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Marshall University mascot Marco the Bison. Students who hashtag #MarcoFavoriteThings can enter a chance to win daily prizes. (Chase Christensen | The Parthenon)

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EPA hosts second day of public hearings in Charleston

By ANDREA LARANIA
WPRESS ASSOCIATION

A year ago, former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship was headed to prison. Now he is heading back to one of the states hardest hit by the coal bust.

Blankenship is the latest candidate to run for West Virginia’s U.S. Senate seat, a race that has been a focus of political attention since the death of former Sen. Robert Byrd in 2010.

Blankenship will seek Manchin’s seat in 2018. In March, the Republican leader announced he would not seek re-election, clearing the way for a crowded Republican primary.

Blankenship said he would run Wednesday at a news conference in Charleston.

The Justice Department is trying to prevent Blankenship from running. In March, the department filed a motion to keep him from running in the Senate race.

Blankenship was convicted in 2015 of conspiracy to defraud the Environmental Protection Agency and violating safety rules after 29 miners died in a 2010 explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine in Matewan, West Virginia. He was later acquitted of a charge of lying about safety procedures.

Blankenship was released from prison in May. Since then, he has been meeting with state and national Republican leaders.

“I want to bring back a Missouri Cowboys kind of spirit, that spirit that men believe we can accomplish anything as a team,” Blankenship said Wednesday.

Blankenship’s legal troubles have followed him for decades. He has been convicted of fraud and conspiracy in a 2001 bankruptcy case and has been ordered to pay millions in fines and restitution.

West Virginia voters have voted for the coal barons, Blankenship said Wednesday, but “it’s time to bring back a new spirit.”

Blankenship, who ran for governor in 2010, said he is running for Senate because “West Virginians” need a voice in Washington.

Blankenship was a close friend of former Sen. Joe Manchin, who announced his retirement last year and is now the state’s chief executive.

“Joe Manchin was a great man who represented the West Virginia way of life and he represented the West Virginia people,” Blankenship said.

Blankenship was a Democrat, but he switched to the Republican Party in 2009. He said he is running in part because he believes in President Donald Trump.

Blankenship said he will focus on economic development, energy and infrastructure. He said he will support the Keystone XL pipeline and the border wall.

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Imagine paying extra to access the same Internet you’re using today. Imagine working on a research paper but being unable to access a website because it isn’t included in the list of sites your Internet service provider allows you to access. Imagine an online environment of clear winners and losers, where Internet companies are required to pay multi-billion dollar internet providers for access to the Internet  

You have access to, potentially for faster bandwidth or else be relegated to the shadowy depths of the “internet slow lane.”

The plan could be a disruption to the delicate political balance of the day. In 2014, a University of Delaware survey found that 85 percent of the population was in favor of net neutrality, marginally outweighing those who were against the plan. By 2015, 81 percent approved.

The plan will roll back a 2015 landmark regulation by the five-person committee. Without it, the FCC’s three anti-net neutrality Republicans representing the majority of the five-person committee.

The plan’s supporters have largely emphasized the Internet service providers or more accurately, the donations they receive from them. Following Congress, March 2017 vote to roll back Obama’s internet privacy protections, tech site The Verge found that 250 of the Republican Congress members who voted to record the protections had received thousands of dollars in donations from telecommunications companies.

The Republican-majority FCC appears to be no different, with chairman Ajit Pai, an ex-lawyer for Verizon, spearheading the efforts. Pai has consistently justified its actions toward dismantling net neutrality with a lopsided market ideology and a warped view of how the Internet works. In a speech Tuesday, Pai argued net neutrality will “undo the success of the market” and “return us to the light-touch, minimal regulatory approach.”

Pai ignores that modern Internet service providers have more in common with natural monopolies rather than a thriving market. According to a study by Economist.com, 4.5 million American lives as an area with only one Internet service provider offering 20Mbps data speeds, which is the minimum speed for what most consumers need to do their jobs. Pai also rejects the evidence that found the 2015 FCC’s decision to be implemented in the first place. According to The Verge, powerful Internet service providers were regularly violating the principles of net neutrality and the free Internet prior to the regulations. For example, in 2005-Associated Press studies found that cable companies were degrading the traffic of peer-to-peer technologies like Napster without disclosing it. Customers, Gillmor, from 2007 to 2009, found that Apple Mail, Skype and other web-based telecommunication services from the iPhone. Those are only two of a myriad of examples.

As an Internet consumer, you can stop the FCC from dismantling net neutrality and doing disservice to anyone who enjoys the current online freedoms. Some argue that empowering members of Congress to oppose the plan could bear the best results. This means phoning your representatives in the House and Congress and making your opposition to net neutrality appeal. If you’re unsure what to say, several pro-net neutrality communities have prepared concise scripts for you to read verbatim. One call is worth thousands of examples. I am sad today. We have to do better than this. We have to teach our boys, our men, that women are not mere props at our disposal in the narrative of our lives. We have to teach our boys, our men, that women are worth so much more than our gaze. We have to teach our boys, our men, to stand up and speak up against other men who were not taught. We just have to do better. Franklin Norton can be contacted at norton10@marshall.edu.

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By JOSH LEIDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

After months of clashes on policy and personality, President Donald Trump is considering ousting Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and replacing him with hard-nosed CIA Director Mike Pompeo following less than a year on the job, senior U.S. officials said Thursday as turmoil within Trump’s national security team bears into the open.

The White House plans which Trump has not yet signed off on, would force a major readjustment early in his term, also creat- ing a vacancy at the CIA that officials said could be filled by Republican Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. The shakeout could produce a significant shift in both the tone and direction of the president’s foreign policy, removing it from the understated former oil man whose style has never fit well with Trump’s.

It is unnecessarily rare for a secretary of state, America’s face on the global stage, to be fired or to serve for a year or less. But it is common for presidents to have such a significant Cabinet revamp so soon after taking office. Too much churn could chip at the perception of change the Trump White House — perhaps one reason he has yet to pull the trigger.

Tillerson’s likely ouster, which was first reported by the New York Times, loomed awkwardly over an Oval Office meeting Thursday between Trump and the visiting Bahraini crown prince. Asked by a reporter Thursday between Trump and the visiting crown prince whether he wanted Tillerson to stay on the job, Trump was coy, merely pointing out that Tillerson had left his job as Exxon Mobil CEO, a premature departure from the Cabinet that has seemed increas- ingly public through the year.

When Tillerson was tapped for the job late last year, many Trump critics expected quiet relief that he’d picked a sober “adult” who could form a counter-weight to the president’s brash, impulsive approach, especially on critical matters of war and peace.

But Tillerson’s foreign policy issues have emerged quickly, and Trump has reportedly undermined Tillerson by violating positions at odds with those the State Department was pushing.

When Tillerson in June called on Arab nations to ease their blockade on Qa- tar, Trump emerged in the Rose Garden hours later to lamark Qatar for funding terrorism. Trump also deemed diplo- macy with North Korea a waste of time, when Tillerson had been pushing just that. Tillerson’s advice to Trump to stay in the Paris climate deal and certify Iran’s compliance with the nuclear deal was similarly overridden.

A former businessman and conservative Republican congressman from Kansas, Pompeo is in the White House nearly every day to deliver the daily intelligence briefing, a task often delegated to less es- tablished officials. He sometimes stays later to accompany Trump to other meetings. He shares the president’s hardline stances against Iran.

Tillerson’s top priority as secretary has been his steadfast ovarvail of the State Department, a “department” that has been lamedo of turncoats from both parties and that the State Department concede has hurt morale among diplomats. SHI, Tillerson aides say he expects to remain in his role to see the overhaul through.

At the White House, meanwhile, frustra- tion with Tillerson has mounted over what officials have described as Till-erson’s abrasiveness and his slowness in filling key roles to carry out the presi- dent’s agenda.

By September, the White House was tell- ing some people that Tillerson would be replaced and some issues needing roup-off from the secretary of state were being put off until after he was gone, said a senior administration official, who like others wasn’t authorized to comment publicly until after he was gone, said a senior U.S. of defense.

Friction between the president and the nation’s top diplomat has grown increas- ingly public through the year.

The overhaul could come in the coming weeks.

Tillerson’s future came up in the Oval Office earlier this month at a meeting in which White House officials closset to the president agreed the Trump should go — and soon — said one senior administration official, who like others wasn’t authorized to comment publicly until after he was gone, said a senior U.S. of defense.

As Tillerson’s future is made unclear, the secretary of state has grown increas- ingly public through the year.

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Washington Post
The ‘Peanuts’ gang coming to Keith Albee for a classic Christmas tale

BY BUFFY SIX

“A Charlie Brown Christmas LIVE!” is coming to the Keith Albee Theater Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The cartoon classic turned live action show will recreate the well-known television special word for word, but with a twist at the end. Christina Emily Jackson, who plays Sally, said there will be a “Christmas concert” afterward, featuring classic holiday tunes.

“The concert will be fun for the whole family to sing along with and really get into the Christmas spirit,” Jackson said. Jackson described the technical crew will be using lighting effects to make the live show feel like and look like the cartoon classic. The story of “A Charlie Brown Christmas” begins as an animated television special in 1965. The special was based on the popular comic strip “Peanuts” by Charles M. Schulz. Since then, the story has been kept alive by adaptations for other TV shows and plays. The original cartoon classic was released in 1965. The special was

“A Charlie Brown Christmas LIVE!” will also be in Charleston Dec. 10 at the Clay Center. Buffy Six can be contacted at six15@marshall.edu.

Shelem, Heavy Hitters to perform at Press Club

By PAMELA YOUNG

For those who missed Shelem’s first headlining show, he will be performing again. Shelem is also known as Isaac Padgett, a civil engineering student at Marshall University. Shelem is set to perform his next show Dec. 2nd at the Press Club at 8 p.m. It will feature a funk and soul band, the Heavy Hitters.

“They invited me to do the few songs as part of their act,” Shelem said. “Now, we’re our own separate acts, but still come together from time to time. It’ll be part of their set, and they’ll be part of mine.”

The Heavy Hitters will be performing a mixture of classic popular songs covering a range of both-old and new, as well as some of their own content.

Christian Lamont Thomas, Heavy Hitters’ trumpet and trombone player, said, “We started with all of us performing as a group at a poetry slam, now known as Black Koffee. After that, we decided to form a band and that’s how the Heavy Hitters came about.”

There will be a $5 cover charge at the door.

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Winter Wonderland in Huntington

A list of events happening during the month of December in Huntington and surrounding areas

December 1-2: Professional Bull Riding: Velocity Tour, Big Sandy Superstore Arena

December 1-2: Celebrating…Christmas, Heritage Farm

December 2: Marshall Men’s Basketball vs. Akron, Cam Henderson Center

December 2: Marshall Women’s Basketball vs. Southern Illinois, Cam Henderson Center

December 2: Hike of the Month, Ritter Park

December 3: Camden Park Presents Holiday Open House, Huntington Museum of Art

December 5: Marshall Men’s Basketball vs. Chattanooga, Cam Henderson Center

December 5: A Charlie Brown Christmas LIVE!, Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center

December 6: Marshall Women’s Basketball vs. Morgan State, Cam Henderson Center

December 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Big Sandy Superstore Arena

December 8-9: Celebrating…Christmas, Heritage Farm

December 9: Huntington Christmas Parade, Downtown Huntington

December 9: Honky Tonk Heroes Third Annual Toy Drive, The V Club

December 8-10: The Huntington Nutcracker, Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center

December 14: Shenanogram / Part Bird / Hawkins / College Hill, The V Club

December 15: Marshall Men’s Basketball vs. Ohio University, Cam Henderson Center

December 16: Marshall Women’s Basketball vs. Appalachian State, Cam Henderson Center

December 16: Huntington Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Performance Featuring Michael Ceveris, Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center

December 16: Mosh For Tots: An FOP Children’s Christmas Party Benefit, The V Club

December 18: Marshall Women’s Basketball vs. Kentucky Christian, Cam Henderson Center

December 22: Marshall Men’s Basketball vs. Eastern Kentucky, Cam Henderson Center

December 23: Ona / Of The Dell / Sean Knisely, The V Club

December 28: Marshall Men’s Basketball vs. Southern Miss, Cam Henderson Center

December 30: Marshall Women’s Basketball vs. Louisiana Tech, Cam Henderson Center

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