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Journalist-turned-comedian to entertain Marshall campus

By DESMOND GROVES
THE PARTHENON

Brooklyn, New York-born journalist-turned-comedian, Chloé Hilliard is set to perform for students and faculty 5 p.m. Thursday in the Don Morris Room located on the top floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Hilliard is being brought to Marshall by the Campus Activities Board, which has brought other acts from around the United States to campus.

Hilliard has written for The Village Voice, Essence, Vibe, King and The Source. Hilliard was most recently the editorial director of Loop21.com, a website focusing on culture, politics and entertainment from a different perspective.

Hilliard made her national television debut on NBC’s “Last Comic Standing” and appeared on ABC’s “Gotham Comedy Live.”

The comedian describes herself as “larger than life” because she is “6’1 and rocks a killer afro.” Hilliard uses her life experiences as resources for her jokes.

“Sorry, I can’t wait to see Hilliard live,” Wallace said.

Senior public health major Zac Hill said he wants to go the event, but cannot because of work reasons. “I work a lot of stuff on Thursdays, which is really inconvenient for me,” Hill said. “My work schedule does not allow me to go and I hate that I’m going to miss it, but I’ll try to catch the next event next time around. I want to look her up though and see what I’m missing because I love comedians.”

“The show is free to students and faculty with a valid Marshall ID.”

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“Don’t hear much about female comedians in this area, so it’s cool that we’re bringing one here who will present some funny stuff. When I heard she was coming, I looked her up on YouTube and she is hilarious.”

-Troy Hawkins, senior biology major

This screenshot from YouTube shows comedian and writer Chloé Hilliard performing at Gotham Live in New York. Hilliard is scheduled to entertain the Marshall University crowd at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The event was organized by the Campus Activities Board.

WEEKLY PREVIEW

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 6 P.M. BE SWEET SUPERSTORE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER PLAZA
COFFEE WITH THE COUNCILMAN 7 P.M. SHORES’ 5TH WASHINGTON AVENUE
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KENNEDY DREAM CENTER 8 P.M. SMITH RECITAL HALL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
7 P.M. MU GARDEN CLUB MEETING 7 P.M. GARDEN HOUSE ON THE SCIENCE BUILDING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
HOLIDAY MARKET 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. HERITAGE FARM AND VILLAGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
COZY CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE 6 P.M. RUTHERFORD’S GARDEN HOUSE
Deceber events in the Tri-State area

By MACKENZI KYLE

The Tri-State area is preparing for the holiday season with a variety of events throughout the month of December. Marshall University will kick off the holiday season by lighting the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Christmas tree. The ceremony will include performances by the Cabell Midland Youth Ballet. The Christmas tree lighting will take place at 5 p.m. on Dec. 5. The parade route will follow South 13th Avenue and turn onto Third Avenue at Sixth Street, ending at the Pullman Square. The parade will feature floats from area businesses and will include a visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas movie buffs can see some of their favorite Christmases on the silver screen at the Kyova 10 Theater in Huntington. The Christmas Film Series is underway and will continue through the month of December. Visitors can see "Elf" Monday, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Tuesday, "The Santa Clause" Wednesday, and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit." The series will continue Wednesday, with "Home Alone." A festive movie series for all ages will be offered on December weekends, with "Turkey Trot," "Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town," and "The Polar Express."

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Former state Assembly Speaker Silver sentenced to prison

By SOPHIA TAKEN AND MICHAEL TARM

An online threat against the University of Chicago that led the school to cancel all activities this weekend for the past two years has been investigated by the school, which is now considering future events.

The threat came days after a video was released showing Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times. It prompted several days of protests in the city.

The complaint said an FBI officer wasn’t sure to see the threat, but it was made by someone who threatened the school by the person who reported the threat. Authorities said Dean Skelos’ successor, said he would “continue to work with the residents of Magnolia,” a neighborhood of New York that led to his arrest.

The jury verdict came after a three-week trial in which federal prosecutors claimed that the 71-year-old Democrat traded favors to enrich himself and those close to him. The defense contended that the government was trying to overstate the lengths of lobbying by New York’s politicians.

Over the weekend, the school said it received a “credible threat” against the campus. No threat was confirmed, but the complaint did not say whether Skelos was one of the people arrested.

The University of Chicago has nearly 7,500 staff. "It was a pretty specific in terms of time and place," university spokesman Jeremy Manier said.

"It was an online threat," said Chief Administrative Officer Pamela Boates. "He’s a student and he was a student here."

The University of Chicago statement urged faculty, students and non-essential staff to stay away from the Hyde Park campus on Chicago’s South Side through midnight Monday and told students in college housing to stay indoors.

The normally bustling campus was largely quiet Monday morning as Chicago Police Department squad cars and a wagon with patrol cars arrived, along with campus security. Security staff in yellow jackets stood on campus sidewalks, in addition to police officers. A red line was also mentioned in the threat.

The threat came and went without incident, according to university spokesman Tyler Kissinger.

The University had said school cancellation was a decision taken following "recent tragic events," in particular the shooting at a school in California.

Skelos used his offices to root out corruption and demand more transparency and rules.

"This was bribery. This was extortion. This was kickback," said the student from China, who planned to spend the day at home and in a campus building that was a five-minute walk from the crime scene.

"It’s a mindset that we just don’t have here," Hunter said. The cancellation of classes and closure of the school to cancel all activities more than 30,000 people, including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff. The University of Chicago Medical Center was open to patients and had added security, the university said. The Medical Center has nearly 7,500 staff.

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Men’s basketball team looks for first win of the season against Ohio State University.

By BRADLEY HELTZEL
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Senior running back Rori Watson breaks a tackle against FIU Nov. 14.

Column: Herd loses choppy contest against WKU

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Despite the canyon-sized difference in the stat sheet, WKU led just 7-0 in the first half of the game.

WKU finished the game with 546 yards of total offense, compared to just 245 for Marshall. WKU also picked up 13 first downs to Marshall’s 6.

The Herd defense heading into the game.

The Herd defense allowed 280 yards in the first half of the game.

The Hilltoppers extended their lead to 14-0 on the first play from scrimmage.

With the Hilltoppers leading 28-14 after the exchange, Doughty continued his first-half success, completing five of his seven passes on the ensuing drive for 75 yards and his fourth touchdown of the half.

By halftime, WKU has already totaled 18 first downs and 288 total yards to Marshall’s 5 first downs and 71 total yards.

Herd offense solidly on the ground.

Burks wins Co-Freshman of the Week Award

Burg, Florida.

Marshall sophomore Terrence Thompson goes after a loose balls Nov. 12 against Bluefield State College at the Cam Rendition Center.

Marshall freshman C.J. Burks dribbles past a defender Nov. 17 against Bluefield State College.

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The chippy nature of the contest, which saw total of six unsportsmanlike conduct penalties and four personal foul penalties, was fueled by the results of last year’s contest as well as plays from both teams engaging in trash-talking and taunting.

However, perhaps more unexpected was the gap between Marshall and WKU in the stat book. 

This was the game totals of 15.6 points and 356.5 yards allowed by the total offense and 35 total points, well eclipsing the pair marks.

From the game’s outset, two things were apparent: the contest was going to be a close and WKU was the superior team.

Burks came off the bench to lead Marshall in scoring (14.5 ppg) and assists (8.0) for the season.

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Mizzou situation shows power of student protest

University of Missouri president Timothy M. Wolfe and University Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin have both resigned from their positions following sev- eral student protests. Mizzou’s entire football team held a strike, claiming the administration did little to nothing in combating racism on campus. After Wolfe stepped down, Mizzou’s athletic de- partment issued a statement, making the claim that the foot- ball team’s strike would have ultimately cost the university $5 million due to cancellation fees. This number astounded many. Students are generally considered more likely to be social justice advocates than their counterparts who aren’t enrolled. Protests are not some- thing new to college campuses. Student protests obtained things from the Vietnam war to, more re- cently, police brutality.

The team joined in on the pro- testing after graduate student Jonathan Butler began a hon- ger striker author last week. The team members focused on the health of Butler, saying they were dedicated to ensuring the health of another student. This showed solidarity among stu- dents and inspired others to join in as well. Students across the nation need to take notice of this. Stu- dents hold enough power and leverage in the situation to ul- timately cause the president to step down. This sends a powerful mes- sage to young people all over the nation. When students see injustices, they do not have to sit by to fix it. Citizens reserve the right to gather for whatever cases they deem necessary, instead of sitting back and letting committees do all the work. Students can throw their influence into the mix, because colleges need to serve students first, not allowing staff to weigh on their shoulders. This trend can show ev- eryday students it does not take a board of governors to make serious changes on their campuses. Women and students should take a stance on issues affecting them and those around them.

The events in Missouri can serve as a check to the faculty and staff of United States higher education institutions; the men and women who attend these schools are more powerful than many think. These students who were involved in strikes and walkouts demonstrated more initiative and school spirit than those who just sat by silently, letting racism run rampant on their campuses, without any ramifications. Former Missouri receiver D’蒙eous Washington, left, speaks with booktop Russell Hendereburgh and other football players outside of the Mizzou Athletic Training Complex Sunday in Columbia, Missouri. Student-protest over racial issues on the campus escalated over the weekend when some football players announced they would not participate in team activities until the school’s president is removed.

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STATE EDITORIAL

The Exponent Telegram of Clarksburg on non-violent drug offenders being released from prison:

The Exponent Telegram

The holiday season is upon us again and with it comes a few traditions. One of those traditions is the annual Starbucks Christmas cup. There’s been a huge uproar on the Internet about this year’s cup design. People are saying that the plain red cup is symbolizing the expanding tradition of leaving Christ out of today’s culture.

I am a Christian and I have no problems whatsoever with the cup design. I do not feel that Starbucks intentionally set out to make Christians feel alienated. There are times when this kind of public outcry is needed, but this kind of response should only come when genuine harm has been done.

We have become an overly sensitive society. People are easily offended by everything they see.

I’m not saying nothing out there is offensive. There are defi- nitely things out there that hurt and offend specific groups of people. But not every little thing being done is being done to spite someone. The red cup scandal has been blown way out of proportion. There are much more important things for Christians and ev- eryone else to be focused on this holiday season. Instead of spreading feelings of hate and draining lines in the sand around ourselves, we should be enjoying this wonderful time of year.

We don’t have to all come together in peace and harmony. That’s an unrealistic idea at this point in society. But we can put our differences aside, if only for a little while and celebrate the fact that we live in a country where we free to express our diverse opinions and ram on their campuses, without any ramifications.

By Nancy Petyon

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Turkey won't apologize to Russia over warplane downing

By JANET KARTEN

Turkey won't apologize to Russia for shooting down a warplane operating over Syria, the Turkish prime minister said Monday, stressing that the military had done its job in defending the country's airspace. Ahmet Davutoglu also said Turkey hopes Moscow will reconsider economic sanctions announced against Turkey's interests following last week's incident. The Turkish resort town of Antalya is "like a second home" to many Russian tourists, Davutoglu said, and Russia has engaged in "a range of economic sanctions" against Turkey. Davutoglu told reporters after meeting with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg in Brussels, "Protection of Turkish airspace, Turkish borders is a national duty, and our army did their job to protect this airspace. But if the Russian side wants to talk, and wants to prevent any future accidental events like this, we are ready to talk.

Turkish F-16s shot down a Russian warplane on Nov. 24, sparking Cold War-style tensions between Russia and NATO, of which Turkey is a member. One of the Russian pilots was killed, while a second was rescued.

On Monday, the body of Lt. Col. Ilgen Pekdemir, the Russian pilot, was flown back to Russia following a military ceremony in the Turkish capital, Ankara. Turkey's military said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, at the international summit talks in Paris, on Monday said "we have every reason to believe" that the plane was shot down to protect what he described as Turkish profiteering from illegal imports of oil produced by Islamic State rebels in Syria. In Washington, State Department spokesman John Kirby said the United States "categorically" discounted the claim, saying, "The Russians are focused on IS fighters. But we have a range of other intelligence that would include a stay in Turkey."

Putin on Saturday called for sanctions against Turkey "in line with the need to prevent any future events of this kind." On Tuesday, Turkey's foreign minister said, "We hope Russia will not make the same mistake in the future." But the Turkish prime minister said Monday, "We will not apologize to Russia." Turkey said the plane violated Turkish airspace, based on evidence "that was corroborated by Russian plane violations in the past."

Russia imposed sanctions against Turkey, including embargoes on Turkish produce and a ban on many Turkish workers in Russia. A Russian military source said Monday that "the plane violated Turkish airspace by 15 kilometers (15 miles)."

Russia has been fighting IS for weeks in Syria, which the Kremlin says is necessary to protect Russian national interests. Putin said, "We are focused on IS fighters. But we have a range of other intelligence that would include a stay in Turkey." Putin has demanded an apology from Turkey for the warplane shootdown. Putin said on Saturday that Turkey violated Russian airspace, saying, "We are focused on IS fighters. We have a range of other intelligence that would include a stay in Turkey." Putin has demanded an apology from Turkey for the warplane shootdown. Putin悍然指揮入侵利比亞,迫使利比亞政府軍撤退至首都的總部,並對利比亞進行空中支援。在利比亞的空襲中,共軍摧毀了利比亞的許多地方,並嚴重破壞了利比亞的基礎設施,使得利比亞的經濟受到了嚴重的損失。此外,中俄之間的緊張關係也進一步升級,兩國之間的關係變得越來越差。
Jake's Sports Bar showcases newly remodeled bar and drink menu

By SHALEE ROGNEY
LIFE EDITOR

Downtown Huntington is home to a selection of different bars that appeal to a wide variety of people. Among those bars is Jake's Sports Bar. Over the summer, Jake’s remodeled in hopes of attracting a new kind of crowd.

Jake's owner Jacob Morton expressed that the bar needed to be remodeled because the bar opened in the '90s. Morton said he wanted to transform the bar into a 21-and-up environment to keep Jake’s in Huntington for years to come.

“I've been in the bar business for 17 years now and it seems like the 18-and-up bars they have a really, really short shelf life,” Morton said. “I mean they'll be real popular for a year to four years. The 21-and-up bars have a lot more longevity and so we were hoping to create a nice atmosphere for an older crowd and this place will be around a little bit longer.”

The newly remodeled Jake’s opened Aug. 22 2015 and showcased a new open layout, a new bar and an expanded patio area. The new bartop is made up of pennies, an idea that was suggested by Morton’s wife after she had spent a little time on Pinterest.

“My wife gave me the idea for the bar top. She was looking around online,” Morton said. “We were trying to find a unique idea and she said ‘Let’s try a penny bar.’ I didn’t even know what it was. She showed me some pictures and we ran with it from there.”

The bar isn’t the only new thing at Jake’s. Morton has started adding live music to the new atmosphere. Musicians from Huntington and areas outside of the Mountain State have played at Jake’s.

The drink selection at Jake’s has also changed. Introducing new drinks is something Morton said he thought was important to keep people interested with the bar.

“I wanted to build a different drink selection here,” Morton said. “We've been losing a lot of our new drinks on bourbon. I have one of the best bourbon selections in Huntington. Trying some different avenues.”

Since opening the remodeled bar, Jake’s has experienced a few bumps in creating a new reputation and leaving the old one behind.

“It’s been building,” Morton said. “Granted, it was a little bit of a rocky start because everyone still had that impression that we were the freshman bar. It's been a building process, changing out the old crowd and getting the new one back in.”

Morton was the driving force behind the complete remodel and expresses his hopes of adding new features such as a kitchen and a full outdoor bar on the patio.

“We are going to try and add a few things going into the spring and summer,” Morton said. “We are thinking about adding a full bar on the patio for next year and possibly adding a kitchen in the middle of it as well. We are looking for a different bar food that not everyone has.”

In the midst of violence in the Huntington bar scene, such as the Whiskey Rock's shooting, Jake's is putting safety at the top of its priority list.

“Another main thing we were really going for is safety,” Morton said. “There has been so many problems in Huntington over the past few years with this violent act and that violent act and a bunch of stupid stuff happening at bars like the Whiskey Rocks incident a couple years ago. Our main focus was keeping it really safe and chill environment.”

In order to keep their customers safe, Morton takes the hiring of his staff very seriously. Morton hand picks his bouncers based not only their physical appearance, but also their experience as a bouncer.

“If you saw my bouncers, it kind of speaks for itself,” Morton said. “Anyone can hire four or five younger guys to work the door, but you need an experienced staff. Most of my guys have been working in bars for five to 12 years. They've been there, they've been in the middle of it and they know what to look for. They all do a really good job.”

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