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'A Christmas Carol' opens at Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

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By **CHANTIL FOSTER**
THE PARTHENON

Snow may not be on the ground, but Christmas is in the air as "A Christmas Carol" takes the stage 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at The Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Sam Kincaid, Special Projects Box Office manager, said he is excited for this story to be brought to life for audiences of all ages.

"We get a lot of requests during this time of year from our patrons asking 'Do you have a holiday offering?' and we're more than happy to tell them that this year, 'yeah, we

have 'A Christmas Carol' for them," Kincaid said. "It's something that the whole family can come see."

Jack Cirillo, program director for the theater program, stars as Ebenezer Scrooge. Cirillo's prior acting experience allows him to not only play the part, but to become the character.

"Jack was a professional actor in New York and television before he came to Huntington and he brings with him all the experience that, you know, comes with being a professional actor for so long before he became a professor," Kincaid said. "He really brings his

character to life vividly. I've been able to sneak back and watch a few scenes between things I'm doing while they're rehearsing and he's just bigger than life. It's just wonderful."

Cirillo is one of many that have played a part in the show and after weeks of preparing, all of the performers are in character and ready to go said Kincaid.

"This production has 25 performers in it, which is a pretty large cast for us," Kincaid said. "All the elements are there. We have music, we have special effects and we have vivid characters brought

to life by some of the best actors in the area in this department."

On Saturday, there will be a matinee viewing of "A Christmas Carol" at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the box office. Tickets will also be available 90 minutes before each performance.

Adult tickets are \$20, faculty and staff are \$15, children ages 12 and under are \$7 and Marshall students can get in free with a valid Marshall University I.D.

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TOP: Jack Cirillo, program director for the theater program, as Scrooge at dress rehearsal Tuesday. RIGHT: Jack Cirillo as Scrooge and Clint McElroy as Marley during Tuesday's dress rehearsal. ABOVE: Young actors play out a scene during dress rehearsal Tuesday.

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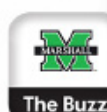
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Marshall's MedLife hosts 'Puppy Therapy' to help raise money for a family in need

By **BRIANNA PAXTON**
THE PARTHENON

The puppies Marshall University's community members have spotted outside the Memorial Student Center are not just for looks, they are there to play with.

For \$1, students can hold a puppy for five minutes, relieving stress while supporting a struggling family in Lima, Peru. MedLife calls this fundraiser event "Puppy Therapy."

MedLife's mission statement is exactly what MedLife stands for: Medicine Education Development for Low Income Families Everywhere.

"I've always done volunteer work at home, but I really wanted to go and do volunteer work somewhere else," MedLife volunteer Olivia Gioviogo said. "So, being able to have the opportunity to do stuff here but knowing it can benefit somebody who doesn't have a floor or

even a roof over their head somewhere else is really awesome."

The money being raised through MedLife's project fund is to build a livable house for Soledad Raja and her 10-year old son Jose.

Founder and co-president of Marshall's MedLife chapter Ana Ramirez said Raja and her son live in poverty in Villa María del Triunfo, Lima, Peru.

Ramirez moved from Peru to Huntington when she was 8 years old. Ramirez is currently a senior biology major.

Villa María del Triunfo is a low-income residential district on the outskirts of Lima, Peru, where over half the population is poor. Many residents like Soledad Raja struggle to make a regular income.

"I chose Soledad because she works so hard and I really wanted to help her," Ramirez said.

"She's a single mom living in poverty and she goes to work from morning till the middle of the night, trying her best to let her son have a future."

Soledad works 10-hour shifts, seven days a week doing lab inventory to provide necessities for herself and her son, as well as pay for his private school tuition. Soledad earns just enough money to make ends meets, according to MedLife's profile on her.

"Their house is falling apart, it's terrible," Ramirez said. Ramirez described the house as having no floors, caving in walls and ceiling covered in moss.

"Where's it's been raining and we're going to get a severe storm in Peru, El Niño," Ramirez said. "Most houses are going to fall part pretty soon so we're raising money through the MedLife project fund to build her a house

where she can live with her son."

MedLife has been raising money for Soledad's new home since last spring by taking donations and hosting fundraising events such as "Puppy Therapy" and 5K's. MedLife's goal is to raise \$6,000 by the end of the spring semester.

MedLife's chapter meetings are open to the Marshall community. Meetings are Wednesday's bi-weekly, at 5:30 p.m. in the Science Building room 374.

"I think it's a great opportunity to get involved whether you want to help people in other countries or you want to help people right here in your community," Ramirez said. "We have tons of volunteering opportunities and leadership opportunities as well."

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Soledad Raja's house is in shambles. It has no floors, caving in walls and ceiling covered in moss. MedLife is raising money to help get Raja a new home.



Soledad Raja and her son Jose.

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Smoking issues on campus

By **MATTHEW PRANDONI**
THE PARTHENON

Many people struggle with quitting smoking, due in part to nicotine, a highly addictive substance found in cigarettes. Cigarettes can contain over 4,000 chemicals.

According to Teresa Mill, regional tobacco coordinator at Cabell Huntington Hospital, nicotine is more addictive than heroin, cocaine and alcohol combined. Nicotine also kills more people than the aforementioned drugs and Mill said those deaths are completely avoidable.

"Most men can quit cold turkey and never pick them back up," Mill said. "Research shows that for women, they need behavior modifications and support groups along with nicotine therapy."

The first step to quitting is to be mentally prepared. If you do not set a quit date, you will not be successful Mill said.

Smoking can lead to different lung conditions such as lung cancer, which is the second most prevalent form of cancer.

Smoking was banned on Marshall University's campus in the summer of 2013. When students are caught smoking on campus, they are fined, but some people

who smoke on campus either do not know about the ban or do not care.

An issue some students and faculty have with smoking is secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is harmful for those around smokers, but not as harmful as actually smoking a cigarette

Smoking on campus brings mixed feelings to some students. While some students said smoking does not bother them, others said they have problems with the habit.

"I don't like smoking," said Sarah Schoonover, a sophomore nursing major. "I think it is gross. It's not a very thoughtful thing to do."

One student smoker said, "Nobody bothers me about smoking on campus. I did not realize smoking was banned from campus."

Justin Hurt, international business major, said he quit smoking for health reasons. "I was tired of waking up in the morning with a smoker's cough," Hurt said. Hurt was able to quit on his own terms.

Those who want to quit or need help quitting can call 1-800-quit-now for advice and support.

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Smoking is banned on the Marshall campus; people are fined when caught.

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Lambda Alpha Epsilon criminal justice conference

By **DESMOND GROVES**
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Members from criminal justice fraternity Lambda Alpha Epsilon attended a conference during the weekend of Nov. 5.

The LAE Chapter conference was held in West Chester, Pennsylvania by West Chester University. The conference held for the Regional Competitions for LAE, which focuses on professionalism and furthering education for criminal justice professions.

Social chair of the Marshall University Chapter and senior double major in criminal justice and psychology Emily Canterbury was one of the chapter members who attended the conference. Canterbury attended alongside academic advisor and criminal justice professor Samuel Dameron and LAE chapter president, Rick Allen.

"I had a lot of fun," Canterbury said. "I competed in the agility competition, the team crime scene investigation and took five knowledge tests for juvenile justice, LAE knowledge, police knowledge, criminal law and corrections."

The theme for the conference was "Organized Crime in Philadelphia."

"We had speakers that dealt directly with the famous Italian mobsters from the mid and late 20th century," Canterbury said.

Conference keynoters consisted primarily of former law enforcement officials. Speakers included former Philadelphia Police Department captain Albert

L. DiGiacomo, organized crime unit leader David R. Fritchey and George Anastasia, a journalist, author and expert on the Philly Mob and organized crime.

"They were very interesting to listen to, since they had firsthand experience with the La Cosa Nostra, also known as the Philly Mob," Canterbury said.

The MU LAE chapter volunteered for the Huntington community on Halloween by making baskets for Branches, the local domestic violence shelter.

"The baskets were a huge hit," Canterbury said. "We made 15 baskets for the kids and had enough donated candy left to give to the children in the pediatric wards at the local hospitals."

Canterbury said LAE does not have anything else planned for the end of the semester, but the group does volunteer with the Red Cross Blood drives when members get the chance to.

Senior criminal justice major Zachary Gill said LAE members are looking forward to reviewing applications.

"It's a great organization to be a part of," Gill said. "LAE really helps with students and professionals in the field. You make great connections for now and the future."

LAE currently has 38 members and accepts applications all year long. Only criminal justice majors, minors and professionals can apply.

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SPORTS

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Women's basketball team defeats Rhode Island, improves to 3-0



Marshall University forward Leah Scott looks to score during a game last season at the Cam Henderson Center.

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By ISHMAEL WITTEN
THE PARTHENON

On a team loaded with younger talent, it was the veterans who stole the show for Marshall University's women's basketball in Wednesday's 72-62 victory over the University of Rhode Island.

With the win, the Herd improves to 3-0 on the season, while the Rams fall to 0-2.

Senior Leah Scott led all scorers with 19 points while adding eight rebounds.

Scott was pressured all game by a physical Rams defense who saw three of its players foul out of the contest.

"In practice, which you guys don't know, coach [Matt] Daniel doesn't call fouls for me, so I'm used to it," Scott said.

Senior guard Norrishia Victrum shot over 50 percent from beyond the arc, going 4-7 and finishing with 15 points.

After breaking her nose in practice earlier this week, Victrum was forced to wear a mask to protect her face.

"I tried not to think about the mask," Victrum said. "I wanted to get this win. During shoot around, they had a lot of energy and they were doing a little [trash] talking. It was a win I really wanted."

The Herd also received solid performances from Chelsey

Romero (10 points, five rebounds) and Shayna Gore (10 points, three assists).

Dominique Ward and Samantha Tabakman paced Rhode Island in scoring with 14 each.

Tabakman also had 10 rebounds.

Charise Wilson, the Rams leading scorer on the season, chipped in 12 points.

Next up for the Herd is New Jersey Institute of Technology. The game will be played 1 p.m. Sunday at the Cam Henderson Center.

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Men's basketball team opens season against Tennessee



Marshall head coach Dan D'Antoni instructs his team during its game against Bluefield State College Nov. 12.

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By IMANI SPRADLEY
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's men's basketball team opens the regular season Thursday against the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee.

While it is the first game of the season for the Herd, the Volunteers are 1-1 after a 69-67 loss to Georgia Tech Monday.

Marshall head coach Dan D'Antoni said he thinks Tennessee is still in the process of learning its new system

under first-year head coach Rick Barnes.

Marshall enters the game coming off a 101-89 loss Sunday to Newberry College, a Division II school, in its final exhibition game of the season.

Marshall sophomore forward Terrence Thompson, who scored eight points and grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds against Newberry, said the loss taught the Herd a valuable lesson.

"This was a learning experience for our team and will

mentally prepare us for Tennessee," Thompson said.

Marshall shot 25.6 percent on 39 attempts from the three-point line, including 3-20 in the second half.

Thursday's game begins 7 p.m. at Thompson-Boling Arena and will be broadcast by the SEC Network.

Marshall is 11-28 against current Southeastern Conference members.

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Swimming and diving team competes in Nike Cup



Members of Marshall University's swimming team dives into the pool last season against Western Kentucky University.

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Marshall University's swimming and diving team will compete in the three-day Nike Cup hosted by the University of North Carolina Thursday through Saturday in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Preliminaries begin 9:30 a.m. each day of competition, while the finals start at 5 p.m.

In addition to Marshall and North Carolina, other competing schools include North Carolina State University, Navy College, Duke University, East Carolina University, Old Dominion University, Yale University and James Madison University.

Marshall head coach Bill Tramel, who was the head assistant coach for North Carolina for nine years, said he has wanted his team to compete in the Nike Cup for years.

"I was the meet director of this meet during those years," Tramel said in a news release. "I have been wanting to take our team to Nike Cup ever since I arrived at Marshall University. Until now, I didn't think we were ready. I believe we are ready now. I want to thank North Carolina's head coach, Rich DeSelm, for inviting us."

Last season, the Herd broke 14 of its 21 school records en route to a program best fourth place finish in Conference USA.

The team was also named one of the Top 16 most improved teams in Division I in 2015.

Tramel said he thinks his team will have an advantage in North Carolina's pool, which the coach said appears shorter than most.

"Koury Natatorium is such

a fast pool," Tramel said. "From the indicators I have seen in our practices, we are going to light that place up. I'm really excited and the athletes are as well."

Despite his confidence, Tramel said his team is up for a tough weekend of competition.

"Obviously, with such strong teams, we need to step up and really look the other teams in the eye," Tramel said. "We can't be afraid. We have to approach this meet in a way that we belong here. While we may not be the No. 2 team in the country, we certainly aspire to move in that direction. We have worked hard during the fall semester and have a three-day rest behind us. We are ready to go. We are ready to throw down. This should be a very fun weekend."

OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Refugees will do more good than harm in W.Va.



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In this Nov. 4 photo, people wait in line to enter the migrant and refugee registration camp in Moria, on the island of Lesbos, Greece. Some Republicans are pushing back against aggressive opposition in their party to Syrian refugees resettling in the U.S., fresh evidence of a rift within the GOP that threatens to complicate the party's outreach to minorities heading into the 2016 presidential contest.

More than half of all the state governors in the United States have expressed their wish to deny Syrian refugees access to their respective states. Much to their dismay, governors actually have no power to block refugees.

While West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin hasn't expressed an opinion on the matter, many who live here have and an overwhelming amount are against allowing refugees.

There is no logic behind the racist thought that in welcoming the refugees we are putting ourselves at risk

of an ISIS attack. That notion has nothing to back it up; no refugee admitted into the United States has ever killed an American citizen.

In fact, welcoming and embracing Syrian refugees into the Mountain State has its advantages.

West Virginia is losing population faster than any other state in the United States; according to the U.S. census, it lost 0.2 percent of its population last year, a drop of 3300 individuals.

Integrating Syrian refugees into West Virginia communities has the potential to help

the state in this aspect. The economy can't grow with a dwindling population and refugees are just as willing to work and be involved in the community as anyone else is; all they are seeking is safety from a war-torn country.

Syrians are not poor people trying to take up welfare. They are skilled, have college degrees and on average have income on par with American middle class citizens.

That shouldn't matter, though. The inscription on the Statue of Liberty reads "Give me your tired, your poor, /Your huddled masses,

yearning to breath free, /The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, /Send these, the homeless, tempest tost to me, /I lift my lamp beside the golden door." from poet Emma Lazarus. If your skin is white, your ancestors were migrants, refugees or asylees trying to make a better life for themselves.

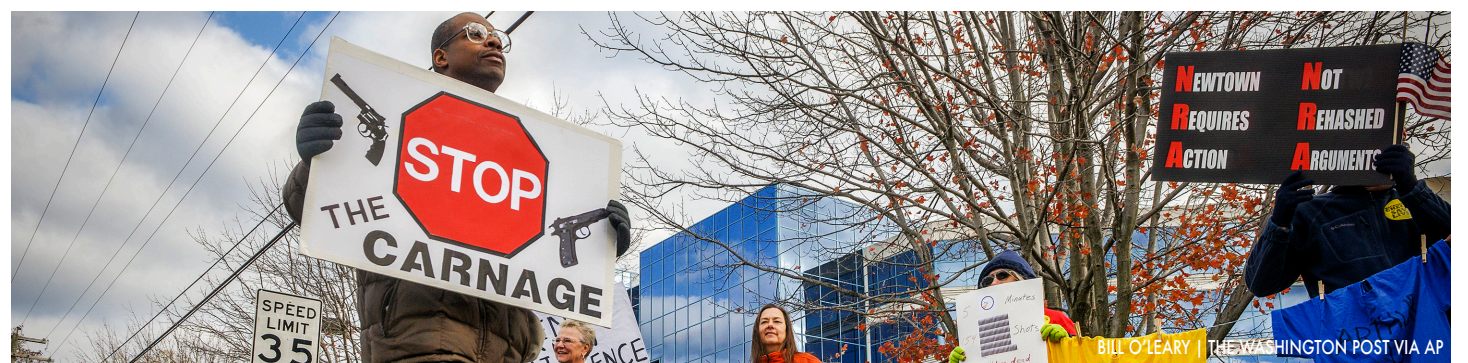
We as Americans have been given an opportunity to give what we have received, and we should be willing to pay it forward to those in need. At some point in our ancestry, (except for Native Americans) we were all immigrants.

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For the latest in campus news



Activists with the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Coalition, including Ernest Austin, foreground, gather for their monthly demonstration in front of the National Rifle Association headquarters Saturday in Fairfax, Virginia.

#Feminist Thursday: It's not an isolated incident

By **JOCELYN GIBSON**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

No one wants to say it, but we have a white male violence problem in America and until we acknowledge it, it's not going anywhere.

According to a report by the Wall Street Journal, America leads the world in mass shootings, and middle-class white men perpetrate most of those shootings. Why is that?

If we look at the alleged motivations of the gunmen, they follow a similar theme.

The gunmen in the most recent shooting, Oct. 1 at a community college in Oregon, was described in a New York Times article as being "angry at not having a girlfriend and bitter at the world that he believed was working against him" based on the shooter's manifesto and online postings. An online account

with the shooter's email address had also commented online as being against the Black Lives Matter movement, according to the New York Times article.

The shooter in the June 18 Charleston, South Carolina case is described by the New York Times as "a white man with a history of anti-black views."

Then there's the shooting by the man in California in May who laid out his reasons in a video manifesto prior to committing the acts, mainly citing being rejected by women as his primary motivation for the attack. "I do not know why you girls aren't attracted to me," he said in the video. "But I will punish you all for it."

That is just a sampling from recent mass shootings and while skimming the media reports on all of them, it is clear we are to view

them as unrelated incidents. However, when we look at a story about a shooting committed by a non-white male, the narrative changes. This lead paragraph in a shooting story, also from the New York Times, illustrates this point, "A 24-year-old Kuwaiti-born gunman opened fire on a military recruiting station on Thursday, then raced to a second military site where he killed four United States Marines, prompting a federal domestic terrorism investigation."

When it's not a white man, suddenly, race matters and the investigation turns to terrorism.

But it should be clear that multiple white male shooters with similar motives constitute a pattern and a larger problem that is happening in American society among white middle-class males.

These are men who feel like they are entitled to something

that women and minorities have taken away from them. The shooters we looked at had clear motivations against women and people of color. Why? Because they see those people in positions they feel entitled to from their position of privilege.

We see this happening on a smaller scale too. How do men get away with beating their wives and girlfriends? There is almost no authority figure women can report abuse to and have it taken seriously because the people in authority positions are also white males.

So, my final question is, if every person in charge is a white male, who is going to hold white men responsible for their violence? Who is going to admit this is a larger problem?

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LIFE!

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A Christmas Carol opens at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse



Marley, played by Clint McElroy, warns Scrooge, Jack Cirillo, of the night that awaits him.

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Scrooge celebrates with others after he realizes the true meaning of Christmas.



Ethan Lyvers as Young Scrooge and Abby Yazvac as Caroline perform during a flashback of Scrooge's past.