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Journalist-turned-comedian to entertain Marshall campus

By **DESMOND GROVES**
THE PARTHENON

Brooklyn, New York-born journalist turned comedian, Chloé Hilliard is set to perform for students and faculty 5 p.m. Thursday in the Don Morris Room located on the top floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Hilliard is being brought to Marshall by the Campus Activities Board, which has brought other acts from around the United States to campus.

Hilliard has written for The Village Voice, Essence, Vibe, King and The Source. Hilliard was most recently the editorial director of Loop21.com, a website focusing on culture, politics and entertainment from a different perspective.

Hilliard made her national television debut on

NBC's "Last Comic Standing" and appeared on AX-
STV's "Gotham Comedy Live."

The comedian describes herself as "larger than life" because she is "6'1 and rocks a killer afro." Hilliard uses her life experiences as resources for her jokes.

Junior nursing major Kaitlin Wallace said she can not wait to see Hilliard live.

"I'm so excited for a well known comedian to come here," Wallace said.

Senior biology major Troy Hawkins said he is looking forward to see Hilliard perform because stand up comedy is something different for students to see.

"You don't hear much about female comedians in this area, so it's cool that we're bringing one here who will present some funny stuff," Hawkins said.

"When I heard she was coming, I looked up some of her stuff on YouTube and she is hilarious. I think she will bring a different kind of student."

Senior public health major Zac Hill said he wants to go the event, but cannot because of work reasons.

"CAB does a lot of stuff on Thursdays, which is really inconvenient for me," Hill said. "My work schedule does not allow me to go and I hate that I'm going to miss it, but I'll try to catch the next event next time around. I want to look her up though and see what I'm missing because I love comedians."

The show is free to students and faculty with a valid Marshall ID.

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SCREENSHOT | YOUTUBE

This screenshot from YouTube shows comedian and writer Chloé Hilliard performing at Gotham Live in New York. Hilliard is scheduled to entertain the Marshall University crowd at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The event was organized by the Campus Activities Board.

WEEKLY PREVIEW

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 #GIVINGTUESDAY 11 A.M. BRAD D. SMITH FOUNDATION HALL COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M. MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER PLAZA CHATS WITH THE COUNCILMAN NOON - 1 P.M. GUYANDOTTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY ENGINEERING EDUCATION SUMMIT 4 - 6 P.M. ARTHUR WEISBURG ENGINEERING COMPLEX	HERD HOLIDAY 5:30 - 8:30 P.M. MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER PLAZA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 6 P.M. BIG SANDY SUPERSTORE ARENA PLAZA COFFEE WITH THE COUNCILMAN 7 P.M. SHONEY'S (1700 WASHINGTON AVENUE) CHATS WITH THE COUNCILMAN 7 P.M. GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	7:30 P.M. SMITH RECITAL HALL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 COFFEE WITH A COP 8 A.M. CRUMPETS AND TEA (ACROSS FROM KEITH ALBEE) NEW PRESIDENT WELCOME 2 P.M. JOAN C. EDWARD'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 KELLER WILLIAMS 9:30 P.M.	V-CLUB MU GARDEN CLUB MEETING 5 P.M. GREENHOUSE (IN FRONT OF THE SCIENCE BUILDING) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 HOLIDAY MARKET 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. HERITAGE FARM AND VILLAGE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 COZY CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE 6 P.M. RITTER PARK'S GOBBLER'S KNOB
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Decemeber events in the Tri-State area

By MACKENZI KYLE THE PARTHENON

The Tri-State area is preparing for the holiday season with a variety of events throughout the month of December.

Marshall University will kick off the holiday season with the second annual Herd Holiday celebration by lighting the 20-foot Christmas tree on the Memorial Student Center plaza. The celebration will continue inside with hot chocolate, s'mores and other festivities.

The Barboursville Christmas tree in the Nancy Cartmill Gardens will be lit following the Barboursville Christmas parade, starting 6 p.m. Thursday. Hot Cocoa and caroling will be provided for visitors.

The city of Huntington will start its Christmas celebration with the lighting of the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Christmas tree. The ceremony will include performances by the Cabell Midland Rhythm in Red Show Choir and Huntington Dance Theater.

The Huntington Christmas Parade of Lights will take place at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 12. The parade route will follow down Fourth Avenue and turn onto Third Avenue at Eighth Street, ending at the Pullman Square Pavilion. The parade will feature floats from area businesses and will include a visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas movie buffs can see some of their favorite Christmas flicks on the silver screen at the Kyova 10 Theater in Cannonsburg, Kentucky. The Christmas Film Series is already underway and will continue Wednesday, with "Home Alone." Visitors can see "Elf" Monday, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Dec. 9, "It's a Wonderful Life" Dec. 14, and finish with "Christmas Vacation" Dec. 16. Admission to watch one of the Christmas movies is five cans of food or a \$5 donation, which will go to the River Cities Harvest.

The 27th Winter Wonderland of Lights in Ashland, Kentucky is now open in the Ashland City Park. Visitors can park their vehicles and walk through the display, or drive through the park and enjoy the lights from the comfort of their car. There is no cost to see the lights.

As a part of the Winter Wonderland of Lights in Ashland, visitors can take a ride on the Winter Wonderland Express. The train runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday until Dec. 20. Train rides are \$3 per person.

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Feds say U of Chicago threat a response to police shooting

By SOPHIA TAREEN AND MICHAEL TARM ASSOCIATED PRESS

An online threat against the University of Chicago that led the school to cancel all activities Monday appears to have been motivated by the shooting of a black teenager by a Chicago officer in 2014, federal authorities said.

Jabari R. Dean, 21, of Chicago, threatened online to kill 16 white male students or staff at the University of Chicago, according to the criminal complaint released Monday afternoon by the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago. Dean is charged with transmitting a threat in interstate commerce and scheduled to make an initial appearance in federal court at 3 p.m. Monday.

The threat came days after a video was released showing Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times. It prompted several days of protests in the city.

The complaint said an FBI officer wasn't able to see threat that was posted on Nov. 28, but reviewed a screenshot of it provided by the person who reported the threat. Authorities said Dean posted online that he would "execute approximately ... 16 white male students and or staff, which is the same number of time McDonald was killed."

The complaint also said Dean admitted to FBI agents that he posted the threat and took it down shortly after.

The University of Illinois at Chicago said earlier Monday that one of its students who lives off-campus was the person arrested, but the complaint did not say whether Dean was a student there.

The University of Chicago, one of the leading teaching and research institutions in the nation and where President Barack Obama taught law, said in a statement Sunday night that the threat mentioned the quad, a popular gathering place, and 10 a.m. Monday.

"It was pretty specific in terms of time and place," university spokesman Jeremy Manier said.

The University of Chicago statement urged faculty, students and non-essential staff to stay away from the Hyde Park campus on Chicago's South Side through midnight Monday and told students in college housing to stay indoors.

The normally bustling campus was largely quiet Monday



JOSE M. OSORIO | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Campus security officers on the Main Quadrangles at the University of Chicago Nov. 30. The University of Chicago announced Sunday that all classes and other activities planned for Monday on its Hyde Park campus will be canceled after the university was informed by FBI counterterrorism officials of a gun violence threat to the campus.

morning as Chicago Police Department squad cars and a wagon patrolled streets, along with campus security cars. Security staff in yellow jackets stood on campus walkways, including the quad that was mentioned in the threat. The time mentioned in the threat came and went without incident.

The university had said the decision to close was taken following "recent tragic events" at other campuses nationwide. On Oct. 1 at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, a gunman opened fire and killed nine people. Other shootings have happened in Arizona and Tennessee.

Rafael Munez headed to work at a student dining hall, where he's been employed for three years. He said he was a little nervous walking onto campus on Monday, particularly thinking about recent campus shootings.

"My wife didn't want me to come to work," he said. "It's scary ... It puts you on your toes."

Students closed their books, shut down their laptops and hurried home Sunday when the school first alerted people to the threat, according to student body president Tyler Kissinger.

"I work in the campus coffee shop and when people got the notice (announcements and online) they really cleared out of here immediately," the 21-year-old senior said.

The announcement, which he said was the first time he's heard of the school closing for any reason besides inclement weather, also was a reminder of what residents in neighborhoods near campus, which is on the South Side of Chicago, live with every day.

"A lot of people on the South Side live in constant fear of gun violence and, in a sense, we are a bit sheltered from that," he said.

Junchen Feng, who is pursuing a doctorate, said the threat raised his awareness about gun violence in Chicago and beyond.

"For the first time I was thinking about people who live in Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan ... where they live under constant threats of death and violence," said the student from China, who planned to spend the day at home and in a campus building that was a five-minute walk away. "It's a mindset that we just don't have."

Manier said the cancellation of classes and activities would affect more than 30,000 people, including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff. The University of Chicago Medical Center was open to patients and had added security, the university said. The Medical Center has nearly 7,500 staff.

Former state Assembly Speaker convicted in corruption case

By LARRY NEUMEISTER ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver was convicted Monday in a \$5 million corruption case that took down one of New York's most powerful politicians and stunned a capital that had become accustomed to scandal.

The jury verdict came after a three-week trial in which federal prosecutors claimed that the 71-year-old Democrat traded favors to enrich himself and then lied about it. The defense countered that the government was trying to criminalize the longtime routines of Albany politicians.

Even in a state capital where more than 30 lawmakers have left office facing criminal charges or allegations of ethical misconduct since 2000, the case against Silver was an extraordinary turn. An assemblyman since 1976, Silver was one of Albany's most storied political figures, a consummate backroom operator with the power to single-handedly decide the fate of legislation.

His prosecution was a marquee case in Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara's quest to clean up a state government he has called a "cauldron of corruption," an effort that has led to the ongoing corruption trial of Republican state Senate leader Dean Skelos.

Bharara said that with Monday's verdict,

"Sheldon Silver got justice, and at long last, so did the people of New York."

Silver's lawyer, Steven Molo, said his client was disappointed and intended to appeal.

Silver himself showed no emotion as he was declared guilty of all counts against him: honest-services fraud, extortion and money laundering. He sat quietly afterward, with his hands folded in his lap. He faces the possibility of decades in prison. No sentencing date was set, and Silver remains free on bail.

With the conviction, Silver automatically loses his Assembly seat. He had kept it while fighting the charges, although after his arrest he was stripped of the speakership he had held since 1994.

The leader of the Assembly's Republican minority, Brian Kolb, called the conviction "a clear signal — again — to Albany: Enough is enough." Current Speaker Carl Heastie, a Democrat and Silver's successor, said he would "continue to work to root out corruption and demand more of elected officials when it comes to ethical conduct."

After Silver's arrest, the Legislature passed modest changes, including a requirement that lawmakers disclose more about their private income. But so far, lawmakers have balked at significant reforms, such as term limits, restrictions

on legislators' outside income, tighter campaign finance limits and tougher enforcement of ethics rules.

Prosecutors had argued that they proved Silver traded his office for riches: \$4 million in kickbacks from a cancer researcher and real estate developers. Prosecutors say Silver earned a million dollars more through investments.

"This was bribery. This was extortion. This was corruption," not politics as usual, Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Goldstein told jurors.

Molo countered that Silver committed no crime: "There was no quid quo pro. He did not sell his office."

Silver did not testify and called no witnesses. Dr. Robert Taub told jurors he steered numerous patients with asbestos-related cancer to Silver's law firm, enabling the legislator to pocket \$3 million in referral fees. Meanwhile, testimony and evidence revealed, Silver caused \$500,000 in taxpayer funds to go to Taub's research projects and helped his son and daughter get a job and an internship.

Prosecutors said Silver delivered tax-abatement and rent-control legislation that favored developers while big developers hired a small law firm that secretly sent him \$700,000 in fees.

Juror deliberations were eventful: Less than two hours after talks started last Tuesday, a juror

tried to leave, accusing fellow jurors of claiming she failed to use common sense. Their discussions were briefly halted again Monday morning after another juror said he'd just learned his boss knows Silver. Both times, Judge Valerie Caproni advised jurors to resume work.

Meanwhile, Skelos and his son have been on trial in another Manhattan federal courtroom. Skelos is charged with badgering companies reliant upon his legislative clout to provide over \$300,000 to his son.

Skelos and Silver were among a group dubbed the "three men in a room" in Albany, a nod to the longstanding practice of legislative leaders and the governor negotiating key bills behind closed doors. The day before Silver's arrest, Gov. Andrew Cuomo referred to Skelos, Silver and himself as the "three amigos."

In a measure of Silver's clout, he helped persuade Cuomo to disband a state anti-corruption commission that was investigating Silver's financial dealings and those of his colleagues.

In just the past five years, one Albany lawmaker was convicted of taking bribes from a carnival promoter. A second entered into a sham marriage in order to become a citizen. A third was accused of harassing female staffers and forcing one to touch cancerous tumors on his neck and armpit.



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Former New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver arrives at the courthouse in New York Nov. 24. A jury heard Silver's corruption case boiled down to two conflicting portrayals of the once-powerful Democrat: one as a greedy lawmaker who enriched himself with bribery and another as a seasoned politician who played by the rules regarding outside income.

SPORTS

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Column: Herd loses chippy contest against WKU



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Senior running back Remi Watson breaks a tackle against FIU Nov. 14.

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive season, the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers dashed the season-long goals of the Marshall University football team.

After dealing Marshall its lone blemish in the regular season finale of last season's 13-1 campaign, Western Kentucky shattered the repeatedly iterated goal of the Herd's quest for its second straight Conference USA Championship with a 49-28 defeat Friday.

The loss drops Marshall to 9-3 (6-2 C-USA) on the season, while the victory secured WKU's place in the conference championship game, where it will host the University of Southern Mississippi Dec. 5.

From the game's outset, two things were apparent — the contest was going to be a chippy affair and WKU was the superior team.

The chippy nature of the contest, which saw a total of six unsportsmanlike conduct penalties and four personal foul penalties, was fueled by the results of last year's contest as well as players from both teams engaging in trash talking on social media leading up to the game.

However, perhaps more unexpected was the gap between Marshall and WKU in the stat book after the first 15 minutes of game action. In the opening quarter, WKU outgained Marshall 180-18 on 25 and 15 plays, respectively. WKU also picked up 13 first downs to Marshall's one and went 4-5 on third down compared to the Herd's 1-5 conversion rate.

Despite the canyon-sized difference in the stat sheet, WKU led just 7-0 as the Hilltoppers fumbled on consecutive possessions after quarterback Brandon Doughty connected with wide receiver Nicholas Norris on the team's opening drive.

Western Kentucky extended its lead to 14-0 on the first play of the second quarter when running back Anthony Wales scored from 15 yards out to cap a nine-play, 53-yard drive.

Doughty threw his second touchdown of the game with a 5-yard score to tight end Tyler Higbee as the Herd fell into a 21-0 hole, its largest deficit of the season.

Senior kick returner Deandre Reaves provided a needed spark on the ensuing kickoff, bouncing the return outside and sprinting down the right sideline for a 97-yard touchdown to pull the Herd back within 14.

Doughty and Litton traded touchdown passes on the next two possessions with each quarterback finding his tight end as Doughty found Higbee for the second time and Litton tossed a 5-yard score to Ryan Yuracheck for his team-leading eighth touchdown of the season.

With the Hilltoppers leading 28-14 after the exchange, Doughty continued his first-half success, completing five of his seven passes on the ensuing drive for 75 yards and his fourth touchdown of the half.

By halftime, WKU has already racked up 424 yards of total offense and 35 total points, well eclipsing the per game totals of 15.6 points and 356.5 yards allowed by the Herd defense heading into the game.

Also Doughty finished the half with 336 yards and four touchdown passes as he became the second quarterback in FBS history to post consecutive seasons of 4,000 passing yards and 40 pass touchdowns.

Trailing 35-14 at halftime, the Herd offense resembled the ineffectiveness to which it started the game, this time coming in the form of turnovers as opposed to three-and-outs. Litton lost two fumbles and threw his second interception of the game on Marshall's first three drives as WKU extended its lead to 41-14, effectively ending the competitive portion of the game.

WKU finished the game with 546 yards of total offense, doubling Marshall's output of 273, which included a pedestrian 31 rush yards on 25 attempts.

Doughty finished the game with 370 yards and five touchdown passes, giving him 861 yards passing, 13 touchdowns and a 2-0 record against the Herd over the past two seasons.

Marshall will wait to see which bowl it is placed after the conference championship games this weekend. Several early projections have the Herd playing in the St. Petersburg Bowl Dec. 26 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Men's basketball team looks for first win of the season against Ohio



MEGAN OSBORNE | THE PARTHENON

Marshall sophomore Terrence Thompson goes after a loose ball Nov. 12 against Bluefield State College at the Cam Henderson Center.

THE PARTHENON

After an 0-3 start, Marshall University's men's basketball team attempts to get its first win of the season Tuesday against Ohio University (3-2).

The Herd enters the game coming off an 89-75 loss to James Madison University Friday in which the team shot 7 of 26 (26.9 percent) from the field in the first

half of the game.

The Bobcats enter the matchup following its 1-2 showing in the 2015 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam, where the team lost to the University of Tulsa (Nov. 20), defeated Norfolk State University (Nov. 21) and fell to Florida State University (Nov. 23).

Ohio is led by redshirt sophomore guard

Jaaron Simmons, who leads the team in points (15.8) and assists (8.0) for the season.

Junior forward Antonio Campbell leads the Bobcats with 8.0 rebounds per game.

Tuesday's game begins at 7 p.m. at the Convocation Center in Athens, Ohio.

The Bobcats have yet to lose at the Convocation Center this season.

Burks wins Co-Freshman of the Week Award



MEGAN OSBORNE | THE PARTHENON

Marshall freshman C.J. Burks dribbles past a defender Nov. 12 against Bluefield State College.

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's redshirt freshman guard C.J. Burks was named Conference USA Men's Basketball Co-Freshman of the Week, the league announced Monday.

The award is the first of Burks' career.

The Martinsburg, West Virginia native is the sixth Herd player in program history to receive the accolade and the first since forward Ryan Taylor on Jan. 27, 2014.

Head coach Dan D'Antoni said he is excited for his young player.

"He's the perfect kind of guy you want [on your team]," D'Antoni said in a press release. "He was one of the best in the state and he has shown potential."

Burks came off the bench to lead Marshall in scoring (14.5 ppg) and minutes played (31.5) in the team's two games last week. He scored a team- and career-high 17 points against James Madison University Nov. 27, sinking four 3-pointers (4-of-7).

Rice University guard Marcus Evans was the other recipient of the award.

Marshall basketball coach Duhon arrested in DUI

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's men's basketball assistant coach Chris Duhon was arrested on a charge of aggravated DUI Monday morning.

The charge stemmed from an incident in Putnam County involving the former Duke basketball standout.

Duhon, 33, was booked at the Western Regional Jail in Barboursville at 4:15 a.m. and was released on a \$1,000 bond.

Marshall University's athletic department issued a statement saying Duhon has been suspended for a violation of department rules and policies.

The statement said no further comment on the matter would be issued.

Duhon was the first addition to second-year coach Dan D'Antoni's staff.

The nine-year NBA veteran won an NCAA title with the Duke Blue Devils in 2001 before getting drafted by the Chicago Bulls with the 38th pick in the 2004 NBA Draft.

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STATE EDITORIAL

The Exponent Telegram of Clarksburg on non-violent drug offenders being released from prison:

THE EXPONENT TELEGRAM

On Nov. 2, the first of 44 federal inmates were released from their prison sentences early because of sentencing guideline modification returned to Northern West Virginia, according to U.S. Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld.

It is important to note that while these individuals have been released from prison, many remain under federal supervision.

Ihlenfeld said that 68 percent of those returning to Northern West Virginia will be placed in halfway houses or home confinement.

So while they may be out from behind bars, they must conform to federal Bureau of Prisons regulations to remain so.

Their early release is part of the effort to shorten criminal sentences for some drug crimes in response to concerns over prison overcrowding, the costs of housing inmates and the fact that the United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world.

Make no mistake, all of those factors are legitimate concerns. And handing out shorter sentences to non-violent drug offenders is one way to address those issues.

We support efforts to make drug rehabilitation available to those who are addicted, with the emphasis on treating those who are ill.

We believe there is support for this approach in handling drug cases on both the federal and state level.

We must begin to provide treatment instead of punishment if we hope to beat back the scourge of illegal drug use.

However, it is a narrow line to walk when those addicted turn to dealing or other criminal activity to support their habits.

With that in mind, we're hopeful those in legal circles are able to differentiate between those who possess for personal use and those who are clearly marketing the product — and thus escalating the

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EDITORIAL



NICK SCHNELLE | COLUMBIA DAILY TRIBUNE VIA AP

Former Missouri receiver L'Damian Washington, left, speaks with tailback Russell Hansbrough and other football players outside of the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex Sunday in Columbia, Missouri. Student protests over racial incidents on the campus escalated over the weekend when some football players announced they will not participate in team activities until the school's president is removed.

Mizzou situation shows power of student protest

University of Missouri president Timothy M. Wolfe and University Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin have both resigned from their positions following several student protests.

Mizzou's entire football team held a strike, claiming the administration did little to nothing in combating racism on campus. After Wolfe stepped down, Mizzou's athletic department issued a statement, making the claim that the football team's strike would have ultimately cost the university \$1 million due to cancellation fees. This number astonished many.

Students are generally considered more likely to be

social justice advocates than their counterparts who aren't enrolled. Protests are not something new to college campuses. Students protested things from the Vietnam war to, more recently, police brutality.

The team joined in on protesting after graduate student Jonathan Butler began a hunger strike earlier last week. The team members focused on the health of Butler, saying they were dedicated to ensuring the health of another student. This showed solidarity among students and inspired others to join in on protests.

Students across the nation need to take notice of this. Students held enough power and

leverage in the situation to ultimately cause the president to step down.

This sends a powerful message to young people all over the nation. When students see injustices, they do not have to sit by. Citizens reserve the right to gather for whatever cases they deem necessary. Instead of sitting back and letting committees do all the work, students can throw their influence into the mix, because colleges need to serve students first, meaning their opinions should hold weight with those higher-ups in various administrations.

This scandal can show every day students it does not

take a board of governors to make serious changes in their universities. More men and women should take a stance on issues affecting them and those around them.

The events in Missouri can serve as a check to the faculty and staff of United States higher education institutions; the men and women who attend these schools are more powerful than many think.

Those students who were involved in strikes and walk outs demonstrated more initiative and school spirit than those who just sat by silently, letting racism run rampant on their campuses, without any ramifications.

COLUMN



MARK LENNIHAN | AP PHOTO

In this July 16 photo, a woman walks out of a Starbucks with a beverage in hand, in New York.

A New View: They're just red cups.

By NANCY PEYTON
THE PARTHENON

The holiday season is upon us again and with it comes a few traditions. One of those traditions is the annual Starbucks Christmas cup.

There's been a huge uproar on the Internet about this year's cup design. People are saying that the plain red cup is symbolizing the expanding tradition of leaving Christ out of today's culture.

I am a Christian and I have no problem whatsoever with the cup design. I do not feel that Starbucks intentionally set out to make Christians feel alienated.

There are times when this kind of public outcry is needed, but this kind of response should only come when genuine harm has been done.

We have become an overly sensitive society. People are easily offended by everything they see.

I'm not saying nothing out there is offensive. There are definitely things out there meant to hurt and offend specific groups of people. But not every little thing being done is being done to spite someone.

The red cup scandal has been blown way out of proportion. There are much more important things for Christians and everyone else to be focused on this holiday season.

Instead of spreading feelings of hate and drawing lines in the sand around ourselves, we should be enjoying this wonderful time of year.

We don't have to all come together in peace and harmony. That's an unobtainable idea at this point in society. But we can put our differences aside, if only for a little while and celebrate the fact that we live in a country where we're free to express our distress over red cups.

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Hospice of Huntington tree lighting ceremony connects families to loved ones who have passed

By **KELSIE LIVELY**
THE PARTHENON

Hospice of Huntington had its tree lighting ceremony Monday at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in connection with the Light-A-Life tree campaign.

“We felt it was a good time to give folks an opportunity, who have been apart of the Hospice House, to bring it a little closer to home and give them a more quiet time to remember folks that have passed on or honor folks that are caring for loved ones,” said Melanie Hall, President and CEO of Hospice of Huntington.

The organization runs the Light-A-Life campaign during Christmas, which allows the families and community members a chance to recognize loved ones who have passed away along with the caregivers.

According to the campaign brochure, “Hospice of Huntington’s Light-A-Life Memorial tree Campaign is a way to

celebrate someone special while also being the light for others.”

Hospice is an end-of-life care service that provides physical, emotional and spiritual care for individuals with life-limiting illnesses as well as support for families.

“Hospice is a Medicare benefit for folks that are toward the end of life, six months or less,” Hall said. “We care for many people at home so they can stay at home. Some people will be cared for, if they choose to or if their illness drives them to come to our in patient unit, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House.”

At times the person receiving Hospice care will stay at the Hospice House for shorting periods of time when transitioning from the hospital to in-home care or if their caregiver is on vacation.

Family and community members were invited to attend the tree lighting ceremony and listen to a performance by the

Cabell Midland High School Collegium Musicum.

“The Light-A-Life Campaign is an opportunity to recognize or honor the folks who have gone on before us and how much they have made a difference in our lives,” Hall said. “We allow folks to put a candle on the tree, if they want to make a donation that’s fine, if they don’t that’s fine too. They can hang their names and remember that person or the person who’s caring for a loved one.”

The tree lighting ceremony was used by hospice to help family members through the Holiday season as a part of the grieving process.

“I think it’s important that grief is a process and we want to make the holidays which are often difficult times for folks to join together, recognize that and walk through that journey together,” Hall said.

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The Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House lights up during the ceremony Monday.

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Turkey won’t apologize to Russia over warplane downing

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Turkey won’t apologize to Russia for shooting down a warplane operating over Syria, the Turkish prime minister said Monday, stressing that the military was doing its job defending the country’s airspace.

Ahmet Davutoglu also said Turkey hopes Moscow will reconsider economic sanctions announced against Turkish interests following last week’s incident. The Turkish resort town of Antalya is “like a second home” to many Russian holidaymakers, he said, but refused to yield on Turkish security.

“No Turkish prime minister or president will apologize ... because of doing our duty,”

Davutoglu told reporters after meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in Brussels.

“Protection of Turkish airspace, Turkish borders is a national duty, and our army did their job to protect this airspace. But if the Russian side wants to talk, and wants to prevent any future unintentional events like this, we are ready to talk.”

Turkish F-16s shot down a Russian warplane on Nov. 24, sparking Cold War-style tensions between Russia and NATO, of which Turkey is a member. One of the Russian pilots was killed, while a second was rescued.

On Monday, the body of Lt. Col. Oleg Peshkov, the Russian

pilot, was flown back to Russia following a military ceremony in the Turkish capital, Ankara, Turkey’s military said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, at the international climate talks in Paris, on Monday said “we have every reason to believe” that the plane was shot down to protect what he described as Turkish profiteering from illegal imports of oil produced by Islamic State rebels in Syria.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said the United States has corroborated that the Russian plane violated Turkish airspace, based on evidence from Turkey and from “our own sources.”

The Russian air force said Monday that its Su-34 fighter bombers in Syria were now armed with air-to-air missiles for defense. Air force spokesman Col. Igor Klimov said the missiles have a range of about

60 kilometers (35 miles), Russian news agencies reported.

Russia began airstrikes in Syria on Sept. 30 that it says are focused on IS fighters. But some observers say Russia is targeting other rebel groups to bolster the forces of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Russia insists that the plane that was shot down didn’t intrude on Turkish airspace.

Douglas Lute, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, said he saw American data which “corroborates Turkey’s version of events. So the airplane was in Turkey, it was engaged in Turkey.”

Putin on Saturday called for sanctions against Turkey including bans on some Turkish goods and extensions on work contracts for Turks working in Russia. The measures also call for ending chartered flights from Russia to Turkey and for Russian tourism companies to stop selling vacation packages that would include a stay in Turkey.



Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, left, speaks with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg after addressing a media conference at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Monday. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg met with the Turkish prime minister on Monday to discuss the issue of a Russian warplane downed by a Turkish fighter

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Jake's Sports Bar showcases newly remodeled bar and drink menu



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The new Jake's Sports Bar offers a larger lounge area, larger patio area and live music.

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Downtown Huntington is home to a selection of different bars that appeal to a wide variety of people. Among those bars is Jake's Sports Bar. Over the summer, Jake's remodeled in hopes of attracting a new kind of crowd.

Jake's owner Jacob Morton expressed that the bar needed to be remodeled because the bar opened in the '90s. Morton said he wanted to transform the bar into a 21-and-up environment to keep Jake's in Huntington for years to come.

"I've been in the bar business for 17 years now and it seems like the 18-and-up bars they have a really, really short shelf life," Morton said. "I mean they'll be real popular for a year to four years. The 21-and-up bars have a lot more longevity and so we were hoping to create a nice atmosphere for an older crowd and this place will be around a little bit longer."

The newly remodeled Jake's opened Aug. 22 2015 and showcased a new open layout, a new bar and an expanded patio area. The new bartop is made up of pennies, an idea that was suggested by Morton's wife after she had spent a little time on Pinterest.

"My wife gave me the idea for the bar top. She was looking around online," Morton said. "We were trying to find a unique idea and she said 'Let's try a penny bar.' I didn't even know what it was. She showed me some pictures and we ran with it from there."

The bar isn't the only new thing at Jake's. Morton has started adding live music to the new atmosphere. Musicians

from Huntington and areas outside of the Mountain State have played at Jake's.

The drink selection at Jake's has also changed. Introducing new drinks is something Morton said he thought was important to keep people interested with the bar.

"I wanted to build a different drink selection here," Morton said. "We've been basing a lot of our new drinks on bourbon. I have one of the best bourbon selections in Huntington. Trying some different avenues."

Since opening the remodeled bar, Jake's has experienced a few bumps in creating a new reputation and leaving the old one behind.

"It's been building," Morton said. "Granted, it was a little bit of a rocky start because everyone still had that impression that we were the freshman bar. It's been a building process, changing out the old crowd and getting the new one back in."

Morton was the driving force behind the complete remodel and expresses his hopes of adding new features such as a kitchen and a full outdoor bar on the patio.

"We are going to try and add a few things going into the spring and summer," Morton said. "We are thinking about adding a full bar on the patio for next year and possibly adding a kitchen within the next couple months. I don't want to do anything over extensive. We want to do something besides a burger. We are looking for a different bar food that not everyone has."

When designing the remodel, Morton was focused on making Jake's a place where anyone could come and have a good

time regardless of their usual crowd. Bars around Huntington cater to the needs of specific cliques, but Morton wanted to break away from that idea.

"I wanted to have a real even and roundabout mix where you don't have to be part of a clique to have good time," Morton said. "I want everyone to feel accepted and everyone to come in and say 'Oh this is a bar for everyone, not just a certain group' like a lot of the other places."

In the midst of violence in the Huntington bar scene, such as the Whiskey Rock's shooting, Jake's is putting safety at the top of its priority list.

"Another main thing we were really going for is safety," Morton said. "There has been so many problems in Huntington over the past few years with this violent act and that violent act and a bunch of stupid stuff happening at bars like the Whiskey Rocks incident a couple years ago. Our main focus was keeping it really safe and chill environment."

In order to keep their customers safe, Morton takes the hiring of his staff very seriously. Morton hand picks his bouncers based not only their physical appearance, but also their experience as a bouncer.

"If you saw my bouncers, it kind of speaks for itself," Morton said. "Anyone can hire four or five younger guys to work the door, but you need an experienced staff. Most of my guys have been working in bars for five to 10 years. They've been there, they've been in the middle of it and they know what to look for. They all do a really good job."

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Jake's Sports Bar is located at 1436 4th Ave Huntington and Jake's is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.