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LEFT: Interim President Gary White gets in good form to pitch during the quoits tournament Wednesday on Buskirk Field.

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BELOW: Alan Gould, director of Drinko Academy, and Maurice Cooley, associate vice president of Intercultural Affairs partake in free cake at the quoits tournament celebrating John Marshall's birthday.



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Freshmen (from right to left) Carly Darnell, Casey Watson and Hannah Crawley rent a puppy at a rate of \$1 for five minutes Wednesday on the Memorial Student Plaza. The event, Bark Out Battery, was sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega to benefit Branches Domestic Violence Shelter.

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LEFT: TYLER CHILDERS SATURDAY AT HMAF

BELOW: WILLIAM MATHENY AND THE CONSTELLATIONS THURSDAY AT V-CLUB



Department chairs encourage minorities to join program on campus

By MICHAEL BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Department chairs attended the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation during its first two meetings Tuesday and Wednesday in an effort to increase membership.

The chair of applied science and technology reminded students they are there for them and encouraged students to knock on the door and not be shy.

LSAMP is a program funded by a National Science Foundation Grant. The purpose of the program is to increase under-represented minorities' enrollment and graduation rates for majors in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

"I came out tonight to share my story and show how LSAMP has helped me not give up on myself," Faye Osseni, sophomore biology pre-med major, said. "LSAMP is a great program because it truly is so helpful. It gave me resources and mentors I couldn't have got

through my first year of college without."

Adam Mohammed, graduate student and LSAMP staff member said he just wants to help students in any way that he can.

"I want to try and get as many new students as we can aware of the program, and add to the students that were able to aid," Mohammed said. "I want to get as many resources as possible from the colleges as well so that students know we're able to help them."

Marshall University LSAMP Project Director Girmay Berhie said this year he would like to see the number of members triple. Members of the program receive free tutoring services, mentoring and specialized advising from upper level students with similar experiences and faculty members.

LSAMP is coordinated through the Office of Intercultural Affairs.

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Marshall community competes in ninth annual President’s Invitational Quoits Tournament

By ASHLEY SODOSKY
THE PARTHENON

Tradition, celebration and remembrance were felt Wednesday on Buskirk Field during the ninth annual President’s Invitational Quoits Tournament.

The invitational tournament hosted members of Marshall University staff and media as well as officials and media groups from the community.

The event celebrated Constitution Week and the birthday of former Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall with an 8-by-5 foot sheet cake, kettle corn and punch.

Interim President Gary White said celebrating the constitution is important to the university.

“It is part of our heritage and something that we should all not only recognize on an annual basis,” White said. “We should be very proud as we go forward.”

The event kicked off with a nine-song performance by the John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps. The band played traditional instruments and wore

costumes to fit the era when the game of quoits was commonly played.

Quoits is a predecessor to horseshoes and shares similar rules.

Director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy Alan Gould said quoits was Marshall’s favorite game as a socialite.

Gould said this year specifically rendered memories of the late Marshall President Steven J. Kopp, who Gould said always loved the game.

“He helped us really establish this,” Gould said. “He loved the game. He was a fierce competitor and he was a gracious host.”

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said this event is forever tied to Kopp, and many reminisced about him throughout the tournament.

“Steve Kopp will live on here,” Williams said. “But this is a way to assure it.”

The event hosted teams with two members each. Teams included Marshall administration, such as White and Associate Vice President of Intercultural Affairs

Maurice Cooley.

Williams and his partner, West Virginia Delegate Sean Hornbuckle were among some of the Huntington invitees.

Each team played single elimination games in a bracketed tournament. The final match saw Marshall’s IT team win over Marshall Student Government Association’s president and vice president.

The quoits tournament and Constitution Week have taken place since 2006. Williams said is important to the Marshall campus and Huntington community to continue this event.

“It’s tradition,” Williams said. “Tradition, that’s something we can’t have enough of.”

The tournament and celebration were open to all students. Gould said he hoped that the event could serve as an educational experience.

“Hopefully, they’ll learn a little bit of the human side of John Marshall,” Gould said.

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Local Record Label Curates V-Club Concert



William Matheny and the Strange Constellations band members (from LEFT TO RIGHT) Bud Carroll, William Matheny, Ian Thornton. Not pictured: Adam Meisterhans.

By NATHAN THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

The 2015 Huntington Music & Arts Festival continues with its pre-party events Thursday night at a V-Club show curated by West Virginia-based record label Twin Cousins Records.

The show features the bands William Matheny and the Strange Constellations, Nights and Weekends and Coyotes in Boxes.

“Obviously some of the folks we’ve worked with, some of them we haven’t,” said Dave Mistich, Twin Cousins co-founder and self-described co-curator. “Some we’ve worked with in more capacity than others.”

The curated night marks twin brothers, Dan and Dave Mistich return to Huntington. The two co-founded the label in response to what Dan Mistich describes as a “prolific music scene” at a previous HMAF.

“It’s not like we weren’t

having these conversations before,” Dave Mistich said. “But they started to materialize a lot better and more quickly mostly due to the environment Ian Thornton’s created. It’s certainly a concentrated version of stuff that’s happening anywhere and everywhere all the time.”

“It’s really hard in some ways to match Ian’s enthusiasm,” Dan Mistich said. “It’s good to be paired with people like him who bring a lot of experience and passion to a project, so it’s definitely special.”

The headlining act for the showcase is William Matheny and the Strange Constellations, which features HMAF founder Thornton playing the bass, as well as Bud Carroll on drums and Adam Meisterhans on guitar for Morgantown rock band Rozwell Kid.

“William Matheny is, in my



Interim President Gary White, Student Body President Duncan Waugaman and Student Body Vice President Izzy Rogner cut cake at the quoits tournament.

Puppies help Alpha Chi Omega with Branches Shelter fundraiser

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter was established as a non-profit agency in 1980, according to the website. The shelter works to help the growing number of domestic violence victims and their families to break the cycle of domestic violence in the Huntington area.



ABOVE: Freshman Katie Walker lets a puppy take a nap while supporting Branches. BELOW (RIGHT TO LEFT): Freshmen Carly Darnell, Casey Watson and Hannah Crawley support Branches by purchasing time with a puppy.



Freshman Charlie Bettinger relaxes in the grass with a puppy.



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Column: Marshall football team's performance through first three games of the season

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**
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The Marshall University football team's 45-7 win against Norfolk State University Saturday marked the first quarter of the Herd's 2015 season with the team having played three of its 12 total games.

With 25 percent of the schedule complete, it's an optimal juncture to examine which aspects of the team have invoked a jocund tone from Herd nation and which have inspired the bandying of whatever alcoholic beverage presides in the area.

Although the Herd offense has fluctuated from a blurred image of the Rakeem Cato era to a severely transmogrified version on a series-by-series basis, the defense has been consistently effective, particularly in pass coverage, where it has not only stalled opponents but also displayed its own playmaking capabilities.

The defense has allowed an average of 172.3 pass yards per game, ranking 31st in the country and top in the conference. In addition, the team's six interceptions is tied for seventh nationally.

Corey Tindal has been the Herd's top cover man this season, repeatedly leaving receivers empty handed while totaling four pass break-ups. Taj Letman has patrolled the deep middle as the team's high safety, confiscating three interceptions in the process, which is tied for second in the country. And then there was that thing Tiquan Lang did in the team's opener against Purdue, when he had two pick-sixes to go along with 17 tackles.

Another reputable component for the Herd this season has been the performance of the team's kicking specialists. Punter Tyler Williams has regularly approached the stratosphere level of the earth's atmosphere on his towering punts as his 45.3 yard average is in the top 25 nationally, highlighted by a 65-yard bomb against Norfolk State Saturday.

Kickoff specialist Amoreto Curraji showcased his own big leg this season with 12 of his 19 kickoffs resulting in touchbacks, while placekicker Nick Smith fortified a position that was a major question mark throughout the offseason. Smith has not missed a kick all season, going 4-4 on field goals and 12-12 on extra points.

Smith and the aforementioned Tindal have been two members of a host of new starters that have played well for the Herd thus far in 2015. Linebacker Evan McKelvey has responded from the season-ending leg injury he suffered in 2014 to lead the team in tackles this season with 29, showcasing his range in the process. McKelvey's linebacker comrade, Raheim Husky also deserves praise after leading the team with 10 tackles and two tackles for loss last week versus Norfolk State.

Offensively, center Michael Selby and right guard Jordan Dowrey have effectively filled the voids left by their predecessors along the line, prying open the A-gap on multiple breakaway runs by running back Devon Johnson.

The encouraging facets of the team, however, have been belied by liabilities, such as penalties and turnovers, likely eliciting head coach Doc Holliday to scour WebMD for treatment options relating to high blood pressure.

Marshall's nine turnovers are tied for the fifth most in the FBS as the team has thrown four interceptions and lost five fumbles. The Herd has also seen its fair share of yellow laundry litter the field this season, committing 27 penalties for 264 yards, tied for ninth and seventh in the nation, respectively.

The vast accumulation of penalties have placed the Herd behind in the down-and-distance throughout the season thus far, and its stagnant passing attack hasn't been able to atone for such mistakes.

The Herd's passing game at least managed to endorse the ideology that receivers are indeed occupants of the team's roster against Norfolk State Saturday after the receivers group totaled just 189 yards and no touchdowns in the first two games. Quarterback Chase Litton was more zealous in terms of throwing downfield and outside the numbers against Norfolk State than Michael Birdsong had been in his two starts, but the fact that Norfolk State is an FCS team cannot be overlooked when forming future expectations for the team's aerial attack.

Marshall will begin the remaining three-quarters of its schedule at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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Herd volleyball team falls to Hilltoppers in four sets



Members of the Marshall University volleyball team attempts to score against Eastern Kentucky University during the Herd's season-opening match Sept. 1.

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By **ISHMAEL WITTEN**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's volleyball team dropped its conference opener Wednesday to Western Kentucky University.

The Hilltoppers (13-2) defeated the Herd in (9-5) in four sets at the Cam Henderson Center.

Despite winning the first set of the game and nearly taking the second, Marshall struggled throughout the rest of the evening.

Head coach Mitch Jacobs said the team's performance could be attributed to poor passing and serving.

"Pass and serve is the most important thing when you play offense against a team that's that good defensively," Jacobs said. "And there was just no pressure put on Western Kentucky after set two."

Though Marshall had its difficulties in the later sets, Jacobs said his team showed some positives in what seemed to be a dark place for the Herd.

"We mentally stayed in it," Jacobs said. "We stayed engaged and we stressed Western Kentucky a little bit with what they were doing."

The Hilltoppers, who are the defending

C-USA champions, defeated the Herd in both of the teams' matches.

The Herd continues conference play Friday against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 6 p.m. at the Cam Henderson Center.

Friday's match will be the Herd's second of three consecutive home contests, as Marshall hosts Louisiana Tech University Sunday before heading to Florida to face conference foes Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University.

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Arnold Earns Second C-USA Weekly Honor



Marshall forward Sydney Arnold sets up for a kick last season against Purdue University.

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Junior forward Sydney Arnold became the first Marshall University women's soccer player to earn a C-USA weekly honor twice in the same season.

Earlier this week, Arnold was named Offensive Player of the Week.

"What an exciting time for the program," head coach Kevin Long said in a press release. "This is our fourth straight week with an award like this, and I'm thrilled that Syd is being recognized. Her goal against JMU on Sunday was a great goal. We've said it before that she's an impact player. She's one of our hardest working players, and

we're so happy for her."

The award marks the fourth consecutive week the Herd has been awarded a C-USA accolade.

The honor is the second of Arnold's career, as she last earned the award for the week of Aug. 31.

Other Marshall winners this season include defender Jenna Dubs, a senior, Sept. 14 and forward Erin Simmons, a senior, Sept. 8. The four awards are the most in a Herd season.

The Herd was ranked No. 69 in the opening NCAA RPI on Monday, second in C-USA behind the University of North Texas.

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EDITORIAL

Take a lesson from Pope Francis for a better world



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Pope Francis reaches to give a blessing to Sophie Cruz, 5, from suburban Los Angeles, during a parade in Washington Wednesday. She also delivered a bright yellow T-shirt and a letter expressing wishes that her mother and father and millions of others who are in the U.S. illegally are allowed to remain in the country.

He has told atheists they’re welcome in heaven and has accepted evolution and the big-bang theory. He advocates for the poor and the LGBTQ community. Though Pope Francis is a religious leader, he’s preaching to the entire world when he makes political and social commentary. Francis’ arguments are a direct critique on a capitalist society and though the majority of Americans would likely disagree with the concept, he makes a solid case for pushing toward a more socialist economic structure. He even denounced the pursuit of monetary goals as being “of the devil” and said people should worry less about profit and more about the lives of fellow humans. If everyone accepted mainstream climate science, we could concentrate on moving forward with clean energy resources and environmentally conscious technology that promotes a harmonious relationship between humankind and the planet. If everyone accepted evolution and the big-bang theory, school-children could finally get a well-funded, secular science education that does not force the religious ideals of creationism into public schools.

If everyone advocated for better conditions and programs for the poor, poverty would eventually become a non-issue, especially in privileged and powerful first-world nations. If everyone accepted each other’s beliefs and got along, we could work toward fixing these issues instead of trying to dictate who can marry whom, how much people should get paid, who is actually a person and whose religion is correct. And finally, if we were less inclined to associate monetary value with success, we could concentrate on more important issues than trying to turn a profit and help to improve the lives of those less privileged. This is all very idealistic. None of it will happen overnight. But being conscious of how one’s own concept of the pursuit of happiness could potentially impact other people can foster thoughts of how to better contribute to a society driven by the prospect of climbing the ladder of capitalism. If all humans of every race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, income and privilege shared the views of Pope Francis, the world surely would be a better place.

COLUMN

#FeministThursday

Doll aims to destroy stigma around menstruation

By JOCELYN GIBSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Barbie better move over because Lammily doll is on the scene, and has more than one thing going for her. She broke into the toy industry as a champion for realistic body standards, and now she’s making me an even happier feminist with the addition of a “Period Party” pack available to order. The pack includes an educational pamphlet, a pair of panties to fit Lammily doll, 18 reusable pads and liners stickers and a calendar with dot stickers. The ad-on is being marketed as a teaching tool for parents to use in launching the discussion about menstruation with young children. The website specifically mentions its aim to break done some of the taboos with the doll and start a conversation focusing on the positive. The company even provides a YouTube video to jumpstart the conversation. When Huffington Post shared the story, parents reacted on Facebook with varied responses. Some were enthused about the idea, agreeing with the companies premise that it’s a good tool for opening the conversation and making young girls feel more comfortable about the experience. Some parents thought the doll was unnecessary and in bad taste. Personally, I am among the camp of people who think the doll is great. Obviously, the doll isn’t a cop-out for not talking to your kids about puberty. Even the company acknowledges the doll is only a means for starting the conversation, not the whole conversation. However, I imagine some of the parents in opposition to the

doll would also be against my belief that pre-pubescent children should learn about the biological changes both sexes undergo during puberty and that would go a long way in erasing many of the stigmas associated with puberty in general. The facts are that everyone experiences puberty, most women menstruate monthly and we deserve to take care of ourselves hygienically without shame or embarrassment. We can’t change biology, but we could at least accept it. The things that happen to our bodies during puberty (for both girls and boys) are new and a little weird, even scary, at first, but when we can’t talk about them or we are embarrassed about them, it only makes the whole situation worse. Priced at \$10 a pack, I think the add-on is totally worth it, especially if your child already has the doll. I know a special 7-year-old who received (and loved) her Lammily doll with the Lammily Marks last Chirstmas, including freckles, acne, cellulite, scars, tattoos and stretch marks. I think she will be pleased to receive the “Period Party” pack and I can feel good about giving it to her because it sends a message that menstruation is perfectly okay. My hope is, even though she has several years before the experience becomes personal, she will feel comfortable asking questions if she has any before that time. I hope parents will feel the same way and venture to get the doll and add-on pack for their children too. We can tear down stigmas one doll and one conversation at a time. Jocelyn Gibson can be contacted at gibson243@marshall.edu.



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Local businessman gives back to the community

By **KAYLN BORDMAN**
THE PARTHENON

Finding a job and making ends meet is considered success, but not for local business owner Mike Insko.

From an early age he knew he wanted something more than average, and he was willing to do whatever it took to become extraordinary.

Insko moved to Florida when he was 18 to try and find out who he was, and at about age 23, he decided to move back to West Virginia. At this point, Insko was trying to find a well-paying job to help support his child, so he asked for help from his friend and local business owner Rocco Muriale, who at the time had just opened Rocco's Ristorante in Ceredo. Muriale had also just started Sam's Hotdogs, and he asked Insko to work there for six months to see if he liked the business.

"I liked what I was doing," Insko said, now part-owner of Little Caesars.

"I was getting to know people and delivering things. I thought hey, I'm good at this," Insko said.

The property where Sam's Hotdogs was located went up for sale, and a powerful businessman from California offered a large amount of money to the owner. Insko came in with a counter-offer of less, but the owner thought Huntington needed more young local guys to run businesses, so he sold the property to Insko.

"I didn't have the money to put a down payment on the property, so Rocco loaned me the money, and we sealed the deal with a handshake," he said.

Insko paid Murialae back and was the official owner of the property. He stayed there five years and then sold it for profit. Insko stayed within the franchise and purchased another store, found someone to run it, financed it and continued this process with multiple other stores.

"I bought stores and helped other people who were just like me," Insko said. "I financed it for them, and took the bank note in. Then they

would pay me back just like I did with Rocco."

Insko helped grow the Sam's franchise to 45 stores in three states. Then, another local business owner Vicki Marshall approached Insko and asked him to become a part of the Little Caesars Franchise.

"I prayed about it, and then I decided to take the opportunity," Marshall said.

Insko said adjusting to the life in this new business was a challenge, but he stuck it out and developed an LLC with Marshall and her brother. They then opened five stores of their own and later grew that number to 25. Now, Insko is a partner with Marshall on five stores and vice president of her management company.

"It's great being your own guy, but at the end of the day it's all about the people," Insko said. "If you remember that and treat people the way you would want to be treated, then you can do anything you want."

Little Caesars marketing director Sabrina Donahue began working for Insko about four years ago. She said that her life has forever changed

since she met Insko, and she knew instantly that she wanted to work for him.

"I could tell during my interview that there was so much passion for this business, and the passion and care came from Mike," she said.

Insko said his philosophy is to treat people well, train them and let them work their way up. He also said it's best to encourage people and let them make mistakes, so they can grow. Insko also said that he did his share of struggling, and worked long hours in order to get where he is today.

"I would come home to my wife crying saying she needed a check that week, and the pressure was on because I was the owner," he said.

Insko said he overcame many hurdles. He said it is important to persevere and to have the desire to do so. Insko said people don't only come for the brand; they come to see you too.

"People saw that I was trying to be successful and was hungry for the business," he said.

Insko said two of the greatest lessons he ever learned were to always pay bills on time and

never charge anything that you can't pay for with cash.

Donahue said the amazing part about working for Insko is that he and Marshall are accepting and encourage people to grow. She said one of the best things about Insko is his passion for people.

"I can remember sitting in the back room one day listening to Mike tell our team members: you can do this, trust yourself, push yourself, and you can accomplish anything," Donahue said.

Donahue also said the company is great because it wants to bring good things to the community, and they team up with other companies to do things such as Dawg Dazzle, safe trick-or-treat and support the Huntington Foodbank. Donahue said anytime

there are leftover pizzas, they donate them to the food bank and local soup kitchens.

"Last year the Little Caesars Love Kitchen came in, and we were able to help donate over 400 pizzas," Insko said.

Insko is also involved with other charities. He became involved with the Children's Home Society when he became a foster parent.

"I got involved with the Children's Home Society and other like organizations that aid children who are less fortunate," he said.

He said he wanted to give back because he had once been in tough place, and he became a part of the advisory board for the Ona Children's Home Society six years ago. He then took on a special project to raise money, so the society would be able to purchase a fire escape in order to utilize upstairs gym for a learning center. Over the course of two years, Insko raised \$26,000, and this year on Sept. 13, they were able to have the open house.

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Mike Insko and Sabrina Donahue celebrate at the opening of the Children's Home Society in Ona.

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Huntington Music & Arts Festival extends to a week long celebration

By **NATHAN THOMAS**
THE PARTHENON

The sixth annual Huntington Music & Arts Festival is expanding to multiple events, showcasing local music, art and film throughout the week.

"It's grown every year," said Ian Thornton, festival founder and organizer. "It's really nice to see it grow organically like that. We just try to take our time with it and grow it small and celebrate the local things and by doing that and having that mind frame, we've grown to our sixth year."

HMAF's first event, Art on The Edge was Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. Art on The Edge showcased visual artists at the West Edge Factory, a warehouse that is currently being converted into studio space for artists to work in. Artists in the exhibit included Jimbo Valentine, known best for his concert posters.

The festivities continued at the West Edge Factory on Wednesday with Film Night with Brainwrap Productions, which showcased the Huntington film collective's short film "Trace Around Your Heart" showed select episodes of the "Live at Trackside" web series and premiered at the 2014 HMAF concert documentary.

"We've been shooting stuff like 'Live at Trackside' and other videos for like six years or so," said Max Nolte, member of the collective. The evening was full of material from Brainwrap.



Tyler Childers perform at the 2014 Huntington Music & Arts Festival.

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"This year we've tried to branch out and team up with some local things that have helped the music and arts scene, Brainwrap being one of them, then Thursday we're

teaming up with Porch Unplugged," Thornton said.

Organized by Joe Troubetaris, who also runs Ritter Live, the Pullman Square

Pre-Party with Porch Unplugged will feature acoustic-based acts Keyamo and Troubetaris, Kendra Villiger, and Mojomaniac at Pullman Square Thursday.

The V-Club Pre-Party will be Thursday to showcase West Virginia record label Twin Cousins Records, curating a night of live music including William Matheny and the Strange Constellations, Nights and Weekends and Coyotes in Boxes.

"It's really hard in some ways to match Ian's enthusiasm," said Dan Mistich, label co-founder. "So it's good to be paired with people like him who bring a lot of experience and passion to a project, so it's definitely special."

The sixth edition of the festival features a day full of regional acts including Huntington's Ona, Tyler Childers and the Food Stamps, the Horse Traders, Deadbeats and Barkers and Jordan Andrew Jefferson, as well as acts from throughout the area such as Rozwell Kid, Goodwolf, J. Marinelli and Bishops. The headlining act is Oklahoma singer-songwriter Parker Milsap.

Art, food and craft beer vendors will be featured at the event as well.

The festival starts at 11:30 a.m. and continues until 11 p.m. at Ritter Park Amphitheater.

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