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Render the Heart performs at the First Baptist Church of Ceredo, Friday, and in promotion of the band's first EP.

BY JOSPEHINE E. MENDEZ  THE PARThENO

History was made Friday as the band "Render the Hearts" performed at the First Baptist Church of Ceredo to celebrate the release of its first CD.

Michael Crow, vocalist and guitarist, and Joe Greer, drummer and background vocalist, mentored "Render the Hearts." Both had played music for several years, but had never sung together before.

"We were actually sitting at Taco Bell when this all started," Crow said. "We had known each other for a long time, and we just decided that we needed to start a band.

Once making the decision, the duo realized they would need more than just two of them to make their dream a reality, so they experimented with Raice Stevens, guitarist and background vocalist. Soon after, with the addition of bassist and background vocalist, came to be part of the band.

Crow said he knew Shane Stevens and Raileigh from Marshall University and be-cause Shane and Raileigh's voices are so similar, Crow said even though he is not on stage he is just as much a part of the band as any of the other members.

After the band members were thinking of what to call themselves, they all agreed they wanted something unique, but they did not want to just make something up.

"I was reading through Isaiah when I stumbled upon a verse that I thought would be perfect for us," Crow said. "I'm anxious. I'm expected to have a baby in a few weeks, so I'm glad it's coming to an end. We're excited."

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Marshall baseball wins series against #19 ranked Houston, more on Sports

By SYDNEY RUSH  THE PARThENO

Getting up and going to class can be a difficult task during a college year, especially those early morning classes. However, these prices are not to just pay when students skip class, and they are not just to spurn professors.

Colin Chenow, forensics major, said he believes skipping class is not if students do not do it often.

"I don't really see skipping class as being all that bad, as long as you're not doing it on a daily basis," Chenow said. "I believe everything and anything is a game of chance."

According to college.com, Marshall University students pay $5,646 for in-state and $13,645 for out-of-state tuition. Based on the full tuition charged to each student, a full-time student taking 12 credit hours would pay $1,432.

"It's almost over," Bailey said. "I'm glad I've worked hard," Lyons said.

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The testing landscape in the nation. It has become a big business for the nonprofit Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), which reported $424 million in revenues in 2012.

The testing landscape in American education has changed more dramatically than with the MAP test alone. In addition to the MAP test, many states have also adopted other tests. In California, for example, students take the STAR test, which is administered by the state Department of Education. In Texas, students take the STAAR test, which is also administered by the state Department of Education. In New York, students take the Regents exams, which are administered by the state Board of Regents.

In Seattle, where students take the MAP test, some educators are concerned that it is not a valid measure of student learning. "I find that continued use of the MAP test is not a good indicator of how our students are doing," said Anthony Williams, a high school principal.

The MAP test is one of many assessments used to evaluate student progress. Other tests include the SAT, ACT, and the California Standards Test. Each test has its own strengths and weaknesses, and educators often use a combination of tests to get a complete picture of student performance.

But for some students, the MAP test can be a source of stress. "I don't like taking tests," said Lila Hernandez, a high school student. "I prefer to learn in a more interactive way, not just jump through hoops."
The new Marshall offensive line performs sprints during spring practice.

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**COLUMN**

**By JAMES COLLIER**  
**The Associated Press**

In a weekend full of positive advancement, for a Marshall baseball team that has had to many ups and downs as a roller coaster, one can say it was any thing but normal.

Record the weekend series that included a come from behind win, consecutive wins over a ranked opponent, a C-USA series win for the first time in two years and 19 in one game, which happens to be more than it had scored in last six games combined. Top things off with a second win for head coach Jeff Waggoner and one could be lost in the collection of events.

Not to mention that Manor right-hander Aaron Blair was named as the game one designated hitter.

And that only hits the high points for the three game series with No. 19 Houston. This could say information, however the weekend was much like a little night informal delivering the famous sales pitch, but there is more.

Driving its opening conference series last weekend to USA in Charlotte, Marshall found its offense aero recor over to last six games only a matter of 10 runs with the nationally ranked Cougars. Senior Isaac Ballou led the conference hitting Charlotte for a three game stand.

Heading into the bottom of the fourth inning Friday night, Marshall was clinging to a 1 run, seven times in the fourth, set the order down and allowed three runners to come in.
Prosecutors must remember that the Constitution's obligation under Brady, which requires that prosecutors provide defendants with any information that may help their cases, cannot be arbitrarily decided by individual district attorneys. Whether to hold a preliminary hearing because of the 30-day rule is not just a question of time; it is also a matter of the waste of resources involved and the public's interest in constitutional right to due process.

The chief issue here is not the capacity of district attorneys to reasonably decide whether information is exculpatory. The Parthenon, Marshall University's student newspaper, is published weekly and distributed throughout the campus and surrounding area. The membership of the editorial staff is a representative cross-section of the student body. All opinions expressed in the Parthenon are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the student government.

## Column

### Libertarianism: the modern day lost cause

By Ross Whimford

Throughout the history of the United States, it is evident that many Americans have been pulled towards what is known as a lost cause. Things like the Confederate States of America, the suppression of North and South Vietnam and the Republic of Texas are lost causes, things Americans have hardly debated for many years.

For the most part, the causes that have caused our interest have been those monitored above, conflicts of the United States Constitution. However, there are some cases where our interest have been like those monitored above, conflicts of the United States Constitution.

The idea of a major third party in the U.S. political system is a pipe dream, and has been idealized within the Libertarian Party and figures like Ron Paul.

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Libertarians lead to every more towards the Republican party, but the Republican party does not like Libertarians. When it comes to a major election, this very fact has been a problem for those that have the Libertarian Party.

To be a Libertarian is to “put the ideals of personal liberties above all else” or some close variation of that. Of course, that is far too simplistic, and while it is nice to say personal liberties above all else, it is not practical. I want the government in my life, because I believe in the modern day lost cause. But I do not want to see the government in my life, because I believe in the Libertarian Party and figures like Ron Paul.

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"You have issues with trans- and non-binary athletes," Cato said. "At least none, the numbers I’ve seen and the studies that have been done, last year, we didn’t have that much of a feeling of inclusivity in the program. So, this is good.

"Fourth quarterback freshman Nick Streiber is going to get his chance regardless of how things go again in the backups," Cato joked about his blocking reinforcements.

"Holcomb is a better pitcher with his real stuff, but Brad has a better fastball," Anderson said. "I thought he was going to win it last year, but there’s a reason he’s only one surprised in Aaron. I’m going to have to tell him, 'guess you’re not going to be the one, so I had to tell you, I guess you’re not going to be the one... but if we see it again, just tell me two years ago, I don’t think you’re going to be the one any more.

The Incredible Hulk

Superman

Captain Underpants

Hawkeye

The Iron Man suit on display at Tri-Con

By Chris Hodge

More than 1,700 comic fans, cosplayers, children and self-proclaimed geeks from across the Tri-State area gathered Saturday to attend the second annual Tri-State Comic Convention at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

For more than eight hours, the Big Sandy Superstore Arena was transformed from an unassuming concert and entertainment venue into a comic book convention. There were 18 special guests from across the country, more than 40 exhibitors, 30 vendors and 110 tables. It’s been a fantastic, unbelieveable day,” Watkins said.

Watkins said he already had plans for next year’s show. “I can’t wait for next year. I’ll relax tomorrow, but on Monday, we’ll start working on next year’s convention. It’s a year round process,” Watkins said.

Convention attendees were treated to featured talents like Lee Loughridge, comic legend Tony Isabella and Beau Smith, a Huntington native, Marshall University alumnus James Madison and Batman creator Bob Kane among other items donated by convention exhibitors, vendors and guests.

These organizational footiprints were impressed on the fans, the likes of Darth Vader, Iron Man and Batman among other characters portrayed by local cosplayers.

It was also one of the featured judaics for the highly competitive costume contest, which had costumiers of all ages.

“I thought the costume contest was spectacular,” Irr said. “I wasn’t expecting so many amazing things.”

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