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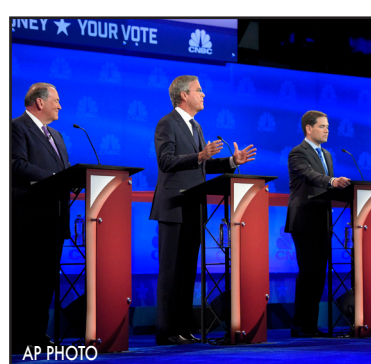
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Valley Gem Sternwheeler to make 10-day stay at Harris Riverfront Park



The Valley Gem will be arriving in Huntington Thursday and staying at Harris Riverfront Park until Nov. 8.

IMAGE VIA VALLEY GEM STERNWHEELER FACEBOOK

By ROB ENGLE
THE PARTHENON

The Valley Gem, a sternwheeler boat from Marietta, Ohio, will come south to Huntington for a 10-day stay at Harris Riverfront Park from Thursday to Nov. 8.

The boat will host a number of events on the Ohio River during its visit.

Narrated sightseeing tours are scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. every day of the boat's stay.

A Halloween Dance Cruise is scheduled for Friday followed by a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre on Saturday.

For music lovers, the boat is scheduled to host a Symphony Dance Cruise Nov. 5 and Nov. 7 as well as an Oldies Dance Cruise Nov. 6.

Heather Morgan, manager of the Valley Gem tours, said these events will provide a unique experience for locals.

"The fact that we do everything out on the river makes it unique," Morgan said. "Nothing is done while docked, you're out on the river experiencing everything. Something we also pride ourselves on greatly is the event quality. Not only do you have great food with great entertainment. You're getting so much in one setting."

The 26-year-old boat was built by the Sands family in 1989 and is currently owned and operated by Captain J.J. Sands, son of original owners Captain James E. and Peggy Sands. The current Valley Gem is the

second sternwheeler boat with that name, succeeding the original Valley Gem that was put into operation in 1973.

Morgan said the Valley Gem's trip, which has been in the works for years, is the first step in a potentially longer stay in Huntington.

"The city approached us about three years ago and asked us a lot of questions. They were trying to expand the riverfront," Morgan said. "Over the course of the last three years, we've talked on and off trying to figure out a way to bring the vessel down to Huntington permanently. This is kind of a first step to feel out the market and see if the public really wants us there."

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams

is set to be at Harris Riverfront Park Thursday along with Tyson Compton, Cabell-Huntington Convention & Visitors Bureau president and Kevin Brady, Greater Huntington Parks & Recreation executive director, to officially welcome the Valley Gem and its crew.

Morgan said she and others hope this visit is well received.

"It's very important that we find out if the public is interested and does want us to be there," Morgan said. "We hope that this will be a successful trip and repeat it in the future. But the future of us being there depends on how well we're received during this trip."

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Friday, October 30
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Sightseeing Cruise with the Captain \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12
8 - 11 p.m.
Halloween Dance Party Cruise (18 years and older) with DJ Chad Midkiff \$35 Adults, \$33 Seniors

Saturday, October 31
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Sightseeing Cruise with the Captain \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12
5 - 7 p.m.
Murder Mystery Halloween Dinner Cruise - SOLD OUT
8 - 10 p.m.
Murder Mystery Halloween Dinner Cruise \$49 for adults, \$47 for seniors and \$39 for children ages 3-12

Sunday, November 1
1 - 3 p.m.
Brunch Cruise featuring live music from Dales Jones and the Dixie Jazz Stompers \$35 Adults, \$33 Seniors, and \$25 Children ages 3-12

Monday, November 2
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Sunset Sightseeing Cruise with the Captain \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12

Tuesday, November 3
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
River Talk Sightseeing Cruise with guide Jerry Sutphin - Huntington's Nationally Recognized River Historian \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12

Wednesday, November 4
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
River Talk Sightseeing Cruise with guide Jerry Sutphin - Huntington's Nationally Recognized River Historian \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12

Thursday, November 5
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Sightseeing Cruise with the Captain \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12
6 - 8 p.m.
Dinner Cruise with The Huntington Symphony Orchestra's Lincoln Brass \$39 Adults, \$37 Seniors, and \$29 Children ages 3-12

Friday, November 6
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Sightseeing Cruise with the Captain \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12

Children ages 3-12
7 - 9 p.m.
Oldies Dance Party Cruise with DJ Chad Midkiff \$29 Adults, \$27 Seniors, and \$19 Children ages 3-12

Saturday, November 7
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Sightseeing Cruise with the Captain \$14 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and \$6 Children ages 3-12
5 - 7 p.m.
Dinner Cruise featuring live music \$39 Adults, \$37 Seniors, and \$29 Children ages 3-12

Sunday, November 8
1 - 3 p.m.
Brunch Cruise featuring live music from 1937 Flood \$35 Adults, \$33 Seniors, and \$25 Children ages 3-12

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Board of Governors approves new degree programs, discusses government budget cuts

By **ASHLEY SODOSKY**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Board of Governors approved three new degree programs at Wednesday's meeting in the Memorial Student Center.

A Bachelor of Arts in sport management program, a Master of Science in clinical and translational science program and a master's of social work program will be offered beginning fall 2016.

The board received updates about the university's fall enrollment and operating budget.

Senior vice president of institutional research and planning Michael McGuffey said final enrollment numbers for the fall are up 257 students or two percent.

McGuffey said the INTO Marshall international recruitment initiative and the

professional programs at the School of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy are the largest part of the overall enrollment increase.

Last week, the university received details about the four percent mid-year budget cut ordered by the governor.

Mary Ellen Heuton, senior vice president for finance/chief financial officer, said the total impact of the cut to Marshall is around \$2.5 million.

The deductions include \$1.9 million from the university operating budget and \$600,000 from the School of Medicine that will be taken in the third quarter, university administrators and the Budget Work Group are working on a plan to deal with the cut.

Interim President Gary White said budget cuts have a huge effect on the university.

"The effect of this is more than four percent over the long haul," White said. "It's

not something we can cure by just nibbling around the edges."

White said he appreciated those dealing with the budget changes and said the change is serious but the university is identifying ways to save money and increase revenue.

"We are in good and strong financial position and as a community, we intend to maintain that," White said.

The board accepted a report on tuition waivers and the financial report for the 2015 fiscal year. The board approved updates to the Institutional Compact and finalized amendments to a policy for the university's Employee Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance Program.

The program offers dependent children of eligible employees the opportunity to earn a degree from Marshall at a reduced cost.

White updated the board on retention, recruitment and marketing initiatives as well as a university-wide space utilization assessment. The assessment will include decommissioning of Laidley Hall.

To end the agenda, the board voted to approve an employment term sheet for the appointment of Jerome A. "Jerry" Gilbert as Marshall's 37th president. White said Gilbert remains involved with the university from Mississippi.

"We're working with Dr. Gilbert at least once daily. He's very much involved in what's going on here," White said.

The board and university are finalizing plans for Gilbert's welcome. The board will revisit Gilbert's welcome and the budget cut plan during its December meeting.

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Judge blocks Alabama from defunding Planned Parenthood

By **KIM CHANDLER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge on Wednesday ordered Alabama to restore Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood, money the state tried to cut off in the wake of undercover videos shot by abortion opponents.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson issued an order that temporarily bars Alabama from cutting off Medicaid contracts with the group's clinics in Alabama. Planned Parenthood Southeast and a Medicaid recipient filed suit in August, days after Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley announced he was ending the Medicaid agreements with the two clinics.

"Today's ruling is a victory for the women who rely on Planned Parenthood for quality, compassionate affordable health care," said Staci Fox, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeast. "It's outrageous that Governor Bentley is trying to take care away from women and families in our communities who need it the most."

In his 66-page opinion, Thompson said Alabama did not identify a legal reason to cut off funding to Planned Parenthood and that the state's action likely violated a free-choice-of-provider provision of the federal Medicaid Act that limits a state's ability to bar family planning providers for reasons unrelated to quality of care.

A Medicaid recipient, identified only as Jane Doe in the lawsuit, who received her birth control injection at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Alabama, joined the organization in suing the state.

The ruling is the latest victory for Planned Parenthood in battles over funding.

Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas and Utah have all moved to block Medicaid funds to Planned Parenthood. Republican governors cited secretly recorded videos, shot by abortion opponents, which showed Planned Parenthood workers coolly discussing fetal tissue and fees for donating the tissue to researchers.

Thompson noted Alabama's termination letter to Planned Parenthood did not give a reason for the ending the provider agreement that the organization could appeal through administrative channels.

Bentley later cited the videos in statements he gave about his decision saying the organization's "deplorable practices" had been exposed. Thompson, in his opinion, said the videos did

not depict, or involve, the Alabama clinics.

Planned Parenthood said the videos were heavily edited to falsely imply some clinics were selling the tissue for profit. The organization, in an effort to squelch the controversy, announced this month it would no longer accept reimbursement for the cost of providing the tissue to researchers.

The governor said he was disappointed in Thompson's decision and was mulling the next steps.

"I am disappointed, and vehemently disagree with the Court's ruling today. We are reviewing the opinion and will determine the next legal steps within the appeal period," Bentley said in a statement.

The governor credited pushback from the states for Planned Parenthood's decision to end the reimbursement program.

Lawyers for Alabama argued in court filings that the videos raised concerns by the governor that abortion methods might be altered to obtain the best quality tissue, instead of what it is best for the patient.

Thompson, in rejecting the latter argument, said that was "beside the point" because the two Alabama clinics do not participate in the fetal tissue donation program.

"The parties do not dispute that no employee or representative of Planned Parenthood Southeast is depicted in these videos and that PPSE does not participate in fetal-tissue donation, and never has," Thompson said.

Federal judges have ordered Louisiana and Utah to, at least for now, continue providing funding to Planned Parenthood amid ongoing legal fights over states' effort to cut off Medicaid dollars. A judge directed Arkansas to continue providing Medicaid funds to Planned Parenthood to cover services for three patients who sued the state, but Planned Parenthood is seeking to expand the order to cover all Medicaid recipients.

Unlike some states that have fought Planned Parenthood over funding, Alabama's Medicaid program has paid little to the healthcare provider.

Alabama Medicaid Agency records show that the state has paid Planned Parenthood Southeast \$5,600 over the past two years. The payments were for reimbursement for providing contraceptives for low-income women. Medicaid does not pay for abortion unless the mother's life is in danger or it is a pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.



ERIC GAY | AP PHOTO

In this July 28 file photo, Erica Canaut, center, cheers as she and other anti-abortion activists rally on the steps of the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas, to condemn the use in medical research of tissue samples obtained from aborted fetuses. Texas announced Oct. 19, that it was cutting off Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood clinics following undercover videos of officials discussing fetal tissue, potentially triggering a legal fight like the one unfolding in neighboring Louisiana.

Sheriff fires deputy for tossing teen across classroom



AP PHOTO

This three image combo made from video taken by a Spring Valley High School student Monday, shows Senior Deputy Ben Fields trying to forcibly remove a student from her chair after she refused to leave her high school math class, in Columbia, South Carolina. The Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation Tuesday after Fields flipped the student backward in her desk and tossed her across the floor.

By **MEG KINNARD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A deputy who flipped a disruptive student out of her desk and tossed her across her math class floor was fired on Wednesday.

The sheriff called his actions "unacceptable," and said videos recorded by her classmates show the girl posed no danger to anyone.

"What he should not have done is throw the student," Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said. "Police officers make mistakes too. They're human and they need to be held accountable, and that's what we've done with Deputy Ben Fields."

Civil rights groups praised the swift action against Fields, a veteran school resource officer and football coach at Spring Valley High School. Outrage spread quickly after videos of the white officer arresting the black teenager on Monday appeared on the Internet.

Scott Hayes, an attorney for the deputy, said in a statement released to local media that the officer's actions were justified and lawful. He said Fields wouldn't have any comment because of the federal investigation.

Lott thanked the FBI for investigating whether civil rights were violated, and school officials for promising to review how police are used for discipline.

"They need to understand that when they call us, we're going to take a law enforcement action," Lott said. "Maybe that ought to have been something handled by the school without ever calling the deputy."

The sheriff also had stern words for the student who started the confrontation by refusing to hand over her cellphone after her math teacher saw her texting in class — a violation of school policy.

Both she and another student who verbally challenged the officer's actions during the arrest still face misdemeanor

charges of disturbing schools, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine or 90 days in jail, Lott said, although in most cases, judges impose alternative sentences that keep students out of jail.

"The student was not allowing the teacher to teach and not allowing the students to learn. She was very disrespectful and she started this whole incident," Lott said. "It doesn't justify his actions. But again, she needs to be held responsible for what she did."

Lott also praised the students whose videos put such an intense spotlight on his deputy's actions.

"I can't fix problems if I don't know about it," Lott said. "I would say that every citizen with a camera, if they see something that's going on that disturbs them, they should film it. Our citizens should police us."

Lott said he wouldn't describe Fields as remorseful, but rather sorry it all happened.

The agency's training unit determined from the videos that Fields did not follow proper training and procedure, the sheriff said.

"When you make an arrest of someone who does not have a weapon, you never let go of the subject. When he threw her across the room, he let go of her. That's what violates our policy," Lott said.

"She wasn't a danger at that point; she was just being non-compliant and disrespectful. You try to de-escalate a situation. And when you do have to put your hands on someone, there are other techniques we use."

Lott declined to release Fields' personnel file, but said none of the complaints filed against him came from the school district. He did say that he and other deputies were trained not to throw or push subjects away unless they are in danger.

An expelled student has claimed Fields targeted blacks and falsely accused him of

being a gang member in 2013, court records show. That case goes to trial in January.

The girl in the videos remains unidentified, but she has obtained a prominent attorney — Todd Rutherford, who also serves as House minority leader in South Carolina's legislature.

Rutherford contradicted the sheriff's claim Tuesday that the girl "may have had a rug burn" but was otherwise uninjured. The 16-year-old has a hard cast on her arm extending to her thumb after going to the hospital Monday night, he said. She also is complaining of neck and back injuries, and psychological injuries.

"I'm positive what he did to her should not be done to any human being," Rutherford said Wednesday. "It should not be done to any animal. If he was on video and a dog bit him, and he threw a dog across the room, he'd still go to jail."

Asked about the discrepancy, Lott said officers at the scene and school administrators hadn't told him about any injuries, and "what she had once she obtained an attorney is a different matter."

Email, phone and text messages for Fields have not been returned.

More than a dozen parents and community members vented their anger at Tuesday night's school board meeting. Some, black and white alike, said the issue wasn't racial — and that schools and parents need better ways of handling defiant teens.

Rebekah Woodford, a white mother of three, said removing the deputy from the schools sends the wrong message to students.

Others strongly disagreed. "We are sick and tired of black women being abused. You can say it's not racist all you want to," said Craig Conwell, who is black. "If that was my daughter ... that officer being fired would be the least of his worries."

SPORTS

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Injuries impact Big 12 teams, and now No. 2 Baylor hurting

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP SPORTS WRITER

West Virginia, Kansas State and Kansas have lost more than just every one of their Big 12 Conference games. All have lost key players to injuries.

Senior safety Karl Joseph suffered a season-ending right knee injury in practice after the Mountaineers had played only one conference game. The Wildcats and Jayhawks both have been forced to use multiple quarterbacks after injuries to the expected starters and backups.

And now second-ranked Baylor, the two-time defending Big 12 champion and one of the league's three undefeated teams, will have to move forward without the quarterback tied for the Bowl Subdivision lead with 29 touchdown passes.

Seth Russell fractured a bone in his neck on a running play when the Bears beat Iowa State last week. The junior quarterback faces season-ending surgery to repair damage to his cervical vertebra.

With Russell out, highly touted freshman Jarrett Stidham takes over as the starter for playoff-contending Baylor (7-0, 4-0 Big 12). He has played at the end of every game (24 of 28 passing for 331 yards with six TDs, no interceptions), but his first start will come after this week's open date Nov. 5 at Kansas State (3-4, 0-4).

The Wildcats? They have been using a receiver at quarterback. K-State lost starter Jesse Ertz on the first series of the season with a knee injury. One of the backups, Alex Delton, has a knee injury. Current starter Joe Hubener has also been banged up, forcing them to use receiver Kody Cook at quarterback, a position he played a bit in junior college.

K-State, 0-4 in the Big 12 for the first time since 2001, has also played all season without injured senior Dante Barnett, its best defensive back. Then fellow starting defensive backs Danzel McDaniel and Kaleb Prewett missed last week's game at Texas.

Even Wildcats coach Bill Snyder has been knocked down, getting wiped out when the K-State's Morgan Burns was pushed out of bounds on a kickoff return last weekend. Snyder went toppling over, lost his headset, but the spry 76-year-old hopped up and rejoined the offensive huddle.

"What were my other options?" he said.

With an open date this week before hosting Baylor, the coach and his players all have extra time to heal.

Joseph, who had five interceptions in four games before getting hurt in a non-contact drill at practice, was West Virginia's second-leading tackler and inspirational leader on defense and was known for his punishing hits.

"It's tough from the experience point of view," WVU coach Dana Holgorsen said. "You're relying on guys like that who have been in the heat of the battle to be able to handle that and be able to make the plays you need them to make, especially when it counts. ... You're always going to replace good players, but you kind of wish you had the whole offseason to do that."

Jarrod Harper has nine tackles in two games since taking over for Joseph, but the Mountaineers (3-3, 0-3) allowed 62 points in their last game at second-ranked Baylor. They have lost three in a row going into Thursday night's game at fourth-ranked TCU, when cornerbacks Terrell Chestnut (shoulder) and Ricky Rumph (death in family) are both expected to be out.

The Horned Frogs (7-0, 4-0) have stayed undefeated even while plagued by injuries on defense. They are still without five expected starters, but got defensive tackle Davion Pierson back for the past three games.

Kansas (0-7, 0-4) lost presumptive starting quarterback Michael Cummings in the spring game to a torn knee ligament, and starter Montell Cozart sprained his shoulder four weeks ago and now may switch positions. Third-string quarterback Deondre Ford tore ligaments in his thumb and now the Jayhawks are down to freshman Ryan Willis, their No. 4 quarterback in the spring who is about to start his fourth consecutive game.

And the Jayhawks could also be without starting left tackle Jordan Shelley-Smith, who sustained a concussion in last week's game at Oklahoma State. If Shelley-Smith doesn't play, Kansas could be starting freshmen at both tackle spots against Oklahoma.

Men's basketball team adds 11 new players to upcoming season

By IMANI SPRADLEY
THE PARTHENON

With 11 new players on its roster, the Marshall University's men's basketball team has a different look for the upcoming season.

Marshall head coach Dan D'Antoni said while the team has several first-year players, not all are new to the team.

"We've had four newcomers that have practiced with us last year, but did not play," D'Antoni said. "We expect them to fit right in and hit the ground running."

Forward Cheikh Sane, center JP Kambola, and forward Shawn Smith graduated in the spring while guard Tamron Manning and guard Devince Boykins transferred to other universities.

Despite the key losses, junior forward Ryan Taylor, who was selected to the All-Conference Preseason Team, said he is confident the Herd will pick up the slack going forward.

"The freshman coming in will help us out a lot," Taylor said. "They can shoot, spread the floor, rebound and play hard. And every team needs that."

Among the newcomers on the team, D'Antoni said he is hopeful about one West Virginia native who he feels will have a big impact on the team – Steve Browning, who was redshirted last season after transferring from Fairmont State University where he played his freshmen season.

"I think he was overlooked at the smaller school," D'Antoni said. "I think he's a lot more disciplined now. He understands his reads, and he's very athletic. He's a typical West Virginian with a little chip on his shoulder. He's going to bring that competitive edge to the team."

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Senior guard Justin Edmonds dunks the ball during a game last season against Florida International University at the Cam Henderson Center.

PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Marshall prepares for Charlotte's defense



Marshall University redshirt sophomore Tony Pittman carries the ball against Old Dominion University Oct. 3.

SHANNON STOWERS | THE PARTHENON

By BRADLEY HELTZEL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University's football team will take on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Saturday in search of its seventh consecutive victory.

Charlotte enters Saturday's contest with a 2-5 record (0-4 C-USA), having lost its last five games.

Turnovers have doomed the 49ers this season as it has given the ball away 27 times, eight more than any other team in C-USA.

The team's offense has not atoned for those giveaways with production in other areas, ranking second to last in both total offense and scoring offense.

The 49ers' defense, however, ranks third in the conference, despite the lack of support from the other side of the ball.

Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said the defense's success is largely due to Charlotte head coach Brad Lambert combining complex schemes and a demand for maximum effort from his players.

"They play a three-down look, odd front,"

Holliday said. "They bring people from all over the place. They create a lot of disruption, a lot of negative plays. You watch that defense play, just the effort they play with, the disruption they cause, they've given most teams a lot of problems."

Leading the Charlotte defense is junior nose tackle Larry Ogunjobi, who has 33 tackles, one sack and 8.5 tackles for loss this season.

Holliday said Ogunjobi is a highly skilled player, who may have a future in football at the next level.

"He looks like (NFL material) to me," Holliday said. "He's big, he's physical, he can run and he looks like he's got a shot. On film, he's a good player."

Marshall center Michael Selby said he has seen Ogunjobi on film and knows he will present a challenge on a play-by-play basis.

"They have a great nose guard," Selby said. "He's good, he's twitchy and he's good with his hands, so we just have to get ready for that guy and start watching film."

Ogunjobi is not the only component of Charlotte's defense that will require considerable

game planning from offensive coordinator Bill Legg.

Holliday said the Charlotte defense deploys multiple defensive fronts and blitz concepts the Marshall offensive line will have to communicate to keep quarterback Chase Litton upright.

"We'll have to try to get them blocked up, get them matched up, ID them the proper way and get hats on the people we need to get hats on," Holliday said. "But they do a good job with mixing things up."

Litton said he agreed with Holliday's point of the defense giving opponents various looks, but said if the Marshall offense prepares properly during the week, it can have success.

"(Charlotte's defense) likes to mix things up," Litton said. "They like to play different things a lot of defenses don't play. So, as soon as we can get that down on film to be consistent, to be ready for anything they can give us, we can be very special. But we just have to get ready for that."

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OPINION

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COLUMN

BOOK LOVERS UNITE

By **REBEKAH SANDERS**
FOR THE PARTHENON

Fall is undoubtedly the only time of year everyone can agree is the best for many reasons. For instance, the season provides many with the chance to break out their best leggings and indulge in as much pumpkin flavored everything as possible. Halloween is just around the corner which makes this the perfect time for all you book worms to get yourselves a copy of Ransom Riggs' first novel "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children." Number two on The New York Times best sellers list, this novel is the perfect way to get you in that Halloween mood.

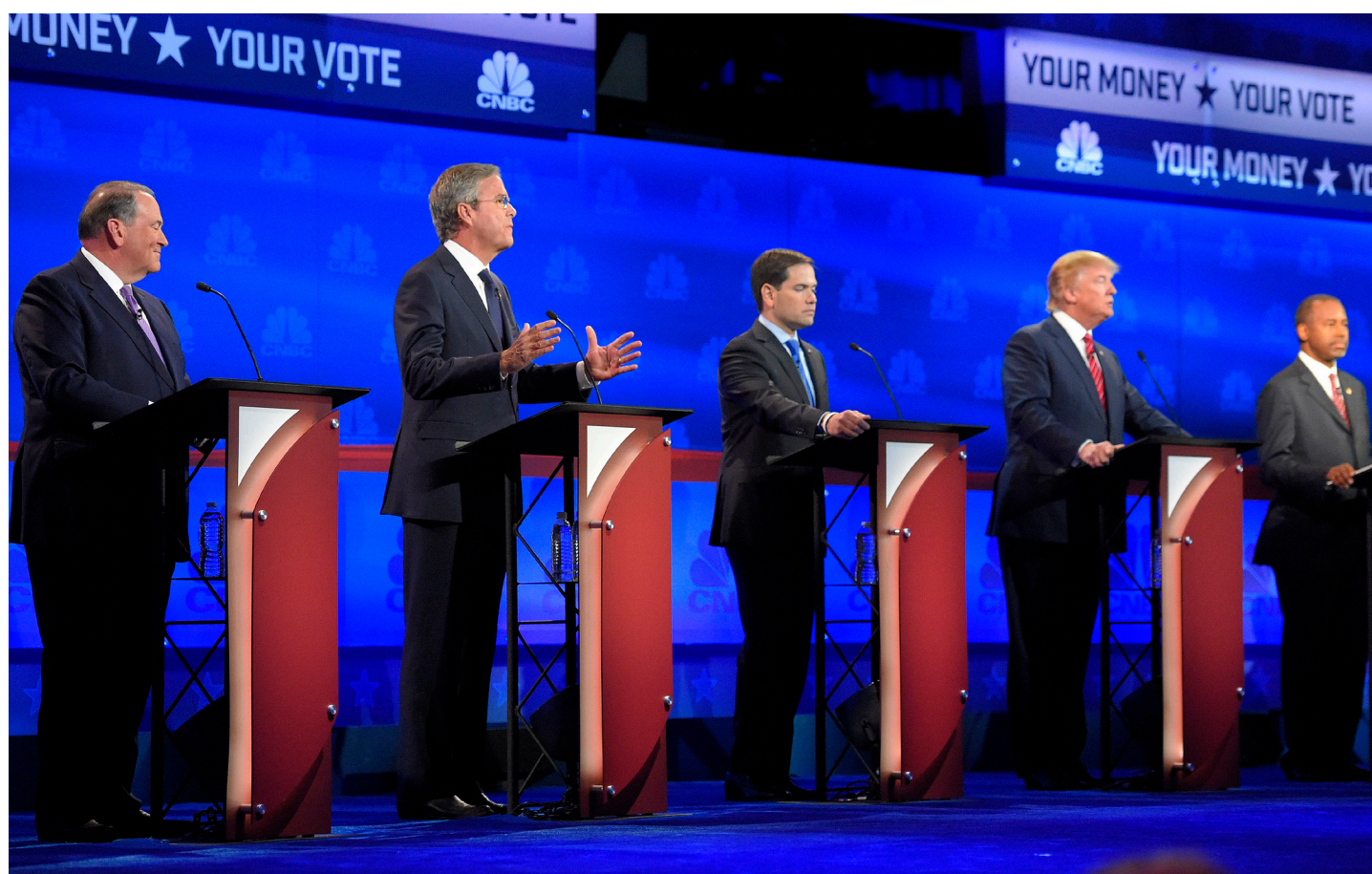
A mysterious hidden island, an abandoned orphanage, a crazy grandfather with strange photographs of even stranger children and an abundance of secrets stretching back all the way to World War II. "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" offers a variety of twists and turns that will have you questioning what will happen next and craving more as you read.

Sixteen-year-old Jacob Proctor's journey to uncover the truth of his grandfather's murky past life in an orphanage on a mysterious island in Wales begins after a brutal family tragedy. Is it true that there once existed a magical hidden orphanage where the sun always shined and the children were "peculiar," or were his grandfather's stories nothing more than the ramblings of a demented old man? This intoxicating novel will take you through Jacob's adventures to the orphanage and his unexpected meetings with not only the peculiar children his grandfather so often spoke of, but the petrifying monsters he supposedly escaped from as well.

Will Jacob uncover the truth of the stories he grew up believing, or will everything he based his childhood on come crashing down once he arrives? Either way, the only thing Jacob knows for certain is that after this adventure, his life will never be the same again.

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EDITORIAL



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Jeb Bush, second from left, is flanked by Mike Huckabee, left, Marco Rubio, center, Donald Trump, second from right, and Ben Carson during the CNBC Republican presidential debate at the University of Colorado Wednesday in Boulder, Colo.

GOP DEBATE: EVERYONE LOSES



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The GOP debate was less than productive Wednesday night. Candidates complained about the legitimacy of the questions posed by moderators but opted to voice their opinion on the legitimacy of the questions rather than answer questions about tax plans, etc.

While moderators posed tough questions to the candidates, what they accomplished was pointing out flaws each of the candidates possess that ultimately would affect their ability to pose as president and allowed them to defend those flaws. Both Trump and Rubio's financial backgrounds were challenged, as was Carson's stance on gay marriage.

Mike Huckabee said he wants to "declare war" on health costs, saying America's poor health is the reason healthcare costs so much. How combating America's poor health without making healthcare better is unclear.

Ohio Governor John Kasich spoke about higher education and showed he is uninformed about its purpose and how it works, claiming universities spend too much money on non-academic

programs like dormitories. Kasich said people should be able to pay off student loans with "legitimate public service." It is unclear what he means by this. Furthermore, if graduates are scrambling to pay off their loans with the jobs they hopefully got with their degrees, when are they supposed to have time to do this public service?

What was missing from the debate was any talk of women's issues, K-12 education and the nation's drug problem (though marijuana was mentioned, which couldn't be avoided as the debate was in Colorado). No one mentioned climate change, thus perpetuating the idea the majority of candidates don't believe in climate science.

Questions arose about the seriousness of the whole evening. The debate felt like one giant publicity stunt, instead of a time where candidates can really get their platforms out to the American people. How do Republican candidates expect to be taken seriously when their debates are commonly related to children arguing?

COLUMN

#FeministThursday: Not what you think a feminist looks like

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I'm a feminist, but I'm also kind of a traditionalist. The term "feminist" conjures up in the minds of most an image of a hairy, independent woman who is single and abrasive and has a lot of cats.

And let's be real, I am a lot of those things, but it is not readily apparent because on the surface I'm pretty traditional.

I'm marrying my high school sweetheart after six years together, so I haven't been single in a very long time, but I would still say I am independent. There are times when I have been the primary breadwinner in our household and there are times when I haven't been, but most people probably assume that's it's him always.

On the surface, ours

probably looks like a patriarchal union, but in reality it is extremely egalitarian. We share finances, household chores and basically everything else. We just make the effort to help out where it's needed.

But the moment I realized I would be ostracized from the feminist community was Wednesday afternoon. While doing some thrift shopping, I purchased baby clothes. I'm not pregnant and I don't believe that feminist equals anti-children, but I did make the concrete realization in that moment that I will be having children and it will probably be sooner than later.

My personal belief is that feminism is about choices and making sure women have them, so I don't feel bad about the life choices I have made

even if they aren't exactly on par with the stereotypical "feminist" label. I do what I want.

I will be honest; I worry a lot about how my choices will have an effect whether or not people want to be friends with me (most people my age are living the young-and-free life and I'm kind of old and encumbered by comparison, so I totally don't blame them) or how much I will be able to do in terms of traveling and a career.

I've always been a person who likes kids though and the getting married at 21 years old wasn't exactly planned, so I think I am making the best choices by just going with the flow.

I see my feminist duty as raising children who are feminists and make a difference

in the world that way in addition to all the activism I do now. What better way to make a better future than to raise the next generation of feminists?

That's the beauty of feminism, though. We all get to choose our own style and how we want to exercise our feminism. Obviously there are things we need to fight for as a larger group, but how you apply it to your everyday life is entirely up to you.

So be a feminist and be whatever you want. Don't let the stereotype of feminists as angry single women turn you away from the label. Be you and be a feminist and live happily ever after because that's your right.

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