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Unpopular Congress to leave Hill

By **DAVID LIGHTMAN AND WILLIAM DOUGLAS**
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

WASHINGTON - The most disliked, unproductive Congress in decades planned to leave Washington this week until after the November election, departing without agreements on virtually every big issue it deals with: taxes, defense, spending, farms, even post office policy.

Lawmakers spent Thursday pointing fingers and charging opponents with cynical political posturing. Among Congress' last decisions was a characteristic 2012 judgment: Punt action until later. It will let the farm bill, a broad measure that sets the nation's agriculture and food and nutrition assistance policies, expire Sept. 30.

Congress also exits without any serious effort to edge away from the "fiscal cliff," the prospect of economy-damaging budget chaos if it doesn't act by year's end. Bush-era tax cuts are due to expire, and automatic spending cuts will take effect unless alternatives are passed.

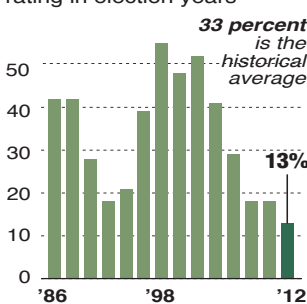
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ELECTION 2012

How low can they go?

The approval rating of the U.S. Congress in 2012 could be the lowest ever in an election year; the trend:

• Congressional job approval rating in election years



When there has been a high turnover of seats

• Low job approval in months leading up to Election Day

• Election is after redistricting of all 435 seats following the Census; 1992, 100 new members elected; in 2002, 53

Source: Gallup poll of 1,017 adults, Sept. 6-9, 2012; margin of error: +/-4 percentage points
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Walnuts help reduce breast cancer risk

By **LAKIN TURNER**
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Research at Marshall University indicates that the risk of breast cancer may decrease tremendously when a daily diet includes walnuts.

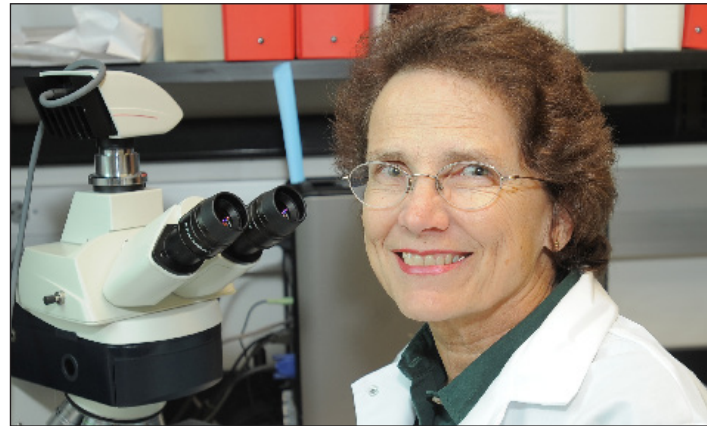
Last year, Elaine Hardman, professor of biochemistry and microbiology of Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, conducted a study on walnuts' effects on cancer.

The CEO of the California Walnut Council wanted science based research on the effects, and the

American Institute for Cancer Research recommended Hardman.

The study, which lasted about a year and a half, showed that the group of mice whose diet included walnuts throughout their lifespan, developed breast cancer at less than half the rate of the group without walnuts in their diet.

Hardman said the reduction in rates is significant, especially since the mice were genetically programmed to develop cancer at a high rate.



Elaine Hardman, professor biochemistry and microbiology at Marshall University, is show in this March 2011 file photo. Hardman has conducted research on walnuts' effects on breast cancer.

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The amount of walnuts given to the mice was the equivalent to two ounces a day for a human.

Hardman said the results demonstrate how important a healthy diet is.

"What we put into our

bodies has a significant effect on our health," Hardman said. Hardman also recommends a consistent consumption of fish. Coldwater fish, including

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Birke Art Gallery to showcase Marshall alumna's work

By **SARAH SMITH**
THE PARTHENON

The Birke Art Gallery, located on the first floor of Smith Hall, will feature artwork by Rebecca Gilbert in an exhibition titled "Treasure: Dirt and Stars" starting Monday, Sept. 24, and running to Oct. 12.

Gilbert, a Philadelphia-based printmaker and Marshall University graduate, will attend the opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery.

Gilbert will also give a public presentation at 7 p.m. in Smith Hall, room 154. Light refreshments will be served.

"My presentation will elaborate on my use of imagery, process of developing ideas and creating art,

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COURTESY OF CARRIE QUINNEY

ABOVE, BELOW: Rebecca Gilbert's "Raised Bed Fortune Patch" will be one of the artist's pieces showcased at the exhibition "Treasure: Dirt and Stars" at the Birke Art Gallery from Sept. 24 through Oct. 12.

Security program to hire students

By **MARCUS CONSTANTINO**
THE PARTHENON

A new student-driven night security program in Marshall University's residence halls will create about 50 on-campus jobs by the fall 2013 semester, said student security coordinator Trey Baisden.

Applications are now being accepted for the new security positions. Baisden said night security shifts will run from midnight to 8 a.m., and wages will start at \$8 per hour.

At Security, LLC, a private security firm based in Barboursville, is currently contracted to provide overnight security for the residence halls. Baisden said contracted security officers will hopefully be fully replaced by student security by the beginning of the fall 2013 semester.

Baisden said the change will save the Department of Housing and Residence Life some money, and will give students a unique job opportunity.

"When we started looking at our program as a whole, we looked at other universities that are similar sized to us and some of the things that they did, and a lot of them used students throughout the night," Baisden said. "So we thought it would be a good idea to use students here."

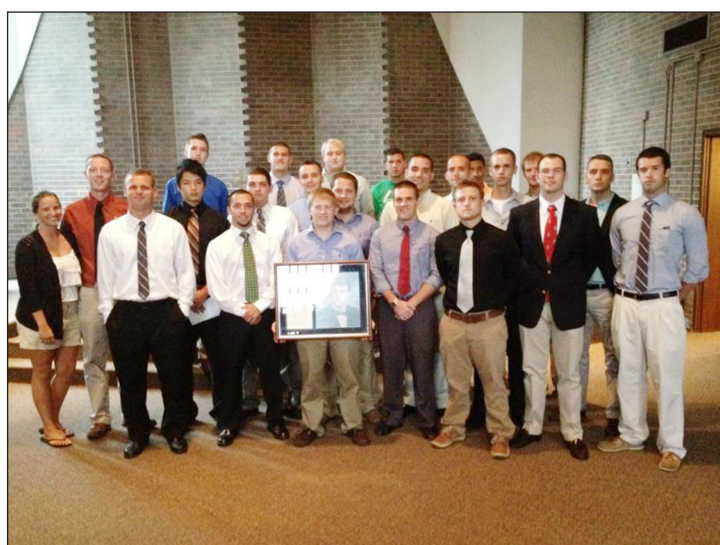
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John Legend speaks, performs at Keith Albee

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The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity sponsored a memorial service on Sept. 13 for Paul Armstrong. Armstrong was a brother in the ATO fraternity before dying of a heart attack in 1992.

ATO Fraternity honors legacy of fellow brother

By JOSHUA PRINCE
THE PARTHENON

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Theta Omicron chapter, is remembering the 20th anniversary of the death of one of their brothers.

Paul Armstrong came to Marshall in August of 1992. Shortly after receiving an early bid to the pledge class from Alpha Tau Omega, he died of a heart attack in his room on Sept. 13, 1992. The following is from a letter his family sent to Theta Omicron.

“Paul was never happier in his life than when attending Marshall and being associated with the brothers of ATO,” the Armstrong family said. “He called us at 2:30 a.m. one morning elated and thrilled at being extended a early bid as a pledge.”

Armstrong had a previously undiagnosed heart condition when he came to college. He died less than two weeks after receiving his bid. Armstrong was posthumously initiated into Alpha Tau Omega with his pledge class.

Sam Worthy, president of ATO, said none of the current brothers knew Armstrong, but they have been able to learn about him by talking to alumni and his parents.

ATO

“He had this infectious energy and smile when he would walk into a room,” Worthy said. “He was a leader, he knew what he wanted and how to achieve it, not only that but he knew how to include others in his goal and help give them ownership of it as well.”

Armstrong’s parents knowing how much Alpha Tau Omega meant to their son, created the Paul Armstrong Outstanding New Member Award. Each year they give a scholarship to one pledge from the past spring and fall pledge classes. This award is presented at the Spring Formal.

“We go forth from here remembering the life and values lived by Paul and embodied in our creed,” Zane McDonald, chaplain of fraternity, said. “May we remember and live the sacred values and traditions of our brotherhood.”

The chapter held a private memorial service at the Campus Christian Center for Armstrong on the 20th anniversary of his death, Sept. 13.

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Thomas Wilson, associate professor of physics at Marshall University, is shown with a laser he developed to serve as a diagnostic tool for studying the erosion of rocket parts exposed to ion exhaust in this April 4 file photo. Wilson, and several colleges, are working to be able to test the laser at a NASA facility in Cleveland and Edwards Air Force Base, California.

MU professor receives NASA grant to further research

By ELIZABETH STEWART
THE PARTHENON

Thomas Wilson, professor of physics and physical sciences at Marshall University has received several grants to further his research into developing a diagnostic tool for studying the erosion of rocket parts exposed to ion exhaust.

NASA, the United States Air Force and the National Science Foundation have all dedicated funding to further the research of Wilson and his colleagues.

“I have been working on making this project for 10 years, so I’m just happy to have the funding,” Wilson said.

Wilson will be working with Iain Boyd, professor of aeronautic engineering at the University of Michigan; Michael Oehme and Jorg Schulze of the German University of Stuttgart; Pawel Koblinski, professor of

material sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Pulickel Ajayan, professor of material sciences at Rice University.

“I need their assistance to reach the goals of the study,” Wilson said.

The goal of the research is to use the unique laser source Wilson has developed to excite high frequency acoustic vibrations known as phonons to sense defects in crystals.

“The research proposal is to send one terahertz of the phonons through the same material as are used in ion propulsion rockets and quantify the amount of erosion from their exposure to ion exhaust,” Wilson said.

This would be a new diagnostic tool for this erosion process that will take less time and money than the current method. The current method of diagnosing the erosion rate is very

time-consuming. Wilson said in order to perform the test, scientists have to turn the ion propulsion rockets on for months as they try to measure the thinning of the walls, but it’s not very precise and is very expensive.

“With the method I am working on, we might be able to accomplish measurements and predictions of erosion rates in just a matter of minutes of exposure,” Wilson said.

It is important to be able to predict the rate of erosion of ion propulsion rocket walls because their main application is deep-space travel. Wilson said it could take up to 10 years for the rocket to reach its destination.

“They don’t want these rockets to get 99 percent of the way to their destination and start malfunctioning,” Wilson said.

Wilson said this research,

while important, is high risk. The high frequency of phonons Wilson is attempting to create has never been attempted before. There is also the risk associated with the worldwide shortage of liquid helium needed to conduct the experiments. This, along with the coordination and logistics of working with professors from around the world makes this research even more challenging.

“I have already demonstrated that I can produce a one-fourth terahertz wave using the one terahertz laser that I have developed,” Wilson said.

When the research is ready to be used at full force, Wilson will head out to the NASA facility in Cleveland and Edwards Air Force Base in California to test his laser.

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16 Amish convicted in Ohio hate crimes

By MICHAEL MUSKAL
LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA MCT

LOS ANGELES - Sixteen members of a schismatic Amish group were convicted Thursday of federal hate crimes in connection with a series of attacks that included cutting the beards and hair of their co-religionists.

A Cleveland jury of seven men and five women deliberated for four days before convicting Samuel Mullet Sr., 66, of orchestrating at least five attacks in 2011 on other Amish, a pacifist religion whose members are noted for their plain dress and their reluctance to embrace modern technology.

Four of Mullet’s children were among those convicted of carrying out the attacks ordered by their father. All face prison terms of 10 years or more on charges that also included conspiracy, evidence tampering and obstruction of justice. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 24, prosecutors said.

The defendants were known

as the Bergholz Amish, a group of about 20 families who lived on an 880-acre farm in Bergholz, in Ohio’s Jefferson County, about 100 miles southeast of Cleveland. Mullet, the charismatic leader of the group, ordered the cutting of men’s beards and women’s hair as punishments designed to force others into more traditional ways, according to prosecutors.

Beards and long hair are considered symbols of the Amish devotion to God, a key criterion that elevated the cuttings from simple assaults to hate crimes. Thursday’s convictions were the first in Ohio under a 2009 law that expanded the federal government’s ability to prosecute hate crimes, according to officials.

At a televised news conference after the verdict was returned, officials said the case was an important application of anti-hate laws and rejected claims that Mullet and his followers had been singled out for their religious beliefs.

Travel restrictions limit study abroad options

By DIVYA KUMAR
THE ORACLE, U. SOUTH FLORIDA VIA UWIRE

As violent demonstrations erupted across the Middle East, security risks escalated and the U.S. Department of State issued travel warnings and alerts to several countries in the region.

Though there are no U. South Florida students studying abroad in the Middle East this semester, USF’s Education Abroad office is monitoring security threats around the world.

Michael Poehlitz, International Risk and Safety Analyst, who came to USF this summer after 26 years in the Department of State, said USF takes several factors into account when deciding whether to approve students’ study abroad travel plans.

“We assess every area on a couple of different categories,” he said. “The likelihood of terrorism, past events, incidents of crime, and then we distinguish between violent crime and nonviolent crime. Then we look at civil unrest — what you’re seeing now in the Middle East.”

After the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi last week, violence spread to countries including Sudan, Yemen



and Tunisia — all countries that now have travel warnings.

But recently, few USF students have expressed interest in studying abroad in the Middle East region. Less than 1 percent of the 992 students who studied abroad last year went to the Middle East, according to Education Abroad’s annual report.

In recent years, some students in the school of dance have traveled to Tunisia as part of a one- to two- week performance experience. But none are there now and they don’t intend to return for a while, Marc Powers, director

of the School of Theatre and Dance, said.

“In all cases, the safety of the students and faculty are a major concern, and given the current situation in Northern Africa and the Middle East, it is unlikely that we will be making arrangements to perform in any of those countries in the immediate future,” he said. “We obviously would not send a group to a country that has been put on restriction by USF. At this time, our current projects and planning focus on Europe, China and Latin America.”

Poehlitz said he does not see travel restrictions easing in the near future in many Middle Eastern countries. Part of the reason his job was created, he said, was to find more countries to which students could safely travel.

“We simply would not want to put students in a situation that was risky,” he said. “The university incurs a little bit of liability if they send a student into an area and something happens, and they take that responsibility very seriously. (Libya, Sudan and Yemen) are all great places to go visit, but not right now.”

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Herd opens up Conference play

By WILL VANCE
THE PARTHENON

Playing in the state of Texas has not gone well for the Herd. This weekend, however, Marshall looks primed to win one in the Lone Star State this Saturday as it travels to Houston to play Rice University.

The Herd will take on the Owls at Rice Stadium, the largest on-campus stadium in C-USA despite the school's small enrollment of about 6,000 students. In the three game series between the two schools, Marshall leads 2-1, with the home team coming away with the win every time. Last season, the Herd played the Owls in Joan C. Edwards Stadium, where it took 3.5 sacks from then starting quarterback A.J. Graham to subdue the Owls 24-20. Though Graham has since left the team, there are none of the question marks surrounding the Marshall quarterback position that hung over the team this time last season.

Cato, a true sophomore who split starts with Graham last season, has been one of the top quarterbacks in the nation this season. The Miami native has tapped into the energy of Marshall quarterbacks of old, throwing the ball all over the field to the tune of 1,222 passing yards, the most in the NCAA this season. Cato has also thrown eight touchdown passes against only two interceptions, a clear sign of growing maturity after he compiled a 15 TD/11 interception season in his freshman campaign. However, Cato's gun-slinging has only translated to one win in the first three games.

After a 413-yard, two-touchdown performance against the West Virginia Mountaineers opening weekend, Cato said Marshall offensive coordinator Bill Legg had "unleashed" him and the offense.



The defensive unit for Marshall University's football team gathers around the defensive coaches after a timeout was called in Saturday's game against the Ohio Bobcats.

Cato's success has been facilitated by a deep receiving corps. Sixteen different receivers have caught passes, including 24 catches and 247 yards a piece for senior Aaron Dobson and sophomore Tommy Shuler. The running game, however, has suffered. The Herd is averaging only 125.3 yards per game on the ground, including a disappointing 59 yards in a close loss to the Ohio Bobcats. Whether the ground game has been diminished as a result of Cato's success or Cato has had to make up for lack of production on the ground has

become a topic of great discussion among Herd fans.

Rice will try to check Marshall's Cato with their own quarterback, redshirt junior Taylor McHargue. Much like Cato, McHargue had to split time with another quarterback last season, Nick Fanuzzi. Also like Cato, McHargue's competition at signal caller is no longer on the team, allowing the Ceder Park, Texas native to become a team leader. So far this season, McHargue has completed a shade fewer than 62 percent of his passes for 619 yards and four

touchdowns against two interceptions. McHargue has also shown his ability as a dual-threat, racking up 206 yards and four more touchdowns on the ground.

Defensively, however, the Owls have struggled. Through three games the Owls own the 119th ranking against the run (out of 120 football bowl sub-division teams), as well as the 109th ranked defense against the pass. Opposing running backs have been able to gash the

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Thundering Herd
VS.
Lone Star State

It is well documented that the Herd does not have much success in the state of Texas to the tune of 0-8. This fact has not helped the Herd in Conference USA, which features four teams from the Lone Star State. Seven of the Herd's eight losses in Texas have come at the hands of Houston, Rice, SMU and UTEP in conference play.

The Herd's first loss in the state of Texas came in the 2004 Fort Worth Bowl against the Cincinnati Bearcats in the farewell game of longtime head coach Bobby Pruitt, who resigned unexpectedly the following spring.

The bright side of this troubling statistic is that the record is reversed when Texas schools travel to Huntington. The Herd is 8-0 at home against schools from Texas, starting with a non-conference win over North Texas in 1988 (when the Herd was still a 1-AA school) and victories over Houston once and Rice, SMU and UTEP twice. This season the Thundering Herd will only play once in Texas when they travel to Rice this weekend. Marshall will also only play one Texas school at home when the Herd plays host the Houston Cougars Nov. 17.

Men's soccer still undefeated

By KARA KUCIN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Men's soccer team remains undefeated after their win over Radford University bringing their record to 6-0-1.

The Herd is off to a great start with eight freshmen who are quickly adapting because of the help of the upperclassmen.

Travis Brent, a junior and Virginia Beach native, said it is one of his duties to help mentor the younger guys about the game of soccer.

"With all the experience I've gained it's easy for me to give game advice and help calm their nerves," Brent said.

Senior Devin Perkins said the Herd has been working extremely hard and every player has been giving 100 percent whether it is in practice or in regular season games.

"We have a great work ethic this year, especially the new players and we have been working harder than ever," Perkins said.

The Herd has been on the road for the last six games. Their most recent win was over Radford, as they defeated the Highlanders 1-0 in overtime.

Brent said it is difficult to win on the road, but at the same time it is gratifying.

"It's much harder to win on the road than at home. However, they do have their rewards," Brent said. "Winning on the road, especially in college, gives us satisfaction and lets us know that we are doing the right things."

With all of these wins on the road, the Herd is feeling pretty good about their team.

"Our confidence is sky high right now," Perkins said. "We are not cocky or unbeatable, but we definitely think that we are a force to be reckoned with." "Every game we go into we have the utmost confidence that we have the ability to take every game no matter who we play."

The Herd hopes to improve their record to 7-0-1 after their match up against the University of Memphis Tigers. The Herd is

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> Devin Perkins

scheduled to play the Tigers in Memphis, Tenn., on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The next home game is Oct. 3 against Asbury, and the players are hoping for a big turnout.

"Home games gives us a sense of pride in playing for

our school and the people watching," Brent said. "It's a great feeling when there is a huge crowd rooting for you. It makes you play that much harder."

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Devin Perkins chases down the ball in a 2-1 double-overtime Marshall victory against the University of Tulsa on Oct. 30, 2011. The game was the last one to be played at Sam Hood Field. Perkins scored both goals for Marshall University.

MU women's soccer begins C-USA play with a pair of home games

By WILL VANCE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's women's soccer will play the Colorado College Tigers on Friday in the Conference USA opener for both teams. The home stand will continue Sunday with a game against the UTEP Miners.

The Herd is coming off of a 2-0 win against the Akron Zips. "We stepped on the field with the proper level of urgency," said Head Coach Kevin Long. "We played to win every battle across the field and it showed."

Freshman Kelly Culicerto scored her second goal in as many games, tying her for the team lead.

Colorado College enters Friday's game on a four game winning streak and a 5-1-3 record overall. The Tigers also have Madison Whitehead, the reigning C-USA offensive player of the week, who has scored four goals over the winning streak.

"We know they are going to be athletic, they're going to have some speed and they're going to know how to play," Long said.

The Tigers dominate the series with the Herd 5-1. Marshall's lone win was in 2010.

On Sunday, the UTEP Miners give the Herd their second C-USA test. The Miners own a three game winning streak and have also won six of the past seven. The Herd will have to contain the potent Miners offense, which has four players with three goals or more.

Marshall players are excited for the beginning of conference play.

"It's great, it's completely different," said senior forward Annabelle Bramwell. "For some of the freshmen it'll be a new experience."

The Herd is 2-0 at home this season, wherever home may be. Friday's game against the Rams will be played at 7 p.m. at Cabell Midland High School in Ona, W.Va. and Sunday's game against the Miners will be played at 1 p.m. at Hurricane High School in Hurricane, W.Va.

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ONLINE POLLS

Which social network do you prefer?

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- Twitter
- Tumblr
- MySpace

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: What new television show are you looking forward to the most?

- The Last Resort 15% - 4 votes
- Elementary 22% - 6 votes
- The Mindy Project 0% - 0 votes
- Revolution 22% - 6 votes
- Other 41% 11 votes

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Editorial

Innovative "No Place Like Home" shoes not the first of their kind

In case you haven't heard, Dorothy's ruby red slippers have been reincarnated. After being commissioned by Global Footprint project to create a unique pair of shoes, designer Dominic Wilcox found inspiration in the iconic slippers. His latest kicks are a tasteful men's dress shoe in a muted blue leather with red detailing and, oh yeah, a GPS system.

The GPS system in the shoes can be programmed with the wearer's home address. And guess what—upon clicking the shoe's heels together, the system is activated to navigate the person to their home, anywhere in the world. LED lights on the shoe point its wearer in the direction of their destination. A serviceable prototype of the shoes, aptly named "No Place Like Home," was recently completed and has been getting significant media coverage.

The shoes should come in handy for all of the cosmopolitan

young men who find themselves a bit turned around after a night on the town. These shoes are certainly a novelty, but couldn't GPS-powered shoes be helpful?

Well, in case you haven't heard, engineer Isaac Daniel and his firm, Isaac Daniel, LLC, served as the brains behind a pair of GPS sneakers, which were released over five years ago. The sneakers, with a similar GPS tracking system of the stylish "No Place Like Home" shoes have been shuffling around on the feet of young children and Alzheimer's patients since 2007.

Daniel decided to create the sneaker after his child went missing from school. He thought that the shoe would have great potential to help a wide range of people.

But let's be honest, the ruby red slipper concept is much cooler. Who wants to talk about a sneaker that helps to locate missing loved ones, young and old?

Column

Social issues should not decide presidential election

By **HENRY CULVYHOUSE**
COLUMNIST

In any high stakes election season, both sides will invariably use diversionary issues to gain a vote. Although the main concern of the American people this season is unemployment, foreclosures and the overall health (or lack thereof) of the economy, both Romney and Obama will no doubt turn to social issues in an attempt to swing the vote. They will heat up the abortion stew, sauté the gun control potatoes and fry up the affirmative action hash browns. Predictably, a portion of the electorate will fall for this age-old trick, sacrificing their economic interests for the sake of ideological coherency. But if there is one issue they will cook up it, it's gay marriage.

And quiet frankly, I don't think that's an electoral issue. As a matter of fact, it shouldn't be an issue at all.

I've pondered the political pipe bomb known as gay marriage for a long time. The advocating side of the argument claims it extends full legal rights to gay couples, allowing them to live their lives as full U.S. citizens. The other side claims it is an affront to the concept of marriage, completely usurping the concept of a bond between one man and one woman. I have no dog in this fight. Personally, I believe if two men or women want to marry, then let them. It does not bother me one bit. But all this is beside the point. Gay marriage is an issue that should not be decided in the executive or legislative branch. It's strictly for the courts.

Under Article Four, Section One of the U.S. Constitution, "Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records and judicial Proceedings of every other State." Plainly speaking, a contract written in one state will be honored in the remaining 49 states.

For example, let's say you have a W.Va. license plate on your car. If you cross the bridge over to Kentucky, your W.Va. license plate is just as acceptable as a Kentucky license plate. You're not pulled over in the state of Kentucky because you failed to put a Bluegrass State tag on your ride.

So in regards to marriage, that too is a legal contract. It is conducted by a justice of the peace, and put into the public record. If a couple wants to divorce, then they must go to court to divide up the property. Finally, if you are a heterosexual couple, no matter where in the United States you are wedded (as long as it is to one partner) then your marriage is recognized in the other 49 states.

So Constitutionally speaking, if a gay couple is wedded in Massachusetts, then the other 49 should recognize the marriage. Notice, I am not advocating all the states allow gay marriage to be conduct. That's a choice for that state. However, every state needs to provide the full range of legal rights and duties to gay couples the same as straight couples, not for the sake of liberal values, but for the sake of Constitutionality. After all, don't conservatives claim to be pro-Constitution?

The point I'm trying to make here is simple: don't let gay marriage swing your vote, whichever way that might be. It is an issue that should be brought to the courts, not the voting booth.

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BLUNDERGRADS



Column

Google makes right decision, saves freedom of expression

By **TYLER MCCARTHY**
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As violence continues to spread throughout the Arab and Muslim world over an inflammatory YouTube video, Google Inc., the site's parent company, has been scrambling to try and determine its role in advancing the violence or subduing it.

The video in question is entitled "The Innocence of Muslims," produced by Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, a 55-year-old Egyptian Coptic Christian living in Southern California. The film has outraged many in the Middle East for its image of the prophet Muhammad as a fraud and the Muslim people as being inherently immoral and violent. The resulting backlash in the Middle East has caused a great deal of anti-American protest that included the death of the American ambassador and three others at the U.S. embassy in Libya. As a result of the violence, Google has "temporarily restricted access" of the video in Libya and Egypt.

Because of this decision, the company has been taking criticism from people who are calling the act of

restricting the video censorship brought on out of fear of violence. However, this is a bit of an extreme accusation. While it's true that censoring a video that doesn't violate any country's local laws or violates YouTube's terms of service is unprecedented, it is hard to argue with the decision to take down the video in places where it is costing innocent lives. While Google is catching heat for temporarily removing the videos in these two countries, people are overlooking the decision that they made to reject a plea from the White House to remove the video in the United States. The company said that it looked over its established guidelines and determined that, by their own rules, they are not permitted to remove the video in the U.S. because it doesn't constitute hate speech by their definition. They would be forced to remove a video that made fun of Muslims, not one that simply makes fun of Islam.

So, while the site is under attack as being a model of censorship online, they aren't being commended for standing up to pressure from the government and fighting

for freedom of expression in America – where it is a protected constitutional right. Unfortunately, the issue isn't so clean cut once it leaves our borders. The Internet is not dictated by any one country's set of laws or principles. What may be the most popular video in one part of the world can be nothing short of deplorable and inappropriate in another part. That puts an online powerhouse like Google in an odd position of having to champion the ideas of freedom of speech on an international level. Obviously this wasn't an undertaking that the company sought out when it first established itself but it is one that they're doing their best to accomplish with as little pressure and bloodshed in other cultures as possible.

The bottom line is that Google cannot police 100 percent of its content. According to the company, they received 1,965 requests from government agencies around the world to remove 20,311 pieces of content. In some of these cases, the content was removed; in others it was not. Even an online colossus like Google cannot hope to be programmatic about the

way that it deals with every possible censorship issue. With over 72 hours of content being posted to YouTube every minute, it's unreasonable to ask the powers that be to have a unified way of dealing with all inflammatory content. It's even more unreasonable to say that 100 percent of that content should be shoved down other cultures' throats, no matter how many innocent lives are put in jeopardy.

Google Inc. has taken the extremely difficult task of keeping freedom of expression possible online. They have proven time and again that they believe that the Internet is meant to host a marketplace of ideas. With "The Innocence of Muslims" they were tasked with either championing this cause again, albeit under very unique circumstances, or potentially having blood on their hands. Since they are a corporation with guidelines and not a constitution, it can be said that they've done the best that can be expected to have done to preserve the ideas of freedom of speech on an international level while maintaining dignity to the rest of the world.

White House says Libya attack was terrorism

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WASHINGTON - The White House is now describing the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi as a "terrorist attack," a shift in emphasis after days of describing the lethal assault as a spontaneous eruption of anger over an anti-Islamic film made in California.

"It is, I think, self-evident that what happened in Benghazi was a terrorist attack," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters Thursday as President Barack Obama traveled to Florida for

a campaign event. "Our embassy was attacked violently and the result was four deaths of American officials."

Carney said investigators have "indications of possible involvement" of al-Qaida in the Magreb, but he said there is no evidence "at this point to suggest that this is a significantly pre-planned attack."

White House officials have not previously described the attack, which killed U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans, as a terrorist act. The administration, and Obama's re-election campaign, have been sensitive

to allegations that the attack involved a security lapse, or a broader policy failure, in the middle of a presidential race.

When Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., called the incident an "act of terror" last weekend, a spokeswoman for the Obama campaign suggested the senator was being political.

Carney's comments echoed testimony from National Counterterrorism Center Director Matthew Olsen, who on Wednesday told the Senate Committee on Homeland Security that those involved in the attack were either local militants or

foreigners with possible connections to al-Qaida.

"I would say they were killed in the course of a terrorist attack," he said of the four Americans.

The White House initially blamed the video, which ridiculed the Prophet Muhammad, for anti-American protests and violence that began in Cairo and spread to 20 countries last week.

Carney has gradually calibrated his remarks to say administration officials were waiting on the results of an FBI investigation and that no possible cause had been ruled out.

Pro-, anti-U.S. rallies planned in Benghazi

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CAIRO - Libya's second-largest city, Benghazi, was reported tense Thursday ahead of two major rallies called for Friday, one to show support for the United States and its slain ambassador, who died last week when gunmen stormed the U.S. Consulate compound, and the other by the Ansar al-Shariah militia suspected of involvement in the attack.

Ansar al-Shariah called its rally for the same time and the same place as a group of moderate Libyans who call themselves "Save Benghazi."

"Ansar al-Shariah has done this deliberately," said Bilal Bettamir, one of the organizers of the Save Benghazi rally, which in addition to marking the passing of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens is intended to call for freedom of expression and religious moderation. "We have been planning our march for the past week, and they made their decision yesterday. They knew all about it."

The stark differences between the two sides were evident in an interview with the head of Ansar al-Shariah aired Thursday by the United States' National

Public Radio network. Mohammed Zahawi showed nothing but contempt for Western ideals.

"As for those bankrupt calls for Western democracy, liberalism and secularism, what did democracy give to the West?" he said, according to an account of the interview posted on the NPR website. "Social collapse, moral collapse, economic collapse?"

Ansar al-Shariah is by far the dominant armed group in eastern Libya, where the national government in Tripoli has so far been unable to establish a security presence. The group has denied that it is responsible for the assault on the consulate, but witnesses have told McClatchy Newspapers that the 100 to 125 gunmen who stormed the consulate compound with grenades, rockets and automatic weapons fire were carrying the Ansar al-Shariah flag.

"The liberals and secularists were all raised in the West," Zahawi told NPR. "They were raised in openness, nakedness and decay. They know that in an Islamic state, they can't get to their vices. That's why they are waging a war against Islam."

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"We also are trying to give students more job opportunities on campus," Baisden said. "I know midnight to 8 a.m., most people don't think about working at that time, but for some people, that's a great time for them to work, especially if they don't have to travel very far and they can be right here."

Matt Lawless, economics and international business major from Bluefield, W.Va. and a three-year veteran of the student security program, said the job may not sound ideal because of the late hours, but it would be a great opportunity for "night owls."

Lawless said taking a job as student security during the day has taught him to better manage his time and balance his classes and social life.

"It's just a time commitment," Lawless said. "You stay in class all day, then during the week, you work 4 p.m. to midnight, or 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., or something along those lines. It's a lot to try to handle."

Baisden said student security jobs are unique because they give students time to work on assignments.

"You're sitting at a desk area, so you can read, you can type papers, you can do research, whatever you need to do for that," Baisden said. "A lot of other jobs you may have, you don't have any



opportunity at all to do your homework."

Lawless has taken advantage of the opportunity to catch up on classwork. He said his academic performance has improved since taking on his job as a student security worker.

"My GPA has gotten better since I've started doing it because it forces me to do my homework, otherwise I'd just be sitting there staring at my desk for eight hours at a time," Lawless said. "It really gives you a good opportunity to study and kind of talk to people and meet people at the same time."

Baisden said students who are hired will go through a day-long training program, similar to what resident advisers go through. Student

workers will also have a shift supervisor who will provide advice and ensure students are doing their jobs.

Baisden said he does not think the security of residents will be compromised by the changes.

"I think (residence halls are) going to be just as secure, even more secure," Baisden said. "Students, I think, have a definite interest in keeping the buildings they may be living in even safer than someone who doesn't. While I wouldn't necessarily say that we would do a better job than A1, we're definitely not going to be any less secure, even more secure in some areas"

Baisden added that resident advisers have done an

Night student security officers will begin staffing some residence halls beginning in the spring 2012 semester. Trey Baisden, student security coordinator, said he hopes to have Twin Towers East and West, Holderby Hall, Buskirk Hall and the four Commons dormitories staffed by student security workers at night beginning in the fall 2013 semester.

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excellent job acting as student security workers during daytime hours, and he expects that to continue into the night shifts as well.

"I think student security during the daytime - we've seen that they do an excellent job of keeping the halls safe and secure," Baisden said. I expect that to continue throughout the night shift as well."

Baisden said the student security program employs 55 students for morning and day security shifts. By the spring 2013 semester, night student security will be partially rolled out, creating 20 to 25 jobs. He said the program should be fully implemented in the fall 2013 semester, which will make the student security force around 100 students strong.

Applications for night student security are available at any residence hall front desk, or under the "Employment" tab on the housing and residence life web site.

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salmon, mackerel and sardines, are best, but Hardman said any fish is better than none at all.

Hardman said these dietary changes would not cure cancer, but could have an impact on health.

"We know that if we made dietary changes we could prevent 30 to 50 percent of all cancer types," Hardman said. Huntington resident Helen Sperry said that she will be adding more walnuts and fish

to her daily diet after learning the results of this study.

"Growing up, I never heard of the possibility of nuts preventing different types of cancer," Sperry said. "Breast cancer is common in my family, and I like the fact that I can eat and reduce my chances of cancer at the same time."

Hardman recently received the news that she has received funding for a clinical trial for walnuts in women with breast cancer. This will be a pilot study to see if the walnuts are influencing cancer gene expression. Hardman

said the introduction of walnuts into the diet should change gene expression in the women with cancer.

Hardman plans to begin the study soon, after receiving the Institutional Review Board review and approval of the clinical protocol to protect the women who will be participating.

Since this will be a small clinical study, Hardman is able to conduct this study in Huntington within a year.

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The public is noticing, as the legislative failures stir uncertainty and further roil an already-weak economy. This Congress' approval ratings were stuck at 13 percent in a Gallup survey Sept. 6-9, the lowest the pollster has ever logged this late in an election year since such measurements began in 1974.

Yet lawmakers are slinking out of town, after a September session that was on and off for less than two weeks, following a summer recess that ran from Aug. 3 to Sept. 10. Congress is expected to return Nov. 13.

"Leaving town in disgrace," said Sen. John

McCain, R-Ariz., a 30-year congressional veteran.

"This is the most dysfunctional Congress I can remember," said Craig Holman, government affairs lobbyist for Public Citizen, a nonpartisan consumer-advocacy group. "I've never seen Capitol Hill work so poorly."

Republicans and Democrats agree on this much: The inertia was spawned by the unusually hostile partisanship that's come to dominate political dialogue and debate.

The result of years-long trends, the parties have been all but purged of philosophical outliers. New England and mid-Atlantic Republican moderates have nearly vanished, and the centrist Democratic Blue Dog caucus

shrank from roughly 54 members in the last Congress to fewer than half that now.

That's hardened the ideological lines, and leaders have had to become defenders of those ideologies instead of the consensus-builders they've been in the past. They've also spent much of the year blaming the other side.

"I have always said the better sooner we can do it, the better. There is no reason why we should inch closer to a cliff," said California's Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives. "The sooner that we can instill confidence in the economy that we can get this job done. And President Obama supported that one year ago, and the Republicans walked away."

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the process of woodcut and have a few carved woodblocks from works in the exhibition on view for people to examine."

John Farley, Marshall University gallery director, said how the exhibit will be an example for students.

"It will be particularly beneficial for our art and design students to experience firsthand the work of a successful alumna like Rebecca Gilbert," Farley said. "Her career serves as a real-world example of the exciting possibilities that are out there for graduates of our program."

Gilbert described her work and message to viewers.

"I am very much interested in building - as a process and an idea - using basic elements such as dirt, sticks, rocks and wood. It's a natural, human process that I am drawn to that helps me keep life and my role in the world in perspective," Gilbert said. "I want to instill in my viewers a sense of optimism."

The Birke Art Gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Owl's defense at will, compiling a staggering 7.2 yards per carry. Whether or not the Herd can take advantage of the Owl's porous defense against the run will be a major factor in this game.

Conversely, the Marshall defense has made great improvements after giving up more than 650 total yards to the Mountaineer's high-powered offense. Last week, the Herd defense was able to hold Ohio to

399 total yards, fewer than Marshall's 491, in a losing effort. Safeties Dominick LeGrande and Okechukwu Okorooha, transfers from Boston College, have anchored the new-look defense and they finally feel comfortable with the schemes Marshall defense runs. The two have combined for 56 tackles over three games and have brought a physical presence in the defensive backfield that had been missing.

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Nine-time Grammy award-winning artist John Legend speaks to a packed audience at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center on Thursday in Huntington.

'Legend'ary artist packs Keith Albee with lecture, performance

By **BISHOP NASH**
THE PARTHENON

The Keith Albee spotlight has been filled by legends innumerable over the decades, and Thursday night added another "Legend" to the fold. Nine-time Grammy Award winner John Legend lectured and performed before a packed house, and everything from the venue's exotic architecture to the eager ears inside were bubbling with life.

Legend came to the Jewel City with a message of growth and revival, and the 2010 BET Humanitarian of the Year targeted Marshall University students by laying value on their education.

"I want to encourage you to use the education you're gaining right now for something really good, to make positive change in the world," Legend said.

In addition to putting great weight on a solid education, Legend also advised on how lack of educational growth in America continues a "cycle of poverty."

"Many of our schools are literally and figuratively crumbling and we're not giving kids, especially low income kids, the chance to succeed," Legend said.

The singer-songwriter promoted his "Show Me Campaign" as a solution to foster equal opportunities to quality schooling regardless of demographic background.

"We can no longer allow adults to get away with low expectations for our kids just because they come from the wrong side of the tracks," Legend said.

Legend encouraged Marshall students to get involved and continued to praise college education recipients as the engines of change for the future.

"I believe that all of you have unlimited potential to create change in the world," Legend said. "Consider this education a gift."

Being the season for politics, Legend also touched on issues regarding the upcoming presidential elections. He mentioned his support for President Obama, preached the importance of voting, and related current voter restrictions at the polls to past obstacles faced by women and minorities.

After finishing his lecture, Legend answered several questions from the audience on topics regarding obstacles in his life, political stances, and his recent musical collaborations. One of the lucky few to ask was Scott Smith, a sophomore international affairs major from Hurricane, W.Va. Legend eloquently answered Smith's question regarding how he choose to follow his dream of singing after receiving a four-year degree.

"I just wanted to see what kind of a man he was by asking him that question," Smith said. "He had his degree in his hands and he chose to follow his passion."

Smith, who himself performs and sings at Marshall, took time before his question to personally thank Legend for being a great influence.

"I'm not going to lie, I thought he would be way too big for Huntington," Smith said.

Much to the pleasure of the audience, Legend did in fact play a small set including hits "Green Light" and "Ordinary People." Although the world knows John Legend as a performer, it was a night in which the musician put the music behind him in favor of a more noble cause.

"It clearly wasn't about him tonight. He only sang four songs," Smith said. "It was about his message he's trying to convey to the world."

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