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City campaigns for high-speed Internet access

BY KRISTEN HAINKEL
THE PARTHENON

The city of Huntington is campaigning to be selected for a high-powered Internet network.

Huntington applied for Google Fiber, a project run by Google, to provide a high-speed broadband network to one city. Around 1,100 cities across the U.S. have applied to be selected.

"The project is to get high-speed wireless broadband access to Huntington," said C.T. Anderson, assistant director of public works. "The city needs to have the infrastructure for it."

The project has two types of nominations: individual and government. For the individual nomination, citizens wrote to Google and described why they thought the city should get the network. For the government nomination, the city government put a proposal together and submitted it to Google. Huntington was

nominated in both categories.

The proposal was a collaborative effort between the mayor's office and Marshall University Information Technology. John Cummings, university portal administrator, said information technology helped with the technical specifications, such as utility poles.

Google had questions while evaluating the city.

"Do they have access to utility poles or do they have to dig their own? What kind of impact could this have on the community?" Anderson said.

Anderson said the city government has received e-mails supporting the notion.

"There's been many e-mails to the mayor's office

saying we should do it," he said.

The new network could provide many benefits for the city.

"Everyone would have access all over the city," Anderson said. "Those who have access would get better access and it would give access to those who don't have access."

In addition to providing high-speed Internet access, the network could also improve communication throughout the city.

"It could improve communication with the government and move communication online. It would expand business and health care education," Cummings said.

Business opportunities could also expand.

"It makes business attractive to locate and economic opportunity to expand," Cummings said.

The Internet is used to publicize this campaign. The Facebook fan page "Google Fiber for Huntington, W.Va." has 1,721 fans. The Twitter account has 36 followers.

Several public figures have made YouTube videos for the project, including Gov. Joe Manchin, Huntington mayor Kim Wolfe, Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp and Sen. Nick Joe Rahall. Community members have also made videos and posted them to YouTube.

Cummings said Google has not indicated when a selection will be made.

The Web site for Google Fiber Huntington is <http://www.googlefiberhuntington.com>.

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communication with the government and move communication online. It would expand business and health care education."

John Cummings, university portal administrator

SGA elections questioned, former candidate files complaint

BY ALYSSA SALYERS
THE PARTHENON

The SGA election in March is now coming under scrutiny due to complaints filed by former candidate for student body president Randy Tomblin and his supporters.

Although Student Body President-elect Patrick Murphy and running mate Samantha Turley won the election by a comfortable margin, the complaints voiced by Tomblin and his campaign staff allege technical infractions that could potentially call results into question.

Tomblin said a campaign rule stating campaign staff cannot wear T-shirts that express support for their candidates

inside a polling place was broken by a Murphy-Turley staff member. He said he has video footage from the Recreation Center to prove the alleged infraction.

"By wearing that shirt, they were eliciting a vote," Tomblin said.

Tomblin said he has video footage to prove that ballot boxes were left unattended for short periods of time during the election.

In addition to these technical infractions, Tomblin said he was concerned because the specified system of checks and balances were not already set in place. He said it was impossible to file an appeal as laid out in the election rules because neither student justices nor an ethics committee was appointed before the election.

"It was Sean's (Hornbuckle) responsibility to appoint student justices," Tomblin said. "As senate president pro tempore, it was Patrick Murphy's responsibility to appoint an ethics committee."

Tomblin said because Murphy was a candidate in the election, his being in charge of appointing an ethics commission also brings up the issue of a possible conflict of interest.

A student court hearing is being set up to address his complaints, Tomblin said.

"I believe that Steve Hensley (dean of Student Affairs) works to help Sean appoint members to the court to make sure it is a fair process," Tomblin said. "Ultimately, I want the rules to be followed and I want the proper procedures set up."

Murphy said the ethics committee is referred to in the election rules, but not in the constitution.

"I have read both the constitution and the by-laws, and I've seen no explicit rule that says there needs to be an ethics committee," Murphy said. "The election

rules do mention an ethics committee. The question of an ethics committee is vague and confusing and definitely does need to be addressed."

The way the election commission and ethics committee is appointed needs to be clarified and probably changed. Murphy said He said this is something the next student body president needs to make a priority and he will do so if his election stands. Murphy said he thinks the dean of student affairs should appoint the election commissioner as a means of removing any suggestion of bias.

Hornbuckle said there were problems with inactivity in the student justice position.

"The justices were a group that really didn't serve a function, so therefore there was just no activity," Hornbuckle said. "It was almost like we were giving somebody a resume builder for nothing, so we wanted to revamp it and currently are revamping it. There will be student justices to hear this case."

E-mails detailing the complaints of Tomblin and his supporters were sent to Jonathan Murray, SGA election commissioner. Murray did respond to those e-mails.

Murray could not be reached for comment. Alyssa Salyers can be contacted at salyers@marshall.edu.



Sam Turley, candidate for SGA vice president, campaigns outside of the Memorial Student Center on March 17. Randy Tomblin, SGA presidential candidate, has filed a complaint against the SGA alleging some campaign staffers broke election laws during voting. Tomblin said ballot boxes were left unattended and there is no way for students to file appeals within the SGA.

Editor's Note

- >For more on local elections coverage, see page 2.
- >The Understanding Eating Disorders series will continue in Tuesday's edition of The Parthenon.
- >For stories about two guest lecturers who visited Marshall this week, go to www.marshallparthenon.com.



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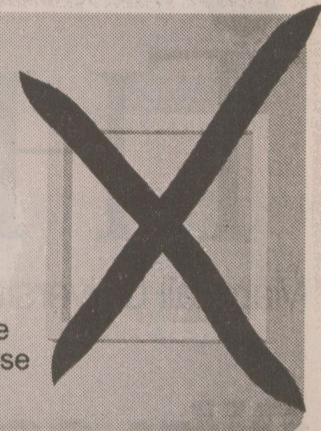
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Date Night

West Virginia Supreme Court justice seeks to continue term

'10 Election Coverage

Editor's Note >> The Parthenon begins a series that profiles issues and candidates for state races for the West Virginia primary election May 11. Marshall University lies within the 15th District House of Delegates, 5th District state Senate and 3rd Congressional district whose candidates will be profiled.



BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

A West Virginia Supreme Court Justice is running for an unexpired term in the May 11 primary election.

Gov. Joe Manchin III swore in Thomas McHugh in April 2009 to fill the unexpired term of state Supreme Court Justice Joseph Albright, who died the month before.

McHugh has served as a member of the West Virginia Bar Foundation, director emeritus of the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.

He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, which has helped him as a Supreme Court Justice. McHugh said serving in the Army gave

him confidence, responsibility and discipline. It taught him that even though a task is difficult, it can be accomplished by hard work.

"Since I was a law clerk at the Supreme Court, I admired the justices and the work they did for our state. I wanted to do the same," McHugh said.

Due to the judicial code of conduct, McHugh said he could not respond to several questions involving the election.

The code states, "The candidate for judicial office shall not make pledges or promises of conduct in office other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office." The candidate may not make "statements that commit or appear to commit the candidate with respect to cases, controversies or issues that are likely to come before the Court." Further, a judicial candidate shall

not personally solicit or accept campaign contributions. "Committees may be formed to conduct campaigns for the candidate."

McHugh said he must be very careful not to go beyond certain limits so as not to violate the Code of Judicial Conduct. The code controls his actions in a campaign.

He is running unopposed in the primary election and will face Republican John Yoder in the general election.

When asked to outline any cases or opinions that are important to him, McHugh responded, "there are hundreds of opinions. I cannot just pick out one."

McHugh served as a Kanawha County Circuit Judge for six years. He was elected to the Supreme Court in 1980 and was re-elected to a second 12-year term in 1992, according to the court's Web site.

"You need to have respect for the judiciary and it is highly inappropriate to criticize the candidate I am running against, because he wouldn't do the same to me," McHugh said. "I am not a loud-mouth and would never attack another judge."

The perception of the state of West Virginia by those who do not reside here is one of his major concerns.

"This is a great state and the nation should know it," he said. "I believe it is important for citizens to study the issues and cast an informed vote for any political office. I appreciated the appointment of me to the Supreme Court by Gov. Manchin. I hope to continue to serve the citizens of our state until 2012 by their election of me in 2010."

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Assessment Day beneficial to students and faculty

BY LAURA HATFIELD
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's annual Assessment Day is on Wednesday.

Mary Beth Reynolds, director of academic assessment, said the purpose of Assessment Day is to give the university community a day to analyze what the university is doing and how they can improve what they are doing.

Frances Hensley, associate vice president of academic affairs, said Assessment Day started to gain a university wide awareness of the importance of assessment.

Reflection is a very important part of Assessment Day, Hensley said.

"Students get to reflect on their experiences at Marshall and give feedback, student services reflect on how they deliver services and get feedback from students on those services," she said. "It's really a win-win situation for everyone involved."

Each academic program takes part of the day to look at assessments and may make revisions, analyze student performance or just look at their program in general and decide what they can do to improve so students have a better learning experience in that program, Reynolds said.

"During the past two years, university wide we've identified certain strengths and certain weaknesses," Reynolds said. "Our morning sessions this year are going to be identifying our opportunities and challenges. So these sessions that we're doing university wide are going to engage the campus in conversations about how we can improve, and also we will be sharing our information on our plans. I really hope we have students come as well as faculty."

The morning sessions start at 9:10 a.m. in the Drinko Library and the Memorial Student Center, according to the e-mail.

Reynolds said the improvement plans Marshall has in place are based on assessment data. The sessions will work on those areas.

An area of strength for Marshall is that students have many enriching educational experiences, which compared to peer institutions is a strength for Marshall, Reynolds said. In the enriching educational experiences benchmark area, there is one element that Marshall can still improve, and that area is the study abroad.

"If we improve on this particular element, which will further strengthen our area of strength," Reynolds said. "What we're looking on here at this point is to build on our strengths, to make us even better than we are. Our students don't study abroad in the same numbers."

Reynolds said study abroad faculty will be sharing with other interested students and faculty, their experiences to get other students and faculty to do similar things to increase study abroad.

Other areas of improvement included in the sessions are service learning, program review, living/learning communities, First Year Seminar and developing rubrics to assess program level student learning outcomes, Reynolds said.

All students and faculty are invited for lunch on the plaza between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Buddy's Barbeque and Sodexo are catering the barbeque picnic, according to the e-mail. The Marshall University Fife and Drum Corps and Rock Ensemble "Looking Glass" will perform during lunch.

After lunch students and faculty can participate in several Assessment Day activities.

This year's prizes include a laptop computer, four one-day passes to Paramount Kings Island, an iPod touch and a Dell color printer among 20 other prizes, according to the Web site.

Classes will not be in session during Assessment Day.
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SURVEYS FOR STUDENTS

Students have many opportunities to enter prize drawings.

Online Surveys (check marshall email or my MU portal)

- Admissions
- Advising
- All-Campus
- Bookstore
- Bursar's Office
- Downtown Huntington Survey
- Memorial Student Center
- MU-ADVANCE Faculty Climate Survey

Faculty Recruitment Office

- Registrar Services
- Residence Services Residence Hall Occupants
- Sodexo
- Student Activities Programming Board
- Student Government Association
- Tobacco Use Survey Students
- Tutoring Students
- Women's Center

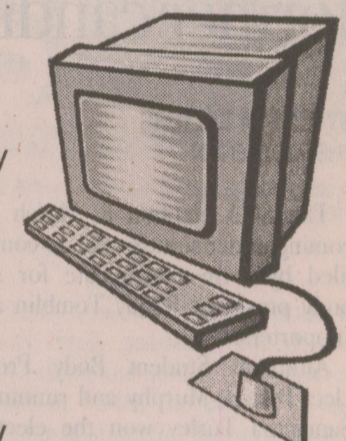
Critical Thinking Certification exam:

- Drinko Classroom 138
- 1 p.m. and again at 2 p.m.

For Seniors graduating in May, summer or December of this year:

- Collegiate Learning Assessment
- To register go to <http://isatcit.marshall.edu/CLAExam>

To see specific department plans visit the Assessment Day Web site.



New service offers delivery to students

BY KRISTEN HAINKEL
THE PARTHENON

A new Web site advertised its services through a stand outside the Memorial Student Center on Wednesday.

Founded in May 2009, mygofer.com is a new shopping service in partnership with retailer Kmart. Users shop online and have their purchase shipped to any Kmart store or to campus locations like the Student Center Information Desk or Residence Services in Holderby Hall.

Delivery is offered the same day. If a customer orders before noon on any given day, they get free delivery.

"It's a personal online shopping service," said Rob Walter, sales development manager for mygofer.com. "Anything that is sold in a Kmart store can be bought."

Customers can also fill their prescriptions through mygofer.com.

Mygofer.com worked with the Student Government Association and Student Services to get the stand on campus. The organizations said the stand would be a good way to advertise the service.

To register for the Web site, go to mygofer.com and click on register. When registering, put

Marshall University as the organization name.

"We've been received positively," Walter said. "In the past day, we've had six students place orders."

One student thought the service was very convenient, especially those without their own transportation.

"It's convenience," said Kelly Kutzavitch, sophomore marketing major from Pittsburgh, Pa. "A lot of people like international students and those without cars can use the Web site. It saves time and gas money."

Kutzavitch said she has already placed an order. Walter said it's eco-friendly, because students wouldn't be driving to the store, which would reduce emissions by cars.

The workers encouraged students to sign-up and gave free water bottles away and key chains with a mygofer.com logo. The water bottles included \$5 off a \$25 order coupon.

The company also registered students into a \$100 gift card for the Web site give away. The winner will be contacted by phone and e-mail Friday.

The stand was on display Tuesday and Wednesday.
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W.Va. tax revenues plunge \$58M below March mark

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — With just three months left in its budget year, West Virginia state government ended March more than \$33 million in the red as the recession continues to haunt the economy.

The state collected \$293.7 million from general revenue taxes, but had expected \$352 million.

That \$58 million difference more than wiped out a \$24 million excess balance. The Manchin administration revisited its \$3.78 billion estimate for the budget year in December, and instead projected that revenues would miss that mark by as much as \$120 million.

Deputy Revenue Secretary Mark Muchow continues to forecast that potential deficit. But he also said Thursday that the midyear cuts ordered by Gov. Joe Manchin should keep the budget balanced. Manchin told most of state government in December to trim current spending by 3.4 percent.

"We hope we won't get that low," Muchow said of the \$120 million figure. "That's the worst-case estimate."

State government's two key general revenue sources — personal income and sales and use taxes — reflect the weakened economy. Accounting for nearly three-fourths of those revenues,

each is down nearly \$36 million for the year. They missed their March estimates by a combined \$16.5 million.

Muchow traces the poor showing to sluggish wages and the jobless rate. West Virginia suffered 9.5 percent unemployment in February, lower than the 9.7 percent national average but 19th highest among the states, according to the latest available seasonally adjusted figures.

"Just about everything is below estimate for the year," Muchow said.

The state has also paid out nearly double the income tax refunds when compared to last year, Muchow said. Other factors include slower-than-expected transfers from lottery proceeds, with Muchow citing the economy as well as recent bad weather for that.

One bright spot remains severance taxes on extracted natural resources, mostly from coal. They were \$6 million above estimate for March and up \$85 million for the year.

With the budget year ending June 30, the state has raised \$2.612 billion toward its \$3.78 billion goal. The next budget, passed by the Legislature and signed by Manchin last month, would spend about 2 percent less from general revenue.

W.Va. man sentenced for role in vehicle thefts

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A Kanawha County man will spend more than two years in prison for his role in a multistate vehicle theft operation.

Dennis Marcum Jr. had pleaded guilty in October to a federal information charging him with conspiring to transport and sell stolen vehicles from at least 2007 to August 2008. The 42-year-old also

admitted altering vehicle identification numbers.

U.S. Attorney Charles T. Miller's office says the vehicles were stolen from sites in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Their total value exceeded \$250,000.

Marcum was sentenced Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Charleston.

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Singles ranking of
junior Herd tennis player
Michaela Kissell.

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Hangin' with Hobstetter

Donnie Jones fact and fiction

As the search for a new basketball coach heats up, there are still some comments about former head coach Donnie Jones floating around Marshall's campus.



Kyle Hobstetter
Sports Editor

As Parthenon sports editor, I feel it's my duty to clear up any of these rumors.

Donnie left due to Athletic Director Mike Hamrick declining a bid to the National Invitational Tournament.

This is complete fiction. Talking to Hamrick in Tulsa during the Conference USA Tournament, he made it clear he would be more than willing to accept the bid. I even saw the request that was faxed to NIT officials.

The fact is after the Marshall played against Tulsa in the C-USA Tournament, they would have been lucky to play in the West Virginia high school tournament.

Donnie Jones left Marshall due to UCF's multimillion dollar contract with Nike.

Fact and Fiction: He left for the reason that the Knights have the contract, Michael Jordan. Mike's son, Marcus will now be playing for Jones in Orlando, and that means one thing for Jones, parent-coach conferences with the greatest to ever play the game.

When Donnie comes back to Marshall, we won't call him Dee-Jay.

This better be fact. If the PA announces "They call him Donnie Jones, but we call him Dee-Jay." I will hit him with a Thunder. He should announce, "We used to call him Dee-Jay, but no one called him Dee-Jay." I mean? Hello?

Orlando is better than Huntington.

Totally fiction. Here is the tale of the tape: Orlando is like a half-hour away from a beach. Beech Fork Lake is like 10 minutes away. Orlando has Disney World, Huntington counters with Camden Park. Orlando has pro sports, Huntington has, well it has things...Huntington's better so we're moving on.

Jones will bring competitive basketball to the UCF campus.

Fact. It starts when Donnie brings Rio Grande, Salem International and West Virginia... State to Florida for the most competitive non-conference tournament in the country. It will be called the "Make everyone think we're better than we actually are... invitational."

Donnie left to coach in a major conference because UCF will soon enter the Big East.

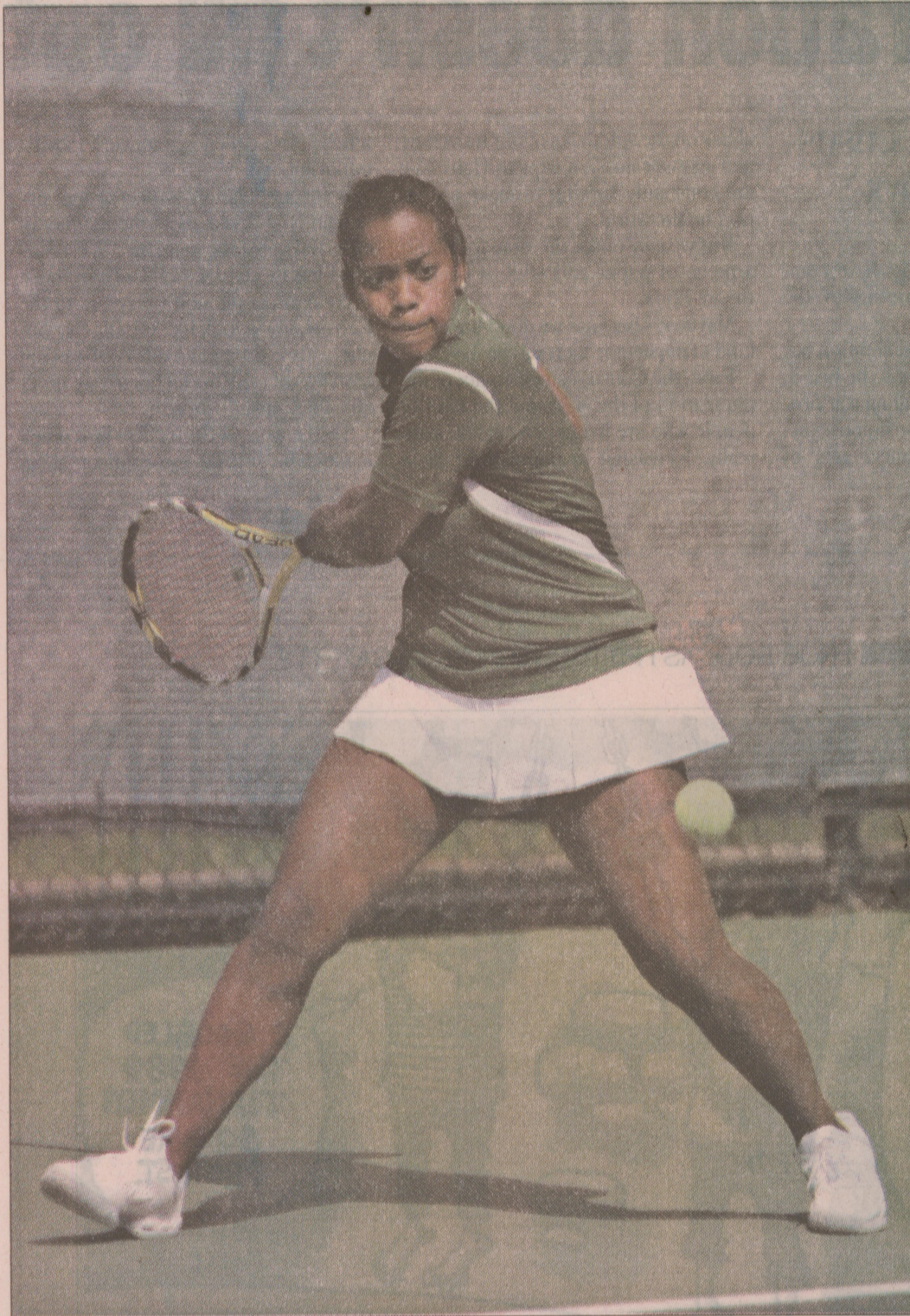
Fact. I can see it now. UCF loses to DePaul in the first round. Then gets a first-round bye, then loses again...to DePaul. In fact I can see whoever will be DePaul's coach dominating UCF for the rest of Jones' UCF career.

OK, I've had my fun, but now I'll give you readers the heads up on the real reason that Jones, who came home to Marshall and then abandoned it so abruptly, really left Huntington.

He will finally be taller than one of his players. At UCF there is a little boy named A.J. Rompza. He is listed at 5-foot-9 but I'm pretty sure he is in the 5-foot-6 range. I'm happy for Donnie because if he and Rompza were involved in a remake of the movie "Twins," Donnie would get to play Arnold Schwarzenegger. Good job you little bugger... I salute you.

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Homecoming swing



Junior Deanna Bailey, who has a 13-4 overall record in singles play, will try to help No. 58 in the country Marshall in taking down Old Dominion in the team's first match on campus this year.

Herd tennis bringing its game back to campus

BY TROY HEMINGWAY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women's tennis team will play its first match on campus this season when it takes on Old Dominion University at 2 p.m. Friday.

Marshall (13-5) comes into the match after a strong win against Louisville earlier in the week and is looking to continue its strong play against ODU (14-7).

The Herd had a tough road trip to California last week and junior Michaela Kissell said the win against Louisville has the team motivated to keep playing well.

"I definitely think the win against Louisville helped our spirits," Kissell said. "The California trip made us all pretty angry because we didn't play like we had been playing all season. It was good to go out and get a win and play well at Louisville."

Head coach John Mercer said he was happy to see the team recover and play well against Louisville and play more consistently like they were at the beginning of the year.

"It was great to see them bounce back against Louisville," Mercer said. "We have had a pretty consistent effort from everyone on the team and everyone has been physically and mentally ready to play throughout the year."

The team is on its last leg of games before the Conference

USA tournament later this month. Kissell said the team is trying to make sure they are prepared and ready for the teams they will have to face come tournament time.

"When one person isn't ready to go or isn't motivated we pick them up as a team," Kissell said. "It's good because it keeps us focused on being prepared for anyone we will have to play."

Marshall had been playing its home matches at the Huntington Tennis Center in Huntington, W.Va.

Friday's match will be the first time this season the team plays a match on campus at the Brian David Fox Tennis Courts. The change of scenery has Kissell and Mercer eager to play in front of a bigger home crowd.

"It's so exciting," Kissell said. "It's great to play outside and have more fans and students able to come and support the team."

The weather is predicted to be a sunny day with a projected high of 86 degrees. Mercer said he expects it to be an exciting match for the crowd.

"It's free to come out and watch," Mercer said. "I think we will have a decent crowd and it will be a great match. Old Dominion has a very good team and it should be a battle."

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Herd baseball opens home C-USA schedule

HERDZONE.COM

The Marshall University baseball team opens up its home Conference USA schedule with a three-game series against the Memphis Tigers this weekend.

The Thundering Herd enters the weekend after dropping a midweek contest at Eastern Kentucky on Wednesday, 10-6. Last season, Marshall took two-of-three at Memphis and owns a 7-5 all-time advantage.

Marshall is led by Victor Gomez who tops the team in batting average (.366), hits (34), home runs (7), RBIs (30), slugging percentage (.677), runs (19) and doubles (8). He is currently on a 17-game hit streak and is fourth in RBIs and tied for sixth in homers in league statistics.

Shortstop Kenny Socorro has also been a solid contributor at the bottom of the Herd lineup, owning a .282 average with 13 RBIs.

RHP Arik Sikula enters with a 3-2 record and team-best 3.09 ERA, which ranks fourth in the conference.

RHP Tyler Gatrell, RHP James White III and LHP Kyle Blank have been called frequently and have responded out of the Herd bullpen. Gatrell is tied for league-high in appearances (14), Blank is tied for fourth (12), while White III has pitched in 11 games with a microscopic 0.79 ERA.

The Tigers make the road trip to Charleston

after losing a game at Arkansas State on Tuesday. Last weekend Memphis took two games from then-No. 22 Rice at home.

Chad Zurcher and Drew Martinez have the set stage for top run producer Tyler Huelsing in 2010. Zurcher is hitting .417 with 14 stolen bases and 10 swipes. Huelsing has mashed a team-best seven round trippers along with 35 RBI for the Tigers.

LHP Brennon Martin is the reigning C-USA Pitcher of the Week due to his success on the bump against Rice. The southpaw fired a complete game in a 5-2 victory to snap a six-game losing streak to the Owls and is 2-2 with a 3.66 ERA on the year.

GameTracker is available for all three games by logging onto HerdZone.com. Game one is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by a doubleheader beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Power Park.

Candy filled Easter eggs will be hidden throughout Power Park before the first game on Saturday.

There are six eggs that have a ticket for special prizes, including Marshall Baseball gear as well as gift certificates to Wendy's and Panera Bread.

Baseball bingo cards will be handed out at the door and fans can play along when Marshall is up to bat. First three winners get a prize from Little Caesars.



Victor Gomez looks to keep his bat hot as Marshall opens its Conference USA home schedule at Charleston Power Park.

Twins player calls for more netting after hitting mother with foul ball

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — With a flick of his bat, Denard Span sent a foul ball whistling into the stands next to the Minnesota Twins dugout, a common occurrence at ballparks across the country.

Then he heard his mother scream.

The line drive improbably struck Wanda Wilson, Span's mother who had only moments before arrived in her seat, frightening everyone involved and prompting Span to renew his call to extend the netting that protects fans from hard-hit foul balls.

"It's just a bad situation," Span said. "It's just surprising

that no one has gotten seriously hurt to this point. I definitely do think that they should have nets going further, you know, as far as the dugout."

The odds that a ball off Span's bat would hit his own mother are slim. The odds that any fan could be seriously injured are much greater.

Winthrop University professors Robert Gorman and David Weeks have gone back and documented 52 deaths from foul balls hit into the stands - from Little League to the majors - in the United States, continuing the research from their book "Death At The Ballpark."

"It's amazing to me that there aren't more, to be honest," Gorman said Thursday, a day after the Span accident.

At most major league parks the netting that protects fans from foul balls covers the backstop behind the catcher, but stops before each dugout.

It's that way at most of the smaller, cozier minor league facilities as well, where fans sit even closer to the action. Same thing in spring training, too.

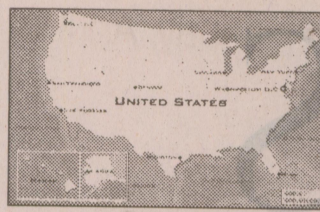
"It's kind of a dangerous spot," Yankees pitcher Phil Hughes said. "I think they should do the net all the way to the dugout because you can get those foul balls like that."

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"I'm going to have at least five pairs of running shoes."
John Conte, California resident, about setting out on a cross-country trek inspired by his West Point cadet son to raise money for an organization that supports wounded troops and their families

THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

The loud generation doesn't fill out surveys

Too many people aren't taking the Census seriously, but it affects us in many ways

Your Census package. Maybe it's in the mailbox. Maybe it's on the kitchen counter ready to be mailed. Maybe it's in the stack of junk mail or even in the trash.

We hear all the time that the Census is important, yet only 49 percent of Cabell County residents have returned their information, and only 48 percent

of West Virginia residents have completed the survey, according to the participation rates.

At the same time, our generation has a reputation for crying out to be heard. We are the generation staging war protests and campaigning for homosexual rights. We write announcements of

abuse on the sidewalks of our university and sponsor mission trips to Haiti. We are constantly striving to make an impact on the world.

But we can't take the time to fill out a piece of paper and stick it back in the mailbox.

Maybe it's because we don't know the kind of impact the Census can have.

First, the Census can tell us about the population of the state and the kind of people who are living here. Is the state really decreasing in population? How

much? Are college graduates moving out of state?

If the population is decreasing significantly, it could affect the number of electoral votes the state has. West Virginia has three Electoral College votes. If enough people don't respond to the Census, it will look like the state's population is less than it really is. We could have less of a say in elections if we don't take the Census seriously.

The Census will also affect how much money the federal government allots

to West Virginia for its needs. If more people don't return the Census information, it could mean less money for fixing roads, building better education programs, scholarships and financial assistance for those in need.

So what is a few minutes of our day to help complete the most important survey in the U.S.? This is the first time for many of us to fill out the information for ourselves, to be counted as adult citizens. Take a few minutes and make a difference.

STACI COX
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Be smart when eating out

Many of us eat out more times in one week than we should. When we eat greasy cheeseburgers, fatty tacos and salty french

fries, we're packing on the calories and cholesterol. High cholesterol can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

While eating out is never as healthful as cooking

at home, there are ways to cut back on the amount of fat you consume when you do splurge on fast-food.

Many restaurants have a nutrition guide that lists the nutritional value in each food item. Check the guide out before you order. Look for items that are low in sodium and saturated fat. Be careful — many items that we think are healthful are the worst ones on the menu. For example, salads can be very misleading. While the salad itself may be a good hearty lunch, the dressing that goes on the salad may be loaded with calories. Try a low-fat or fat-free dressing, or go with oil and vinegar.

When ordering fast food breakfast, avoid jumbo, greasy biscuits. Order a whole wheat bagel instead. If you must have a biscuit, order it without the cheese. Better yet, eat it plain. Also, try to avoid loading your waffles and pancakes with high-fructose syrup. Use a scarce amount or go for some diet syrup. For you meat lovers, try lean ham or turkey bacon.

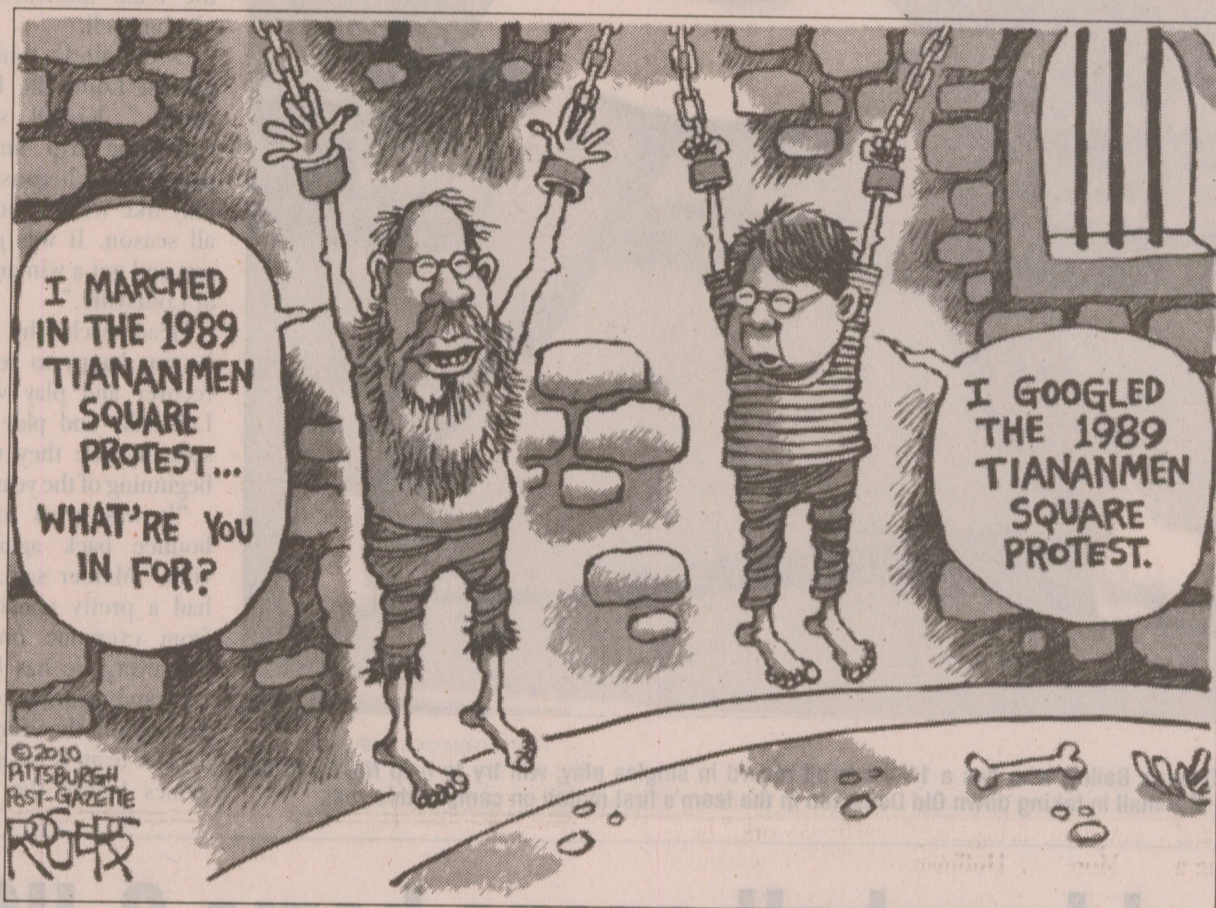
When ordering a burger, ask to leave off the cheese. Instead, load it with pickles, lettuce, tomato, ketchup and mustard. These items will leave off the fat and bring the flavor on. Instead of fries, order a baked potato without the butter. Try low-fat sour cream instead. If you do order fries, never, ever salt them. They are salted plenty enough already.

For dessert, try to say no to the delicious, ultimate fudge chocolate cake and ice cream. Frozen yogurt is just as tasty and refreshing, without all the calories and sugar. Many restaurants also offer fruit as a dessert, which may be high in sugar, but still includes the vitamins that you don't get from chocolate cake.

So don't feel bad the next time you drive in a fast-food parking lot — just make better choices once you get inside.

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MORGAN UNGER
INSPIRATION

Finding the good in Good Friday

Today is Good Friday. An ironic name, if you really think about it. Today is the day Christians recognize the arrest, trial, beating and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. I don't normally associate adjectives like "good" with a day like this. But if you look a little closer, the title actually makes a lot of sense.



Morgan Unger
COLUMNIST

According to the majority of mainstream Christian doctrine, Jesus was God in human flesh. He was sent to Earth as the ultimate, blameless and perfect sacrifice for sin to once and for all atone for all of creation.

The account of Jesus' death has few if any bright spots. He was betrayed by his closest friends, arrested for blasphemy, tried before the day's highest religious leaders, shipped off to Roman Gov. Pontius Pilate and actually found innocent before the mob insisted upon his crucifixion while a convicted murderer was freed instead. Next, Jesus is hatefully mocked, brutally tortured and beaten to a point beyond human recognition. Then, he is forced to carry a cross, which he actually has to pass off to a man named Simon, and is nailed to it through his hands and feet.

Jesus hung on the cross for about six hours, struggling along with the two thieves beside him to capture a precious breath. Jesus died, most likely of suffocation, at about three o'clock in the afternoon on a hill called Golgotha, meaning "The Place of the Skull."

This part of the story is quite heart wrenching, at least for me. There are no warm and fuzzies here. It is death. Raw and bleeding death.

But there is good news. Most of you know Jesus gets the last word. He rises from the dead three days later victorious over sin, death and Hell. That is why Good Friday is good. He took the punishment and death I and my own sin had earned, and then he turned around and promised me Heaven if only I decide to acknowledge his sacrifice and choose to live for him.

Thank you God.
 I encourage all of you this weekend to stop and notice the celebrations happening around you. It's not about Peeps and bunnies. It's a lot heavier than that. And accept it or not, an invitation is extended for your participation and reverence this Easter season. Please contact me if you'd like to know more information or if you have any questions.

God bless your Good Friday.
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What do you think about head basketball coach Donnie Jones leaving?

- He should stay.
- I'm glad he's going to UCF.
- It doesn't make a difference.



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- Travel.....31%
- Home-cooked food.....0%

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Campus religious groups come together for Jesus Week

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Baptist Campus Ministry is teaming up with other religious groups on campus next week to celebrate Jesus Week.
Kurt Gray, sophomore history major from Ravenswood, W. Va., is an active member in BCM and is helping plan Jesus Week.
"Jesus Week is just a bunch of different Christian events that are going on next week," Gray said.
Gray said usually the different Christian organizations on campus act separately, but they are coming together for Jesus Week.
"The two biggest reasons they're doing this is unity among Christian brothers and sisters and trying to reach the campus for Christ," he said.
He said he thinks it's more effective if it's one big body rather than a variety of separate organizations.
The first of the events put on by the religious groups on campus for Jesus Week is worship and prayer at the Campus Christian Center at 9 p.m. Monday.

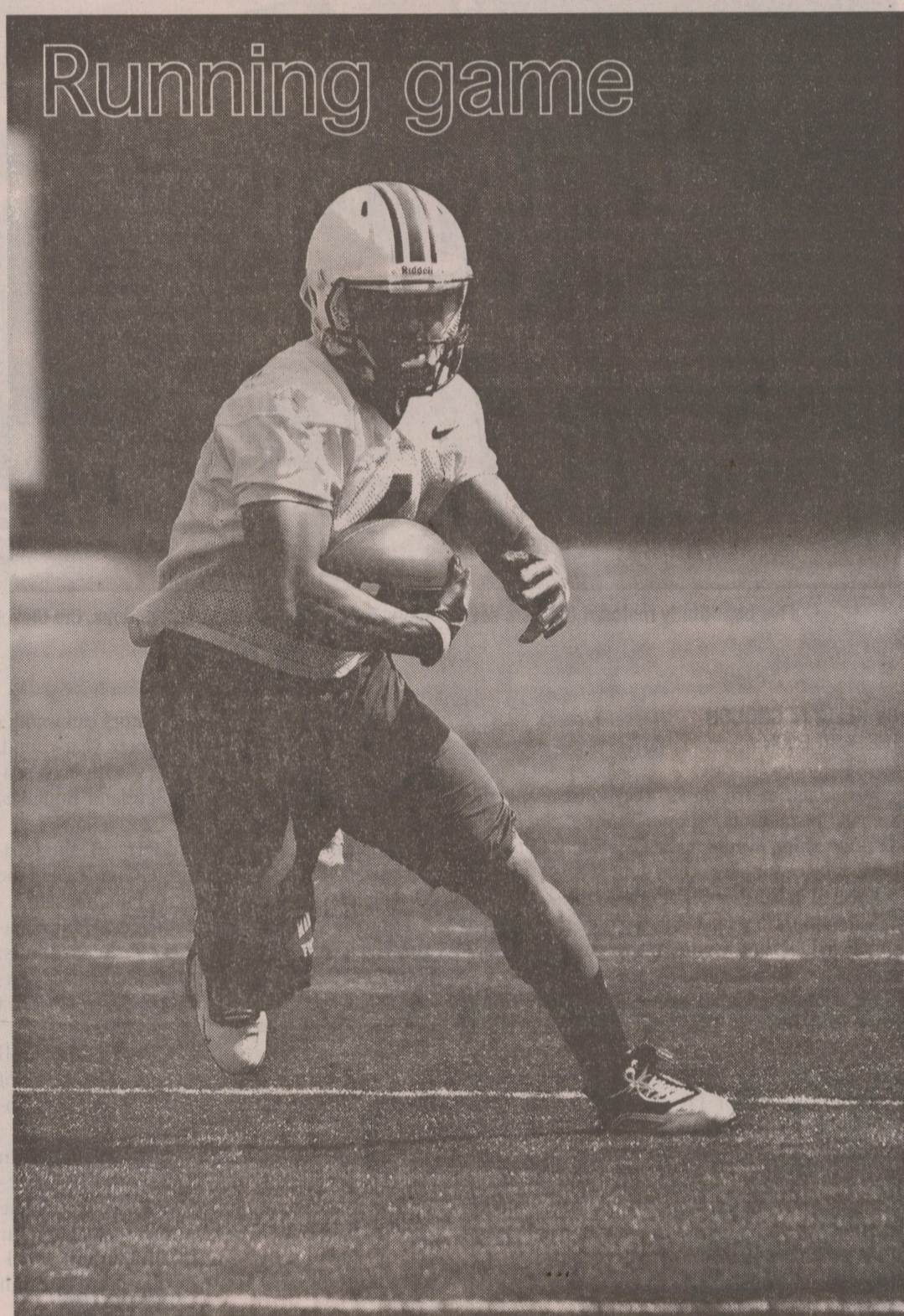
Presentations on missions trips that will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Campus Christian Center.
Gray said Wednesday is the second most important day of Jesus Week. All of the participating religious groups are going out around campus and talk to students about Christ at 7 p.m.
He said Thursday is the most important day. The groups will meet at 9 p.m. on Buskirk Field to listen to a sermon. All events are open to Marshall University students.
Gray said there will more fun activities going on throughout the week and will be announced at the different events of next week.
Marshall Community Fellowship works closely with BCM and a few other groups on campus and will be starting off Jesus Week on Sunday night with an Easter service at 4 p.m. in the basement of the Memorial Student Center, Gray said. Fliers with more information for the center can be found around campus and in the Memorial Student Center.
Gray was involved with BCM last year but this is his first active year. He attended Jesus Week last year, and he said it was not nearly as big as he predicts this year's will be.

Director of Baptist Campus Ministry Adam Goodwin said Jesus Week is organized by the students in the participating religious organizations. Baptist Campus Ministry, Marshall Revolution and Campus Crusade for Christ are the three main organizations that are in charge of Jesus Week.
Goodwin said a few other religious groups might be participating in Jesus Week, but they are still unsure at this point.
Goodwin used to be a student at Marshall, and he said Jesus Week has been put on every year for approximately 10 years. He attended Jesus Week while in school and most years it was not as big of an event as students at Marshall plan this year's will be.
"When I was a student here, we never had this kind of unity with the groups," he said.
He said when he was a student BCM was mainly in charge of Jesus Week and now it's more unified and each group has some input.
Students in the groups are more connected now, and it's more about Christ and his kingdom than the kingdoms of different groups on campus.
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EPA says new mining policy would protect water quality

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The Obama administration Thursday spelled out tighter water quality standards for surface coal mines in Appalachia in a move that could curtail mountaintop removal mining.
The policy will sharply reduce the practice of filling valleys with waste from mountaintop removal and other types of surface mining in a six-state region, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson said.
The policy meets with immediate opposition from operators who consider mountaintop mining too destructive and disappointment from mine operators who say the new approach will eliminate many valuable jobs.
The agency also released two reports discussing watershed damage in the region from surface mining. Burying streams with mine wastes increases salt levels in waterways downstream, hurting fish and other aquatic life, the EPA said. Jackson said the new policy should protect 95 percent of aquatic life.
"You're talking about either no or very few valley fills," Jackson said. "That's just the truth, that's the science of it."
The lone major permit approved by federal regulators since Jackson began cracking down on Appalachian surface mining a year ago includes no valley fills.
"These new guidelines will reduce the destruction caused by mountaintop removal, and communities will be able to focus on building a clean energy economy," Sierra State Executive Director Michael Brune said in a statement.
Virginia-based Massey Energy, one of the largest producers in the affected region, provided a chart showing San Pellegrino and Perrier mineral waters exceed the EPA standard, as did water from a pond at a southern West Virginia mine.

"We're deeply concerned by the impact this policy will have on employment and economic activity throughout the Appalachian region," National Mining Association spokesman Luke Popovich said.
The organization's figures show surface mines in the six states covered by the policy produced more than 150 million tons of coal and employed nearly 20,500 people in 2008. U.S. production totaled more than 1.17 billion that year.
"To painstakingly try to limit the impacts to one kind of mining operation, to a single industry and to future operations is frankly disingenuous," Popovich said.
The EPA's approach, saying the agency was changing the permitting process through a guidance document rather than regulations. "They put the standards they want on the mining industry without going through any legal framework," he said.
Moreover, Huffman said EPA's new standard is lower than what his agency had determined was protective of water quality and aquatic life.
"The geology and other characteristics of a stream impact, that causes not averse impact and doesn't," he said. "There is not a one-size fits all for dissolved solids. That's one of the concerns of the approach EPA is taking here."



Troy Evans, junior wide receiver from Oakland, Calif., runs the ball during Wednesday's spring practice. Evans is coming off a broken foot and looks to surmount the passing game in his second season with the Herd.

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Abortion doctor's killer gets forum, life sentence

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Defiant in court, a man who murdered one of the few U.S. doctors who performed late-term abortions used his sentencing hearing to do what the judge wouldn't let him do during his trial — justify his crime by describing abortion in gritty detail.
Scott Roeder was sentenced Thursday to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 50 years, the harshest sentence possible under Kansas law for gunning down Dr. George Tiller in the foyer of the Wichita physician's church last May.
"I stopped him so he could not dismember another innocent

baby," Roeder said. "Wichita is a far safer place for unborn babies without George Tiller."
Roeder, 52, also was sentenced to an additional year in prison on each of two counts of aggravated assault for threatening two church ushers as he fled. With time off for good behavior, Roeder won't be eligible for parole for 51 years and eight months.
An attorney for Tiller, speaking in court as a friend of the slain doctor, said the toughest sentence would discourage other anti-abortion zealots from attacking doctors. Tiller's widow, Jeanne, cried as the sentence for murder was announced.

Man pleads guilty in social worker's death

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — A Cabell County man has pleaded guilty to kidnapping and killing a social worker.
Stephen Foster Jr. also pleaded guilty Thursday to hiding the victim's body. He pleaded no contest to sexual assault and arson.
Cabell County Circuit Court Judge Dan O'Hanlon sentenced Foster to consecutive life terms for first-degree murder and kidnapping. The 24-year-old Foster won't be eligible for parole for at least 40 years.
Prosecutors say Foster and co-defendant Rosemary Forney killed Brenda Yeager of Hamlin during a home visit she made to their residence in July 2008.
Forney pleaded guilty in February and is serving two consecutive life sentences.
Foster's father will stand trial April 14 on charges of helping to dispose of Yeager's body and car.

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BY KELLY N. CROUCH
THE PARTHENON

Museums, metro parks, playhouses, sporting arenas, restaurants, shops, unique places and distinguishing events make Cleveland, Ohio, the perfect place for a weekend getaway.

Located in Northeastern Ohio on the south shore of Lake Erie, Cleveland is in the highest populated county in Ohio and features numerous activities and events for residents and tourists alike.

Cleveland's metro parks encircle the city in what is known as the "emerald necklace". It represents how forests and woodlands surround Cleveland, said Samantha Fryberger, director of communications for Positively Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau.

These parks provide an abundance of outdoor activities, such as wildlife centers, nature exhibits, trails for walking and biking, sporting sections, shelters, creeks and lakes, rock formations and majestic forests, Fryberger said.

Cleveland Botanical Garden is located in the

heart of the cultural district. Visitors can wander around the 10-acre visitors center year-round. The center offers something new with each season, said Yvonne Fletcher, Cleveland Botanical Garden employee.

Among the 10 gardens and terraces, the Japanese Garden, Hershey Children's Garden and the Woodland Garden are favorites, Fletcher said.

There is also the 18,000 square-foot Eleanor Armstrong Glasshouse on the grounds, featuring the Spiny Desert of Madagascar exhibit and the Lush Rainforest of Costa Rica exhibit, Fletcher said.

"The conservatory offers approximately 360 species of plants and more than 50 species of insects, birds, reptiles, butterflies and amphibians," Fletcher said.

If touring several different destinations in the same day, Lolly the Trolley tour in Cleveland is a great way to get around town. The City Sightseeing Tour is the most popular among patrons and guests and offers a 20-mile, fully-guided trolley excursion through

distinct communities of the area, such as The Flats, Downtown Cleveland, the Warehouse District and Ohio City. These neighborhoods are known for the arts, shopping and nightlife, said Heath Millander, Lolly the Trolley employee.

Lolly the Trolley also makes stops by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, The PlayhouseSquare, The West Side Market and several other destinations, Millander said.

"The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum features a 150,000 square-foot museum filled with five film theaters and seven floors of ever-changing exhibits, programs, stories, inductees and demonstrations," said Tucker Booth, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum guide.

The PlayhouseSquare is a performing arts center that boasts the title of second-largest theater complex in the U.S., said Mark Helm, PlayhouseSquare marketing manager.

The not-for-profit center hosts a wide variety of performing arts and "invests in the advancement of arts in the community," Helm said.

"The West Side Market is a beautiful, old,

colorful, publically-owned indoor/outdoor market filled with fresh produce, baked goods, dairy, meats, seafood and such," Fryberger said. Originally built in 1840, the market is on the National Register of Historic Places in Cleveland and features over 140 vendors serving different cultural delicacies.

Pleasing the palate in Cleveland is not difficult. "Whatever the craving, Cleveland has at least one restaurant that will fulfill the hunger. The culinary scene of Cleveland features distinguished chefs, restaurateurs, many different places and an iconic market," Fryberger said.

"Sports in Cleveland is absolutely huge," Fryberger said. "The Cleveland Cavaliers are on their way to an NBA title, and fans could not be more excited."

Progressive Field is a wonderful place for family and friends to enjoy rooting for the home team. There are 81 games at Progressive Field this year Fryberger said.

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