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CATO WINS HARDMAN AWARD

Herd QB named W.Va.'s top amateur athlete in 2013

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Marshall awards three for outstanding student teaching

By JESSICA ROSS
THE PARTHENON

Three Marshall University students received the Outstanding Student Teacher Award in December from Marshall University's Professional Development Schools Partnership program for their excellence in student teaching.

Shea Ambrose won the Outstanding Elementary Student Teacher Award, Josh Chinn the Outstanding Secondary Student Teacher Award, and Kendall Lannan the Outstanding Overall Student Teacher Award.

"I got really close with the kids and gelled well with the teacher I was doing my student teaching with," Chinn said.

Chinn completed his student teaching at Dawson-Bryant Middle School under the direction Brian Kidd, who nominated Chinn.

"I didn't even know that we had an award like that to be honest," Chinn said, "so it was a surprise when they called my name."

All students who student teach during the semester are eligible for the award. The university supervisor and cooperating teacher nominate the candidates.

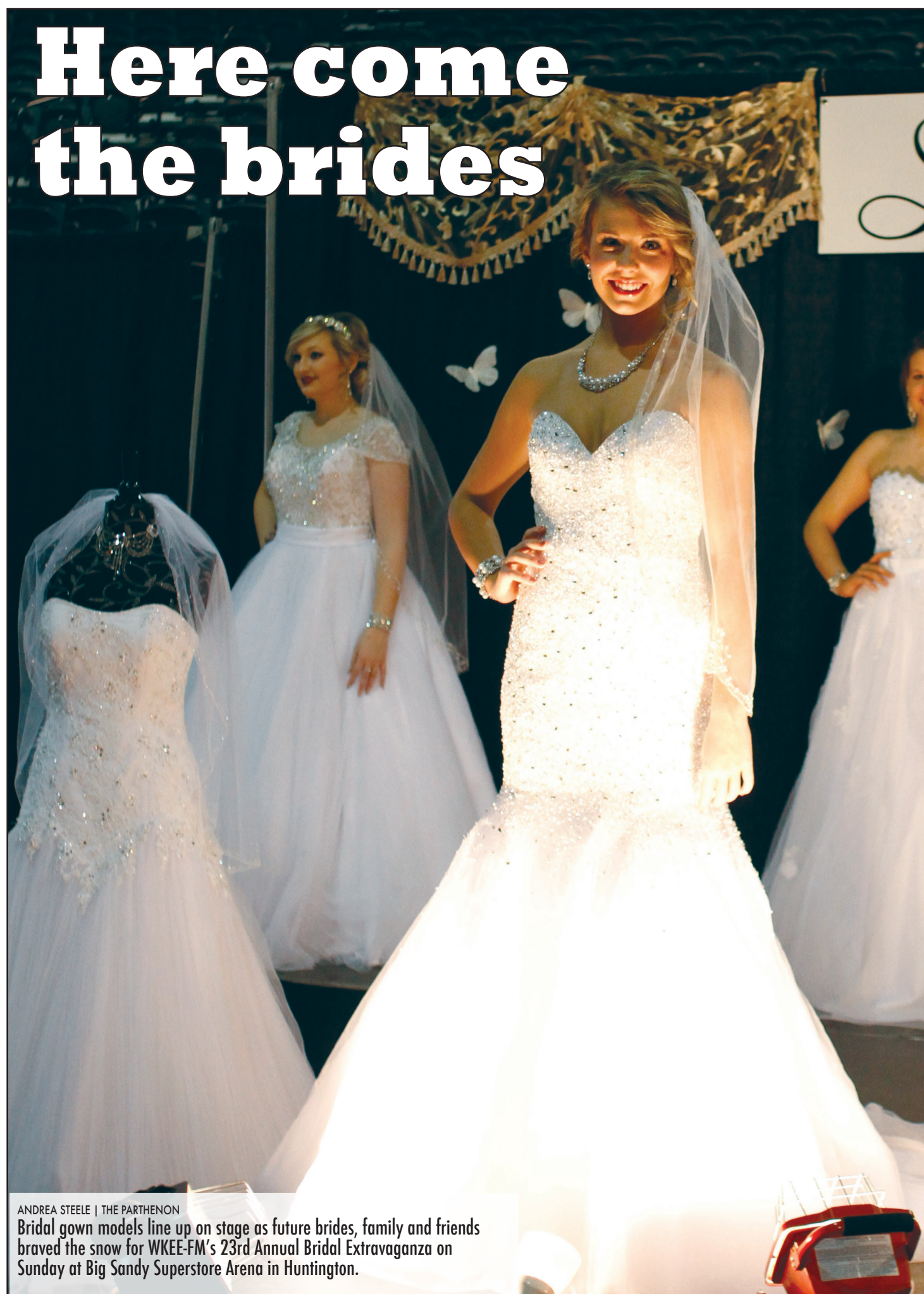
The Professional Development Schools is a partnership between the public schools in West Virginia and the College of Education and Professional Development.

Jenny Nash is the coordinator for Professional Development Schools in the College of Education and assistant director in the Office of Clinical Experiences.

"All of us work together to enhance student learning through professional development with teachers that are already practicing," Nash said, "as a result, we develop better teachers through our teacher preparation program."

The purpose of the Professional Development School Partnership is to gain a better understanding of the skills students need in order to enrich the education for all learners. Through the Professional Development Schools Partnership students are offered grants and special workshops.

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ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Bridal gown models line up on stage as future brides, family and friends braved the snow for WKEE-FM's 23rd Annual Bridal Extravaganza on Sunday at Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Huntington.

WKEE-FM hosts 23rd Annual Bridal Extravaganza

By ALEXANDRIA RAHAL
THE PARTHENON

WKEE-FM helped brides from all over the tri-state area plan the perfect wedding from start to finish Sunday at the 23rd Annual Bridal Extravaganza.

From caterers to photographers to realtors to DJs, the Big Sandy Superstore arena transformed into a one-stop shop for everything a bride could want, as well as a place to drop her groom off while she shopped.

Marshall University student Chloe Donahoe said she had to do a bit of convincing to get her future husband Tyler Adkins to attend the Extravaganza, but once they were there he was happy to find out there was a designated Groom Room sponsored by Big Sandy Superstore and Texas Roadhouse.

"I knew it meant a lot to her that I came, so I didn't

mind too much," Adkins said.

The Bridal Extravaganza does not just benefit brides-to-be, it is also an opportunity for local businesses to contact potential customers.

For Josh and Amanda McComas of McComas Video Production, expos like the Bridal Extravaganza are their main source of new customers.

"Events like this give us a chance to connect with our customers and allow them to get to know us personally

as opposed to just seeing our work," Josh McComas said.

Other attendees, like Cheryl Sullivan from Cheryl Sullivan Events said that the real reward of attending bridal expos comes from the finished product.

"Our main goal is to take the stress of wedding planning away from the bride and her family," Sullivan said. "There's nothing like seeing a years worth of work come to life when a bride is truly satisfied with her whole wedding."

The Bridal Extravaganza featured two fashion shows. One put on by The Rosetree Boutique and the other by Lara's Bridal and Formals.

Thousands of dollars in door prizes were given out to brides while they explored the arena.

Jenn Seay, from Dave and Jenn in the Mornings, emceed both fashion shows, announced prizes, and greeted guests as they entered the arena.

"My favorite part about the Bridal Extravaganza is giving out the prizes," Seay said. "I love to see the look on the brides faces when they realize they've won."

Among the prizes given out Sunday was a honeymoon cruise, a \$500 gift certificate to the Huntington Mall, and a pearl necklace from CF Reuschlein Jewelers.

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Student Resource Center outlines spring workshop schedule

By TANNER FAW
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Student Resource Center has many workshops planned for the spring semester, to ensure students kick off the new semester on the right foot, and end their semester on the same note.

"We have a lot of workshops coming up this semester that I think are really going to help students gain a better understanding of the process of college and what their responsibilities are as a student," Samantha Fox, resource specialist, said.

Department secretary Paula Kouns, is enthusiastic about helping students make the most out of their time as college students.

"I hope students realize they are welcome to stop by the Student Resource Center any time they need assistance," Kouns said. "These workshops are provided free-of-charge, for the benefit of the students. We started hosting these workshops to promote stress and anxiety reduction in students here at Marshall University."

The Student Resource Center will have programs in time management, financial responsibility, choosing a major and course withdrawal.

The SRC will sponsor a workshop on Wednesday teaching students the essentials of basic time management. They will rule out common myths and misconceptions, while establishing a firm foundation for which the students can more readily balance their academic, social and personal lives. Guidance and advice will teach students efficient and practical means of time management in their everyday lives, in class and out.

The SRC will host a workshop Feb. 5 devoted to financial responsibility. It will cover advice on money saving applications for the iPhone, strategic methods to save money, the necessities of money management, and common money mistakes.

The workshop, "Fall Into a Major" will be March 5. Students will be offered advice on how to select the major most appropriate for their individual interests. The SRC staff will provide information to help students settle in and decide on a major within their best personal interests.

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Three people killed in shooting at Columbia Mall in Maryland

By **JEAN MARBELLA, CARRIE WELLS and LIZ BOWIE**
THE BALTIMORE SUN (MCT)

Gunfire shattered the Saturday morning bustle at The Mall in Columbia, a gathering place for many in the planned suburban community in Maryland, scattering panicked shoppers as two store employees were shot fatally by a man who police said then killed himself.

Howard County police said Brianna Benlolo, 21, of College Park, Md., and Tyler Johnson, 25, of Ellicott City, Md., co-workers at the skate shop Zumiez, were killed shortly after 11 a.m.

Police did not release information on the identity or a possible motive of the gunman, who was found with a shotgun and a large amount of ammunition just outside the store on the mall's second floor above the food court.

Five people, including one who was shot in the foot, were treated at Howard County General Hospital and released. The other four were not shot but were injured during the chaos after the shots rang out.

A witness, Shafon Robinson, said the shooter appeared to be between 18 and 21 years old and was wearing khaki

pants and a white shirt. Robinson said a young girl who was with her in the first floor food court below Zumiez shrieked in fear, prompting the man to look down at them.

"He looked straight at me," Robinson said, and he reloaded the shotgun and aimed it at her. "He pointed the gun at me and looked at my eyes," she said.

Robinson's husband, Terrence Lilly, screamed at her to get down, which she did as a shot boomed over her head. It struck a wall behind her, spraying her clothes with dust, she said. The shooter shot again, this time hitting the cover of a

nearby fire extinguisher, Robinson said.

Meanwhile, Lilly ran upstairs to get their children, who were at the merry-go-round on the second floor near the shooting scene, Robinson said. He got them out of the mall, but in jumping over a table and railing broke bones in his face in three places, she said. He was taken to Howard County General and then to Shock Trauma for surgery.

Other shoppers and employees ran to escape the gunfire or to hide in storage closets or the back rooms of shops. The mall, a centerpiece of the new

town created by visionary Jim Rouse in the 1960s, turned into an unlikely crime scene: Heavily armed police, both local and state and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other U.S. law enforcement agencies, descended on the mall. Overhead, Medevac, media and police helicopters circled.

Howard County Police Chief William J. McMahon was among the local officials and civic leaders who expressed sympathy to the victims' loved ones during a late afternoon press conference.

"Our hearts go out to the families of the people who lost their

life today," McMahon said. "This shouldn't happen in Columbia Mall, it shouldn't happen anywhere, but unfortunately that's where we are as a society."

Benlolo, according to her Facebook page, was an assistant manager at the store and grew up in Florida and Colorado, before moving to Maryland in 2010. Johnson's Facebook page indicated he had worked at the store since November. Both have family in Mt. Airy, Md. Acquaintances confirmed their identities through the profile photos posted on their Facebook pages.

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Pregnant Texas woman, brain dead, removed from life support

By **MATT PEARCE**
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

A brain-dead Texas woman who was 22 weeks pregnant was removed from life support Sunday, and her body was expected to be turned over to her family, attorneys for her husband announced.

Marlise Munoz, 33, had been on life support for about two months at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth after falling unconscious in her home in November with a possible blood clot in her lung. Although she was brain dead, and considered dead under Texas law, the hospital refused to take her off life support, citing a state law that prohibits hospitals from suspending "life-sustaining treatment" for patients who are pregnant. Marlise Munoz was about 14 weeks pregnant when she fell ill on Nov. 26.

Her husband, Erick Munoz, sued the hospital for "cruel and obscene mutilation" of a dead body. On Friday, a state judge ordered the hospital to take her off life support by 5 p.m. Monday.

Texas District Judge R.H. Wallace ruled the state's pregnancy protection law didn't apply to someone who was legally dead. Marlise Munoz's fetus had been deemed "distinctly abnormal" by her husband's attorneys. In a joint affidavit filed before the Friday hearing, the hospital



Pro-life demonstrators pray during a memorial at John Peter Smith Hospital Sunday in Fort Worth, Texas. Life support was removed from Marlise Munoz, a pregnant brain-dead Haltom City woman, shortly before noon Sunday.

acknowledged the fetus was not viable.

The hospital considered whether to appeal, but announced Sunday it would comply.

Attorneys for Erick Munoz said his wife was taken off life support at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, according to the Associated Press.

"The Munoz and Machado families will now proceed with the somber task of laying

Marlise Munoz's body to rest, and grieving over the great loss that has been suffered," Heather King and Jessica Janicek, attorneys for Erick Munoz, said in a statement, according to the AP. "May Marlise Munoz finally rest in peace, and her family find the strength to complete what has been an unbearably long and arduous journey."

In a statement released earlier Sunday, John Peter Smith

Hospital officials said, "The past eight weeks have been difficult for the Munoz family, the caregivers and the entire Tarrant County community, which found itself involved in a sad situation.

"JPS Health Network has followed what we believed were the demands of a state statute," the statement continued. "From the onset, JPS has said

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CONTACT hopes to raise stalking awareness

By **KYLEE McMULLEN**
THE PARTHENON

Local advocacy center CONTACT Rape Crisis Center brings awareness during the month of January for stalking, an issue that affects 6.6 million people in a year in the United States, according to The National Center for Victims of Crime.

CONTACT Rape Crisis Center is a nonprofit organization that provides advocacy and support for victims of sexual assault and stalking. It also offers prevention education services to those living in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason County.

Stalking is defined as a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

CONTACT provides victims of stalking with the assistance by helping them make a safety plan and a stalking resource kit. The kit includes a log for logging stalking incidents, pepper spray, a very loud alarm and other things, which allow the victim to feel safer.

According to victim advocates at CONTACT, the log is the most important message they can give to their clients. They said the best way to get law enforcement involved is to have a very specific log of incidents.

To raise awareness, CONTACT hosts three victim

service meetings each month. At all meetings volunteers and advocates discuss stalking awareness month and what individuals can do to further stalking awareness in their communities.

CONTACT has also provided three presentations to Marshall University to bring awareness to students.

Amanda White, sexual assault response team coordinator at CONTACT, said when it comes to stalking, there are two things people need to know.

"First of all, I want them to be aware that there is help and that there are people in this community that will help them," White said. "I also would like them to know that if anyone tells you to not take stalking seriously, make sure to trust your instinct. If you feel it's serious, then take it serious."

According to The National Center for Victims of Crime 1 in 4 women and 1 in 13 men have reported being a victim of stalking in their lifetime.

Other community agencies that work with stalking victims include Branches Domestic Violence Center, Huntington Police Department, Cabell County Magistrate's office, as well as the Cabell County Sheriff's Department.

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MU Office of Development names new vice president

By **KYLEE McMULLEN**
THE PARTHENON

Scott Miller, former executive of United Bank, joined the Office of Development at Marshall University as vice president.

The Office of Development works with donors and potential donors who have an interest in the university and a desire to invest their resources in programs at Marshall.

Miller has served the past five years at United Bank as Cabell County's market president. Previously, he was responsible for funding and managing Citizens First Bank in Ravenswood, W.Va.

"Scott brings with him a wealth of sales experience and a myriad of career accomplishments," Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation Inc, said. "He has served in

many capacities as a banking executive and received many wonderful accolades. He is a welcomed addition to our team."

Miller graduated from Marshall and later served on the advisory board for Marshall College of Business.

In 2012 he was the recipient of the Marshall Alumni Community Achievement Award.

"As a Marshall alum I am excited to take the challenge of working for the Marshall Foundation team," Miller said. "I'm really eager and ready to work for my alma mater in this fundraising capacity. It is really exciting to be going to work for the school I love."

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Ohio House passes bill that excuses schools, teachers from liability for gun accidents

By **DOUG LIVINGSTON and DAVE SCOTT**
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL (MCT)

A month after a local police officer and decorated combat veteran accidentally discharged his firearm in a school, the Ohio House passed legislation Wednesday that would remove liability for schools that make closed-door decisions about arming teachers.

Current Ohio law allows private and public schools to permit teachers to carry guns. It's a local decision. The proposed law would allow them to decide in private who can be armed and protect schools from liability issues if there is an accident.

State education officials currently do not track which schools have armed educators, nor does the Attorney General's Office, although school safety plans filed with the AG's office might include

information on who in a school may have a weapon. The bill still makes that a voluntary disclosure, which means a police officer responding to an emergency might not know who in the school is carrying a weapon.

Those safety plans are not public records.

The bill, moved from the House to the Senate on Wednesday, adds a requirement that employees authorized to carry a firearm undergo training provided by the Attorney General's Office, which did not participate in crafting the House bill.

Should an educator fire a weapon, the bill calls for psychological assessments after the event but no psychological screening prior to arming the educator, as some Democrats proposed.

Rep. Kristina Roegner, R-Hudson, is a co-sponsor of the bill.

She said she was unaware

that a Brimfield police officer's gun discharged in December while cleaning the weapon in a high school.

"At the end of the day people are human and they're going to make mistakes," Roegner said. "Whenever you have guns and weapons you need to take precautions so mistakes don't happen. I'm not familiar with the incident, so I can't speak directly to that, but you need to take precautions, especially when it's in schools around children."

The Fraternal Order of Police and Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police reportedly voiced opposition to the bill in November, as did the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

Orrville schools in Wayne County armed a teacher a year ago. But they didn't arm just any teacher.

"I don't think this district would ever consider arming an employee who is not a police officer," said Superintendent

Jon Ritchie. The district approved arming a science teacher only because he also is a police officer in nearby Lawrence Township.

Orrville also considered public opinion before allowing a gun in a classroom.

"Obviously our community knows it occurred. We talked about it in open session," said Ritchie. "At the time the overwhelming feedback was that it was something that our community supported."

The accidental discharge at Field High School happened in December and came at a time when the district was delinquent in filing with the Attorney General its safety-plan updates for four schools.

Brimfield Police Chief David Oliver said that his department keeps track of the schools' plans and they were never considered deficient, even though they had not been renewed with the state.

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SPORTS

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Herd sweeps Highlanders to start spring season

By **WILL VANCE**
SPORTS EDITOR

After having its duel-match season delayed a day due to the weather, the Marshall tennis team got off on the right foot, sweeping the visiting Radford Highlanders 7-0 Sunday afternoon at Huntington Tennis Club.

"I liked our competitive attitude," Marshall Head Coach John Mercer said. "We competed very well."

In doubles play the Herd quickly earned the first point of the match, with the combo of senior Karlyn Timko and freshman Anna Pomyatinskaya winning 6-2 and the pairing of sophomore Dana Oppinger and freshman Derya Turhan also winning 6-2.

In singles play, Herd No. 1 single Oppinger struggled early against Radford's Taylor Newman but shook off the winter rust to dominate the match, claiming the point 6-2, 6-0.

"I think I was a bit nervous at the beginning, with it being the first match of the season," Oppinger said. "I would say I was a bit like a diesel motor, you need a few minutes to get warm."

The most tightly contested singles match of the afternoon came on the No. 4 singles court, where Timko battled Radford's Grace Sarver to a 6-7, 6-3, 10-6 extra-set victory that took nearly two hours to complete. Timko, who was in several similar situations as the No. 6 singles last season, was better prepared that most for the pressure.

"I just tried to tell myself that I've been there before," Timko said. "It wasn't a deciding

match, but I was still the last match out there playing so it was nothing I wasn't used to and I found a way to get out of it on top."

Other than Timko's grinding match, the Herd handled the Highlanders in quick order and did not allow a Highlander to win more than two games in a set.

The match against the road-weary Highlanders, who were playing their third match in as many days, was supposed to be the second half of a two-match weekend, but Saturday's match against regional foe Morehead State was cancelled and re-scheduled to Tuesday. Mercer said that the change will alter his teams weekly regimen, but the experience is worth it to his team.

"Normally [Monday] would be an off-day, but now we'll have to move it to Wednesday, so that will mess us up a little bit going into Saturday," Mercer said, "but we'll be fine, my biggest concern is getting another match in."

Though practice might be changing a bit, Oppinger said that it doesn't matter to the team what calendar page a match happens to fall on.

"We're ready to play every single day and it doesn't matter if it's a Saturday or a Tuesday," Oppinger said. "We really do not care what day it is, it's a match."

After Tuesday's match against Morehead State, the Herd will have another quick turnaround before playing home matches against regional opponents West Virginia and Virginia Tech this weekend.

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Sophomore Dana Oppinger moves up for a forehand against Radford Sunday at the Huntington Tennis Club.

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Cato wins Hardman Award



Junior quarterback Rakeem Cato scans for an open receiver against Maryland in the 2013 Military Bowl.

RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

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When Marshall University quarterback Rakeem Cato came to Huntington in the fall of 2011, he immediately spoke of what his goals were for his time with the Thundering Herd.

Cato said he wanted to make an immediate impact and he wanted to be remembered like Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich for taking the Herd program to great heights.

After a 2013 season in which he led Marshall to its first 10-win season since 2002, Cato earned a distinction shared by those great Herd quarterbacks that he is aspiring to be.

Cato is the recipient of the 2013 Hardman Award, given to West Virginia's top amateur athlete of the year from voting by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association. The 80-year-old award dates back to 1934 and is the oldest given by the 82-year-old WVSWA.

Cato will be honored at the 68th annual Victory Awards Dinner on May 4 at the Charleston Civic Center.

"It's a great feeling and I'm humbled and blessed," Cato said, "I treat this as my

second hometown here in West Virginia and the community has been great to me. I just want to continue my success and continue trying to do a great job on and off the field."

With the award, Cato grows one step closer to the level that he wants to attain as a Marshall quarterback--being in the same sentence of Pennington and Leftwich as Marshall greats.

Pennington won the Hardman Award in 1999 and Leftwich won the award in 2001 and 2002.

Cato became the first Marshall football player since Leftwich to win the award, drawing him closer to etching his name on that list.

If you ask Leftwich, he'll say that he's already there.

"He belongs on the list, I'll tell you that," Leftwich said. "The way he's going, he's trying to take everybody off the list."

In 2013, Cato finished the year with 3,916 yards passing and 39 touchdowns while also rushing for 294 yards and another six scores.

However, the bigger story was his progression as a quarterback in making reads

and seeing the defense. Cato got the Herd in the correct run-pass options in offensive coordinator Bill Legg's scheme and the Marshall offense finished at 7,005 yards of total offense for the season--an average of 500.4 yards a game.

While the season included marquee wins over Maryland in the Military Bowl and a 59-28 win over East Carolina in the regular season finale to clinch the Conference USA East Division title, it was another game that Cato said is his lasting memory of the 2013 season.

He noted a 45-34 win over Tulsa on Nov. 14, 2013, the 43rd anniversary of the tragic Marshall airplane crash, which killed all 75 members of the Herd football team's traveling party following Marshall's 17-14 loss at East Carolina in 1970.

The game marked the first time the team had played a road game on Nov. 14 since that 1970 crash and the team elected to wear '75' decals on their helmets in honor of the victims.

After building a big lead early, adversity struck the Herd and the team fell behind

Herd blown away by Golden Hurricane

By **DEREK MAY**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall women's basketball team faced the Tulsa Golden Hurricane Saturday night in a snow covered Cam Henderson Center

Saturday's game was originally scheduled to tip-off at 1 p.m., but due to traveling difficulties Tulsa was not able to get into Huntington until late Friday evening, so the game was pushed back until 7 p.m. With an attendance of about 650 people, the snow did not stop fans from coming out to support the Herd.

Tulsa, the defending Conference USA champions, jumped on the Herd from the start, opening the game with an 18-7 lead shooting 77.8 percent from the field including 5-5 from behind the arc.

"We missed some assignments early," Marshall Head Coach Matt Daniel said. "We don't respond well to adversity. We have to play better basketball, and make better basketball plays. I thought we would come out more focused."

After cutting the lead down to 44-36 to close out the first half, the Hurricane maintained the lead throughout the second half. Marshall was able to cut the lead to five early, but momentum shifted once again off of a missed lay-up which resulted in a fast break opportunity for Tulsa.

Early in the second half Marshall passed up on

several open shots and only scored 20 points in the paint. The Golden Hurricanes' dominance in the paint and gave the Herd many problems, scoring 38 points down low.

"We are seeing a packed in zone, and they did a good job of switching up their defenses" Daniel said. "When we did get the ball inside, we were turning it over. You can't do the same thing over and over and expect a different result."

On a positive note, the Herd got a spark from its bench players, with 45 points of the 62 points coming from non-starters Senior Suporia Dickens led all scorers with 21 points and 11 rebounds while also recording her third career double-double.

The Golden Hurricane were led by sophomore guard Kelsee Grovey with 20 points and four assists.

In the end the Herd fell 80-62 taking its record to 7-11 overall and a 0-5 in the conference.

"We've got to be able to battle back from one play" Daniel said. "We have to be able to move on to the next play, and clearly we aren't doing a very good job of that right now."

The Herd's next game is Wednesday night at University of Texas at El Paso.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Marshall graduates essential to Huntington

For years, Marshall has jokingly been labeled “Cabell Midland University,” “Huntington Consolidated Secondary School,” and so forth by the local students who supply the vast majority of enrollees. It’s no secret the four West Virginia Class-AAA schools within 30 minutes of Huntington (Spring Valley, Huntington, Cabell Midland, Hurricane) pump hundreds if not thousands of freshmen into Marshall each fall, not to mention nearby Kentucky/Ohio and Charleston metro students. So many Marshall students have called the Huntington area their home entire life, and if the city of Huntington has any inclination in fueling its rebuilding process, it’s imperative that city officials do something to keep kids from here, here.

Docks, railroads and steel might have built Huntington, but it’s time to swallow that heavy industry isn’t coming back with the force felt in 1945. It’s time to admit the Rust Belt has rusted into dust, and while courting corporations is cool, Huntington can only really trust what’s in its own power to make itself a jewel again.

The resources have to be the students who ran around Billy Bob’s and sledded in Ritter Park as kids. Not only are they the most likely students to want to remain around Huntington, but they also outnumber out-of-area enrollees by far.

The million-dollar question: how does Huntington keep a steady-stream of college degrees in the city?

A correct answer would probably earn you an office in city hall.

Huntington has definitely made strides

over the past five years to solving the problem. Amazon now employs nearly 5,000 employees at its Kinetic Park call center outside the city, and the rebirth of Heritage Station not only provides jobs open to 20-somethings, but fresh attractions that make staying in Huntington appealing to Generation Y.

Waiting tables, keeping bar and working in retail are fine when you’re fresh out of college, but 22-year-olds eventually turn 32 and start clamoring for “real” jobs. A brain drain would be the biggest disaster to hit Huntington since the 1937 flood. If Huntington doesn’t want to go the route of other Ohio River towns built on an industry not returning, its top priority should be to keep as many Marshall students as Huntington residents as possible.

Online Polls

You Can Be Herd

Which team do you want to win the Super Bowl?

The Denver Broncos
The Seattle Seahawks
I don’t have a preference

Who will win Album of the Year at this year’s Grammy Awards?

Daft Punk	25%
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis	58%
Taylor Swift	17%

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COLUMN

Can US lead in solving income inequality?

By ANN MCFEATERS
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

Forget the naughty governors. The real news is that 85 people control as much wealth as half the world’s population.

With 7 billion people on the planet, that is amazing.

According to Oxfam, a global network of 17 anti-poverty and relief organizations, not only do the 85 richest people own as much as the poorest 3.5 billion people, but just 1 percent of the world’s population controls \$110 trillion, or 65 times the total wealth of the poorest 3.5 billion.

Another finding of the Oxfam report, “Working for the Few,” is that 70 percent of everyone in the world lives in a country where income inequality has increased in the last 30 years.

You may already know that the United States is the worst, with the gap between rich and poor growing faster than any other nation. In America the 1 percenters got 95 percent of all economic growth from 2009 to 2012 while 90 percent of Americans got poorer. According to a study done at the University of California at Berkeley, the top 1 percent of incomes grew by 31.4 percent while the bottom 99 percent grew by 0.4 percent.

“Income inequality” is somehow an inadequate, passionless term for the difference between a homeless family living in a car, wondering how they will brush their teeth, and someone with three mansions, a private jet and \$5,000 to spend on one change of clothing.

President Obama’s speechwriters work desperately trying to make the topic of income disparity sexy. Obama has signaled repeatedly that he intends to make the growing wealth gap in America a key component of his second term.

Last month the president quoted Pope Francis: “How could it be that it’s not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?”

The Oxfam report claims

that its polling shows that most people believe the laws of most if not all governments favor the rich. The only reaction to that should be, “Well, duh.”

Oddly, many Americans traditionally have not been worried about the gap between rich and poor, although Mitt Romney found out that you have to be careful how you express your views on this. Nonetheless, there still is a wide belief in the United States that if you work hard and play by the rules, whatever they are now, you, too, can become rich, although the recent attention to the plight of the working poor in fast-food restaurants may be changing that.

The question is what do we do about the growing gap between rich and poor?

The pope thinks capitalism is at fault, but in the United States that idea has as much appeal as a mashed potato sandwich.

Obama is far less radical. Put simply, he wants to change the fact that the richest people in America (such as Romney) pay the lowest tax rates. Obama wants to equalize education opportunity so that the poor have an equal chance of being as well educated as the rich. And he wants to make certain that the poor have the same access to health care as the rich.

Once we all thought like that, except for the robber barons. But not now. Not in this decade. To many, such ideas sound like socialism. Or big government. Or too European to be sanctioned.

One bit of good news is that the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland, this month has declared that economic inequality is a serious risk to human progress that will create social instability and threatens global security. This means even the really rich are starting to “get it.”

One would hope that America, which has done so much to show the world how to create prosperity, would lead the way to solving the increasingly serious problem of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.



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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

No warrant, no search of your cellphone

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Forty years ago, when the Supreme Court expanded the right of police to search people they took into custody as well as the possessions they were carrying, the smartphone was the stuff of science fiction. But now that phones contain vast amounts of personal information, the court should rule that cellphone searches require a warrant.

Last week, the justices agreed to review two lower court decisions that came to different conclusions about the privacy of cellphone data. In a California case, a state court upheld the conviction of David Leon Riley, who was initially pulled over because his car had expired tags. After police found guns in the car, they arrested Riley and searched through what one detective called “lots of stuff” on his smartphone, including a photo showing Riley and another man posing

near a car that had been involved in a shooting.

In the other case, the U.S. 1st Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston ruled that police may not conduct warrantless searches of data on cellphones seized from people who have been arrested. The case involved Brima Wurie, whose comparatively primitive flip phone displayed calls from a number identified as “my house.” When police went to the address associated with that number, they found a mailbox labeled with Wurie’s name. After obtaining a warrant, police searched the house and found crack cocaine, marijuana, cash and a firearm.

Police long have been allowed to conduct warrantless searches of people they arrest because of the possibility that a suspect might have a concealed weapon or try to destroy evidence. But in 1973, the Supreme Court unjustifiably held

that such searches were legal even when there was no probability that weapons or evidence would be found. The invasion of privacy permitted by that ruling multiplies exponentially when the object searched is a smartphone.

Ideally the court would endorse the 1st Circuit’s holding that warrantless searches of cellphones are always unconstitutional. But the court also could draw a distinction between the search of Wurie’s phone, on which the call register was easily accessed, and the more intrusive search of Riley’s smartphone.

When the framers of the Constitution wrote of the “right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches,” they couldn’t have foreseen that “papers and effects” would be housed in a palm-sized device. But the court should rule that the principle of privacy is the same.

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35th Annual WSAZ Invitational hits Big Sandy

By **JESSICA STARKEY**
THE PARTHENON

The 35th annual WSAZ Invitational Wrestling Tournament was Friday and Saturday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

Approximately 70 teams attended the tournament. The wrestlers ranged in age from middle school to high school students.

Coordinator of the Invitational, Bill Archer, coached wrestling for Huntington High School for 35 years. He said about 1,100 wrestlers come to the tournament each year, depending on

the weather, from all over West Virginia, and even some from Kentucky.

"We have 200 matches in a day and a half," Archer said. "The idea was basically to have two tournaments running at the same time, junior high and high school."

The tournament started at a high school 38 years ago, and then moved to The Huntington Memorial Field House before moving to the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

"When we used to have it at the field house, there wasn't much around there," he said. "Now there's close to 6000

people, and they have to stay and eat somewhere."

Wrestling coach at Johnson Central High School in Paintsville, Ky., Jim Matney, said his wrestlers use this tournament to prepare for their own regional and state tournaments, and it gives them a chance to compete against larger schools.

"It's an outstanding tournament, very similar in competition to a state tournament. We come mostly every year," Matney said. "We are a mid-size school. We enjoy the competition from the larger schools."

Matney said he has been

involved with the wrestling tournament for many years.

"I go back a long way," he said. "I actually wrestled in this tournament when I was in high school. I've been bringing kids to it, since they started the tournament."

The WSAZ Invitational began with preliminary matches Friday afternoon and continued throughout the evening. Matches resumed Saturday morning, and concluded with the championship rounds starting that evening.

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CATO

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in the fourth quarter, but Cato led his team on a pair of late fourth quarter scoring drives to clinch the win. He finished with a career-high 456 yards passing and five touchdowns.

"There were so many emotions going on the entire day with the plane crash ceremony going on in the morning," Cato said. "We had that '75' sticker on our helmets and we had to overcome that adversity because there was no way we could lose on that day for those who went before us. That was the most memorable moment for me."

The 10-win season was the first since Leftwich led Marshall to an 11-2 record in

2002 and, with Cato returning, helped solidify Marshall as a potential Top 25 team heading into 2014.

Not only did the season earn the respect of the former Herd quarterbacks and those surrounding college football, it also earned the respect of those in the sports profession around the state.

Cato heads into 2014 as the FBS active leader in consecutive games with a TD pass (32). The FBS record is 38 consecutive games by Russell Wilson (NC State/Wisconsin). He has 13 300-yard passing games in his three seasons and ranks second in school history in TD passes (91) and touchdowns accounted for (98) and third in career completions (886), passing yards (10,176) and total offense (10,533).

Drug-recognition expert assisted in Bieber's DUI case

By **LINDA TRISCHITTA**
SUN SENTINEL (MCT)

Even though police say Justin Bieber's breath tests registered less than Florida's legal threshold for alcohol intoxication after his arrest on Miami Beach this week, the teen pop star was charged with DUI.

A driver who has not had a single drink can be cited for DUI, because impairment can come from a prescription or over-the-counter medication.

"It used to be called drunk driving, but DUI represents driving under the influence," Miami Beach Police Sgt. Bobby Hernandez said.

To determine if a driver has used other substances, a police drug-recognition expert will measure body temperature, blood pressure, the shape of a person's pupils and other factors.

"The only reason we called in a drug-recognition expert in the Bieber case is because he blew under a .08," Hernandez said. "Drivers who are busted may say they just took a Xanax. And you know what? You can't drive in that condition. Prescription manufacturers provide warnings about it."

Social media followed the 19-year-old singer at South Florida nightclubs, a strip club and riding in a Lamborghini before his



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The scene at Turner Guilford Knight correctional center after the arrival of singer Justin Bieber to the facility, Thursday, in Miami Beach, Fla. Bieber was arrested in Miami Beach on charges of DUI and drag-racing, a police spokesman said.

arrest attracted worldwide attention and reactions from fans and non-Beliebers, too.

Cops stopped Bieber's car and a friend driving a Ferrari at 4 a.m. Thursday on suspicion of racing 55 mph to 60 mph in a 30 mph zone. Bieber told an officer he was not drunk, an arrest report said.

"During the investigation, Mr. Bieber made statements that he had consumed some alcohol, had been smoking marijuana and consumed some prescription

medication," Miami Beach Police Chief Raymond Martinez said Thursday, adding that Bieber told police he had had a beer.

Bieber did not perform field sobriety tests to standard and agreed to the breath tests and a drug evaluation that included giving a urine sample that will take several weeks for a county lab to analyze, according to Hernandez.

Bieber told police that his mother dispensed his medication, for an unknown purpose, Hernandez said.

"She is not in trouble," Hernandez said. "He might be legally prescribed something."

Bieber also was charged with resisting arrest without violence and having an expired Georgia driver's license. His lawyer Roy Black declined to comment.

Bieber tweeted his first comment since the arrest. At around 7 p.m. Friday he told his fans, "You are all worthy no matter what anyone says. Be strong. God is with us all. My Beliebers changed my life. I will forever be grateful."

SRC

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For help on course withdrawal, there will be an information

session March 12 led by the SRC. The staff will educate students on the process of withdrawing from a course. They will help students weigh the pros and

cons of course withdrawal, to determine if it is the right choice for them.

The Student Resource Center is located on the second floor

of the Memorial Student Center, Room 2W16.

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SHOOTING

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A friend of Johnson's family, who did not wish to be identified, said outside the family's Mt. Airy home that they did not wish to speak publicly at this time. "They're grieving," he said of the family members gathered inside.

Police shut down the mall, and it will remain closed Sunday, its managers said.

"Our prayers and support are with the entire Columbia and Howard County communities," said Ashley Venable, the mall's senior general manager, in a prepared statement. "We ask you keep all those affected and their families in your prayers tonight."

McMahon said police are "confident" the shooter acted alone, but did not know if he knew the victims, or if this was a random act of violence.

Shoppers and mall workers said the sound of gunfire sent people scattering in fear.

Nicole Kelley, 25, of Laurel, Md., said she was eating in the food court with her three young children when she heard eight or nine "bangs." She didn't know what the noise was, but grabbed her kids and ran, leaving her coat behind. Many others did so too, she said, leaving the food court strewn with coats, strollers and food.

"I heard the shots and it was just a stampede. . . . There were people running everywhere," said Antone Bishop, 19, who was shopping with his friend, Jared

Malcolm, 19, at the Finish Line shoe store. "People were running out the of store . . . people didn't know what to do. People were crying. Everyone was just in a panic."

After the shots, Bishop said, he went to the back of the store, where about 20 people hid in a storage area for about 20 to 30 minutes until police came.

Police said they arrived within minutes. Many customers inside the mall were directed toward the AMC Theater, away from the scene of the shooting. Some were loaded onto buses.

Heavy police presence remained at the mall into the night, with helicopters circling overhead and police officers searching car trunks in the parking lot.

SWAT teams swept through the mall to find people who had, in the now well-known parlance, "sheltered in place," and escort them out, McMahon said.

Jade Patterson, the mother of 14-year-old Brian Alberca, was frantic when she heard about the shooting because she believed her son had walked to the mall early in the morning to buy shoes, but she soon found him at a friend's house. Patterson said going to the mall on Saturday is what teens do in Columbia.

"This is their hang-out day," Patterson said. "You definitely wouldn't expect that to happen here, not at Columbia. This is Howard County."

She moved to Columbia from

Baltimore City three years ago because she thought it was a safe place to raise her family. "To me it was an escape from all the drama, a little paradise," she said.

Zumiez CEO Rick Brooks said in a statement that the company is making arrangements for counseling for their employees in the area.

"We are deeply saddened by the violence that has occurred this morning within our store in Maryland at The Mall in Columbia. Our hearts go out to the victims and their families," Brooks' statement said. "The Zumiez team is a tight-knit community and all of our hearts go out to Brianna and Tyler's families."

In Maryland, which tightened its gun laws in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., school massacre just over a year ago, the tougher scrutiny now required for handgun purchases doesn't apply to shotguns. While shotgun buyers must undergo the same federal background check as they would in any state, they can walk out of a gun store with it on the same day they buy it — without the Maryland State Police checking the more than a dozen other databases used when handguns are purchased.

Gun dealers call in to the federal NCIS system run by the FBI before selling a shotgun, a process that often takes less than 10 minutes and is the standard for all guns sales in many states. But Maryland set up stricter rules

for selling handguns — instituting a seven-day waiting period, a limit of one gun per month, firearms training and a license that requires giving fingerprints to state police. None of that, though, applies to shotgun sales.

Officials including Gov. Martin O'Malley, Sen. Barbara Mikulski and U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, expressed their condolences and commended the first responders.

"While we do not yet have full details of what has happened, my thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims, and those injured in the shooting," Cummings said in a prepared statement. "I commend the work of law enforcement officers and first responders currently on the scene for their quick and highly professional work in securing the mall and getting people to safety."

As darkness enveloped the mall Saturday night, a group of 13 people arrived for a hastily organized prayer vigil.

Pastor Andrew Best of Worship World Church in Laurel led the small group in prayer for the victims and their families as they stood amid yellow crime tape and patrolling police cars.

"To be honest with you, there's no way to make sense of it," Best said. "We live in a world of evil. What do you do when you have a case like this? Do you put metal detectors at every door? We feel like if we give in to the sense of fear it will stop us from living our lives."

OHIO

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Field Superintendent David Heflinger blamed a staffing problem, and the plans were submitted earlier this month.

As for the proposed bill, Heflinger said: "In general this one doesn't concern me a whole lot because I'm not proposing that we arm anyone in the school other than the school resource (police) officer."

Roegner's bill would allow administrators to make closed-door decisions to arm teachers. She said publicizing the names of armed educators, considered a deterrent by some, can actually be dangerous.

"If a gunman knows who is armed, that gives the gunman

an advantage. They can go take that person out first . . ." Roegner explained. "That's why it's done in executive session, so only the schools and local law enforcement and the insurance companies or anyone else by court order would know."

Ritchie said his armed teacher works closely with local police. "They know who he is. We're not that vague. He works hand in hand with the local law enforcement."

The Attorney General has not taken a position on the recent legislation.

As for who would be liable if an armed teacher accidentally shoots an innocent bystander, Roegner's bill absolves the school and educator from civil action, so long as the armed employee acted appropriately.

LIFE SUPPORT

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its role was not to make nor contest law but to follow it."

Because of the judge's orders, the hospital said, it would take Marlise Munoz off life support.

Both husband and wife were paramedics and had seen death. Erick Munoz said his wife had said she did not want to be kept alive by machine in such a situation.

In an affidavit filed in court Thursday, Erick Munoz said it was clear to him his wife was no longer alive.

"When I bend down to kiss her forehead, her usual scent is gone, replaced instead with what I can only describe as the smell of death," he wrote in court papers.

"One of the most painful parts of watching my wife's deceased body lie trapped in a hospital bed each day is the soulless look in her eyes," he continued. "Her eyes, once full of the 'glimmer of life,' are empty and dead. My wife is nothing more than an empty shell. She died in November 2013, and what sits in front of me is a deteriorating body."

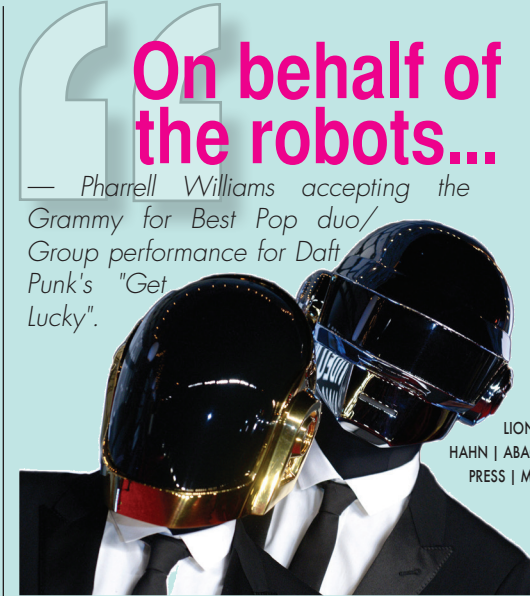
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| 5. "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" \$8.8M | 10. "Devil's Due" \$2.8M |

CHANNELLING SANDY CHEEKS

Accessories are a fashion trend consistently noticeable at the Grammy Awards each year, whether it be sunglasses, hats or shoes. Sunday's show was no exception, but Pharrell Williams, singer-songwriter, rapper and producer, took home the award for best execution of the trend. The Grammy nominee donned a Canadian Mountie cap by Vivienne Westwood (similar to that of Sandy Cheeks as she howls her "Texas" ballad) for the ceremony. Paired with his red track jacket, Williams could not have chosen a more appropriate look for the show.



Art students showcase work at 842

By BRECKIN WELLS
THE PARTHENON

Artwork from the students of the School of Art and Design at Marshall University was on display at the 28th Annual Student Juried Exhibition Friday night at Gallery 842, at 842 4th Avenue in downtown Huntington.

The competition consisted of 50 undergraduate and graduate students from the School of Art and Design who submitted their pieces of art worked on over the past year to a juror who determines the winning piece.

Edward Pauley, director for the Kennedy Museum of Art at Ohio University, was the juror for this year's competition.

John Farley, School of Art and Design gallery director, described the jurying process as a very difficult one.

"The jurying process is highly subjective and personal," Farley said. "While there are objective criteria to consider, in the end the winning works are the ones that resonate

most particularly with the juror for any number of reasons."

Students who entered the competition were eligible for a generous cash prize, the chance to sell their art and the opportunity to be recognized for the hard work they had put into their pieces.

First place in the undergraduate category went to Jill Smallwood for her piece, Hiraeth. Second place went to Shane Craig for his piece 17,000. Third place went to Colby Sweetser for her piece Wall Hanging Flower Light.

Smallwood, senior in fine arts with an emphasis in printmaking, submitted art for the competition for her third time this year.

"I just entered to hopefully show my work," Smallwood said. "Since I know everyone in the School of Art and Design I thought they were joking with me."

Smallwood encourages everyone in the School of Art and Design to submit and show off their work in next year's competition.

"Students shouldn't be discouraged to

enter and hopefully more will enter next year," she said. "I didn't do anything special, I didn't even plan to enter the show, so no matter what emphasis or discipline the art students are I hope that everyone enters a piece next year."

The Graduate Award of Distinction went to Tommy Warf, graduate student, for his piece, Book #2.

"It is always an honor to be recognized for the art work I create," Warf said.

Farley described the evening as being very exceptional, given the weather.

"The evening was very successful," Farley said "The ASJE is always a special event for art students and their families."

Other winners include Savannah Henry, Michael Gallimore and Ashley Taylor in the Foundations category.

Gallery 842 will show the artwork from the 28th Annual Student Juried Exhibition until Feb. 14 to the public.

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'Whiplash' wins big at Sundance

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LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

"Whiplash," Damien Chazelle's debut feature about a fraught relationship between a teacher and student at a New York music school, was the big winner at the Sundance Film Festival on Saturday night, taking the top audience and grand jury awards in the U.S. dramatic competition.

Sony Pictures Classics acquired "Whiplash" — which stars J.K. Simmons as an abusive instructor and Miles Teller as his prize drummer pupil — at the festival and aims to release it this year. This is the second year in a row that a single film scored the top two U.S. dramatic prizes; last year, "Fruitvale Station" took those two honors.

On the U.S. documentary side, the grand jury gave its top award to Tracy Droz Tragos' and Andrew Droz Palermo's "Rich Hill," about a family in small-town Missouri facing intense financial hardship, while Michael Rossato-Bennett's Alzheimer's documentary "Alive Inside: A Story of Music & Memory" won the audience prize.

Chazelle, 29, turned around his film from an award-winning short at the festival just last year. In accepting the prize Saturday, Chazelle said "Whiplash" was "not an easy movie to make, not an easy movie to convince people to make."

"Alive Inside," meanwhile, explores the effect of music on treating patients with dementia.

"I just made this film because it moved me, and I didn't realize how big a topic it was," Rossato-Bennett said in accepting the award.

The directing award in U.S. dramatic went to Custer Hoderne, whose "Fishing

Without Nets" was the latest drama about a Somali hijacking to come out of the film world. The prize was also notable because the film comes from Vice Media, the upstart Brooklyn, N.Y., company making forays into scripted feature films.

The world cinema dramatic grand jury prize went to Alejandro Fernandez Almendras' "To Kill a Man." The Chilean film explores a middle-class family standing up to bullies, both local and bureaucratic.

And the world cinema documentary grand jury prize went to Talal Derki's "Return to Homs," a story about an activist and a soccer star in the Syrian revolution.

Accepting the prize, producer Orwa Nyrabia took a political tack, saying that the win "gives us some hope a president could be ousted and some president in another place could change his mind and do something finally."

Elsewhere in U.S. narrative categories, Craig Johnson and Mark Heyman took the prestigious Waldo Salt screenwriting prize for "The Skeleton Twins," a story about a pair of reuniting siblings.

The film, which stars Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader, was very warmly received at the festival. It has been acquired by Lionsgate/Roadside and will be released in late summer or early fall, according to its filmmaker.

Hoderne took to the stage with some of his actors and noted that "we went to the opposite side of the world" casting actors from Kenya in key parts. "If they could speak English, we'd really be talking right now," he said as they stood behind him. One of the performers then took the microphone and said, "English small.... I love you, everybody. I love you, everybody."



By GLENN WHIPP
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Alfonso Cuaron won the Directors Guild of America's award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Feature Film for "Gravity," the outer space survival story starring Sandra Bullock.

"This is truly an honor and I'm humbled by it," Cuaron said as he accepted the award, winning the DGA prize on his first nomination.

With this year's best picture Oscar race so tightly contested, the DGA award arrived as the last strong indicator of what film might be the eventual winner. (Eligibility restrictions reduce the impact of next week's Writers Guild Awards.) Last weekend, "American Hustle" won Screen Actors Guild ensemble honors, while "Gravity" and "12 Years a Slave" tied for the Producers Guild's best picture prize.

Cuaron's win, coupled with the PGA prize, would seem to mark "Gravity" as the best picture front-runner heading into the Oscars on March 2.

The DGA winner has gone on to win the director Oscar all but seven times in 65 years. One of those exceptions came last year, when Ben Affleck took the DGA prize for "Argo" after not being nominated by the Motion Picture Academy. "Argo" did wind up winning the Academy Award for best picture.

"The Square," the revelatory, riveting account of Egyptian revolution, won the DGA documentary award. Accepting the prize, director Jehane Noujaim delivered an emotional speech, noting that the movie had yet to be cleared by censors in Egypt.

"But it has been pirated, copied and uploaded again and again and 750,000 people have seen it in the last couple of days," Noujaim said. "I called Ahmed (Hassan), one of the main characters, and he told me, 'I can't walk the streets! Girls want to take pictures with me! The film has spread far beyond Cairo to villages you haven't even heard of.'"

Steven Soderbergh received the Robert B. Aldrich Award for his work with the DGA over his career.

"I didn't want to join. I was forced to join," Soderbergh said, saying he initially believed the guild didn't have anything to offer him. "Learning I was wrong over and over again was one of the best things that ever happened to me."

Soderbergh returned to the stage later to accept his first DGA non-honorary award for his direction of the HBO Liberace biographical drama "Behind the Candelabra." He thanked his collaborators, whom he called, with joking appreciation, "performance enhancers."

For television series, finales took the night. Beth McCarthy-Miller won DGA honors for the last episode of "30 Rock," while Vince Gilligan prevailed on the drama side for the "Breaking Bad" farewell.

Each of the five DGA feature film director nominees received medallions presented by a member of their movie's cast. The introductions provided many of the evening's highlights, with the reliably engaging Tom Hanks introducing "Captain Phillips" director Paul Greengrass and Rob Reiner wondering why, with all the nudity in "The Wolf of Wall Street," Martin Scorsese didn't include any bared flesh in his scenes in the film.

Introducing Cuaron, Bullock noted, "They say it's all smoke and mirrors in this business, but you had not the option of smoke or mirrors, but just your imagination."

"I go through life and I'm not very star struck," Cuaron told the Los Angeles Times before the ceremony. "But my teen crushes were with directors. I talk to them and I get so embarrassed. I still get like a teen with a rock star. Even with people who are friends now. We've had endless dinners. But I still get nervous beforehand."

The DGA awards ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza hotel in Century City. The ceremony was not televised.

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