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All lost on Flight 370: Malaysian prime minister announces missing jet crashed into the southern Indian Ocean, leaving no survivors

By **BARBARA DEMICK and DON LEE**
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

A grim-faced Malaysian prime minister had an emergency late-night news conference Monday, saying that the long-missing Malaysian Airlines flight 370 "ended in the southern Indian Ocean" with no hope of survivors.

Najib Razak said his conclusion was based on new data from the British satellite company Inmarsat, identifying

the last known location of the flight as southwest of Perth, Australia.

"This is a remote location far from any possible landing sites. It is therefore with deep sadness and regret that I must inform you, that according to this new data, Flight MH 370 ended in the southern Indian Ocean," he said delivering his brief statement at the news conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Families of the passengers had been gathered together in

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-Najib Razak,
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur and in Beijing ahead of the news conference, and there were unconfirmed reports that families had been offered a charter flight to Australia.

In Beijing, paramedics rushed to the Lido Hotel to help family members who might be overcome with grief.

Until the end, some held out faint hope that the flight, which

disappeared March 8 on its way from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, might have been hijacked, with the passengers being held somewhere for ransom.

The hunt for the missing Malaysia Airlines flight had intensified Monday as search crews reported more sightings of possible debris in the south Indian Ocean, including two objects that could be retrieved soon by an Australian vessel.

Malaysia's defense minister, Hishammuddin Hussein, said that

a search aircraft had located two objects and that an Australian vessel, the Success, was in the vicinity.

"It is possible that the objects could be received within the next few hours, or by tomorrow morning at the latest," he said during a Monday evening news conference. Hishammuddin said that only a few minutes ago Australia's prime minister had informed the prime minister of Malaysia about the development.

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'Women of Color Day' event slated for Tuesday

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In celebration of the International Association for Women of Color Day, Marshall University's Woman of Color will sponsor a program at noon Tuesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Carmen Mitzi Sinnott will be the keynote speaker. Sinnott, an actress, writer and educator, recently performed in a local solo show, "Snapshot."

The director of the MU Women's Center, Leah Tolliver, said the event's theme, "Our Community in the Americas" was developed on the concept of looking at all women of color in all communities and not one specific race.

The program will feature an awards ceremony. Awards are given to a Marshall faculty member, a student and Cabell county resident who have made significant contributions to the university, community and promoting multicultural understanding and gender equality.

There will be a free luncheon buffet following the presentation. Vendors and displays will be set up in the lobby of the MSC.

The Center for African American Students, the MU Women's Center, Intercultural Affairs, and Housing and Residence Life collaborated to make the event possible.



UNDERSTANDING HIJABS

MSA, MSU team up to teach about Islamic dress

By **KRISTA SHIFFLETT**
THE PARTHENON

"Humility is just as beautiful," is what hijab means to students in the Muslim Student Association.

Marshall University's Muslim Student Association and Mu Sigma Upsilon Inc., worked together to host a hijab event Monday in the Memorial Student Center.

Malak Khader, MSA vice president, said the purpose of this event is to raise awareness about the hijab, a head covering worn in public by some Muslim women.

"We do not want people to think that the hijab is a form of oppression when we view it as a form of identity and modesty," Khader said.

The groups had a table set up with multiple scarves displayed for anyone to try on and see what it feels like to wear a hijab and to learn more about it.

During the event, Khader wrote volunteers' names in Arabic on the back of a piece of paper with the quote, "Classy is when a woman has everything to flaunt but chooses not to show it."

Also on the table was a tri-fold board with inspirational quotes such as, "I chose my identity, my pride," and "Humility is just as beautiful," which is an acronym for hijab.

Khader said MSA decided to team up with MSU because they are a new sorority at Marshall and it promotes multiculturalism.

MSU President Julitha Braggs said even though it is new, they are trying to bring awareness to more than just its sorority.

"We are a multicultural sorority so we wanted to help bring awareness to different cultures on campus," Braggs said.

Braggs said she hopes the event helps people understand the differences with each culture and help them become more accepting.

"I hope that this event will help students at Marshall understand why certain cultures do certain things," Braggs said. "Doing events like these will help make students feel more comfortable with the diversity at Marshall."

Taylor Cathcart, sophomore athletic training major, said the event was a great idea but was unsure if she wanted to try on a headscarf.

"It is a great idea to get the word out about both groups and also about the hijab awareness," Cathcart said.

MSA is planning to do the event again as well as other multicultural events.

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Muslim Student Association vice president Malak Khader, left, wraps a hijab around the head of Mu Sigma Upsilon president Julitha Braggs, above, while hijabs of all patterns sit on display, below, during an event promoting a deeper understanding of head covering in Islam Monday in the Memorial Student Center.

Winter weather carries on despite spring's arrival

By **MEGAN OSBORNE**
THE PARTHENON

Spring has come but snow is still possible early this week, with rain possible later in the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Monday.

Monday was mostly sunny with a high near 44 degrees. Monday night yielded a chance of snow after 4 a.m. with a 40 percent chance of

precipitation and a temperature low near 30.

NOAA reported a mix of rain and snow for Tuesday before 3 p.m., under cloudy skies all day. Temperatures may reach a high near 38 degrees. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent and new snow accumulation is expected at less than a half inch. Tuesday night, snow showers are likely before 10 p.m., with a 20 percent chance

of precipitation. Nighttime low is around 20 degrees and wind may gust up to 28 mph.

Wednesday is expected to be mostly sunny with a high near 39 degrees. Winds may come from the northwest at 7-9 mph. Nighttime lows will be around 23 degrees, under mostly clear skies.

Thursday's high is expected to reach 59 degrees under partly sunny skies. Showers

are possible at night with a 30 percent chance of precipitation. Temperatures will reach a low of 44 degrees. Night skies are expected to be mostly cloudy.

Rain and possibly thunderstorms are possible Friday. A high near 63 degrees is expected under mostly cloudy skies. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Showers may continue into the night.

Temperatures may reach a low near 45 degrees. Nighttime chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with a high near 58 degrees and a nighttime low near 35 degrees.

NASA's Sky Events Calendar shows an occultation of Mars and the star Spica to be visible Wednesday night. A lunar perigee will be visible

Thursday, where the moon appears larger than normal. A Moon-Venus occultation will be visible around 5:52 a.m. Thursday, where the moon crosses over Venus and temporarily blocks the planet from the earth's view. This week's clouds may hinder the visibility for these events.

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Honor Flight provides a day to thank nation's heroes

By JESSICA STARKEY
THE PARTHENON

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 World War II veterans die each day. Honor Flight is a national organization that helps WWII veterans and some Korean and Vietnam veterans travel to Washington D.C. to see the memorials that were built in their honor.

regional hub books flights to Washington D.C. and provides the veterans with their own day to be thanked and remembered. The veterans are provided all three meals, water, snacks and any medical attention they might need.

Coordinator for the Huntington regional hub, Jane Julian, said the veterans experience a full day of laughter and tears as they take time to reflect on their service.

"We see a lot of tears and laughter through this experience," Julian said. "It is very emotional for them. When they receive greetings at the airport with bands and flags waving they swell with pride. It is also emotional when they see the actual memorials that were built in their honor. In those moments they reflect back on their service and they also remember their comrades who

did not return home." Honor Flight Huntington takes donations from anyone except veterans that have not traveled with them. Julian said all money is saved prior to the trip so the veterans can experience the day at no cost to them.

"We get them whatever they need," Julian said. "If a veteran needs a wheelchair we furnish that. If a veteran needs oxygen

we provide that. They also receive a T-shirt or if it's cool a sweatshirt."

The program also takes guardians and registered nurses on the trip to assist with any physical or emotional help.

Honor Flight is planning its next trip May 10 out of Clarksburg. They take applications from any WWII, Korean or Vietnam veteran in the tri-state area. Veterans in Ohio and Kentucky

can apply for the West Virginia regional hub if it is closer.

Honor Flight provides a one of a kind day for these heroes of our country and a history lesson for those in attendance that cannot be taught out of a history book. They are always taking donations and seeking local volunteers to help with these trips.

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108 unaccounted for in deadly mudslide

THE SEATTLE TIMES (MCT)

Officials at the massive mudslide in Snohomish County, Wash., said Monday that they have reports of 108 missing and unaccounted-for individuals as a result of the disaster.

John Pennington, who heads the county's Department of Emergency Management, quickly added that the reports are vague and insists the number of victims will not be nearly that large. He called 108 "a soft number."

Snohomish County Fire District 21 Chief Travis Hots said "the situation is very grim."

"We are still holding out hope we are going to find people alive. We are still in a rescue mode," Hots added.

Rescuers Monday planned to use aircraft, four search dogs and technical teams to "probe the ground." Searchers going through debris have been sinking in the mud, which is 20 feet or more deep in some areas.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., speaking at the same Arlington news conference as Hots and Pennington, said the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies were ready to assist as well.

Going into detail about the slide site, near Oso, Pennington said there are 59 vacant lots in the slide area, and another 49 lots had some sort of structure — meaning a house, a cabin or some type of possible dwelling. Of all of the structures, 25 were likely occupied full time.

Pennington was asked about reports that some youths had been at a slumber party in a home at the slide area. He said he hadn't heard anything about that.

He also said he didn't know about reports that there had been logging on the slope.

"The area was mitigated very heavily. It was considered very



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A house is seen destroyed in the mud on Highway 530 next to mile marker 37 Sunday, the day after a giant landslide occurred near mile marker 37 near Oso, Wash. At least six homes have been washed away, with three people reported dead so far and at least 18 missing. The nearby Stillaguamish River has been dammed up by 15-20 feet of debris as a result, creating more flooding concerns, as reported by KING 5 via the state hydrologist.

safe," he said. "This was a completely unforeseen slide. This came out of nowhere."

Pennington said that because the slide happened on a Saturday, more people likely were at home, not at work.

The massive slide is now reported at 15 million cubic yards of mud and debris, said Steve Thompson, the county's public works director. The mudslide came down from a hillside above the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River, crossed over it, plowed through homes and other structures and onto Highway 530 about 11 a.m. Saturday, flattening everything in its path.

He said the county isn't moving any heavy equipment to the site at this point, not wanting to endanger the crews.

Marcus Deyering, spokesman for the Northwest Management Incident Team, said crews using heavy-duty lights spent the

night searching the area "where it was safe to search."

The names of the confirmed dead or the missing have not been released by officials, although some survivors or the families of the missing have talked to the media and provided names.

Officials at Monday morning's news conference looked tired and weary as they spoke to reporters outside the Arlington Police Department.

"This is a large-scale disaster," said Pennington.

A large section of the river, which was covered by the slide, is stabilizing, said Thompson, the county public works director.

"Mother Nature is doing a good job of re-carving that (river) channel," he said, and downstream "the river is getting back to 'semi-normal levels.'"

Seven houses upriver have flooded, a sheriff's spokeswoman

said this afternoon.

With no positive news forthcoming, relatives of the missing crowded into the Darrington Community Center Sunday looking for answers.

Relatives handed photos of missing loved ones to rescue workers in hopes they might turn up unconscious at a hospital.

Those reportedly missing ranged from Oso-area homeowners to repairmen on work assignments and a group of girls at a slumber party.

Ron Thompson, whose home was destroyed, stopped by the evacuation shelter at Post Middle School in Arlington to find out if his friends turned up alive. "We lost a lot of good kids. I don't know what else to tell you. It hurts," he said before driving away.

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Senate moves toward sending aid to Ukraine

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

The Senate moved Monday to advance aid and sanctions for Ukraine, though the fight over the emergency funding measure is just beginning.

Senators voted 78-17 to move forward with the aid bill, which includes changes to the International Monetary Fund long sought by President Barack Obama but stymied by Republican opposition in the House of Representatives.

All 17 no votes were Republicans.

Senate Democratic leaders said they expect to pass the bill later this week and send it to the House of Representatives, where the battle over the IMF provision will continue. The House passed a Ukraine aid bill on March 6 that has \$1 billion in loan guarantees but excludes the IMF provision.

The Senate bill provides \$1 billion in loan guarantees for the Kiev government and \$150 million in aid for Ukraine and neighboring countries. It also imposes sanctions on Russians and Ukrainians linked to corruption and human rights atrocities in Ukraine. But the IMF provision is a sticking point. It allows the IMF to move \$63 billion from its crisis fund to its general fund and re-balance its board of directors to give nations like Russia, China, Brazil and India a greater voice.

Conservative Republicans in the Senate and House called the IMF provision unrelated to Russia's annexation of Crimea and argued that changing the structure of the IMF board would dilute U.S. influence over the fund.

Republicans Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky, Ted Cruz of Texas, Mike Lee of Utah and Pat Roberts of Kansas last week demanded a separate vote to strip the IMF provision from the Senate bill.

But Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Marco Rubio, R-Fla., argued that the crisis in Ukraine was too dire for lawmakers to get hung up on the IMF and urged that the legislation move forward.

"If we don't send this message now with this package in a bipartisan and strong manner, Vladimir Putin will be encouraged to enact further acts of aggression against Crimea and in the region," McCain said.

Though McCain agrees with Obama that Ukraine needs U.S. aid as quickly as possible, he had harsh words for the president's handling of the crisis.

Noting that Obama is in Europe this week consulting allies on Ukraine, McCain said, "I hope he is leading in Europe rather than just consulting in Europe."

Heritage Action, the political arm of the conservative Heritage Foundation, urged

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US, allies throw Russia out of G-8

By LESLEY CLARK
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

President Barack Obama and leaders of the world's largest industrialized countries expelled Russia from the Group of Eight until it "changes course" in Ukraine and formally canceled plans to attend an economic summit in Russia in June.

The move was aimed at Russian President Vladimir Putin's plan to host the G-8 group of economic powers at Sochi, Russia, which would have been its second starring role on the world stage after this winter's Olympics.

Instead, the G-7 leaders will meet in Brussels without Putin. At the same time, the group said it would not send its foreign ministers to a planned G-8 meeting in Moscow next month.

Though largely symbolic and falling short of new sanctions against Russia, the statement from the G-7 leaders pledged that they "remain ready" to intensify sanctions if Russia takes further action in Ukraine.

"This group came together because of shared beliefs and shared responsibilities. Russia's actions in recent weeks are not consistent with them," the leaders of

Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States said in what they called "The Hague Declaration."

The president of the European Council and the president of the European Commission also signed the statement.

The leaders met at Obama's urging at The Hague while attending a nuclear security summit.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters that Russia's expulsion from the G-8 would be no "great tragedy," Voice of Russia reported.

"If our Western partners think that this format has outlived itself, then so be it," Lavrov told reporters after holding his first talks since the annexation with Andriy Deshchlytsya, Ukraine's interim foreign minister.

"At the very least, we are not trying to hold on to this format, and we see no great tragedy if it (the G-8) does not meet," said Lavrov, who also met separately with Secretary of State John Kerry.

The move is symbolic but still important, Michael McFaul, a Stanford University-based Russia specialist who until recently was U.S. ambassador to

Moscow, told reporters on a conference call.

McFaul said he believes Putin understands that he's growing isolated and is bracing for a possible military engagement with NATO forces at some point.

"Right now I think he's focused on consolidating and digging in for confrontation with the West," McFaul said. "They fully expect it and that's what they're doing."

The U.S. last week expanded a round of economic sanctions against Putin's allies, but Obama is under pressure on the trip to convince European allies to step up their response. Many analysts say the sanctions won't have much bite without Europe's involvement, but many leaders there are leery, given Europe's trade and energy reliance on Russia.

The statement from the leaders also notes that they've directed the G-7's energy ministers to meet "to discuss ways to strengthen our collective energy security."

And it warned that the leaders "remain ready to intensify actions including coordinated sectoral sanctions that will have an increasingly significant impact on the Russian economy, if Russia continues to escalate this situation."

Obama meets with G-7 leaders

President Barack Obama, on a previously scheduled European trip, confers with G-7 leaders about the crisis in Ukraine while attending a summit on nuclear security issues.

1. **March 24**
Arrives in Amsterdam; attends the World Forum for Nuclear Security Summit at The Hague, Netherlands; working dinner with King Willem-Alexander

2. **March 25**
Nuclear security summit concludes; flies to Brussels

3. **March 26**
Lays wreath at WWI cemetery Flanders Field; attends EU-U.S. summit; delivers speech on U.S.-Europe relations; flies to Rome

4. **March 27**
Audience with Pope Francis; meets with Italian leaders; tours the Coliseum

5. **March 28**
Flies to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; meets with King Abdullah; talks continue March 29

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SPORTS

Tuesday's baseball game between the Herd and Ohio State has been postponed due to impending weather.

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Hamrick keeping coaching search quiet

By COURTNEY SEALEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University Athletic Director Mike Hamrick said he will give no hints in the head basketball coach search underway after Tom Herrion's resignation.

Herrion resigned March 14 after ending the 2013-2014 season with a 11-22 record and the team fell to Old Dominion in the second round of the Conference USA tournament.

Mike Hamrick said he accepted Herrion's resignation after a long talk Friday morning after the team returned from the conference tournament.

"I accepted his resignation and thanked him for everything he's done at Marshall University," he said. "He took over a program that had issues that many people were not aware of and he solved them."

While there is much speculation about who will be the next head coach, Tom Hamrick said Marshall Athletics would not make timetables or release information until someone has been selected.

"The minute there are timelines, the minute you don't meet that, then you didn't meet your deadline for your coach, and that's perceived as being negative," he said. "Maybe we'll have a press conference tomorrow or maybe next week or maybe in two weeks."

Hamrick believes Marshall is a very appealing job nationwide due to the amount of money recently put into Marshall Athletics and into the basketball program. Hamrick pointed to light, heating and sound system issues that had plagued the Cam Henderson Center until he became athletic director and fixed the issues.

Hamrick said basketball is critical to the success of Marshall Athletics and wants to bring the program back to the glory days of when the team participated in the tournament.

"It's been awhile since we've been in a major tournament. Obviously in Tom's second year we went to the NIT, but I'm not interested in going to the NIT, I am interested in winning the conference and going to the NCAA," he said. "Our fans are dying for a basketball program that gets the basketball up and down the court. They want that excitement, just like they saw this fall in football."

Mike Hamrick said he has a lot of qualifications in mind for the next head coach.

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Herd retakes field for spring practice



Head coach Doc Holliday and quarterback Rakeem Cato (12) lead the Herd onto the field after halftime of the 2013 Military Bowl in Annapolis, Md.

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By BRAXTON CRISP
THE PARTHENON

Following the first 10-win season since 2002, the Marshall University football team returned to the field Monday for the first time after earning a 31-20 victory over Maryland in the Military Bowl last December.

This marks the first day of spring practice in preparation for the upcoming Green and White Game, April 26 and the 2014 season.

Entering this spring, the Thundering Herd has the fewest question marks surrounding it in terms of the players and coaches in head coach, Doc Holliday's tenure at Marshall. That is attributed to losing only one coach from last year's staff, running backs coach Thomas Brown, and many players who played vital roles a season ago returning to the Herd.

Monday, Holliday spoke of some areas in which the Herd could still improve in the spring. One of those is the search for a clear cut backup quarterback, after longtime backup Blake Frohnepfel announced his transfer to the University of Massachusetts earlier in the offseason.

"The quarterback situation is critical," Holliday said. "We all know Cato can play but we have to get a backup."

The other three quarterbacks who will be participating in spring practice besides Cato are redshirt-sophomore Gunnar Holcombe, redshirt-freshman Kevin Anderson and freshman early-enrollee Cole Garvin.

Another place of relative uncertainty is at running back. Last season, Essray Taliaferro ran for 1,140 yards and 10 touchdowns. Holliday said Taliaferro was also valuable as a blocker, and he wants Steward Butler, Remi Watson and Kevin Grooms to improve in that area.

"At the end of the day when you go back and look at those cut ups, [Taliaferro] was a very productive football player," Holliday said. "He did a great job with protection of sticking his nose up in the A-gap and blocking backers and protecting Cato. Those other guys are talented backs but they have to become good all around backs like Taliaferro did."

On the defensive side of the ball, redshirt-junior D.J. Hunter will be moving back to linebacker at least for

spring practice. Holliday said the move allows for the defensive secondary to be more versatile.

"We might not be quite as much nickel as we were because D.J. can go out there and even though he's a strong side linebacker it's no different than the nickel position and play some of that," Holliday said. "That allows us to put Corey [Tindal] at corner. Corey will probably see a lot of corner this spring just to get him out there because he can always come back and play nickel."

Marshall will have 15 practices this spring to work on those position battles as well as some others such as at wide receiver, where the question looms as to who will Cato have to throw to besides Tommy Shuler, and place kicker. During spring practice, the Herd will have four early-enrollees, Garvin, safety Matthew Santer, and offensive linemen Will Mendoza and A.J. Addison, who will get an early start ahead of the rest of the true freshmen in the most recent recruiting class before fall camp.

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Thundering Herd 2014 Spring Practice Schedule

Tuesday, March 25: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 27: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 29: 9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, April 1: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 3: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 5: 9:30 – 11:45 a.m.*

Tuesday, April 8: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 10: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 12: 1:30 – 3:45 p.m.*

Tuesday, April 15: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 17: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Friday, April 18: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.*

Tuesday, April 22: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 24: 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 26: 2 – 4:15 p.m. (Spring Game)

(All times are approximate)

*Scrimmage

Herd women's soccer announces Elite clinic

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Marshall women's soccer coach Kevin Long has announced two upcoming Elite College ID Clinics to be held at Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex.

The first will be held April 12-13, and the second is set for a to-be-determined date in June. Both clinics will be open to girls in grades 9-12 and cost \$125.00 per player, per clinic. Registration is now open for the April clinic.

Check-in for the April clinic will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex, Saturday, April 12, following the Marshall women's soccer scrimmage versus Eastern Kentucky at

3:30 p.m. Admission for the match is free for all to attend.

At the clinics, demonstrations and game play will feature the correct technical methods and enable players to use those skills in game scenarios. An additional area of concentration is the development of positional skills and tactical training designed to improve positional awareness and understanding.

For more information, visit the link above. Further questions may be directed to the women's soccer office at 304-696-6388, or via email at longke@marshall.edu.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Phelps' death is no reason to celebrate

Fred Phelps, founder and pastor of Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church, died Thursday, unleashing a frenzy of comments from both critics and supporters. Phelps was best known for his unyielding homophobic beliefs, and that natural disasters and horrors such as the deaths of soldiers were God's punishment for increased acceptance of homosexuality.

Many reveled in the pastor's demise, condemning him to an eternity of suffering in hell. As one CNN.com commenter paraphrased, "My mother said to only say nice things about the dead. He's dead. How nice?"

This particular kind of comment cannot be tolerated, especially by those who

claim to oppose Phelps' hateful ideals.

Such radical opinions toward one man's repulsive ideals suggest his impact was more successful than it was in actuality. Phelps brought hatred and bigotry to light, eliciting increased support for the LGBT movement and anti-racism. He also reinforced the importance of the First Amendment and free speech in the United States, forcing the Supreme Court to affirm his right to protest.

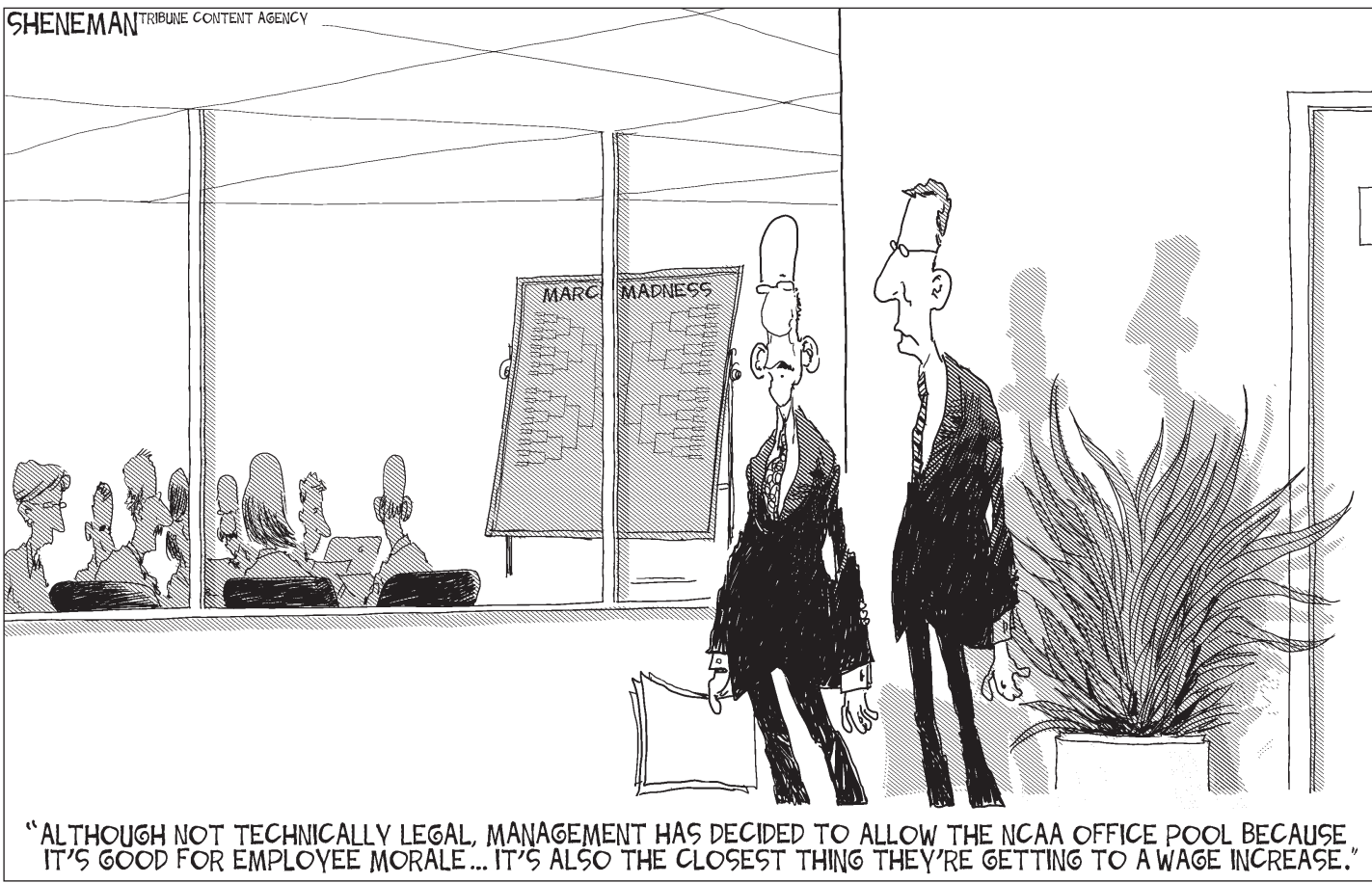
"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that," Martin Luther King Jr. once said.

To celebrate death or eternal damnation of any human, no matter the harm he

or she causes, is to become the same evil one once condemned and to align with the darkness King references.

"There is a sadness as deep as the Grand Canyon over the harm that he has unleashed in our country, a sadness that can't be quantified," said Jim Smith, associate director of LGBTQ Catholic advocacy organization Dignity USA, to CNN. "But that still doesn't mean I delight in his death."

Phelps, though bigoted and disturbingly homophobic, had a great impact on society. Even as he spewed hate and opposed equality, to condemn Phelps to eternal hellfire would disprove all of our progress toward a more tolerant nation.



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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

US must insist on Internet remaining free, open

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS (MCT)

As we note the 25th anniversary of the birth of Tim Berners-Lee's World Wide Web, the integrity of the Internet is threatened as never before. China and Russia are launching cyberattacks at unprecedented levels, and the NSA's hacking and spying are destroying trust in technology.

In that context, the Obama administration has announced it will give up U.S. control of the Internet to an international governing body. This has been in the works for more than a decade — but the president needs to be certain that the transition to a nonprofit will maintain a free and open system. That is not at all clear today.

Silicon Valley can't keep driving the U.S. economy unless the guiding principles that shaped the Internet are the foundation of its next governing body.

If it were possible, we would urge Obama to hand control of the Internet back to "God." But the bushy-bearded, sandal-clad tech genius who bore that nickname, the University of Southern

California's Jon Postel, died in 1998 after serving as unofficial governor of the Internet for decades.

Valley legend Vint Cerf said this of Postel's legacy: "He was our rock. He was the foundation on which our every web search and email was built."

Postel helped devise the protocols that underpinned the web and then served as the Internet's primary administrator. His philosophy, now known as Postel's law, was that any "implementation should be conservative in its sending behavior, and liberal in its receiving behavior."

Postel died just as the current Internet administrator, the Los Angeles-based ICANN (The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers), was being formed. ICANN contracts with the Commerce Department to keep the system running.

Critics of releasing control now, including Republican Newt Gingrich, fear that foreign governments will swoop in and stifle its democratic principles. It's a legitimate fear, given that in 2012, the World

Conference on International Telecommunications considered handing control of Internet operations to the United Nations, a frightening thought.

Commerce Department officials have issued guiding principles for the next governing body that emphasize the importance of a stable, open Internet. They maintain they will not turn over control to a government-led organization of any form. That's a relief.

An ICANN stakeholder meeting beginning Sunday in Singapore is supposed to clarify the transition. The Obama administration should insist on an international nonprofit with established Internet principles to assume leadership.

Unfortunately, the United States has lost some of its moral authority in this choice because its own spying outrages have been exposed. It's one more reason the president needs to restore Internet integrity, starting with its own use of the system. And he should not hand anything over until we know who or what will be Postel's heir.

Online Polls

You Can Be Herd

How is your NCAA March Madness bracket looking?

Awful.
Not too bad.
I didn't make one.

What are your plans for spring break?

Go to the beach	52%
Go home	24%
Work	24%

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COLUMN

Waugaman administration has chance to better opinion of SGA

By TOMMY D. G. FERRELL
COLUMNIST

Just before spring break, Marshall University students voted in the 2014 elections for student body president and for the student senate. Representatives from most of the colleges and schools that make up the university were elected to the senate in a mixture of competitive and noncompetitive races, while the team of senate finance committee chair Duncan Waugaman and Sen. Lila Mangus, both of the College of Business, sailed unopposed to president and vice president, respectively.

As a former student senator, it was a pleasure to work with Sens. Waugaman and Mangus in the Senate. I wish them the best as president and vice president, and I have faith they will excel in their new roles. This confidence does not come without qualification, however: There are some expectations I, as a constituent, have for them ahead of their inauguration.

In the 2013 presidential election, what many view as the most controversial moment came when presidential candidate Witlee Retton, senior public communication major, said our student government was plagued with a "country club" atmosphere. While I, as a sitting senator, took serious offense to the notion that I was swimming in a culture of elitism, I was forced to face a reality: She has a point.

The student government is not like a country club, but perception is reality. A year later, Marshall students continue to be hindered from our elected leaders because that highbrow sentiment remains. Senate seats remain vacant—some colleges have no representation—and constituent attendance and interaction at senate meetings remains low. To fix this, it will take more than breaking that wall down. The Waugaman Administration and the 72nd student senate are going to have to reach out.

I challenge Sens. Waugaman and Mangus to implement an unprecedented commitment to boost student involvement in their own government. Students

need to know that we have authority in this institution through our elected representatives. We need a student government that is in our face, reaching out as often as possible to gauge student views and hear the widest range of voices possible. The student body should know that, when a student faces a challenge, he or she can find assistance in his or her student government.

Whether it is a matter of seeking student organization funding, trying to navigate through the unwieldy university bureaucracy or suggesting a policy change, the administration and the senate are there to help. All we need now is for each and every student here to know that this set of resources is available and effective.

Part of that will include avoiding politics. There are no Democrats or Republicans here. Each elected official and cabinet member should be an independent thinker dedicated to no interest more than that of the people at whose pleasure he or she serves. The work of our student government is not as frequent or as complex as that of Congress, but the unique position of a representative voice in any organization should be cherished and treated according to the dignity owed to it. There is no room for self-interest, and to ever follow such would be a negligent betrayal of the office. They should speak for the students and never for themselves.

When the 2015 election arrives, students should know more and feel better about our student government than we did a year before. Increased awareness, commitment to accessibility and a scornful attitude toward political motives can take the Waugaman Administration there. I encourage Sen. Waugaman and his cabinet, as well as the whole incoming senate class, to take these principles to heart and make this the best year ever for student government at Marshall University.

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senators to vote against moving the aid bill forward because of the IMF measure and warned that the vote would be included on the group's legislative report card.

But congressional Republicans have signaled that they would be amenable to supporting the IMF provision if the Obama administration would agree to delay Internal Revenue Service implementation of a new rule curtailing political activities of tax-exempt groups.

Tea party and other conservative groups assert that the rule infringes upon free speech. Senate Majority

Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., accused Republicans of holding up aid to Ukraine to "protect the anonymity of their big-time donors."

Reid blamed his favorite target for Congress' inability to swiftly pass a Ukraine aid package to get to Obama's desk: the billionaire Koch brothers.

"Republicans objected to moving forward with this aid package to protect the ability of the Koch brothers and other GOP donors who hide behind shadowy groups, groups that spent millions on misleading attack ads," Reid said. "This is the reason for holding up something that is so important to 46 million Ukrainians and important to our country."

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"I want someone who can run the program the right way, like Tom did," Hamrick said. "I'm looking for someone who can win. Someone who can win the right way. Someone who wants to be here. Someone that can reignite the fan base."

Hamrick went on to say he wants someone who can bring the energy back to the Herd Basketball team and the fan base.

"I never missed a game here," he said. "I sat up in the stands.

There were some games I got a little lonely, my wife and I sitting up there. I don't like being lonely at basketball games. I like people around me, enjoying the game."

While there has not been any official news from Marshall Athletic on the coaching search, there are many candidates with potential to lead the Herd including John Pelphey, Blaine Taylor, Kevin Keatts, or even ESPN college basketball analyst Seth Greenberg.

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Facebook refused to limit hiring of Google employees, Sandberg says

By JESSICA GUYN

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Facebook's chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, said she declined to limit her company's hiring of Google employees after being approached by two senior executives at the Internet giant.

Sandberg made the declaration in a filing in San Jose, Calif., federal court Friday before a high-profile trial in May that will determine whether Google Inc., Apple Inc., Intel Corp. and Adobe Systems Inc. illegally agreed not to recruit each other's employees.

Sandberg and Facebook Inc. are not involved in the case, which grew out of a Department of Justice investigation that was settled in 2010.

The plaintiffs are software and hardware engineers, programmers, Web developers and other technology workers who allege their wages were kept artificially low by secret non-solicitation agreements between the companies.

Sandberg worked at Google and was a top executive there until 2008, when she joined Facebook. That year, she received separate calls from two Google executives expressing concern about a large number of Google employees joining Facebook.

According to court files unsealed last week, Sandberg received emails from former colleagues soon after she joined Facebook.

At the time, Google employees were joining Facebook in great numbers, escalating tensions between the two companies.

According to the unsealed files, then-Google executive Jonathan Rosenberg told Sandberg in August 2008: "Fix this problem. Propose that you will substantially lower the rate at which you

hire people from us. Then make sure that happens."

Sandberg declined, saying Facebook limited poaching only with companies with which it shared board members.

That response insulated Facebook from being dragged into this lawsuit.

"I declined at the time to limit Facebook's recruitment or hiring of Google employees," Sandberg said in Friday's filing, which was first reported by CNBC. "Nor have I made or authorized any such agreement between Facebook and Google since that time."

Representatives of Google and Facebook declined to comment Monday.

The legal case over alleged collusion over the wages of technology workers in Silicon Valley may be expanding.

Over the weekend, Pando Daily reported that the case could include dozens of other technology companies and potentially more than 1 million employees.

An initial hearing in the case, which was granted class-action status in October, will be held before U.S. District Court Judge Lucy Koh on Thursday. Jury selection is scheduled to begin May 27.

Five software engineers filed the lawsuit in 2011, alleging a conspiracy from 2005 to 2009 to limit pay and job movement.

The lawsuit follows a similar probe from the U.S. Justice Department that the companies settled in 2010. That investigation alleged the companies colluded to suppress wages by agreeing not to recruit employees from one another. Under the settlement, the companies agreed not to restrain competition in the labor market for high-tech talent.

Migration of thousands of sharks closes Florida beaches

By DAVID FLESHLER
SUN SENTINEL (MCT)

Thousands of migrating sharks swam close to South Florida beaches over the past few days, prompting beach closures and sending two people to the hospital with minor bites.

The beach at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park remained closed Monday after hundreds of sharks were sighted near swimming areas, many chasing fish "very close to shore," said Mara Burger, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Gulf Stream Park's beach was closed and reopened three times on Sunday, as lifeguards ordered swimmers from the water at the sight of sharks.

Off Delray Beach on Saturday afternoon, Kurt Hoffman was dragging his arm in the water from his kite board when he suddenly felt pressure on his arm.

"It was less than a second," he said. "It was a hit and a release. It felt like a bear trap. I pulled myself in pretty much like a rocket. And I pulled my feet up because I didn't want

to get bitten again. All I see is blood running down my arm. I yelled 'Shark bite! A shark bit me!'"

Hoffman, whose company The Kite Doctor repairs damaged kiteboarding kites, suffered 15 to 18 puncture wounds across a seven-inch span. At St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, he was given antibiotics, in addition to treatment for his wound, because sharks' mouths team with bacteria.

On Friday, a 9-year-old boy on a surfboard or boogie board was bitten on his foot and ankle, said Lt. Anthony Giarrusso, of North Palm Beach Fire Rescue. He was taken to St. Mary's for treatment.

Every spring, a huge number of blacktip and spinner sharks migrate from their winter homes off Broward and Palm Beach counties north, with many going as far as the Carolinas.

"These two bites sound very much like what you'd expect around this time in South Florida," said Stephen Kajiura, associate professor of biology at Florida Atlantic University, who gathers data on

the migration by air on flights between the Boca and Jupiter inlets. "We have large numbers of sharks that are migrating through here."

Blacktips and spinners reach a maximum length of six feet, not large enough to see a human being as prey. When they bite someone, Kajiura said, it is typically a case of mistaken identity in murky water.

"If you see a flash in the water, a hand or a foot, it looks like a little fish," he said. "They're fish eaters, and they're going after all these little baitfish, it's not a surprise that we're seeing this this time of year."

The most dangerous sharks for people are the bull, tiger and great white, which account for the largest number of fatalities. Last year, Florida led the country in shark bites with 23, none of which was fatal, according to the International Shark Attack File.

In their migrations, blacktips and spinners arrive in South Florida in December and January. No one knows how far south they go, Kajiura said. They extend into

Broward County and may go as far south as Miami-Dade County, he said. In March, they head north, going to northern Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas, where females give birth to pups.

Gulf Stream Park was closed for very short periods Sunday, as lifeguards watched the water for sharks, said Joe Peloquin, supervisor of lifeguards at southern Palm Beach County beaches. The decision on when to order swimmers out of the water is a judgment call and does not require large numbers of sharks, he said.

"If it's in close proximity to our swim area, we will close for one shark," he said.

In Deerfield Beach, where shark migrations have led to closures in prior years, lifeguards have not seen many sharks offshore lately, city spokeswoman Rebecca Medina said.

"We haven't had any significant sightings at all," she said. "They're watching. Their eyes are on the water. The beaches are packed. With the number of spring breakers, they really have to have their guard up."

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A 4-month-old baby and her grandmother were also among the missing.

The baby, Sanoah Huestis, lived with her grandparents, Christina and Seth Jefferds. Seth Jefferds, a volunteer firefighter, was not home at the time of the slide and arrived to find his house flattened and his wife and granddaughter missing, said his brother-in-law, Dale Petersen.

"He said it was just like a bulldozer ran over the house," Petersen said.

Although the names of the people killed were not officially released, one is former Darrington librarian and School Board member Linda McPherson, 69, according to Pete Selvig, a member of the Darrington emergency-response team and a retired U.S. Forest Service employee.

McPherson's husband, Gary "Mac" McPherson, was injured. His condition was not immediately known.

The couple's house and that of their niece and nephew next door were both destroyed, Selvig said. The younger couple were not at home, but their dog was trapped in the debris, he said.

Rescuers tried to get to the

dog after hearing whimpering Saturday night, but had to give up because the mud and debris were moving, Selvig said.

McPherson was branch manager of the Darrington library and served for about 15 years on the School Board, said Selvig, who served with her.

He said her approach to the business and challenges of the small rural school district was professional and methodical. She was part of a Darrington contingent that lobbied the state Legislature for funding to rebuild the district's three aging schools. "Her name is on the plaque on the new elementary," Selvig said.

Seven people injured in the slide were being treated at area hospitals Sunday.

At Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, a 6-month-old baby boy and an 81-year-old man were in critical condition in the intensive-care unit today. A 37-year-old man and a 58-year-old man were in serious condition. A 25-year-old woman was in satisfactory condition.

At Cascade Valley Hospital in Arlington, one woman was in satisfactory condition. Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon reported that a 68-year-old man was in stable condition.

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If retrieved, the two objects — one described as circular colored gray or green, and the other rectangular and orange — would be the first to be found in this remote section of the Indian Ocean about 1,500 miles off the coast of southwest Australia since searchers began focusing on this area Thursday. And they could provide the first physical evidence of the plane that vanished March 8, with 239 passengers and crew on board.

In recent days there has been a growing number of satellite and aircraft sightings of objects in this area that could be wreckage from the missing jetliner.

On Monday, with Chinese and Japanese joining an Australian-led team of American

and New Zealand planes, 10 military and commercial aircraft in all combed an area of about 20,000 square nautical miles in the south Indian Ocean looking for traces of Flight 370.

Earlier in the day, one of the two Chinese Ilyushin IL-76 aircraft involved in the search reported seeing "two big floating objects with many white smaller ones scattered within a radius of several kilometers," according to the official New China News Agency.

After the sighting was reported, the U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon plane sought to relocate the objects but was unable to do so, said the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. A Chinese vessel was steaming toward the area to investigate and was expected to arrive in the area by Tuesday morning, the news agency said.

How graduates can take on the job market

By CHUCK MYERS
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

Recent college graduates entering the job market can face a variety of challenges, especially with a recovering economy.

Graduates can use any edge they can get when tackling today's job market. And the World Wide Web has quite a few good places to pick up some useful job-hunt tips.

Here is a sampling:

—Campus Explorer: Breaks down the job search into a planning timeline that begins six months before graduation. <http://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/2D86AD0F/Job-Search-Tips-and-Job->

Timeline-for-New-Grads/
—Fastweb: Provides articles on a variety of job search subjects for new graduates. <http://www.fastweb.com/career-planning/articles/list>

—Job-Hunt.org: Spotlights nine steps in developing a strategy for a first-job hunt. [http://www.job-hunt.org/onlinejobsearchguide/article\(UNDERSCORE\)first\(UNDERSCORE\)job\(UNDERSCORE\)after\(UNDERSCORE\)college.shtml](http://www.job-hunt.org/onlinejobsearchguide/article(UNDERSCORE)first(UNDERSCORE)job(UNDERSCORE)after(UNDERSCORE)college.shtml)

—Quintessential Careers: Offers job search advice for recent graduates. [http://www.quintcareers.com/job-search\(UNDERSCORE\)advice.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/job-search(UNDERSCORE)advice.html)

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Humans of Huntington

By EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIVES OF THE CITY'S STRANGERS



What was the happiest moment of your life?

It would probably be making the audition for the percussion ensemble that I'm in. I mean, I worked really hard for it, and finally getting called back and accepted was really exciting.

If you could give one piece of advice to a large group of people, what would it be?

Do what makes you happy, and don't apologize for it.
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2. "Muppets Most Wanted" \$17M
3. "Mr. Peabody & Sherman" \$11.8M
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5. "300: Rise of an Empire" \$8.5M
6. "Need for Speed" \$7.9M
7. "The Grand Budapest Hotel" \$6.8M
8. "Non-Stop" \$6.4M
9. "The Lego Movie" \$4.1M
10. "The Single Moms Club" \$3.1M

Bateman sheds put-upon guy image in 'Bad Words'

By ROGER MOORE
MCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

All those years of packing his resume with "long suffering" reasonable guys forced to do the slow burn when confronted by irrational family, bosses or identity thieves must have gotten to Jason Bateman.

He unloads that past with his directing debut, a film about an uncensored, unfiltered, eternally angry 40-year-old who is more "no burn" than slow burn. In "Bad Words" he is a "Bad Santa" on his own quixotic "Little Miss Sunshine" quest, a man with issues who refuses to explain those issues to those he insults every step of the way.

Guy Trilby proof-reads product warranties for a living. But he's taken time off for a shot at winning The Golden Quill National Spelling Bee and its \$50,000 first prize.

Yeah, it's a contest for kids. But he's found a loophole. And no amount of abuse from contest organizers or the mercenary parents of his fellow spellers can dissuade him. Every

meeting with such folks becomes a debate, then a shouting match.

You don't want to insult him. Because not only is Guy an orthographic whiz, he is seriously misanthropic. He gets personal in a flash, a rude and crude man operating with a short, profane fuse.

He won't discuss his reasons for pursuing this embarrassing fool's errand, not even with the journalist (Kathryn Hahn, hilarious) whose website is sponsoring his entry.

And then this adorable Indian-American boy of ten (Rohan Chand), a fellow contestant, forces his way into Trilby's field of view.

Bateman, working from an Andrew Dodge script, fills this short, corrosive comedy with "Oh no he didn't" moments. Guy is poker-faced as he plays evil mind-games with the poor kids unlucky enough to sit next to him on the spelling bee stage. Guy is shameless, even as he seems to warm just a little to the boy who insists on being his friend — taking him for

reckless rental-car rides, teaching him to cuss, to drink, when to tip or not tip a hooker.

Allison Janney is the Queen Bee who vows to stop Trilby from ruining this hallowed event, and Philip Baker Hall is well-cast as the elderly word-smith who long ruled the roost at the Golden Quill, now a spelling bee PBS commentator.

The best moments let Bateman and veteran funnywoman Hahn (TV's "Parks & Recreation") go toe to toe and blow for blow in scenes that take their relationship from testy co-dependency to sexual, without missing a malevolent beat.

The film is full of sharp observations about academic contests today, with Tiger Moms and tough-love Dads browbeating the kids from the wings. The ending is kind of a tap-out, but Bateman keeps this clipping along, maintaining the mean streak and potty mouth that make "Bad Words" the dirtiest and funniest comedy of the new year.