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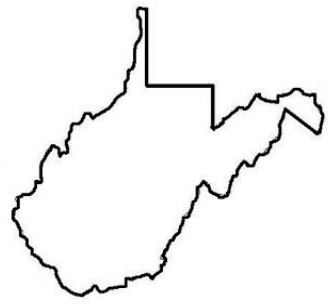
## Coal magnate, businessman Jim Justice sworn in as W.Va. governor



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## MARSHALL COMMUNITY HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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A march and a chamber choir performance took place Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For coverage of events honoring King and his legacy, see page 6 or visit [marshallparthenon.com](http://marshallparthenon.com).

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## Justice inaugurated as 36th governor of West Virginia

By **JARED CASTO**  
THE PARTHENON

Jim Justice took the oath of office Monday at the West Virginia State Capitol, becoming the 36th governor of West Virginia and pledging to usher in a new era of prosperity for the state through jobs, hope and opportunities.

Promising a speech that would be a “a little bit different,” The Greenbrier resort owner and businessman spoke to his audience with down home sincerity, vowing to forego the typical limitations of politics to make progress within the state. Throughout his inaugural speech, Justice touched upon the Mountain State’s numerous problems, such as the shrinking workforce, declining education and raging drug epidemic.

Teachers, Justice said, are underpaid in the state, making it difficult to fill classrooms with qualified educators. The problem with education, Justice suggested, is that there are

too many bureaucrats in the school system. Though Justice was not explicit on his goals for education, the new governor said that he has an education reform package he plans to submit following his inauguration, which will eliminate “unnecessary agencies” and “look at education in a different way.”

In addition, Justice shared his hope that the state will welcome more competitive fields of work, so that young people who wish to stay in West Virginia aren’t forced to move elsewhere because of a lack of opportunities.

“We need to provide a place for our young people who want to stay to have the opportunity to stay,” Justice said.

Justice stressed the need for jobs and revenue in the state, with natural resources, crops and tourism at the forefront of his plan to revitalize the state financially. Justice also reinforced his support for Donald Trump, citing his

positive acquaintance with the family and his belief that Trump will bring opportunities to West Virginia.

Early in the speech, Justice revealed to his audience a tackle box and an ax which he said he purchased from a woman in Jesse, a small community in Wyoming County. The woman, he said, was “selling her life away, the memories, to maybe just have enough money to buy food.” Justice gave her \$100 for each of the items, both of which he keeps in his car to remind him of the woman’s struggle.

“Mister, you don’t have any idea how bad I’m hurting,” Justice said the woman told him.

Justice also had strong words about the state’s overwhelming opiate problem.

“We have a drug epidemic that is absolutely cannibalizing us,” Justice said. “And whatever we have to do to stop it, we have to do.”

At his inauguration, Justice had plenty of support

from his home county. In attendance were members of the boys and girls basketball team he coaches for Greenbrier East High School, as well as students from Greenbrier County elementary schools. The Greenbrier Entertainers were also present, closing out the ceremony with a rendition of “God Bless America.”

Members of the House of Delegates and State Senate filed onto the inaugural platform moments before Justice arrived, with U.S. Sens. Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin joining them moments later. Former governor Earl Ray Tomblin spoke before Justice, offering warm words and support for the incoming governor.

Following the event, Justice received the public in the Capitol’s Lower Rotunda and capped off his inaugural day with a ball at the The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs.

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## Getting to know Jim Justice

By **KYLEE HURLEY**  
THE PARTHENON

Jim Justice was sworn in as the 36th governor of West Virginia Monday, succeeding former Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, who has served the state for the past six years.

Governor Justice faced Republican nominee and former Senate President Bill Cole during the gubernatorial race. Justice ultimately won by a 49 percent lead, The New York Times reported.

Justice was what some called a “nonpolitician,” due to him never serving in the political sector before and spending most of his life as a businessman.

“I was very interested in this race because the candidates were polar opposites,” Marshall University senior Eli Duduit said. “I had no idea who would win, but it reminded me a lot of the presidential race.”

Duduit said the presidential and West Virginia gubernatorial races paralleled one another due to the major party nominees. He said the nation saw an experienced politician running against the nonpolitical businessman with no experience serving as a politician.

Ultimately, Duduit described that the businessmen were the winners and expressed how many people have discussed the curiosity for both administrations.

Justice is widely known around the state as the owner of The Greenbrier resort. The resort is located in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Although Justice is known for being the owner of the resort, his website also details many other roles he has.

Prior to becoming the owner of The Greenbrier, Justice had a seasoned resume in the world of business, according to his website, justiceforwv.com. His business experience came after he graduated from Marshall University, where he obtained his undergraduate degree as well as his Master’s degree in

business administration.

Justice’s website documents how he started his own business, Bluestone Farms, in 1977. The business is still in operation today, now known as Justice Family Farms, LLC. The business consists of 50,000 acres of multiple crops. According to his website, his business is titled “the largest grain producer on the east coast.”

The Jim Justice for WV website also notes that his development of Bluestone Farms was not the only business he has started. Justice created the Stoney Brook Plantation, where avid hunters and fishers can go and practice their sport. The plantation is located in Monroe County, West Virginia.

According to his website, Justice took on the role of President of Bluestone Industries, as well as the Bluestone Coal Operation, after the passing of his father. The website states that he runs a total of 102 companies.

On the campaign trail, Justice used the motto, “Jobs. Jobs. Jobs.” He used this slogan to emphasize his stance on the significance of bringing jobs to West Virginia. As his website states, his experience means he “knows how to create jobs.”

The governor’s website also notes how Justice not only finds business important, but also sports and his family.

According to Justice for WV, Jim has held the title of President of Beckley Little League for 25 years. He also has been a basketball coach for a variety of ages and currently can be seen courtside at the Greenbrier East High School, where he coaches the girls’ basketball team.

His love for sports and business collide, as his website cites he hosts major sporting events at The Greenbrier resort, such as the PGA Tour and the spring training camp for the NFL team, the New Orleans Saints.

**Read the remainder of this story and view video from the inauguration online at marshallparthenon.com.**

## College students find new sources for protection on campus

By **HEATHER BARKER**  
THE PARTHENON

Although Marshall University provides an on-campus police force and multiple safety resources, students are beginning to protect themselves from potential attackers with personal safety devices.

“I’ve had pepper spray attached to my keys for the last two years,” said Julie Kinder, sophomore elementary education major. “I think it’s your right to arm yourself because the police can’t do everything and be everywhere.”

Personal safety devices are growing in popularity, especially on college campuses. The market comprises of a wide range of products, including pepper spray, safety alarms and mobile apps.

SafeTrek is one personal safety app that allows users to place their thumb on a button and “hold until safe.” When released, the app will contact the police with the location unless a four-digit pin is entered.

According to SafeTrek’s website, the app “was developed by college students, for college students” in order to allow users to protect themselves.

ROBOCOPP invented a personal safety device, called the “Sound Grenade,” about



IMAGE VIA ROBOCOPP

the size of a USB drive that sounds an alarm when the pin is pulled. These handheld devices act as an immediate deterrent by releasing a noise at 120 decibels.

“The point is to prevent an attack, rather than engage in one,” said Yonah Shapiro, public relations representative of ROBOCOPP. “Not only is the sound of the alarm successful at deterring preventable crimes, it’s also useful for campus safety patrols because they can

respond to an incident more quickly.”

There are downfalls to many of the products, however. Pepper spray or knives have the potential to be taken and used against the victim, mobile apps rely on the phone’s battery or access to data and all the devices can be unreachable in a time of need when put away in a bag or pocket.

“What we found is that most people who carry a small weapon like a knife or pepper spray aren’t professionally

trained, and end up hurting themselves or arming their attacker,” Shapiro said. “Furthermore, using an app means your safety relies on a smartphone battery, which are notoriously unreliable.”

These devices and apps allow for students to take action into their own hands and control their own personal safety, while also helping the police prevent crime.

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## W. Va. ACLU offers citizen activist training on campus Thursday

By **WILL IZZO**  
THE PARTHENON

Members of the community will be coming together to learn about their civil liberties and pertinent information for day to day life in West Virginia during a training session Jan. 19.

The Marshall University Office of Student Affairs and the Marshall chapter of the national political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha are partnering with the West Virginia American Civil Liberties Union to provide an hour and a half training on civil liberties.

“The training is aimed at helping people organize for change on local, state and national levels,” said Dr. Marybeth Beller, associate professor and director of Masters in Public Administration.

Associate dean of Student Affairs Carla Lapelle said that oftentimes organized groups fizzle out after hosting public displays advocating for their causes.

“When you march, so what? What do you do? How do you cement that? [Marching] certainly gives voice to the concern, but does it cause a change? It might, but there is no guarantee,” Lapelle said.

“Knowing the difference between what we can change and what we have to live with is important,” Lapelle said. “We have the right to address just about anything, and how do you do that?” Lapelle said she hopes the

upcoming training will better equip citizens with information to continuously carry out their causes, instead of abandoning them when it is out of the public eye.

“A citizen’s action group that started with one person helped save the Kanawha State Forest,” Lapelle said. “That person built this group who were against the deforestation. He taught them how to test water and children got involved. They learned about things and then talked to their parents, who may not have cared until their children said something. There are all kinds of ways we can address our concerns and that’s what I’m hoping this will do.”

The training will last roughly an hour and a half and is completely open to the public. Beller said the event will cover non-confrontational behavior, knowing one’s rights as a citizen and the best practices for effective engagement.

Lapelle said the Office of Student Affairs and the West Virginia chapter of the ACLU are already planning more community events, including one titled “How to Make My Government Hear Me,” currently planned for Feb. 15.

Concerned students and citizens can attend the training in the Memorial Student Center room 2W22 starting at 7 p.m.

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# SPORTS

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## COLUMN

### Who needs a 'Slim Reaper' when you have a Beastbrook?



By **JAKE GRIFFITH**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Let me be the first to welcome you to Hot Take Tuesday. If you like takes hotter than the griddle at the Waffle House, then you are in the right place, my friend. As always, I encourage debates, so if you take umbrage with what I have to say, let me hear your thoughts.

In case you haven't noticed, a bad man named Russell Westbrook is dominating the NBA this season, racking up triple-doubles like they're going out of style. As of last week, Brodie has 19 triple-doubles on the season, the most since Wilt Chamberlin recorded 31 in 1967-68. As Westbrook continues to ball out, more and more start to wonder if he'll surpass Oscar Robertson's NBA-record of 41.

While everyone is quick to compare the Big O's stats with Russell's, there is another player I'd like to compare Westbrook with – one Kevin Durant.

Durant left Oklahoma City in the summer of 2016 for the Golden State Warriors after the team continually came up short. Everyone assumed that they would fade into obscurity.

But, here's the thing: they didn't. They've pretty much stood pat in the Western Conference, currently sitting at sixth with a 25-17 record.

Durant's new home sits atop the West, sporting a sparkling 34-6 record, but, come on, that was to be expected. After all, this is the same franchise who went 73-9 last year without Durant, almost winning their second-straight Larry O'Brien trophy. But, don't let the Warriors blowing a 3-1 lead in the NBA Finals (you knew that was coming, didn't you) distract you from the fact that Golden State doesn't need Kevin Durant. He needs them more than they need him.

The opposite is true in Oklahoma City. Westbrook could easily leave the Thunder and head to a contender. Without him, Oklahoma City really would fall into obscurity. The simple fact that they haven't in the absence of Durant is a testament to two things. One, Durant wasn't as integral to the success of the team as we all first thought, and two, Westbrook could really be the next Jordan/Kobe/LeBron-type player who can single-handedly will a team to victory and take over a game at will. Durant can't, not on the same level as Westbrook.

Simply put, Westbrook is old school. Not only has he proved he can be "the guy", he welcomes it. He has a chance to do something not many players in recent memory have done and that's stick with a team for the long-haul and lead them to the promise-land by himself.

Sure, Durant may get a title before him, but when you're a top-10 player and join a team with two other top-10 players, that's kind of to be expected. And no matter how hard he tries, Durant's potential title(s) will always be looked upon as tainted because he sold out to the team that beat him.

Don't get me wrong, I like Durant. I think he's great. But, if I had to pick between the two, give me Westbrook any day. And it's not even close.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Cam Henderson Center is home, sweet home for Marshall

By **JOE ASHLEY**  
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Home court advantage is perhaps the biggest cliché in a sportswriter's arsenal. The Marshall University Men's basketball team is living up to that cliché.

"You could hear the chant 'bring on the Herd, bring on the Herd' and we would all come running out," Marshall University head coach Dan D'Antoni said at his initial press conference April 25, 2014 discussing when he played for Marshall. "That was the greatest feeling in the world."

While that is old news, the message still stands today. D'Antoni wants to have a team capable of bringing excitement and winning to Huntington but with stress of doing things the right way on and off the court.

While the enthusiasm has increased over D'Antoni's presence at Marshall, one of the more recognizable improvements has been home attendance. The season prior to his arrival, average home attendance was 4,713. In the two full years D'Antoni has been in charge, average attendance is above 5,000 per game. Attendance for this year, although subject to change, is 5,542.

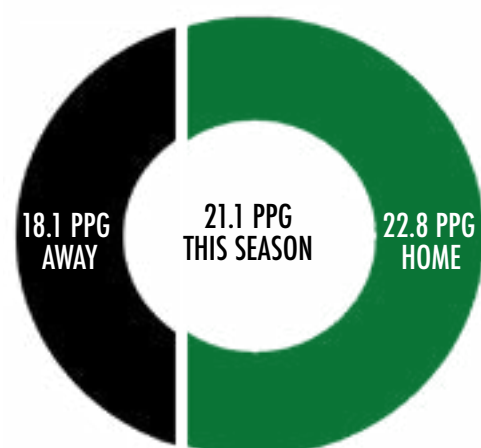
It has been 320 days since the Thundering Herd men have lost in the Cam Henderson Center. That loss, a buzzer beater heave from almost ¾ of the court, gave Louisiana Tech the victory.

For a loss by more than one possession, the statistics led to Dec. 4, 2015. Akron, former Mid-American Conference opponent, came into the Cam and emerged with a

10-point victory. That game hinged on a 16-4 run made by the Zips in the final 10 minutes of the contest.

Since the defeat to Akron, The Thundering Herd has won 19 of 21 at home. 10 of 12 last season, with both losses coming by three points, and 9 straight wins this season, with the next three games on the schedule to be played at home.

Over the course of the streak there have been positives and negatives for the Thundering Herd. A negative that jumps out is that opponents have taken control of the game early. Southern



Jon Elmore This Season

Mississippi, the game directly after the Louisiana Tech loss, Marshall had to overcome a 23 point first half lead held by the Golden Eagles. That led to a positive in that the game ended on a now iconic shot from Austin Loop replayed pregame at every home game this season just prior to home team player introductions.

The case with Southern Mississippi is not an isolated incident. In their first home

game of 2017, against Old Dominion on January 5, The Monarchs scored the first 14 points of the game. Marshall would close the gap to four points by halftime, but the Monarchs would keep the game close, eventually requiring overtime before the Thundering Herd would pull out the win.

Over the course of this

season almost all stats have a better lean at home versus away games. One of the most telling stats is margin of victory. The Thundering Herd have been winning games at home by an average score of 13.1 points per game.

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AWAY		HOME	
104.8	PPG	91.6	
.455	FG%	.495	
.381	3FG%	.378	
2-6	W-L	9-0	
16.4	APG	15.9	
34.3	RPG	39.3	



Marshall guard Jon Elmore (33) drives to the basket against North Carolina Central on November 12. Elmore is one of nine players on the Marshall roster from the state of West Virginia.

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**Marshall Hires Grassie as Men's Soccer Coach #OneHerd**

## Clark declares for draft

Marshall wide receiver Michael Clark announced he will forgo his final two years of college and leave for the NFL. He scored five touchdowns in 2016.



## By the Numbers

**4** With her four blocks against UAB last Saturday, Marshall women's basketball forward Talequia Hamilton moved just four rejections shy of tying Tammy Simms for eighth place on the program's all-time blocks list with 71 career-blocks.

## USA Standings

Men's	
1 - MTSU	(5-0, 15-3)
T2 - La. Tech	(4-1, 12-6)
UAB	(4-1, 11-7)
UTSA	(4-1, 9-9)
T5 - ODU	(4-2, 11-7)
Marshall	(4-2, 11-8)
7 - WKU	(3-3, 9-10)
T8 - Rice	(2-3, 12-6)
So. Miss.	(2-3, 5-12)

Women's	
T1 - Charlotte	(5-1, 13-4)
La. Tech	(5-1, 13-5)
T3 - MTSU	(4-1, 9-7)
UTSA	(4-1, 8-8)
5 - ODU	(3-2, 11-6)
T6 - Marshall	(3-3, 11-6)
ODU	(3-3, 11-6)
T8 - La. Tech	(2-3, 7-9)
North Texas	(2-3, 5-11)
UTEP	(2-3, 5-12)

## TENNIS

### Herd Tennis defeats Eastern Michigan in season opener

#### HERDZONE

The Marshall women's tennis team opened its dual match season Sunday afternoon with a 6-1 win over Eastern Michigan at the Huntington Tennis Club.

The win marked the 13th consecutive time that the Herd defeated the Eagles. Eastern Michigan last defeated the Herd in 2002.

Derya Turhan and Anna Pomyatinskaya opened doubles play with a 6-3 win over Marie Mayerova and Andrea Martinovska. Stephanie Smith and Daniela Dankanych followed with a

6-3 win over Anna Veleva and Renu Sharma. Maddie Silver and Rachael Morales defeated Ani Gogvadze and Maria Paula Ribero, 6-2.

The Herd won five of the six singles matches played, losing one in a third set tiebreaker. Smith opened singles play with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Martinovska. Morales defeated Veleva, 6-1, 6-1. Silver clinched the match win for the Herd with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Gogvadze. Turhan defeated Mayerova in straight sets, 6-0, 7-6 (6).

Dankanych followed with a 6-3, 6-3. Pomyatinskaya fell to Ribero, 1-6, 6-3, 1-0 (11-9).

"This was a good way to start our season. We have a long history with Eastern Michigan and have had some close matches with them, so it was good to pull this one out. We're looking forward to a challenging match against Kentucky on Wednesday."

The Herd continues its four-match homestand Wednesday evening when it takes on the Kentucky Wildcats. First serve is set for 5 p.m.

## RESULTS

#### DOUBLES

1. DERYA TURHAN/ANNA POMYATINSKAYA (MARSHALL) DEF. MARIE MAYEROVA/ANDREA MARTINOVSKA (EMU); 6-3

2. RACHAEL MORALES/MADDIE SILVER (MARSHALL) DEF. ANI GOGVADZE/MARIA PAULA RIBERO (EMU); 6-2

3. STEPHANIE SMITH/DANIELA DANKANYCH (MARSHALL) DEF. ANNA VELEVA/RENU SHARMA (EMU); 6-3

ORDER OF FINISH: 1, 3, 2

#### SINGLES

1. NO. 90 DERYA TURHAN

(MARSHALL) DEF. MARIE MAYEROVA (EMU); 6-0, 7-6 (6)

2. STEPHANIE SMITH (MARSHALL) DEF. ANDREA MARTINOVSKA (EMU); 6-2, 6-1

3. NO. 94 MADDIE SILVER (MARSHALL) DEF. ANI GOGVADZE (EMU); 6-4, 6-2

4. RACHAEL MORALES (MARSHALL) DEF. ANNA VELEVA (EMU); 6-1, 6-1

5. MARIA PAULA RIBERO (EMU) DEF. ANNA POMYATINSKAYA (MARSHALL); 1-6, 6-3, 1-0 (11-9)

6. DANIELA DANKANYCH (MARSHALL) DEF. RENU SHARMA (EMU); 6-3, 6-3

ORDER OF FINISH: 2, 4, 3, 5, 1, 6

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Herd track and field completes Kentucky Indoor Invitational

#### HERDZONE

The Marshall track and field team completed the two-day Kentucky Indoor Invitational on Saturday.

Sophomore Elena Marchand wrote herself into the Marshall record books again, as her throw of 14.76 meters in the shot put broke an indoor track and field school record. This was a record which she had already broken earlier this season in the team's first meet against Ohio University. She finished eighth in the shot put out of 38 athletes.

Marshall had strong

performances in other field events as well. Sophomore Hasana Clark placed sixth out of 36 competitors in the weight throw with her heave of 18.19m. In the long jump, fellow sophomore Lauren George finished 15th in the long jump with a jump of 5.43m.

Senior Danielle Wright finished 10th in the triple jump with a jump of 11.26m.

In running events, the team earned several top-25 individual finishes.

Junior Barkley Castro's finish of 11th in the 800-meter

run was the highest running event finish, as she ran in 2:16.71.

Sophomore Adriana Cook finished in 13th in the 3K run with a time of 10:09.79.

In the 60m dash, senior Kametra Byrd finished in 18th with a time of 7.78 seconds. Freshman Safiyah Mitchell had a strong day, as she had two top-20 finishes. She finished 17th in the 200m with a time of 25.47, and in 19th place with a time of 8.98 seconds in the 60m hurdles.

Junior Madeline Armstrong finished 21st in the mile with

a time of 5:15.81.

Marshall participated in two team relays. The 4x400m team of Christiana Dougan, Andrea Chidester, Kametra Byrd and Makaylah Downour finished in 16th with a time of 4:12.22.

The distance medley team of Andrea Porter, Barkley Castro, Madeline Armstrong and Adriana Cook finished in 8th with a time of 12:22.6.

"We had a good first meet back from the holidays," head coach Jeff Small said. "Our throwers again led us with another school record by

Elena Marchand in the shot put, and a great series by Hasana Clark in the weight throw. I was really excited by how our distance runners performed, especially Adriana Cook, Barkley Castro and Madeline Armstrong. We are looking forward to more improvements by our team next weekend at Virginia Tech."

The Herd will be back in action next weekend in Blacksburg, Virginia beginning on Friday Jan. 20 for the Hokie Invitational hosted by Virginia Tech.



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A new year always marks a time of change, but 2017 is markedly different than most other years before it. West Virginia will have a new governor in office. A new man will be taking over the highest office in the land. There is fear in the hearts of many, both because of the unknown changes lying before us and because of the things that have already been seen.

Most were greatly thrilled to say goodbye to 2016 and to put a year filled with police brutality, racial discrimination, actions of hate and a plethora of celebrity deaths behind us.

In 2016 alone, at least 289 black men were killed by police, according to tracking done by mappingpoliceviolence.org. Racial issues were not only found on a national scale, but also occurred right in our back yard. James Means, 15, was killed by a man who said he was just "getting another piece of trash off the street."

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, 892 hate groups are currently operating in the United States. No, you did not read that number wrong: 892 hate groups. In a country that was built on the foundations of being a melting pot of culture and an environment of acceptance, there are 892 hate groups of all different varieties openly operating.

Last year also saw the deaths of prominent celebrities from all walks of life, from musicians who broke ground for the LGBT community to iconic actresses who advocated for equality to sports reporters who molded the occupation into what it is today. There are far too many lost to name, and we don't think anyone really

## EDITORIAL

## New year, new challenges in 2017



DAMIAN DOVARGANES | AP FILE PHOTO

Health care workers rally to save the Affordable Care Act across the country outside LAC+USC Medical Center in Los Angeles Sunday.

wants to relive all of the countless deaths.

The election is still a hot button topic for most, but with 2016 it is something that has to be discussed. The New York Times predicted that Donald Trump had less than a 10 percent chance of winning the presidency just a week before the election. Clearly that poll number, and, for that matter, almost every other poll ran during the election season, was wrong because we now call Trump president-elect, and come Friday he will be our new president.

If 2016 taught us nothing else, it's that a single pivotal moment can change everything. That moment came with the FBI's letter stating that they would be reopening the Hillary Clinton case pertaining to her e-mail server, a case that was never officially closed in the first place. A year of campaigning no longer mattered at that point. The moment that letter was released, the outcome of the election was forever changed.

Despite its downfalls, 2016 taught us some valuable lessons: the job of journalists has become more vitally important than ever; there are still great divides in our country based off of issues that should not be issues at all, anything can change in the blink of an eye and we should never take anything for granted.

So may not know now what 2017 will hold, but there is no doubt that it will be an interesting journey filled with valuable lessons, like the year before it.

These challenges are already making themselves apparent, as the GOP moves forward with its plan to repeal the Affordable Care

Act, despite having no clear plan to replace it. Consequentially, thousands of Americans have taken to the street to protest the ambiguous repeal and replacement plan.

And Trump — always the source of constant controversy — has lashed out at the press moreso than usual in the past weeks, the result of indisputable evidence that Russia influenced the 2016 election and unverified allegations that the Trump campaign worked directly with the Kremlin. Trump has also faced backlash following his attack on U.S. Representative John Lewis, whom Trump referred to as "all talk, no action," despite Lewis' extraordinary influence on the Civil Rights movement.

But 2017 is already teaching us that opposition does work when effective. At the onset of the year, the GOP received considerable resistance from outside and within the party when it planned to gut the Office of Congressional Ethics, an independent ethics watchdog that receives complaints and refers them to the House committee if investigation is required. Less than a day later, the party rescinded its plans, with constituent phone calls a major motivating factor.

In addition, The Women's March on Washington, set for the day after Trump's inauguration, could be one of the largest protests in American history, with over 100,000 attendees planning to attend. Marches are set for nearly 400 other cities as well.

With this in mind, if 2016 was a year of defeat, 2017 is shaping up to be a year of victory in the face of impossible forces.

## COLUMN

## Learning from the past for the uncertain future

By **KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE**  
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This morning, like every morning, I woke up and sat down on my computer to check my e-mail before I started getting ready for the day. I opened my browser and saw Google's home page displayed. For every holiday, Google has a "Doodle" that compliments that holiday. Today, as I hope most of you know, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Doodle today on Google's home page is of six people, all different races, holding hands.

I clicked on the Doodle to see the details—the artist, the description of the photo, etc., and here's what it says:

"Today's Doodle, by guest artist Keith Mallett, captures one of the major themes of King's speeches and writing: unity. 'All life is interrelated,' he said. 'We are all made to live together.' King urged Americans of all races to keep 'working toward a world of brotherhood, cooperation, and peace.'

Martin Luther King Jr. may seem like the sort of leader who comes along only once every century or so, but King himself would disagree with that notion. He taught that we are all capable of lighting the way to 'the bright daybreak of freedom and justice,' and that we can unite to show that 'love is the most durable power in the world.'"

We are all made to live together.

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I kept repeating that in my head, like it was some sort of foreign phrase I was trying to make sense of. Like these words weren't really supposed to come together to make a sentence. Like someone was trying to convince me that this is true, because we're living in a world that's

dividing itself in two.

We are living in a world of people who feel entitled, a world where it has become socially acceptable — and often applauded — to stand beside racism, islamophobia and xenophobia. A world full of bigotry and intolerance.

That's when I realized that this may be one of the most important MLK Day's I've been alive to witness. Don't get me wrong, his teachings carry the same importance everyday, but this is the last MLK Day that our first black president, Barack Obama, will be in office. This is a day that honors a leader who taught compassion and preached justice in a time our country is lacking both. This is a day where his teachings aren't just artifacts and triumphs of history, but real and relatable.

The things we, as a society, are letting happen before our eyes seem so far away to some people. The entitlement people are feeling and the way they are translating that into their lives is so surreal to me. This is not normal. I cannot stress this enough. I want to yell it at the top of my lungs. I want to tell it to everyone I know. This is not normal.

In King's biography, he wrote about his fear of Republican candidate Berry Goldwater and the effects his presidency would have on American people and their lives in regards to injustice, racism and hate.

"While not himself a racist, Mr. Goldwater articulated a philosophy which gave aid and comfort to the racist," King wrote. "His candidacy and philosophy would serve as an umbrella under which extremists of all stripes would stand."

Some of you may have just read over that, and

it may have meant nothing to you. Some of you, including myself, mumbled every single word and each one carried the same amount of weight and sentiment as it rolled off of your tongue. This peculiar feeling of eerie familiarity.

I'm scared of this entitlement individuals feel that they have towards minorities and those who are discriminated against. I'm scared people are getting this "green light" telling them that it's okay to hate, telling them that they can't practice — in peace — their constitutional rights.

"America, be true to what you said on paper," King said. "If I lived in China or even Russia or any totalitarian country, maybe I could understand some of these illegal injunctions. Maybe I could understand the denial of some basic First Amendment privileges because they haven't committed themselves to that over there. But somewhere I read about the Freedom of Assembly. Somewhere I read of the Freedom of Speech. Somewhere I read of the Freedom of Press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for rights. So, just as I say that we aren't going to let dogs or water hoses turn us around, we aren't going to let any injunction turn us around."

I'm not here to preach politics — you can do a quick Google search and go through the copious amounts of articles that have surfaced since the election if you want to read about politics. I'm here to preach love. I'm here to tell you that if we all stick together, we can leave this world a better place than it was when we came here.

When I was younger, I always complained about history class. At the time, I didn't understand its importance. Like every single other

14-year-old who thinks they know it all, I asked the question "when will I ever need to use this in the real world?" in one of my classes.

It wasn't until my history teacher told me that it was important to learn history to make sure history doesn't repeat itself that it made sense.

"We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed," King wrote.

Every single one of us has a voice. It is so hard to speak up sometimes — you may lose a friend, you may get disapproval from a family member, you may lose a job. But you are given the beautiful rights of the First Amendment.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances," reads the First Amendment of the Constitution.

You have the right to speak out when you see injustice. You have the right to protest. You have the right to stand up for what you believe in. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN.

King once said, "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

I'm not sure what the future holds, but let's learn from the past.

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope," King said.

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## MLK Jr. Observance Day brings community members together

By **CHRISTIAN DAVIS**

THE PARTHENON  
Marshall University's Intercultural Affairs Office, the NAACP Huntington-Cabell Branch and the surrounding Huntington community gathered at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse for the annual MLK Jr. Observance Day program Monday.

Students, family and friends marched from 16 Street Baptist Church to Marshall's campus carrying signs symbolizing hope and freedom.

Maurice Cooley, associate vice president of Marshall's Intercultural Affairs Office, opened up the program with a welcome to the congregation.

Renay Freckleton, a sophomore at Marshall University studying sports management and accounting, said she feels great knowing that so many adults in this community care enough about the young African American to put together this program.

"This is the day we commemorate a great African American man in history,"



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Citizens march and chant to celebrate the freedoms Dr. King actively fought for.

Freckleton said. "I love how the Huntington community really stands behind their young men and women before them. There was a liturgical dance performed by Jehovah's Warriors of Full Gospel Assembly, as well as the American Dream Movement, with the closing finale all done with the help from the older members of the community. It was beautiful to watch everyone become so involved to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

The program included many notable figures in the community, such as Sylvia Ridgeway, president of the Huntington-Cabell Branch of the NAACP, who shared a greeting and regards to those attending.

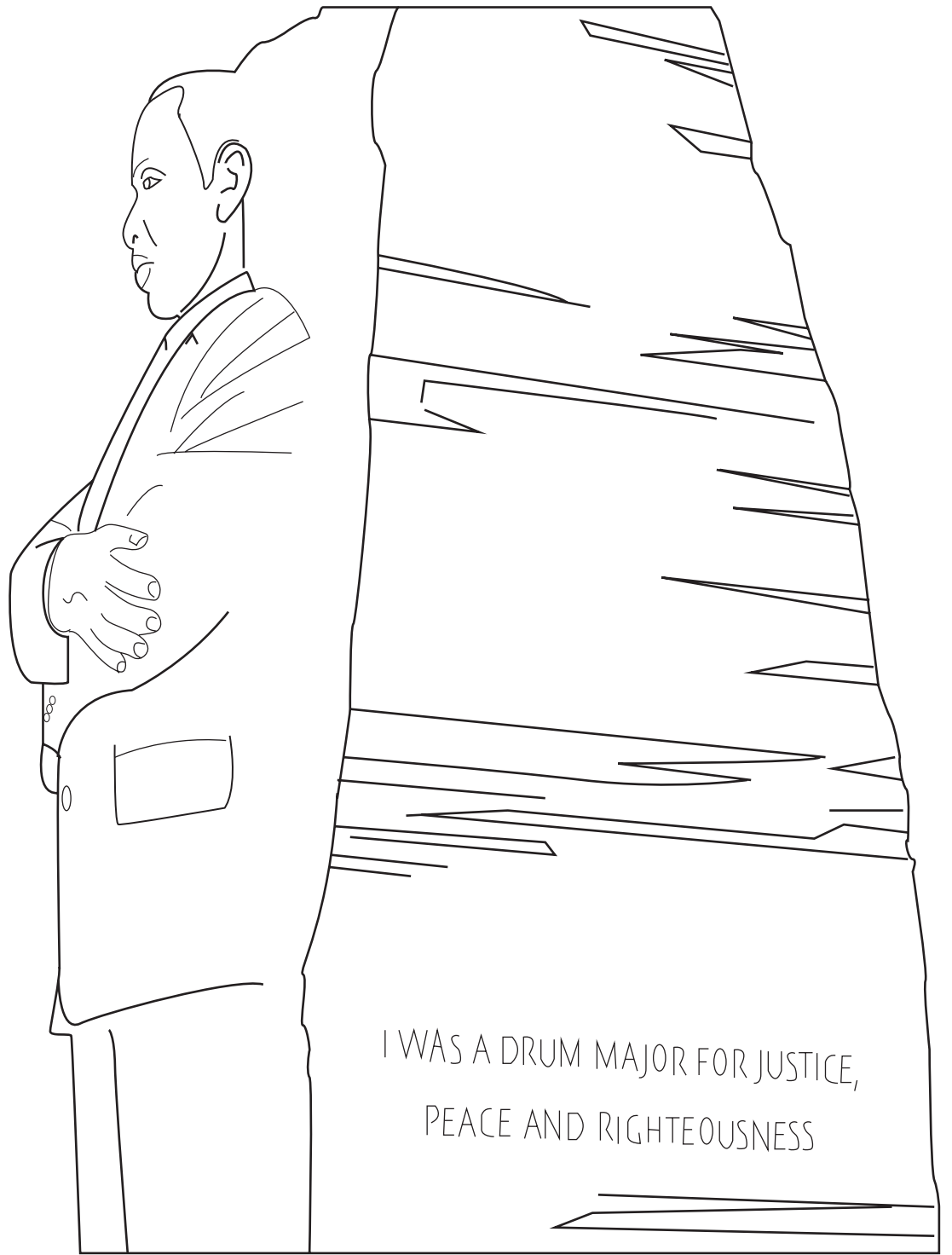
Raevyn Page, a sophomore at Huntington High

school, said she really enjoyed attending the program because she feels like she is a part of something bigger than herself.

"It is a good feeling to know that my friends and I can go to events like this to celebrate someone that has done so much for us being black females in the community," Page said. "I like that history was shared so we know who fought for us and how we have the rights that we have today."

Following the program there was a light reception in the Joan C. Edwards lobby where people gathered to reflect on the observance and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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