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Bridge Day brings excitement

Hundreds of BASE jumpers gather at the New River Gorge Bridge for Bridge Day **Life, Page 6**

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Washout: UCF takes sixth consecutive win over Marshall

Knights dominate running game, hold Thundering Herd to 37 rushing yards

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD
THE PARTHENON

The slogan "100 percent chance of thunder" is commonly associated with Marshall University athletics, but it was UCF that provided the spark Wednesday night at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

A 68-minute lightning delay with 6:06 remaining in the second quarter interrupted play, but the UCF Knights did not slow down after play resumed, leaving Huntington with a 35-14 win in the Herd's second Conference USA game. With the win, UCF (3-2, 1-0 C-USA) extends its conference winning streak to eight games. The Knights have also won the last six meetings over Marshall (1-5, 0-2 C-USA).

The first sight of lightning not only sent both teams to the locker rooms, but killed the energy the Herd had exhibited thus far in the first half.

"We've got to come out responding," Marshall head football coach Doc Holliday said. "I thought we had some momentum going, the crowd was into it and all of sudden, bang, we're in the locker room for an hour. There's no excuses because George and his team were sitting over there for an hour, too."

The Herd outperformed UCF

in the air with 226 passing yards compared to 138, but UCF dominated in other significant categories. UCF led on the ground with 248 yards in 53 carries. The Knights also lived up to their caliber of conference-best defense, holding Marshall to 37 rushing yards in 20 carries.

"They've got four or five guys up front that look like twins," Holliday said. "They put great pressure on you. They don't blitz a lot because they don't have to."

UCF's defensive effort was nothing short of what the Herd athletes expected.

"Coming into this game, we knew it was going to be physical," said junior defensive end Vinny Curry. "You had to man up. We knew what we were getting into. We didn't execute."

Offensively, the Knights delivered with twice as much possession time as Marshall (40:09 to 19:51). Running back Ronnie Weaver led UCF with the night of his career, accumulating 150 rushing yards in 30 carries. Sophomore wide receiver Aaron Dobson led the Herd in receiving with 119 yards in five catches and sophomore running back Martin Ward led in rushing with 38 yards in 11 carries.

The Knights scored the first two touchdowns of the evening. Both were rushing attempts by quarterbacks Rob Calabrese and Jeff Godfrey, respectively. Calabrese made his way to the bench to ice his knee after his scoring drive and did not return to the game.

The Herd showed some signs of life early in the third quarter when freshman quarterback Eddie Sullivan entered the game. Sullivan's first pass of the night was a completion to Dobson, who ran for an 86-yard touchdown to make the contest 28-14. Sullivan returned to the game with less than four minutes of regulation.

"I didn't know (the first pass would be a completion)," Sullivan said. "I basically just threw the play out. He (Dobson) made a good move there on the sidelines and just took off."

Senior quarterback Brian Anderson completed half of his passing attempts for the night (15 of 30) for 129 yards, throwing one interception in the third quarter. Godfrey, who rushed for two of UCF's five touchdowns, completed 11 of 21 attempts for 138 yards.

The Knights scored three times in the second half and finalized the score at 35-14 with

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UCF freshman quarterback Jeff Godfrey dives into the endzone for a touchdown. Godfrey scored two of UCF's five touchdowns.

Thundering Herd volleyball looks to regroup in weekend matches

BY JUSTIN PRINCE
THE PARTHENON

Throughout a season, in every sport a test arises that challenges athletes to push beyond their known boundaries. This weekend is such a test for the Marshall volleyball team.

The Herd is coming off a disappointing trip to the University of Texas in El Paso, where they dropped both matches against the Miners. They will return to the Cam Henderson Center to face Conference USA's top two teams.

Friday, the Herd will take on the Golden Hurricane of the University of Tulsa and

will get a day of rest before a battle with Southern Methodist on Sunday. Mitch Jacobs, the head Marshall volleyball coach, described the weekend as a tough test, but a great opportunity for his young team.

"It's not going to be easy," Jacobs said. "These are two great teams, but we are going to be ready. It's an opportunity to play against the best, and if you're a college athlete, you've got to love weekends like this. They're why you play the game."

The Herd will prepare to face two foes with two different styles of play.

"Both these teams are outstanding," Jacobs said. "Tulsa is the leader in every offensive category, and SMU is the leader in every defensive category."

The Hurricanes, who are undefeated in conference play, will come into the match averaging better than 15 kills per set and an attack percentage close to .300. The Mustangs will come into the game with only one loss in conference play. They average better than 17 digs and almost three blocks per set.

Marshall must figure out how to slow down the Tulsa attack while finding holes in

the SMU defense, a task that won't be easy. The Herd freshman middle blocker, Sacha Byous-McConnell, has confidence that her team will do just that.

"I have faith in my teammates," Byous-McConnell said. "If we come together and start to play as a team, we'll be alright. These are two great teams, but if we can learn how to play with more urgency, I think we can hold our own."

Jacobs said he felt his team lacked a sense of urgency.

"We can't wait till we are down a set to start playing," Jacobs said. "You saw it in the UAB game. We were able to

come back and win that match, but that first set we weren't in it, and it certainly hurt us out at UTEP."

The Thundering Herd squad includes 11 freshmen who are being asked to grow up quickly.

"We're young, but these girls are learning what college volleyball is about," Jacobs said. "They are starting to see what it takes to play this game night in and night out. This is what it's about, if you can't get ready to play this weekend, then you probably don't have what it takes to play Marshall volleyball."

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Friday | Huntington

Women's Volleyball vs. Tulsa
Friday | Huntington

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Friday | Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center

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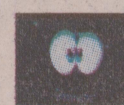
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Program allows students to mentor

BY KELSEY DUTTINE
THE PARTHENON

Volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State participated in a recruitment drive on Tuesday at the Memorial Student Center to encourage Marshall students to become mentors.

"Our goal is to get big brothers and big sisters," said RaShawna Smalley, Big Brothers Big Sisters program coordinator. "We always have a waiting list of kids who need bigs. That's why we're here."

Smalley said the term "big," refers to the person who will mentor the "little," the child who needs a positive influence in his or her life.

"Our kids come from primarily single-parent homes," Smalley said. "Some children live with both parents, who are maybe unstable. To put that positive influence in their life makes a huge difference."

There are two different ways for student to get involved, Smalley said. First, students can be involved in a school-based program, where the student meets with their little for an hour per week to work on school work and play games. Students can also get involved in a community-based program, which allows them to take the child to community activities.

Katlin Chmielewski, senior elementary education major from Ann Arbor Mich., said she has spent the past year being a big sister and has noticed a positive difference in her little.

"When we first met, she was very quiet, very reserved

and she always wanted me to decide what we were going to do," Chmielewski said. "Now she's like 'Come on. We're going here.' We have a great time together."

Chmielewski said it makes her happy to spend time with her little sister for an hour once every week in the school-based program.

"We go in and do some of her school work, or we go outside and play Four Square," Chmielewski said. "There are tons of different things you can do. The kids are so creative, and they are always willing to do something new."

Smalley said the children are not the only ones who benefit because of involvement with the program, and most mentors have a positive experience because they are giving back to the community.

"Sometimes I think big brothers and big sisters come into this program thinking that they want to help a child and change a child's life, and in return, they don't realize it, but their lives are changed," Smalley said.

Smalley said the organization checks the background and references of all potential volunteers, and students interested in volunteering can go to www.bbbstristate.org for more information.

"There are so many kids I see that we do programs with at the school that are just dying to have a big brother or big sister," Chmielewski said. "I wish I could have all of them and take them all in with me and do things with them, but I can't take them all. I can only have one."

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KELSEY DUTTINE | THE PARTHENON

Ryan Tillman, junior criminal justice major from Centerville, Va., and Corey Williamson have been paired up in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program since February 2009.

Rescue efforts free trapped miners in Chile



JOSE MANUEL DE LA MAZA VIA ABACA PRESS | MCT

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera and Bolivian President Evo Morales congratulate a miner after the rescue operation at the San Jose mine, near Copiapo, Chile on Wednesday.

By Chris Kraul
LOS ANGELES TIMES
(MCT)

COPIAPO, Chile—The dramatic and emotional rescue of miners trapped almost a half-mile below ground ended Wednesday night with Luis Urzua, 54, ascending to the surface in the now-battered Fenix capsule that had pulled 32 of his colleagues to freedom before him.

Urzua, a foreman in the mine, had reportedly assumed the mantle of leadership from the beginning of what became a 69-day ordeal when the desert mine collapsed, sealing the men in a humid underground chamber. He was the last miner to leave the chamber, to be followed by five rescue workers who descended Tuesday to assist in the operation.

The rescue work had adopted a mesmerizing, rhythmic routine, the thin capsule shimmying down and up the narrow shaft that had been drilled to reach the chamber. Each appearance at the surface delivered a newly rescued miner into the arms of overjoyed family members, reunions that were still moving with every repetition.

The miners are all reported to be in good physical condition, though one was being treated for pneumonia.

"We have lived a magical night, a night we will remember throughout our lives, a night in which life defeated death," declared Chilean President Sebastian Pinera, who welcomed the miners as they emerged from the rescue pod one at a time.

The pace quickened throughout the day, each miner's appearance unleashing a new wave of raw emotion. But what only hours earlier seemed magical, also became routine. One after another, average men united in an incredible tale of survival and distinguished by each one's unique skills and story, returned.

The 55-year-old miner who led a prayer group followed the 26-year-old former security guard who helped manage packages sent down to the miners. The one who while trapped asked his wife of 25 years to renew their wedding vows was followed by the one who

went underground to pay for his son's medical school. The miner colleagues referred to as "Dr. House" after the TV character preceded the one who monitored gas levels in the pit and sent readings to the surface.

Officials said initial indications were that the men were in remarkably good health. Speaking to reporters Wednesday afternoon, Health Minister Jaime Manalich said that only one of the 17 miners who had reached the Copiapo Regional Hospital by that point showed any symptoms of a serious illness. That miner, who was not identified, was suffering from pneumonia, a condition that had been diagnosed remotely while he was still underground.

Doctors were prepared, and had already begun to treat him, Manalich said. Otherwise, the miners' health so far was "more than satisfactory," Manalich said, adding that the first ones to be rescued would probably be discharged from the hospital starting Thursday afternoon. Ophthalmologist Luis Salinas said that initial examinations showed no apparent eye damage from weeks of no sunlight, contrary to the fears of medical experts.

Manalich said that as the rescue operations continued, the miners in the clinic were "extremely worried about the rescue" of those still waiting.

"Because of the excitement, all are anxious, they haven't slept and say they won't be calm until all of the rest have been rescued," Manalich said.

The entire country, and millions of people watching worldwide on television, shared the excitement. Pinera took congratulatory calls from other heads of state.

President Barack Obama said the rescue "is a tribute not only to the determination of the rescue workers and the Chilean government, but also the unity and resolve of the Chilean people, who have inspired the world." Obama also singled out the Americans who manufactured and operated the drill that reached the miners, and the NASA team that helped design the

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Juan Illanes, the 3rd miner to be rescued, is welcomed with cheers, led by Chilean President Sebastian Pinera, right, after his rescue from the San Jose mine, near Copiapo, Chile on Wednesday.



JOSE MANUEL DE LA MAZA | MCT | ABACA PRESS

The first miner Florencio Avalos (left), one of the 33 trapped miners, hugs his wife and son after his rescue from the San Jose mine.



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The capsule carries Manuel Gonzalez, a rescue specialist, into the San Jose mine to aid in the rescue of the 33 miners trapped in the mine for 70 days.

Honor student seminar combines two subjects to create innovation

BY LIBBY CLARK
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University has provided a new seminar this semester for honors students that integrate two subjects.

Judy Silver, Marshall University mathematics professor, is teaching a mathematics and art honors seminar that shows how mathematics is a part of visual art.

"Art is actually the beginning of a lot of things that are done in math, like projective geometry," Silver said.

The course is an integration of both mathematics and art. It teaches students how mathematics is a part of art through things like perspectives, fractals and symmetry.

"I've always enjoyed math and art, so the opportunity for them to be integrated was very tempting, although I didn't know how it was going to turn out," said Amy Moses, junior business major from Parkersburg, W.Va. "Maybe many people don't see the relationship between math and art, however, it deals a lot with geometry and perspective."

This is a hands-on class, with students using programs like Microsoft Excel, help them use mathematics to build pictures. Students also work with other types of computer programs.

"We've learned how to locate exact viewing distances," Moses said. "You can look at a picture that is done in two

dimensions, and if you get the right eye level, the right distance and exactly in the right point in front of the picture or photograph, it looks like it is three dimensional," Moses said.

Silver said the students took a trip to the Huntington Art Museum, where they were able to look at the pieces of art to examine the lines, perspectives and figure out where the artist might have been standing when painting the picture.

She said she will teach the seminar again in the spring with Jonathan Cox, Marshall University art professor and sculptor. Together they will work on projects with students that will incorporate both the mathematics and art perspectives. Students in the class will also do some studio art and possibly work on a project with Cox.

Silver said she hopes to take the students to South Dakota on a field trip next spring to see an artist who paints on a sphere.

"The artist that paints on a sphere says that things are more realistic on a sphere because your eye is a sphere, and when you look at something, you're looking out from the inside of a sphere," Silver said.

Students must be in the honors college and have prerequisites in math courses to be eligible for this seminar.

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MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Judy Silver, professor of mathematics, teaches students how to combine mathematics and art. Silver uses a hands-on teaching technique to give students an idea of how mathematics is involved with visual art.

First Lady hits trail to help vulnerable Democrats

BY STEVEN THOMMA
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

MILWAUKEE — As polls show her among the most popular political figures in the land, Michelle Obama returned to the campaign trail Wednesday for the first time since her husband's successful 2008 bid for the presidency.

"Now to tell you the truth, this thing here, I don't do this very often," the first lady said to laughs as she opened a campaign swing to help embattled Democrats, starting with Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who's fighting for a fourth term and is behind in the polls.

"In fact, I haven't really been on the trail since a little campaign you might remember a couple of years ago, this cute, tall, skinny guy," she said, reading from a teleprompter.

The White House hopes that Michelle Obama can help reignite some of the passion from that 2008 campaign in time to get more Democrats and left-leaning independents to vote in Senate races that the party is in very real danger of losing.

After speaking at a fund-raising lunch for Feingold, she headed to Illinois to help Alexi Giannoulias, the Democrat running for the Senate seat once held by her husband. Next, she planned to travel to Colorado to campaign for incumbent Sen. Michael Bennet. The first lady is scheduled to meet up with her husband Sunday in Ohio.

In Wisconsin, she lauded Feingold for supporting the health care overhaul signed into law by her husband, and also for sometimes disagreeing with the president. Feingold, a liberal with a maverick streak, relishes his role as an independent.

"When my husband was here in Wisconsin a couple of weeks ago, he talked about how independent and outspoken Russ is, and how Russ doesn't always agree with him," she said. "So Russ, that's something that you and I have in common."

"This is exactly what we need," Feingold said at the start of the lunch, which drew about 400 people who paid \$250 to \$500 each to attend. "The race that I'm in remains close. We have the

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GARY PORTER | MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL | MCT

First lady Michelle Obama greets supporters as she campaigned for Senator Russ Feingold (D-Wis.) at the U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee, Wisc., Wednesday.

Sustainability department helps tailgaters recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans on game day

BY PATRICK MILLER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University sustainability department conducted a recycling program at the football tailgate Wednesday to collect aluminum and plastic from the football fans.

Volunteers canvassed the parking lots, handing out green bags to fill with plastic bottles and aluminum cans. They also handed out trash bags so extra garbage would not be left on the ground.

The program, which is in its third year, was able to surpass last year's total aluminum collected at the Marshall vs. West Virginia University football game alone. They collected 176 pounds

of aluminum, when 174 were collected over the course of six home games last year, according to the Marshall sustainability department. The Ohio game resulted in the collection of 57 pounds of aluminum, more than any single game last year.

"The tailgaters are so excited when they see the students come around with the bags," said Margie Phillips, Marshall sustainability department manager. "What is being recycled is not ending up in a landfill, and that is significant."

Phillips said after the game, the cans are taken to Goodwill, where they are sorted and recycled. Goodwill keeps the proceeds from the recycling.

John Chirico, an English graduate student, said he was on the campus

Beautification Board as an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee and volunteered because he wanted to help out the community he grew up in.

"Huntington could be a prettier place," Chirico said. "Recycling helps us sustain our world, because our resources are getting dried up, and we need to keep this beautiful world a beautiful place," Chirico said.

According to a Green Eco Services article, there are more than 1,000 illegal dumping sites in West Virginia, and the West Virginia Adopt-a-Highway volunteers pick up 4.5 million pounds of litter off the highway each year.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services lists the landfills as a threat to groundwater,


which is the exclusive source of water in most rural areas. The landfills, when poorly managed, allow liquids to seep through the ground and into the water supply, and as little as one gallon of oil can contaminate a million gallons of water, according to the DHHS.

Phillips was optimistic about the program's recent success and hopes to see it grow at this rate for several years to come.

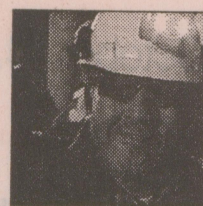
"We have to give a lot of thank yous to those who come out and help," Phillips said. "We have new people show up every game, and the help of the MU grounds and custodial department really make this happen."

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OPINION

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"We had strength, we had spirit..."
we wanted to fight for our families, and that was the greatest thing."
Luis Urzua, after being the last of 33 Chilean miners to be rescued after more than two months trapped in a mine

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Take a leap of faith, head to Bridge Day

Bridge Day offers unique entertainment, thrill surrounded by beautiful fall scenery

This weekend in Fayetteville, W. Va., hundreds are expected to jump off a bridge nearly 900 feet above a river.

If this sounds like too extreme of a difference from your usual fall weekend plans of visiting the local watering hole of your choice and camping out in front of the

television to watch your favorite football team, you should reconsider.

Reaching the middle of October can only mean one thing: Bridge Day 2010 is upon us.

This year marks the 31st anniversary of the event. BASE jumpers, equipped with

parachutes, take a leap of faith as they plunge toward the New River far below.

More than 80,000 people are expected to attend Bridge Day 2010, a vast majority of whom will be spectators not actually participating in the jumps. Vendors will also be set up, giving the day a carnival feel.

One of the most exciting aspects for those attending,

however, is the bridge is closed to traffic, allowing pedestrians to watch the jumps from the bridge itself. Afraid of heights? You can still get an excellent view of the jumps from the ground.

If the thrill and entertainment of Bridge Day isn't enough, there is another great perk. Autumn is in its peak as far as scenery goes. The opportunity to see our beautiful West Virginia mountains

colored by fall is worth the two-hour drive to Fayetteville, W. Va.

After a rough week of midterms, spending the day surrounded by nature while watching thrill seekers jump is a great way to escape for the day.

So grab your friends and head down south this weekend. Get a first-hand experience of the thrill that attracts so many to West Virginia each year.

WHITNEY BURDETTE
HEALTHY HERD

Fight back against domestic violence

Domestic violence is a very sensitive subject, especially among women. However, it is not a topic that should be avoided completely. Tragically, many women in West Virginia fall victim to domestic violence by their husbands, boyfriends or fathers.

Nearly 4.8 million assaults are committed against women each year, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. In 2006, nearly 233,000 women were raped or sexually assaulted, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey. This includes crimes not reported to police.

Unfortunately, women ages 20-24 and minorities are disproportionately more likely to be victim of domestic violence.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but frankly, we should always be aware of domestic violence. This crime is not only physical, but also mental and emotional. Bruises aren't the only indication that something is wrong.

Women are traditionally the weaker sex. Guys think they can bully us and use force to get what they want — whether it is sex or something else. It is hard to fight this mentality, but it's important for women to empower themselves. Marshall University has a great class called Rape Aggression Defense, or RAD, available to all female students and employees. Trained law enforcement professionals show women how to defend themselves if they are attacked. They also teach the confidence women need to ensure they aren't targets for an assault.

Abuse usually starts in the mind, so it's important for women to know the warning signs before they become a victim. The Marshall Women's Center, located in Prichard Hall, is a great place to go for counseling and information. They also offer resources on their website www.marshall.edu/wcenter.

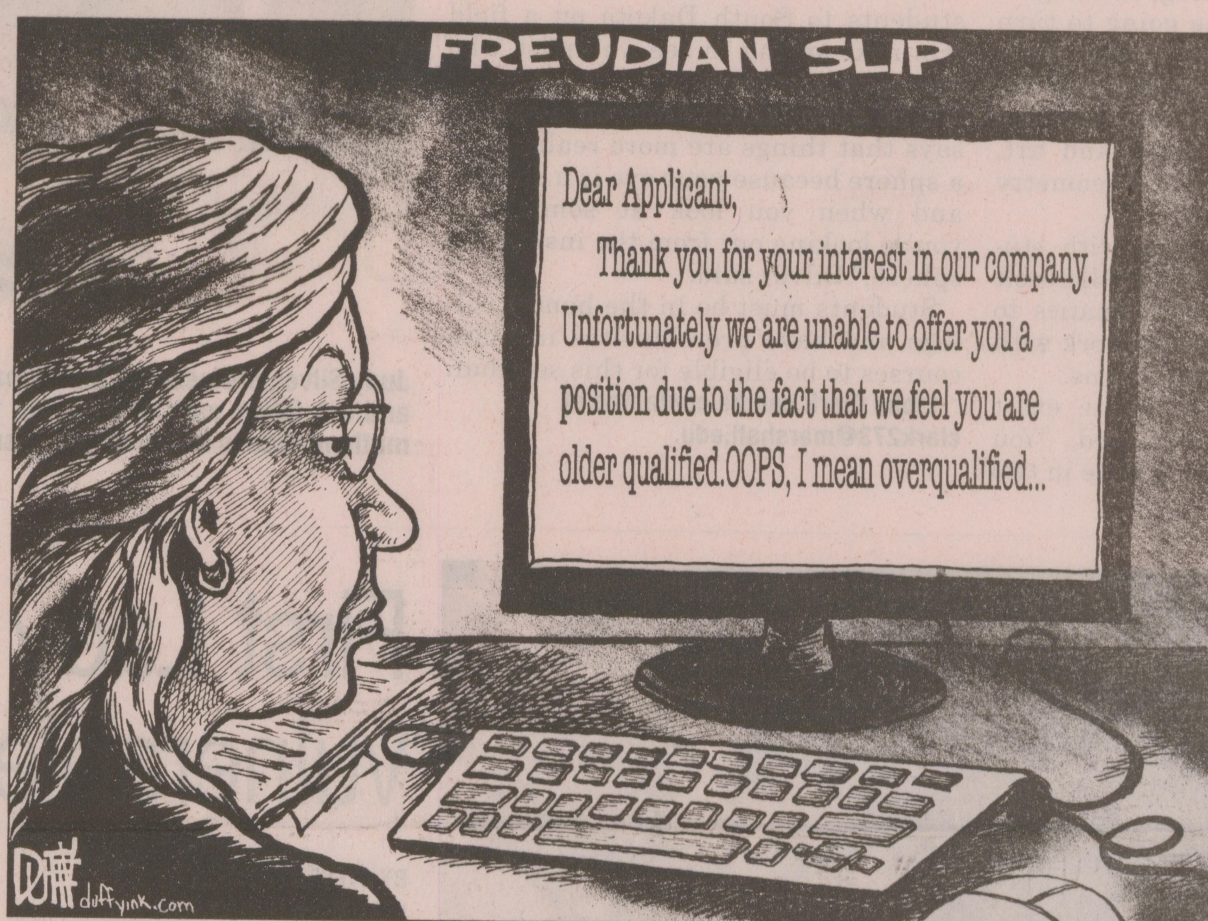
If you are in an abusive relationship, get out now. If he hits you, he does not love you. If he forces you into sex, show him the door. If you find yourself sad or angry after being with your boyfriend, chances are the relationship is toxic.

If you have a friend who you suspect is in an abusive relationship, be a good friend and get that girl some help. There are several resources both on and off campus that can help you end an abusive relationship. The resources are there, you just have to seek them.

To men: Treat your girlfriend like the queen she is. She is not a sex object, and she does not have to do anything she doesn't want to do. If you love her, respect her. But never, ever hit her.

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Online poll

Can the Herd pick up a second win against UCF?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Is it basketball season yet?

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RESULTS

Are you ready for midterms?

- ☐ Yes.....28%
- ☐ No32%
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seven yard touchdown by halfback Latavius Murray with 3:41 remaining in regulation.

Until looking at film from the game, it is too soon for Holliday to tell if any quarterback rotation will take place for the Herd's next game against East Carolina. Injured redshirt freshman A.J. Graham's status is still questionable.

"Brian with the exception of the interception, which we can't have played pretty well in the first half," Holliday said. "Eddie came in and did some good things. We've just

got to continue to play both of them I don't have any idea where A.J. is as far as where he's going to be. He's still in the boot. I know it's extremely swollen."

Penalties — particularly personal fouls — were a one-sided statistic in the contest. Marshall was flagged four times for 55 yards while the Knights played an almost clean game, receiving one penalty for two yards.

With a contest at East Carolina, nine days away, the necessary improvements remain the same for the 1-5 Herd: establish and execute a running game.

"We haven't done that all year,"

Holliday said. "I keep repeating myself — when we become one-dimensional, we struggle. We've got to continue to work to try to find a way to run the football."

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Notes:

• Junior punter Kase Whitehead had a career long 62-yard punt late in the first quarter.

• Several former Marshall coaches were honored on the field before the start of the second quarter, among them Bob Pruett, Dot Hicks and Red Dawson.

• The official attendance was 23,601 before the lightning delay.

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momentum. We are moving in the right direction."

Feingold trails Republican Ron Johnson by 7.3 percentage points, according to an averaging of recent polls by RealClearPolitics.com.

Polls consistently show Michelle Obama at or near the top of the list of most popular political figures in the country — more popular than her husband, and considerably more popular than any national Republican figure such as Sarah Palin.

A recent Bloomberg poll found Secretary of State Hillary Clinton the most personally popular political figure in the country, with 64 percent of likely 2010 voters saying they have a favorable impression of her. Michelle Obama was a close second, with 62 percent holding a favorable opinion and 25 percent with an unfavorable opinion.

Her popularity isn't surprising, given how she's shied away from partisan politics since moving into the White House to focus instead on such non-controversial issues as fighting child obesity or helping the families of military veterans.

"She is an invaluable asset to this White House," said White House press secretary Robert Gibbs.

Asked whether she might sacrifice some of her popularity by campaigning, Gibbs said that she'd stick to praising Democrats and avoid partisan criticism of Republicans.

"You'll see her make a very positive case for these candidates, not get involved in the back-and-forth of normal political campaigns," he said.

Wisconsin Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus said her visit undercuts Feingold's claim to be an anti-Washington maverick.

"For a guy trying to run on his independence, Russ Feingold sure is getting a lot of help from the Washington establishment," Priebus said.

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KATZENJAMMER KIDS

BY HY EISMAN



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rescue capsule.

Alicia Campos, whose 27-year old son Daniel Herrera Campos was pulled up 16th early Wednesday afternoon, said the first order of business after seeing her son was to take him home to southern Chile and host a Mass of thanksgiving. Before leaving to greet her son, Campos likened the rescue to a "Cesarean section done on Mother Earth."

"Daniel will truly be born again. But before I hug him and tell him how much I love him, I will thank God for allowing it to happen," Campos said.

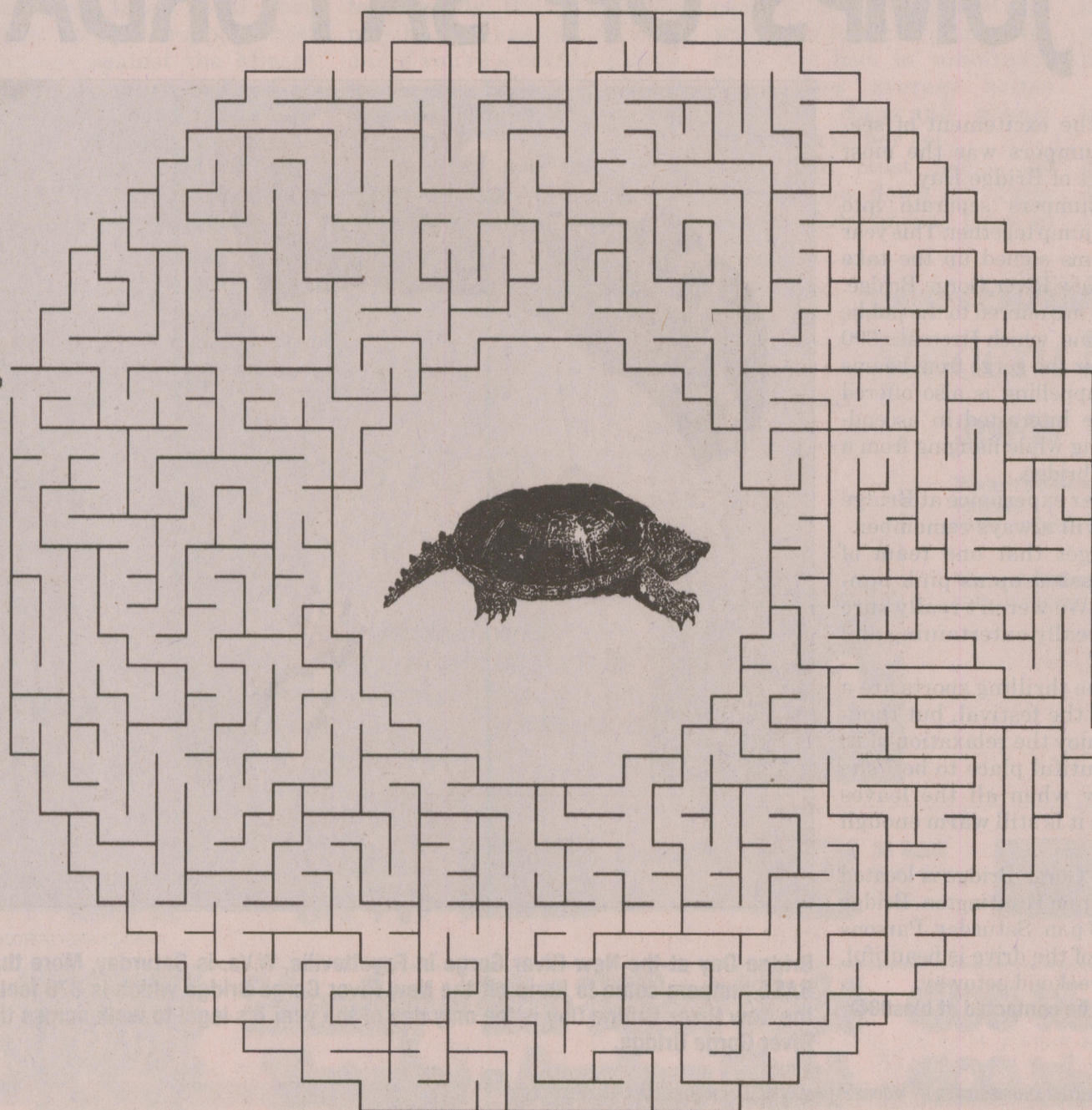
Later, TV coverage of her son's rescue showed their tearful reunion. Kraul is a special correspondent.

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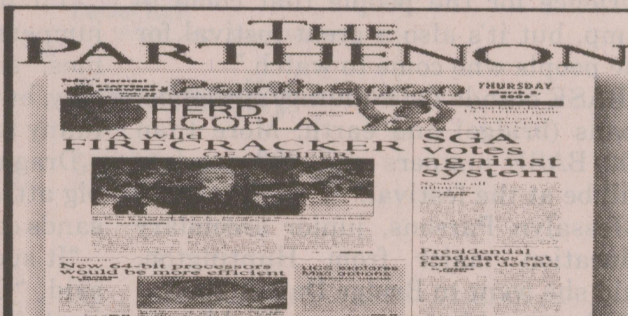


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Pablo Ziegler Trio brings the sound of Argentina to Huntington



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Claudio Ragazzi, Pablo Ziegler and Hector del Curto of the Latin Grammy award winning Pablo Ziegler Trio will perform Friday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The trio will perform nuevo tango music originating from Argentina.

BY ERIN HILL
THE PARTHENON

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Marshall Artists Series will present Pablo Ziegler Trio at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Pablo Ziegler said the trio plays a blend of music from Argentina called nuevo tango. He plays the piano, Claudio Ragazzi plays the guitar and Hector del Curto plays the bandoneon.

"The mix of music that we play is a mixing of tango, classical and jazz," Zeigler said.

Astor Piazzola introduced the nuevo tango form. The trio's music reflects Piazzola's style, but Ziegler adds his own elements to the performance.

"The kind of music Astor Piazzola composed is a change from traditional tango music," Zeigler said. "It's more of a concert music, and I just add my own music with it as well."

The older, more traditional tango music is

remembered as Hollywood portrays it in movies like "Scent of a Woman," starring Al Pacino. Nuevo tango is closer to the younger generation, Ziegler said.

"The kind of music we play draws in a younger crowd," he said. "You could say it's the rock-n-roll of tango."

Ziegler said he composes and arranges his own music. Angela Jones, marketing and external director for the Marshall Artists Series, said this performance is a different kind of music people may have heard before, but might not be familiar with.

"People are still utilizing this style of music today," Jones said. "For instance, on Monday's 'Dancing with the Stars,' they danced to Argentina tango music."

She said the bandoneon is a unique instrument of tango, and most people have never seen it. The trio live will make for a unique and interesting performance, Jones said.

"Seeing musicians play live is always eye opening and interesting, especially with unique instruments," Jones said.

Lauren Herman, senior fashion merchandising major from Huntington, said this performance is a good opportunity for students and community members to learn about music they are not familiar with.

"A concert like this can help students appreciate different genres of music, other than what they have on their iPod or hear on the radio," Herman said.

To learn more about nuevo tango music, people can attend a discussion about the evolution of tango and nuevo tango one hour before the show, which will be presented by Oscar Ballester, an internal medicine professor. Ballester is a native of Argentina.

The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets are free to full-time students and half price to part-time students, faculty and staff. Tickets for the public are \$25 to \$35 and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com or by calling 304-696-6656. Tickets are also available at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts box office.

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BRIDGE DAY JUMPS OFF SATURDAY

BY ASHTON BIAS
THE PARTHENON

Bridge Day will return to the New River Gorge in Fayetteville, W.Va., Saturday.

The festival offers extreme thrill seekers, a chance to jump off the New River Gorge Bridge with a parachute.

Cindy Dragan, Bridge Day chairwoman, said this is the only day of the year when it is legal to walk across the New River Gorge Bridge.

"It's the best opportunity of the year to see a beautiful view of the New River," Dragan said. "It's a great experience for the people that come to jump, but it's also a great festival for the people who come to watch."

BASE stands for building, antennae, spans (bridge) and earth. More than 400 BASE jumpers and 200 vendors will be at the festival.

Jessalyn Parsons, junior secondary education major from Huntington, said she went to Bridge Day in 2008.

"It's something everyone should go to at least once," she said. "It was exciting to see all of the crazy outdoors people jump off one of the largest bridges in the world."

Dragan said the New River Gorge Bridge is the third-largest arch bridge in the world. It stretches 3,030 feet and is 876 feet above the New River.

Parsons said the excitement of seeing the BASE jumpers was the most entertaining part of Bridge Day.

Some BASE jumpers separate into teams to take the jump together. This year there are 22 teams signed up to take the leap off the New River Gorge Bridge. Other attractions are offered to the public such as the highline, which stretches 600 feet down and over the gorge from beams of the bridge. Rappelling is also offered to those who are interested in ascending and descending while hanging from a rope beneath the bridge.

Parsons said her experience at Bridge Day is one she will always remember.

"I'll never forget that one team of jumpers was dressed up as pink bunnies," she said. "We weren't really sure why, but it was really entertaining and funny to watch."

Dragan said the thrilling sports are a big attraction of the festival, but thousands come to enjoy the relaxation of it.

"It's such a beautiful place to be," she said. "Especially when all the leaves are turning, and it is still warm enough to be outside."

The New River Gorge Bridge is located about two hours from Huntington. Bridge Day is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Parsons said the scenery of the drive is beautiful, and it's a great weekend getaway.

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Bridge Day at the New River Gorge in Fayetteville, W.Va. is Saturday. More than 400 BASE jumpers come to jump off the New River Gorge Bridge which is 876 feet above the New River. Bridge Day is the only day of the year it's legal to walk across the New River Gorge Bridge.