

Happy Holidays

Giving on a Budget

For the music lover

Vinyl is a great gift, granted the person owns a turntable. Whether it is a used or new, you should be able to find a record in all genres of music both new and old.

Where to find a good price around here?

Positively 4th Street – 411 Lincoln Ave. Charleston

This shop has everything from new and used vinyl records and even new and used CDs. Some records in great condition are priced under \$2, while newer records can cost up to \$30.

Sound Bank- 100 N. Main St. Tuscola

This record store is located on the second floor of The Vault Arts Collective and offers a wide range of genres. The records are hand-cleaned, and the quality and condition is also rated. A majority of the records are priced between \$3-\$20. Rare records and records in exceptional condition are priced higher.

For the book worm

Books can get expensive, so buying a used book in good condition can be just as good.

Where to find a good price around here?

Bob’s Bookstore- 601 Monroe Ave. Charleston
Pensees Bookshop- 501 Sixth St. Charleston

Both bookstores have a wide variety of genres and titles. Their collection of book prices range from \$1-\$20 depending on the condition, title, author and whether the pressing is a hardcover or paperback.

Midgard Comics- 102 W. Lincoln Ave. Charleston

This is a small comic shop that has a large collection of recent issues of popular comic series in publishers such as DC Comics, Marvel Comics and Dark Horse Comics. They also have a large collection of back issues of recent and past series. Most of the new issues are full price, while back issue and past series are discounted.

For the artist

Nothing says you put time into a gift more than a homemade present. Do-it-yourself gifts are easy, fun, and fairly inexpensive. Some of the best gifts are made from odd and quirky items found at thrift stores.

Where to find a good price around here?

Goodwill- 562 W. Lincoln Ave. Charleston

This second-hand store is a great place to find unusual items that could be turned into art or a craft. They have everything from used clothing, furniture, electronics and tiny trinkets. Prices vary for every item and what condition they are in.

Calliope Court- 706 Jackson Ave. Charleston

Vintage clothing, antiques and jewelry can all be found in this little shop in Downtown Charleston. It also has other gifts like candles, artwork and pottery. Prices range for \$5-\$50.

Syria advances despite cease-fire offer

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria’s government ignored a rebel cease-fire proposal for Aleppo on Wednesday as its forces captured new neighborhoods around the city center and squeezed some 200,000 tired and frightened civilians into a shattered and rapidly shrinking opposition enclave.

Facing a punishing and brutal defeat, rebel factions proposed a five-day cease-fire for the eastern parts of the city to evacuate the wounded and civilians wishing to flee.

Government officials had not directly addressed the rebel proposal by the evening.

The Syrian government and its ally Russia have rejected previous cease-fires for the war-torn city, keeping up the military offensive that has forced rebel retreats and displaced at least 30,000 civilians in the past 11 days, according to U.N. figures.

The rebels made no offer to pull out of Aleppo, though their proposal promised to negotiate the fate of the city when the humanitarian crisis eases.

Government forces and regional militias fighting alongside them, meanwhile, captured new ground in Aleppo’s old city and its Bab al-Nai-rab district, home to one of the city’s main water stations, according to monitoring groups and state media.

The rebels continued their shelling of the western government-held districts of the city. Syria’s state news agency reported that 12 people were killed by mortar and rocket fire landing in western Aleppo.

With the latest gains, the endgame for Aleppo, which has been carved up between the government and the rebel side for the past four years, appears to draw even closer. If Aleppo — the country’s former commercial hub — is captured by government troops, it would be a turning point in the conflict, putting the five largest cities in Syria and the coastal region back under state control.

The Syrian government has been demanding the complete evacuation of all rebels from eastern Aleppo, but locals involved in the negotiations with the rebel factions said this has not been seriously considered.

Leaders of the U.S., Britain, Germany, Italy, France, and Canada also called for an immediate cease-fire for the city to allow the U.N. to deliver aid to the remaining besieged opposition districts.

They called on the U.N. to investigate reports of war crimes and accused Russia of blocking efforts to halt the bloodshed.

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CRM 3650 will cover classical and contemporary criminological theories that explain why and how individuals commit criminal acts, according to the course proposal.

It will also use theory to examine the nature of the crime as well as the location and impact and the historical foundation of crime.

According to the rationale, “it is necessary to have a specific theory

class to ensure students have a working knowledge and appreciation of various explanations of criminal and deviant behavior.”

The course is an upper-division theory course that requires students to “critically evaluate classic and contemporary theoretical works in deviance and criminology.”

As for CRM 4700, the course will dive into contemporary topics in criminology and criminal justice while “providing opportunities for the integration and synthesis of theory, research and concepts learned in the

major,” the proposal read.

The course is being created as a capstone for the major and built on the foundational knowledge from the major core by analyzing topics in the field.

“This course will serve as a culminating experience for criminology and criminal justice majors to apply their knowledge of criminological theory and research to evaluate current policies, practices, and controversies that exist within the field of criminology and criminal justice,” according to the rationale.

The CAA will also vote on course revisions for CHM 3450, Biochemistry I; KSS 4340, Exercise Physiology; and EIU 4123G, Social Movements, Crowds and Violence.

All these courses have a technology-driven designation.

The chemistry department is also asking for its name to be changed to the chemistry and biochemistry department.

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