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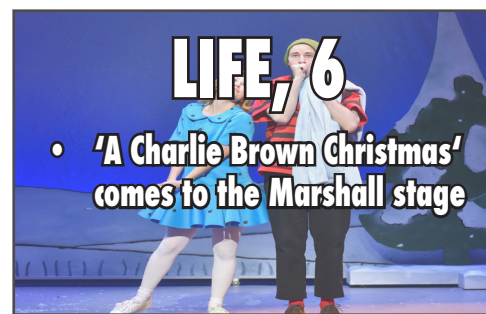
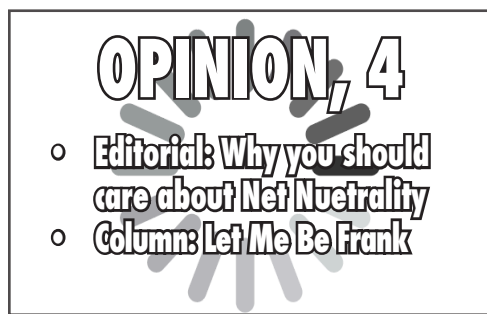
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'Marco's Favorite Things' set for holiday giveaway



RICK HAYE | UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Marshall University mascot Marco the Bison. Students who hashtag #MarcosFavoriteThings.

By CAROLINE KIMBRO
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Office of University Communications kicks off its 24 days of giveaways today. "Marco's Favorite Things" social media contest will run Dec. 1 through Dec. 24, offering participants the chance to win a prize each day.

Mallory Jarrell, Marshall's marketing and branding coordinator, said the contest is open to anyone who would like to participate: students, faculty, community members and more.

"Basically again, just a way to get people involved and to share some of their stories and favorite memories about Marshall through social media and have a chance to win some great holiday gifts," Jarrell said.

Jarrell said the contest will take place on Marshall University's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram media platforms. The accounts will feature questions for followers to answer about their experiences at Marshall, from memories about sports games to campus favorites.

"It just helps people to think about the fun times that they had at Marshall and about all the things that they enjoyed while they were on campus or while they are still on campus for current students, and share those with us and have a chance to win a prize as well," Jarrell said.

The contest will require participants to comment on, share, and like posts for a chance to win various prizes each day.

"Marco's Favorite Things" will offer prizes from the Marshall University Bookstore, Hometown Sportswear, Glenn's Sporting Goods, Adam's Hallmark Shop, Marshall Athletics and the Marshall Artist Series. Other downloadable giveaways will also be featured throughout December.

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Campus email scams 'phishing' for new bait



PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Students using the computers in Drinko Library. Students have been receiving a flood of "phishy" emails.

"I got four sketchy looking emails just on Saturday alone. Sure, I would love to have \$800 dollars put into my bank account, but I don't even have a Wells Fargo account, so I knew it was weird."

- Marshall student Zoe Schreiber

By BROOKE GRIFFIN
THE PARTHENON

Students and faculty all across campus may be noticing a spike in the rate of "odd" emails they are receiving recently.

"This isn't a new phenomenon," said Jody Perry, Information Technology Services executive director. "Normally, we can get the problem under control quickly, but sometimes, big scams slip through for a little while."

The files can come in several forms. Some students have reported getting emails that looked like they contained emails from chain retail stores and some talked about getting emails that were talking about bank information.

"I got four sketchy looking emails just on Saturday alone," Marshall student Zoe Schreiber said. "Sure, I would love to have \$800 dollars put into my bank account, but I don't even have a Wells Fargo account, so I knew it was weird."

The Information Technology Department said this problem can't necessarily be fixed, but it will run its course.

"The university email system is not infected, rather the usernames and passwords are being abused," Chief IT Officer Jon Cutler said. "Regarding when will it be fixed, we are currently working to reconfigure the campus email systems to do a better job in identifying and alerts us about compromised user accounts. We are also trying to determine how we can best detect and where possible block or quarantine confirmed fraudulent or suspicious email messages."

The department said if someone receives an email that looks "phishy," it suggests to not open it. If the email does get opened, the department said not give out any personal information. According to IT, the university would never ask for information because it already has it all. If personal information gets out, it will potentially spread the email virus even further.

"Anytime you get a message that doesn't look legit, it probably isn't," Perry said. "Always be skeptical. Along those same lines, your bank or credit card company will likely never ask you to go to a site to confirm your information. Even if the information in an email looks legit, always call your bank first."

When looking at a legitimate campus-sent email, IT said to look for the signatures of the sender. There will be a first and last name signature at the end of the email, a phone number for contact purposes and an official title of the sender.

IT said if someone has any concerns, they can go to the information service desk in Drinko Library to get everything straightened out.

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Gilbert tours West Virginia high schools

By CAROLINE KIMBRO
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert's venture to visit and speak with students from 16 high schools in seven West Virginia counties began Wednesday and will conclude Dec. 7. Former Marshall football coach Bob Pruett will join Gilbert on "The Rest of Your Life Begins at Marshall University" high school tour to meet with principals and speak at school assemblies.

Gilbert said West Virginia high school students need to know Marshall is an advantageous opportunity for those considering college options. He said Marshall offers students the same benefits as larger schools, at a location that allows in-state students to stay relatively close to home and still gain independence.

"Marshall University has so much to offer students, more than 100 top-quality educational programs, an accessible and beautiful campus located in America's Best Community, Huntington, and about 230 recognized student organizations, just to name a few of the Marshall advantages," Gilbert said. "We have something for every student, and students don't have to travel hours away or spend money they don't have to get an extraordinary educational experience."

Ginny Painter, senior vice president of communications, said the primary aim of the trip is to connect with students and encourage as many as possible to choose Marshall. Painter said the university's recruitment, admissions and communications offices have been developing an overarching marketing and recruitment plan to actively recruit students from within and outside of West Virginia.

"Data shows, of course, that West Virginia's population of high



PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert. Gilbert has been talking to high schools students across the state of W.Va to increase admissions.

school students is going to continue to fall for a number of years," Painter said. "As that pool of prospective students shrinks, we have to capture as many in-state students as absolutely possible and increase our reach and recruiting efforts into strategic markets in neighboring states and beyond."

Painter said Pruett will deliver a motivation message at schools about the potential Marshall drew out of him as a student-athlete, which inspired his role as a teacher and coach.

"No one knows what can be accomplished at Marshall University better than Coach Pruett," Gilbert said. "He has witnessed firsthand what extraordinary things dedicated students can achieve at

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EPA hosts second day of public hearings in Charleston



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From left, Reid Harvey, director, Clean Air Markers Division, Office of Air and Radiation, Cosmo Servidio, regional administrator, and Donna Mastro, associate regional counsel, listened to testimonies Wednesday during the EPA hearing on the repeal of the Clean Power Plan held at the State Capitol.

By **ANDREA LANNOM**
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The second day of public comment on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan concluded Wednesday with many people expressing concern over the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hosting its lone public hearing in Charleston.

Hearings started Tuesday in three separate meeting rooms in the state Capitol. It continued Wednesday with more than 50 people scheduled to speak, but utilizing only one meeting room.

The hearings adjourned Wednesday with the EPA taking comments under advisement. Written comments will be received through Jan. 16.

Many people called for the EPA to host more public hearings around the country. The EPA's sole scheduled hearing took place in Charleston.

David Lillard was among those who questioned the EPA's decision to have its only hearing in Charleston. Lillard said he got up around 4:30 Wednesday morning and made the five-hour drive from Shepherdstown to voice his opinion.

"As a West Virginian, I'm insulted at the choice of this location," Lillard told the panel. "Because it's great TV to have coal barons talk about saving pennies on coal but it's great theater to have desperate coal miners carrying the message that the coal barons have lied to them repeatedly."

Lillard said he would like for the EPA to host more hearings across the country. He mentioned his own 300-mile commute, saying people from other states faced even longer trips.

"Even within the state, I drove 300 miles to get here," he said. "How can people across the country have the opportunity to attend public hearings? It seemed like anti-democracy

to pick a place where they knew coal was operating and think they were expecting everyone who spoke from West Virginia would be supportive of repealing the plan. However, that's not what they've heard."

Lillard said he didn't view the Clean Power Plan as perfect but said he felt it could be improved.

"Carbon pollutants must be regulated," he said. "To scrap the plan without having another in place dealing with carbon is in defiance of the Supreme Court and a failure to uphold the constitution."

Lillard wasn't the only one who asked the EPA to host more hearings. Several people throughout the day called for more hearings. Robert Klee, commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said in his view, the EPA treated public hearings as a "cruel joke by hosting its one and only hearing in coal country."

Michael Myers, assistant attorney general from New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office, said New York City plans to host its own public hearing.

"The attorney general, along with the city of New York, will hold a public forum in December to ensure residents are heard," Myers said. "The EPA is welcome to join us in that event."

Myers, as others who opposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan, mentioned environmental concerns citing flooding and hurricanes. He also mentioned concerns about health especially regarding cases of asthma resulting from smog.

"Leading scientists say we need to act now to cut greenhouse gas," Myers said. "The Clean Power Plan is an important step in doing so."

People who spoke in favor of repealing the Clean Power Plan cited fears of

losing coal jobs and negatively affecting the economies of West Virginia and other energy states.

Bill Bissett, president of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce, said his concern is that the Clean Power Plan would "plunge the state into economic hardship" and, in his view, would have little effect on reducing global carbon levels.

"We are a state with economic challenges and we need to protect and expand economic advantages that we have," Bissett told the panel. "The low cost of electricity from coal gives us a tremendous advantage to attract and retain businesses."

Vicky Sullivan, who serves as associate vice president of policy development for the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, said in her view, the Clean Power Plan exceeded the EPA's statutory authority under the Clean Air Act. She also mentioned concerns that if implemented, the plan would cost consumers.

The Clean Power Plan, issued in 2015 by the Obama administration, set new greenhouse gas regulations by imposing stronger carbon dioxide limits on states. This represented a 32 percent cut by 2030 compared to 2005 levels. Under the plan, states had until 2022 to comply.

Shortly after the plan was issued, 27 states (including West Virginia), 24 trade associations, 37 rural electric co-ops and three labor unions challenged the plan.

The U.S. Supreme Court later stayed the Clean Power Plan and halted its implementation. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a notice indicating the EPA's intent to review the Clean Power Plan following an executive order from President Donald Trump. Last month, the EPA proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan.

Women's Exhibition to combat gender disparities in art and design industries



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Marshall University instruction and reference librarian Sabrina Thomas came up with the idea for the exhibition partnership between Marshall's libraries and the School of Art and Design to incite important conversations about gender disparities in art.

By **PAMELA YOUNG**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Libraries has partnered with the School of Art & Design and the Women's Center to launch a women's exhibition, "Nevertheless, She Persisted," that will be on display in Drinko Library at the beginning of the spring semester.

The exhibition is open to all women artists who have attended or are currently students, faculty and staff.

"The library is more than a warehouse of dead trees. We are a place to have civil conversations and a place to go for credible information," Sabrina Thomas, instruction and reference librarian, said. "We're a place to facilitate ideas, conversations and the growth of groups. We're not just shelves. I want to facilitate a conversation about women in arts, and showcase the talented individuals in this area."

Thomas said it is important to combat gender disparities in the art industry and said men often represent the majority in terms of demographics, salary and visual presence.

"We wanted to showcase women who are often overlooked and not given a

chance to showcase their art," Thomas said.

The exhibition will be held in the library, rather than the Visual Arts Center due to the vast amount of space available, and "it is a place to share ideas and opinions and connect them to the history sitting on these shelves," Thomas said.

Those interested in submitting an entry may stop by the front desk at the Visual Arts Center, Circulation Desk at Drinko Library or the Women's Center in Prichard Hall.

The artwork submitted must be ready to showcase and be complete for display. Submissions may include framed photographs, sculptures or other 3D artwork, paintings, and more.

Pieces will be judged Monday by jurors, Thomas; Heather Stark, art historian for the School of Art & Design; and Melissa Yungbluth, gallery director for the School of Art & Design.

Artists may drop off their artwork with an entry form Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1 in room 213A in Drinko Library from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship enters U.S. Senate race

By **JOSELYN KING**
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Just six months ago, he was released from federal prison. On Wednesday, former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship officially joined the 2018 race for U.S. Senate in West Virginia.

Blankenship has filed the necessary paperwork to become a candidate in the Republican primary, confirmed his campaign strategist, Greg Thomas of Targeted Communication Strategies in Charleston.

Thomas said Blankenship was in Charleston on Wednesday, and planned to return to his residence in Williamson.

Blankenship was acquitted of felony charges in late 2015 for lying about safety procedures at Massey's Upper Big Branch Mine in 2010 that resulted in the deaths of 29 miners.

His charges were reduced to a misdemeanor charge of conspiring to wilfully violate mine safety and health standards, and he served a one-year sentence at FCI Taft in California.

Blankenship was released from prison in May. Since then, he has become a critic of both the Mine Safety and Health Administration and U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va.

Blankenship will seek Manchin's seat in 2018.

"Were not putting out a statement," Thomas said. "Mr. Blankenship will be continuing his campaign to educate people at what happened at UBB, and the government coverup. He wants people to follow what's going on."

"Sen. Manchin has been avoiding the issues surrounding Upper Big Branch, and now he will no longer be able to avoid it."

Blankenship joins a Republican primary race that is expected to include State Attorney General Patrick Morrisey and U.S. Rep. Evan Jenkins.

Thomas said he isn't certain how Blankenship's presence will affect the race.

"It's going to be an unconventional campaign," he said. "It's hard to predict things in the current political environment."

West Virginia Republican Party Chairman Conrad Lucas called Blankenship "another voice in the chorus of individuals wanting to defeat Joe Manchin."

"All candidates will have the opportunity to make their case for the nomination," Lucas said. "And Don Blankenship will be another candidate out there exposing Joe Manchin's liberal hypocrisy, and this will only help Republicans to defeat Manchin in November."

Manchin's campaign issued a cryptic statement Wednesday under the topic, "A Growing GOP primary."

"Joe Manchin is focused on working in the Senate for West Virginia families, not campaign politics," said campaign spokesman Grant Herring. "He won't be distracted by Mitch McConnell's backroom deals in Washington, D.C."

Jenkins' and Morrisey's campaigns also weighed in on Blankenship's entry into the Senate race.

"Everyone has a right to run for public office," Morrisey said. "I welcome anyone into this contest, but I will continue to run on my positive record of obtaining conservative results for coal miners and West Virginia taxpayers, fighting for the unborn, protecting gun rights and ridding the state of this terrible opioid epidemic."

Jenkins agrees "every citizen has the right to run for office." "And I have no doubt that West Virginia Republicans will choose their nominee with careful consideration," he said. "My candidacy offers voters a clear choice on issues they care about most, a fighter for our shared West Virginia values, a close-working relationship with President Trump and the one candidate West Virginia voters can count on to defeat Joe Manchin."

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VS. AMERICAN



DECEMBER 21, 2017
8:00 P.M.
TROPICANA FIELD
ST. PETERSBURG, FL
VS. AMERICAN



DECEMBER 23, 2017
3:30 P.M.
AMON G. CARTER STADIUM
FORT WORTH, TX
VS. ARMY



DECEMBER 27, 2017
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INDEPENDENCE STADIUM
SHREVEPORT, LA
VS. ACC OR SEC

Big 12 now guaranteed title game rematch; last one was costly



AP PHOTO | MATT SLOCUM

In this Dec. 1, 2007, file photo, Oklahoma fans hug Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford (14) after beating No. 1 Missouri 38-17 in the Big 12 Conference championship football game, in San Antonio. If the Big 12 is going to make the playoff this year, No. 2 Oklahoma has to beat No. 10 TCU for the second time in four weeks.

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP SPORTS WRITER

The last Big 12 championship game rematch 10 years ago cost the league a national title shot.

Back then it was Oklahoma knocking off then-No. 1 Missouri.

When the Big 12's title game is revived Saturday after a six-season hiatus, it will be the No. 2 Sooners (11-1, 8-1, No. 3 CFP) trying to stay in contention for a national championship. They almost certainly have to beat No. 10 TCU (10-2, 7-2, No. 11 CFP) for the second time in four weeks to make it into the four-team College Football Playoff.

The Sooners might already be playoff-bound if they didn't have another game to play. The Big 12 decided to revive the title game in hopes of an additional game for the playoff selection committee to weigh for the final rankings, which this season come on Sunday.

"You can sit there in any year and draw the scenario where it makes sense and where it doesn't make sense," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "The reality of it, and I get it, it's not going to be perfect every single year."

With the Big 12 now at 10 teams and playing a round-robin schedule, one thing the championship game will be every year is a rematch of the top two teams in the conference standings.

That wasn't always the case, not when the league had 12 teams in divisions from 1996-2010. Of the 15 previous title games, six of them were rematches:

— 2007: Missouri's only regular-season loss was 41-31 at Oklahoma in a mid-October game. The Tigers got to the Big 12 title game as the No. 1 team in the AP poll and BCS

standings after winning their regular-season finale 36-28 over undefeated Kansas to claim the league's North Division title. Oklahoma freshman quarterback Sam Bradford threw two TDs in a 38-17 win over Missouri for the Big 12 title. The Sooners lost to West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. Missouri beat Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

— 2005: Texas beat Colorado 42-17 in their regular-season matchup. The rematch was a laugher as No. 2 Texas pounded the Buffaloes 70-3 before the Vince Young-led Longhorns went on to win the Rose Bowl and complete an undefeated national championship season with a 41-38 thriller over Southern California. That was the last of the Big 12's three national titles.

— 2002: No. 8 Oklahoma beat Colorado 29-7 in the Big 12 title game little more than a month after the Sooners won the regular-season matchup over the Buffs. Oklahoma, with two losses and no shot at a national championship, then capped its 12-win season by beating Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

— 2001: Probably the oddest year of all. No. 9 Colorado had lost 41-7 at Texas, but then beat the third-ranked Longhorns in the Big 12 title game,

39-37. This actually cleared the way for another North Division team, Nebraska, to play for the national championship. The Buffaloes had routed undefeated Nebraska 62-36 at the end of the regular season, a stunning blow that dropped the Huskers from No. 1 to No. 4 in the BCS standings. Nebraska, which had 11 wins and had played an extra regular-season game, then climbed to No. 2 in the final BCS standings (one spot ahead of Colorado) and lost to Miami in the Rose Bowl. The Buffaloes fell to Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

— 2000: Oklahoma beat Kansas State twice, 41-31 in the regular season and then 27-24 for the Big 12 title. The Sooners finished 13-0 after beating Florida State 13-2 in the Orange Bowl, giving Oklahoma their last national championship in coach Bob Stoops' second season.

— 1999: Third-ranked Nebraska was able to avenge its only regular-season loss by beating No. 12 Texas 22-6 in the Big 12 championship game, five weeks after the Longhorns' 24-20 home win. The conference title wasn't enough to get Nebraska a national title shot since Florida State and Virginia Tech were both undefeated.

Aaron Judge gets 10 votes for New York City mayor

NEW YORK (AP) — A unanimous winner of the AL Rookie of the Year Award and runner-up in Most Valuable Player voting, Aaron Judge also received ballots in another election: for New York City mayor.

The New York Yankees right fielder was listed on 10 ballots as a write-in candidate for mayor, according to final totals released late Tuesday by the New York City Board of Elections.

Judge received three votes in New York County (Manhattan and the Marble Hill section of the Bronx), four in Brooklyn,

two in Queens and one in Staten Island.

He was far behind Bill de Blasio, who won re-election with 713,634 votes on the Democratic line and 46,478 on the Working Families line.

Former Yankees manager Joe Girardi and former Yankees captain Derek Jeter, now CEO of the Miami Marlins, got two write-in votes apiece.

Kristaps Porzingis, a Latvian player on the NBA's New York Knicks, received nine write-in votes. There was an additional vote for each of two misspelled

variations of his name: Kristaps Porzinais and Kristops Porzingis. New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning, who was benched this week, got one vote.

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EDITORIAL

Protect the Net

Why you should care about net neutrality



Imagine paying extra to access the same Internet you're using today. Imagine working on a research paper but being unable to access a website because it isn't included in the list of sites your Internet service provider allows you to access. Imagine an online environment with clear winners and losers, where Internet companies are required to pay multi-billion dollar internet providers like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T an extra fee for faster bandwidth or else be relegated to the shadowy depths of the "internet slow lane."

Now stop imagining, because all of this will be possible after the Federal Communications Commission votes Dec. 14 on its new plan to dismantle net neutrality, a principle protecting the internet as we know and use it today. The commission's plan is largely expected to be adopted, with the FCC's three anti-net neutrality Republicans representing the majority of the five-person committee.

The plan will roll back a 2015 landmark regulation by the commission to reclassify the internet as a public utility rather than a service. Without net neutrality protections, internet service providers such as Comcast, AT&T and Verizon can provide faster bandwidth to sites that pay more and slow down any sites that don't, creating a digital divide that will disrupt the composition of the internet as we know it. Perhaps even worse, these providers will have the ability to pick and choose the sites you have access to, potentially requiring you to pay extra to access the same sites you have total freedom to access today.

Those unaware of net neutrality or the controversy surrounding it may be

pondering why this route of action would be taken by anyone who values the information, resources and entertainment provided by the internet. Once thought to be a non-partisan issue, net neutrality has seeped into the divisive political discord of the day. In 2014, a University of Delaware survey found that 85 percent of Republicans were in favor of net neutrality, marginally outnumbering Democrats who stood at 81 percent approval.

Recently, Republican lawmakers have largely embraced the internet service providers or, more accurately, the donations they receive from them. Following Congress' March 2017 vote to roll back Obama-era internet privacy protections, tech site The Verge found that 256 of the Republican Congress members who voted to rescind the protections had received thousands of dollars in donations from telecommunications companies.

The Republican-majority FCC appears to be no different, with chairman Ajit Pai, an ex-lawyer for Verizon, spearheading the efforts. Pai has consistently justified his actions toward dismantling net neutrality with a flawed market ideology and a warped view of how the Internet works. In a speech Tuesday, Pai argued net neutrality will "restore internet freedom" and "return us to the light-touch, market-based approach under which the internet thrived."

Pai ignores that modern internet service providers have more in common with natural monopolies rather than a thriving market. According to a study by Economists Incorporated, 46.1 million Americans live in an area with only one internet service provider offering

25Mbps data speeds, which is the minimum speed for what FCC classifies as "broadband."

Pai also rejects the evidence that caused the 2015 FCC's decision to be implemented in the first place. According to The Los Angeles Times, powerful internet service providers were regularly violating the principles of net neutrality and the free internet prior to the regulation. For example, in 2005 the Associated Press found that Comcast was degrading the traffic of peer-to-peer technologies like BitTorrent without disclosing it to customers. Likewise, from 2007 to 2009 AT&T required that Apple block Skype and other web-based telephone services from the iPhone. These are only two of a myriad of examples.

As an internet consumer, you may be wondering: How is it we can stop the FCC from dismantling net neutrality and doing a disservice to anyone who enjoys the current online freedoms? Some argue that convincing members of Congress to oppose the plan could bear the best results. This means phoning your representatives in the House and Congress and making clear your opposition to a net neutrality appeal. If you're unsure what to say, several pro-net neutrality communities have prepared concise scripts for you to read when you make your call.

There are also petitions to sign, information to spread and people to inform. Protecting the internet is neither a provocative topic nor one that is easy to explain or understand. But if you value the internet as it is now — which a Politico and Morning Consult poll indicates 60 percent of registered voters do — net neutrality is yet another modern political issue that you should brush up on and prepare to advocate for in the coming weeks.

COLUMN

Let Me Be Frank: On Matt Lauer

By **FRANKLIN NORTON**
THE PARTHENON

Wednesday morning, I woke up to a text from a good friend and fellow editor. The text only said one thing: Matt Lauer. I didn't really pay much attention to it and was unsure of what she meant, but then I started checking my social media. It didn't take long for me to see that Lauer had been fired from NBC, attached to a headline that has become much too common lately.

I now understood the text. I have always really liked Matt Lauer and respected him as a journalist. He asked the right questions. He showed compassion. He was entertaining. But sadly, what we learned from this is that this issue of sexual harassment is not just reserved for guys who seem to be creepy, but we are finding our favorite celebrities, our role models, our senators and even our president tangled up in allegations, making big men just seem so small.

Wednesday morning was dark for me. I was sad and weary. When will this bad news end? Not only was I shocked for the victim and surprised by Matt, but I found the responses of the public terrifying. President Trump, famous for his impulsive tweets, made multiple posts on Twitter, appearing to rejoice in the rise of these allegations, and calling for more, all while continuing his anti-media agenda. I was stunned. There are victims here. These are real people, real lives. This is not a game. This is not funny. Lives have been forever shaped and changed by these events.

I was feeling like the world was just toxic, as people celebrate the downfall of other



FRANKLIN NORTON

people, the tragedies and dramas of peoples' lives, as people cling to their political parties and place blame after of blame. I'm sick of this news. I'm sick of powerful men taking advantage of women. I'm angry that they were able to get away with this for so long. I'm frustrated with the lack of compassion shown by people, the President of the United States included.

I am sad today. We have to do better than this. We have to teach our boys, our men, that women are not mere props at our disposal in the narrative of our lives. We have to teach our boys, our men, that women are worth so much more than our gaze. We have to teach our boys, our men, to stand up and speak up against other men who were not taught. We just have to do better.

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Life of Adam



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Trump weighs plan to oust Tillerson for CIA head Pompeo

By **JOSH LEDERMAN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

After months of clashes on policy and personality, President Donald Trump is considering ousting Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and replacing him with hard-nosed CIA Director Mike Pompeo following less than a year on the job, senior U.S. officials said Thursday as turmoil within Trump's national security team burst into the open.

The White House plan, which Trump has not yet signed off on, would force a major realignment early in his term, also creating a vacancy atop the CIA that officials said could be filled by Republican Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. The overhaul could produce a significant shift in both the tone and direction of the president's foreign policy, removing it from the understated former oil man whose style has never fit well with Trump's.

It is exceedingly rare for a secretary of state, America's face on the global stage, to be fired or to serve for a year or less. Nor is it common for presidents to have such a significant Cabinet revamp so soon after taking office. Too much churn could fuel the perception of chaos in the Trump White House — perhaps one reason he has yet to pull the trigger.

Tillerson's likely ouster, which was first reported by the New York Times, loomed awkwardly over an Oval Office meeting Thursday between Trump and the visiting Bahraini crown prince. Asked by a reporter whether he wanted Tillerson to stay on the job, Trump was coy, merely pointing out that Tillerson was in fact in the building.

"He's here. Rex is here," the president said.

Timing for any move was uncertain.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Tillerson's

closest ally in the administration, simply brushed off the report. "There's nothing to it," he said when asked.

Friction between the president and the nation's top diplomat has grown increasingly public through the year.

After a report last month that Tillerson had called the president a "moron," Tillerson was forced to appear before cameras at the State Department to pledge fealty to his boss. Soon after, Trump publicly challenged his secretary to an IQ match.

For Tillerson, who left his job as Exxon Mobil's CEO, a premature departure from the Cabinet has seemed increasingly inevitable.

When Tillerson was tapped for the job late last year, many Trump critics expressed quiet relief that he'd picked a sober "adult" who could form a counterweight to the president's brasher, impulsive approach, especially on critical matters of war and peace.

Yet divisions on key foreign policy issues emerged quickly, and Trump has repeatedly undermined Tillerson by voicing positions at odds with those the State Department was pushing.

When Tillerson in June called on Arab nations to ease their blockade on Qatar, Trump emerged in the Rose Garden hours later to lambaste Qatar for funding terrorism. Trump also deemed diplomacy with North Korea a waste of time, when Tillerson was pursuing just that. Tillerson's advice to Trump to stay in the Paris climate deal and certify Iran's compliance with the nuclear deal was similarly overruled.

Pompeo, in contrast, has formed a tight relationship with Trump that's led to a role much broader than many past CIA chiefs. A former businessman and conservative

Republican congressman from Kansas, Pompeo is at the White House nearly every day to deliver the daily intelligence briefing, a task often delegated to less senior officials. He sometimes stays longer to accompany Trump to other meetings. He shares the president's hardline stance against Iran.

Tillerson's top priority as secretary has been his sweeping overhaul of the State Department, a "redesign" that has been lambasted by lawmakers from both parties and that the State Department concedes has hurt morale among diplomats. Still, Tillerson aides say he expects to remain in his role to see the overhaul through.

At the White House, meanwhile, frustration with Tillerson has mounted over what officials have described as Tillerson's aloofness and his slowness in filling key roles to carry out the president's agenda.

By September, the White House was telling some people that Tillerson would be replaced and some issues needing sign-off from the secretary of state were being put off until after he was gone, said a senior administration official, who like others wasn't authorized to comment publicly and demanded anonymity.

Tillerson's future came up in the Oval Office earlier this month at a meeting in which White House officials closest to the president agreed the Texan should go — and soon — said one individual who consults regularly with the administration. But Trump never signed off, and officials have struggled to focus his attention on the matter, the individual said.

No matter how long Tillerson is allowed to stay on, his stature and ability to speak on Trump's behalf has been impaired, it is widely agreed.

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The 'Peanuts' gang coming to Keith Albee for a classic Christmas tale

BY BUFFY SIX
THE PARTHENON

"A Charlie Brown Christmas LIVE!" is coming to the Keith Albee Theater Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The cartoon classic turned live action show will recreate the well-known television special word for word, but with a twist at the end. Christina Emily Jackson, who plays Sally, said there will be a "Christmas concert" afterwards, featuring classic holiday tunes.

"Our production is basically word-for-word from the television special, which makes it super nostalgic for everyone who grew up watching that show," Jackson said. "The concert will be fun for the whole family to sing along with and really get in the Christmas spirit."

Jackson said the technical crew will be using lighting effects to make the live show feel like and look like the cartoon classic.

The story of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" began as an animated television special in 1965. The special was based off the popular comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schultz. Since then, the story has been kept alive by adaptations for other TV shows and plays. The original still airs seasonally.

Jackson described her character Sally, Charlie Brown's little sister, as the "true childlike, innocent and sweet Christmas spirit embodied."

"She (Sally) gets excited by everything, and just wants everyone and everything to be happy and full of joy," Jackson said. "And isn't that what the Christmas season is all about?"

In the past, Jackson has played in children's roles because of her young looks, so she said she has had lots of experiences in playing young children.

"Their approach to everything is so untainted, and I love getting to see things through those childlike eyes, even just for 90 minutes," Jackson said.

Jackson said she hopes the audience walks away from the show with a feeling of lightness.

"The holiday season can often feel so heavy, full of chores to do and things to buy," Jackson said. "But at the heart, it's truly about togetherness, relaxation and happiness. I think our show really reminds us of that, and I hope the audience gets that as well."



Christina Emily Jackson as Sally and Aidan Cleary as Linus in the National Tour of A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage.

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"A Charlie Brown Christmas LIVE!" will also be in Charleston Dec. 10 at the Clay Center.

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Shelem, Heavy Hitters to perform at Press Club

By PAMELA YOUNG
THE PARTHENON

For those who missed Shelem's first headlining show, he will be performing again. Shelem is also known as Isaac Fadiga, a civil engineering student at Marshall University. Shelem is set to perform his next show Dec. 2nd at the Press Club at 8 p.m. It will feature a funk and soul band, the Heavy Hitters.

"They invited me to do the few songs as part of their act," Shelem said. "Now, we're our own separate acts, but still come together from time to time. I'll be part of their set, and they'll be part of mine."

The Heavy Hitters will be performing a mixture of classic popular songs covering a range of both old and new, as well as some of their own content.

Christian Lamont Thomas, Heavy Hitters' trumpet and trombone player, said, "We started with all of us performing as a group at a poetry slam, now known as Black Koffee. After that, we decided to form a band and that's how the Heavy Hitters came about."

There will be a \$5 cover charge at the door.

Pamela Young can be contacted at young384@marshall.edu.

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Winter Wonderland in Huntington

A list of events happening during the month of December in Huntington and surrounding areas

December 1-2: Professional Bull Riding: Velocity Tour, *Big Sandy Superstore Arena*

December 1-2: Celebrating...Christmas!, *Heritage Farm*

December 2: Marshall Men's Basketball vs. Akron, *Cam Henderson Center*

December 2: Marshall Women's Basketball vs. Southern Illinois, *Cam Henderson Center*

December 2: Hike of the Month, *Ritter Park*

December 3: Camden Park Presents Holiday Open House, *Huntington Museum of Art*

December 5: Marshall Men's Basketball vs. Chattanooga, *Cam Henderson Center*

December 5: A Charlie Brown Christmas LIVE!, *Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center*

December 6: Marshall Women's Basketball vs. Morgan State, *Cam Henderson Center*

December 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, *Big Sandy Superstore Arena*

December 8-9: Celebrating...Christmas!, *Heritage Farm*

December 9: Huntington Christmas Parade, *Downtown Huntington*

December 9: Honky Tonk Heroes Third Annual Toy Drive, *The V Club*

December 8-10: The Huntington Nutcracker, *Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center*

December 14: Shenanagram / Part Bird / Hawkins / College Hill, *The V Club*

December 16: Marshall Men's Basketball vs. Ohio University, *Cam Henderson Center*

December 16: Marshall Women's Basketball vs. Appalachian State, *Cam Henderson Center*

December 16: Huntington Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Performance Featuring Michael Cerveris, *Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center*

December 16: Mosh For Tots: An FOP Children's Christmas Party Benefit, *The V Club*

December 18: Marshall Women's Basketball vs. Kentucky Christian, *Cam Henderson Center*

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December 23: Ona / Of The Dell / Sean Knisely, *The V Club*

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