It is a misdemeanor to steal or mutilate library materials. This offense is punishable by a fine of not more than $100 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days.

SC Code of Laws 16-13-330
Russian government bans protests against political repression

Last week authorities in Moscow refused to grant permission for a rally against political repressions in Russia “due to a lack of political repressions.” The rally was supposed to take place in a major Metro station to protest the prosecution of 18 people arrested earlier this year after Vladimir Putin was elected to a third term as president. The organizers said they are trying to brainstorm other ideas to arrange a meeting.

Watching porn is good for your computer?

Not exactly, but statistically speaking, it’s safer than browsing other websites, and it’s a lot safer than conventional wisdom would have you believe. According to a recent study done by the Anti-Virus software maker Avast, for every infected porn site on the internet there are 99 legitimate websites infected with viruses. That’s a big deal since up to 37 percent of total content on the internet is pornography. Religious websites were found to have three times more malicious malware than pornographic websites. So, that being said, it is probably safer to watch internet porn than it is to search for a new church.

Smooth move, Taliban...

A Taliban spokesman goofed up royally last week when sending out a routine press release-type email to their mailing list. The Taliban spokesperson publicly CC’d the names of everyone on the list instead of using the BCC function (blind carbon copy), which keeps other email addresses private, after forwarding an email from another Taliban member, Zabihullah Mujahid. The list was made up of more than 400 names, mostly journalists, but also contained the names of a few members of the Afghan government and several academics.

On December 27th, 2012 Jiroemon Kimura will become the oldest man to have ever lived on Earth. Kimura was born in April of 1897 in Southern Japan. He is the only known person to have ever lived across three centuries and he attributes his longevity to a very simple and healthy lifestyle.

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Absent from the holidays

Remember military families during the holiday season

As Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season, it is often a time when we reflect upon the soldiers that are keeping our country safe.

More often than not, these soldiers are a part of our lives one way or another, whether they are close friends or a member of the family.

Last Christmas Eve I found myself complaining about having to work a 10 to 6 shift at my local grocery store on a perceivably important holiday. After seeing a soldier dressed in uniform purchasing a bouquet of flowers I quickly realized how lucky I was to have the opportunity to go home after work.

Most likely when an individual enlists in the military, they are not thinking of all the birthdays, holidays, or graduations they will miss, but no doubt when those dates come and go, it is one of the most important things on their mind as well as the minds of their family members.

In addition, the news constantly shows members of our military holding their newborn babies right before they are departed for their third or fourth trip overseas.

For any given member of the military, when they sign their name on the dotted line it is almost as if they are signing the names of their entire family as well. The trials and tribulations the soldier endures throughout their tour of duty affects the members of their family.

My brother, Specialist Riley, was away during my high school graduation and therefore couldn’t make it to one of my most important rites of passage. While the entire situation was unfortunate for my brother as well as the members of my family, I was proud of him for his commitment and dedication to our country.

While we thoroughly thank our troops from the bottom of our hearts, over the holiday season we should also take the time to thank the members of their family. The sacrifices made by our soldiers and their family members alike ensure that we can live happily in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

-Samantha Riley

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What is the ‘Fiscal Cliff’?

If you have turned on the news over the last few weeks, you’ve probably heard the term ‘fiscal cliff,’ and maybe you’ve wondered exactly what that means.

The fiscal cliff is congress’s solution to solving America’s debt problem before having to default on the United States’ debt. The agreement was reached last summer after raising the debt ceiling the first time. Since an agreement could not be made as to how Congress would solve our debt problem while simultaneously fixing the economy, congress put in place a series of tax increases and spending cuts due to go in effect January 1st of 2013.

These measures would ultimately put a halt to economic growth and could send the economy back into recession. This was done to force them to come to a come up with a solution.

So what exactly is going to happen? If members of congress cannot reach an agreement by the end of the year, 1,200 government programs like border control, food safety, cancer research, Medicare, NASA and student aid will all suffer massive spending cuts.

At the same time, the average American family could see their taxes go up anywhere from $2000 to $3000 dollars. This means people will be spending less, markets will drop and the unemployment rate could shoot back up to 9 percent, sending us back into a recession.

Democrats want to increase taxes for a small number of Americans to ease the burden of taxes on already struggling middle class families. This is something President Barack Obama has called for since the beginning of his election campaign in 2008 and is still his biggest bargaining chip throughout discussions.

“I am not going to ask students and seniors and middle class families to pay down the entire deficit while people making over $250,000 aren’t asked to pay a dime more in taxes,” said President Obama.

Republicans want to reform the tax code without making any increase what so ever.

“Raising tax rates is unacceptable and it couldn’t even pass the house,” said House Speaker John Boehner.

Neither party seems very willing to concede and some believe that President Obama’s reelection gives him argumentative power over congressional republicans. Yet more recent comments over the president’s health care reform from Speaker Boehner have given little hope to those in Washington for an agreement being met by the end of the year.

“That’s why I’ve been clear that the law has to stay on the table as both parties discuss ways to solve our nation’s massive debt challenge,” said Boehner.

These comments have given a rocky start to discussions between the president and congressional leaders which began over a week ago.

As discussions continue over the next few weeks, lines will have to be crossed and not everyone will be happy but something has got to give. This will be a true test of congress’s ability, or lack thereof, to work together and end the constant gridlock.

-Zach DeRitis
Farewell to a friend by Zach DeRitis

Shawn Ponton, 21, senior biology major from Jarrettsville, Maryland was killed in a car accident along with two of his friends on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Two other passengers were taken to a near-by hospital and were in critical condition.

They were driving home from dinner when the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a guard rail.

It saddens me to have to report on yet another unfortunate loss to the CCU family but I am saddened still to have to say goodbye to a friend. Shawn was one of my closest and dearest friends here at Coastal and his loss has been an incredible shock to myself as well as those who knew him fondly.

I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on Shawn’s amazing life and personality as well as offer some closure to all of those who have recently suffered a loss.

Shawn was a member of the club volleyball team as well as an active and passionate member of the Relay for Life committee. He was a die-hard Ravens fan, active mountain biker and immense lover of cars and all things fast. He loved speed and never wanted to stop moving. He was one of those rare kinds of folks who would never let life’s burdens slow him down.

Shawn worried constantly for the health of his ailing mother who has been battling a long and hard fight against cancer. Despite his worry, Shawn was always there to offer a smile or a hug and put his sadness aside to comfort his friends in their times of need. He was the type of person that would give you the shirt off of his back and expect nothing in return. In fact he might even tell you to just keep it.

Unfortunately, this is not the first close friend I have lost in my short life. I have realized that death is the most irreversible and, at times, most unforeseeable thing that can occur in life.

However, I have learned something through Shawn’s passing. I have learned that mourning is a natural part of death. Sometimes sadness feels as if it will never go away and that dealing with this feeling of loss will last forever, but this is not true.

I knew Shawn well enough to know that this is something he would not want. He was kind and loving but more important than that, he was humble. I know that Shawn would not want any of his loved ones to mourn for too long. Knowing this I have realized that yes, death is saddening, but we must not mourn forever. We will never forget Shawn but that means we must not forget why we loved him so much.

I have learned to appreciate the fragility of life and the unsuspecting tragedies it may bring but this is no cause for misery. I have learned to take things from a loved one’s passing rather than feel that I am in fact now missing a piece of the life that made me whole. I will carry the memory of Shawn with me wherever I go in hopes that it will make me half as the humble and loving of a person as he was.

This is something I want all of those who are reading this to remember. I want people to remember that we must not mourn death, but celebrate life. I have cried for Shawn when I remember his huge, goofy smile but now, I just smile back.

Now I want to say something to all of those who knew Shawn as well as the amazing people he and I have shared the last few years of our lives with: He no longer feels pain nor does he feel sadness.

Despite whatever pew you worship in front of, just know that Shawn’s smile and legacy will live on within all of us. Know that he wants you to be happy and know that despite this tragedy, he wants you to smile.

This is my message to Shawn personally: I am sorry that I did not get the chance to see you off before this Thanksgiving break but I also want to thank you. I want to thank you for giving me something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, like having the chance to be your friend as well as the amazing people I still have in my life.

Thank you for showing me so much and for being there for me when I’ve needed someone the most, and thank you for the constant laughs and unforgettable memories. I promise that I will learn that stupid country song you loved so much that you insisted I learn how to play. I’ll never forget you Shawn and I know that wherever you are right now, you are still smiling. Rest easy brotha’.
South Carolina Department of Revenue Hacked

Last month the South Carolina Department of Revenue announced that 3.6 million social security numbers were stolen from the state database.

Any South Carolina resident who has filed a tax return since 1998 may have had their social security number stolen in this attack, but the Department of Revenue said not all of that data has been stolen and that there are still some unaffected tax payers.

It took officials 10 days to stop the hackers access and another six days to announce to the public that the attack had happened. In addition to the 3.6 million social security numbers the hackers managed to obtain 387,000 credit and debit card numbers.

“The hacker made two attempts to enter the system in early September and obtained data in mid-September. The company blocked the attacker’s access to the server October 20th,” said Marshall Heilman, director of services of a private computer security firm.

One of the biggest issues with this breach is that the SSN’s were not encrypted which made stealing the numbers much easier.

The Revenue Department has responded to the attack by creating a toll-free phone line and a website for anyone who has or thinks their SSN has been stolen. The state is also providing one year of free credit monitoring for all South Carolina residents.

-Matt Regan
Human Trafficking is a term we don’t hear often, and if we do it is briefly in the media or in movies. The box office hit, “Taken” is a prime example of human trafficking in Europe, although it is a fictional movie the basis is real.

Coastal Carolina hosted a Human Trafficking Awareness event on Prince Lawn called, Stand For Something. The event took place on Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. There was free food, games, prizes and music. Along with many reasons to stand up for the cause.

“Overall the event was pretty successful,” said Zach DeRitis, a senior communication major. “We raised over $200 and everyone who came out had a good time and seemed to enjoy the method we used to spread awareness.”

According to the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking the majority of trafficking victims are between 18 and 24 years of age. There is an estimated 1.2 million children that are trafficked each year.

The term Human Trafficking refers to forced sexual exploitation as well as forced labor, it is a lucrative trade. In 2010 alone, the Federal Bureau of Investigation estimated human trafficking netted more than $31 billion.

Human traffickers visit the Grand Strand to find anonymity in the transient lifestyle of a tourist location, Myrtle Beach is a well known travel destination for families, students and business travelers. The Eastern Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking (ECCAHT) has its headquarters in Myrtle Beach, the ECCAHT is a network of activists united for one purpose- to put an end to a market in which the commodity is people.

“People were generally shocked and interested in the information, especially when we were able to compare the situation to the plot of the movie ‘Taken’,” DeRitis said. “They had no idea this kind of thing could happen here in South Carolina let alone the places most Coastal students go on the weekends, like Boathouse and Broadway.”

-Leah Barcellona
The musical group Imani Winds performed at Wheelwright Auditorium last Wednesday night, bringing the sounds of eastern Europe to Coastal’s campus.

The five members of Imani Winds took the stage and took their respective seats, each member dressed in black except the flutist Valerie Coleman, who wore a simple red dress.

They sat in a semi-circle at the front of the stage, starting with Coleman on the right. Next to her sat Toyin Spellman-Diaz on the oboe, followed by Monica Ellis on the bassoon, then Jeff Scott on the French horn and concluding with Mariam Adam on the clarinet.

They immediately poured into their music, beginning with Tzigane. The piece, typically played on the violin, was crafted by Coleman to be played by the quintet.

Imani Winds is now in their sixteenth season of touring. They have visited every state but Hawaii and they say they are constantly traveling.

After Tzigane, Adam introduced Wind Quintet, Op. 10 as a “drunken circus” from Pavel Haas, a Czech composer who met an early death during World War II in a concentration camp. Haas’s work was saved by a colleague. The composer was known as an young soul with deep and powerful emotions, both characteristics that could be heard in his work.

Wind Quintet was composed of four parts: Preludio, Preghiera, Ballo Eccentrico, and Epilogo. Preludio was a soft ease into Preghiera, a creeping, ominous piece that rose into soaring French horn notes and sounds obviously inspired by the Middle East.

Ballo Eccentrico followed, an upbeat playful piece that Adam accurately related to a “Cirque Du Soliel meets Cirque New York meets Bugs Bunny.” Epilogo was the perfect final chapter to this piece full of life and excitement.

For one of their final numbers Imani Winds performed The Rite of Spring. This Russian piece by Igor Stravinsky was written for a ballet and was intended to be preformed by an orchestra of 100. At The Rite of Spring’s premiere almost 100 years ago a riot broke out as the audience was angered by a ballet with such a lack of tradition.

The Imani Winds concert was fantastic and both a global and personal experience making it a performance that experts and those who know nothing about music could enjoy equally.

-Bobby Baldwin
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How does a creative writing class that includes kayaking trips down the Waccamaw River for inspiration sound? Or an anthropology class where you hunt for historic and prehistoric evidence of habitation in the South? What about a class trip to Charleston? Now what if I told you all of these classes were wrapped up in one minor?

Beginning Spring 2013, Coastal Carolina University will offer an interdisciplinary minor in Southern Studies.

Students will take courses that cover multiple disciplines, such as history (The New South), politics (Sustainable Development), Philosophy (Religions of the West African Diaspora) and English (Blue Ridge to Blue Sea: Culture of the American South) just to name a few.

"Coastal Carolina represents the ideal setting for a minor in Southern Studies," said Daniel Cross Turner, an assistant professor of twentieth-century American literature and an advisor for the new minor. "The minor features courses that reflect the region's deep and complex histories; from native culture, slavery supported plantations and the civil war to the civil rights movement and our current development and globalization."

Local and state institutions, such as the Waccamaw Center for Cultural and Historical Studies and The Horry County Oral History and Language Project, were recruited to produce events and programs. These include author visits and readings,
tours of area plantations and trips to cemeteries.

"The minor will help students view the South not in isolation, but in connection with other cultures and places," Turner said.

These goals coincide with "the need for students to draw connections between disciplines and diversify their learning experience."

The Southern Studies minor is interdisciplinary in scope and draws from a diversity of faculty, courses, centers and resources at Coastal. Students must fulfill 18 credit hours: one introductory 200 level course (3 credits), one upper-level special topics course (3 credit) and courses from at least 2 disciplines is required. The remaining 12 credit hours are electives.

For more information about the Southern Studies minor, contact Turner at dturner@coastal.edu.

-Russell Alston
Chants Earn First Playoff Victory

The Coastal Carolina Football team not only increased their impressive winning streak to six games, but they also got their first playoff victory in the first round of the FCS Playoffs Saturday against #22 Bethune Cookman in Daytona, Florida.

After a scoreless first quarter the Chants took complete control of the game and never let up.

Coastal put together a very impressive offensive drive that lasted from the middle of the first quarter to the early minutes of the second quarter. The Chants balanced offense took them all the way down to the Bethune Cookman 14 yard line where the Chants would find the end-zone on a 14 yard option toss from quarterback Aramis Hillary to running back Marcus Whitener.

The Chants defense kept Bethune Cookman scoreless the entire first half and remained stingy nearly all game long as they got to the quarterback multiple times and forced the Wildcats to go three and out on their next drive.

Once the Chants got the ball back, they picked up right where they left off and put together another impressive drive. A 20 yard pass from Hillary to Niccolo Mastromatteo, a short pass to running back Jeremy Height, and a 5 yard penalty on the Wildcats put Coastal right back in the red zone where Hillary found wide receiver Matt Hazel for a 3 yard touchdown pass.

Bethune Cookman struggled to get anything going on their next drive and the Chants continued with their smothering defense, forcing a Wildcats fumble.

Coastals offense was once again able to take advantage of the Wildcats lack of production and put together a scoring drive which began with a 24 yard pass from Hillary to Freshman Tight End Thomas Paucello.

Paucello suffered an ankle injury on the play and would not return for the rest of the game. Paucello was filling in for an injured David Duran, Coastal’s 2012 Preseason All American Tight End. An Alex Catron field goal would give the Chants a 17-0 lead at the end of the half.

While the third quarter was scoreless, the Chants defense seemed to come alive as Coastal’s stingy defense continued to smother the quarterback and stuff the running game.

That defensive success would carry over to the fourth quarter and turn in to points for Coastal when cornerback Johnnie Houston returned an interception 64 yards for a touchdown to give the Chants a 24-0 lead.

However, the Wildcats were not going to go down without a fight. A 74 yard Bethune Cookman touchdown pass and a converted 2 point conversion would cut the Chants lead to 16. The Wildcats would find the end zone once more, but the deficit was just too much to overcome and the Chants walked away with a 24-14 playoff victory.

The Chants will travel to Old Dominion in Virginia for their next playoff match on December 1.

-Kyle Jordan
Men's Basketball

Chants dominate Johnson & Wales but fall to Florida International

Senior point guard Anthony Raffa reached 1000 points in the Chants 96-40 win against Johnson & Wales last Tuesday night in the HTC Center.

Raffa would score 14 points in the first few minutes of the game and finish with 26 while Junior El Hadji Ndieguene added 16. Coastal dominated every aspect of the game from the early stages. Along with a steady offensive game, the Chants also showed up on the defensive end forcing the Wildcats to go 14-58 from the floor and forced 25 turnovers on their way to victory.

Again on Saturday Anthony Raffa led the way for the Chants as he racked up a career high 34 points against Florida International. Unfortunately his efforts weren't enough as FIU Forward Malik Smith scored 21 for the Panthers and led FIU to an 87-77 win over the Chants in the HTC Center.

The Chants are currently 2-3 early in the season and will head to Boston, Massachusetts to take on Boston University at 7:00pm Wednesday November 28, 2012.

-Kyle Jordan

Men's Soccer

Team reaches Sweet 16

On Sunday, Nov. 25th, Coastal Carolina men's soccer team took on Maryland in the third round of the NCAA Tournament after a second round victory against Wake Forest.

It took more than 90 minutes for the Chanticleer to walk away with a 2-1 win against Wake Forest on Nov. 18. Coastal outshot Wake Forest 18-16, while Chanticleer goal keeper Mark Petrus finished with six saves.

The Chanticleers got the win thanks to an equalizing goal by Justin Portillo in the 24th minutes and the game winning goal by Jakub Stourac in the 98th minute. Coastal's Sweet 16 appearance is their second all-time, joining the 2003 team. Coastal also matched the 2003 team's best record in program history with their 20th win.

-Kim Sherayko
Earning huge Big South honors

The Chanticleers weren’t done dominating their conference after capturing the Big South title last week.

On November 20th, linebacker Quinn Backus earned the 2012 Big South Defensive Player of the Year, while his first year head coach, Joe Moglia was named the 2012 Big South Football Coach of the Year. These honors were voted on by the league’s head coaches and selected media outlets.

This season Backus was a five-time Big South Defensive Player of the Week, in addition to a two-time National Defensive Player of the Week.

Backus set a Coastal Carolina record with 123 tackles through 11 games, he ranks 10th in the nation and second in the league with 11.2 tackles per game and he is 20th in the nation in forced fumbles. Backus also led the Big South with 69 stops.

In his first season as head coach, Moglia led the way to a share of the Big South Championship and an automatic berth to the NCAA Championship.

In spite of playing one of the nation’s most difficult non-conference schedule, Coastal finished the 2012 season with a 7-4 record.

During their season, the Chanticleers set a Big South record when they won five straight games by more than 20 points and a Coastal Carolina record by rushing for over 200 yards in six straight games.

In addition to Moglia and Backus, 14 other Chanticleers earned Big South Honors. On the offensive side of the ball quarterback Aramis Hillary, wide receiver Matt Hazel, and offensive lineman Pat Williams were named to the First Team All-Conference. While on the other side of the ball defensive linemen Johnny Hartsfield and Quinton Davis, linebacker Quinn Backus and defensive back Dontavais Johnson made the All-Conference team. Punt Returner Niccolò Mastromatteo made the First Team as well as the Big South All-Academic Team.

Running Back Jeremy Height, tight end David Duran, and offensive lineman Chad Hamilton earned Second Team All-Conference on offense, while linebacker Mike McClure earned a Second Team honor on defense.

-Kim Sherayko
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- Roll into a ball and place on the cookie sheet and bake for 14 minutes.

Daniel Cross Turner
Assistant Professor
Twentieth-Century American Literature

Where did you graduate?
Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University; M.A. from the University of South Carolina; B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College (Virginia)

What is your greatest extravagance??
Hats--fedoras, homburgs, panamas, outbacks, porkpies, visors. You name it, I wear it.

Who are your real life heroes?
My late father.

What word or phrase do you overuse?
"Southern," as in Coastal’s exciting new interdisciplinary minor in “Southern” Studies--ask me, and I’m happy to tell you all about this!

Who are your favorite writers?
"The Englishman" (a.k.a. William Shakespeare)...and then the Southerners: William Faulkner, Flannery O’Connor, Tennessee Williams, Cormac McCarthy. And the great Southern poets: Charles Wright, Yusef Komunyakaa, and Natasha Trethewey. CCU creative writers Dan Albergotti and Jason Ockert are awfully good too.

What is your favorite food?
Hash and eggs, grits and biscuits.

-Interview by Leah Barcellona
**THIS WEEK’S Top 5**

**Worst Roommates**

1. **The Slob:** The Slob is the most common horrible roommate; messes on the counter, sink full of dishes and clumps of hair in the shower. No matter how many times you ask they will still not clean up after themselves. There is no way to fix a slob. You may want to consider relocating.

2. **The Sex-Fiend:** What’s that sound? Oh, that’s just your roommate getting freaky at two in the afternoon. You may want to invest in some ear buds and just try not to make eye contact with the naked guy using your bathroom in the morning.

3. **The Party Animal:** Oh, you have a test tomorrow? Well, it’s Tipsy Tuesday. The Party Animal typically sleeps from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and only wakes up for snack breaks until it is time to start drinking. Hope you like the library because you’ll be spending a lot of time there.

4. **The Drug Dealer:** It is always nice for your mother to be able to smell something wreak whenever she’s visiting and your apartment seems really safe when you have to tell her you don’t know the three questionable men sitting on the couch.

5. **The Ghost:** Living with the Ghost can be a good or bad thing. They’re quiet, lives off ramen noodle cups and soda, and would rather read a book in their room than watch television. So what’s the bad thing? They may or may not chant dead languages in her sleep.

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**Music Review**

**“The Lumineers” by The Lumineers**

“The Lumineers,” the self-titled debut from the Denver based trio’s album is 11 tracks of instrument driven, sing-along music. “Submarines” starts off with a simple piano chord backing lead singer Wesley Schultz, accentuated by the occasional drum. Schultz eventually kicks into gear on the poignant song, however, when the percussion comes pounding in. The single “Ho Hey” is an active chant-along love song, highlighted by shouts of “ho,” “hey,” along with foot stomps and hand claps. A plucking guitar riff from Schultz and assistance from band member Neyla Pekarek on a mandolin add to the tracks appeal. “Stubborn Love” is another standout. To truly appreciate this song, as well as the band, check out the impromptu performance they gave on an old bus behind a bar in Portland, Ore. Jeremiah Fraites shows why the tambourine is a real instrument and Pekarek plays violin. Everybody helps Schultz on vocal duties. The entire album streams for free on the band’s official website, so give it a listen without spending a dime.

-Russell Alston

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**Netflix Pix**

**Act of Valor (2012)**

A team of navy SEALs go on a mission to rescue a Kidnapped CIA agent from a terrorist organization. This movie is filled with action packed scenes from beginning to end that are sure to keep you on the edge of your seat throughout the entire film. Active duty SEALs play the lead roles based on real life events from their service.

-Bobby Baldwin

**Killer Elite (2011)**

In this remake of the 1975 Killer Elite Jason Statham plays an assassin that is forced out of retirement to kill various people in order to save a captured assassin that he worked with.

It’s your typical action thriller with huge explosions and bad guys getting killed but it is still suspenseful and exciting to watch.

-Matt Regan
Students have returned back to campus after a week long Thanksgiving break and with demanding classes resuming, weekend activities are always highly anticipated at Coastal. This weekend offers a variety of events that can peak anyone’s interest.

Rapper 2 Chainz will be performing at the House of Blues in North Myrtle Beach on Friday, November 30th beginning at 9:30 p.m. General admission standing tickets are $25 in advance and $27 the day of the show. For more information about the concert, contact the House of Blues at 843-272-3000.

The Myrtle Beach Holiday Parade, the city’s only parade, will be held at Broadway at the Beach on Saturday, December 1st beginning at 11:30 a.m. to kick off the 2012 holiday season. Local businesses, non profit organizations, civic organizations, beauty queens/princesses, political candidates, marching bands, military groups and many others will all be participating. For more information about the parade, contact Broadway at the Beach at 1-800-386-4662.

The Palmetto State Rollergirls will be hosting Deck the Dolls, their second annual family friendly roller derby invitational, at Dreamland Skating Arena in Conway on Saturday, December 1st beginning at 6 p.m. Deck the Dolls will consist of a 40 minute fresh meat bout and a full hour veteran’s bout. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the North Myrtle Beach Humane Society. Get in the holiday spirit and bring your friends to this exciting event. Tickets are $10 at the door and discount tickets can be purchased for $8 in advance at www.palmettostaterollergirls.com.

-Demarcus McDowell

WHAT'S THE WORD

What are some of the best money saving tips to follow during the holiday season?

London Gardner
“Waiting until the wanted items go on sale and are affordable.”

Zach Grant
“Don’t buy name brand things, and go to outlet stores.”

Jack Frost
“Don’t have any friends so you don’t waste money on them.”

Tyler “Waldo” Lykins
“Be a frugal shopper. Don’t compulsively buy things like the crazy lady who did, because she got trampled.”
Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Establish an agenda and do your best to adhere to it. Unless you put some kind of plan together, you could get into trouble when trying to cut corners.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- While in your presence, a couple of friends might put down an absent friend. Under no circumstances should you contribute to the bash-fest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Details could be of unusual importance when it comes to your big objectives. A failure to read the fine print and double-check everything could deprive you of the success you usually enjoy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- There are very few things that would invite as many complications as would you being a copycat. Methods that worked well for another might cause you big trouble and damage your reputation to boot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Guard against temptation to spend money on something that has previously proven to be wasteful. Don’t be misled twice -- you can’t afford it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Although you might feel impelled to make a difficult decision, don’t do so impulsively. Take plenty of time to study the matter first, weighing all of your alternatives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- A poor attitude will work to your detriment if you’re not careful. You could easily make a problematical assignment even more difficult than it already is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Be extremely careful not to come on too strong in your business and personal matters. Even if your input is well intended, your associates might feel you’re trying to dominate them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Your respect for authority figures could appear to be nonexistent if you’re not careful. Be as diplomatic as possible when dealing with persons who have a lot of clout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If someone should ask you to deliver a message, take precautions and write it down. Your memory might not be up to it’s usual strength, and you may lose something in translation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don’t trust important instructions to your memory. Your recall might not be as flawless as you think, and if not, you could land in a lot of trouble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Cooperativeness is always important, but it’s especially essential in your current one-on-one relationships. If you lack the ability to work well with others, it could cause needless problems.

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