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Tuition hike result of state's higher education cuts

By JARED CASTO

While tuition hikes are common at many institutions, Marshall University has taken a different approach. The university has decided to increase tuition costs, which will impact students in the state.

The decision to raise tuition costs was made due to the financial strain experienced by the state of West Virginia. The state has been facing budget cuts, which have led to a decrease in funding for higher education institutions.

President Jerry Gilbert said in a press release that, “We are facing a difficult financial situation, and we must make difficult decisions to ensure the continued success of Marshall University.”

The increase in tuition costs will affect both in-state and out-of-state students. In-state students will see a 5% increase, while out-of-state students will see a 10% increase.

The increase in tuition costs will go towards maintaining the quality of education provided by the university. The university has stated that the increase in tuition costs is necessary to cover the increased costs associated with running the institution.

The decision to raise tuition costs was not made lightly. The university has been working closely with the state government and other stakeholders to ensure that the increase in tuition costs is fair and just.

The university has also stated that they will continue to work with students and families to provide financial aid and support to those who need it.

The increase in tuition costs is a necessary step to ensure the continued success of Marshall University and the quality of education that it provides. It is hoped that the increased tuition costs will not deter prospective students from attending Marshall University, as the university remains committed to providing a quality education.

By JARED CASTO

Christmas in July
> What: An early Christmas celebration featuring a parade and a moonlit stroll. It is being held at the intersection of Millard Avenue and 10th Street.
> When: July 7 and July 8

A Fine Art Sale Featuring Pastels by Artist Wolf Kahn
> What: A celebration of pastel art, featuring the works of renowned pastel artist Wolf Kahn.
> Where: Westmoreland Park
> When: July 6 and July 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
> More info: marshallartsmuseum.org

Pullman Square Concert Series
> What: Live music at Pullman Square every Thursday, featuring local and regional artists.
> When: July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, July 30
> Where: Pullman Square

K9s Count 5K
> What: A 5K run to support the Marshall Police Department K9 unit.
> When: July 8, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
> Where: Westmoreland Park

Aire House Comedy Night
> What: Live stand-up comedy at the Aire House.
> When: July 7, 8, 14 and 15
> Where: Aire House

Charlie’s Comedy Stand-Up Festival
> What: A weekend of stand-up comedy at Charlie’s Comedy Stand-Up Festival.
> When: July 7, 8, 14 and 15
> Where: Charlie’s Comedy Stand-Up Festival

13th Annual Virginia Hot Dog Festival
> What: A celebration of hot dogs and music.
> When: July 7, 8, 14 and 15
> Where: Virginia Hot Dog Festival
Editorial: Healthcare should be considered a human right

A British infant is at the center of a global debate over what medical treatment, if any, he is entitled to receive, and who decides his fate—his family, his doctors or the courts.

Charlie Gard, who is 13 months old, was born with an extremely rare genetic disease. He is blind, deaf and cannot breathe or move on his own. He suffers from persistent epileptic seizures.

The London hospital treating Charlie has asked to remove him from life support, but his parents want to take him to the United States for an experimental treatment to extend their child’s life.

The story quickly spread across social media and news outlets all over the world, raising moral and ethical questions that even President Donald Trump weighed in on.

“If we can help little Charlie Gard, as per your friends in the UK and the Pope, we would be delighted to do so,” Trump wrote on Twitter Monday.

The media attention on this issue also comes at a time when questions of the right to healthcare are running rampant in the United States.

Republicans in both the House and Senate have been working to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act since Trump took office in January. Both Senate Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito said they would not vote for the Senate’s healthcare plan, a second attempt from Republicans to pass a repeal bill after a failed attempt in May.

“In early May, the House of Representatives...”

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Column: The healthcare debate begins and ends in W.Va.

By JARED CASTO

Executive Editor

While members of the United States Senate enjoy the sunshine of their well-funded Independence Bay retreats, Americans remain in a state of concern about the future of their healthcare coverage and whether Senate Republicans will attempt to force through their unpopular healthcare bill or come up with a suitable alternative. This concern is felt no more than it is in West Virginia, which has more to lose should the current bill pass than most other states in the country.

Since the Affordable Care Act became law in 2010, West Virginia’s health insurance coverage has skyrocketed.

The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy reported in 2015 that 9.1 percent of West Virginia residents have health insurance as a result of the legislation and the number of uninsured individuals has dropped from 23.4 percent to 11.5 percent, the third largest percentage decrease in the nation.

This upshot in coverage has plenty to do with the state’s entrance of the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid expansion.

Today, over 564,000, or 29 percent of the state’s adult population, are covered by Medicaid, according to The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, a non-partisan organization with a focus on health-related issues.

With these facts in mind, it’s not surprising the state’s reaction to a constitutional amendment in health care coverage and quality has been less than amiable.

On June 26, six constituents were arrested after scheduling a sit-in at the Charleston offices of Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va. The next day, theCapito pulled her name from the Senate bill, citing insufficient Medicaid funding and the state’s escalating opioid addiction problem as her primary reason.

“Throughout this debate, I have asked...”

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Huntington, W.Va.
Marshall approves alcohol sales at Joan C. Edwards Stadium

STAFF REPORT

The Marshall University Board of Governors voted unanimously to allow the sale of alcohol at games at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium during a Board of Governors meeting June 28.

Fans attending football games for the Fall 2017 season will be able to purchase both beer and wine, however there will be sections of the stadium that will be designated as alcohol-free.

Marshall President JerryIMATION: The provider Sodexo projects that alcohol sales within the stadium will be able to raise $50,000 in revenue for the Fall 2017 season.

Grant for substance abuse intervention training renews as Huntington’s overdose rates lessen

BY LYNN WATERBRIGHT

Marshall University is joining eight other cities in Huntington’s devastating substance abuse epidemic. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration recently awarded the university with a $15,000 grant to provide SBIRT training (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Refer-

ed to Treatment) to healthcare professional students and community members. The funds are a continuation of a grant that has been issued in installments since 2015 and will continue until 2018, according to a press release.

It’s no secret that opioid abuse is an epidemic plaguing the city of Huntington. While drug addiction is a national crisis, Huntington has become the epicenter of the disaster over recent years. However, the city has seen decrease in drug over-

oses since 2015, the year the SBIRT grant was awarded. According to data collected by the Mayor’s Office of Drug Control Policy, the number of overdose deaths declined from 24 between January 1 and April 5 in 2015, the first quarter of the year, to 14 in the same time period in 2017.

The Health Department’s Harm Reduction Program is responsible in part for the decrease in deaths this year. The program is a needle exchange which allows addicts to exchange dirty needles for clean ones at the Health De-

partment every Wednesday. It was implemented in September 2015.

Marshall University’s Well-

ness Center received the first installment of SBIRT grant funds in 2015. These funds were used to train the staff in a clinical-based, early-intervention screening program for substance abuse and addiction. An SBIRT trained provider can be found in any of the Wellness Center’s clinics.

According to the students and teachers at each of the clinics, SBIRT has been a success. The program is designed to engage individuals in treatment and prevent the spread of the opioid epidemic.

“By linking patients to treatment, this program is helping to reduce the number of overdose deaths in our community,” said Fredric Palma, director of the Wellness Center.

The funding will end in 2018. However, thanks to Marshall that will continue until 2018, according to the press release.

North Korea test fires first intercontinental ballistic missile

By CATHERINE LUCKY, JOSH LEDEMER

The United States asserted Tuesday that North Korea’s latest missile launch was indeed an intercontinental ballistic missile, as the North had boasted, and the United States and South Korea had feared. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson called it a “new escalation of the threat” to the U.S.

At the request of the U.S., Japan and South Korea, the United Nations Security Council convened an emergency session on Tuesday. Tillerson said that part of a U.S. response would include “stronger measures to hold the DPRK accountable,” according to a statement issued by the U.S. nuclear intelligence assessment is that the North probably does not have that capability – putting a small-mass nuclear weapon atop an ICBM. Initial U.S. military assess-

ments had been that it was an intermediate-range missile, Nirav, or the North American Aerospace Defense Command, said the missile did not pose a threat to North America.

Trump, in his initial response to North Korea’s weekend test fire, urged China to “cut off all sales of hard currency to North Korea and end this nonsense once and for all.” He also said it was “hard to believe” that South Korea and Japan, the two U.S. treaty allies, were not stricter and harsher, and “in my judgment, there is no evidence of any nuclear program, or any missile program, in North Korea.”

In recent days, as the North has continued to test missiles in defiance of global pres-

sure, President Donald Trump has started voicing doubt that Beijing is up to the task. This administration has taken a number of steps against China’s interests that have suggested its patience has run short.

Tillerson’s comments were the first public confirmation by the United States that the missile was indeed an ICBM, constituting a major technologi-

cal advancement for the North and its most sophisticated missile test yet.

The prime danger from the U.S. viewpoint is the prospect of North Korea acquiring a nuclear warhead with an ICBM. The latest U.S. intelligence assessment is that the North probably does not have that capability – putting a small-mass nuclear weapon atop an ICBM. South Korea and Japan, adding that the quickest could be diplomatic overtures or military actions.

“We either go to the diplo-

matic table with Kim Jong Un or we do take some course of action,” Tillerson said. “In all probability we do both.”

Trump spoke with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday, discussing North Korea’s nuclear threats with both leaders. He will meet them both this week at the Group of 20 meet-

ing in Germany, as well as have his first meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump and Xi emerged from a

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**NBA offseason, free agency winners and losers**

By DYLAN STONE

The NBA offseason began in earnest on July 1, as teams were able to discuss contracts with free-agents.

However, July 6 marked the lifting of the league’s moratorium period which means that players were free to officially sign those new contracts.

Despite that official signing period being just a few hours old, most big-name players have already agreed to new contracts and the landscape for the 2017-18 season is beginning to take shape.

And, as with anything else in life, NBA free agency has its winners and its losers. So, which teams improved and which ones didn’t fare quite as well?

**WINNER: Golden State Warriors**

The Warriors, fresh of their second NBA Championship in three years, had several key players who could have left for other teams. But owner Joe Lacob opened the wallet and made it possible not only for Golden State to retain Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant, two players with three MVP awards between them, but also re-sign a trio of key bench cogs in veterans Andre Iguodala, David West and Shaun Livingston.

But the Warriors weren’t quite finished then, as the team agreed to a one-year deal with scoring threat Nick Young. Did the team with the NBA’s best starting five and best bench just improve itself? Yes, and that’s a terrifying thought for the rest of a league that’s still trying to catch up.

**LOSER: Utah Jazz**

The Jazz lost out on retaining their best player and the best player the franchise has seen since the days of Stockton and Malone when shooting guard Gordon Hayward agreed to head east for a reported four-year, $128 million deal.

That’s clearly a huge blow for a team that finally found some playoff success last season, equaling past the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round before running into the Golden State buzzsaw, but that loss is compounded by the loss of Hayward’s backup guard, George Hill.

Hill had the best off-season season of his nine-year career last year for the Jazz, averaging nearly 17 points per game and shooting better than 40 percent from three-point range.

The only player the Jazz have signed thus far for a backup point guard for Joe Ingles, who the team gave $52 million to, just $5 million less than what Hill received from the Sacramento Kings.

For a young team that finally started to make some of its potential last season, the start to this free agency cycle seems like a big step backward.

**WINNER: Boston Celtics**

The team that roped in the recruit of Hayward luring Thad, the Celtics add a highly talented player to a team that was the number one seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs and reached the Eastern Conference Finals this past season.

Clearly, the opportunity for Hayward to reunite with his college head coach from Butler, Brad Stevens, was too good to pass up.

And with Al Horford and the Cleveland Cavaliers unable to add any salary this off-season, it would likely require a trade of Kevin Love for the Cavs to be able to add a significant piece for the Celtics, who also have a young team in addition to a seemingly endless supply of future high draft picks, the time to strike in the Eastern Conference is now, especially considering the recent addition to the Eastern Conference that occurred before the East with a couple of trades earlier in the offseason.

**LOSER: Chicago Bulls & Indiana Pacers**

And speaking of those trades, here are my opinions, the two biggest losers of free agency and it has nothing to do with losing key free agents or signing player to bad contracts.

No, these two teams made a pair of horrible trades, basically giving their star players away just weeks ago.

First, the Bulls shipped All-Star Jimmy Butler to the Minnesota Timberwolves, along with the 16th overall pick in the draft, which ended up being Justin Patton, and in return received Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and the number seven pick, which was used on Lav Markkanen.

It was clear that Butler wanted out of Chicago, as his relationship with head coach Fred Hoiberg had become strained, but it is very hard to believe that this was the best package the Bulls could get in return for one of the better two-way players in the league.

Kevin Durant left Oklahoma City last season for a one-year deal with the Warriors, but agreed this offseason for a two-year, $35 million deal to stick around for more rings.

**PHOTOS FROM AP**

**GRAPHIC BY ADAM ROGERS**
A coalwinder's mining in a trim safety inspections

By Dylan Livin ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coal miner Rickey Thorpe poses for a photo in his work clothes. The photo was taken for his son, who is a Boy's Day Girl, Thorpe, who worked at Usen's Ox. No. 9 in western Kentucky, was killed in a mechanical accident at the underground mine on Sep. 15, 2015. Thorpe's niece, Ashley Barlow, is pictured to a new law that reduces safety inspections at underground mines.

In West Virginia, a vigil in a coalfield to support the proposed state coalitions may have caught lawmakers by surprise. "We can still do as many inspections as we want, if there's a reason to be there with After three inspections or four inspections, or going to be there," said Allen Lettrett, Kentucky's Labor Department of Natural Resources. "If you've got a normal min- ing activity and things are going in, then in my opinion, the time is better spent performing observations and coaching and talking to the individual coal mine.

Kansas has done recent inspections in mines for decades, but they've never taken the place of mandatory inspections. As mining in the state declined, the number of inspections has gone up. The state's coal industry advocates praise the new Ken- tucky law. "If [coal inspectors] are spending their time in the mines more frequently then after their first exams, inspectors on煤矿 Apprentice may visit coal operators, if their safety records are pristine until December. During annual visits, of officials observe work habits such as equipment, tool lift, and personal protective equipment. The governor's chief of staff, Jim Ridenour, directed Kentucky's Divi- sion of Mine Safety and Health. "Kentucky Coal Association rules, and other guidelines from the".

"The people out there that would misconstrue this [law] as us trying to place the blame on the mine operators, we can't do that," White said. "It's on us to prove the practical effect it really has on safety.

"We'll continue to look for inspectors who are not practicing safe habits.

"If Senate Republicans are unable to pass a bill on mining work on Tuesday, some Senate leaders might force Kryczka to replace a later date!

"Up to now, Trump and some Republican leaders have been the only ones to push for changes in mine safety laws. But though it's true the Administration could use the bill now, said John Harns, senior mining analyst at the Department of Natural Resources.

Dartmouth doctors caution that should have been enough. She believes company managers can work in dangerous circumstances, "It's known it's dangerous," she said. "We're not going to get killed, if somebody would have been in the miner head was crimped down. The miner was killed. He was killed," she said. "He was doing as he was told.""I can't imagine what Washington's Li- kely "solution" would be nothing short of a disaster for the coal industry for thousands of West Virginia and many other states in the next few years. To the right, he added, would be a major attack on coal miners and their families. Americans. A repeal without a replacement would cost 25,000 West Virginia coal miners their health insurance and the state with the most dramatic drop in revenue over the previous ten years, according to Trump administration's Center on Budget and Policy Policy, Oversight, West Virginia, was the second most affected state in the United States.

As West Virginia is, in many ways, representative of some of the toughest in the nation's health care costs and death rates today, and as the most vulnerable state in the United States, the Trump administration's "Coalcare" plan, or West Virginia's, will be determined by whether it helps West Virginia's or turns our state into a death trap — and not in the clinical sense.

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By Dylan Livin}

The PARTHENON (continued)

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

"I care to Washington to make the list of West Virginia better," Capito said in a joint statement in the House chamber that could mount on its doorstep, and Trump has not found a way to break through Bejing's "we have nothing to hide" stance. Trump has expressed frustration recently with North Korea's nuclear ambitions, which have become one of the most pressing international problems. During a joint statement in the House chamber last December with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Trump said the "we have nothing to hide" stance with the North Korean regime has failed. The president added that he wants "peace, stability, and security" for the region, but warned the United States will "always" defend itself and its allies.

North Korea can from 2 passed a healthcare bill that President Trump threatened to veto if the Republicans had proposed a bill that has no re Vision in a press release. "Republicans wrote this bill behind closed doors, without input from their counter- parts, Democrats and even from members of their own party. Just like the House report of this Republican healthcare legislation is bad for food for West Virginia." Several citizens were concerned to Capito about the bill before she said she was uncertain of what awaits them. She added that "it's best answer of their daughter went viral on social media.

North Korea’s state newspaper Rodong Sinmun reported Friday that it had captured a US military plane that "flouted the airspace regulations of the country," while the US military said it was an "unidentified" object.

The incident came amid heightened tensions between North Korea and the United States over the nuclear program of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), which has conducted numerous missile tests.

The US military plane was tracked by Korean Air Force fighter jets and was followed for about 30 minutes by fighter jets of the North Korean Air Force, the Rodong Sinmun reported.

The US military, however, said it was an "unidentified object" and that it "flouted the airspace regulations of the country." The US military did not provide any details on the object or its movements.

The incident comes as tensions between the two countries have escalated, with North Korea threatening to conduct more missile tests and the US military responding with its own exercises.

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Review: HART in the Park’s ‘Beauty and the Beast’ lives up to its source material

By FRANKLIN NORTON

The cast of HART in the Park’s “Beauty and the Beast” performed at the Ritter Park amphitheatre.

Members of the Huntington community were invited by the Huntington Area Regional Theatre to “Be Our Guest” for their summer showing of “Beauty and the Beast.” HART in the Park, in collaboration with the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District, is in its third year of summer shows, after the twenty-year-long tradition of Huntington Outdoor Theatre was ended.

As someone who has been attending outdoor theatre since my childhood — it was always a family summer-outing that we all looked forward to — I was sad to hear that HART was doing its shows, but with the announcement of HART in the Park, it was comforting to know that the history of outdoor theatre at the Ritter Park amphitheatre would live on.

It is a special thing to see a cast seem to fully take on their roles, to see those classic characters come to life before our very eyes. Local theater newcomer Megan Crum, who played the role of Belle, was practically a spitting image of the Disney cartoon classic, and her voice was comparable to the original. Lesli Kelley, a veteran of the stage, brought a complexity to the Beast character that truly made the audience sympathetic.

While I could go on and on about the cast of the show, what was really special to me was the way this show has reached the community over the past several weeks. When I walked up to the theatre, local vendors filled the scene. The park department was present, and the show even highlighted local artists in its produce. Programs like these are what our area needs.

Programs like these bring a whole community together. Franklin Norton can be contacted at marshall.edu.

Chiders shedding light on Appalachia

By TOM JENKINS

Lawrence County, Kentucky’s Tyler Chiders has been the face of the Huntington music scene for the past few years. If you’re from the area or maybe have immersed yourself in the local music scene you already know who Chiders is and know he’s going places.

Now he may be getting the recognition he deserves. The Folk America singer songwriter has been influenced by his upbringing in Appalachia and is proud of his roots. On August 4, Chiders is set to release his new album “Fug- gatory,” which was co-produced by Grammy award winning artist Stargill Simpson.

Chiders has released two singles off the upcoming album, “Lady May,” along with “Whitehouse Road,” a staple of his live shows.

In the past couple of weeks, Chiders has already begun to receive critical acclaim from music outlets such as Rolling Stone, NPR Music, and Noisy, a music subsidiary of Vice, that will be releasing his new album, with some calling him the prodigy of Stargill Simpson.

This could be a huge for country music and a shift in what Wheeling will start to put out. Popular country music has started to move aside for some of these artists who contain more substance.

Simpson, Jason Isbell and Chris Stapleton are at the top of the list of really critical success in the past few years. But those who may not be familiar with Chiders music, it isn’t your typical country style. Instead he takes a more folk or Americana approach in his songwriting. It often carves deep at the struggles of living from Appalachia and also sheds light on his pride for the region.

Chiders has crafted his live performance and sound in Huntington at local venues like the V-Club, and has moved up the performance list at the Huntington Music and Arts Festival in Ritter Park every fall.

This past fall he was the headlining act at the festival, a positive originally held for more rational arts. But Chiders became a strong enough act that he could be the final performer of the night. The V-Club posted on Facebook this comment after sharing another article about Chiders.

“We’ve had the pleasure of host- ing Tyler Chiders since the very beginning. We couldn’t be more proud of him.”

If you haven’t had a chance to see him play in the area, you may want to stop by the next time he plays, because pretty soon he may be touring more than just Appalachia.

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