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By HEATHER BARKER
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WASHINGTON — A federal judge ruled Tuesday that the Environmental Protection Agency improperly delayed efforts to set limits on how much mercury and other heavy metals can be released into the air.

The ruling in a lawsuit by the Center for Biological Diversity and other groups brought the EPA close to setting the limits, which would apply to power plants, cement plants and other facilities.

The EPA has been under court-ordered deadlines to set the limits but has been delaying them repeatedly.

A federal judge in a separate case ordered the agency to move forward with setting the limits earlier this year.

The ruling Tuesday was in a different case brought by the Sierra Club, which has been pressing the EPA to set the limits.

The Sierra Club sued the EPA in 2011, arguing that the agency had failed to adequately consider the risks of mercury pollution.

The EPA argued that it should have more time to consider the issue and that setting the limits was a complex policy decision.

The judge ruled Tuesday that the EPA’s actions were contrary to federal law.

“By failing to give the public adequate opportunity to participate in the rule making process, EPA violated the Administrative Procedure Act,” the judge wrote.

The judge ordered the EPA to give the public a chance to comment on the proposed limits by June 30 and to publish the limits by Nov. 30.

The judge also ordered the EPA to consider whether to set even stricter limits.

The ruling was a victory for environmental groups and advocates who have been pushing the EPA to set the limits.

“Today’s ruling is a major victory for all Americans who are concerned about the health of our children and future generations,” said Bruce Nilles, senior attorney for the Sierra Club.

The EPA said it would appeal the ruling.

“EPA is disappointed in the ruling and will appeal it,” an agency spokeswoman said.

The ruling could have implications for other proposed rules, including climate change regulations and rules to limit air pollution.

The EPA is expected to propose new climate change regulations later this year or early next year that would set limits on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

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Supreme Court Nominee Wil Haygood is coming to Marshall University to discuss Thurgood Marshall and his book “The Passion of His Life.”

“His influence on the Supreme Court is immeasurable,” Haygood said. “But to really understand what Thurgood Marshall did, I think we need to understand the struggle of his life. That’s what I want to do for the students of Marshall University.”

“Journey of a Mind: The Supreme Court Nominee Wil Haygood” will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 21 in the Cullowhee Room of Marshall University’s Student Union. The event is free, but a $5 donation is recommended for the film festival. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Haygood, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, is best known for his works “Overshadowed,” “The Passion of His Life” and “The Tender Bar.”

Questions:
1. What does the Constitution say about public opinion?
2. How does the Constitution protect freedom of speech?
3. What is an amendment?
4. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
5. How does the Constitution change?
6. What are two rights in the Bill of Rights?
7. Under our Constitution, what does freedom of speech protect?
8. What is the First Amendment?
9. What is the Second Amendment?
10. What is one right that the Constitution protects?
Graduate transfers find success

BY PATRICK O'LEARY

For collegiate student-athletes, managing schoolwork and athletics is crucial for success both on the playing field and in the classroom. However, the workload for student-athletes who attend graduate school while playing a sport is only higher. Such is the case for Marshall University track and field athletes Meagen Carter and Alexis Montes, two graduate transfers who are using their final year of track and field eligibility as graduate students for the Herd.

What makes Carter and Montes even more special for Marshall's track and field team? They are not just succeeding; they're thriving.

"They present mature leadership for the team," head coach Jeff Small said. "They're great additions to the team." Carter was a former standout at Division II Seton Hill University in Greenburg, Pennsylvania. She broke school records in the indoor 800-meter run and mile, outdoor 1500-meter run and cross country 6K. She was injured at the end of indoor season her sophomore year and completely redshirted the outdoor portion of that season. She graduated in 2016 and had the extra year of eligibility in outdoor track and field.

Montes was also a standout at Division II West Liberty University in northern West Virginia. In 2016 she easily won the javelin throw in the Mountain East Conference’s Championship meet. Montes then advanced to the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships where she placed seventh with a throw of 167 feet 7 inches (50.93 meters). She redshirted her freshman year, giving her a full year of eligibility remaining following her graduation from West Liberty in 2016.

Both Carter and Montes did not know until late summer of 2016 they would be competing for Marshall. Carter decided on Marshall mainly to pursue biomedical science, while Montes chose Marshall coaches told her about as a gateway to her eventual goal of medical school. Montes studied sport administration and did not sign with Marshall until three weeks before the 2016 fall semester began.

Fitting in was an obvious concern for both of the graduate-transfers. They were new to the team, yet were not freshmen.

"I remember expressing a concern because you’re new, but you’re older, so you have more experience," Carter said. "I know that a lot of teams have a certain dynamic, but the coaches assuaged me everything would be fine, and it really was. I’ve even adopted the nickname ‘team mom’ and I feel like I’ve been on the team for years.”

Aside from picking up the role as the ‘team mom’, Carter has made an immediate impact on the performance of the entire team. In her first official race for Marshall, she finished second on the team in the 3000-meter run. "She’s made a huge impact," assistant coach for distance/mid-distance runner Caulin Bowes said. "She’s in that front pack leading by example."

It was hard for her not to be able to race in cross country and indoor track, but during this time she still led the team by example and through her work ethic.”

Montes had a similar experience in her first moments at Marshall. Like Carter, she was nervous about joining the team, but fell in quickly. "I was nervous because I obviously left my track family back home," Montes said. "Then here I am going to a new team with new teammates and a new atmosphere. But everyone was so accepting, it’s like I was there from my freshman year. They made me feel really comfortable.”

Montes made an immediate impact when the javelin throw began, an outdoor-only event. In her first competition for the Herd, she set the Marshall school record by over five feet. She won the javelin throw at the team’s opening outdoor meet at High Point University with a mark of 164 feet 2 inches (50.09 meters), which was the 13th best throw in Division I following the first week-end of competition.

"It was so cool, it felt great,
Montes said. “I owe it all to my teammates and coaches,” Montes said. “I’m just putting on a different jersey and competing in different places. At the end of the day, I’m still competing, I still compete with the top people in the nation.”

Both Carter and Montes expressed subtle differences between Division I and Division II track and field. For example, neither had an indoor facility at their previous school. Montes said with the Chris Cline Indoor Athletic Complex, Carter had many more times place on track and field if available. Montes had to wear softball cleats to practice throwing the javelin because of the lack of a practice runway.

Aside from excelling in track and field, the graduate students excel in the classroom as well. Montes expressed how “it’s all about time management.” Both fell double and pressures. “I can’t tell you how many professors and advisors from my program warned me about how I wouldn’t be able to balance the two,” Carter said. “Every time I got an A on an exam I laugh about it. It’s all about priorities and how you choose to spend your time. If you want the most out of something, it’s how much effort you put into it. I don’t feel at any disadvantage, and I honestly feel like playing a sport brings structure into my life.”

Meagen Carter and Alexis Montes bring leadership and success to the Marshall University track and field team in meets, practice and in the classroom. Although the duo will only be able to bring one season of eligibility to the Herd, their impact has been huge to the track and field team.

"It’s just a great atmosphere," Montes said. "I was able to get the perfect program for my graduate program in sport administration, and I was able to get the perfect track and field team."
**COLUMN COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS**

By HARI ALSEYED SULLUM ATWOOD

SYRIAN MARSHALL STUDENT

If there is no war, why do people want to go to war? If there is no bloodshed, why do people continue to kill each other? If there is no destruction, why do people want to destroy each other?

We are all humans in the end, born the same way and breathing in the same air. At one point, we will represent the place that we are black or white? Or whether we are Canadian or Mexican? Whether they are refugees where is the shame in that? If I needed help while my home was destroyed and nothing else was helping, including legal and pharmaceutical options, I felt like I had no other choice, she told reporter Woody Woodard.

Frankie Floyd, another Syrian, was left epileptic after surviving a fire in her house.

Mahan Toothman, by breaking state law, was sentenced to 70 years in prison for a culture of dependency.

For many – like Toothman and Floyd and their families – it is not the problems that we face that are the issue, but how we address them. People have stories, but they are not the ones that others want to hear.

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Time is right to pass medical marijuana law

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

When you FAIL to understand is...

Michael* Just like Soldier, Agnostic, and Operation

* Are simply gender neutral titles.

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Bill O'Reilly, Fox News' ex-CEO, hit with more sexual assault allegations

By DAVID BAUDER AP TELEVISION WRITER

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New lawsuit against Fox News' Roger Ailes

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O'Reilly said that during a meeting in December, now Fox top executive Bill Shine told him he didn't believe the allegations against him. O'Reilly said later the story was a smear by other top Fox executives should have known about Ailes' behavior.

"Shine and other senior executives kept Ailes' conduct secret and concealed it," said the lawsuit. He denied state in court.

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"She said that even though Fox executives knew she had her own harassment allegations against Ailes, she was never encouraged to make a complaint. The first call came at 4:35 a.m., then 4:42 a.m. Authorities also believed to be looking for Williams within 17 seconds and arrived at 4:42 a.m.

"It was really quick," Thomas said.

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A walk in the woods

Marshall University students combine research and leisure on the Appalachian Trail

By Wills Izso

LIFE EDITOR

Fondren decided to scratch a particular itch she got while teaching in the Appalachian Sociology taught by Dr. Kristi Fondren. There are some college credit in the world that you get outside of the classroom that can’t be replicated in any other way. I thought this was a good opportunity to do it, said Fondren.

Fondren said she has been learning about the Appalachian Trail for the past two years. Since the initial venture into the world of the Appalachian Trail, her research has expanded to include other subcultures associated with hikers of all different kinds and spending time on the premier long-distance hiking trail in the United States. Fondren said the chore of gathering data and information was not easy to complete. She made it out of the three, she wanted to do it, and she thought this was a good opportunity to do it. She thought it was fun to see how it might work out

Fondren said the trail's subculture is one of the strongest ones she's researched and even if hikers don't particularly think they have a trail identity, those perceptions are still very much there.

Fondren said the best way to really learn about the culture of the Appalachian Trail is to really immerse yourself in the experience. Hiking with hikers and speaking to peers along the way can give you a better understanding of the subculture as a whole. Fondren also said you should always be respectful to other subcultures you come across on the trail.

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