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By JOCELYN GIBSON
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West Virginia For Bernie Sanders organized a live broadcast of the democratic candidate Wednesday in Drinko Library.

The group is a grassroots campaign to help elect Sanders which launched on April 30. The broadcast was titled "Addressing Income Inequality in America: Bernie Sanders and the Race for the White House."
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The musical "Collis P." will run an encore performance 8 p.m. Friday at the Jean Carlo Stephenson Auditorium at City Hall.

The performance is free, but donation boxes will be placed outside the auditorium.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL PATRICK MORRISEY warms residents to be on alert for fraudulent phone calls

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The Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division has received several similar reports from West Virginia residents regarding a debit card phone scam currently occurring across the state.

“Consumers need to be cautious to make sure they don’t fall for high-pressure scam tactics,” Morrisey said.

According to the reports, the consumer receives a call from an unknown number and an automated voice tells them their debit card has been deactivated. The individual is told to press “1” to reactivate their card. At that point, the call is transferred to a live person who asks the consumer for their debit card number, expiration date and PIN number.

“These scammers try to trick people into giving up their personal financial information by making them think they won’t be able to use their debit card unless immediate action is taken,” Morrisey said. “Banks will never use unsolicited phone calls asking for your account information. Consumers need to be cautious to make sure they don’t fall for these high-pressure scam tactics.”

This debit card scam has occurred in several other states in recent years. Reports to the Consumer Protection Division indicate scammers began targeting West Virginia consumers over the weekend.

The Attorney General’s Office offered a series of tips in case someone receives a phone call claiming their card has been deactivated.

- Always remember to stay calm. Scammers rely on the pressure of the situation to force their victims into making a rushed decision.
- Never give out personal or financial information on an unsolicited phone call. Banks already have your account information. If you want to confirm the status of your account, call the customer service number on the back of your card or on your bank statement.
- If a caller uses poor grammar or has an aggressive tone, be wary, as these are often red flags for fraudulent calls.
- Trust your instincts. If the caller’s claims do not seem right, end the call. You can always call your financial institution directly and discuss the status of your account.
- “Consumers need to be wary of any unsolicited phone calls asking for personal financial information,” Morrisey said. “This is often a red flag for a scam. You can always hang up and ask the person to call back later so you can take time to check their claims with your financial institution or our Office’s Consumer Protection Division.”

This debit card scam is one of many scams that occur through the use of unsolicited, automated phone calls. Last week, Attorney General Morrisey joined a national coalition of 45 state attorneys general in a letter calling on the nation’s five major telephone carriers to offer their customers the ability to block these scam calls.

“While my office is doing everything it can to educate consumers and fight back against these scammers, the best way to do this would be by stopping these calls before they ever come through,” Morrisey said. “The technology now exists that will allow consumers to block these scam calls, and I again urge phone carriers to provide this to their customers as quickly as possible.”

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For those who have been living under a rock the past six and a half months, Brady and the Patriots were accused of using under-inflated footballs to gain a competitive advantage in January’s AFC championship victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

Brady’s suspension would have him out until Oct. 18 which is — ironically — when the Patriots travel to Indy to face the Colts.

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Zerkle, who completed her sophomore season with the Herd in May, led Division I softball with 47 stolen bases, one shy of her own record of 48, which she set as a freshman in 2014.

By MALCOLM WALTON

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#Straighttalk: BRADY’S SUSPENSION UPHOLD

By MALCOLM WALTON

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New England Patriots’ quarterback Tom Brady has a ball tossed to him during a news conference in New York, Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

The American league with the most excitement is NASL (National Asociation of Soccer Leagues). One step below the NASL is the NISA (National Independent Soccer Association). This league is wildly entertaining (with the players allowed to tweaking the league’s bylaws, which have given them the freedom to do almost anything).

But American soccer has been changing, too. MLS is now a second-rate league (with teams made up of the best players on the American national team) and the best players on the U.S. national team were drawn to the more glorious and lucrative leagues in Europe.

To me, it seems as if Patriots’ owner Robert Kraft thought he had made a bargain of some kind: steel-cut unbelievably the league’s penalties of a $1 million fine (which is nothing to Kraft), lose a couple future draft picks and then Brady is off the hook; ultimately setting up the team for another successful year and Super Bowl run.

That just wasn’t the case. Either Goodell finally decided to stick by his guns or perhaps, he felt the heat from the other NFL owners who approached him last week to push for Brady’s suspension to be upheld.

Nevertheless, all we can do is now wait as the situation of Brady's involvement in "Deflategate."

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For Americans blown away by the exciting lower leagues in the U.S. (even if you consider yourself an American soccer fan, you really should also embrace the continent’s lower leagues), there are a few entertaining lower leagues in the U.S. that do not count against the overall team salary cap. This allowed the L.A. Galaxy to sign superstar David Beckham, who greatly increased the profile of MLS. Now, teams are allowed to have multiple designated players and many American stars such as Clint Dempsey (Seattle Sounders), Michael Bradley and Jozy Altidore (both of the Toronto FC) have decided to come home and play in the domestic league, where national stars can cash in.

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There are reasonable solutions to gun violence

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By CHARLES DeLEO

The Constitution of the United States of America

There is no evidence that the United States government could safely and successfully confiscate guns, especially considering how citizens in New York and Connecticut responded to just having to register assault rifles. However, there are much more reasonable measures that can be taken to at least put a dent in the number of people who die each year from guns.

The first thing this country can do is address mental illnesses. Instead of looking to gun owners as the problem, like they’re a problem, referring them to clinics where they’ll be kept for a while before being released to a public that looks down on them—let’s encourage people to seek help and acceptance instead of hiding and ignoring problems they have with others.

Although we are already seen that background checks aren’t a fool-proof way to ensure guns don’t show up in the wrong hands, they could still be better. At point, private transactions don’t have background checks. Universal background checks, which are available in Australia, do help to make the number of responsible gun owners, but these same people likely have no problem with the extra security of using a present terrorism. But what is the difference?

Gun safety laws aren’t as much of a problem on their own. They aren’t a punishment for people. But when is the last time you knew someone who had a ‘history of mental illness’ who was able to purchase a gun he would then use to kill two people and injure nine others? It’s not just these two cases. The stories behind the killers in similar in many ways. For nothing.

Congress President Obama holds a press conference calling for change, new bills bold panel debates on gun control issues, followed by bills with gun owners reminding the public that the right to own a gun is a 2nd Amendment right and then nothing.

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Sure, you have that right, until you...
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LIFE EDITOR

Every year the Marshall Artist Series grows and adds something a little different to the mix. The schedule for the 79th annual Marshall Artist Series was released with performers such as Walk The Moon and shows such as Tim Burton’s A Nightmare Before Christmas. The 2015-2016 Marshall Artist Series is divided into two smaller series the Baxter Series and the Mount Series, in addition to the fall and spring International Film Festival. The selection process for the Marshall Artist Series is one that never ends. As soon as the schedule is released it is time to find the next big act will be for the following year.

Angela Jones,arketing & external affairs director for the Marshall Artist Series, explains that Penny Watkins, the Executive Director of the Marshall Artist Series, is the one in charge of not only finding the shows and performers, but booking the season as well.

“Penny Watkins is our executive director and she is the one whobooks the season. She works with various agents and touring groups to see what shows are traveling nearby so that perhaps they can come to Huntington,” Jones said. Additionally she has worked with Student Activities for the past few years to try to get an idea of what we can partner with them. Last season we did Phillip Phillips and this season we are partnering with them on Walk The Moon.

The Marshall Artist Series begins October 27 with Grammy Award-winning performer Boz Scaggs. Scaggs is known for performing with the Steve Miller Band, but has several solo hits such as Silk Degrees, MiddleMan and Some Change. He also released a new album titled A Fool to Care in the spring. The remainder of the Baxter Series includes Broadway’s Mamma Mia! on November 4, Sean Lake performed by The State Ballet of Russia on January 26, the 10th Anniversary screening of The Breakfast Club with Molly Ringwald for Q & A and discussion February 21, the classic Broadway musical Annie February 25, and wrapping up with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra March 9.

The Mount Series begins October 1, 2015, with comedian Anthony Jeselnik. Jeselnik is the host of NBC’s “Last Comic Standing” and is known for his writing stints on “Late Night with Jimmy Fallon,” as well as several appearances of Comedy Central Celebrity Roasts.

The remainder of the Mount Series includes country singer Kacey Musgraves on October 15, Cincinnati’s own Walk The Moon November 19, Disney in Concert Presents Tim Burton’s “A Nightmare Before Christmas” December 12 and the winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Once will be coming to Huntington April 26.

The Spring International Film Festival will take place November 6-12 with featured films such as “Landfallharmonic,” “Wild Tales,” “Citizenfour,” “Tangerine,” “Whiplash” and “Two Days, One Night.” The Spring International Film Festival will take place February 26-March 3 with feature films such as “The Other Side Of The Tracks,” “Timbuktu,” “Sahara,” “Fellow Party,” “Labyrinth Of Lies,” Marshall and A Hard Day.” Season tickets are available for purchase by phone or at the Marshall Artist Series Administrative Office located in the Jomie Jazz Center.

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