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Geography professor proposes storm prep system

By MEGAN OSBORNE  THE PARTHENON

Huntington is no stranger to severe weather, but geography professor Katie Law said she wants to make improvements to how Marshall University deals with communicating impending severe weather by joining the National Weather Service’s StormReady program.

The National Weather Service started StormReady in 1999 in Tulsa, Okla. The program focuses on communicating warnings, watches and advisories to the public.

“Before we get ready, we get the official watches and warnings from the weather service in a timely fashion, and not only that but get the word out to the students, the faculty and the staff,” Law said. “We already have a warning plan but there’s always room for improvement.”

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Atlanta archbishop to move out, sell his new $2 million mansion

By PARISH DAVE
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

As the Roman Catholic Arch- diocese of Los Angeles prepares to sell its main building for $37 million to the Roman Catholic Arch- diocese of Los Angeles, the archbishop announced Wednesday that he will resign his position at the archdiocese, effective immediately. The archdiocese announced that the archbishop, Bishop John J. Ricci, will step down at the end of the month. Ricci's resignation comes amid a probe into the archdio- cese's handling of sexual abuse allegations. Ricci has been under pressure to resign since a report in March by The Los Angeles Times alleged that the archdiocese had mishandled sexual abuse complaints. Ricci, who has been in office since 2007, has denied the allegations. The archdiocese said that Ricci's resignation is a necessary step in the process of addressing the sexual abuse crisis that has grip- ped the church. The archdiocese also announced that it will establish a new office to handle sexual abuse complaints, and that it will work with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to develop and implement a national framework for handling sexual abuse complaints.
By BRAD CRISP

Senior Savanah Webster led the offense for the Marshall softball team on Wednesday at home, Marshall University Softball Field going on the road, extending its winning streak to a season-high five games by winning all three over Middle Tennessee State University this weekend in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Offense was plentiful for the Thundering Herd, as Marshall scored 27 runs on 36 hits over the three games. Senior Ramsey Webster was the offensive attack, going 8 for 12 on the weekend with four singles, two doubles and two home runs. The other senior on the roster, Taylor Winton, had a .345 slashings in game one and reached base four times in game three, while sophomore Katalin Lucas also went 3-for-4 in game three.

“It’s that time of year when you need kids to step up,” Marshall head coach Shonda Stantam said. “(Winton) was getting hit by pitches, drawing walks and drawing good counts, and then Sa-

The road ends here, and it was really impressive with how she was laser pointing, getting hit by pitches, drawing walks and getting on base.”

Marshall pitching on the weekend gave up 18 runs on 19 hits, plus walked 16 Blue Raider batters and put another seven on via hitting with pitches, but also struck out the Blue Raiders 20 times. Head softball coach Jordan Dixon earned the win in all three contests, starting games one and three, and coming in to relief of Battery Beacher who started in game two. Head softball coach Lindsey Rakes came in to relieve in games one and three. Stantam said the team playing well together allowed the Thundering Herd to overcome putting runners on base.

“When you have different kids stepping up on the field and in the circle, it makes it nice when it’s a total team effort,” Stantam said. “That’s what we need when maybe we didn’t have our best stuff on the whole, we were still pretty sharp and we capitalized on all the mistakes they made to help us out there.”

Over the five game win streak, Dixon was 2.39 earned run average with 31 strikeouts and has earned the wins in all five contests. With two strikeouts Friday, she now sits at 150 on the season.

The three game series against the Blue Raiders saw Marshall improve to 7-11 in C-USA play and 15-19 overall. The Herd now sit tied for fourth in the Conference USA standings with 20-10 in the season. With a win Wednesday against the Blue Raiders, the Herd would have made its conference tournament.

Not only did the wins improve the team’s record, they are vital in the race for the Conference USA conference tournament photoport. Currently, the Herd are in sixth place in the standings, but the team is just five games behind conference leaders Houston and Southern Miss.

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Los Angeles Times (MCT) If you drive down Buckeye Road at the southeast end of Long Beach, you’ll pass an industrial complex where General Dynamics makes armored vehicles for the US military. But if you stay and take a photograph, you just might find something disturbing.

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT) To the left of the main entrance to the complex, there is a poster with a picture of a person holding a camera. It is an image that is often used to represent the work of photojournalists.

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New twist on decades-old debate

By Anne Michelle Colquhoun

A survey released this week by the Working Mother Research

The Washington Post. The panelists said that what women need more of are more opportunities for achievement or caregiving — whether mom — or any parent — is being probed by the female electorate and began to see themselves as career-oriented, while more than the two-thirds of the minimum-wage earners to say about themselves at age 40 years — coincidentally the retirement time frame of the current wave of Baby Boomers. The panelists said.

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Barclays and some other brokers were expecting slightly stronger growth, while the 200,000 increase in jobs that most analysts had forecast for March, thinking employers might need more workers to make up for losses incurred by the bad weather. That still may occur, Harrison said, but he wasn’t confident of a turnaround because snow and ice injuries during the past couple years of unusually cold weather have persisted unusually long.

Employers last year added an average of 194,000 jobs a month. Hiring slowed markedly in January and February because of unusually cold weather, but rose in March, adding 205,000 jobs.

That has raised hopes that factory payrolls, although seasonally flat in March, will post another gain soon to make up for the weakness in manufacturing. Economists expect factories to grow at a moderate pace based on the 2.5 percent increase in the gross domestic product that the Commerce Department reported last week.

“There’s been too little capital expenditure, I think we’ll start to see companies replacing aging plants and equipment,” said Sharon Stark, a market strategist at D.A. Davidson & Co. “Manufacturers also should start to spend a little more.”

In manufacturing, as home prices rise and people feel more confident.

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Johansson mesmerizes while getting 'Under the Skin'

By BRECKIN WELLS

The American artist was born in and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and attended the University of Pittsburgh. Pendleton is an American artist, illustrator, and writer whose techniques range from creating digital work for his skateboard graphics to installation pieces that connect line geometrics with narrative art visions.

The movie "Under the Skin" was directed by Jonathan Glazer and stars Johansson as the mysterious and enigmatic female character. The film tells the story of a humanoid alien who takes on the appearance of a human female to seduce men and then strips them of their clothing. The character's turning point comes slowly as Johansson strips everything away as well, including her clothing. But it is the emotional baring she does that is so riveting as her character goes from robotic to something closer to real. The actress is physically extraordinary. The character's turning point comes slowly as she begins to absorb what she sees. When it hits full force, you see what she feels, how she feels as she begins to understand the inner workings of the mind.

The first half of the movie is spent on the logistics of the hunt and the disposition of the prey. None of the characters have names; all we learn about the actress is that she is a superstar who has signed up to be a test subject for the movie. Pendleton is a master at creating a sense of unease. The movie is not for the faint of heart, but it is a truly remarkable piece of work.