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SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON  
Seung Hwan Lee and Donguk Yoon, exchange students from South Korea and in their first semester of the LEAP program, prepare ramen noodles to make money for Palms for Life Fund.

## Ramen rallies relief

ELLEN KIST  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students used their creativity to turn ramen noodles into cash. The money will go to a nonprofit organization to benefit Haiti.

Students competed in the National Collegiate Ramen Noodle Cook-Off on Saturday. Beta Alpha Psi and the International Students' Organization sponsored the event. All of the proceeds from the event went to the Palms for Life Fund, a nonprofit that establishes alliances with organizations that work directly with poor communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America to achieve social, economic and environmentally sustainable development, according to the Palms for Life Web site.

Tyler Rowland, senior accounting and finance major from Ashland, Ky., and president of Beta Alpha Psi helped organize the event.

"This is a really fun event, but it is going to be great to help the people in Haiti," Rowland said. "This is the first cook-off of its kind at Marshall University, and we have high expectations for it both presently and in the future."

Students and community members used ramen noodles, \$5 in ingredients of their choices and the supplied ingredients such as brown sugar, garlic powder, honey, ketchup, hot sauce and cinnamon, Rowland said.

The participants had 30 minutes to prepare a unique ramen noodle dish that was then judged for flavor, ingredients and plating.

Denise Hogsett, director of career services and a judge for the competition, was excited to be a judge and anxious to try some of the creations.

"There are some creative noodle dishes out there," Hogsett said.

Judges were rotated throughout the day to keep anyone from having to eat too many ramen noodles, said Randy Michel, senior finance major from Ashland, Ky.

The organizations provided free samples of ramen noodles, sold T-shirts and hired a disk jockey to keep the event interesting and fun, Michel said.

"We really want to make it a yearly event on campus," Rowland said.

"We are going to present the idea when we go to our regional meeting of Beta Alpha Psi. We then hope this event can have a university level, regional level and national level, with the national level being held here at Marshall."

The results of the ramen noodle competition will be released at a later date.

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SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON  
A variety of ramen noodles sits in preparation for the cook-off.



KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON  
Houston guard Zamal Nixon celebrates after the Cougars knocked No. 1 seed UTEP to win the Conference USA Tournament. With this win, Houston will compete in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 18 years.

## Heart has Houston dancing

BY KYLE HOBSTETTER  
THE PARTHENON

TULSA, Okla. — "They refused to die."

That is how Houston head coach Tom Penders described his team after the Cougars upset No. 1 seed UTEP in the Conference USA Tournament to earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Houston, playing its fourth game in four days, came back from a nine-point deficit in the second half to over-take the Miners, who had won 16 games in a row.

Beating the Miners and earning a NCAA berth is a big deal, but it's what Penders and the Houston program has been through to earn it that made it worthwhile.

This will be the first time Penders has been to the tournament since he was head coach at George Washington in 1999. It will also be the Cougars first appearance in the Big Dance since 1992.

Penders credits his team's heart to getting past the nearly impossible task of winning the C-USA Tournament.

"This is the most gratifying because in many ways when I came to Houston, it was almost considered mission impossible," Penders said. "And we came so close a couple of times maybe with some more talented kids, but not as gutsy a group."

And the heart was ever present after the game. Senior guard Aubrey Coleman fell to the court with tears in his eyes.

Coleman, the nation's leading scorer, was held to 13 points in the game, but he filled the stat sheet with nine rebounds, six assists and four steals.

While Coleman's shots weren't falling, he knew he

had to make the hustle plays to help his team compete.

"I wanted to do the little things, the things that I did when I first started playing," Coleman said. "I was a hustle man, so that's what I did - got rebounds, loose balls, hit the open guy. I got some layups and big steals, but everybody came through. That is making me emotional right now."

Coleman wasn't the only emotional one.

Fellow senior Kelvin Lewis lit up the Miners for 28 points and earned C-USA Tournament MVP honors.

Lewis sat the entire 17 minutes of the postgame press conference with a smile on his face. He had a lot to be happy about. He fulfilled a life long dream.

"He gets to dance in March."

"It's an incredible feeling," Lewis said. "This is everyone's dream. I don't even know what to say. I'm just so excited and happy. It feels good to finally be where we need to be."

And where they are is where the team's heart has led them. Houston was 15-15 entering the C-USA tournament. But when March Madness was looking for a dancing partner, it wasn't looking at numbers.

It was looking for the team with enough heart to handle the madness. And Penders said he and his team will be ready with their dancing shoes.

"That's really great because we're really proud of our program and our kids, and it's so nice to see some of those young guys step up because they're the future of our program," Pender said. "So anyway we're dancing. We're dancing. I may be dancing a little slower than the last time I went, but we're dancing."

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### TODAY'S CALENDAR

## SGA candidates debate for third time

### Sports

**Men's Baseball**  
3 p.m. Friday | vs. LeMoyne,  
Huntington

**Women's Tennis**  
Saturday-Monday, vs. William  
and Mary and Auburn, Huntington

### Entertainment

**Don Giovanni**  
8 p.m. | Keith-Albee Performing Arts  
Center

### Community

**Lost Kingdom's of the Nile  
Lecture Series**  
6 p.m. Tuesday | The Clay Center

**Flashback Monday  
The Lost Boys**  
4 p.m. and 7 p.m. | Cinema Theatre

**Demolition Derby**  
Saturday | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

### On campus

**Body Shots**  
7 p.m. | Frances Booth Experimental  
Theater

**Student Body Election Debate 3**  
1 p.m. | Student Center

### New movies

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# OPINION

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

## Make somebody's day and pay it forward

A local eatery gives back to its customers, take its example and do the same in your life

Most of the time people are ready to fight more than anything. It seems it is always easier to complain or to be indifferent. All of us have been quick to point out that something is wrong, and we forget to acknowledge the things someone has done correctly.

But who knows what anybody may be going through? Everybody has problems they are facing on a daily basis, and

instead of making them feel worse, we are given a chance to build them up.

The Pita Pit on Fourth Avenue took the opportunity to give back to the people of Marshall University and the Huntington community Friday. The staff decided to acknowledge the good things their customers have done for them by having a customer appreciation day on their three-year anniversary.

They made their most popular pita, the chicken breast pita, half price all day.

Nathan Myers, the owner and operator of The Pita Pit in Huntington, didn't have to have this celebration at all. He didn't have to recognize his customers who helped out through the past few years, the last of which has been in a great recession. But he did it anyway.

And like with anything when you do a good deed, what goes around comes around. By making an effort to make a deeper connection with his customers, those people have turned right around

and wanted to give him more business.

We should take this example given by The Pita Pit and Nathan Myers to learn to say thank you and give something back more regularly to the people around us.

Think of just one person in your life right now who has helped you through a difficult time; take a few minutes to call them and thank them or write them a note. Haven't talked to an old friend in awhile? Why don't you call them up or meet them for lunch and see how they're doing or the same with your parents if you aren't living with them. You're in college. They will

have had to help with that in some way, whether just for making you the person you are today or helping you pay tuition or rent, just thank them.

Open the door for someone, drive a couple friends to Wal-Mart if they don't have a car and need something. Just listen to someone, sometimes that's all someone needs, is a little attention. Most of the time, it takes little effort on our part to make someone's day.

And you'll be surprised at the way you feel in the end. It'll definitely be a day changer.



**"The ground is so wet from all the snow 2**

we've had this winter, it's helping the trees to topple over, as well as our utility poles."

Kevin Law, Long Island Power authority president and CEO, about the half million homes without power across the Northeast and mid-atlantic region because of rain.

**NATE STANSBERRY**  
FIRESIDE OBSERVATIONS

## Don't bite off more than you can chew

One of the best Psalms in the Old Testament is no. 37. Many people know it by heart, and have committed it to memory. Verse four is probably the most popular verse in the chapter, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."



**Nate Stansberry**  
COLUMNIST

But when I was reading through this popular psalm earlier this week, I came upon a verse I had most likely read numerous times, but it had never made an impression on me until now. It was verse 21 which reads in the New King James version as "The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous shows mercy and gives."

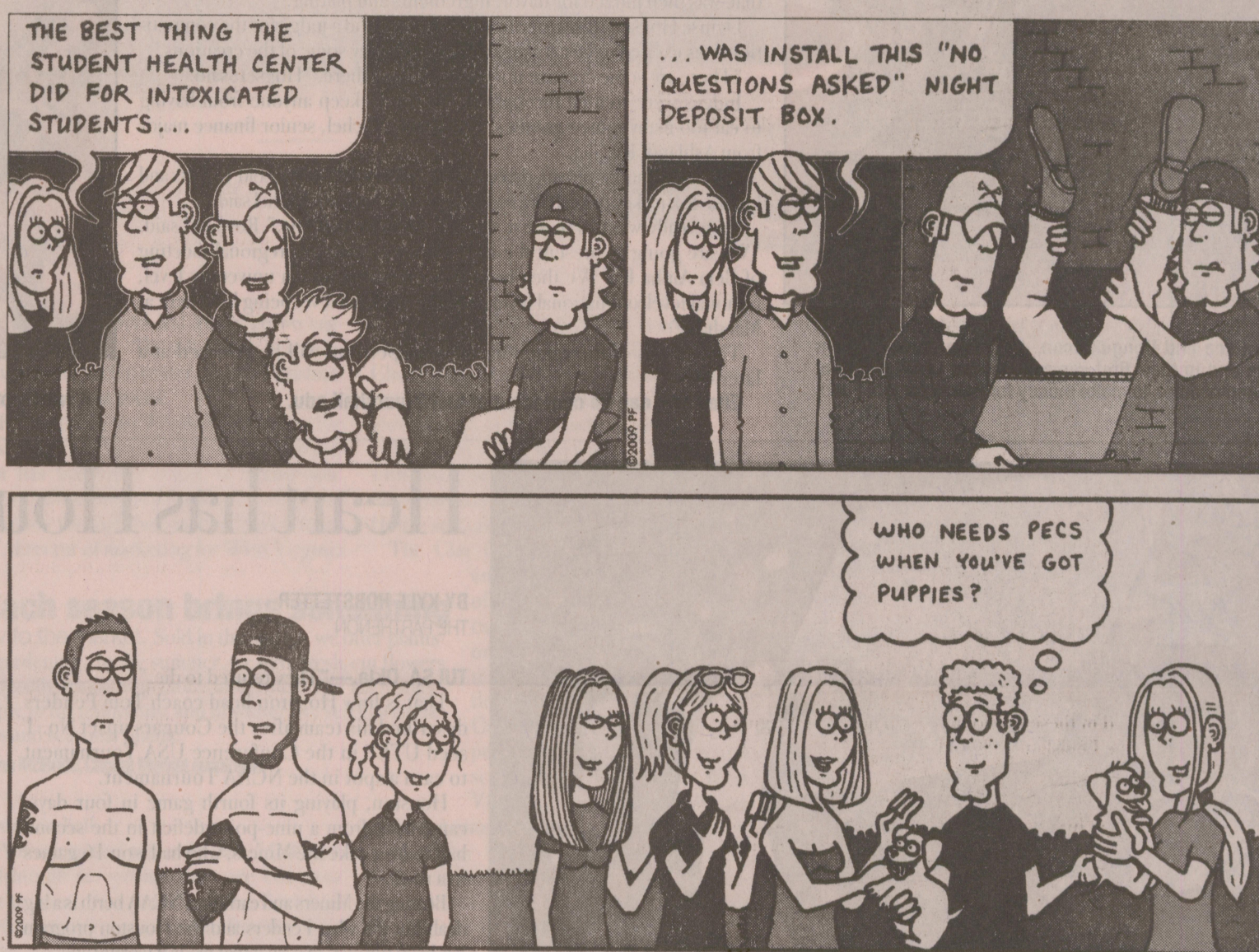
It just blew me away how practical and simple this verse is and if we simply adhere to it, how much it would revolutionize our society. In the first part of the verse, we are shown how a wicked person "borrows" without ever intending to repay. To borrow in this sense means to take what you have no claim on and affirm that you'll repay or replace whatever it is you are borrowing. But the connotation of this verse is that the "wicked" never intends to repay what has been borrowed. On the other hand, the righteous man in the second part of the verse has plenty to give and shows mercy to those who are in need.

In our day it seems we are more wicked than good. In college we have no sense of debt and "paying back" what we borrow. You have to look no further than college loans. We hear the cries of students complaining of the cost of college, and make no mistake it is high. But in many cases, those same students have the latest video game systems, flat screen TVs, and new cars and phones. They carry the huge data cell phone plans that cost a \$100 a month, but with all this excess we still hear the cries for a bailout, for help from somebody else to repay our debts.

It's wickedness. Everything and every choice in life has a cost. The good choices are choices that bring about more righteousness than the other choices. In our society, it's practically impossible not to carry some debt. But in the book of Deuteronomy, God instructed the Hebrew people to forgive debts on the seventh year of the debt. This commandment led to loans only being made that could be paid back in seven years time. Students, we need to make the same assessments. Let's not make debts as individuals and nations that can't be repaid in less than seven years. Anything else will be a life of slavery. As the Proverb says "the borrower is servant to the lender."

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What are you looking forward to most about spring break?

- ☐ Home-cooked food
- ☐ Relaxation
- ☐ Travel

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## RESULTS

What is your favorite spring sport?

- ☒ Baseball/Softball.....52%
- ☐ Tennis ..... 24%
- ☐ Golf..... 24%

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# Library and writing center offer writing workshops for students

BY KELSEY THOMAS  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Drinko Library and The Writing Center are pairing up Tuesday through Thursday to provide assistance with research papers to students.

Many students have research papers due around this time of the semester, said Teresa Bean, information literacy assistant at Drinko Library and English professor at Marshall.

The workshop will employ both librarians and writing center tutors to assist students, Bean said. Librarians will provide help in finding the correct sources. Writing tutors will then help students take those sources and incorporate them into a paper.

"Basically we're trying to kind of combine help with the research and finding sources and evaluating those sources with help actually converting that into a paper," Bean said.

She said students are often intimidated by research paper assignments.

"I think that the researching and writing process can be really overwhelming and stressful, and you don't really know what help you need until you're in the middle of it," Bean said. "I think that students are really going to benefit from having individual help during that time."

Chris DiOrio, tutor at The Writing Center, said they tutor about 15 students per day.

Students often come to the center for assistance with research papers, he said. Among the largest problems are in-text citations and how to avoid plagiarism.

Brittany Davies, tutor at The Writing Center, said many students have difficulty integrating sources smoothly into their paper.

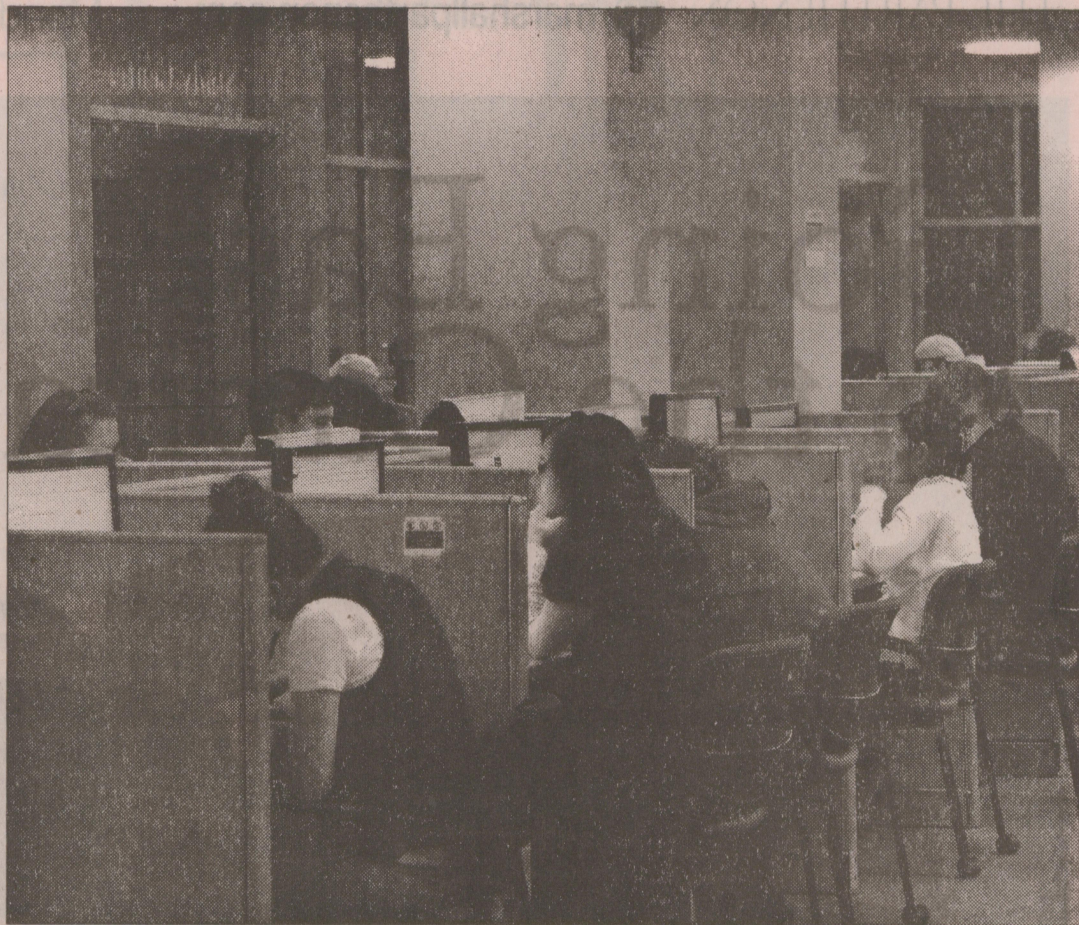
"The writing tutors from The Writing Center will be there for people that maybe have a draft already or aren't sure how to take those sources and start actually writing a paper," Bean said. "Whatever they need help with within that process, we're going to try and offer."

The workshops will take place in Presentation Room 138 on the first floor of Drinko Library, Bean said.

The workshops are free and open to all students from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Free snacks will be offered.

"We're kind of thinking of it as a research and writing buffet," Bean said. "So, come and have a snack, and get the help that you need. It's going to be very casual."

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SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON  
Marshall students use the study center in Drinko Library. This week, the library and The Writing Center are offering writing workshops to help students with research papers that may be due soon.

## W.Va. Legislature session ends but retiree, school issues loom

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The West Virginia Legislature has just finished its 60-day regular session, but there are signs it has plenty more to do this year.

Gov. Joe Manchin has not ruled out calling lawmakers back to ensure the state qualifies for federal "Race to the Top" education funding. The House and Senate also proved unable during the just-completed session to tackle the massive unfunded liability for retiree benefits, mostly health coverage, promised to public employees. Officials estimate a \$7.8 billion gap between on-hand assets and the promised benefits.

The state's teachers are at the center of both issues. The groups representing them are bracing for a tough fight ahead. They also appear ready to compromise with Manchin and lawmakers on some key areas.

But they and others involved in these two looming tasks differ on whether the Legislature should target both during the same special session.

"I think we're going to have charter schools. I hope we deal with (retiree benefits), because we have to," said Judy Hale, president of the American Federation of Teachers-West Virginia. "It would devastate our profession, so it very much has to do with education."

Manchin put lawmakers on notice during his State of the State address in January that he would convene a special session if West Virginia missed the first batch of the competitive federal school grants.

The state got the bad news March 4 that it was not among the finalists for the initial phase of the \$4.3 billion program. But the administration won't learn until next month why West Virginia didn't make the cut. The state's application was measured against a wide-ranging, 500-point scoring system.

As a result, a special session on education is not yet a certainty, Manchin spokesman Matt Turner said.

"Nothing is set in stone," Turner told The Associated Press. "What the governor has been clear about, though, is that he wants the state Department of Education and the (state school) board to drive the changes."

When Manchin appeared before those officials last week, he assigned them the task of shaping any legislative agenda, while also setting a larger goal.

Hale said her group is readying for a mid-May session, and is prepared to seek common ground on some of the thornier topics involved.

Those include charter schools, which receive public funds but run independently. West Virginia is among 11 states that do not allow them. AFT-WV helped halt a Senate-led bid this session to change that.

Charter schools accounted for 40 of the 500 points in Race to the Top's scoring system. Hale said her group remains concerned about employee rights at such schools.

"I think there is room to come together on this issue, if all sides do not continue to be so polarized," Hale said.

She added that she hopes an ongoing task force study of charter schools will help. Other areas for possible compromise include hiring and firing practices and teacher evaluations, Hale said.

The West Virginia Education Association also expects a special session, and a "tough" one at that, President Dale Lee said.

"If they listen to the input of classroom teachers and have us at the table from the start, you'll see change for the better," Lee said.

As evidence, Lee cited the process that led to the school innovation zones, which enable qualifying schools to try approaches that may have been considered unworkable before.

"Things that people thought were sacred cows were part of the innovation zone discussion," he said. They included the length of the school day and the option for year-round schools.

Hale believes the education issues dovetail with retiree benefits, since those apply to teachers and school workers. But a leading lawmaker disagrees.

Sen. Brooks McCabe chaired a special study group that attempted, without success, to craft bills addressing the retiree benefits shortfall during the session. The Kanawha County Democrat notes that retiree benefits and Race to the Top face different deadlines. West Virginia has until June 1 to apply for the second round of federal grants, while officials hope to address the unfunded liability at least partly before the July 1 start of the new budget year.

McCabe said he expects to deal with education issues first and then retiree obligations in a later session.

"I don't know that we'll want to divert our attention on two issues of that substance," McCabe said.

## Female prison guards often behind sexual misconduct

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Inmate Michael Murphy usually started by seeking a small favor. That would often lead to a kiss or love letters. And in at least five cases, he convinced female prison employees to have sex with him or do other illegal favors.

In each of those cases, the female corrections employees were caught, shamed and forced out of a job, according to documents detailing an investigation by Montana prison officials and obtained by The Associated Press after an open-records lawsuit.

The female officers described Murphy as the aggressor, even as the predator. But that makes no difference in either state or federal penitentiaries, where prison employees — male or female — are the violators if they have sex with inmates.

A Justice Department study shows that cases like Murphy's are common: Female staff are more often implicated than their male counterparts in prison sexual misconduct. While many cases could be considered consensual, incarceration experts and female prison guards say the problem is much more complicated.

In some cases, the women reported that they couldn't say no to the inmate out of fear, or were afraid to go to a co-worker out of shame at what had happened. One small mistake often led to something else.

Experts say there is a culture of silence in the prisons that makes it difficult for female guards to come forward with problems before they spin out of control.

Documents detailing the state investigation into Murphy's liaisons show he persuaded at least five Montana female prison employees to break the rules over several years. He even convinced his therapist to have sex with him, and was able to arrange one-on-one meetings with her even though prison officials knew of his past history with female workers.

Cover-up charges were filed against one of the female prison workers. Murphy, 36, faced no charges. He is serving time for theft, forgery and other charges.

No sexual assault charges were filed at the time

against the women due to lack of evidence, according to the documents. But in letters to newspapers and in a request to the ACLU of Montana, Murphy wrote that he had been sexually assaulted by some of the women. Prison officials would not allow him to be interviewed for this story.

The confidential and lengthy internal investigation tells a complicated tale about how an inmate manipulated prison staff.

The therapist, for instance, told internal investigators that she knew she had been manipulated and compromised. She said she allowed Murphy to kiss her one day in her office and the relationship spiraled out of control from there.

The man who once ran New York City's corrections department has little sympathy for female prison workers who see themselves as victimized in these cases.

Martin Horn, now a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said female workers who have sex with inmates are often treated less harshly by officials than male worker who do the same.

"As long as we have a double standard we are going to see these kind of behaviors," Horn said. "It is a very slippery slope we go down if we say we are not going to hold female officers to the same standard."

A 2007 U.S. Department of Justice study analyzing the prevalence of sexual assault in state and federal prisons found that 58 percent of staff perpetrators of sexual misconduct were female.

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## Going East to the Capital City



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The Clay Center provides visual and performing arts for the community.

By Kelly Crouch  
THE PARTHENON

West Virginia's capital city boasts unique architecture, rich history, culture, and a love for the arts.

Overlooking the Kanawha River, the West Virginia State Capitol is home to the West Virginia Legislature. The capitol building's aesthetic is influenced by Greek and Roman architecture and was designed by Cass Gilbert, an architect who also designed the U.S. Supreme Court Building, said Ashlee Burgess, West Virginia Convention and Visitors Bureau employee.

The inside of the capitol is comprised of mostly marble from Italy, Vermont and Tennessee, Burgess said. The exterior is constructed of buffed Indiana limestone. The capitol's dome reaches 293 feet high and is made out of 23-karat gold.

Charleston's Capitol Market is a partially outdoor facility that includes specialty shops, a gourmet restaurant, fresh produce and fish market, a butcher, wine shop, bakery, cafes and many different activities and seasonal promotions, said Regina McBride, Capital Market employee.

"Each season brings something new to the market," McBride said. "Sold in the spring, we offer plants for gardening. In the summer, we

have fresh-cut flowers and locally-grown vegetables and fruits. The fall brings people in for pumpkins, and in winter, we sell Christmas trees and seasonal plants."

Affiliated with the Pittsburgh Pirates, the West Virginia Power minor league baseball team has become a staple in Charleston. The season begins on Thursday, April 8, and continues through September, said Kristin Call, director of marketing for West Virginia

**"Each season brings something new to the market. Sold in the spring, we offer plants for gardening. In the summer, we have fresh-cut flowers and locally-grown vegetables and fruits. The fall brings people in for pumpkins, and in winter, we sell Christmas trees and seasonal plants."**

Regina McBride, Capital Market employee

Power Baseball.

"Promotions are huge at the park," Call said.

Although no promotions are concrete for this year, last year Two for Tuesdays promotion was very popular: Buy one item in the park and get the second one free, Call said. Last year was also the debut of Yuengs and Wings, which is Yuengling beer and chicken wings sold together as a promotional event.

"The Charleston Town Center is located

in the heart of downtown and is comprised of more than 130 stores," said Frank Gessel, Charleston Town Center employee. Stores range from men and women's apparel, shoes, jewelry, toys, coffee, candles and more.

The town center also features a food court with fast food favorites and several restaurants, including Outback, Chili's, The Chop House and others, Gessel said.

The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of West Virginia is one of the largest additions to the capital city, opening its doors on July 12, 2003. Katie Wooten, marketing coordinator for the Clay Center said the Clay Center features music, theater, performing and visual arts and sciences. It houses the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the Avampato Discovery Museum.

The Clay Center offers two stories of daily activities, performances and interactive exhibits. "The ElectricSky Theater in the interior of the Clay Center features a giant screen on the dome of the ceiling," Wooten said. "Planetarium shows and films take place in the theater and are the favorites among tourists."

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### My Bottom Five: Leftover Foods

I'm a man that doesn't enjoy leftovers in general, but there are at least ten foods that just don't do it for me once they've reached those frigid, refrigerated temperatures.



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**5: MEATLOAF** - Notice that I don't say meatloaf sandwich. I enjoy nuking a piece of last night's meatloaf and putting it between toast with some mayo, but just the thought of cold, slimy ketchup over the baked-in, caked-on greasiness of beef loaf makes me shiver.

**4: PORK FRIED RICE** - Now, I love Chinese food. I sometimes eat it twice a week if I'm really in the mood for some. But the almost uncooked texture and overall unpleasant day-old flavor of leftover fried rice that just doesn't appeal to my taste buds. One can use leftover white rice to make a great fried rice stir-fry, but once it's fried, it's hard to bring it back to life.

**3: CERTAIN NACHOS** - Not that they're terrible a day or two later, but there are certain types of nachos that don't keep well in the refrigerator. This is especially true of the shredded cheese and barbecue pork nachos they serve at Buddy's. Overall, nachos are better when they've just been prepared.

**2: SPAGHETTI** - I guess it's okay if you can get past the unchewably dry bits that form after the chilling process.

**1: TACOBELL** - This one is just sickening to think about it. A taco shell that's too chewy, beef that's dripping with grease because the microwaving process has somehow perfected a way to squeeze the most fat out of leftover meat as possible and runny sour cream that is trying desperately to not become completely liquid. I'm sure we've all tried this hoping that it would be a good idea, but it's just not meant to be.

Eat well.

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