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Campus groups packing food for the needy

Ministries hope to make 10,000 meals for children around the globe Monday

By KRISTA SHIFFLETT
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University ministries Revolution, Baptist Campus Ministry and CRU are just a few of the organizations accepting donations for the Stop Hunger Now organization.

Stop Hunger Now provides food to groups who are donating money to put together 25 cent meals to

send to schools and orphanages in need all over the world.

The groups will put the meals together in the Campus Christian Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday.

BCM member, Brittany Young, is a big part of this project on campus, and she said its goal is to prepare at least 10,000 meals to send. To reach that goal, it has to raise \$2,500.

BCM is half way to its goal and Young said it needs people to volunteer to help pack the meals as well.

Young said she and her friend, Kelsey Dowler, had been trying to find something to do to help give back, and this project was not something they had planned to do originally.

"My friend Kelsey and I had tried to start a

backpack program at one of the schools but it kind of fell through," Young said. "She researched this organization and found it and presented it to me and our BCM leader, and it kind of went from there."

Young said it is great that this event is bringing people together, and she likes seeing the effort from people around the area.

"Just the hands and feet effort and seeing it all coming together and seeing God work through that and just seeing all of the pieces fit together," Young said.

Marshall student, Hannah Wilson, said this is a great way to help those in need.

"Stop Hunger Now is a great cause because we are aware of the hunger in the world, but we are not always

sure how to help," Wilson said. "This is great because it's showing them how to go about helping the hungry locally and internationally."

The meals consist of rice mixed with soy, dehydrated vegetables and 21 essential vitamins and minerals. Each meal is packed individually.

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Former coach Herm Edwards headlines Big Green dinner

By BRAXTON CRISP
THE PARTHENON

As if excitement in Huntington was not already buzzing with the hiring of a new basketball coach Friday and the annual Green and White game Saturday, the Big Green Club welcomed former NFL head coach and current ESPN football analyst Herm Edwards to town as the keynote speaker for its 36th annual Big Green dinner.

Edwards was the head coach for the New York Jets while former Marshall stand-out quarterback Chad Pennington was with the squad.

Part of why Edwards said he came to Huntington to speak at the banquet was because of the kind of player-coach relationship he had with Pennington in New York.

"Through the coaching profession and the playing profession, there are always a couple of players you have special relationships with," Edwards said. "When I became the head coach of the New York Jets, my first job, Chad was a quarterback there, he wasn't a starter at that point in time, but I can remember the conversation like it was yesterday, when I called him into my office and told him, 'Look Vinny [Testaverde] is going to start off as quarterback, but you need to prepare every day because your turn is coming sooner than later.' That next year he was inserted into the lineup, and history tells itself."

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TYLER PRALLEY | THE PARTHENON
Student Body Vice President Lila Mangus and President Duncan Waugaman pose outside the Memorial Student Center following the 2014 Student Government Association Presidential Inauguration on Sunday.

-2014 SGA Presidential Inauguration-

Waugaman, Mangus sworn into office

By TYLER PRALLEY
THE PARTHENON

After months of preparation, campaigning and endless hours of work, new Student Body President Duncan Waugaman and Student Body Vice President Lila Mangus were sworn into office Sunday at the 2014 Student Government Association Inauguration before a small gathering of faculty, family and close friends in the Shawkey Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Former Student Body President E.J. Hassan began the event with a brief of introduction of Stephen J. Kopp, Marshall University president. Kopp then proceeded

with a few words to express his thoughts on the new administration.

"I look forward to working alongside this new administration over the next year and solving issues in our student body with them," Kopp said. "For us, the student body is the most important thing at Marshall University and it will be an honor to work with this administration on behalf of our students."

Vanessa Keadle, director of Parent Programs and Student Advocacy, administered the oaths of office to Waugaman and Mangus. Former Vice President Ashley Lyons then gave a brief introduction of the new student body vice

president before Mangus addressed those in attendance.

"I've always bled Kelly green and white," Mangus said. "Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamed of coming to Marshall University and not being just a fan but a student. Little did I know I would go from being the girl who was hardly involved on campus to student body vice president."

After Mangus finished addressing the crowd, new Chief of Staff Caitlin Grimes introduced each member of the new administration's cabinet: Holland Miller, business manager; Cody Jones, veteran and diversity liaison; Emily Troutman, press secretary; Azyn

Chahryar, Greek liaison; and Leif Olson, student activities liaison.

With the new cabinet introduced, Hassan then briefly introduced the new student body president. Waugaman then addressed those in attendance, noting special thanks for his success to several people including his mother and father, Vanessa Keadle and several others.

"When I first set foot on this campus my freshman year, I had no idea I would be standing here two years later," Waugaman said. "It is truly an honor to serve as the next student body president of Marshall University."

Steve Hensley, dean of Student Affairs, wrapped up the event with a few words of wisdom to the new administration. He said holding office is like owning a boat; the two best days are the day you buy the boat and the day you sell it, but enjoy the days in between.

"I'm really looking forward to getting more students involved on this campus across the board," Waugaman said. "We have the summer coming up so I want everyone to enjoy their summer and to come back next semester re-energized and ready for a great year."

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RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON
Former Thundering Herd quarterbacks Chad Pennington, left, and Byron Leftwich smile for a photo outside the Memorial Student Center Saturday.

Herd legends return to Huntington

By JESSICA STARKEY
THE PARTHENON

The excitement of spring football took over Marshall University's campus Saturday afternoon with the Green and White Game following the fountain ceremony.

While this weekend brought a celebration of the football program, it also gave the Herd's NFL legends a chance to come home and reconnect with their roots while working with the players for the upcoming season.

Chris Crocker played for the Cleveland Browns, Atlanta Falcons and Miami Dolphins and

now works as an agent for the NFL. Crocker said after 12 years, it seemed like he was just playing on the field yesterday. Crocker also said he was proud of the results of last season and hopes they can produce a winning season this fall.

"I think they can go undefeated this season," Crocker said. "It was great to see what they did last year with no expectations. This year will be tougher because there are high expectations for them."

Chris Massey played for the St. Louis Rams for 11 years. He said it is great to be back home where

he grew up and he enjoyed working with the players.

"You're never too old to learn something new," Massey said. "We have a lot of insight and experience that we can share with these younger guys. We will do anything we can to help them on and off the field."

Chad Pennington played for the New York Jets and Miami Dolphins and was a head coach for the day along with Herd legend Byron Leftwich. Pennington said it was great to see his brothers that he had played with and celebrate the tradition of Marshall football. He also said he

hoped this would be a positive experience for the players.

"We want to do everything we can to make sure our current athletes have bright and successful futures," Pennington said. "I hope that they take away an appreciation for the love that we have for each other as teammates. In order to be successful they have to have that same love. We hope that they look at what we've accomplished and dream even bigger than that."

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Annual alumni awards banquet recognizes success of MU alumni and students

By MALAK KHADER
THE PARTHENON

The 77th annual Alumni Awards Banquet took place Saturday in the Don Morris Room of the Marshall University Memorial Student Center. Approximately 300 people were in attendance and 18 people were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Not all of the recipients of the awards were alumni, some were current students of Marshall.

Katelyn Daley, junior environmental science major from Vienna, W.Va., was awarded the Nancy Pelphrey – Herd Village Scholarship for her outstanding academic, community and marching band work.

“It makes me really excited, and I’m very honored to have received this scholarship because I was not expecting it,” Daley said. “There’s around 300 people in the marching band, so it really surprised me

that they singled me out.”

President Stephen J. Kopp was also in attendance and said that this is a huge moment of pride for him and the university.

“Tonight is a celebration of our alumni and their tremendous successes in their lives and careers,” Kopp said. “We’re here to honor our alumnus and basically give them an update on what’s happening here at Marshall. I think many of them

have been around on campus and have seen a lot of the things going on, but there are a lot of things that are going on behind the scenes that we would like to inform them of.”

Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations, said this is an event that takes a full year of planning, and they intend to begin planning for next year’s alumni banquet immediately following this year’s.

“We will assemble right away,

find out what went well and what didn’t, and make improvements immediately so that we can begin putting the wheels in motion to make next year an even better experience,” Hayes said. “This evening is the climax, it’s the signature premier event for alumni weekend. It’s our opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of so many of our Marshall family members who have gone on from their time at

Marshall to do amazing things in the communities where they live and work. They aspire to levels within their career that many folks only dream of. Tonight is all about celebrating those folks.”

The Alumni Awards Banquet included entertainment by Gene France along with dinner and the awards ceremony.

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Dancers fill State Capitol Complex at West Virginia Dance Festival



ALEXANDRIA RAHAL | THE PARTHENON

Dancers 12 and older had the opportunity to take dance classes over the weekend from nationally renowned instructors during the only state funded dance festival, the West Virginia Dance Festival, at the State Capitol Complex.

By ALEXANDRIA RAHAL
THE PARTHENON

Members of aMUsed, the Marshall University student dance company, along with hundreds of dancers from across the state, filled the State Capitol Complex in Charleston Friday through Sunday at the West Virginia Dance Festival.

For the 32nd year the statewide festival, organized by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History gave dancers in the state ages 12 and older the opportunity to take classes from nationally renowned instructors and perform for their peers. It is the only state funded dance festival.

Director of aMUsed, Jessica Fox, said Marshall’s company has been performing and dancing at the festival for six years. She said the great part about the festival is the connections made with fellow artists and the chance to see the talent in the state.

“For the dancers to come and experience any movement, any type of dance, any energy is an opportunity to elevate and expand their knowledge,” Fox said. “Growth and education are key.”

Four members of aMUsed, Chad Adkins, Kristen Boyd, Rachel Buel and Morgan Switzer, performed their piece “R,” choreographed by Fox, Friday evening to a full house.

Fox said the piece was originally set on her professional company two years ago after she was inspired by conversations with a close friend fighting breast cancer.

“Just the way she handled it was inspiring” Fox said. “She didn’t let cancer define her. The movement in the piece is based on things I saw her do.”

The talent at the West Virginia Dance Festival was not only limited to the performers.

Faculty included returning instructor Lorraine Elizabeth Graves, former principal dancer at the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Kate Trammel, dance professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., Greg Sinacori, an instructor at The Dance Department of the LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in New York and Melanie Person, the co-director of The Ailey School in New York.

Members of aMUsed weren’t the only Huntington-based group dancing in Charleston over the weekend. Other area dance studios that participated in the festival were Huntington Dance Theatre, The Art Center School of Dance, Elite Performance Academy and Fox’s school, Jeslyn Performing Arts Center.

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IRS

Tax Exemption Series

EDITOR’S NOTE: The following is Part One of a continuing series in which The Parthenon investigates the nonprofit status of local organizations.

Sigma Tau Gamma, local nonprofit organizations lose tax-exempt status

By BRITTANEE BARTON
and KAYLIN SEARLES
FOR THE PARTHENON

Sigma Tau Gamma for more than a decade has been the epitome of what a campus organization should be. The fraternity’s members have been among the most active students on campus, supporting the interests of fellow students and the larger Huntington community with their sweat – even their fundraising abilities.

However, it’s not all that meets the eye. Now comes a disclosure from the Internal Revenue Service that questions whether Sigma Tau Gamma’s fundraising status is legitimate. At stake are tax deductions for donors who support the fraternity’s causes. The fraternity is not alone, for many West Virginia nonprofits could face similar circumstances.

An updated list of organizations that have lost federal tax-exempt status for failing to file annual information returns with the IRS includes the names of scores of nonprofits located in the Charleston-Huntington area, including several organizations on the Marshall campus. The list’s searchable database was updated at www.irs.gov April 14.

Despite its appearance on the list of nonprofits whose tax-exempt status has been revoked, Sigma Tau Gamma appears to be operating in a business-as-usual fashion. Shane Bias, president of Sigma Tau Gamma, said the fraternity continues to use its tax-exempt status to receive discounts on its shopping list at local retailers, and it’s unclear whether it has been upfront with donors about its tax-exempt status.

“I was under the impression we have a tax-exemption form,” Bias said. “They still honor it at places like Wal-Mart.”

Bias said the fraternity does not tell community members donations to the fraternity are tax-deductible.

“We don’t tell (donors), that never comes up in conversation,” Bias said. “I think they just donate to donate. If they do (want to write it off) they never ask for the tax exemption ID or anything, so they’d have a hard time doing that in the first place.”

Bias said the national office has asked the local chapter to start filing identification forms with the IRS.

“We are looking into it this year,” Bias said.

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US to sign military deal with Philippines

By STUART LEAVENWORTH
MCCLATCHY FOREIGN STAFF
(MCT)

With President Barack Obama scheduled to arrive in the Philippines on Monday, the administration announced Sunday that the United States will sign a defense agreement with the island nation that will give American troops, ships and aircraft more access to the Philippines than they’ve had since the last U.S. military base closed here in 1992.

The accord, which will be signed by U.S. ambassador Phil Goldberg before Obama’s plane lands, “is the most significant defense agreement that we have concluded with the Philippines in decades,” said Evan

Medeiros, the administration’s senior director for Asian affairs.

It had been unclear whether U.S. and Philippines negotiators, who’ve been working on the accord for eight months, would agree before Obama’s visit, the first by a U.S. president since 2003. Signing it will symbolize American support for the Philippines as it confronts China over competing claims to vast stretches of the South China Sea. It will also give Obama something solid to crow about as he returns to Washington Tuesday night.

In an interview with a Philippines media outlet, ABS-CBN News, released Sunday, Obama said the agreement helps reaffirm the “incredible ties”

between the U.S. and the Filipino people. But he was careful to note it will not mean new U.S. bases in the Philippines, which would rile up nationalists and anti-war demonstrators, some of whom have protested in advance Obama’s visit.

“Given the long history between our nations, some Filipinos have questions about what any new defense agreement might mean,” Obama said. “I want to be absolutely clear — the new defense cooperation agreement that we are negotiating is not about trying to reclaim old bases or build new bases. Rather, any new agreement would give American service members greater access to Filipino facilities,

airfields and ports, which would remain under the control of the Philippines.”

Medeiros described the 10-year agreement as a way for the U.S. military to have “enhanced rotation presence” in the islands. “It’s a framework that will allow us to train and to exercise with the armed forces of the Philippines on a range of missions.” As examples, he cited “humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, maritime security, countering transnational crime, (and) proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.”

Relations between the U.S. and Manila soured in 1991, when the Philippines’ senate rejected a long-standing security agreement with the United

States and ordered it to leave the Subic Bay naval base, the last of its military installations, the next year. The naval base had been a mainstay of the U.S. Navy’s presence in the Pacific since 1902.

Manila gradually has asked the U.S. back, first to help fight Muslim insurgents on the southern island of Mindanao and also to help train and equip the Philippine’s meager military as China elbows its way into the South China Sea.

In response to a question Sunday, Medeiros said Subic Bay could be one of the facilities used by the U.S. military under the agreement. The facility, which the Philippines converted to a free trade zone

after the U.S. left, sits about 120 miles from Scarborough Shoal, where military and fishing boats from China and the Philippines have skirmished in recent years.

Administration officials, however, said Sunday that the defense agreement wasn’t aimed at countering Beijing’s military. “We’re not doing this because of China. We’re doing this because we have a longstanding alliance partner,” Medeiros said.

While in Japan as part of his four-nation Asian trip, Obama said the United States would come to Japan’s defense if an enemy attacked islands over

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SPORTS

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Green and White game provides learning experience for Herd

By **BRAXTON CRISP**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University football's final practice of the 2014 spring continued with the theme that had been mentioned quite a few times throughout the spring by the coaching staff: many of the starters would not play very much, and it would be a time to get young guys as close to game action as possible.

The game started with Chad Pennington throwing a short pass to the right side of the field to Randy Moss, followed by a sloppy first drive by Team Pennington that resulted in a turnover on downs to the team coached by Byron Leftwich. Leftwich then took the first snap for his team and heaved a long pass down the right sideline for another Herd alumnus Chris Crocker, but the pass slipped through the outstretched arms of Crocker and to the turf.

The first drive for Team Leftwich resulted in Steward Butler finding a gaping hole in the middle of the defense and going 75 yards for the game's first touchdown.

That would be the only rushing score of the game, but not the only scoring for Team Leftwich, who got a big day from the connection of quarterback

Gunnar Holcombe to wide receiver Justin Hunt.

Hunt had three receptions for 153 yards, two of which went to the end zone.

"I wish I had caught some more, but it was great," Hunt said.

Hunt is one of the young receivers who will be asked to step up to be viable targets for Rakeem Cato. After the graduation of tight end Gator Hoskins, that leaves Tommy Shuler as Cato's primary target, and also a receiver who is sure to find himself in double-coverage plenty this season.

The third touchdown from Holcombe went to another wide receiver with a chance to have an impact in the fall, Angelo Jean-Louis. Despite an 11-18 day for 220 yards, three touchdowns and an interception, Holcombe said he still has work to do.

"I did alright, but I need a lot of improvement still though," Holcombe said. "I started off well, but I don't think I ended real well, but it's simple stuff to fix I feel like."

Holcombe along with red-shirt freshman Kevin Anderson and true freshman Cole Garvin are the three quarterbacks who are battling to be Cato's backup,

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Members of the Herd coaching staff look on as sophomore safety Tiquan Lang (21) lays a hit on transfer redshirt junior running back Assani Mudimbi, who lost his helmet earlier in the play. Mudimbi carried the ball 12 times for 83 yards during the scrimmage.

RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON



By **COURTNEY SEALEY**

DAN D'ANTONI

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL
HEAD COACH

More on Dan D'Antoni, the 28th head coach of the Marshall Men's Basketball program

CAREER QUICK GUIDE

COACHING ROADMAP



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY | HEAD COACH (2014)
LOS ANGELES LAKERS | ASSISTANT COACH (2012-2014)
NEW YORK KNICKS | ASSISTANT COACH (2008-2012)
PHOENIX SUNS | ASSISTANT COACH (2005-2008)
SOCASTEE HS | HEAD COACH (1975-2005)
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY | ASSISTANT COACH (1970-1971)

“THE RUN AND GUN IS BACK!!”
- HUNTINGTON MAYOR STEVE WILLIAMS

PLAYING CAREER



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY | POINT GUARD (1968-1970)

1,109 POINTS

16TH HIGHEST SCORER AT THE TIME

20TH MEMBER OF 1,000 POINT CLUB

STARTING POINT GUARD ON ELLIS JOHNSON'S "IRON MAN 5"
PLAYED IN NIT SEMIFINALS IN 1967
ALL-MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM 1968-69
ALL-MAC SECOND TEAM 1969

INDUCTED INTO THE MARSHALL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME | 1990

“WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK A TRUE SON OF MARSHALL”
- MIKE HAMRICK

NBA COACHING CAREER

LOS ANGELES LAKERS | ASSISTANT COACH (2012-2014)
NEW YORK KNICKS | ASSISTANT COACH (2008-2012)
PHOENIX SUNS | ASSISTANT COACH (2005-2008)

COLLEGE COACHING CAREER

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY | ASSISTANT COACH (1970-1971)

100.7 POINTS PER GAME AVERAGE

9-3 SEASON RECORD

125 POINTS AGAINST PIKEVILLE

H.S. COACHING CAREER

SOCASTEE HS | HEAD COACH (1975-2005)
BEACHBALL SELECT AAU BASKETBALL TEAM

“AFTER COACHING 30 YEARS AT SOCASTEE, D'ANTONI ACCUMULATED OVER 500 WINS AND MULTIPLE COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS,”
- HERD ATHLETICS

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Former Herd quarterback Byron Leftwich throws a pass before the Green and White scrimmage Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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EDITORIAL

D'Antoni is Huntington's pick

It matters no more what happened behind closed doors or what strings were pulled. When Dan D'Antoni was announced as Marshall University's new head basketball coach Thursday, Huntington erupted. "Little Danny," the scrappy point guard from Wyoming County who once scored 1,000 points for the Herd in the Veterans Memorial Field House, is finally coming home. Like a prodigal Son of Marshall whose long journey winded through New York and Los Angeles, D'Antoni proclaimed at his hiring press conference Friday he finally had his "dream job."

After a not-as-long journey with a more

concentrated level of twists, the city of Huntington may have found its dream coach.

D'Antoni's detractors have nearly universally come from outside the Huntington and Marshall communities. Questions of his recruiting abilities and his nearly 43-year absence from college basketball have whipped message boards and talking heads into a frenzy, but it's almost exclusively from those outside the tri-state.

Meanwhile in the Jewel City, the good folks of Huntington were one step away from throwing a welcoming parade. Whatever intrigue, founded on fact or otherwise, should be forgotten. President

Stephen J. Kopp and Athletic Director Mike Hamrick should be commended for knowing what the Huntington community wanted and delivering.

They delivered a D'Antoni.

This is exactly the shot of adrenaline the seemingly crumbling basketball program needed. Canty, Pittman and Herrion are in the past. While the Herd faces a tough forecast for the first few years, there's nothing more the Huntington baby boomers would love than to cheer on a D'Antoni boy once more. Despite an uncertain future on the court, the program has been patched up enough to keep the fans in The Cam.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

What are your plans for summer?

Take summer classes
Get a job/continue working
Go on vacation

Are you going to the Green and White Game Saturday?

Yes 11%
No 67%
I can't. I have other obligations. 22%

Voice your opinion. It is your right. Answer our poll at www.marshallparthenon.com or tweet us your answer at @MUParthenon.

COLUMN

'Haha' and 'LOL': Simple laziness or social desperation?

By MICHAEL KRICKORIAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Last week I sent a text message to a friend. A Hollywood business meeting I had high hopes for had been suddenly "postponed."

"Everybody canceled except me," I texted.

She texted back, "Haha."

What's so funny about it, I wondered? Where's the haha in my disappointment? My text was more sad than funny; her text steamed me. Dismissed twice.

"Haha" and its partner, "LOL," are texting's go-to replies, a vaguely complimentary, vaguely condescending way to acknowledge a text has been received.

I once wrote about the overuse of the superlative "amazing," and, predictably, almost everyone I knew who read the piece told me it was an "amazing" article. Haha. Good one. LOL.

But the use of amazing is paltry compared with haha and LOL. OMG, I bet there are serious stats somewhere. Maybe the NSA could confirm it: I'd guess haha and LOL are approaching 1 billion "sends" a day, about three hahas and three LOLs for every American.

My 20-year-old friend Ida is the Barry Bonds of haha. I could break my femur and that's what I'd get back from her. And fast. In the Texting Hall of Fame, Ida will be first ballot.

I can pretty much predict when I'll get the response.

The single ha is employed for something that approaches humor; but more likely is a statement bordering on the ludicrous. For example, I text you, "Lets go 2 Aleppo, Syria"; you reply, "Ha."

Less ludicrous, more humor and haha comes back. LOLs require being a bit funnier, but not much.

One time a text I sent got a hahahahaha. Two hahas, one ha. Not too shabby for a gang reporter. Someone told me a cousin of a friend of theirs once

got a hahahahahahahahaha (nine), but this guy exaggerates, so maybe he only got a hahahahahaha (seven) — which is nothing to laugh at.

It might have taken Richard Pryor in his prime to get hahahahahahahahaha (nine) or even a hahahahahahahahaha (eight).

Still, even if Pryor got a string of hahas, it wouldn't be as good as LOLLOLLOLLOLLOL (five). Now, that's very funny. That's someone approaching hysteria. That's someone bent over, hands on their thighs, panting heavily just to recuperate from the laughter that may have even brought them to tears.

And though technically five LOLs have about the same number of characters as "that's very funny," they can be typed 2.4 seconds quicker. I'm pretty sure.

And therein lounges the lure of these two text messages: Speed. Ease of thumb typing.

And then, simple laziness or maybe social desperation: The way you politely laugh at a story someone tells at a party, even though it isn't funny, you can now haha by mobile device.

Even if a text is funny, no one is really laughing. Walk down any street and people have their heads down, staring at their phones, texting or looking at texts. None of them is laughing out loud. They aren't even smiling. They might be typing haha or LOL, but they are not living the text, not texting the truth.

If they were, you would be able to stick your head out of any office building in America and hear uncontrolled laughter. (I don't know about other countries. I mean, do Russians haha? I bet Russian teenagers do. "Crimea back in da house!" "Haha.")

I'm not saying you shouldn't haha or LOL, but maybe change it up every now and then. Maybe frame a real response.

And yeah, I'll get a lot of texts about this. You know what they'll say.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL

Affirmative action banned? It's not that simple

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

"Supreme Court rules against affirmative action." That is likely to be a common shorthand description of Tuesday's decision upholding the constitutionality of Michigan's ban on the use of racial preferences in admission to state universities. But it's misleading.

The 6-2 decision leaves undisturbed previous rulings in which the justices said that state universities may take race into account in admissions policies without violating the U.S. Constitution. But the court now has made it clear that although such preferences are permissible, voters may opt to prohibit them. That obviously creates an additional hurdle for those who believe — as this page does — that public institutions such as the University of Michigan or UC Berkeley should be able to consider race as one factor in assembling a diverse student body.

We wish that voters in Michigan and in California, which passed a similar ban in Proposition 209 in 1996, had rejected ballot measures that prohibit state

universities from granting preferences "on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin." But we agree with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the author of the lead opinion in Tuesday's decision, that nothing in the Constitution authorizes the judiciary to second-guess the voters' decisions.

The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals had taken a different view. It held that the Michigan ballot question unconstitutionally discriminated against racial minorities by putting a "unique burden" on them. That court noted that although the amendment allowed a student to receive a preference based on whether or not any of his family members had attended the school, a black student hoping to benefit from a similar preference on the basis of race would be required to amend the state Constitution.

That theory of "political process discrimination" didn't come from nowhere. Twice the Supreme Court has struck down measures that made it harder for minorities to achieve their goals by placing a political burden on them that didn't apply

to others. But Kennedy argued that those precedents involved attempts to remedy intentional discrimination (not to establish preferences) and, more important, that there is no reason to remove an issue from the democratic process just because it has racial implications.

We agree. Racial preferences in university admissions, however desirable, aren't constitutionally required. As Justice Stephen G. Breyer wrote in his separate opinion: "The Constitution ... foresees the ballot box, not the courts, as the normal instrument for resolving differences and debates about the merits of these programs."

The political sensitivity of this issue was made clear recently when legislators in Sacramento backed away from a proposal to repeal Proposition 209's ban on racial preferences in education. But now, as before Tuesday's decision, those who believe — rightly — in the importance of robust affirmative action need to convince their fellow citizens that it is good for society as a whole as well as for its beneficiaries.

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With no federal water, pot growers could be left high and dry



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Newly licensed marijuana growers in Washington state may find themselves without a key source of water just as spring planting gets underway.

Federal officials say they'll decide quickly whether the U.S. government can provide water for the growers or whether doing so would violate the federal Controlled Substances Act, which makes possession of the drug illegal.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which controls the water supply for two-thirds of Washington state's irrigated land, is expected to make a decision by early May, and perhaps as soon as this week, said Dan DuBray, the agency's chief spokesman.

The ruling will mark another key test for the Obama administration, which again will decide how far it will go in allowing the state to bypass federal law with its experimental plan to license growers and sell pot for recreational use.

The government's decision also will affect growers in Colorado — the only other state to fully legalize marijuana — but would likely have limited impact there because Colorado allows only indoor pot farms.

While the administration so far has done nothing to block

either state, some local officials predict the Bureau of Reclamation is sure to rule that the water cannot be used on marijuana plants, since the drug has been banned by Congress.

"I'm almost certain that's what they're going to tell us," said Scott Revell, district manager for the Roza Irrigation District in Washington state, which contracts with the federal agency to provide water to roughly 72,000 acres in the Yakima Valley.

Washington state officials already are discussing other ways that growers could get their water.

While most of the growing operations are expected to be fairly small — the largest will be only two-thirds the size of a football field — growers may be able to drill their own wells or tap into a city water supply, said Joye Redfield-Wilder, spokeswoman for the Washington state Department of Ecology. Under state law, greenhouse growers can use well water if their operations use no more than 5,000 gallons of water per day, she said.

"It may or may not be a problem at all," Redfield-Wilder said. "I think we're just kind of in a gray area. I think the federal government is a little bit in that gray area, too."

With marijuana being so valuable, licensed growers won't be deterred by the federal

government, said Alan Schreiber, a Franklin County farmer who has applied for a license to grow marijuana for pest-control research.

"This is an annoyance and a nuisance, but I can assure you — I can assure you — they will find water for this," Schreiber said. "Water, relatively speaking, is not that expensive. You can get it from a well. You can find somebody. There's wells everywhere around here."

Revell said his water district has not yet figured out how to deal with farmers growing multiple crops.

"These kinds of details have not been fleshed out," he said.

The Bureau of Reclamation is a key federal agency in the West, best known for the dams, canals and power plants it has built in 17 states. Created in 1902 to promote economic development, it's now part of the Department of Interior and delivers water to more than 31 million people and one out of every five Western farmers. It contracts with local irrigation districts to provide the water.

DuBray said the bureau is working with the Justice Department on its legal analysis, which he said was prompted by requests from local officials in both Washington state and Colorado. Voters in both states decided to legalize marijuana for recreational use in

November 2012.

"We're having a lot of discussions about this issue," DuBray said.

With Washington state moving slowly to implement its plan, the issue has aroused little opposition among growers. As of Tuesday, only 18 growers had been licensed by the state. But the potential disruption could be huge, after the state received more than 2,700 applications in November and December.

The issue also has stirred little interest on Capitol Hill, with most members of the Washington state delegation saying they've not taken a position or are not involved. Spokesmen for both of the state's Democratic senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, had no comment.

One exception: Democratic Rep. Adam Smith defended the growers and renewed his call for Congress to pass a law that would force the federal government to abide by the wishes of state voters in setting marijuana policy.

"The only way to ensure that state law as it pertains to marijuana is recognized is by passing the Respect for State Marijuana Laws Act," said Smith, one of 26 House members who's co-sponsoring the bill authored by Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California.

Nike lays off FuelBand team, exits wearable device market

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Nike has reportedly laid off most of the employees it had working on its line of FuelBand fitness devices, signaling that the sporting equipment giant is likely exiting the wearable-device market.

The Beaverton, Ore., company Thursday told as many as 55 employees of the 70-person team it had working on FuelBand devices that their jobs had been cut, according to CNET.

The report also said Nike has shelved plans for a follow-up device to its FuelBand SE fitness tracker, which is worn like a bracelet and counts the number of steps users take via a connection to their smartphones through Bluetooth.

For now, Nike will continue to sell the FuelBand SE, and it will also keep working on fitness software that could be used by other wearable devices.

"The Nike+ FuelBand SE remains an important part of our business. We will continue to improve the Nike+ FuelBand App, launch new METALUXE colors, and we will sell and support the Nike+ FuelBand SE for the foreseeable future," Nike spokesman Brian Strong told CNET in an email.

Nike's apparent decision to exit the wearable-device market comes as other companies begin to release fitness trackers of their own.

This month, Samsung began selling the Gear Fit, and Apple has long been rumored to be working on a smart-watch device. Earlier this year, Google announced Android Wear, a version of its mobile software designed for wearable devices, and numerous companies have committed to build devices powered by Android Wear.

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Edwards said he had never been to Marshall, but knew of it through the exploits of players like Pennington, Byron Leftwich and Randy Moss. He said while growing up he was a fan of former Herd basketball player Hal Greer, but never knew that Greer went to Marshall until recently.

Pennington, who played for Edwards during the coach's entire stint in the Big Apple, displayed a kind of leadership Edwards said he had never seen before.

"When you think about the quarterback position, there is a tremendous pressure on you to not only perform well, but to lead," Edwards said. "It's one thing to lead the offense, but it's another thing to lead the team."

Pennington spoke highly of Edwards as well, saying that Edwards taught him lessons about football and about living life.

"Well you've always heard,

'You play to win the game,' right?" Pennington said "But one statement he would always try to say that not many know was 'Hey men, help me to help you. You've got to make sure you do your part so I can help you. If you're not helping yourself I can't help you. So help me to help you,' It seems so simple, but it's true. As a player I had to do the things that were necessary so that coach could then put me in the positions I could be put in to make the plays I needed to make. It's a two way street and there is accountability on both sides and he always has such a great knack for taking something that seems so complicated and putting it into a phrase about that long that makes sense."

Pennington and Leftwich served as honorary head coaches of the Green and White Game Saturday, and it is unclear whether or not they got any coaching tips from Edwards.

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which Tokyo has administrative control. That statement prompted questions in Manila about how, under treaty obligations with the Philippines, the United States would respond if China were to attempt to, say, pull the Sierra Madre ship off its disputed reef.

"It will be interesting to see

how President Obama refers to the land features that Manila claims in the South China Sea," said Don Emmerson, a Southeast Asia specialist at the Shorenstein Pacific Research Center at Stanford University. "The presence of a few Philippine marines on the rusting deck of the Sierra Madre is not exactly what one has in mind when one hears the word 'administration.'"

TAX-EXEMPT Continued from Page 2

Sigma Tau Gamma also lost its corporate status with the state of West Virginia. To be granted corporate status, not-for-profits must pay an annual fee and complete a registration form that contains information about organization officers, services provided and information about the organization's business.

Organizations are not required to register with the West Virginia Secretary of State if annual revenue is less than \$25,000. Jake Glance, communications coordinator for Secretary of State's office, said Sigma Tau Gamma lost its corporate status almost a decade ago.

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a race which will continue into fall camp with none of the three standing clearly above the others to earn the job.

Marshall offensive coordinator Bill Legg said that overall there are some spots that need improvement, particularly targets for Cato.

"Getting Eric Frohnapfel on the same page as Cato; getting a backup slot [receiver] on the same page as Cato. Devon Johnson is close; he's real close to being on the same page, so those things are the things we need to work on as we go

forward," Legg said.

Cato played just three drives for Team Pennington, going 3-11 for 102 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions. He was one of many players, along with Shuler and Kevin Grooms on offense, and Ra'Shawde Myers, James Rouse and Darryl Roberts on defense who saw limited or no playing time during the Green and White Game either by coach's decision or injury.

Team Pennington's other quarterback was Garvin, who went 10-17 for 109 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. The early-enrollee from Georgia said one of his best

plays of the day came when he had relaxed and gotten into a rhythm, escaping pressure and throwing across his body to find Deon-Tay McManus for a 19 yard gain.

"I had pressure, and I did a little scrambling, which I like to do, to avoid the pressure," Garvin said. "What I hadn't been doing in practice was keeping my eyes downfield; I had either just been throwing it away or running it, but today I tried real hard today to keep my eyes downfield, and I saw Deon-Tay come out of his break, threw it to him, he caught it, and went for 19."

On the defensive side of

the ball, safety Taj Letman led the way with 10 tackles and 2 pass breakups, while transfer Ricardo Williams had three tackles, two tackles for a loss, two sacks and a fumble recovery. He stands to have a shot at being used amongst the stable of defensive linemen this coming fall.

The final score of the game was 30-13 in favor of Team Leftwich, with all 43 points scored in the first half. Now Herd fans will have to wait until August to see the Herd in action again.

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SPIDER-MAN LEARNS THAT WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

By **RENE RODRIGUEZ**
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Right from the start of “The Amazing Spider-Man 2” — in which our hero Peter Parker (Andrew Garfield) is trying to protect New York from a rampaging thug while racing to make his high school graduation ceremony on time — there’s a noticeable difference to the webslinger. In the previous film, the teenaged Parker was struggling with his newfound powers, social awkwardness and guilt over the death of his Uncle Ben.

But in the new film, which opens Friday, Spider-Man is confident and sure from the outset, making wisecracks and jokes even as he’s narrowly dodging death. He’s not quite as cocky as Tony Stark in the “Iron Man” pictures, but he has definitely grown into his suit and all the responsibilities that come with it. He’s no longer a tentative hero.

That confidence, though, is about to be sorely tested. Although it’s based on an original screenplay by Alex Kurtzman, Roberto Orci and Jeff Pinkner (who all collaborated on “Lost” and “Alias,” among others), “The Amazing Spider-Man 2” incorporates one of the comic book’s most famous storylines — one that forever changed the character and forced him to mature even faster.

“When you want to be true to classic source material, you have to face it head-on,” says producer Avi Arad, the former head of Marvel Studios. “We did the same thing in the first film. It was difficult for Peter to deal with the death of Uncle Ben, which until now has had the biggest impact on his life. The hesitation to tell this particular story was not whether to do it. The challenge was to do it in a way that dignifies the decision.”

Garfield, in his second outing as Spider-Man (he has signed on to star in one more), agrees the character has come to own his powers in much the same way the actor has come to own the role.

“The first movie reflected Peter’s experiences as he tried to find his footing with all these new abilities,” he says. “My experience as an actor was the same. I was struggling to figure out a way to do the character justice and give him my own spin. By the time we started shooting this one, I already felt like I understood him pretty well.”

Also returning is Emma Stone as Gwen Stacy, Peter’s impossibly beautiful girlfriend, who graduates as valedictorian in her class and is considering moving to Oxford to study. Garfield and Stone have been dating since they made the first film, and their scenes together — the best stuff in the film — reflect an intimacy and familiarity that only comes from real life.

“It’s interesting, because their relationship matches the characters in the movie,” says Marc Webb, who directed both films. “In the first one, they were getting to know each other. Now they’re part of each other’s personal lives. But everybody knows each other better now off the set, too. There is something that is very intuitive and natural about them. Audiences connect to their chemistry very easily. There were scenes where we just sat back and let them play for six or seven takes, and every time they would do and say something different. They’re generous with each other and they draw confidence from each other. They’re also very funny together. There’s a certain kind of buoyancy to them.”

Stone, who is known primarily for funny movies (“Zombieland,” “Easy A,” “Crazy Stupid Love”), says that background is helpful in grounding Gwen in reality — in turning her into more than just Peter’s girlfriend.

“A comedic background helps with everything,” she says. “I’ve been doing improv since I was 11, where if something doesn’t land, you just have to push forward and keep going. That was a great life lesson for me. Also, comedy is actually rooted in drama. You just have to play the truth of the scene, not try to be funny.”

A common concern among online fans regarding “The Amazing Spider-Man 2” is the multitude of villains — Jamie Foxx as Electro, Dane DeHaan as the Green Goblin and Paul Giamatti as the Rhino — something that many believe ruined Raimi’s “Spider-Man 3,” because it robbed the movie of focus.

But this time around, the interactions between Electro and the Goblin are integral to the plot (Giamatti appears only for a few minutes). As written, the story wouldn’t work without both baddies.

DeHaan (“Kill Your Darlings”), a rising actor whose performance as the Goblin (aka Harry Osborn) is one of the highlights of the film, says he had to lobby for the critical role, because he was practically unknown when casting was under way.

“Marc has a way of making you fall in love with these characters as people,” he says. “I wanted to be a part of this movie no matter what, but I had to fight really hard to get it. They had someone else in mind, but then Andrew and I did a play reading together and the producers saw me in that and sent me a giant script. I heard nothing for two or three months and I was convinced I hadn’t gotten it. I had resigned myself to the fact that my chances were dead. Then after two or three months, I got a call to come in for a screen test. I had already made ‘Chronicle,’ which was also about people with superpowers, so I had experience with special effects and wire work. I’m pretty sure that helped me land the part. And I wanted to play Harry as a real person, not a cartoon.”

“Dane is going to be in movies for a long, long time,” says Arad, who had a hand in the casting process. He’s a unique actor with a quality unlike anyone else’s. Harry is so different from Peter, even though they’re old friends, which was important to the story. Plus Dane was in that recent Metallica movie, and that’s my favorite band!”

Although “The Amazing Spider-Man” grossed \$752 million worldwide in 2012, a lot of fans complained the movie was redundant and unnecessary, forcing them to sit through Spider-Man’s origin tale too soon after Sam Raimi and Tobey Maguire’s take on the story in 2002’s “Spider-Man.” The new film, which opened in some overseas markets last week, has already earned \$47 million — a sign that the sequel is on track to repeat the success of the original.

“We are used to all the online grumblings,” Arad says. “Most of it comes from core fans, and some of them are quite fanatical. They complain about too many villains or not enough villains, things like that. Anything that carries the name Marvel will always generate that kind of discussion.”

But Webb (who had previously directed only one movie, the romantic comedy “(500) Days of Summer”) says he had to think hard about signing on to direct the sequel.

“It was a little bit up in the air for a while,” he says. “I wasn’t sure if I wanted to do it, and I also had some previous obligations to deal with. Plus it’s two years of your life that you have to dedicate to one movie, and it deserves that. The quantity of work is massive. But it turned out to be really fun. The last one, to be totally blunt, wasn’t as fun. There was a huge learning curve. I hadn’t done special effects before or worked in that kind of environment. I was exhausted, really. But then we started talking about the second movie and what the storyline would be, that brought me back.”

Although the film has received primarily positive reviews from critics thus far, Webb admits the studio is taking a gamble with “The Amazing Spider-Man 2,” which will be scrutinized even more closely than the previous picture precisely because of its storyline.

“We’re taking a big risk,” he says. “But that’s what we built the movie on. There’s something very real about the idea of how we’re all fighting time and we have to value the time with the ones we love. One of the great things about storytelling is that it helps us heal through other people’s narratives. And in order for that narrative to have impact, the wound has to be deep. A movie is more inspirational if you feel the price. It’s something we might pay the price for, though.”

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5. "Brick Mansions" \$9.6M
6. "Transcendence" \$4.1M
7. "The Quiet Ones" \$4M
8. "Bears" \$3.6M
9. "Divergent" \$3.6M
10. "A Haunted House 2" \$3.3M

MOST BEAUTIFUL

"12 Years a Slave" actress and Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o was named People magazine's 'Most Beautiful person for 2014.' Nyong'o joins the ranks of former "Most Beautiful" A-listers including Cindy Crawford, Angelina Jolie and Beyonce. Other stars on the list of 50 included Jenna Dewan-Tatum, Pink and Mindy Kaling.

[I'm] happy for all the girls who would see me ... and feel a little more seen
Lupita Nyong'o

BACHELOR NO MORE

George Clooney, self-proclaimed eternal bachelor, popped the question to girlfriend of seven months, Amal Alamuddin. This will be 52-year-old Clooney's second time down the aisle after vowing to never marry again following his first marriage.

‘Brick Mansions’ is no way for Paul Walker to bow out

By **ROGER MOORE**
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

The late Paul Walker wasn't a great actor, but within a narrow corner of the action genre, he was the guy who got the job done. A vulnerable tough guy who could hold his own in stunt brawls and car chases, an actor who said "Bro" like he meant it, he will be missed.

But not for something like "Brick Mansions." This A-level action / D-level plot is too typical of the lesser fare that Walker squeezed in between the increasingly popular, decreasingly intelligent "Fast & Furious" movies. He might show some range in "Hours," playing a newly widowed dad trying to save his incubator baby in a hospital that's been abandoned during Hurricane Katrina. But "Mansions" is like "Vehicle 19" or "Takers" — dumb, noisy junk and the best he could do in a career that never really took off.

"Brick Mansions" is a remake of the French parkour thriller "District B-19," a run, jump, punch and dangle picture from the Luc Besson ("Taken," "Transporter") action stable. David Belle, the French stuntman / parkour specialist who starred in that one, returns here. Walker plays a cop who meets this French wonder while working undercover, and has to match or somehow keep up with a guy who goes over walls, not around them, and who plunges through car windows rather than opening the door.

Set in the Detroit of the very near future, in a housing development that's turned into such an irredeemable ghetto that the government has walled it in, "Mansions" showcases Belle as Lino, a French underworld figure who turns into some sort of crusader for cleaning the place up, probably to win back his girl (Catalina Denis).

Walker's Damien is out to finish off

one last drug lord, Tremaine, played by the rapper RZA.

A bomb has been stolen and activated by the gangsters, who risk blowing up the entire middle of the city. Damien, the cop, must let the Frenchman be his guide as they dash in among the "Brick Mansions" to defuse it.

Editor turned director Camille Delamarre, a "Taken 2" and "Transporter 3" veteran, drops frames and jump cuts his way through the fights and chases and parkour stunts of this picture, giving the action a jagged, nervy edge. Belle gets a pre-credits showcase

sequence, and Walker has a brawl, shoot-out and dragged-behind-a-car chase right at the open to set the tone.

But the stupidity of the piece hangs over it from the start, too. The mayor, perhaps relying too much on the French screenwriters who don't know what an acre is, refers to the Mansions as "20 acres in the middle of the city." That's a Walmart parking lot, hardly a large enough setting for all we see here.

A fishnet-stockinged assassin named Rayzah (Ayisha Issa) makes a strong impression, but none of the

other cops, crooked officials or mob henchmen do.

Walker's best moments have him doing a deadpan double take at some impossible stunt Belle's Lino has just pulled off. That gives his character a moment to figure out how he can get the same results without having the wall-climbing, back-flipping and tumbling skills of his Cirque du Detroit sidekick.

And moments like that, even in a dumb movie, add a little sting to the loss of Walker's amiable, sincere screen presence — a nice guy who always made a convincingly righteous dude, and an actor who wasn't above letting himself in on the laugh that a lot of his movies were.

BRICK MANSIONS
★★★

CAST: Paul Walker, David Belle, RZA, Catalina Denis, Ayisha Issa
Directed by Camille Delamarre,
written by Luc Besson and Bibi Naceri
RUNNING TIME: 1:32