By MARCUS CONSTANTINO

University networking technicians have given the “all clear” after access to on-campus resources, including LiveMail and online library databases, was interrupted for nearly 48 hours.

(John Perry, Executive Director of Technology Services at Marshall Information Technology department, said all services were restored by 1:40 p.m. Monday.)

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MU Alert, Marshall University’s emergency alert system, sent out a message alerting students to the outage just before 11 a.m. Monday morning. According to a second MU Alert message sent at 4:40 p.m., the issue was “identified and resolved.”

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LiveMail, library database problems repaired

By KATIE WISE

Dan Hollis, an associate professor of journalism and mass communications, is the keynote speaker for the annual winter commencement.

Hollis said he is currently in the process of preparing his Commencement Address. Hollis, who has a law degree, said that his topic is currently “in the works.”

“I think having a faculty member give the winter commencement address is a great tradition,” Hollis said. “Following is the footnotes of some great Marshall professors like Dr. Sterret Perry and Dr. George Arnold, a legendary sports writer, their professorships are both an incredible honor and an overwhelming challenge.

The commencement ceremony will be Sunday, Dec. 16, in the Cam Henderson Center on the Huntington campus at 2 p.m. for students who graduated in July or August 2012, or are tentatively scheduled to graduate in December.

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Flu season hits U.S. early, officials predict possible bad flu year

BY DAVID S. GAVAGE

WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL (WBJ)

LOS ANGELES — The flu season has gotten off to its quickest start in nearly a decade, a sign that it could be a bad one for the year, the influenza officials said.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said flu season this year is "worse than we've seen in nearly a decade" and is "an early indication of the conference call with reporters.

"That suggests this could be a bad flu year." The flu is caused by different strains and parts of the virus. Scientists are trying to mix a vaccine that includes the strains most likely to be dominant in any given season. The current vaccine, which has been prepared in advance, now includes two influenza A strains that are now working well, Frieden said.

Based on early testing, Frieden said that the number of suspected flu cases has jumped in five Southern states: Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. The dominant flu type is H1N1, which is the same as the one associated with the flu season of 2003-2004, when the outbreak was more severe.

The CDC recommends a flu shot for everyone 6 months of age and older. It is not uncommon for people to get a shot at the same time, which could be a drawback for those using health care provisions that cover the flu shot.

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Marshall Maniacs presence growing

By SARAH HAGERTY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Maniacs have always been one of the most visible Marshall student organizations on campus. They are the official student organization that supports all 16 athletic teams and are known for their passionate and dedicated spirit to the Thundering Herd.

In 1998, the Maniacs were founded by a group of students and now guide Rakeem Cato to record-breaking performances, but the California native still finds time to spend at the golf course.

Q: What would you be doing if you weren’t coaching football?
A: I think I’m effective, but laid back.

Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement?
A: My family.

Q: Who was the goofiest player you’ve ever coached?
A: Chad Pennington.

Q: What was your favorite receiver route to throw to as a player?
A: The post.

Q: What was your most rewarding moment as a coach?
A: Probably a double-reverse type pass.

Q: What was your favorite TV show?
A: “Two and a Half Men.”

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A: No, I had no idea. I wanted to play baseball.

Q: What do you think makes you such a successful quarterback’s coach?
A: I understand the position and I bring that to the position.

Q: Do you think having played at Marshall helps you connect with your QBs?
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By HEATHER L. PICKELLEB

HAVARD U. VIA UWIRE

In a dramatic turn, the royal couple of Saudi Arabia announced yesterday that they are expecting a child. The baby, who is expected to be born in the next few weeks, will be the first child of Prince William and Princess Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

This news comes on the heels of a bloody Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip, which killed more than 150 Palestinians and injured hundreds more. The operation, which was launched in response to a Hamas operation that killed only four Israelis, has been widely condemned by the international community for its use of excessive force.

The announcement of the royal baby has sparked a wave of global excitement and speculation. Many are already predicting that the child will be a future ruler of the United Kingdom, and that the birth will bring new hope to the beleaguered Palestinian people.

On a more pressing note, the United States is on the wrong side of history. Just a few days ago, President Obama threatened to veto Palestine’s bid to formally acknowledge that four million Palestinians can call the West Bank their home. This move is deeply troubling, as it goes against the will of the international community and the United Nations.

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Tyeill Carlton can be reached at carlton@marshall.edu.

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Tyeill Carlton reporting for performance of The Irish Tenors at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center on Monday.

George Michael claimed he was running a church from his Lake Bluff house, seen in this July 15, 2008, photo, to the surprise of local officials who learned the state granted him a $5,000 exemption on his property taxes.

Undercover colleague helped nab suspect in bizarre case

By JASON MESSER

CHICAGO (Tribune/Nov. 11) — Steven Manning trusted “Individual A” with virtually every gruesome detail of an alleged plot to kidnap a Chicago-area businessman, extort him a $1,500-a-month lease and pay a month’s rent in cash as a security deposit. He told Manning he planned to spend the winter in Windsor, but the Internal Revenue Service assessed him $156,000 in estate taxes, saying he did not qualify as a U.S. citizen.

But because Warner said Snyder was not a citizen, and Snyder was not the person who carried out the extortion and conspiracy charges.

Manning, who waived a detention hearing in October, pleaded guilty to tax evasion and conspiracy. He was sentenced to 21 months in prison.

On Sept. 27, Mandell signed a four-year, $80,000 break on his annual property tax bill, and is being held in the Metropolitan Correctional Center.

The nondescript property in the 5300 block of the Tenors playing during performance of The Irish Tenors at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center on Monday.

The Tenors continued from Page 1

“On working on my speech notes,” Hollis said. “It will have some humor, some inspirational elements, but it will probably be a little different than most commencement addresses. My guess is, if you know me, you’ll know it’s typical Hollis, but since most of the students, don’t know me, we’ll just have to see how it turns out.”

Hollis, who was born at Marshall since the fall of 1999, was born in southeastern Indiana and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Indiana in 1995. During college and after graduation, he worked at WITC/EVS Entronville, inc., an award-winning producer, and reported. In 1995, he became a freelance videographer, often shooting recruiting videos for major colleges and universities. In addition to receiving the Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year, Hollis has also received the Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award and the Picken's Ex- cellence in Teaching Award at Marshall.

He has also taken first place in six consecutive years, and was named the first right, in the News/Sports/Public Af- fairs category of the National Broadcasting Corporation and Al- pha Phi Epsilon Professional Electronic Media Awards for his creative work.

When FBI agents swooped in to arrest Manning, he was Individual A. He expressed concern for his safety, saying Manning was “a bad guy.”

Later that month, Michael came into the vacant office building to rent on the North- west Side. He told the agent he planned to run the building as an unusual need for an accountant, the agent said. He also thought it was strange they were interested in a building that would require such extensive renovation.

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Federal authorities also declined to comment.

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Real estate records and witness inter- views show that Michael was the real estate agent who helped Manning find a small Northwest Side realty office to allegedly carry out the abduction.

The kidnapper plot was foiled in dra- maomatic fashion in October, authorities said, when Manning, who was supposed to be arranging and an opportunity to get that thing that you wanted most. It turns out.”

The Caldwell Banker real estate agent who listed the building, who worked to remain anonymous, said he tried to check out the property in mid-August. Later that month, Michael came into the office with a tall, well-dressed man who introduced himself as “Stevie Mandell.” He said he was an accountant looking to rent extra office space. Mandell carried himself well and held imp- recutable credit, the agent said in a recent interview. He insisted on seeing the building’s lease. For one, he requested an office that had a garage access door, an unusual need for an accountant, the agent said. Also thought it was strange they were interested in a building.

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All of this because an anonymous source had heard about a Lake Bluff couple who ran a church in their home and had no contact with officials outside city limits.

A freelance videographer, often shooting recruiting videos for major colleges and universities. In addition to receiving the Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year, Hollis has also received the Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award and the Picken's Excellence in Teaching Award at Marshall.

He has also taken first place in six consecutive years, and was named the first right, in the News/Sports/Public Affairs category of the National Broadcasting Corporation and Alpha Phi Epsilon Professional Electronic Media Awards for his creative work.

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The audience is the number one priority. “If you don’t like it you can always walk out,” Jones said. “If you think had I taken the opportunity to take it more seriously then it wouldn’t be as funny.”

“Miss Pride WV 2012’ goes ‘On The Record’ for fans

BY EVAN FOWLER

Brittany Spaun, Christian’s character, asked Jones if he would be Aubree Ryann. Jones, who is originally from Huntington to pursue a serious drag career, got to shoot his first drag video in 2008. Jones said those who helped him in creating the character he is today and her rise to become “Miss WV Pride 2012.”

“Mostly people who put on a show to know the audiences impressed and wanting more,” said Patrick Jones, the “man behind the woman,” decided to share his beginnings with fans by telling his story of how Aubree Ryann came to be the locally known and loved celebrity she in and her rise to become “Miss WV Pride 2012.”

Jones said he did not know what drag was until he was 14 years old and visited the Stonewall for the first time for Halloween in 2008. “That was the first time I had ever dressed in drag,” Jones said. “It wasn’t something that was planned or had any real origins. My passion started burning for drag and I became more involved and met more people.”

Jones who is originally from Williamsburg, Ky., moved to Huntington to pursue a serious career in drag. Jones said drag varies from a career to a lifestyle for many, but his is a career choice.

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Williams said he and Patrick had met over four years ago when they were roommate in college.

“Patrick and Aubree never cease to amaze me,” Williams said. “Patrick’s evolution in drag is so impressive—espe- cially considering he isn’t doing this all the time. He has really accomplished a lot for himself.”

“As friends, Williams said they are not without their likes and dislikes about one another. “My least favorite thing about Patrick is that he can be brutally honest at any given time,” Williams said. “But at the end of the day, Patrick is a very deep and caring person who I can go with anything.”

Williams said he feels there are, at times, misconceptions about Patrick as well as a lot of people don’t understand who he is. “I think that happens, then our job was done right,”

Knobles previously held the title of Miss Pride WV in 2011 and said she thinks it brings a lot of change to an individual’s career. “Being Miss Pride WV is a great experience,” Knobles said. “I met so many people and you have the opportunity to change the community. It’s actually a very stressful title to hold but everything is well worth it. I have informed Aubree about everything she will endure while she holds this title but she knows a lot of it. I think she’s ready because she’s been by my side for a long time.”

Knobles said the opportu- nities before Jones as Aubree Ryann are anything he wants them to be. She said the choice is up to him as a performer.

“Opportunities are every- where. Your career is only what you make of it and what you want to do in life,” Knobles said. “You have to take advantage of everything. It can happen at any time if it’s on a local, state or national level. You need to be fabulous and professional in whatever she decides to do.”

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As a drag queen, Jones is walking in a world where he is better known as Aubree Ryann. Olivia Knowles, cast girl at the Stonewall, said Aubree Ryann into a very talented and intuitive performer.

“Among her best feature that I have noticed over the years is her ability to listen and lis- ten,” Knowles said. “Nobody can ever learn too much and that’s why I’m so proud of her for picking up hints, taking tips and most of all of observing oth- ers. When you stop learning that’s when your career is go- ing to die. I see a bright future in her because of her ability to learn and listen.”

Knowles said the Ladies strive to make each other better eve- ry night regardless the size of the crowd. Knowles said they realize they are on stage for a reason and that is to entertain. The audience is the number one priority.

“On my view on job every night is to have at least one person leave with a smile on their face,” Knowles said. “If that happens, then our job was done right.”

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