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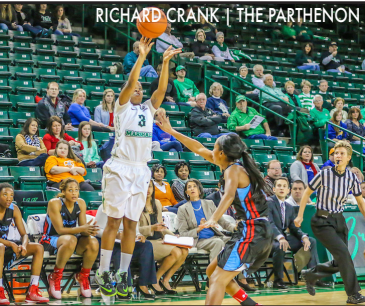
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## Week-long closing first since '70s

By AMY NAPIER  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University cancelled the majority of classes on all campuses last week due to an extreme snowstorm, which hit Huntington early Feb. 16.

Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing, said the decision to cancel classes is more complicated than one might think.

"We have to consider not only the road conditions near campus, but also our parking lots and roads that commuters have to travel," Painter said. "We have to balance the safety of our students and employees with the education factor and students getting to their classes."

A joint committee including Painter, Interim President Gary White, Vice

President of Operations Brandi Jacob-Jones, Provost Gayle Ormiston, Marshall Police Department Chief Jim Terry and Executive Director of Marshall Health Beth Hammers decide whether or not to cancel classes.

Painter said if bad weather is forecast, she and the other members consult at

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GINNY PAINTER



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## 'ANYTHING GOES' SETS SAIL IN HUNTINGTON

"I think this is one of those classic Broadway events that's not quite a household name, but it has great music and a great story."

By MIKAELA KEENER  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall Artists Series presented "Anything Goes" Monday at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center.

The musical tells the story of Billy Crocker, who sailed away on the S.S. American to be with Hope Harcourt, the love of his life.

Marshall University freshman Brooke Estep said the cast showed off their talent well.

"I love the dancing," Estep said. "I knew it was a musical, and I've seen it before. But the dancing is

absolutely fantastic. They're incredibly talented and the fact they can sing and dance at the same time and do it so well, is wonderful."

Angela Jones, director of marketing and external affairs, said the musical was produced into movies and a live TV performance featuring Frank Sinatra.

"Of all the shows this season, I think this is one of those classic Broadway events that's not quite a household name, but it has great music and a great story," Jones said.

"Anything Goes" won three Tony Awards in 2011,

including Best Choreography and Best Musical Revival.

Sarah Davenport, graduate student at Marshall, was surprised by the size of the audience the show attracted.

"I think it's interesting we had a great crowd come out tonight, even with the stinky weather," Davenport said.

The Marshall Artist Series will feature the Spring International Film Festival March 27 through April 1.

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## City Council approves \$6.5 million bond, addresses snow removal

By LEXI BROWNING  
THE PARTHENON

Huntington City Council approved an ordinance pertaining to sewer revenue bonds Monday and praised the work of city employees' dedication to clearing snow-ridden roads during its meeting at City Hall.

The ordinance, which passed its third reading and public hearing, authorized the financing and issuance of \$6.5 million in sewer revenue bonds. Councilman Mark Bates sponsored the ordinance.



LEXI BROWNING | THE PARTHENON

Members of Huntington's City Council discuss current issues faced by the city during the City Council meeting Monday.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said the bond will not cause a rate increase.

"There are two projects that are necessary," Williams said. "Pipes that are coming into the treatment plant and pipes going out of the treatment plant are on the verge, if we don't act quickly, of collapsing and causing a catastrophic event."

The Huntington Wastewater Plant's intake and outtake pipelines are responsible for the processing of water in the wastewater plant and filter approximately 13 million gallons a day.

The pipelines measure at 54 inches in diameter and stretch hundreds of feet.

Louis Akers, director of the Huntington Sanitary Board and director of the Huntington Water Quality Board said pricing the bonds will be the first step after the ordinance's passing.

"The city approved us selling bonds, and we will sell those bonds to individuals and institutions so they get the bonds and we get the money," Akers said.

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# Animal shelter offers tips for winter pet care

**By ERIKA JOHNK**  
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter made room for its dogs and cats to stay inside during the freezing temperatures this week.

Scott Iseli, director of the shelter, said every pet owner should bring in his or her pets during the

extreme temperatures.

“We brought all of our animals in during these cold temperatures, which was a total of 10 dogs that were outside in the barn,” Iseli said. “We are asking everyone to bring their dogs in during the evening if they can. If they can’t, use wood chips or straw during these cold temperatures.”

Iseli said pet owners should check their animal’s water and make sure dogs who have to stay outside have a warm doghouse.

According to the shelter’s website, it promotes animal adoptions and facility improvement through positive change, community involvement and education.

The shelter is always in need of supplies such as dog and cat food, newspapers, collars, leashes, bowls and litter boxes. The shelter also needs volunteers to walk the dogs, feed the animals and clean the kennels.

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# AP WAS THERE: 70 years ago, Marines raise flag on Iwo Jima

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hard-fighting United States marines, who have paid the Pacific’s highest price for 58 hours of battle with 5,372 casualties at Iwo, wrested 546-foot Mt. Suribachi on the south tip of the island from the Japanese yesterday.

The United States Flag was raised on the crater’s rim at 10:35 a.m. by the 28th Regiment, signaling the end of one phase of the five-day-old struggle.

From Suribachi, whose slopes had been blasted by battleships and dive-bombed by carrier planes, the Japs (Editor’s note: a disparaging word used to describe the Japanese that was in common use at the time) had raked marine positions throughout the southern sector with deadly mortar and artillery fire.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the victory in a brief communique soon after one which had reported only minor advances through Thursday against fierce opposition.

The earlier communique, covering marine casualties only through 6 p.m. Wednesday, disclosed that 644 marines had been killed, 4,168 wounded and 560 were missing. Since then severe battles have raged.

In the same 58-hour period, a total of 1,222 enemy dead were counted.

No invasion of the Pacific war for a comparative period has cost so many American casualties. At Tarawa, previously considered the bloodiest fight of the war, marine casualties for its entire 72 hours slightly exceeded 3,000.

The three marine divisions, the 3rd, 4th and 5th, inched forward slightly on the north toward the enemy fighter base in the center of the island and constructed their lines around Mt. Suribachi as a preliminary to its capture. Presumably hard fighting will still be necessary to clean all the Japs from its caves.

The Japs launched two powerful counterattacks on the flanks of the forces attacking the airfield. Significantly, Nimitz did not specifically claim either had been completely blunted.

Nimitz said that artillery and the supporting guns of U.S. 5th Fleet warships “appeared to have repulsed the assault on the left.”

He added, however:

“No reporters were available on the action on the right.”

At Mt. Suribachi strong patrols moved up the cliffs under attacks by the enemy, who was using hand grenades and demolition charges.

Heavy rains hampered the fighting.

In a broadcast, Larry Tighe, Blue Network correspondent, said high winds have whipped waves “to heights of six feet” against the shore and “endanger any attempts to keep the supply lines flowing smoothly into the beaches.” Despite this supplies were moving ashore much faster than in the first two days when the invasion was perilously close to being repulsed.

Jap planes, earlier acknowledged to have inflicted some damage on units of the 5th Fleet, continued their attacks Thursday.

The raids were unsuccessful, the Navy said. Fighters and anti-aircraft guns shot down six enemy planes.

Warships and carrier planes, despite bad weather, kept adding to the more than 20,000 tons of explosives which have been pumped into Iwo’s enemy garrison — one ton for each Nipponese who was on the island’s eight square miles when the invasion was opened Monday.

Vice-Adm. John Hoover, commander of forward areas, disclosed today that at one time on D-Day the beach head actually appeared “doomed.”

Other observers reported only a few trucks got ashore the first two days, during which the landing parties were almost without supplies.

“There was little change in the position of the front lines,” Nimitz had reported in a Thursday communique which covered action up to Thursday noon.

“Some damage to fleet units” was announced by Nimitz in reporting the first successful attack by the Jap air force on American warships supporting the invasion.

Although Iwo Jima is only 750 miles from



In this Feb. 23, 1945 file photo, U.S. Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Division, raise a U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima. Strategically located 660 miles from Tokyo, the Pacific island became the site of one of the bloodiest, most famous battles of World War II against Japan.

AP PHOTO | JOE ROSENTHAL | FILE

Tokyo, and about 100 south of the enemy’s bases on Chichi and Haha islands in the Bonins, the Japs had been unable until at sunset Wednesday to penetrate the air screen thrown about the fleet as it pounded Iwo’s defenses. The enemy attack doubtless was aided by the heavy rains drenching Iwo and hampering the ground invasion.

Landing Wednesday of the reinforcing 3rd Marine Division, the mounting casualties, bitter resistance and almost negligible gains all indicated the marines were up against their toughest assignment of the Pacific war. An American invasion force of perhaps 40,000 is pitted against an original enemy garrison of probably 20,000. In addition to outnumbering the enemy, the devildogs had the support of American warships and American carrier and land-based planes commanded the air.

With the capture of Mt. Suribachi heavy fighting on Iwo will be concentrated in the northern section where the marines are driving for the central airfield.

Several heavy enemy counterattacks in the northern sector were beaten off Wednesday night, Nimitz reported, and then on Thursday the marines launched a northward attack of their own under heavy enemy fire.

By noon Thursday, fighting in a hard rain, this force was advancing slowly.

In the southern sector, the leathernecks launched a coordinated attack up the steep slopes of Suribachi to achieve its capture. They fought “under the most difficult combat conditions,” said the communique. Every few feet there was an enemy pillbox. Japs resisted from every cave and crevice in the 546-foot high peak.

Suribachi was isolated early in the invasion from the Japanese farther north when a marine column drove across the southern edge of Iwo.

American warships, which plastered Iwo for several days in a heavy preinvasion bombardment, continued to shell the northern area of the island, Nimitz reported.

# BIG program offers support group for brain injury survivors

**By ALLYSON CARR**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is teaming up with the Center for Excellence in Disabilities to offer a support group for traumatic brain injury survivors and support members.

The support group meets the last Wednesday of every month at the Cabell County Public Library.

The Brain Injury Group of Huntington is

open to anyone who has survived a brain injury, family members and support members.

Carrie Childers, assistant professor of communication disorders, organizes activities for the group sessions at the Cabell County Public Library.

Meetings might consist of the CED inviting speakers, doing trainings with interactive learning, discussing

challenges and problem solving, sharing strategies and social nights with games.

“If people are interested in learning about a certain strategy and practicing, we would do that,” Childers said. “We want to give what people are looking for.”

Marshall students who are survivors of brain injuries or are students in the field of communication disorders can get

involved with the BIG program.

“It is our hope that it gives students at Marshall University a resource, a committee based resource for education and support,” Childers said.

The next meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday on the third floor of the Cabell County Public Library.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

All information provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

**By TYLER FERRIS**  
THE PARTHENON

**Larceny**

A \$600 Dell laptop was stolen Feb. 12 from an unsecured room in East Hall. Upon reviewing video surveillance, MUPD was able to identify a suspect. Warrants have been attained for the suspect’s arrest.

**Grand Larceny**

Property was stolen from a room in Freshman South Residence Hall Feb. 13. The property was recovered, and the victim decided not to prosecute. Judicial action was taken.

**Unlawful Drinking**

Students were issued citations for underage drinking Feb. 16 in Haymaker Hall.

**Suspected Larceny**

A backpack was taken from a room in Towers East between 8 a.m. Feb 20 and 6 p.m. Feb. 21. The backpack contained Nike shoes and health insurance cards, among other contents. MUPD has no suspects.

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# SPORTS

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## From linebacker to athletic director



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“I wanted to be a part of building the program back from the plane crash.”

-Mike Hamrick

By KASEY MADDEN  
THE PARTHENON

In 1980, Mike Hamrick hung up his football helmet and received his diploma in secondary education from Marshall University.

Hamrick said his original goal was to become a teacher and coach high school football like his father.

Thirty-five years after his college graduation and after working in athletic departments across five other states, Hamrick is now Marshall’s Athletic Director.

Hamrick’s journey back to Marshall was one he anticipated. “When I left Marshall I said, ‘You know what, one day I’m going to come back here and be the athletic director,’” Hamrick said.

Hamrick was a starting linebacker for two seasons, and his older brother Ed Hamrick was the place kicker for three years.

After the Herd recruited Ed Hamrick, Mike Hamrick said he fell in love with Huntington. Mike Hamrick said he saw an opportunity to play football at the collegiate level and receive a solid education.

“It wasn’t too big, but it wasn’t too small, and I wanted to be a part of building the program back from the plane crash,” Mike Hamrick said.

During Mike Hamrick’s freshman football season with the Herd in 1976, the team beat the then nationally ranked, Miami of Ohio.

Miami was ranked 14th, and Mike Hamrick said there was little hope Marshall would claim a victory.

Mike Hamrick said the game started with around 6,000 to 7,000 people in attendance, but when rumors circled Huntington that Marshall was ahead at halftime, around 12,000 to 13,000 people came to watch the second half of the game.

“No one could believe it, but people were listening to the radio, and so we gave people a little hope that you know, Marshall could eventually win,” Mike Hamrick said.

After getting his master’s degree in sports administration at the University of Ohio while serving as an assistant coach on their football team, Mike Hamrick married his college girlfriend.

The two moved to Las Vegas where he started working with the athletic department at the University of Nevada.

From there, Mike Hamrick served as the assistant athletic director at the University of Kansas and Illinois State University. He served as the athletic director at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and East Carolina University.



Photo from Marshall Yearbook, 1977, House on Fifth Avenue and Elm Street after the herd beat University of Miami at Ohio.

Mike Hamrick’s journey brought him back to UNLV in 2003, where he said he and his wife planned to retire.

“Then Dr. Stephen Kopp called in 2009 and said he would like to visit with me,” Mike Hamrick said.

Mike Hamrick said he was impressed with President Stephen J. Kopp’s vision for Marshall and was determined to build Marshall’s athletic program.

“So, in 2009 it was really a chance to come home and do what I said I wanted to do in 1976,” Mike Hamrick said.

According to the athletic department, Mike Hamrick’s work in his six years as athletic director has put \$42 million into improving facilities or building new facilities, such as the Chris Cline Athletic Complex and the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex.

“I didn’t come here to retire, I can promise you that,” Mike Hamrick said. “I came here to try to make a difference.”

Mike Hamrick said when he came back to Marshall he saw needs and did his best to meet them.

He said within the first few weeks he was hired, he saw the track athletes running in the concrete hallways of the Cam Henderson Center. The team practiced in the Cam because Marshall did not have a track.

“It’s been very rewarding to provide these current student athletes with things I never had when I was a student athlete here, like facilities and good coaching and good places to go play,” Mike Hamrick said.

Because Mike Hamrick was a student-athlete, coach and worked in athletic administration, he said he can relate to the pressures athletes have placed on them.

“When they have tough losses, I know how they feel,” Mike Hamrick said.

Hamrick said he learned many lessons in the classroom at Marshall, but the biggest lesson he learned was on the football field.

“Being a football player here in the ‘70s when we didn’t have a lot of success, I learned to fight through that and persevere through those difficult times to be successful,” Mike Hamrick said.

He said in his almost 30 years away from Marshall, he never stopped following the school and was unsure if he would have the opportunity to return.

“If I had to do it over again,” Hamrick said. “I would have done the same thing.”

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## Player of the week: AJ Johnson

Position: Guard    Class: Senior    Hometown: Silver Spring, Md.

By BRADLEY HELTZEL  
THE PARTHENON

AJ Johnson knocked down six three-pointers en route to 23 points in Saturday’s victory over University of Alabama at Birmingham that snapped a three game losing streak for the Herd. As she has done all season, Johnson displayed confidence in her shooting stroke, letting it fly from beyond the arc with her six made threes coming on 13 total attempts.

That unwavering self-confidence has been a staple of Johnson’s game all season as she has not been shy about launching

from deep. Johnson is second on the team in scoring at 11 points per game and has gone 59-185 on three-point attempts this season for a 31.9 percent shooting clip.

Johnson’s most valuable skill is her three-point shooting. Her mental makeup doesn’t allow her to get caught up in the shots that aren’t falling. Although she is just 5-foot-5, Johnson has no issues getting her shot off from deep due to her quick release. She isn’t confined to a catch-and-shoot role as Johnson’s ball handling and quickness gives her the ability to generate the space to get her shot off in nearly every situation. Her

combination of quickness and acceleration also make her effective at jumping passing lanes and coming up with steals on the defensive end where she ranks second on the team this season with 32.

Johnson said the coaches tell them to keep shooting no matter what happens or how many shots they miss.

“Just keep shooting and the next one is going to go in,” Johnson said. “They just tell us not to look back and keep pushing forward.”

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AJ Johnson guards the ball against University of Southern Mississippi Jan. 29.

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EDITORIAL

Options for pregnant women diminishing in W. Va.

Access to crisis pregnancy centers is more obtainable than access to Planned Parenthood

Unexpected pregnancies warrant a lot of decision making within a very small time period. A pregnancy can completely rewrite and interrupt a woman's plans, causing her to have to put her life on pause to take care of and provide for a child. During these times, women turn to places like Planned Parenthood for help, but with states passing laws causing facilities to close, options are becoming few and far between.

Women should be weary of facilities known as crisis pregnancy centers. These establishments are not medical facilities. They are usually run under a pro-life agenda and their entire purpose is to trick women seeking an abortion into coming into the facility so they can be shamed into not getting an abortion.

CPCs are also known to give out inaccurate information about contraceptives like IUDs and condoms.

When a woman goes to a CPC she is given counseling that involves asking very personal (and quite frankly irrelevant) questions that only tangentially pertain to the pregnancy, including questions about the woman's number of sexual partners, her parents, her religious affiliation and her financial situation. She may also be asked about the individual who impregnated her and whether he has been informed about the potential pregnancy.

By asking these questions, the CPC employees can use a woman's answer to justify keeping the child. Her parents would love to have grandchildren, she's financially stable enough,

her boyfriend would surely be a supportive and great parent.

A good way to determine whether a place is safe is to visit the establishment's website to see what services are offered. CPCs are, however, notorious for using false advertising. How this is legal is questionable. CPCs are often affiliated with a religious organization, so any allusion to Christianity on the website or in a slogan is a good indicator of a bad facility.

When seeking help during an unwanted pregnancy, contact a real healthcare provider for a reference to a legitimate women's clinic that will provide accurate and non-biased information. While West Virginia only has one facility in Vienna, Planned Parenthood is a good

resource for women seeking help as they can point in the right direction. The campus Women's Center also has information for women seeking help and is easily accessible to students.

Women's health clinics are good, safe facilities whose first priority is to provide information to prevent unwanted pregnancies before an abortion is even necessary. CPCs exist only to shame women out of getting abortions by using emotionally manipulative tactics. By providing funding to CPCs but taking it from legitimate clinics, state governments are creating more problems rather than fixing them.

Pregnancy and motherhood are a choice, and no woman should be shamed into making the decision to have a child.

Local Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Birthright  
709 3rd Ave.  
Huntington, WV 25701

A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center  
925 8th St.  
Huntington, WV 25701

Woman's Choice, Inc  
P O Box 11687  
Charleston, WV 25339

Union Mission  
PO Box 112  
Charleston, WV 25321

The Gabriel Project of West Virginia  
PO Box 4663  
Charleston, WV 25364

Local Abortion Services

Women's Health Center of West Virginia  
510 Washington St.  
W Charleston, WV 25302

Kanawha Surgicenter  
4803 MacCorkle Ave.  
SE Charleston, WV 25304

Planned Parenthood

Vienna Health Center  
522 Grand Central Ave.  
Vienna, WV 26105

COLUMN

Piles of snow become piles of homework

After classes were cancelled for an entire week due to weather conditions, students find themselves buried in tons of extra homework.

By AMANDA GIBSON  
COLUMNIST

After these rare and much appreciated snow days, the piles of snow are soon going to turn into piles of homework. As everyone catches back up with their syllabi, you might find yourself under more pressure to get your homework done than usual. So, throughout the next week, make sure to prioritize and make yourself a daily to-do list so you can be sure to stay on task.

Prioritize. Something a lot of us probably are not good at. One good way to prioritize is to put the smaller assignments in front of your bigger assignments. This way, you can stop stressing about those smaller projects and you can spend more time concentrating on the more time-consuming projects. Another way to prioritize is to do the opposite; start on your big, stressful projects first, so when you are finished you are left with tasks that look simpler and will take

less time to do. Either of these is a great way to make sure you do all of your assignments and stay on task while doing them. If you start small and work your way up, or vice versa, you may feel more motivated to get all of your work done because it is laid out in a nice list.

Make a to-do list. After you have gotten your priorities straight, make a list of the things you need to do on a piece of paper, your assignment book, or in your phone. I have a to-do list in my phone where I list every day of the week, when things are due and when I need to work on them, edit them and submit them. This list keeps me on task, and I always know which assignments I need to focus on the most. Also, this will keep you from submitting your assignments at the last minute because you always know when things are due.

But we face so many distractions throughout the day, so how do you stay on task? Try

studying in the library where it is quiet or turn your room into a quiet study area. Turn off your television, turn down your music and lay your phone somewhere away from you so you can concentrate on the tasks at hand. Try to stay away from areas where you will be inclined to talk to friends and try not to check social media. Stay on task for a full hour with no distractions, then give yourself a break. If you repeat this cycle, you may find yourself being more productive and getting your homework done a lot faster.

If you are like me, this winter weather is making you sluggish, and the prospect of more homework on your schedule can be exhausting. So be sure to prioritize and take advantage of your to-do list to keep your deadlines in check and your assignments under control.

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Students take advantage of the snow day Feb. 16 by sliding through the snow drifts on campus, not catching up on homework.

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This file photo, shows a train derailment that sent a tanker with crude oil into the Kanawha River near Mount Carbon, W.Va. Tuesday. AP PHOTO | CHRIS TILLEY | FILE

BELOW: West Virginia local law enforcement works with CSX officials to close down parts of Route 61 in the aftermath of the Monday CSX train derailment that sent a tanker carrying crude oil into the Kanawha River near Mount Carbon, W.Va. AP PHOTO | CHRIS TILLEY



BELOW: West Virginia Army National Guard and members of the Red Cross load bottles of water Wednesday. AP PHOTO | CHRIS TILLEY



# Cleanup, investigation continue at derailment site

**By PAM RAMSEY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A full-scale federal investigation of an oil train derailment in southern West Virginia has begun as work continues to remove the overturned tank cars from the site, federal officials said Sunday.

A fire sparked by the Feb. 16 derailment in Mount Carbon prevented investigators from gaining full access to the crash scene until this weekend. Foul winter weather also has hampered the investigation. As of Sunday, some cars had been removed from the site but many remained.

"The folks at the site of the derailment are making a lot of progress. It has absolutely been difficult. It is a great testament to them that we have no one injured up there despite the ice and snow, the cold and dampness," Sarah Feinberg,

acting administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration Administrator, said Sunday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Investigators have not determined what caused 27 cars of the 109-car CSX train to go off the tracks during a snowstorm. Feinberg said the investigation is in an early stage and the railroad agency will examine all elements, including weather, the track and the operation of the train.

"Some of the things we want to look are still under the cars in the pileup," Robert Lauby, the railroad agency's chief safety officer, told The AP.

Investigators have reviewed video from cameras on the locomotives' front and rear, along with video from another train that passed the CSX train minutes before the derailment. The train's data recorder also has been recovered.

"Now we can begin work on the forensic investigation," Feinberg said.

The investigation will include inspecting the damaged tank cars, recovering damaged rail and reviewing maintenance and inspection records, the U.S. Department of Transportation said Sunday in a news release.

The oil involved in the derailment is being tested by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to determine its gas content, volatility and tank car performance. Investigators also want to determine whether the oil's classification complied with federal hazardous material regulations, the DOT said.

Derailement investigations can take several days to a couple of weeks, Feinberg said.

The train was carrying 3 million gallons of North Dakota crude when it derailed. As of Sunday afternoon, response teams had recovered

152,000 gallons from tank cars, multiple agencies responding to the derailment said in a news release.

"Some cars still have to be righted," Skip Elliott, CSX vice president of public safety, health and environment said Sunday at a multiagency media briefing in Boomer, across the Kanawha River from the derailment site

The derailment shot fireballs into the sky, leaked oil into a Kanawha River tributary, burned down a house nearby and forced nearby water treatment plants to temporarily shut down. Containment booms have been deployed to lessen the environmental impact.

A small amount of oil was detected in the river. Water and air monitoring in the area is continuing, Dennis Matlock, on-scene coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said at the briefing.

## 'The Loving Story' to show at Drinko

**By CAITLIN FOWLKES**  
THE PARTHENON

The Black United Students Social Club will show "The Loving Story" at 4 p.m. Tuesday on the fourth floor of Drinko library in the atrium.

The short film is about the 1962 Supreme Court legalization of interracial marriage based on the white man, Richard Loving, and African-American and Native-American woman, Mildred Jeeter who spurred the legalization

with the Loving v. Virginia case. The couple married in Washington and returned home to Virginia to find that their marriage was illegal. The film is a documentary compilation of newly found home videos of the couple, their lawyers and photography by Grey Villet.

According to President of the Black United Social Club, Brandie Gore, the film should last about 45 minutes.

There will be a reception and

discussion after the film.

Gore said the movie will give students the opportunity for remembrance during Black History Month.

"It gives people insight to inter-racial marriages, and what everyone had to go through for love," Gore said.

The movie won the Peabody Award in 2013, two years after its release.

There is no cost to attend the movie.

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## SNOW

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5:30 a.m. to compare notes and make the decision.

While the snow had melted significantly towards the end of the week, temperatures had dropped below zero causing another point of concern for the committee.

"One of the reasons why we cancelled classes on Thursday and Friday when it

was so cold was because we were afraid students wouldn't have the proper attire," Painter said. "This was a major unprecedented weather occurrence."

Painter said the last time she could recall Marshall closing for such an extended time period was in the late 1970s.

"I've been asking around, and that seems to be the general consensus from everyone," she said. "I believe it was either the winter storm of '77 or '78."

Sophomore Justin Hurt said he was

particularly glad the university closed because it allowed him time to relieve his school-related stress.

"After a month or so of the semester has went by, all of my class work really starts to pile up," Hurt said. "This past week gave me a chance to just push all of that aside and relax. I've never been so thankful for snow."

Hurt said he spent his week watching Netflix and visiting with friends and family.

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## CITY COUNCIL

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Akers said the bonds will hopefully be released between 30 days and six months.

"I commend City Council," Akers said. "I think this council, as long as I have worked with them, have been tremendous about protecting the citizens of Huntington and doing what's right rather than what's expedient or sounds politically correct."

Williams praised the Public Works Department and the Huntington Fire Department for their work during last week's series of storms. Williams said Huntington

is now required to do a SWAT analysis to determine and correct the city's weaknesses during winter storm crises.

"We went from storm to nonstop freezing to subzero temperatures, but our people didn't stop," Williams said. "The federal government shut down, Marshall University shut down, county government shut down but except for Presidents' Day, City Hall stayed open."

Williams said he received gratuitous feedback from individuals whose roads had been plowed for the first time in 25 years.

"Our garbage collection, in the midst of everything, continued on schedule,"

Williams said. "We have world class employees, I've said it before. We've got some things we have to fix. Put that on my shoulders, not on our employees' shoulders."

Councilwoman Sandra Clements praised the work of the Huntington Police Department in locating 6-year-old Derrick Jenkins who went missing Sunday.

Clements also commended the mayor's appointment of Municipal Judge Cheryl L. Henderson who is the first African-American judge appointed to the position in Huntington. Henderson was sworn in Monday.

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**What's your major?** Nursing

**What would you say was the happiest moment of your life?** The first time I got an IV in, or the first time I traveled abroad.

**If you could give one piece of advice to a large group of people, what would it be?**

Don't second guess yourself, just do it.



## Lawyer talks craft brew legislation at Black Sheep

**By KELSIE LIVELY**  
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Black Sheep Burritos and Brews invited Charleston Lawyer Robert Absten Monday to share the upcoming changes in legislation for craft brewing laws in West Virginia at Tap Takeover.

The changes will allow pubs and breweries to sell beer directly to the public through the sales of growlers.

"A jug or a bottle that is used to take craft beer off the premises, they can be as small as 20 ounces or as big as a gallon," Absten said. "They are generally about a half gallon and are usually a standard jug with a handle on the side. Sometimes they are an iodine bottle type shape."

The current laws only allow craft breweries to sell kegs directly to the public. The small size of local breweries limits the production of their beer to solely produce draft beer.

"As it stands right now, there are 11 breweries in the state of West Virginia," Absten said. "Eight of those are brewpub's and three of those are production breweries. A lot of those don't have the capacity to can or bottle so they

can only sell draft beers that can only be sold in a restaurant or a bar. People can't take them home to share, people can't take them home from out of state. So if you've got growler sales available people would be able to buy local West Virginia beer and take it from a place like Black Sheep."

Senate Bill 273 is currently pending in the West Virginia senate. Absten said some legislators have some concerns about the generational influence of a culture based on alcohol.

"There are some legislators who have expressed concerns about alcohol in general about a culture of alcohol consumption," Absten said.

Legislators are also concerned that a traditional, three tiered distribution system will no longer work.

"Some legislators have voiced some concerns about the three, tier distribution system and whether this bill goes too far and interfere with the traditional system," Absten said.

The bill is currently pending approval.

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