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Business fraternity grows beards for NHL charity

BY ERIN SHAVER THE PARTHENON

As the semester winds down and warmer weather arrives, one fraternity is facing the warmth by growing beards for charity.

Business Fraternity Delta Sigma Pi is participating in the National Hockey League's playoff Beard-a-thon for charity, said Jim Kuhn, president of the Xi Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

"It is a little hot for a beard, and at some events, it may look a little unprofessional," Kuhn said. "But, as I said, it's a fun way to help a worthy cause."

Kuhn said players grow out beards until they are eliminated from the playoffs or win the Stanley Cup, and the Beard-a-thon allows fans to either sponsor athletes or participate themselves.

The fraternity is specifically supporting the Pittsburgh Penguins and their charity, The Mario Lemieux Foundation, which benefits cancer and neonatal research and builds playrooms in hospitals, according to the organization's Web site.

"We decided that we would set up our account with the Pittsburgh Penguins due to Marshall's proximity to Pittsburgh and because of the somewhat large Penguins following here in the area,"

Female members of the fraternity and those who do not wish to participate are supporting the Beard-a-thon by fundraising, Kuhn said.

The fraternity has more female members than male members, which goes against popular perception of business fraternities, said Lashawna Sampson, president-elect of the Xi Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

"The unique thing is that there are about three ladies who are from different countries so they, along with the other members, bring a lot to the table," Sampson said.

Sampson said the fraternity has doubled in size in the past year.

"I know with this new group that we have now along with some of the old members, we are destined to be a great fraternity and hopefully others will see that as well," Sampson said.

Sampson said the larger number of active members makes more fundraisers like the Beard-a-thon likely in the future.

"Numbers make a big difference in an organization when it comes to pulling off successful events," Sampson said. "We've had quite a few successful events, but with the few people we had it took a lot out of us."

Kuhn said the Marshall community can support the fraternity by going to www.beardathon.com/ Penguins, clicking on the "pledge a friend" link and selecting Delta Sigma Pi Xi Upsilon Chapter

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Members of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity, a business organization, don fake beards in support of the National Hockey League's Beard-a-thon for chairty. The fraternity is supporting the Pittsburgh Penguins and will continue to grow their beards until the team is eliminated from the playoffs.

Residents voice their opinions about proposed occupation tax



Huntington resident Tom McCallister speaks to Huntington City Council about the proposed 1 percent occupancy tax. Council will decide May 10 whether to pass the tax.

BY TESS MOORE THE PARTHENON

The Huntington City Council met Monday evening to vote on the purchase of five new vehicles for the sanitary board and the first reading of the 1 percent occupation tax ordinance.

The second reading of two ordinances for the mayor to enter a contract to furnish the sanitary board with five new vehicles was approved unanimously. One ordinance is for the purchase of two Ford F-150 pickup trucks and the other for three Dodge Dakota extended cab trucks.

"These monies would be paid out of the operation and maintenance account with reimbursement from DEP," said Kim Wolfe, mayor of Huntington.

Two of the vehicles had to be purchased on an emergency purchase, said Loretta Covington, director of the sanitary

"We had two trucks where the transmission fell out and to replace them would have cost more than what the value of the trucks were worth," Covington said.

There was also a first reading of an ordinance for the mayor to enter a contract to purchase the city sanitation and trash divisions four new F-150 pickup trucks and two new Chevrolet Sierra pickup trucks. Council will vote on this at the next meeting.

Also on the agenda was the first reading of the ordinance for the 1 percent occupation tax. This tax would be for those employed by an employer in a business, profession, occupation or trade within the corporate limits of the city of Huntington.

Steve William, member at large, moved for the rules to allow the public to speak on the first reading. Several people voiced their opinions in opposition to the occupation tax, claiming it is taxation without representation.

Steve Stewart, an employee of Appalachian Power, said he and his coworkers wanted to know if there was anything in the ordinance that would credit people like himself who work outside of city limits some of the time.

James Insco, District 9 councilman, said individuals would only be taxed for the hours they work inside city

"On behalf of the 90 or so employees that work inside of city limits, I have been asked to urge the council to vote against this ordinance," Stewart said.

Stewart said the city should raise the user fee to \$5 to increase the city's revenue.

The city council will vote on the ordinance for the 1 percent occupation tax at the next meeting on May 10.

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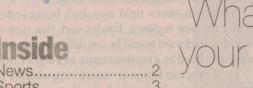
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Democratic candidates seek nomination for W.Va. State Senate

Editor's Note >> The Parthenon continues 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 are profiled.

Election



Ohio native hopes to receive nomination in May primary, wants to serve others if elected

BY TESS MOORE THE PARTHENON

A District 5 State Senate candidate will run for the first time in the May primary election.

"I'd like to get into a position where I can be bettering things for people," said Democrat Scott "Cody" Regan, District 5 State Senate candidate. "Politics is perfect because I can serve other people and improve things.

Regan said he has been a part of the community. He learned the importance of helping people from his mother, Hope Regan, who passed away in 2006 of Alzheimer's disease.

"I had one of those mothers who wanted to go out and do something with her life and she did," Regan said. "I always watched her and how she was very supportive of people."

Regan, originally from Ohio, said he has lived all over the world. He classified himself as an international entrepreneur because he has worked all over the world. He has been a part of 11 industries and has run about 15 companies.

"I started my first business in 1974 when I was coming out of high school and went to college,' he said. "I was working 20-22 hours a day most of my life because I love it. It wasn't out of necessity, it was cause I loved it."

Regan said he has worked with fine arts and consulting companies.

"I was actually trained as an artist and there are works of mine around the world but I don't look at that as my main thing anymore," he said.

Règan said he also served as a board chairman with the selected services and did a lot with the draft. He said even though it is not active, it has always been the very efficient part of the government. He also has participated in the local government.

"Whenever I have been in a community and I am not just focused on my company I always took the time to do everything I could in the local government without taking office because I just never had complete time to devote to it,"

Regan has wanted to run in an election for a long time and several years ago decided he would run for U.S. Senate in the state of West Virginia, he said.

"We just weren't getting in the funds for the million to \$20 million fundraiser," he said. "So people and I fight for things. when I didn't see the funds, I said lets just go for State Senate, which we're doing."

Regan is now settled in Salt Rock, W.Va. and has started a project called Together Green. The project finds old homes and trailers for people who want to build new homes or make repairs but don't have the funds to do it, he said.

"Anything that can be recycled or be put into repair can be put into building homes or building garages and that's at no cost," he said. "This way it gets people to work from the ground up, it rémoves buildings that are unnecessary or unwanted and we are making an impact."

If Regan were to win and take office he said he wants to see the nondiscrimination in employment act pass in this state.

"I mean this is 2010," he said. "There is no reason, in this country, that everyone shouldn't have equal rights in employment. They should be able to go to their jobs and not have a oppressive, repressive place. They should have the freedom to do their jobs as productively as possible and have good relationships with the workers."

By getting the act passed it will greatly cut down the cost of lawsuit issues and problems throughout the state, he said. Then there will be less funding needed for these issues.

"Another thing I would like to see is Marshall University, both the students, faculty and administration, open up and not be as much as an exclusive entity in Huntington but rather become part of Huntington," he said. "I have lived all over the world, I grew up in a university town and I really have never seen a school as separated from a town as I have with Marshall and the city of Huntington."

Regan said he would also fight corruption and the illegal drug problem as well as other issues that are feeding off of Huntington.

"I'd also like to see Huntington change from being the number one city of hate crime to a city of equality and graciousness for everyone," he said. "I think that's a major problem and I'd like to see that change."

Regan said people should vote for him because he will serve the people and if elected to office he would do his job, not spend his time focused on re-election. He said he would specifically be in office to make this a better state.

"I have absolutely nothing to lose in life so I can be a little bit different than most politicians," he U.S. Senate campaign because that's like a \$10 said. "I can truly be out-spoken. I can be there for

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Incumbent seeks re-election

BY TESS MOORE THE PARTHENON

The Senator of Cabell County will run for reelection in May for what could be his third term in the West Virginia Legislature.

"Every candidate will say, 'I will go fight for Marshall," said Sen. Evan Jenkins, District 5. "The question is, are they going to be effective in that fight? Starting from scratch would be a step back for the future of Marshall in particularly."

Jenkins said one can look around campus at Marshall University and feel that things are going well. He said he has worked very hard in representing the Marshall faculty, classified staff and students.

"My seniority in the Senate, along with Sen. Robert

Plymale, has given this area two Senators that hold leadership posts and can put that power to good use to battle for our share of the limited resources," he said.

Jenkins was elected to the House 1994-1998 and then went to the Senate 2002-2010, according to the West Virginia Legislature Web site.

Jenkins is the chairman for Interstate Commerce and is vice chairman for Transportation and Infrastructure along with Banking and Insurance. For his day job he is the Director of the West Virginia Medical Association, which is to promote health improvement, he said.

This year, Jenkins and his colleagues have made a lot of headway fighting the prescription medication problem the state is facing. One single bullet can not fix this problem and the legislature alone can't fix the problem but they have a role to play, he said.

"I took a comprehensive approach and offered a package of bills that are geared to tack the issues from different angles," Jenkins said. "We were extremely successful this year in passing five separate measures contained in four bills that will soon become laws to help fight the crisis"

One bill is to allow law enforcement and

prosecutors to go after the doctor shoppers who go from doctor to doctor and fake complaints to receive opiate based prescriptions,

The second is all pharmacists and physicians have to report when they dispense a controlled substance. This bill also requires that prescriptions be written on tamper proof paper, he said.

Another bill will require all pharmacies in West Virginia, particularly national corporate businesses such as CVS and Rite Aid, to allow Internet access so they can use the West Virginia. control substances database to catch doctor shoppers. Before corporate pharmacies did not allow Internet access to keep employees from surfing the Web, he said.

"If they want to put filters on the computers to only allow them to access the database Web site, so be it," Jenkins said. "You can't just say no access anymore. The importance of giving pharmacies this tool outweighs the national corporate policy of no Internet access."

* With budget cutbacks the past couple of years, Marshall has been getting less money from the state, he said.

"When Marshall gets less money from the state that puts more pressure on students' tuition, so we are hoping to stem the tide of tuition increases by helping at a state level,"

Jenkins knew he wanted to be a politician when he was getting his undergraduate degree at the University of Florida in business marketing and was encouraged to run for student government by another member of the council, he said.

"I stood out and passed out leaflets in the Commons area," Jenkins said. "I was out asking for peoples votes, and won. It rounded out my college experience."

After Jenkins graduated he came to Marshall for its MBA program. He left Marshall's MBA program and went to Cumberland School of Law, he said. He came back to Huntington to start practicing law after he finished.

Around the time he moved back, Marshall was looking for a part-time instructor for business law. Jenkins took the position for a couple years in the late 80's and said he had a lot of fun.

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Good Samaritan left to die on NYC street.

NEW YORK (AP) — The homeless man lay face down, unmoving, on the sidewalk outside an apartment building, blood from knife wounds pooling underneath his body.

One person passed by in the early morning. Then another, and another. Video footage from a surveillance camera shows at least seven people going by, some turning their heads to look, others stopping to gawk. One even lifted the homeless man's body, exposing what appeared to be blood on the sidewalk underneath him, before walking away.

It wasn't until after the 31-year-old Guatemalan immigrant had been lying there for nearly an hour that emergency workers arrived, and by then, it was too late. Hugo Alfredo Tale-Yax – who police said was stabbed while intervening to help a woman being attacked - had died.

"I think it's horrific," said Marla Cohan, who teaches at P.S. 82, a school across the street from where Tale-Yax died. "I think people are just afraid to step in; they don't want to get involved; who knows what their reasons are?'

Tale-Yax was walking behind a man and a woman on 144th Street in the Jamaica section of Queens around 6 a.m. April 18 when the couple got into a fight that became physical, according to police, who pieced together what happened from surveillance footage and interviews with area residents.

Tale-Yax was stabbed several times when he intervened to help the woman, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said. She and the other man fled in different directions, and Tale-Yax pursued the man before collapsing. Authorities are searching for the man and woman.

A 911 call of a woman screaming came in

around 6 a.m., but when officers responded to the address that was given, no one was there, police said. Another call came in around 7 a.m., saying a man was lying on the street, but gave the wrong address. Finally, around 7:20 a.m., someone called 911 to report a man had possibly been stabbed at 144th Street and 88th Road. Police and firefighters arrived a few minutes

later to find Tale-Yax dead. Officials say they're not sure whether the man was still alive when passers-by opted not to help him.

Residents who regularly pass by the same stretch of sidewalk, in a working-class neighborhood of low-rise apartment buildings and fast food restaurants near a busy boulevard, were unnerved by the way Tale-Yax died.

"Is anybody human anymore?" asked Raechelle Groce, visiting her grandmother at a nearby building on Monday. "What's wrong with humanity?"

In the urban environment, it's not unusual to see people on the street, sleeping or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

But even assuming the person they've just passed is drunk, instead of injured, is no reason not to notify authorities, said Seth Herman, another teacher at the school. He remembered calling an ambulance when seeing a man who appeared to be homeless on the street, with a beer

He called 911, he said, because "I felt it wasn't my job to figure out if the person was drunk or actually hurt.'

Groce agreed.

"I just think that's horrible, whether you're homeless or not," she said. "He's a human being; he needs help.'

Wal-Mart to limit toxic cadmium in kids' products

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The world's largest retailer revealed Monday that it has started to crack down on the use of the toxic metal cadmium in children's jewelry and other kids' products.

The new policy doesn't affect what's on the shelves of Wal-Mart stores right now.

Instead, children's jewelry and craft-making kits, toys and child-care articles such as bibs and pacifiers manufactured as of April 9 are being tested for cadmium, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said.

Setting new standards is a voluntary move. Though cadmium can harm bones and kidneys and is a known carcinogen, there are no government regulations on how much of it is allowed in children's jewelry.

Wal-Mart's decision was spurred by investigative reports by The Associated Press that showed high levels of cadmium in some pieces of children's jewelry,

including several which Wal-Mart later recalled. The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission now wants to restrict cadmium in children's

jewelry, and several lawmakers at the federal and state levels have proposed tight limits. In California, the state Senate on Monday passed a bill that

children's jewelry. Retailers and jewelry firms, many importing their products from Chinese factories, are trying to influence whatever policy changes may ultimately be enacted. To that end, they requested a hearing Monday before agency staff, and it was there that a Wal-Mart representative elaborated

would effectively ban cadmium in

the company's thinking. Wal-Mart's new testing regimen follows cadmium standards set by the European Union, according to Peggy Fowler, the chain's senior director of product safety and regulatory compliance.

She told agency staff that Wal-Mart wants U.S. regulators to devise a standard for acceptable cadmium levels as soon as possible – and that in the meantime, the company is working off the European model.

"We really wanted it to be done to affect product this year," Fowler told agency representatives. "We feel like it is our responsibility if we're going to have product on our shelves."

In the two weeks since Wal-Mart's testing went into effect, no product has failed, Fowler said. She did not say who conducted the tests or how many products have been subjected to them.

Product in stores right now isn't being tested under the new regimen, Fowler said; that type of working backward would be too difficult, she said, a point echoed by a representative of Target Corp.

The European Union is considering whether to toughen its standards, which the Consumer Products Safety Commission has suggested in their current form are not stringent enough.



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Hangin' with Hobstetter Athletes

we can actually look up to

We as a society throw around the word hero so much it seems like it's not hard to become one. A hero used describe someone who



put their life in danger or did something so incredible that it put them in another echelon.

But the other day I was asked a question that has plagued my life of following sports. Do I think athletes are heroes?

I answered no, but not for the reasons you think. Athletes play games for a living. They are not heroes, some are just down right bad people.

Ben Roethlisberger is not a hero. He wouldn't be a hero even if all the recent problems he's faced never happened. Yes Steelers fans, he led your team to Super Bowl Championships and came back from horrible accidents. But he's not a hero.

Tiger Woods is not a hero. Even before every woman came to the media and claimed their 15 minutes of fame by saying they had relations with the sleaze bag, Woods wasn't a hero.

Hell, even Michael Jordan, Space Jam himself is not a hero. He may be the greatest player in NBA history, but can you think of anything heroic he has done?

While the "superstars" of pro sports aren't good examples, there are some athletes out there who actually can make a good case.

Yes, we only hear about the bad athletes, but there are some big-hearted pros out there.

Former NFL running back Warrick Dunn has done more than his share to bring a good name to pro athletes.

With his Homes for the Holidays charity, Dunn has built homes for more than 80 families. Not only that but with the Warrick Dunn foundation, he helps single parents gain financial stability.

Steve Nash has the Steve Nash foundation. The Phoenix Suns point guard helps children affected by poverty, illness, abuse, or neglect, find a place for empowerment.

Yes, a lot of the athletes have charities, but some go above and beyond the call of duty. They especially look to those who still need heroes, children.

Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Dhani Jones in December 2007 visited St. Aloysius Orphanage in Cincinnati. There he made sure to spend time with each child during his visit:

Adults don't need heroes as much as children. We prefer our children look up to people who we feel more worthy than athletes and celebrities in general.

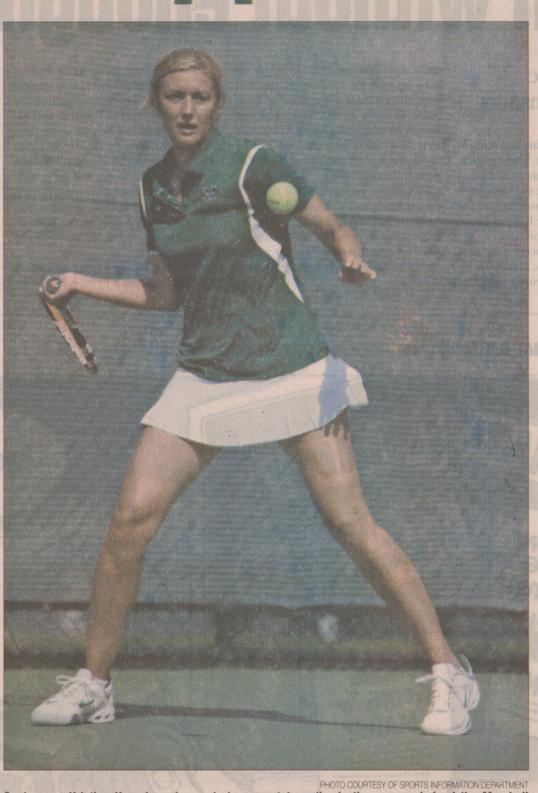
But who do we see on our televisions and follow relentlessly? Athletes.

The old saying goes "a few bad apples can spoil the whole bunch." But we only look at when athletes screw up, not when they raise money or visit children.

So forget about the Roethlisbergers and the Woods of the athletic world and focus on the actual good guys of sports. And while it's easy to forget about those good guys, we must remember not all athletes are horrible. We just need to let the rest of the world know.

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Stopped at the net



Sophomore Kristina Koprcina, shown during a match earlier in the season, helped the Marshall women's tennis team reach the finals in the Conference USA Tournament. While the Herd lost in the finals, there is still a chance for Marshall to make the NCAA Tournament.

After making C-USA final, Herd tennis has chance at NCAA

BY TROY HEMINGWAY THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women's tennis team was defeated 4-1 in the Conference USA Tournament final against Tulsa on Sunday.

Marshall (19-7) is ranked No. 59 nationally, and advanced to the championship match as the No. 4 seed in the tournament with two impressive victories.

The Herd defeated UCF 4-1 on Friday, setting up a match against No. 27 SMU, who was the No. 1 seed in the tournament and the defending C-USA champion.

Marshall had little trouble against SMU, defeating the Mustangs 4-2 on Saturday.

With the win, Marshall added a new record as SMU is the highest nationally-ranked opponent that Marshall women's tennis has defeated in the program's history

Marshall senior Thaddea Lock said the team had one focus and one goal going into the match and that was the key to victory.

"We all came together as a team," Lock said. "From playing to cheering our teammates on, we all supported each other. We really wanted the win and we executed our game well."

Waiting in the championship match was the host team Tulsa, who was the No. 2 seed in the tournament and ranked No. 35 nationally. Although Marshall couldn't quite put the game together to defeat Tulsa, head coach John Mercer said he liked the performance he saw from his team.

"I thought we did a really great job," Mercer said. "We won a tough first match against UCF, we played great against SMU who is the No. 27 team in the country and had great effort in the finals against Tulsa."

On what was a gusty morning in Oklahoma, Tulsa took advantage of playing on its home court and the difficult weather. Marshall took the doubles point by winning two of three of the doubles matches, but after that it was all Tulsa.

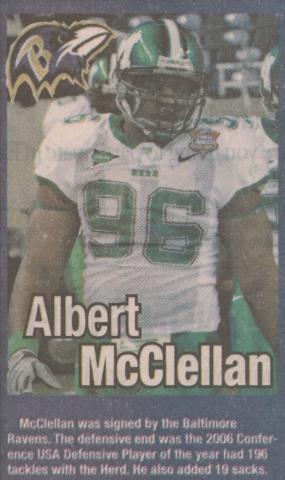
"We ran into a team that was playing really," Mercer said. "It was a windy day and they did well in the conditions and simply played better than us. We are disappointed about not getting the championship, but we are excited about what we were able to accomplish."

The question now is whether or not Marshall will make the 64-team NCAA Championship Tournament. The Herd would have won the C-USA Tournament, it would have received an automatic bid, but now it must wait to see if it is one of the 31 at-large teams selected.

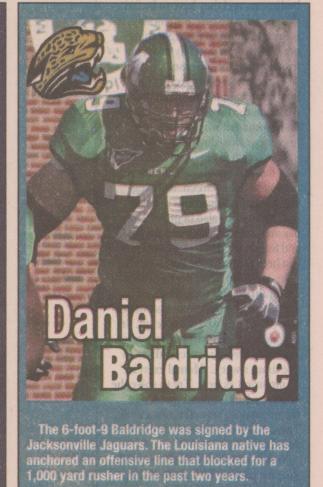
Mercer said he thinks it is

See TENNIS I 5

While no Marshall players went in this weekend's NFL Draft, three Herd players are getting a chance as NFL free agents







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"Wal-Mart tries to project an improved

image as a good corporate citizen. But no amount of (public relations) is going to work until it addresses the claims of its female employees."

Brad Seligman, Berkeley, Calif. lawyer representing the female workers, about the largest class-action employment lawsuit in U.S. history, which is accusing Wal-Mart of alleged gender bias in pay and promotions

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THE PARTHENON **EDITORIAL**

A good plan without enough reach

If you want to make a real difference, the amount of time you put into the effort matters

From the start, British chef Jamie Oliver sought to create an extreme change in people's eating habits. Even the name of the show, "Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution," reflects hope that by the end of the series, adults and children alike would be munching down on fresh veggies and doing away with French fries for good.

following the same routine and remaining as unhealthful as ever. Three months after filming ended, Jamie Oliver and his crew took a trip back to Huntington to find that things had gone back to the way they were or people had just found a way around Oliver's work.

Chocolate and strawberry milk were put back into the schools. A day of feed-In the end, however, we see people ing children fried or frozen food was

created in "Processed Food Fridays" to keep up with the food orders that had been already made a year ahead of time. Since Oliver's arrival, more children have been taking bag lunches and cafeteria food orders have dropped from 75 to 66 percent, according to a West Virginia University study.

Part of the problem is that the processed foods and unhealthful lifestyles have been around for so long in the lives of Huntington residents and the rest of America that one show lasting a little over a month can't be enough to stop

Sometimes one person can make a difference. Greg Mortenson started a campaign to promote education for girls in rural areas in Pakistan and Afghanistan and has helped more than 58,000 children so far. He has met resistance from the Taliban, Muslims and fellow Americans, but he is willing to undergo investigations, threats and even bullets to continue his work.

The thing is he didn't stop; Mortenson started his work in the mid-90s and is still at it now.

If we ever hope to make an impact or change people's lives, we must be willing to invest the time. No matter how good Oliver's interests were, it was going to take way more than a one-series show to make a dent in a West Virginia town, let alone a whole country's eating habits.

The work and time you put into a project reflects how great that project is going to turn out. When dealing with people, who are the most complex creations on Earth, vou've got yourself a lifetime's supply of work. However, after devoting all that effort, the results should be rewarding without question.

STACI COX HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Whatyou do today affects your memory tomorrow

lzheimer's disease is a serious condition that does are unknown, although research

not have a cure. Its causes shows that it is hereditary. My grandpa

died with Alzheimer's disease when I was in fourth grade. He was sick for several years. He couldn't rehe lived, who my

grandma was or who his children

and grandchildren were. It's hard to watch a loved one suffer from memory loss. In the end, they are a lot like babies; they have to be helped when going to the bathroom, and they have to be fed. Because this disease is incurable, it is important to eat the right things now, which can possibly save you from getting this disease.

While researchers aren't sure how to prevent people from getting Alzheimer's disease, more research is showing that what you eat can prevent or slow down the onset.

Foods rich in omega-3, such as fish, flax and canola oil have been proven to help. Green, leafy vegetables and whole grains are also important. It is also beneficial to use supplements such as Vitamin C and folic acid. These supplements can help protect your brain.

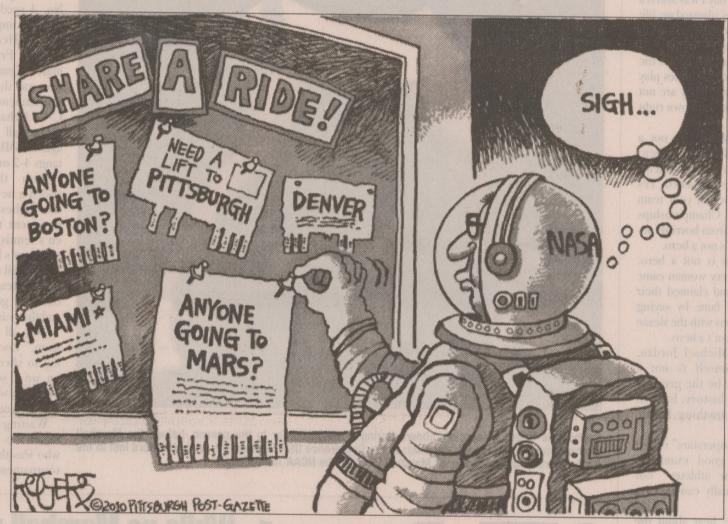
Just like our heart needs exercise, our brain does as well. Physical exercise can reduce your risk of getting Alzheimer's by 35 percent. It is beneficial to do strength training, as well as aerobic exercise three to five times a week. Mental exercise is important as well. Try to solve the crossword and sudoku puzzles in the newspaper several times a week. These types of puzzles help exercise your brain.

You should also establish a healthful sleeping pattern. Get plenty of sleep at night and try not to stay up too late. Stretching and breathing exercises have been known to help. If you're a smoker, throw those cigarettes out! Not only are you increasing your chance of getting Alzheimer's, but you are also producing build up in your arteries, which can lead to a stroke or heart attack.

Alzheimer's disease is serious and it happens to people every day. Once you acquire Alzheimer's, it's too late; there is no turning back. So do what you need to do today eat right and exercise your brain. Alzheimer's disease not only hurts the person, but it hurts family and friends as well.

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Aid needed for elections in Haiti

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Haiti's leader called for an influx of international aid Monday to organize elections this year as the impoverished Caribbean* country rebuilds from the January earthquake that devastated the capital.

President Rene Preval made the comments after meeting with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula

da Silva at the close of a meeting of Caribbean leaders. Preval said aid specific to elections is needed from Brazil and the rest of the international community.

Two elections had been scheduled this year before the quake ravaged Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. Legislative elections planned for February were canceled.

Massey says mine was clear of gases before explosion

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Air samples did not show high levels of explosive gases just before an explosion in a West Virginia coal mine that killed 29 workers, and what caused the disaster remains unknown, the mine's owner said Monday.

Massey Energy Co. board director Stanley Suboleski said the samples were taken by foremen as part of a shift-change exam at the Upper Big Branch mine, just "tens of minutes" before the blast.

Massey spokesman Jeff Gillenwater later said he could not be more specific about the time. The examination also showed that air flow in the underground mine was fine, Suboleski said.

"All the indicators are that at the start of the shift, everything was OK," said Suboleski, a mining engineer.

Suboleski, two other Massey board directors and Chief Executive Don Blankenship spoke at a company news conference Monday to address several issues related to the explosion, the nation's worst coal mining disaster in 40 years.

"This has left us humbled and hurt and searching for answers," Blankenship said.

The news conference was held a day after President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Gov. Joe Manchin led a memorial for the fallen miners. Two other miners were injured in the blast.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration has issued the mine eight citations for violating preshift examination rules in 2010. Suboleski told reporters that 60 percent of the violations in the last 16 months were deemed "nonserious or nonsubstantial" by inspectors, and that the overall number was comparable to those at similar Appalachian coalfield operations.

Suboleski noted the "inordinate" amount of MSHA orders last year alleging the most serious kinds of violations. Massey assigned two full-time employees to the mine in response, he said, and the agency issued 80 percent fewer such orders in the seven months before the blast.

While adding that he was not alleging they had made the mine less safe, Suboleski also cited how MSHA ordered changes to the ventilation system that Massey's engineers initially opposed. These changes made the system more complicated and reduced its air flow, he said.

MSHA spokeswoman Amy Louviere said such "adverse mining conditions" as heaving floors and accumulating water preceded Massey's decision to adopt the changes.

"The system in place could not be effectively maintained by the operator to ventilate the mine," Louviere said. "Massey had one of two choices: either repair the conditions or revise the ventilation

Massey Board Director Bobby Inman called allegations that the company put profits over safety a "big lie." He blamed such sentiment on plaintiffs lawyers and leaders of the AFL-CIO and United Mine Workers union. The UMW said Monday that it would help investigate the blast, and both it and the AFL-CIO rejected Inman's comments as spin.

The big truth is, 52 people have been killed on Massey property since 2000," said Phil Smith, a UMW spokesman. "No other coal company has had even half that. The numbers are pretty clear."

Inman also repeated the board's recent expression of confidence in Blankenship, who has become a lightning rod for criticism of the Richmond, Va.,-based company and its handling of the mine. He said the handful of institutional investors suing or calling for Blankenship to resign hold about 2 percent of the company's stock but have gotten "disproportionate public treatment."

Federal regulators have identified highly explosive methane gas, coal dust or a mixture of the two as the likely cause of the blast, but the ignition source is unknown. Methane levels in the mine remain unsafe, and it could be a month before investigators can get inside to determine what caused the blast.

The nation's top mine safety official is expected to testify at a Senate hearing Tuesday, and Obama has ordered a broad review of coal mines with poor safety records.

Meanwhile at the news conference, the company also promised to provide financial packages to the families of the miners killed. It will include five times the miner's annual pay as life insurance benefits, an additional payment to surviving spouses, health coverage both for them and dependent children, and four years' worth of college or vocational education at any accredited school in West Virginia for those children.

Director Robert Foglesong said accepting those benefits would not prevent a family from pursuing any legal claims. The widow of William Griffith has already filed a wrongful death lawsuit, while the mother of Adam Morgan has won a court order preserving relevant records and potential evidence from the disaster.

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Wife of former Ohio attorney general pleads guilty

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The estranged wife of former Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann has pleaded guilty to a state ethics charge accusing her of trying to use her husband's position to secure state funding for the university where she works.

As part of a plea deal, Alvssa Lenhoff was fined \$1,000 Monday and sentenced to 10 days in jail. She will not have to serve the jail stint if she cooperates with the state on further investigations of a scandal that prompted his resignation.

Prosecutors say she improperly sought a \$6,500 grant from Dann's office for the Youngstown State University journalism program she directs.

Lenhoff says she didn't know the request was

She filed for divorce this month, two years after Dann acknowledged an affair with an employee in

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going to be close, but he also said he thinks the team did a lot to help its chances this weekend.

"I think we are going to be right on the border," Mercer said. "They use a computer system much like in college basketball. They usually take out all the conference champions and go straight down the rankings. Our wins against SMU and UCF should move us up and we will have to wait and see.

Making the NCAA Tournament has been the team's goal all season, and Lock said it is especially important to her that the team is selected.

"For me, with it being my last year, I would love to make it in," Lock said. "We just have to sit back and hope that we did enough now. We have worked so hard all season and it would be a fantastic reward."

If Marshall does not make the NCAA Tournament this season. Mercer said it will definitely be a disappointment. He also said that regardless of what happens the team has gained a lot from this season and should be prepared to have a great year next year as well.

"Every year is different," Mercer said. "Everybody knows what it takes to be successful on this team and the more experience we have the better. The players who will be back next year will be ready to have a good season and hopefully they will be able to put it all together at the end of the year."

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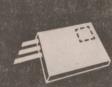
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Scout

BY ANDREA POLING THE PARTHENON

A Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine employee spends his spare time hiking and leading a local Boy Scout troop.

Ed Dzierzak, director of the health sciences library for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is Boy Scout master

APPALACHIAN TRAIL NORTH

Crew and a recreational hiker.

"I started Boy Scouts when my sons were about the right age and wanted to join," Dzierzak said. "I decided to go with them and have fun with them, too. We have pretty much kept with it for about 15 years."

Dzierzak's wife, Deb Strivers, is

of troop 762, adviser for the Venturing also involved with the scouts and to be involved in Boy Scout troops. the crew committee.

'My wife and I essentially started the troop that I am Boy Scout master of about 13 or 14 years ago," Dzierzak said. "The two of us were mainly the adults involved until we started getting some of the parents involved."

Strivers said not many women used

"There are so many families that go separate ways," Strivers said. "Either the father does stuff with the boys or the mother does stuff with the girls, and with our two boys we decided to do stuff together."

Strivers said her family started the Venturing Crew in 2000. "We had many families in the troop

who liked what we were doing and they had daughters," Strivers said. "We started

the co-ed Venturing Crew so

they could be part of it." Dzierzak said the Venturing Crew program differs slightly from Boy Scouts.

"Boy Scouts are supposed to plan all of their own activities," Dzierzak said. "The Venturing Crew takes that a little further by deciding what the group is going to do and when we are going to do it."

Dzierzak said both of his sons graduated from Marshall University and are involved with the Eagle Scouts.

Dzierzak said he and one of his sons are planning to take a group of scouts on a hiking trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

"Our Boy Scout council takes a group to New Mexico every other year," Dzierzak said. "So on even number years, we are going out there with anywhere from 24 to 36 scouts and adults and hike for two weeks. It is a lot different hiking than it is here, because we are at least 6,000 feet higher and the air is a bit thinner."

Dzierzak said his troop of Boy Scouts do a fair amount of hiking.

"There is a nice local trail that starts out around Barboursville, W.Va. and goes all the way up to Frazier's Bottom on the Kanawha River called Kanawha Trace," Dzierzak said. "The trail is about 32 miles long."

Dzierzak said he tries to get the group going to New Mexico on the Kanawha Trace once a week.

"We try to get them out for at least five miles," Dzierzak said. "We have been using the Kanawha Trace as kind of a

training trail." Strivers said each member in her familv has received Vigil Honor, the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can give its members for their service.

"Very few people get Vigil Honor," Strivers said. "Up until two years ago, we were

the only whole family with Vigil Honors." Dzierzak not only hikes with his Boy Scout troop, but he also enjoys hiking

on his own on the Appalachian Trail. "This year is going to be the fourth year I have done any distance," Dzierzak said. "I have spent anywhere from a week to two weeks on the Appalachian Trail.'

Dzierzak said he hopes to finish the part of the trail through Pennsylvania this year.

"The trail is 2,179 miles this year," Dzierzak said. "It changes because of re-routes or bad sections get placed elsewhere."

Dzierzak said last year's Appalachian Trail was 2,174 miles.

Strivers said she admires her husband's hiking abilities.

"I totally support my husband," Strivers said. "He is 61 years old and I think there are people half his age that wouldn't attempt anything like this."

Dzierzak said he is originally from Chicago and moved to Huntington with his wife 34 years ago.

"I got my bachelor's degree from Mundelein College in Chicago, then moved to Huntington," Dzierzak said. "When I moved here, I got my master's degree in library science from the University of Kentucky."

Dzierzak said he and his wife were married at the Campus Christian Cen-

Dzierzak said the health science library is for anyone who needs medical information.

"It is a well-used library that medical students, staff, faculty, residents and researchers utilize," Dzierzak said. Andrea Poling can be contacted at

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When not in the classroom, Ed Dzierzak leads Boy Scouts and Venture Crew on many hikes.

