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By MORGAN M. SWITZER
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The Huntington City Council voted Monday to give $279,000 to the Huntington Police Department for the purchase of an armored vehicle.

The Huntington City Council voted to purchase the vehicle the night before the Public Safety Monday in an effort to purchase the vehicle.

The Huntington Police Department is in the process of purchasing the vehicle in order to help protect the community from potential threats.

The Huntington Police Department currently owns an armored vehicle, but the council voted to purchase an additional one in order to be better prepared.

By EKATERINA GUTSAN
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INTO MU students discover a love of American
cuisine

INTO MU students are exploring the world of American cuisine as part of a program designed to help international students better understand American culture.

The program, called “American Culture,” is a series of workshops designed to help students explore aspects of American culture, such as the language, history, and traditions.

The workshops cover a wide range of topics, including the history of American cuisine, the role of food in American culture, and the importance of understanding cultural differences.

The program is open to all INTO MU students, and is free to attend.

For more information, please contact the INTO MU office at INTO@marshall.edu.
By VINCENT ESPINOZA

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Sophomore Ashley Espinoza can be contacted at espinoza4@marshall.edu.

Tri-state Society of Human Resource Management helps send students to conference

Three undergraduate students selected to represent Marshall at the regional conference are Randy Michel, Jason Trinder and Daniel Webster. The other half of the tri-state chapter will cover the tri-state SHRM conference.

By LARA SEDLOCK

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Herd softball fighting through early struggles

By BRAXTON CRISP
The Marshall University Thundering Herd softball is off to a 2-0 start after its first two tournaments of the season, the Tiger Invitational in Auburn, Ala., and the Citrus Classic at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

Two of the Herd’s opponents so far have been SEC opponents in Auburn and Georgia. In the most recent SEC Coaches Poll, Georgia is ranked No. 17 and Auburn was the first team outside of the top 25 of the teams that received votes.

The opponents have not only been SEC schools, but also small schools with strong records such as Western Illinois, Nebraska-Omaha and Mercer, who are combined 32-9.

Head coach Shenida Stanton said the offense has been the strong point of the team so far.

“Anytime you’re hitting over .300 as a team, that’s solid,” Stanton said.

The Herd has a 1.387 team average, with four players hitting over .300, with Braxton at .392. Assistant coach Kendall Fearn said Braxton’s average is being driven by her hitting .385 because she’s hitting so well.

The Cam has 9,048 seats total, giving those people in the nosebleed section a chance to see the team.

“Our whole premise of this is, if you’ve been a part of the Big Green, we’re giving to the Big Green and hopefully our fans will help us out with our reseating efforts at Marshall,” John Sutherland, executive director of the Big Green, said. “You don’t ever lose those points. For those nonmembers wishing to select in the first round, they can join the Big Green and give to the Big Green and receiving one priority point.

For those nonmembers wishing to select in the first round, they will be able to pick their seats. For those members who have purchased season tickets, they may join the Big Green to get their member number one priority point to chose with their first-round.

Priority points are based on the amount given, either through donations or membership fees and previously given amounts to Marshall Athletics. The Cam Henderson Center is a reseating committee. It was put together and was formed by the Cam Henderson Center.

“We’ve studied this from many schools,” Sutherland said. “We looked at schools in Minnesota, North Carolina and James Madison and took pieces from the best of us. We aren’t NC State, so we have to tailor this to our fans’ needs.”

The Big Green Board of Trustees approved an initial rough draft for the plan in August, allowing for a change in seats for those who had given the most to Marshall Athletics, recognizing the support from the donors. The last reseating efforts of Marshall took place in 1998 with the Cam Henderson Center.

“Our one number one concern is for the people in our situation is for people to not understand the process,” Sutherland said. “We just want to make sure our fans know. We want to help as many people as we can.”

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Olympic requirements should be reevaluated

The Winter Olympics may be over, but the controversy is just beginning.

One day after Montenegro and República Dominicana di Silvestri have gained attention for their citizenship in Dominica, The married couple, and Dominica’s first Winter Olympics, has handily overcome the reviews, allowing them in quality for the 2018 Winter Olympics.

There are three requirements to compete in the Olympic Fall citizenship in the nation you are representing, internationally recognized national governing body for the sport you are competing in and most Olympic qualifying standards. Gary di Silvestri claims he and his wife were awarded citizenship for their philanthropy, but this may not be the case. The di Silvestri’s were able to ob- tain citizenship quite easily as the country only required a base of $157,000 and going to Dominica was optional.

When they were awarded their citizenship, the di Silvestri’s formed the National Alliance of Dominica to meet the second requirement. When it comes to the third requirement, the details are hard. Gary di Silvestri originally claimed to be a champion wrestler and boxer while attending Georgetown University, but there appears to be no evidence to sup- port his claims.

Given that Dominica is a small coun- try, the standards for qualifying are inherently more lenient. However, alongside the di Silve-stri’s participation in the Games, it may be time for the International Olympic Committee to reevaluate the criteria for admission.

The di Silvestri’s story highlights examin- ing issues that can happen under the rules, mostly likely only brought to light because of the initial favorable news sto- ries of some Olympic tourists. To make it to the Olympics is something most athletes would consider a great honor. The di Silvestri’s essentially bought their way there, and it is something that shouldn’t happen again.

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You have to give new Federal Com- munications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler credit. He moves fast for a bu- reaucrat. Wheeler announced Feb. 19 that the commission would not appeal a recent court decision that reinstated most of the “open Internet” rules championed by his predecessor, Net neutrality is in jeop- ary of a bad Congress, and the commission to strive to preserve the “open Internet” rules that Wheeler credits so much. He moves fast for a bu- reaucrat. Wheeler announced Feb. 19 that the commission would not appeal a recent court decision that reinstated most of the “open Internet” rules championed by his predecessor, Net neutrality is in jeop-

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welded washers that broadband providers such as AT&T and Comcast will steer users to favored sites or services even if they’re regulated as rigorously as the local phone monopoly in the old Bell System. Wheeler, a former top lobbyist for the wireless and cable industries, didn’t rule out the taking the latter route someday. The new Federal Communications Commission is re-evaluating its storied net neutrality rules.

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"You could America in a way that they are possible in the United States of America," said retired Rear Adm. Scott, starting his second year in the Senate after his congressional service. "I don’t think in the history of the republic we have had a lot of (young people) are running around unafraid to die for the next generation. Right now, a lot of people have forgotten the great nation in the world.”

"For me, it is the dream fulfilled," said Sen. Scott. "That we can do anything we set our minds to." Senator Scott is steeped in American history. Scott was born in the South Carolina town ofOrangeburg, which was home to many Civil War veterans. His great-grandfather, the Rev. Benjamin Scott, was a Baptist minister and a Union soldier who died in 1926.

Scott, starting his second year in the Senate after his congressional service, said that sometimes “you have to be the first black man to serve in the Senate to be taken seriously.”

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REAL-LIFE PHILOMENA: OUT AND ABOUT FOR THE FILM, HER CAUSE

By CHRIS LEE

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Waking early, with the aid of a retractable cane, Philomena Lee, the 80-year-old Irishwoman who inspired the Oscar-nominated drama “Philomena,” appeared at the towncourt emblazoned with “Philomena” at the Capitol this month to receive “The Life!...