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TODAY'S WEATHER:

PROVIDED BY MARSHALL UNIVERSITY METEOROLOGY STUDENTS

Meteorology Tuesday

Daytime
Freezing Rain A.M.
Scattered Rain P.M. **55**

Evening
Heavy Rains
Street Flooding Poss. **46**

The National Weather Service in Charleston, WV has issued a 48 HOUR FLOOD WARNING IN EFFECT 7 p.m. 3/3/15 to 7 p.m. 3/5/15. Heavy rains and melting snow packs will cause local rivers and streams to reach flood stage. Visit [www.weather.gov/rx](#) for more info.

Quiz game determines WIZARD OF SEXUALITY STUDIES



Professors Dawn Howerton, left, Hillary Brewster, Robin Conley and Shawn Schulenburg participate in Wizard of Sexuality Studies, an informational Q&A game show Monday in Smith Hall.

RYAN FISCHER | THE PARTHENON

By HANNAH HARMAN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University faculty battled it out Monday in the Wizard of Sexuality Studies game show.

Wizard of Sexuality Studies is a game show in which students ask the questions, vote for the best answers and donate to help their favorite faculty contestants achieve victory.

This year, the faculty panel included Dawn Howerton, department of psychology, Robin Conley, department of sociology and anthropology, Hillary Brewster, department of English, and Shawn Schulenburg, department of political science.

"All four of us are great friends outside of this contest," Howerton said. "We could say that makes this more competitive."

At the end of the final round, Schulenburg was in the lead with 93 points, but with donations totaling \$13, Brewster became the new Wizard of Sexuality Studies with a total score of 104 points.

was nice to be vindicated because last year I won the points votes and lost by the money vote. I will be wearing my hat while teaching tomorrow."

The questions the audience asked ranged from sexuality in geek culture and TV shows to gender equality in the home and workplace.

"Some of the questions I didn't ask were really something," said Eric Del Chrol, director of classics. "It was nice to have that private joke. I really appreciated how our professors were able to step in and give some excellent answers to some really off the wall questions."

A donation of \$56 was made to CONTACT

Rape Crisis Center as a result of audience members voting for their favorite contestants.

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"All four of us are great friends outside of this contest. We could say that makes this more competitive."

DAWN HOWERTON

Brewster received a magic wand and a wizard hat for getting the most points.

"I knew that Hermione Granger and I went a ways back," Brewster said. "It

Amicus Curiae canceled

THE PARTHENON

The Amicus Curiae series scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled.

Speaker Jennifer Lawless was set to discuss "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do" during the lecture, but had to cancel due to illness.

Lawless is director of the Institute for Women & Politics and American University School of Public Affairs.

Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, announced the cancellation Monday.

AGB search firm visits campus, jumpstarts presidential search

By AMY NAPIER
THE PARTHENON

Two members from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges search firm arrived at Marshall University Sunday to prepare for a series of meetings concerning the university's current presidential search.

Representatives Jim Lanier and Arnold Speert met with the Marshall Board of Governors and other university leaders Monday to better understand what characteristics the university is looking for in its next president.

Lanier and Speert will also have an open forum session for faculty, staff and students at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Shawkey Dining Room.

The pair will conclude their visit on campus Wednesday after meeting with Michael Sellards, Board of Governors chairman, and Layton Cottril, senior vice president for executive affairs.

Interim President Gary White said after the meetings are finished, Lanier and Speert will use the feedback they gathered to customize the advertisement for Marshall's 37th president.

"This is always hard to predict, but it appears that there is a pretty good pool of applicants available," White said. "We expect that those applicants will make application, and that population will be identified in late March or early April."

White said Marshall has a great advantage in partnering with AGB because it had previously visited the campus to evaluate President Stephen J. Kopp while he was still in office.

"Every search that I've been involved in, there's a learning process," White said. "The search firm has to come to campus. They have to learn our culture. They have to learn our university and who we are in order to properly represent us and find us a good leader. That process has already occurred with the board."

White said another advantage of using this particular search firm is its networking abilities.

"Perhaps one of the greatest values of having a good search firm is not their ability to attract applications from good folks, of course they have to do that," White said. "But more importantly what I believe is they have personal relationships with senior leaders of

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Interfraternity Council welcomes new members



TOP, ABOVE and LEFT: New members of Marshall University's Fraternity and Sorority Life are recognized by the Interfraternity Council Monday in the Don Morris Room.

ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Interfraternity (IFC) and Panhellenic (PHC) councils hosted a new member recognition ceremony Monday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

This event congratulated 21 male and 21 female students on accepting their bids into new Greek organizations.



“We hosted this event because we wanted to recognize all of the new members, whether they were from fraternities or sororities on campus. This is the first event that we have had with both of the men and women being recognized together.”

> HANNAH SAYRE, PHC PRESIDENT

T.K. Dodrill Jewelers moving to Pullman Square

By **SOFIE WACHTMEISTER**
THE PARTHENON

T.K. Dodrill Jewelers, located at 321 Ninth St. in Huntington, will close its doors after almost 30 years and reopen April 9 at Pullman Square.

Kirk Dodrill, owner of the family owned and operated jewelry store, opened the store in 1984. He signed a lease to move his business to the former Salads with a Twist and Inspired locations.

Dodrill said he had his eyes on the downtown Pullman area to set up shop, but owns

the building he is currently in and stayed for convenience.

“The corner opened up, and I didn't give it a second thought,” Dodrill said. “A friend of mine tried to persuade me by saying my business would double or triple, even.”

Dodrill said after listening to friends and customers, he decided to give it some more thought.

“I thought about it a little bit more,” Dodrill said. “I always thought that was the best spot in town. I started hearing more of my customers saying how difficult it is to get a parking spot to

get in here.”

Dodrill said he is confident with the move.

“I woke up during the night sweating thinking ‘Why did I do this?’ Dodrill said. “But now I'm very confident with it. I'm comfortable.”

Dodrill hired Stephanie Maxey to design the store's new look. It can be compared to a big city type store, featuring stone walls, a fireplace, a coffee bar, a couple televisions and a lounge area. Dodrill said he did not want it to look like anything else in Huntington.

“If you look at my store it's 30 years old,”

Dodrill said. “It's straight cases with a counter in the back. This is going to be a totally different look for us. I'm excited to be in Pullman. It's almost like two different sections of town even though I'm two blocks away.”

T.K. Dodrill Jewelers offers a selection of fashion jewelry, rings, watches and other pieces of jewelry. The store's services include repairs, custom engraving, ring sizing, custom designed jewelry and cleaning.

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Professional month helps students succeed in business

By **HUNTER MORRISON**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University College of Business students will get the opportunity to strengthen professional skills this month during Professional Month.

Students can learn professional personal skills such as the use of social media, interviewing skills and techniques and resume preparation.

Students will receive a professionalism certificate after the completion of a certain number of events this month.

Rosanna McVey, director of Stakeholder Engagement said the events will help students be more prepared for their future.

“Students need to come out,” McVey said. “So many times students don't realize how

unprepared they are when they get out of college. It's so important that students take advantage of help with the resumes and help with the interviews.”

The events do not have specific dates yet, however, the events began Sunday and end April 1.

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Interfraternity Council raffles Bonnaroo tickets

By **NICHOLE HENDERSON**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Interfraternity Council (IFC) is raffling Bonnaroo Festival tickets to increase the council's budget.

The Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival is an annual four-day music festival in Manchester, Tennessee, from June 11-14.

IFC is using the proceeds it makes from the ticket sales to do more for the Greek community in the future.

“We want to provide more for the Greek community such as Greek week shirts and so many other things,” said Pi Kappa Alpha junior Jacob Roman.

If IFC is able to raise enough money from the raffle, the proceeds will also go towards a scholarship opportunity for Greek members.

“We want to be able to provide a scholarship

for Greek members to go to their individual chapter leadership conferences that are hosted throughout the year,” Roman said.

“My goal of the event is to raise money for a bigger budget for the semesters to come and for this event to be successful enough to host for the following years,” Roman said.

Bonnaroo tickets can be purchased until April 9.

The drawing will take place noon April 13 in the Memorial Student Center.

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SPORTS

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Player of the week: Justin Edmonds



Justin Edmonds defends the ball against Florida Atlantic University Saturday at the Cam Henderson Center. RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Position: Guard

Class: Junior

Hometown: Albion, MI

By BRADLEY HELTZEL

THE PARTHENON

Justin Edmonds scored a career-high 27 points on 9-11 field goals Saturday leading the Herd to victory over Florida Atlantic University in its final home game of the season.

Edmonds, who went 7-9 from the free throw line, was aggressive attacking the basket throughout the game. He converted on both three-point attempts.

Just two days earlier, Edmonds had another stellar home performance as he scored 19 points on 6-14 FG in a victory over Florida International University.

Edmonds' impressive week of scoring (23 points per game) raised his season average to 9.9 PPG, which ranks third on the team. Edmonds is shooting 38.3 percent from the field and 34.9 percent from three this season, where his 51 made threes ranks second on the team.

Edmonds is an aggressive wing scorer who can knock down threes and attack the basket off the dribble. He has a reliable and confident stroke from beyond the arc, providing the Herd with an effective off-the-ball threat when necessary.

Edmonds acts as a secondary ball handler in the Marshall offense who can provide relief for starting point guard Aleksa Nikolic.

One of Edmonds' greatest strengths is his ability to attack the rim in transition and as a wing penetrator in the half-court.

At 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds, Edmonds has the size combined with outstanding body control to finish through contact.

Edmonds is equally solid on the defensive side of the ball, where he displays solid defensive technique as a man-to-man defender.

Head coach Dan D'Antoni said Edmonds is adjusting his game for the better.

"He gives you another guy that can attack and get to the rim and do some things," D'Antoni said. "He doesn't have the same 'pop' that he used to, but he is getting to the rim. He is adjusting his game, and he is a much better three-point shooter. He is strong and a tough-minded kid, and you got to like players like that."

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Justin Edmonds defends the ball against Florida International University Thursday.



Utah squeaks by Herd tennis

"Definitely beating Penn State gave us a lot of confidence to go into this match because Penn State's one of the tougher teams that I think we've played so far."

- RACHAEL MORALES

By KASEY MADDEN

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's women's tennis team lost to Utah University 4-3 Monday at the Huntington Tennis Club.

The Herd, ranked at 55, won all of the doubles matches, but only freshman Maddie Silver won in singles against Utah, ranked 73 in the nation.

Number one doubles team of Derya Turhan and Anna Pomyatinska beat Utah 8-3. The Marshall pair began the match with a 4-love lead. Utah's top doubles pair Tereza Bekerova and Margo Pletcher are ranked 31 in the nation in doubles, according to Marshall's athletic department.

Head coach John Mercer said he thought the team played well through doubles.

"Derya and Anna taking out a ranked team is big for us," Mercer said. "They've been playing really well together and it's been fun watching them grow and develop as a solid team for us."

Sophomore Rachael Morales and her

doubles partner, Silver, won their match 8-7.

Morales said although Utah is ranked lower than the Herd, Utah was a strong opponent.

"Overall as a team, we really came out with a lot of energy and that was really good against a tough team like Utah," Morales said.

The Herd played Utah after a win over the weekend against Penn State, coach Mercer's alma mater.

"Definitely beating Penn State gave us a lot of confidence to go into this match because Penn State's one of the tougher teams that I think we've played so far," Morales said.

Mercer said the Herd getting the doubles point for the evening, against an opponent like Utah was huge.

The Herd faces Cincinnati University 4 p.m. Friday away and then head to Morgantown Sunday to play West Virginia University.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Do it for the deer

DEA agent argues against Utah marijuana legislation on basis of animal welfare

Of all the arguments against marijuana legalization, saving the rabbit population has got to be the dumbest one yet.

A DEA agent recently used the argument if marijuana were legalized in Utah, the state's rabbits would develop a taste for the plant, resulting in a very stoned rabbit population. Oh, the humanity.

Sure, nobody wants high bunnies hopping around all over the place. Surely the world will turn to chaos as they take over the wonderful state of Utah.

But think about this: West Virginia has a huge deer population that sometimes gets a tad out of control. While

hunting season tends to cull it enough, there are still deer carcasses all over the roads and interstates, as deer-related incidents are likely one of the leading causes of car accidents in the state, particularly in the rural areas.

Now, what if the deer were stoned?

If marijuana is legalized in West Virginia, the deer would likely start eating the

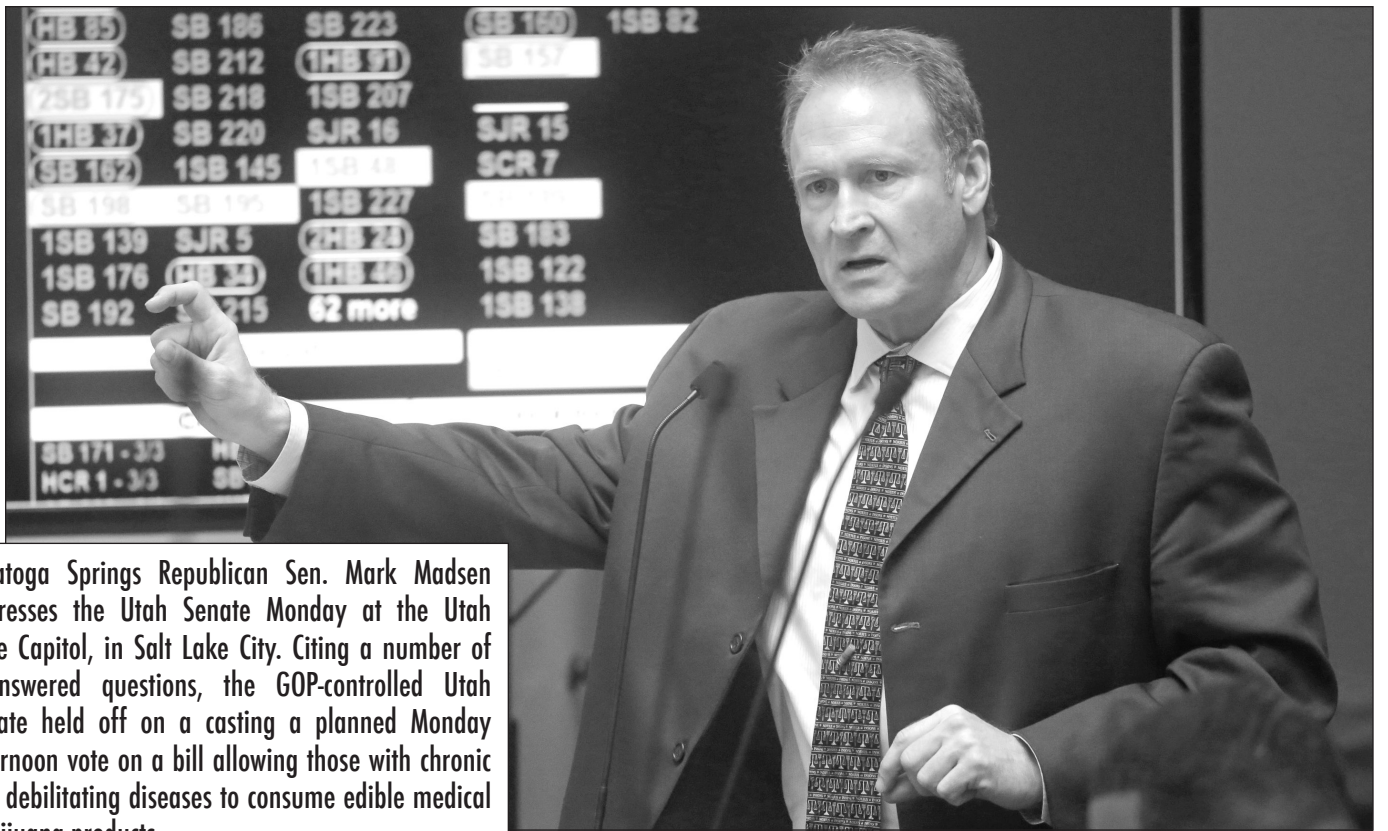
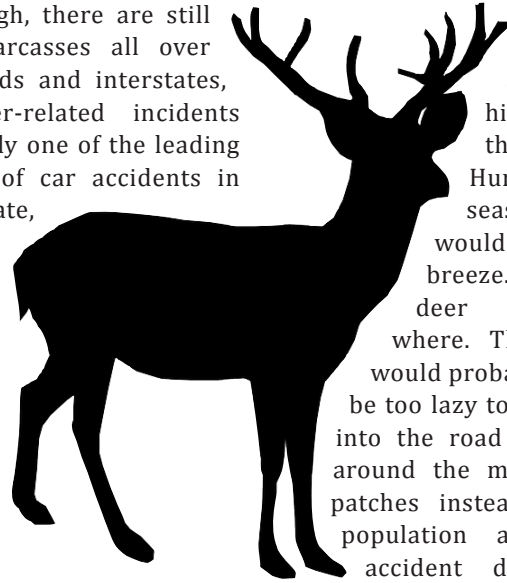
cannabis plants and wander around high all the time. Hunting season would be a breeze. Lazy deer everywhere. The deer would probably also be too lazy to wander into the road or stay around the marijuana patches instead. Deer population and car accident dilemmas solved.

Way better than blazed bunnies. In all seriousness,

poverty-stricken states like West Virginia (and the rest of Appalachia for that matter) could greatly benefit from the introduction of the cannabis industry. With the coal industry hurting the state way more than it's helping and West Virginia being in the perfect growing climate for the plant, cannabis could open up great opportunities for West Virginia and her residents.

It is time to consider less destructive industries than coal to move Appalachia forward. The argument for a better wellbeing and economy greatly outweighs the dumb ones.

But really, do it for the deer.



Saratoga Springs Republican Sen. Mark Madsen addresses the Utah Senate Monday at the Utah state Capitol, in Salt Lake City. Citing a number of unanswered questions, the GOP-controlled Utah Senate held off on a casting a planned Monday afternoon vote on a bill allowing those with chronic and debilitating diseases to consume edible medical marijuana products.

AP PHOTO | RICK BOWMER

COLUMN

Nothing beats a court storm

Students court storming is the epitome of collective school spirit at college sporting events

By Brad Heltzel
THE PARTHENON

The court storm epitomizes college sports, where the excitement and passion of a collective student body fan base overwhelms the arena in a sea of school colors as they bask in the glory of the university's achievement.

The court storm is a scene to behold and serves as a worthy culmination of an upset that swept the college basketball landscape. However, in spite of all of this magnificently conjoined celebration of a university, opposing coaches and college basketball media members often gripe about the safety concerns and the etiquette involved in court storming.

After Kansas State University upset rival University of Kansas by a score of 70-63 Monday, the Wildcats' student section stormed the court. Videos showed fans bumping into Kansas players as they frantically sprinted onto the court as well as Kansas head coach Bill Self being pinned against the scorer's table as he attempted to leave the floor. Self expressed his concerns regarding

the safety of his players and the fans postgame.

"There were several students that hit our players," Self said. "I'm not saying with a fist, but when you storm the court, you run in, you bump everybody, stuff like that. This has got to stop. Somebody is going to hit a player, the player is going to retaliate, you're going to have lawsuits—it's not right."

The situation and Self's remarks afterward re-sparked a discussion across various sports media outlets regarding the implementation of perhaps new protocol to ensure better safety.

Several outlets reiterated the possibility of eliminating court

about 30 seconds before rushing the floor, allotting players

excited students for even just 30 seconds.

to get the hell out of there as quickly as possible.

Beyond the aspect of safety, there are also these unwritten rules regarding a program's history, which in turn makes storming the court amongst universities with storied programs mythically shameful.

After Maryland defeated fifth ranked Wisconsin 59-53 Tuesday and stormed the court, ESPN college basketball analyst Seth Greenberg said it was embarrassing.

"That's an absolutely embarrassing court storming," Greensberg said. "You're the University of Maryland. You've won a National Championship."

Yes, preach Seth! What is wrong with all these college students? Don't they remember the success and prestige of the Maryland program when Juan Dixon led the Terps to a national title in 2002? No? Oh that's right these students were about 7 years old at the time, and were focused on not spilling their Lucky Charms while watching "Scooby-Doo" as opposed to grasping the future significance of Maryland's basketball program.



Maryland guard/forward Dez Wells (44) celebrates after fans stormed the court after an NCAA college basketball game against Wisconsin, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, in College Park, Md. Wells contributed a game-high 26 points to Maryland's 59-53 upset win.

AP PHOTO | PATRICK SEMANSKY

storming entirely, while others such as ESPN's morning radio show "Mike&Mike" suggested having the student section wait

and the coaches the proper amount of time to shake hands.

Good luck trying to delay thousands of uncontrollably

The winning coach wants to embrace the atmosphere and celebrate with his players, and the losing coach just wants

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W.Va. sculptor finds inspiration in Old Man Winter



ABOVE: Dr. Robert S. Frazier poses Feb. 18 by his ice sculpture outside his home in Martinsburg, W.Va. With a little bit of coloring, self-installed water lines and metal helixes, Frazier brought his ice sculpture to life. He refers to his seasonal artwork as the "King Hoar Frost the Fifth and Clan" because of its natural characteristics.

BELOW: An ice sculpture by Dr. Robert S. Frazier is illuminated Feb. 18 outside his home in Martinsburg, W.Va.

By **CHELSEA DeMELLO**
THE JOURNAL

Spend some time with local artist and veteran Robert Frazier, and you may feel different about the creative powers of Old Man Winter.

Frazier's outdoor sculpture, which is displayed in his side yard, has been a work in progress for the past few months — all thanks to a combination of hard work and the right temperatures.

With a little bit of coloring, self-installed water lines and metal helixes, Frazier brought his ice sculpture to life. He refers to his seasonal artwork as the "King Hoar Frost the Fifth and Clan" because of its natural characteristics.

"I call that one Mr. Hoar Frost and that one Mrs. Hoar Frost because of the way they were made," Frazier said as he pointed to the different statues. "Hoar Frost is a term that I use, which means the ice froze at a very fast rate."

While the ice sculptures may

not have much pizzazz during the day, just wait until the sun goes down, according to Frazier.

The ice sculpture lights and glistens with a variety of colors, telling the story of royalty that exists within nature.

"It's always a masterpiece and it's never the same. When I see someone driving at night, I see them slow down to look at the display," he said.

Frazier, who is originally from Michigan, said he stumbled across his lifelong passion of dynamic ice sculpting by accident with his father when he was just a boy.

"I was 5 years old at the time and my dad left the hose on accidentally. By the time we got back to the house, there was a wall of ice about 35 feet tall. Normally, we had a passage between us and the neighbor, but the ice was so large you couldn't. I was fascinated ever since," Frazier said.

From that day forward, Frazier continued to manipulate and engineer sculptures. And 52 years

later there is no doubt winter is still Frazier's favorite season.

"I miss the snow so much. I get down on my hands and knees and pray for it. People probably hate me for that," he laughed.

But as winter only comes once a year, Frazier spends much of his time finding ways to express his passion for ice sculpting in other artistic forms. The sculptor is currently working on several publications, including a children's book about climate change through the lens of hoar frost characters. The book is called "King Hoar Frost and the land of Glenmore."

"My goal is to be able to present it on a 12-year-old reading level, so kids can understand," he said.

Frazier is a disabled veteran and has put more effort into his creative endeavors ever since his arthritis forced him to quit working nearly eight years ago. Frazier said he served seven years in the Air Force during the Vietnam era.



Official: Man on terror most-wanted list detained in Somalia

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT and ERIC TUCKER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A former taxi driver from Northern Virginia who was recently placed on the FBI's list of most-wanted terrorists has been captured in Somalia, a U.S. law enforcement official said Monday.

The official told The Associated Press that Liban Mohamed, 29, is currently in Somali custody. The official would not describe what efforts would be made to bring Mohamed to the United States for trial. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation.

Joshua Stueve, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney in Alexandria, where Mohamed would be prosecuted, did not return a telephone call and email seeking comment Monday.

Mohamed's capture was first reported Monday by The Washington Post. Mohamed is charged with providing material support to al-Qaida and the Somali-based group al-Shabab, and is one of about 30 people on the FBI's most-wanted list for terrorists. He was placed on the list about a month ago. Details of the charges against him remain under seal, but the FBI said it considered Mohamed's arrest a priority because of his knowledge of the nation's capital and its landmarks.

The FBI believes Mohamed left

the U.S. in 2012. He worked as a taxi driver in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County.

Gadeir Abbas, a lawyer who has represented Mohamed's family on separate matters, had no comment Monday evening. Abbas has said previously that Mohamed's family does not believe the allegations against him, and that al-Shabab has killed members of the family.

Abbas represents Mohamed's brother, Gulet Mohamed, in a civil lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the government's no-fly list. The FBI announced Liban's placement on the no-fly list one day before a critical pre-trial hearing in Gulet Mohamed's lawsuit, in which the government sought to invoke its state-secrets privilege to have the lawsuit tossed out of court.

The FBI, in announcing Liban Mohamed's placement on the most-wanted list, described him as a "close associate" of Zachary Chesser, another northern Virginia man who was sentenced to 25 years in prison for trying to join al-Shabab and for making online threats against the creators of the "South Park" cartoon for an episode perceived as an insult to the prophet Muhammad.

Court records in an unrelated case indicate Chesser was recently transferred to the Bureau of Prisons' "Supermax" prison in Florence, Colorado.

COURT STORM

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These are college students looking to party and have a good-ass time who just spent the past two hours amped to the max, screaming until they went hoarse and jumping around like crazy people as they watched their Terps knock off the fifth ranked team in the country in its inaugural season as a member of the Big Ten. But let's ask the students to please restrain

themselves for a moment and consider their program's history as well as potential safety risks.

Let's be real here people, students aren't going to take the time to contemplate these potential issues before storming the court. They are going to continue to live by the college code where fun is the goal and screw it is the motto.

Storm on students!
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PRESIDENT

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institutions all across the United States."

White said the firm has the ability to personally call individuals who they believe will best fit Marshall's culture and inform them about the position.

"All of a sudden you may end up with two or three serious applicants who were not applicants in the beginning because they did not see it as something they were interested in," White said. "But after they talked with the consultant they decided to do this. I think the process will move forward, and it will be a successful process."

White said there is a slight chance the first round of candidates may not have anyone who the search committee believes is a good fit.

"This is not something that I hope will happen," White said. "But, if we don't collectively agree on the applicants, then we'll just dust off our britches and go back into the process again. It's more important to find the right person then it is to do it quickly."

White said he plans to do everything in his power to make sure the system runs smoothly.

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Humans of Huntington

By EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIVES OF THE CITY'S STRANGERS



What is your greatest passion in life? Helping others, like helping them to be the best that they can be.

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

Never forget your priorities.”

Single mothers in college seek balance

 By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE
THE PARTHENON

Being a mom is a full-time job, but some women have to balance parenthood with college, jobs, sports and other activities.

Ariel Bartram, a nursing major at Marshall University, balances being a single mother to a 4-year-old and working two jobs more than six days a week with getting an education.

“There literally are not enough hours in the day sometimes,” Bartram said. “I contemplate dropping out all the time because it’s just so much. But all I have to do is look at my son, and I find the motivation I need to keep going. I want my son to have a better life than I did, he deserves it.”

Kenna Coughenour, sophomore, is in the same boat as far as her schedule goes.

“No one without a child knows how stressful it is to have to try to do homework while raising a 2-year-old without any help,” Coughenour said. “It makes everything so much harder. Teachers don’t always understand that I have to prioritize things in a way that my daughter always comes first. If she’s sick, I have to miss class and take care of her. I honestly have no other options.”

A new mother to a 2-week-old boy is learning how to balance being a college athlete and student along with being a full-time mom.

Talequia Hamilton, senior and a player on Marshall’s women’s basketball team, is picking up how to have good time management.

“Dropping out has never been an option for me,” Hamilton said. “My motivation comes from my son. I didn’t have a lot growing up, and I want him to have all the things I didn’t have. Finishing school is the first step in doing that.”

The mothers agree they have had to sacrifice things in order to maintain time for the things they have to.

“If there’s one thing I’ve had to sacrifice. It’s been my social life,” Bartram said. “I mean, I don’t even have a social life anymore. It’s almost out of the question for me. I’m lucky enough to work with my friends, so that’s about all the fun I get anymore.”

Coughenour said she agrees there are some sacrifices that have to be made.

“Sometimes, I’ll be studying for a test, and my daughter comes in crying and wants me to hold her and watch cartoons, so that’s what we do. We go sit on the couch and we watch cartoons,” Coughenour said. “That’s part of being a mom. My daughter will always come first.”

Jara Kiser, a student at Mountwest Community and Technical College, is dealing with being a full-time pregnant student.

“I’m really nervous. I mean, college is hard, and being pregnant is even harder,” Kiser said. “Balancing both, that’s going to take a lot of determination, but it’s something I have to do.”

Erica Belville is also a student at MCTC and a new mother.

“I want so much out of life, but mostly I want to do whatever’s best for my daughter,” Belville said. “My life’s changed, but I do everything I do for not only myself but for my daughter.”

Belville said she has sacrificed a lot of her social life.

“Having a social life is a little more difficult with having friends who don’t have children,” Belville said.

The mothers said they will push through school and get an education, no matter how hard it may seem at the time.

“Advice to future moms, don’t give up,” Bartram said. “It’s hard now, but those part time jobs and long hours at work are only temporary. Dropping out of school is a permanent loss.”

Coughenour said she agrees with Bartram’s statement.

“She’s 100 percent right,” Coughenour said. “Never forget your priorities. I have to work and make my own money, but my daughter and schooling comes first, regardless.”

Hamilton also agrees with Bartram’s statement and thinks there are other ways to make getting through school easier.

“Never drop out,” Hamilton said. “Even when it gets hard, just always try to go to class and attempt to do the work. Try to take online classes, those really help out in the end.”

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