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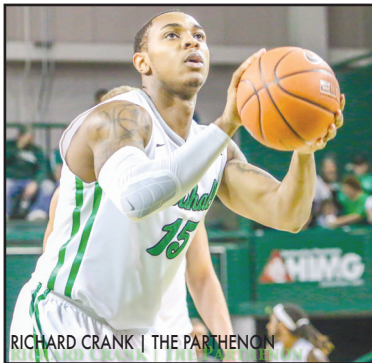
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## TODAY'S WEATHER:

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**Meteorology** **Wednesday**  
The National Weather Service in Charleston, W.Va. has issued  
A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY  
Snow showers with accumulations of 2-3 inches expected during  
the morning rush hour. Wind Chill: -5 to -10 at times.  
Visit [www.weather.gov/rlx](http://www.weather.gov/rlx) for more info on current conditions.

<b>Daytime</b> Snow Showers 4 A.M. to 1 P.M.	2 - 3 Inches	<b>14</b>
<b>Nighttime</b> Flurries with clearing skies. VERY COLD	2 - 3 Inches	<b>2</b>

## STATE OF THE CITY



LEXI BROWNING | THE PARTHENON

### Mayor addresses budget, future of Huntington

By LEXI BROWNING  
THE PARTHENON

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said he plans to improve infrastructure this year and praised the successful programs and progressions of 2014 Tuesday during the State of the City address.

Progressions included a Wi-Fi pilot project downtown, 226 arrests in 90 days from the River to Jail project combatting drug crime, community cleaning and the Huntington Police Department's enforcement unit reaching 3,100 citations during the year.

"While we have done a lot [in the past year], we have yet to determine how we expect

to address the challenges of our crumbling infrastructure," Williams said.

Williams said efforts to assert support in the infrastructure will be supplied by long-term capital improvement and by approaching old issues with fresh solutions.

"We have four unique projects that are being combined into one effort," Williams said. "Each project represents different neighborhoods with distinctly different challenges and opportunities."

Project areas include the Hal Greer Boulevard corridor, portions of the West End of Huntington, The Brownfield Industrial area east of Marshall University, and

a proposal to deploy high-speed broadband for the first economic expansion since the 1940s.

Williams said a partnership with the owners of Superior Marine, who possess identical principals as Huntington Marine, will redevelop Harris Riverfront Park.

Williams said the city seeks to bring commerce to the opposite side of the floodwall by developing a state-of-the-art 260-slip marina, dry dock facilities for 260 boats, a boat repair shop, a boardwalk, splash park and RV riverside camping facilities.

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*It's been  
a long  
time coming,  
but change has  
finally come.*

MAYOR STEVE WILLIAMS

## VALENTINES TO MY HOMETOWN

Performance piece focuses  
on more than women

By HANNAH HARMAN  
THE PARTHENON

CONTACT Rape Crisis Center and the Marshall University Women's Studies Program are presenting a performance piece titled "Valentines to my Hometown" compiled of works by men and women of Marshall University and the local community.

The monologues deal with issues of gender, sexuality, relationships and identity. They focus on these issues specifically in West Virginia, Laura Diener, director of Women's Studies, said.

This year, the program's directors have steered away from an event that focuses only on women.

"Last year we did a similar production that we called 'The Vagapalachialogues,' but this year we wanted to create a piece that looked at gender from a broader perspective," said Liz Deal, victim advocate for CONTACT. "We are happy that men wrote four of

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## Presidential search officially underway

*"We need to find someone that in their own way is  
going to impact Marshall University for the best."*

By AMY NAPIER  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Board of Governors met last week to announce AGB Search Incorporated will assist it in finding potential candidates to become the university's next president.

The board also named 16 members who will make up the university's official search committee to vote on the candidates AGB has selected.

Those members include Chairman Michael Sellards, Phyllis Arnold, James Bales, Phil Cline, Oshel Craig, Tim Dagostine, David Haden, Edward Howard III, Christie Kinsey, Dale Lowther, Joseph McDonie, Wyatt Scaggs, Dr. Joseph Touma, Dr. Marty Amerikaner, Miriah Young and Duncan Waugaman.

The position opened after President Stephen J. Kopp died unexpectedly December 17, 2014.

Waugaman, student body president, said student's should understand the committee's goal is not to replace Kopp.

"We need to find someone that in their own way is going to impact Marshall University for the best," Waugaman said. "We're not looking for the

next President Kopp. We're looking for someone that's going to be able to hopefully one day do all the amazing things that he was able to do."

Waugaman also said he hopes to find someone who will be receptive to a student voice.

"There's a lot of decisions that affect all kinds of different entities, but also they all affect the students," Waugaman said. "I want someone who's always going to put that student's opinion first."

AGB will provide the search committee with a number of potential candidates. The committee will then conduct off-campus screenings and interviews to narrow the search. The final three to five candidates will then be invited for an on-campus interview.

Other non-voting members of the committee will include Interim President Gary White, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Chancellor Paul Hill and former Interim President A. Michael Perry.

Interim President White will not be eligible for the position due to his current role.

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Marshall study-abroad student immersed in Moroccan culture

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By CAITLIN FOWLKES  
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Katelyn McGuffin, junior at Marshall University, is currently studying abroad in Ifrane, Morocco, where she has become immersed in the culture of the Moroccan people.

Since January 13th McGuffin has been on many adventures including trips to Fez and Morocco's capital, Rabat, where she learned how to surf.

This weekend she plans to visit Marrakesh to take tours of the city, the Atlas Mountains and maybe even ride a camel. For spring break she plans to take a trip south.

"It is fun to get off campus occasionally, to go to dinner in town, to take a break from the dining halls, and Ifrane is just a beautiful place," McGuffin said. "It has vast parks and a welcoming town center comprised of shops, restaurants and the marche."

At Marshall McGuffin works the front desk of the INTO MU center, and she has also been a coordinator for the Conversations Partner Program. She says working at the INTO MU center has prepared her for this trip in many ways.

"It has given me the opportunity to regularly interact with an international community and aided me in feeling completely comfortable engaging with people from different cultures," McGuffin said. "It has also helped me get used to understanding accents. INTO MU has cultivated in me a passion for international students, so I am eager each day here to meet new Moroccan friends and share life with them."

One aspect of home she was eager to share with her Moroccan friends was the movie "We Are Marshall."

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Huntington City Mission welcomes those needing shelter in the freezing temperatures

By ERIKA JOHNNK  
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington City Mission waves the white flag in hopes that the homeless will take advantage of the facility during the freezing temperatures.

The flag always flies when the temperatures are below 40 degrees or more than 90 degrees. The City Mission has been offering help and hope to everyone who walks into its doors since 1937.

The city mission is a non-profit, non-denominational, Christian Organization established to meet emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of individuals in its care.

"We offer help and hope to everyone who comes to our door. Hope for a safe place to sleep, hope for a warm meal and hope for a better future as we share the love of Christ with each other," according to the Huntington City Mission website.

The organization provides shelter, food and clothes to those who are in need within the Tri-State area.

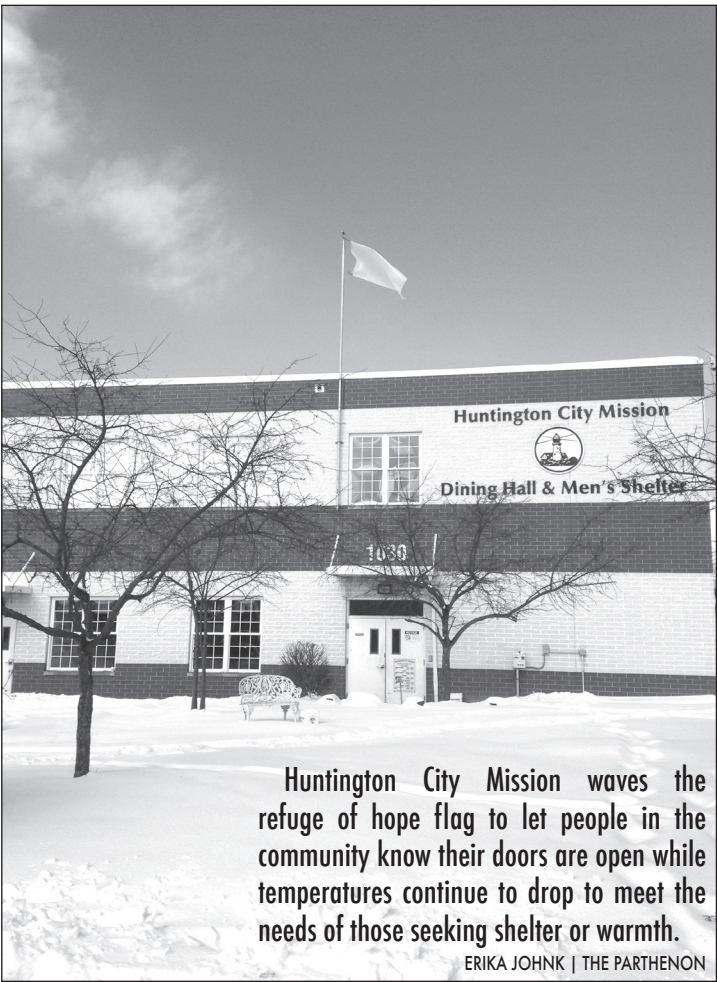
Director of Operations Amy Dial said the goal is to get people in need into permanent housing.

"We are a support and service," Dial said. "We link and refer to the permanent community agencies that will help get them back into permanent housing."

The organization also provides other resources to its guests such as assisting them with job and housing searches.

"It all depends on what you come in looking for," said City Mission guest, Dillion Gosnell. "Some come in to get off the street and others come to stay here. They will help you with anything and everything, you just have to be willing to help yourself."

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Huntington City Mission waves the refuge of hope flag to let people in the community know their doors are open while temperatures continue to drop to meet the needs of those seeking shelter or warmth.

ERIKA JOHNNK | THE PARTHENON

Marshall's speech and debate team dominates on its way to fifth consecutive championship

By MALCOLM WALTON  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's speech and debate team, the Thundering Word, set the all-time state record for points Saturday at West Virginia University at Parkersburg and won its fifth consecutive West Virginia State Forensics Tournament.

The Thundering Word's five state championships have come under coach Danny Ray, who has produced a championship every year since he has been appointed coach.

"Our results speak for themselves," Ray said. "This is actually the third year in a row that we've set the state record for points. I'm extremely proud of everyone on the team. They put in the work and just continue to improve year after year."

During its last match, the speech and debate team took home first place in the individual events, debate events and the combined sweepstakes. The team also finished the tournament with the top seven overall competitors.

DeVan Sample, a senior on the Thundering Word, said the team's dominant performance is indicative of how Marshall's program has grown in recent years.

"The fact that we've had so much success despite student turnover is impressive in itself," Sample said. "Marshall has grown from not even having a program to a top 15 team nationally in a very short period of time. I couldn't be more proud to call myself a member of the Thundering Word."

Ray said while all members

of the team had a great outing in its last match, Victoria Ledford stole the show. Ledford, a senior, won eight first place trophies, including six individual events.

"Victoria has been fantastic all year," Ray said. "Her competitiveness is unmatched." Marshall's next match is set for Feb. 27-29 for the Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

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Severe weather causes employees to stay overnight

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THE PARTHENON

More than 70 St. Mary's Hospital employees borrowed hospital rooms for the night due to severe weather.

St. Mary's Patient Care Coordinator's Office staff kept track of the limited number of rooms being used.

"While the regular hospital rooms were full, St. Mary's provided employees with rooms that are for short stay procedures, and only used during the day," said Cytotechnologist Jane Collins.

During a winter storm last year, Collins was not expecting her overnight stay.

"Last winter I stayed in my office overnight and had to sleep in my desk chair," Collins said. "This time, I made sure to request a room early."

Most employees were aware of this service and took full advantage of it last night, with the majority of them bringing over-night bags with work clothes for tomorrow.

Dr. Thomas Dougherty said he was well-prepared to

stay overnight.

"I've had to stay in the past due to living on a hill, so I've learned to always keep up with the forecasts," Dougherty said. "I wouldn't have been able to get home after work yesterday."

Some employees stay to make sure they will be able to make it to work the next morning.

"A lot of people stayed to ensure adequate staffing for the next day," said St. Mary's patient care coordinator's office.

Stacey Coleman, a path tech assistant at the hospital, said the room was equipped with everything that she needed, other than a shower.

There were employee showers available within the hospital, and the cafeteria was open and provided employees with hot meals.

Employees had to be up by 5 a.m., so hospital staff could prepare the rooms for the next day.

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# SPORTS

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Rakeem Cato and Evan Mckelvey pose with the Boca Raton Bowl game trophy Dec. 23, 2014 in Boca Raton, Fla.

PHOTOS BY RICHARD CRANK

## COLUMN: Herd teams having success out of the limelight

By SHANNON STOWERS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For almost every school across the country, football and basketball are the prized possessions of athletic departments and fans, and rightfully so. The two sports are, for the most part, what television contracts are based on and are the big money makers for athletic departments.

The case is no different at Marshall University.

Head coach Doc Holliday's Thundering Herd football team was the recipient of multiple nationally televised games while the men's and women's basketball teams have a combined nine games televised on national or regional networks.

Meanwhile, sports like baseball, softball, tennis and track and field will go about their schedules out of the limelight. It's not their fault either. Very rarely do collegiate Olympic sports teams, outside of the traditional powers, make it to national television stage.

That doesn't mean they don't exist, nor does it provide a valid excuse not to support them. In fact, those four sports at Marshall, despite not being in the public spotlight, are demanding the attention of Herd fans.

All four teams have gotten off to great starts, sharing in the recent success the two basketball teams have achieved. Since the start of the new year and the beginning of their spring seasons, the four teams have went a combined 15-4 in addition to the track and field team's first place finish in the Marshall Invitational this past weekend in Huntington.

Off to its best start since 2010, the softball team started the season 5-0 after a weekend sweep against five different teams in Charleston, South Carolina, outscoring opponents 26-6. The Herd followed that performance up with a 3-1 weekend in Greenville, North Carolina.

The Herd will travel to Tampa, Florida, this weekend to play five games and will play seven more in South Carolina and Miami before it hosts Western Kentucky University in its home opener at Dot Hicks Field in Huntington March 13-14.

Although the track and field team doesn't

have any remaining meets in Huntington, it will look to build on its first place finish heading into C-USA Championships Feb. 25-26 and the NCAA Indoor Nationals March 13-14.

Similar to the softball team, Herd baseball has started 2-1 for the first time since the 2011 season. This season, however, the Herd lit up the scoreboard in its two wins, scoring 34 runs in two games, including a 24-2 victory over Florida A&M University. The Herd will stay on the road the next two weekends before its home opener against the University of Rhode Island March 6.

Without a true home field, the Herd will play eight non-conference games at the Kennedy Center Field a few minutes from campus on Route 2 and 10 C-USA games in Charleston. With a roster made up of 21 upperclassmen (out of 34 players), the Herd will look to win more than 20 games for the first time since it went 27-31 in 2010.

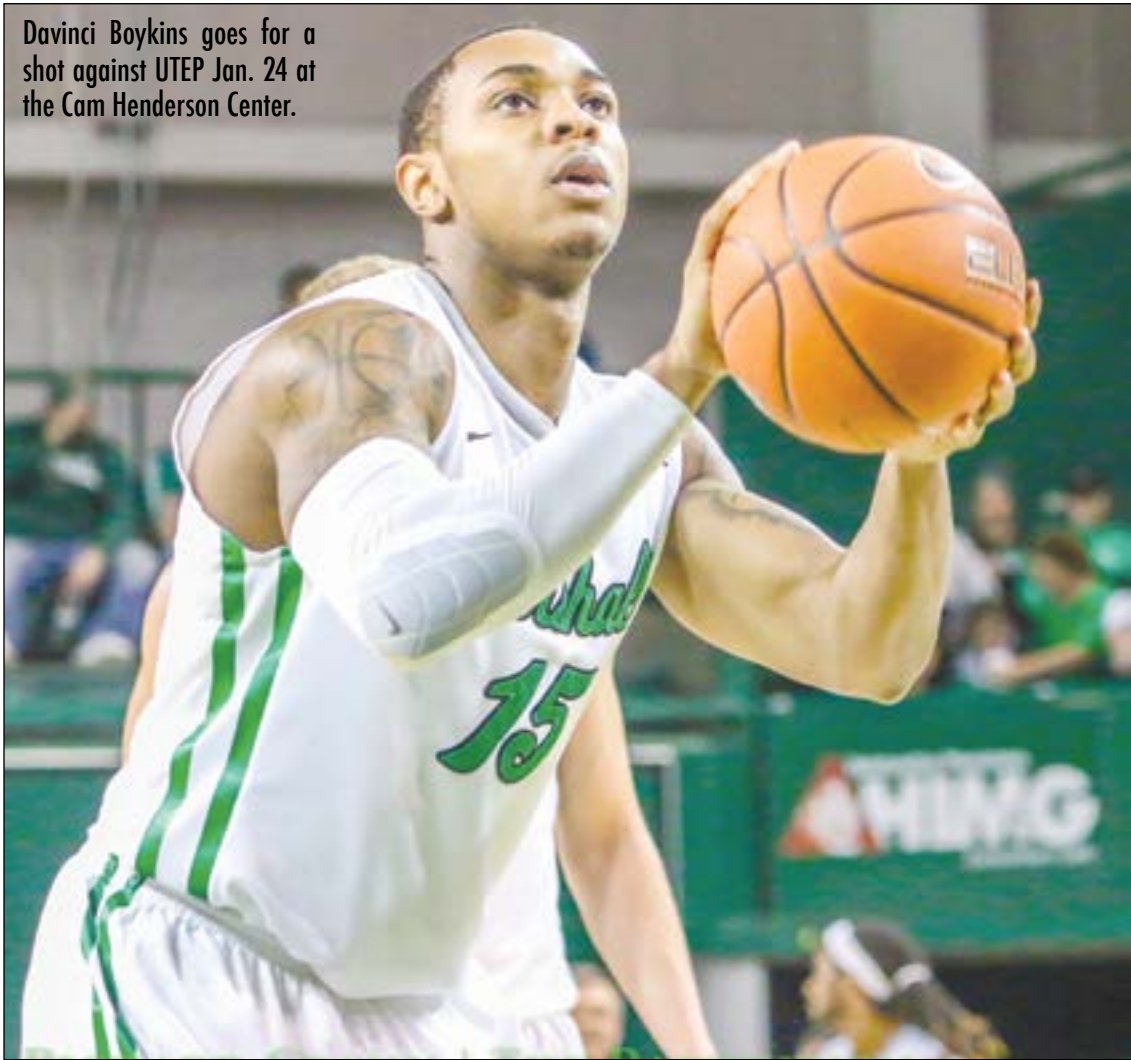
Continuing the success it had last season (14-8), the Marshall tennis team has started its 2015 campaign 5-2. With its two losses coming against No.1 University of California, Los Angeles and No. 74 University of California, Irvine – both of which were played in Los Angeles – the Herd has also picked up two wins of its own against ranked competition.

The Herd picked up a pair of victories against No. 66 University of Louisville and No. 72 University of Minnesota at home this past weekend. The tennis team will have six more matches at home (either on campus or at the Huntington Tennis Club in Barboursville) this season before the C-USA tournament starts April 15.

These four teams may not get the publicity or exposure, but they're quietly winning. Once March Madness has come and gone and attention begins to turn toward the countdown to the next football season, consider traveling 15 minutes from campus to watch your baseball team. Maybe catch a softball doubleheader one weekend or catch a tennis match on campus.

If you miss out on some fun times and more wins, don't say I didn't warn you.

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Davinci Boykins goes for a shot against UTEP Jan. 24 at the Cam Henderson Center.



Fans Cheer on the Herd as it takes on UTEP Jan. 24 at the Cam Henderson Center.

## Herd Basketball sees a bigger crowd

By MERCEDEZ SPEIGHT  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University ticket office is predicting positive overall statistics from this year's basketball sales.

The ticket office does not release its statistics on overall attendance until the end of the season, but Aaron Goebbel, associate athletic director for external affairs, felt positive about this year's basketball season.

"As far as we were last year, we definitely are above last year," Goebbel said. "We had a good year. That's the best way to say it without throwing out a number."

There has been a jump in interest in the men's basketball team at Marshall, but in the eyes of some, it is still not quite where it needs to be.

"We feel like the season hasn't been up to the expectations of some," Goebbel said. "But we understood. We knew our roster, and we knew the transition that coach was going through. Marshall men's basketball team will focus on the character of the team more than ever before in the upcoming years under the leadership of head coach Dan D'antoni.

"Now you've still got to win games," Goebbel said. "But when you have student athletes that the fans can relate to that's the perfect marriage."

Interest is expected from the local recruits that the fans are familiar with.

"With Stevie (Browning) coming in next year after his transfer, CJ Burks, who's sitting out this year, that's from the area and we have the transfer from VMI that's from the Charleston area, we have a lot of guys that can shoot it," Goebbel said.

There is a noticeable increase at the women's basketball games this season, but the attendance at women's games is a work in progress.

"You can lose fans overnight, but you gain fans over time," Goebbel said.

There are higher expectations for Herd fan attendance but the athletic department has taken notice of the continuous support.

"I've been around, and if you look at our conference and you look at schools that have similar attendance records to us, they don't get what we get in night in and night out," Goebbel said. "Now we need more people and I'm not satisfied but if you travel around our conference they have maybe a 10th of what we have from a crowd standpoint."

Goebbel said he is expecting a spike in attendance next year for basketball attendance.

"We think next year will be a really big year," Goebbel said.

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Justin Edmonds celebrates against UTEP Jan. 24 at the Cam Henderson Center.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unborn Child Protection Act to be considered in Senate

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The WV House of Delegates passed H.B. 2568, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, in a bipartisan vote of 87 to 12; and it is now being considered in the WV Senate. We are once again hearing the entirely false claim that the bill is unconstitutional.

First, the Supreme Court has never ruled on this matter so no one knows what its constitutional status is. This is a case of "first impression" meaning it is a new legal construct. The bill introduces the idea that the state has a compelling interest in protecting the life of the pain-capable unborn child. The presence of a state interest in protecting the unborn child was proposed by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy in his decision upholding the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is designed to acknowledge the new research that is now available concerning pain and the developing unborn child and, thus, to trigger the recognition of the state's compelling interest in protecting the life of the unborn child, who has

reached the point in development where he is capable of feeling pain. We won't know the Supreme Court's position on this new legislation until a case is brought.

Second, a large number of legislators, lawyers and attorneys general believe this case has merit. This includes a majority of the U.S. Congress and the ten state legislatures where it has passed. In two states, Georgia and Idaho, it has been enjoined and no action has occurred on the challenges.

Third, it is false to claim that the "Arizona bill" that was struck down by the 9th Circuit Court is proof of the unconstitutionality of the WV bill. The Arizona bill is not the same as our bill; its primary stated interest was to protect the life and health of the women seeking late abortions, arguing that later abortions are riskier to the woman's health and safety. This is clearly indicated by the bill's name: the "Women's Health and Safety Act." The bill before the WV Senate states that the compelling interest is to protect the life of the pain-capable unborn child. Clearly these are two distinct interests.

EDITORIAL

Samsung policy reveals privacy issue for owners

An article for The Daily Beast recently revealed an intrusion of privacy issue Samsung television owners may face.

The TVs, the report discovered, collect information through a voice command feature, and they sometimes hear more than users may want them to hear.

Somewhere buried deep within the privacy policy for Samsung's SmartTV, a single sentence reveals a scary feature of the Internet-connected TVs. A voice command feature within comes with a disclaimer: "if your spoken words include personal or other sensitive information, that information will be among the data captured and transmitted to a third party," the policy stated.

The voice command feature is convenient enough. It requires fewer physical

technologies (remote) and is more efficient than pressing 12 different buttons.

The plot of George Orwell's

time without the user's knowledge.

Androids and iPhones possess voice processing features,

being watched.

At this point in the 21st century visibility is something Internet users just

have to accept. We should not, however, have to endure not knowing what information is collected or who is doing the collecting. Samsung, after the reveal of their sketchy

policy, has since amended its wording to make it more clear that it can be disabled by the user.

But without knowing where the information is going, who is collecting it or where it goes after it is collected, how can it be called a privacy policy at all?

We may grow accustomed to being watched at all times, but as a free nation, we should never have our expression and privacy violated without full knowledge of what is being taken and where it is going.

both of which can be set to activate by using a specific phrase—"Hey Siri" for iPhones and "OK Google" for Androids—and are constantly collecting data. Facebook can turn on a smartphone's microphone when the application is open. Gmail monitors and targets advertising to what a user types.

But we know this. We may be visually unaware, but with enough cases of the media "exposing" the ways technology watches us, we know, somewhere we are

dystopian, heavily surveyed "1984" creates a world to the Samsung policy would fit frighteningly well in: "Any sound... would be picked up by (the telescreen)... There was no way of knowing whether you were being watched at any given moment," the novel states.

But arguably most consumers are aware of such surveillance. It is common knowledge that cell phones and computers can be tapped, by the government in particular, at any

COLUMN

College is breeding ground for germs, take precautions to avoid sickness

By AMANDA GIBSON  
COLUMNIST

While everyone else on campus was heading home or hanging out this past weekend, I was lying in bed suffering through a cold. Cuddling a box of tissues, I tuned into the Food Network and this is how I stayed for three days.

I think one of the hardest things to do in college is to take care of your health. Surrounded by people all the time, you never know when a simple cough from the person who sits behind you in class could drag you into a cesspool of germs and ruin your weekend.

There is only so much you can do to avoid getting sick, but one of the best tips I have is to carry portable hand sanitizer in your backpack or on

your keys. I keep a pocket-sized hand sanitizer in a hand sanitizer holder on my keys so I can always have it with me. I also buy bigger containers of sanitizer so I can refill my pocket-sized container as needed. This way, after I have been at class all day, before I head to the dining hall to dig into a cheeseburger, I can at least ensure that 99.9 percent of the germs on my hands have been terminated. It gives me the reassurance that I am keeping myself healthy.

I also keep some hand sanitizer in my purse, my backpack, and my car. These are all great places to put hand sanitizer, so if you are not in a situation where you can get to the bathroom to wash your hands before you eat or after

you pump gas into your car, you can still have something to sanitize with. Another great use for hand sanitizer is wiping down your phone case. Phones can become incredibly dirty. I have a pink phone case and the dirt shows up on it very easily, so I constantly sanitize my phone because it is so obvious. To those of you with darker colored phone cases, you may not notice how dirty your phone actually is, so a tip is to use a pump of hand sanitizer every once in a while to sanitize the item that probably makes the most contact with your face, hands and every surface around you during the day.

Another tip I have found handy is to drink orange juice. I like to keep small containers of

orange juice in my refrigerator, and I drink a few every week. Orange juice can be great for boosting your immune system.

Keeping up your health is so important in college because it is hard to make up what you missed in class while you were sleeping in, nursing a sore throat. Using hand sanitizer is a very convenient way to keep yourself out of the way of germs and making sure you get enough immune-boosting foods into your body is also great for keeping your health in check and your weekends enjoyable. In my case, I will hopefully be getting back on my feet within the next couple days.

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AMANDA'S STAY HEALTHY TIPS & TRICKS



>Use hand sanitizer



>Sanitize your phone



>Drink orange juice



# Train carrying 3 million gallons of crude still burning

By **JOHN RABY** and **JONATHAN MATTISE**  
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Oil cars were still burning more than a day after a train carrying 3 million gallons of North Dakota crude derailed in a West Virginia snow-storm, shooting fireballs into the sky.

Hundreds of families were evacuated after losing their drinking water and electricity when 19 tanker cars slammed into each other and caught fire, leaking oil into a Kanawha River tributary and burning a nearby house down to its foundation.

"There's nothing there," said Democratic U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, who toured the scene. "All you can see is a couple of blocks sticking out of the ground. There's some pickup trucks out front completely burned to the ground."

One person — the homeowner — was treated for smoke inhalation, but no other injuries were reported, according to the train company, CSX. The two-person crew, an engineer and conductor, managed to decouple the train's engines from the wreck behind it and walk away unharmed.

The train derailed near unincorporated Mount Carbon just after passing through Montgomery, a town of 1,946, on a stretch where the rails wind past businesses and homes crowded between the water and the steep, tree-covered hills.

Fire crews had little choice Tuesday but to let the tanks burn themselves out. Each carries up to 30,000 gallons of crude.

These rail shipments jumped from 9,500

carloads in 2008 to more than 435,000 in 2013, driven by a boom in the Bakken oil patch of North Dakota and Montana, where pipeline limitations force 70 percent of the crude to move by rail, according to American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers.

The downside: Trains hauling Bakken-regio0n oil have been involved in major accidents in Virginia, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Alabama and Canada, where 47 people were killed by an explosive derailment in 2013 in Lac-Megantic, Quebec.

Reports of leaks and other oil releases from tank cars are up as well, from 12 in 2008 to 186 last year, according to Department of Transportation records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Just Saturday — two days before the West Virginia wreck — 29 cars of a 100-car Canadian National Railway train carrying Bakken crude derailed in a remote area 50 miles south of Timmins, Ontario, spilling oil and catching fire.

This train was bound for an oil shipping depot in Yorktown, Virginia along the same route where three tanker cars plunged into the James River in Lynchburg, Va., prompting an evacuation last year.

All three of these accidents involved model 1232 tank cars, which include safety upgrades voluntarily adopted by the industry four years ago. An estimated \$7 billion has been spent to put 57,000 of these cars into service, according to the Railway Supply Institute.

Now the Obama Administration is considering requiring even more upgrades, such as

thicker tanks, shields to prevent tankers from crumpling, rollover protections and electronic brakes that could make cars stop simultaneously, rather than slam into each other.

Some of these measures would cost billions more and have been strongly opposed by the oil and rail industries.

The National Transportation Safety Board said its investigators will compare this wreck to others including Lynchburg and one near Casselton, N.D., when a Bakken crude train created a huge fireball that forced the evacuation of the farming town.

"This accident is another reminder of the need to improve the safety of transporting hazardous materials by rail," said Christopher Hart, NTSB's acting chairman.

Snow was falling heavily Monday — as much as 7 inches in some places — but it's not clear if weather was a factor. All but two of the 109 cars were tankers, and 26 of them left the tracks.

No cause has been determined, said CSX regional vice president Randy Cheetham. He said the tracks had been inspected just three days before the wreck.

"They'll look at train handling, look at the track, look at the cars. But until they get in there and do their investigation, it's unwise to do any type of speculation," he said.

By Tuesday evening, power crews were restoring electricity, water treatment plants were going back online, and most of the local

residents were back home. Initial tests showed no crude near water plant intake points, state Environmental Protection spokeswoman Kelley Gillenwater said.

If approved, the increased safety requirements now under White House review would phase out tens of thousands of the older tank cars being used to carry highly flammable liquids, and require more recently retrofitted cars to have new upgrades.

Sen. Manchin and Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin deferred questions on safety Tuesday, saying it's largely up to federal officials. But the state does have a say over some safety variables, such as public disclosure.

Railroads are required by federal order to tell state emergency officials where trains carrying Bakken crude are traveling. CSX and other railroads called this information proprietary, but more than 20 states rejected the industry's argument, informing the public as well as first-responders about the crude moving through their communities.

West Virginia is among those keeping it secret. State officials responded to an AP Freedom of Information request by releasing documents redacted to remove nearly every detail.

There are no plans to reconsider after this latest derailment, said Melissa Cross, a program manager for the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

## MOROCCO

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This isn't McGuffin's first time outside of the United States. She has also been to Haiti, Israel, Canada and Costa Rica. These were all trips lasting fewer than 10 days, and so she is thoroughly enjoying her long stay in Morocco.

According to McGuffin the languages most spoken there are French and Arabic, more specifically Darija Arabic. French is more common on campus, but luckily all of her classes are taught in English. She said taking a taxi or doing anything off campus does require some basic Arabic skills.

Her major is communications studies with an emphasis in interpersonal communication, and her minor is Greek. Her classes have given her many learning experiences about the Moroccan culture.

"Because I am living in a predominantly Islamic society, it's fascinating how the religion is ubiquitous in each of my classes and in daily life and conversations. I love the perspectives I am getting in class, especially in my Introduction to Islamic Civilization class, because there are not stereotypes about Islam here like there are in the U.S., so we can actually get past trying to correct false assumptions and really delve into studying the religion for what it is," McGuffin said.

McGuffin said she is highly impressed

with the Moroccan way of life. She said life there is very slow-paced and the people are very hospitable.

"Everything here is slower, and people make time for people. Quality time is valued above the task at any given moment, and that is definitely something I want to take back with me and exhibit better in the U.S.," McGuffin said.

"The most vivid image of hospitality I saw was visiting a nearby shepherd town, Tarmilat, a very impoverished area, far from the comfortable life I have in the dorm. We came to donate boots to the local school, and they greeted us warmly, sat us down to talk with us and served us an abundance of tea and msemen (Moroccan bread), despite the little they had."

She said the only big difference in the culture she has seen while studying in Morocco is the way people greet one another.

"Typically people greet one another by touching cheeks and making a kissing sound — one on each cheek for the typical greeting or a total of four if you haven't seen the person in a while. It's like a handshake to them," McGuffin said.

She also said that the weather is quite different from what many expect Morocco weather to be: desert like. She said classes were cancelled the first week of school because they received over a foot of snow. She also said that some students have told her sometimes it still snows in May in Morocco.

McGuffin said one thing she has fallen in love with during her trip is Moroccan mint tea and that she dearly misses her family and friends.

McGuffin said this opportunity to study abroad has given her a widened perspective.

"One significant experience for me was visiting my roommate's mosque with her in town and discussing Islam and religion with her. Being a follower of Christ makes me a minority here, and I am thankful for the religious dialogue that is encouraged on campus, specifically through the Interfaith Alliance at AUI. I am learning so much about Islam — from my roommate, other friends and in classes — which gives me perspectives I have never before encountered in the United States, and that's probably the most valuable aspect of living in this predominantly Muslim culture," McGuffin said.

McGuffin said she highly recommends this study abroad to other students.

"The most learning I've done here has not been in the classroom. I love Morocco, and it has a mystery about it that many popular study abroad countries seem to lack because they've become so touristy," McGuffin said.

"There are definitely touristy parts of Morocco, but for the most part, prepare for some deep cultural immersion that allows you to really experience genuine Moroccan culture — tagines, mint tea and all."

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Marshall University junior Katelyn McGuffin displays an American flag after building a snowman in Morocco. McGuffin has been studying abroad in Ifrane, Morocco since Jan. 13.

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## SOTC

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Williams added the city cannot progress until all citizens are willing to jump onboard.

"Unfortunately, we don't have all hands on deck," Williams said. "The single-largest issue we are facing is the level of addiction in our community. We have chronicled all that we are doing to address the drug issue."

Williams said the level of addiction is hindering the city from achieving the heights it is capable of accomplishing and destroying neighborhoods and Huntington families.

"I have said before that we cannot arrest our way out of this," Williams said. "We will continue our aggressive pursuit of every dealer who dares step foot in our city."

Williams said the Mayor's Office of Drug Control, led by Jim Johnson with assistance from Huntington Fire Capt. Jan Rader and Scott Lemley, crime intelligence analyst for the Huntington Police Department, is conducting meetings to assess the next steps.

Eighty-seven overdoses were reported in Huntington in 2014 with 12 resulting in death. The average age of overdose is 34 with the youngest victim being a 13-year-old female.

"We missed 87 opportunities to save a person's life," Williams said.

Williams shone a spotlight on local high school and college students and said the city lost insight when those in power turned a deaf ear to students.

"I've had opportunities to meet with the youngest of our citizens as

I have visited our schools," Williams said. "I always leave invigorated and impressed at their passion, intellect, ingenuity and incredible patience."

The mayor said he was particularly impressed by the work of Brianna Jarvis, sophomore art major at Marshall.

"Brianna's [bison competition] proposal was the most fascinating, detailed presentation I have observed in my professional life," Williams said. "I was amazed at the professionalism and mastery demonstrated by a then college freshman."

Williams said events in Ferguson, Cleveland, and New York City ignited a lingering spark in the city's powder keg to work toward bridging the divide between Huntington's law enforcement and the black community.

Williams' efforts to include representation of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community formed the city's LGBT Advisory Council and created a liaison between the mayor's office, the police chief and fire chief.

"We do not have the time or luxury, nor should we ever be inclined, to exclude anyone from the table of community affairs and field of mutual ambition," Williams said. "We need all hands on deck."

Williams said in conclusion the city is on the brink of delving into a multitude of opportunities.

"It's been a long time coming," Williams said, "but change has finally come."

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## VALENTINE'S

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the 20 pieces and two of our nine performers are men."

Performance pieces are works written or performed by men and women on Marshall's campus and in the local community.

"One of the wonderful things about this production is the diversity of contributors," Diener said. "The writers range from professional artists with their own books, to Marshall students working on pieces begun in classes, to first-time writers who are just beginning to explore their voices."

The program's directors wanted to empower victims and survivors in the community to tell their own stories as writers or performers.

Deal said the pieces range from, serious to funny and take on sexual identity and relationships.

Due to the winter storm, there has not been much time for performers to rehearse and the directors are still hoping for a good turn out.

"We have had a limited rehearsal time and the weather hasn't been very helpful," Deal said. "But there is a kind of natural spontaneity with this kind of production that gives it energy."

Performances are 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the B'Nai Shalom Congregation in Huntington. There is a \$5 donation to support CONTACT Rape Crisis Center.

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The 2015 Academy Awards have been called unpredictable on several levels this season. Though the acting categories seem to be locked, the film categories are much more ambiguous. With no real front-runner, it's anybody's game for Best Picture and most of the other film categories.  
Regardless, here are my humble predictions for the greatest night of the year:

## Writing (Original Screenplay)

"Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)" | Written by Alejandro G. Iñárritu, Ncolás Giacobone, Alexander Dinelaris, Jr. and Armando Bo  
"Boyhood" | Written by Richard Linklater  
"Foxcatcher" | Written by E. Max Frye and Dan Futterman  
"Nightcrawler" | Written by Dan Gilroy  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel" | Screeplay by Wes Anderson;  
Story by Wes Anderson and Hugo Guinness

## Writing (Adapted Screenplay)

"American Sniper" | Written by Jason Hall  
"The Imitation Game" | Written by Graham Moore  
"Inherent Vice" | Written for the screen by Paul Thomas Anderson  
"The Theory of Everything" | Screenplay by Anthony McCarten  
"Whiplash" | Written by Damien Chazelle

## Visual Effects

"Captain America: The Winter Soldier"  
"Guardians of the Galaxy"  
"Interstellar"  
"X-Men: Days of Future Past"  
"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"

## Sound Mixing

"American Sniper"  
"Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)"  
"Interstellar"  
"Unbroken"  
"Whiplash"

## Sound Editing

"Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)"  
"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies"  
"Interstellar"  
"Unbroken"  
"American Sniper"

## Production Design

"The Imitation Game"  
"Interstellar"  
"Into the Woods"  
"Mr. Turner"  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel!"

## Music (Original Song)

"Everything is Awesome" from "The Lego Movie"  
Music and lyrics by Shawn Patterson  
"Grateful" from "Beyond the Lights"  
Music and lyrics by Diane Warren

"I'm Not Gonna Miss You" from "Glen Campbell... I'll Be Me"  
Music and lyrics by Glen Campbell and Julian Raymond  
"Lost Stars" from "Begin Again"  
Music and lyrics by Gregg Alexander and Danielle Brisebois  
"Glory" from "Selma"

Music and lyrics by John Stephens and Lonnie Lynn

## Music (Original Score)

"The Grand Budapest Hotel" | Alexandre Desplat  
"The Imitation Game" | Alexandre Desplat  
"Interstellar" | Hans Zimmer  
"Mr. Turner" | Gary Yershon

"The Theory of Everything" | Jóhann Jóhannsson

## Makeup and Hairstyling

"Foxcatcher"  
"Guardians of the Galaxy"  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"

## Foreign Language Film

"Leviathan" | Russia  
"Tangerines" | Estonia  
"Timbuktu" | Mauritania  
"Wild Tales" | Argentina  
"Ida" | Poland

## Film Editing

"American Sniper"  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"  
"The Imitation Game"  
"Whiplash"  
"Boyhood"

## Documentary Feature

"Finding Vivian Maier"  
"Last Days in Vietnam"  
"The Salt of the Earth"  
"Virunga"  
"CitizenFour"

## Costume Design

"Inherent Vice"  
"Into the Woods"  
"Maleficent"  
"Mr. Turner"  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"

## Cinematography

"The Grand Budapest Hotel"  
"Ida"  
"Mr. Turner"  
"Unbroken"  
"Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)"

## Animated Feature Film

"Big Hero 6"  
"The Boxtrolls"  
"Song of the Sea"  
"The Tale of the Princess Kaguya"  
"How to Train Your Dragon 2"

## Directing

"Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)" | Alejandro G. Iñárritu  
"Foxcatcher" | Bennett Miller  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel" | Wes Anderson  
"The Imitation Game" | Morten Tyldum  
"Boyhood" | Richard Linklater

## Actress in a Supporting Role

Laura Dern | "Wild"  
Keira Knightly | "The Imitation Game"  
Emma Stone | "Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)"  
Meryl Streep | "Into the Woods"  
Patricia Arquette | "Boyhood"

## Actor in a Supporting Role

Robert Duvall | "The Judge"  
Ethan Hawke | "Boyhood"  
Edward Norton | "Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)"  
Mark Ruffalo | "Foxcatcher"  
J.K. Simmons | "Whiplash"

## Actress in a Leading Role

Marion Cotillard | "Two Days, One Night"  
Felicity Jones | "The Theory of Everything"  
Rosamund Pike | "Gone Girl"  
Reese Witherspoon | "Wild"  
Julian Moore | "Still Alice"

## Actor in a Leading Role

Steve Carrell | "Foxcatcher"  
Bradley Cooper | "American Sniper"  
Benedict Cumberbatch | "The Imitation Game"  
Michael Keaton | "Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)"  
Eddie Redmayne | "The Theory of Everything"

## Best Picture

"American Sniper"  
"Boyhood"  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"  
"The Imitation Game"  
"Selma"  
"The Theory of Everything"  
"Whiplash"  
"Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)"

With top prizes at the SAG, DGA and PGA awards and a loss at the WGAs only to "The Grand Budapest Hotel" (because of ineligibility), it's unlikely "Boyhood" will overtake "Birdman." Historically, and I say this hesitantly, the guilds have determined Best Picture winners with few exceptions. "Boyhood," which has picking up most of the critics awards, did not take home a single major guild award. But it did win the BAFTA best picture prize, the winners of which have gone on to win the Oscar for the past six years.

Really the Best Picture statue is anyone's in a game with no true frontrunners, but my money is on "Birdman."  
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