TV shows, follow different sports, remember different childhood games and embrace a teen drinking culture that has no Chinese equivalent.

Because Americans have trouble with Chinese tonal pronunciations, many newcomers forgo even their given names, adopting English ones during their time here.

“I do miss my name,” said Northwestern sophomore Yuqing He, who is known here as Andrea.

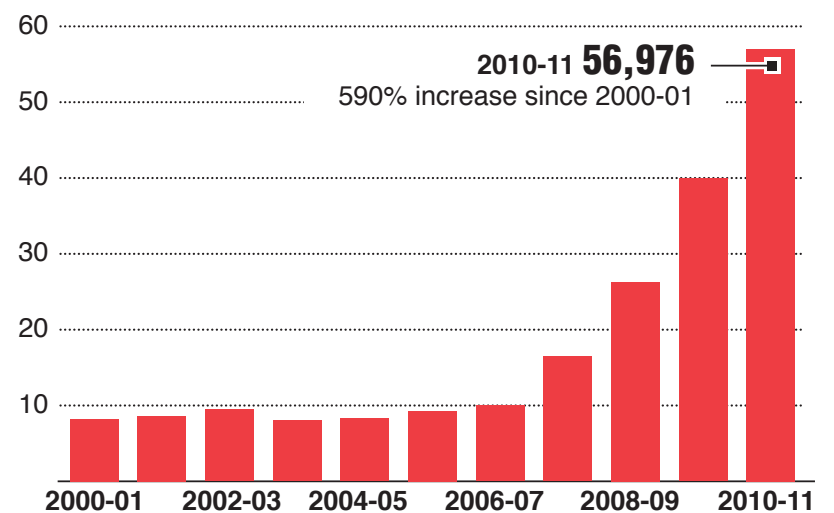
But in a half-dozen interviews, Chinese students at Northwestern said they’ve embraced speaking up in class, landed dream internships and taken advantage of research opportunities they wouldn’t have had in the test-based Chinese system. Some live off campus and socialize mainly with other Chinese students, but He, an outgoing economics student from Beijing, is a member of the Chi Omega sorority and Jiang, a competitive hip-hop dancer, practices with the Electric

## Chinese student boom

The number of Chinese undergraduate students attending college in the United States has increased nearly sixfold since the 2000-01 school year.

### Chinese students attending U.S. colleges

Undergraduates, by school year, scale in thousands



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Funketeers dance crew in Chicago.

That kind of adaptability and initiative is typical of the Chinese students who come here, said Peggy Blumenthal, senior counselor to the president at the not-for-profit Institute of International Education, which tracks international enrollment at U.S. colleges and universities.

“These are extraordinary kids,” she said. “Taking the risk of studying outside the culture has weeded out the ordinary kids. They bring something very special: a willingness to be out there and live a little bit dangerously and experimentally, and they do thrive.”

There is a potential for problems, experts say. In the cash-strapped University of California system, some parents have alleged that Chinese

students, who are not eligible for financial aid and typically pay full tuition, are being chosen over qualified Americans. And experts acknowledge that schools may see a financial incentive to accept less adventurous and accomplished Chinese students who are ill-equipped for study abroad but can pay full tuition, which can come to more than \$30,000 a year at some private schools.

“I think it’s a calculation that U.S. universities and colleges are now grappling with: There’s a short-term gain, perhaps, in taking students that aren’t going to thrive, but a very big long-term risk,” said Blumenthal, pointing out that if students have a miserable experience at a particular U.S. school, they will tell their friends and relatives and the school’s reputation will plummet.

## Wendell D. Garrett, appraiser on ‘Antiques Roadshow,’ dies at 83

By REBECCA TROUNSON  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Wendell D. Garrett, a historian and authority on American decorative arts who was widely known for his appearances as an appraiser on the long-running PBS series “Antiques Roadshow,” has died. He was 83.

Garrett died Nov. 14 of natural causes at a hospice facility in Williston, Vt., where he had moved recently from Manhattan. His former wife, Elisabeth Garrett Widmer, confirmed his death.

Known for his broad expertise, a courtly manner and his delight in sharing knowledge, Wendell Garrett appeared on every season of the American version of “Antiques Roadshow” since its launch in 1997. He will also appear on the show’s next season,

which was filmed last summer and premieres Jan. 7.

“He was a very generous teacher and always approached his appraisals from the point of view of making sure people had an understanding of what the objects could teach about the past,” said Marsha Bemko, executive producer of the program, which is modeled after a British series of the same name.

“He was a mensch of a man and a true historian.” Garrett wrote and edited many books on antiques and American style, including “Victorian America: Classical Romanticism to Gilded Opulence” (1993), “Monticello and the Legacy of Thomas Jefferson” (1994) and “American Colonial: Puritan Simplicity to Georgian Grace” (1995).

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“My story is not exceptional or uncommon,” Hagar said Tuesday. “The vast majority of men I have served with in combat didn’t care if I was a woman. They cared only about whether I could do the job.”

Various military branches differ in their placement of women. While 99 percent of Air Force positions are open to women, according to the Defense Department, only 66 percent of Army positions and 68 percent of Marine Corps positions are. Women can qualify for 80 percent of Navy positions.

All told, women constitute about 14.5 percent of the 1.4 million active-duty personnel.

“There’s definitely a feeling among service-women that the Pentagon’s progress is not enough,” Migdal said.

Last year, Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., authored a measure to remove the combat exclusion policy legislatively, but the bill attracted no co-sponsors and didn’t pass.

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visas if they are younger than 29 and currently enrolled in a college degree program in the U.S. Applicants younger than 32 would qualify if they already hold a degree from an American college.

After graduation, applicants could apply for work visas that would be renewable every four years for the rest of their lives and would not prevent them from getting in line for a green card and, eventually, applying for citizenship.

Hutchison said the bill is an attempt to “get the ball rolling” to create a permanent, legal solution for young immigrants brought here by their parents.

“We think the best thing that we can do to utilize their talents and the education they have received is to give them a legal status,” Hutchison said during a news conference in the Capitol.

Both senators acknowledged that the bill would probably not pass before the end of the year.

Some of the young immigrants who currently qualify for the Obama administration’s deferred action program that began in August

would not be eligible for the Republican proposal, including students enrolled in high school or with a high school diploma.

But Kyl said the bill would address what he sees as an abuse of executive authority by the White House. President Barack Obama was “taking the law into his own hands” and “violating the oath of office” when he launched the deferred action program, Kyl said.

“If you don’t like the law, change it. Don’t violate it,” he said.

The Achieve Act is similar to an idea for an alternative Dream Act floated by Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., this year. Rubio was involved in drafting the current bill, said Kyl, but decided not to sign on until he had consulted with a wider range of groups.

Rubio, who is widely seen as having presidential ambitions, could be an important player in negotiating a possible comprehensive immigration reform bill next year.

Walking back to his office in the halls of the Capitol, Kyl acknowledged that there is more enthusiasm for passing new immigration laws than there has been in the last two years.

“It is apparent that we need to get the issue dealt with,” Kyl said.

## Woods Continued from Page 3

“I have to be Sean Woods and do what is best for my team,” Woods said. His new beginning starts tonight inside the Cam-Henderson Center as his Eagles travel to Huntington to battle the Herd for the first time since 2007. While Woods admits he must stay under control, he admits you can never be too

passionate about something you love.

“I bring passion to my team,” Woods said. “It’s contagious and that’s how my team plays. When I see my players reflecting my passion, it’s gratifying.”

Woods “new beginning” at Morehead State starts tonight in Huntington, but his passion for the game will live forever.

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## Faith Continued from Page 1

Yusif Mohammed, a senior biochemistry major, said he is interested in hearing people from different religions talk about the same issues but from different points of view.

“I understand the Islamic and Christian faiths,” Mohammed said. “But I learned things I didn’t know and I learned about Hinduism, which I didn’t have a knowledge of at all.”

Mohammed said most people on campus come from a Christian background and would benefit from attending an interfaith dialogue.

“This is a learning environment,” Mohammed said. “I learned a lot from coming here.”

Students were given the opportunity to submit their

questions prior to the discussion and were later allowed to directly question members of the panel.

Once the forum closed, students were encouraged to continue the dialogue by asking additional questions they may not have been comfortable asking openly.

Reed said interfaith dialogue is important to her because it brings people together and instills consideration for other people and their beliefs.

“As someone who is planning to be an early educator, it is important for me to understand other people’s culture and values,” Reed said. “I think we should respect and appreciate what others believe.”

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Column

## International artist RUMI prepares for New York City release party



By **EVAN FOWLER**  
COLUMNIST

Students may not be familiar with the international music artist RUMI but this could change with YouTube promotions and a release party slated to occur in New York City in early December.

RUMI plans to take on American music radio in the upcoming months in preparation for the 2013 release of his new studio album "Evol Dog."

"We are releasing two singles and two music videos in New York City on Dec. 12, 2012," RUMI

said. "I'm very excited about the singles, 'Remembering' and 'Nights of Gunshots' which are both rock ballads with a lot of guitars that I think people are really going to enjoy."

RUMI has found international success with his previous music releases but he said he hopes the amount of time and consideration that has gone into the new album will really resonate with fans in North America as well as internationally.

"I took five years to come up with this album so that it would match the person that I am," RUMI said. "I tried very hard to come up with a style that has a very distinctive sound. At the end of the day, people will make comparisons to other greats in the industry but I categorize my genre as a real 'je ne sais quoi' that I hope my fans will enjoy."

RUMI said it took over eight months to mix and master the album for release. He said he

spent a lot of time traveling with his producers around the world and coming up with inspiration for writing every song on his album.

"I traveled the world singing and writing in lonely bars and hotel rooms," RUMI said. "Wherever I could find a place to write I would. Whether it was on the back of a napkin or the palm of my hand, I was taking inspiration from my travels."

RUMI said although there is not a general message for the overall album he said he hopes fans are able to take what they want away from his music.

"I've tried to be very conscious of the subject matter in terms of the songs but sometimes we are controlled by our subconscious," RUMI said. "When this happens, I grab a guitar and go back and forth with myself and collaborate my conscious and subconscious to come up with the best song possible."

RUMI said the title of the album shares the name with a track on the album and was really inspired by a Martin Luther King Jr. speech.

"I think if you take the title of the album and reverse it in your mind you will see what you get," RUMI said. "I had heard the Martin Luther King speech many times, but seeing it on television just chilling at my apartment, for some reason it really hit a chord with me and after writing the song I knew it had to be the title of the album."

"Evol Dog" is scheduled for a tentative 2013 release and the singles and videos will be officially released on Dec. 12. Fans can also follow RUMI on Twitter, Facebook and sample the teaser videos for the singles by searching for rumionline.com.

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International music artist, RUMI, plans to release a new studio album titled "Evol Dog" in 2013.

## Season 2 of smart drama about 1950s BBC begins Wednesday

By **TIRDAD DERAKHSHANI**  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER  
(MCT)

If you get a kick out of watching lords and ladies flirt while fox hunting, then stick with "Downton Abbey."

But if you're looking for British period drama that'll get your pulse going and your mind racing, then turn to BBC America's "The Hour," which returns for a six-episode second season at 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Created by the celebrated playwright and screenwriter Abi Morgan ("The Iron Lady," "Shame"), "The Hour" is a smart, well-written, and brilliantly acted drama about politics, espionage, murder, sex, racism, and war in 1950s Britain as seen through the eyes of TV newsmen and women.

Romola Garai ("Atonement," "Emma"), "The Wire's" Dominic West, and Ben Whishaw, who stole the show as the new Q in "Skyfall," star as pioneering BBC journalists who help create one of the first independent news shows on TV.



Set in 1956 amid the Hungarian Revolution and the Suez Crisis, the first season was framed by a diabolically twisty spy yarn. Led by their gentle, principled boss, Clarence Fendley (Anton Lesser), the trio found dirty secrets in Britain's intelligence services.

The second season opens nine months later. "The Hour" is no longer unique: BBC's rival, ITV, has an edgy news show of its own. Clarence, now in prison, has been replaced by the enigmatic Randall Brown (Peter Capaldi), a George Orwell-quoting obsessive-compulsive intent on bringing the avant-garde to TV.

Instead of focusing on international politics, the series takes on London's organized crime families and the lucrative private clubs, after-hour joints, and sleazy sex parlors they run.

It's too early to tell whether the new season will have the intelligent plotting, tense pacing, and superb cohesion Morgan and her actors brought to the first. But it's off to a good start.

## 'The Voice' contestant Cassadee Pope has reason to have high hopes

By **EVAN FOWLER**  
COLUMNIST

Even with six contestants remaining on NBC's show "The Voice," contestant Cassadee Pope has reason to celebrate as iTunes charts reflect her popularity with America and her likeliness to be declared the overall winner in just a few weeks.

Both of Pope's recent cover releases have broken the top ten in the iTunes "Top Singles" chart, including Michelle Branch's "Are You Happy Now?" and Pope's rendition of Miranda Lambert's "Over You," which was co-written by Pope's mentor Blake Shelton. The song reached the number one slot after knocking the long reigning "Gangnam Style" out of the way.

"The Voice" has introduced a new marketing tool for single sales by associating each purchased single as a single vote for the contestant. In short terms, the more singles

purchased, the more votes cast for an artist. This method of voting has been added alongside the text and website methods of vote casting that already existed in previous seasons of the show.

Pope, who originally auditioned with her rendition of Natalie Imbruglia's "Torn," received an offer from all four judges to join the competition and she ultimately decided to go with her "gut instinct" in choosing country star Blake Shelton.

Shelton told Pope after her audition, "There is nobody else like you and I believe with 200% of my heart, that you Cassadee, are a superstar."

Pope had received mild fame previously as the lead singer for the American rock band, "Hey Monday," but went solo a few months before the beginning of the show.

As Pope progresses through the competition her voice and stage presence continue to grow. She is a judge favorite along with a crowd favorite. If the release of her singles and their chart performances are any indication, Pope may be able to celebrate an early victory as they predict she will be the winner.

Pope brings a unique and radio ready sound to this competition and has garnered attention from many. Only extreme cases could prevent Pope from winning in the end. If fans stop voting or buying singles, she may have some concern. Otherwise America, take a look at your newest and unique addition to the music industry. Cassadee Pope will be a force to contend with on the charts. Pope's singles are available for download via iTunes and viewing on YouTube. "The Voice" airs Mondays and Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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# 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.

