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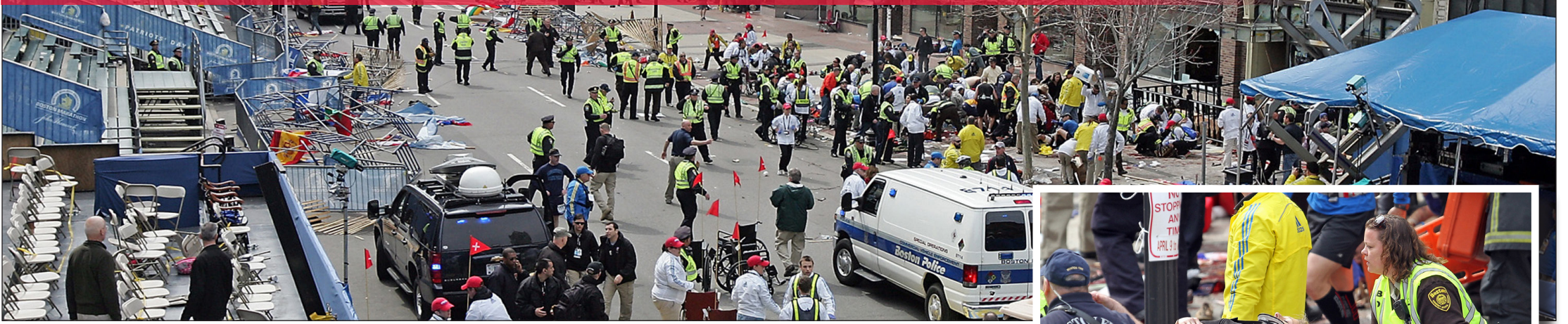
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TRAGEDY STRIKES BOSTON



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ABOVE, RIGHT: Emergency personnel assist the victims at the scene of a bomb blast during the Boston Marathon in Boston, Monday.

3 dead, more than 100 injured as blasts rock Boston Marathon finish line

BOSTON HERALD (MCT)

Two huge explosions rocked the Boston Marathon finish line at Copley Square Monday afternoon, killing three and causing scores of casualties, including several traumatic amputations on streets crowded with runners, spectators and post-race partiers.

The number injured has soared to 100 — including three children suffering from lower leg injuries, hospital officials tell the Boston Herald. “We will get to the bottom of this. We will find out who did this and we will find out why,”

President Barack Obama said Monday evening. “They will feel the full weight of justice.”

“Boston is a tough and resilient town. Residents will pull together, take care of each other and move forward,” he added. “The American people are with them every step of the way.”

Obama called both Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

“We’ve had a horrific attack in Boston this afternoon,” Patrick said at a news conference, where police confirmed two explosions at the finish line at 2:50 p.m. EDT and a third fire or

“incendiary device” at the John F. Kennedy Library, where black smoke was seen billowing.

“This is a tragedy,” Menino said. “We’re going to work together on this.” He added he gives his “condolences and prayers” to the families of the injured and killed runners.

Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis said no suspect has been apprehended, but numerous people are being interviewed.

Massachusetts General Hospital, with 22 patients, reported that six were critical, including four with traumatic amputations. Boston

Medical Center reported 20 injured with two children among the wounded there. Their conditions were not immediately available. Tufts Medical and Brigham and Women’s Hospital also reported injured and well as Beth Israel Hospital — bringing the total to at least 100.

Herald reporter Chris Cassidy, who was running in the marathon, said, “I saw two explosions. The first one was beyond the finish line. I heard a loud bang and I saw smoke rising. I kept running

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National Forensics Tournament coming to Marshall

By JORDAN BEAN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University will host 80 colleges and universities at the end of the week for this year’s college-level national championship tournament for the National Forensics Association.

Marshall’s Thundering Word Speech and Debate team will compete along with students from schools in Oregon, California, Florida, Massachusetts and more.

Danny Ray, tournament host and director of forensics, said the number of people attending the tournament will benefit Huntington financially.

“Every hotel room in Cabell County is booked,” Ray said. “Money will be spent at restaurants, and the food court in the Student Union is having extended hours because everyone will be eating lunches in the Student Center.”

Ray said he believes the tournament will help Marshall attract grad students. “Graduate students are looking for

their future,” Ray said. “Marshall has a number of masters degrees that they might be interested in. So, it’s a recruitment tool for our masters programs.”

Brendan Kelley, national tournament director, said hosting the tournament at Marshall helps promote the university to people who may not have known about it before.

“It builds an awareness of Marshall University,” Kelley said. “It gives people an opportunity to enjoy your campus and make your campus part of their college experience.”

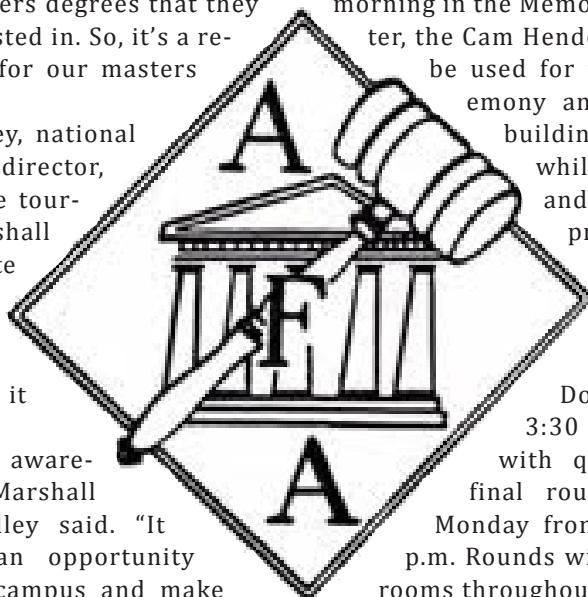
The tournament coordinators and attendees will utilize a majority of the venues on campus from Thursday to

Monday. Registration begins Thursday morning in the Memorial Student Center, the Cam Henderson Center will be used for the opening ceremony and the Fine Arts building will be in use while competitors and coaches prep for presentations.

The tournament begins Thursday with the Lincoln Douglas debate at 3:30 p.m., and ends with quarterfinals and final rounds, which run Monday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Rounds will occur in classrooms throughout campus, as well as some larger presentation rooms.

All presentations are free and open to the public.

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MU STUDENTS REACT TO BOSTON ATTACKS

“It was really scary knowing my dad was so close to the explosion. Luckily he wasn’t hurt. It was such a tragic event and I feel for the families.”

>Kristyn Morrone, senior from Pinehurst, N.C.

“My cousin ran in the race and I was unable to get in touch with my her for several hours. It just really hit home for me. I couldn’t believe something like this could happen.”

>Shelby Lee, senior from Virginia Beach, Va.

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Donors honored during Donate Life Month

By SHANE BIAS
THE PARTHENON

The month of April is Donate Life Month, which is a time to honor donors, donor recipients and people on the donor waiting list.

Joy Adkins, community outreach coordinator for Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, said more than 117,000 people are currently in need of a lifesaving transplant.

“More than 117,000 people are in need of some form of lifesaving transplant,” Adkins said. “About 90,000 of those people are in need of kidney transplants.”

Adkins said kidney transplants are needed more than other transplants

because many people have high blood pressure and diabetes.

Jamie Collins, business major, said he knows the importance of donating organs.

“I am an organ donor because I realize I can save someone’s life in the future,” Collins said. “By the time my organs are donated, I will no longer even need them anyways.”

Collins said it makes sense to donate his organs to someone who can put them to use.

“If you have no use for something anymore, you might as well give it to someone who can put it to good use,” Collins said. “There is no need

to waste my organs, when it could better someone else’s life.”

According to Donate Life, a new name is added to the waiting list to receive a transplant every 10 minutes. Nationally, approximately 50,000 individuals are added to the waiting list each year.

Adkins said people should try to think about organ donation from the recipient’s point of view.

“Instead of thinking of it strictly from the donating side of things, try to put yourself in the recipient’s shoes,” Adkins said. “Just try to imagine if you or a family member was in need of a transplant.”

According to Donate Life, all

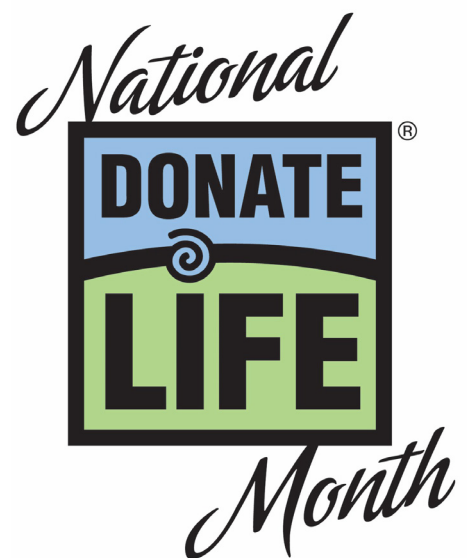
persons 18 years or older has the right to be a donor. Those under the age of 18 can register to be a donor with parental consent.

Adkins said students can register to become an organ donor online.

“I encourage everyone to sign up because lives can be saved and people are in need,” Adkins said. “It is really easy to sign up, and you have the potential to give the gift of life.”

Donate Life is a not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and state teams across the United States committed to increasing organ, eye and tissue donations.

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Peer mentors new to Residence Halls next semester

By HAYLEE ROBERTS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Department of Housing and Residence Life is bringing a new academic initiative into residence halls.

The residence halls will get an additional resource called a peer mentor, to help students through academic struggles and challenges.

Amy Lorenz, director of academic initiatives in Housing and Residence Life, said peer mentors will be networks for students to connect them and other academic resources on campus.

"These mentors will focus heavily on getting students involved with academic support services around campus and get them on the right track with their academics and education," Lorenz said.

These peer mentors will be different than residence hall advisors in some ways.

Peer mentors will be solely for academic purposes for students, and they will team up with other academic resources on campus and help students to achieve academic success.

Since this is a new plan for Marshall, peer mentors will be in

Towers East and Buskirk Hall to start off the fall 2013 semester.

Shoshannah Diehl, resident advisor, said she will be switching to a peer mentor in the fall.

"I really felt I would be able to work more closely with students, and I would be helping to relieve the stress they feel when they go on academic probation. This position caught my eye because I love learning and I believe other people can love learning to if they are given the right tools to succeed," Diehl said.

Peer mentors will serve as positive role models and resources for students in their communities.

There will be eight peer mentors for the fall 2013 semester. They will all get free housing for their services.

Each peer mentor will get training from different advisors in every college to learn about each major and what the goals and expectations are for each college.

In the spring semester of 2014, peer mentors will begin working with students who are put on academic probation, to help them achieve better success in their academics.

"Each peer mentor will have very set interventions with

students in their buildings on probation to help them achieve better academic success," Lorenz said.

Each student on academic probation will have bi-weekly or weekly meetings with their peer mentors for help and tips on their academic success until they are off of probation.

"An academic mentor can really focus on helping students with school and give them that one-on-one help for those struggling in their classes," Diehl said.

Peer mentors will have office hours throughout the week

and programs related to time management.

"Helping students in academic crises could be as simple as holding them accountable for studies or helping them understand their learning style and how to study. On the other hand, it could be as big as stepping back and looking at what a student enjoys to learn about, to ensure that they are in an area of study that suits them and in which they can succeed," Diehl said.

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Obama promises justice after Boston Marathon bombing



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President Barack Obama speaks to the media about the explosions in Boston during a press conference on Monday in Washington, D.C.

By CHRISTI PARSONS
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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU
(MCT)

President Barack Obama vowed justice for the victims of the Boston bomb attacks on Monday but cautioned against the urge to "jump to conclusions" before a full investigation is done.

"We still do not know who did this or why, and people shouldn't jump to conclusions before we have all the facts," Obama told reporters. "But make no mistake, we will get to the bottom of this. We will find out who did this, we will find out why they did this. Any responsible individuals, any responsible groups, will feel the full weight of justice."

The remarks came just over three hours after bomb blasts along the route of the Boston Marathon claimed the lives of at least two people and injured at least two dozen more, some of them seriously.

Early reports from the Boston police suggest that one or more bombs may have been planted in garbage cans in time to go off as runners neared the finish line of the race.

The White House has promised all its resources to the investigation of and response to the explosions.

Obama is being briefed by senior officials and has directed the FBI director and Homeland Security secretary to make all needed resources available to state and local government agencies.

As details continued to emerge, Obama appeared in the White House briefing room to pledge his efforts to find those responsible and bring them to justice.

He declined to take questions about whether the bombs were part of a terrorist plot and did not speculate on who might be behind the attacks.

"I want to reiterate: We will find out who did this," he said in closing. "And we will hold them accountable."

Obama noted that Monday was Patriots' Day, a state holiday, in Massachusetts. The day "celebrates the free and fiercely independent spirit that this great American city of Boston has reflected from the earliest days of our nation," the president said.

"Boston is a tough and resilient town; so are its people. I'm supremely confident that Bostonians will pull together, take care of each other and move forward as one proud city," Obama said. "And as they do, the American people will be with them every single step of the way."

SRC helps students navigate the ins and outs of registering

By COURTNEY BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Having trouble registering for classes? Registration can be a stressful time for some students, so the Marshall University Student Resource Center is offering a program called "Navigating MyMU for Course Registration."

Sarah Craiger, resource specialist, said some of the common problems she sees with students scheduling are looking over prerequisites, co-requisites or the section is closed.

"These problems can usually be alleviated if we just review scheduled courses and see if there are other sections that are open," Craiger said. "A lot of it is just confusion. Some of the problems stem from the students not being proactive and the students not going to see their advisers early. I would definitely say it is time for them to go see their advisers."

Craiger said the workshop is offered to all Marshall

students and is not just for freshmen or transfer students.

"Sometimes we have residents from floors in the residence halls come over," Craiger said. "It's open to all students even if they are just confused or forget how to schedule. We will show you how to properly schedule courses through two different venues. What they need to know from their venue sheet and how they can register online through MyMU and how to schedule if the student is on probation."

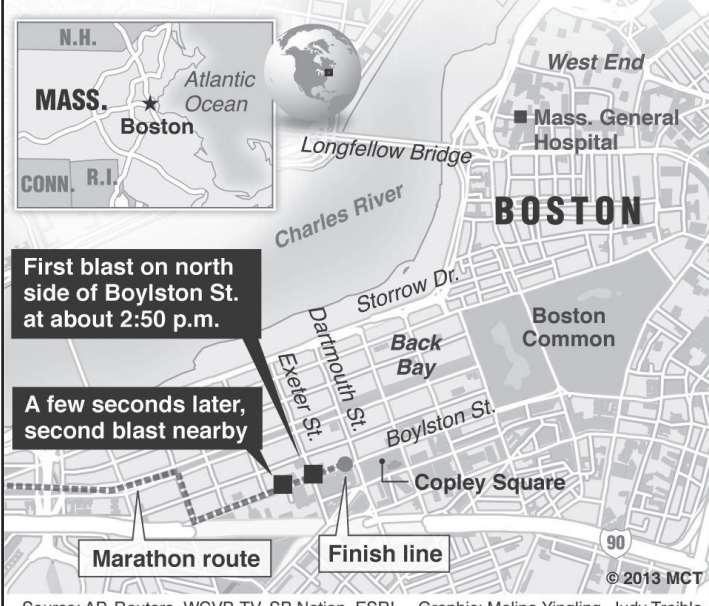
"Navigating MyMU for Course Registration" is available for the next two weeks at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., depending upon the day.

Craiger said the SRC will work through students' account and help them figure out the steps to help alleviate the issues.

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Blasts hit Boston Marathon

Explosions occurred near finish line of Boston Marathon about four hours after the race started. Area was filled with runners, spectators attending the annual Patriot's Day race.



Supreme Court critical of patents on human genes

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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU
(MCT)

The Supreme Court justices said Monday they were highly skeptical of the idea that a company or a scientist can hold a patent on human genes and prevent others from testing or using them.

"What about the first person who found a liver?" asked Justice Elena Kagan.

She was agreeing with other justices who said patents should not be given for "products of nature," whether they are plant leaves that cure a disease or tiny parts of the human body.

Justice Stephen Breyer said patent law involves an "uneasy compromise" because it seeks to advance science and innovation by giving an inventor a temporary monopoly to profit from an advance.

If inventors devise a new use for a substance, they can patent this use, he said. But they cannot patent the underlying substance, he added. "It's important to keep products of nature free" for use by all, he said.

During the argument Monday, most of the justices questioned the decision of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant Myriad Genetics a patent on two isolated gene sequences that signal a high risk of breast or ovarian cancer.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. said Myriad had simply

"snipped" part of the gene sequence. It did not invent a new product, but simply found a way to isolate part of the human DNA, he said.

Because of Myriad's patents, the Utah company has been able to profit from testing women who are concerned about their inherited risk of the two cancers.

Four years ago, breast cancer patients and medical researchers sued to challenge Myriad's patents, arguing that human genes themselves could not be subject to patent protection.

These patents "cover the genes of every man, woman and child," Christopher Hansen of the American Civil Liberties Union told the court. It "can't be right," he said, that a private company can hold monopoly control over genes from the human body.

A lawyer from Myriad argued that the company had devoted years of research to isolating the human genes and the mutations that are correlated with a high risk of cancer. "It would be dangerous," he said, for the court to backtrack and to deny patents to innovators who make scientific advances using natural products.

But the justices did not sound convinced. "I don't see how this is different from snipping," Roberts said. If snipping the leaf of a medicinal plant could not be patented, snipping a gene sequence is not

enough to obtain a patent either, he said.

This case of patents versus patents has drawn extraordinary interest because of its potential to reshape the law on biotechnology and personalized medicine.

For more than 30 years, the U.S. patent office has been granting patents to those who isolate living cells and make new uses of them, whether they are bacteria, plant seeds or human cells.

The biotech industry says these patents have spurred advances in medicine and agriculture. About half of the drugs in modern use and most anti-cancer drugs are derived from natural organisms, they say.

But the Supreme Court has grown increasingly skeptical of patents and the apparent willingness of the U.S. patent office to grant inventors and innovators a 20-year monopoly over the use of formulas and processes.

Last year, the high court unanimously rejected a patent for a personalized medicine dosing formula that was held by Prometheus Labs. The justices said this formula, which relied on a blood test to guide doctors on the proper dose of a drug that treats auto-immune disorders, rested on a "law of nature" and therefore, could not be patented.

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Campus-wide rummage sale quickly approaching

By SHANNON GRENER
THE PARTHENON

The campus yard sale being hosted at Marshall University on Saturday is quickly approaching as the Wednesday registration deadline looms.

Those interested can register at www.tinyurl.com/studentyardsale.

All extra tables not reserved through the registration will be available for any student, staff or faculty member to be a walk in vendor on the day of the yard sale. Extra space will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

The yard sale will occupy the freshman field between the Cam Henderson Center and the tennis courts. The yard sale will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The yard sale will relocate to the Gullickson Hall gym in the case of rain.

Senior engineering student Nate O'Kane is planning the event along with the help of the Sustainability Department and Housing and Residence Life.

"This is a great advantage for everyone involved," O'Kane said. "The students moving will get to unload some of their furniture so they don't need to take unnecessary things back."

People planning to sell items at the campus yard sale must provide their own cash and change for sales. Fifth Third Bank will host a bill exchange station to assist with providing exact change.

A donations booth will be accepting items to sell that people are still looking to get rid of but not wanting to sell themselves. All the profits from these items will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity charity.

"The charities will benefit because they will get a fresh supply of slightly used furniture for the community to go buy later," O'Kane said. "The community is benefiting because they can get slightly used furniture for a highly discounted price."

Furniture items not sold by the end but are still unwanted can be donated to Restore, a company partnered with Habitat for Humanity. Restore resells new or used furniture,

household appliances and other home-related accessories.

Any clothes may be brought to the event and donated to Goodwill if not sold or unwanted. Non-perishable food items may also be donated to the Huntington Food Bank.

"It's a win, win, win event — the students, the community and the charities," O'Kane said.

Local community members are invited to purchase items at the yard sale. Anyone participating or planning to attend may park in the Joan C. Edwards Stadium parking lot or along 18th Street. The lot is not ticketed on Saturdays.

The pull off area between the Recreation Center and Physical Plant along 20th Street or the area behind the Twin Tower Residence Halls may be used as an unloading and loading area for larger items.

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Catching on quickly



Marshall tight ends making progress in star's absence

By WILL VANCE
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall football has had a history of talented tight ends with players like Mike Bartrum, Cody Slate and Lee Smith possessing great blocking as well as pass-catching ability. Last season Gator Hoskins, a rising senior from Gainesville, Fla., made a case to be named among those greats. Hoskins hauled in 35 passes for 374 yards and a team-high ten touchdowns.

"In the red zone it's hard to stop him because he's a big body," said rising junior quarterback Rakeem Cato last season about the 6'2", 240 lb. Hoskins. "He knows how to use his body, he's very aggressive and has good hands."

This spring practice, however, Hoskins has been unable to participate due to injury. This has given rising junior Eric Frohnapfel the opportunity to get first team reps in practice, an opportunity he has taken advantage of.

"It's definitely good to go against the one's on defense," Frohnapfel said. "In the past I've always been against the two's and three's, so it's nice to go against our teams best players every practice."

While Hoskins made the biggest plays, Frohnapfel was no slouch, catching 13 passes for 129 yards and a pair of scores. Marshall Tight Ends Coach Todd Hartley said Frohnapfel has all the physical attributes to be a great tight end.

"He's always been a great route runner. He's always been great when the ball is in the air, he's got great hands," Hartley said of Frohnapfel. "It's about

being more physical at the point of attack, and he brings that."

In Marshall's high-powered passing attack, tight ends are often called upon play a variety of roles.

"Last year we had the set with Devin Johnson and we had our normal tight end set with Gator and Froh," Hartley said. "We like to not have to change personnel because we like to go fast, so you want to keep those guys on the field. So you teach that tight end all of the positions."

Frohnapfel said in Marshall's offense, the tight end has to be a jack-of-all-trades.

"One play we may be lined up as a fullback and have to lead up on a 250 pound linebacker and the next play run a bubble screen and have to outrun a cornerback."

Promising back-ups Stefone Grace and Joe Woodrum round out the tight end unit. Though neither was

prevalent in the Herd's offense last season, both were able to contribute in the first scrimmage of spring practice.

Woodrum caught three passes for 21 yards and Grace caught two for 21 yards and a touchdown from rising redshirt sophomore quarterback Blake Frohnapfel, twin brother of tight end Eric.

Without Hoskins, Frohnapfel has taken on a leadership role among the tight ends.

"I try to set the standard for the back-ups," Frohnapfel said. "Gator isn't in, so I'm trying to take over that role, at least for now."

If Hoskins, Frohnapfel and the rest of the tight end corp can continue their success next season, the great Marshall tight ends of old will soon have new members in their ranks.

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Linebackers look to shore up defense

LEFT: Rising redshirt sophomore Joe Woodrum catches a pass during the first spring scrimmage.

BELOW: Rising redshirt junior D.J. Hunter leads the charge for the Marshall defense against a Memphis ballcarrier.

RIGHT: Rising redshirt senior Billy Mitchell signals the defense during last seasons game against Memphis.

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By WILL VANCE
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall football's defensive struggles last season are well documented, finishing near the bottom of the NCAA in both total defense and scoring defense.

If improvement is to come, the Marshall linebacking corps will be at the center of the turnaround. The group is losing the physical presence of departed linebacker Devin Arrington, but the cupboard is far from empty.

Rising junior Jermaine Holmes worked his way into the starting lineup midway through last season, making 26 tackles, five tackles for losses and a pass breakup against Rice. He also had a season-high five stops against Virginia Tech.

"We go over it every day when we watch film," Holmes said. "There's always something I need to work on."

Holmes is battling for the starting middle linebacker position with rising junior Cortez Carter, who had 36 tackles last season to go along with a sack.

"Whoever makes plays is going to play," head coach Doc Holliday said. "The last couple practices I've noticed Jermaine (Holmes) running around out there pretty good."

The pair battled to a draw during the Thundering Herd's first scrimmage of the spring last Saturday. Holmes tallied four tackles, including a tackle for loss, while Carter contributed five tackles and broke up a pass.

Another key player returning to the Herd linebacker unit is rising redshirt senior Billy Mitchell. Mitchell was injured to start the 2012 season and made his return mid-season, but was still able to accumulate 34 tackles as well as an interception.

The injury bug has kept much of the linebacking corps off the field so far in spring practice,

with rising juniors Raheem Waiters and Evan McKelvey, who both made starts last season, being limited with minor injuries.

This spring's new batch of freshman is also making a bid for playing time.

"Stephon Houston, the young freshman, is running around out there pretty good too," Holliday said.

Houston made an impressive showing in Saturday's scrimmage,

recording six tackles as well as making a play on special teams with a punt block.

The intensity of the defensive unit, and especially the linebackers, has greatly increased this season, and Holmes said it is a refreshing change from last season.

"That's definitely something Coach Heater brought," Holmes said. "Last year we wouldn't get that excited or anything, someone would make a play and walk off the field. Coach Heater isn't about that. When he came he brought that enthusiasm, wanted everybody to get hype."

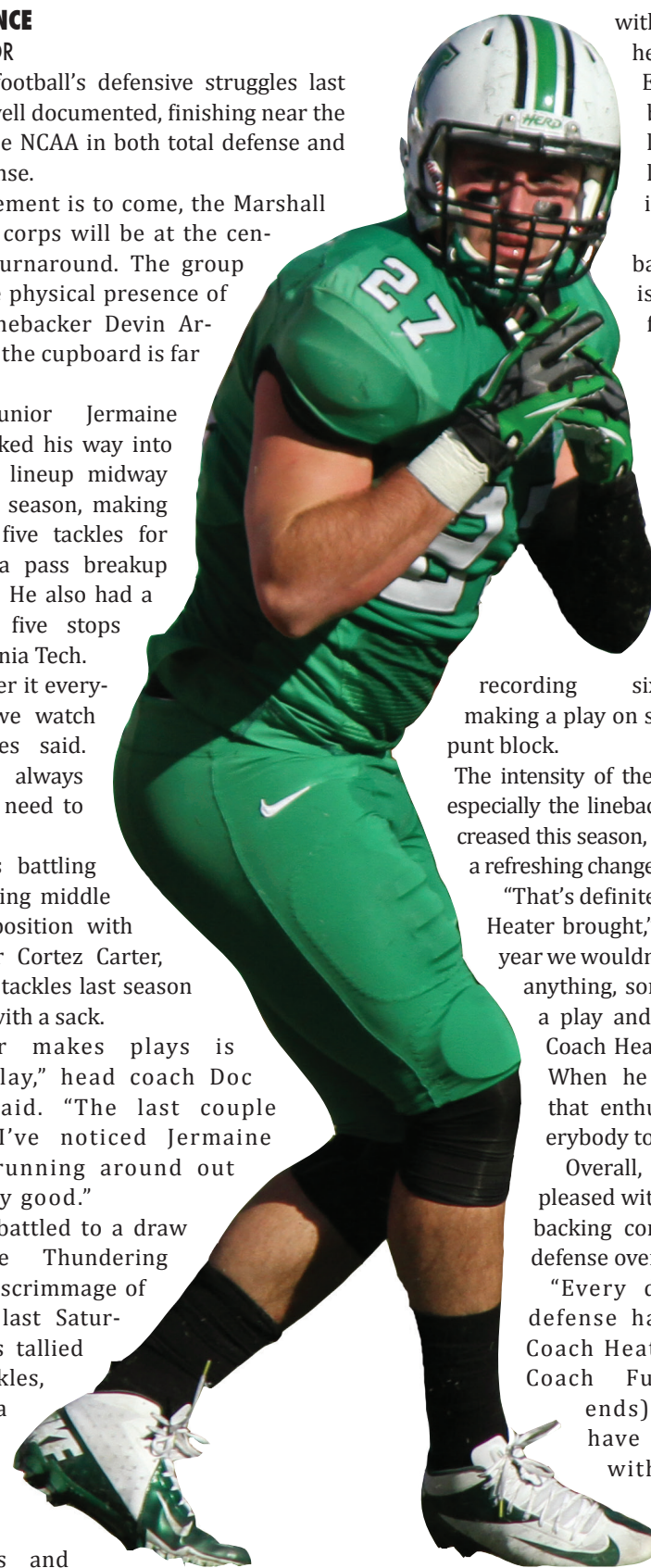
Overall, Coach Holliday is pleased with the work the linebacking corps, as well as the defense overall.

"Every day I think that defense has come out and Coach Heater, (linebackers) Coach Fuller, (defensive ends) Coach Cronin have done a great job with that defense," Holliday said.

"They're starting to understand what they're doing, getting their feet in the ground and playing."

With solid returning talent as well as promising up and comers, things are looking up for the Marshall linebackers.

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Adam Scott becomes first Australian to win Masters

By DAVID SCOTT
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As the raindrops fell on a dark and dreary day at Augusta National, Adam Scott broke through the gloom Sunday with a memorable Masters victory.

When Scott's 12-foot putt on the second sudden-death playoff hole beat an equally clutch Angel Cabrera, it brought an end to a Masters that had been waiting for nearly four full days for something remarkable to happen.

Scott and Cabrera delivered that. During a final round during which no player could separate himself from the field, Australia's Scott and Argentina's Cabrera did so - but not until the very end.

"I'm a proud Australian," said Scott, 32, who won a major for the first time and is the first from his country to win a Masters title. "I hope this sits really well at home."

Scott had thought he'd won on the 72nd hole, when he holed a 20-footer with his anchored putter, giving him a one-shot lead on Cabrera and finishing his round with a 3-under par 72, 9-under for the tournament.

As the rain-soaked crowd roared, Scott leapt in the air, yelling, "Come on, Aussie!" He high-fived caddie Steve Williams and headed to the scorer's area to sign his card.

"For a split second there, I let myself think I'd won," Scott said.

But Scott's putt also ignited something in Cabrera, who was playing in the group behind

Scott's and had watched it all from the 18th fairway. As Scott sat at the scorer's table, Cabrera, who won the Masters in 2009, countered with an approach shot that landed just a few feet from the hole.

Cabrera's birdie putt sent the Masters into sudden-death for the second consecutive year.

Both players parred No. 18, the first playoff hole, with Cabrera's chip from off the green rolling just past the hole.

Cabrera and Scott gave each other a thumbs up as they walked up the 10th fairway to play their second shots on the second playoff hole.

When they got to the green, Cabrera again barely missed his birdie chance. Scott, putting from about 12 feet, made his and he was a Masters champion.

Jason Day, Scott's fellow Australian, finished third at 279, two shots behind Scott and Cabrera. Tiger Woods, again missing a chance at winning his 15th major, tied for fourth with Australia's Marc Leishman, four shots back.

Brandt Snedeker, who was tied for the lead heading into Sunday's final round with Cabrera, struggled with a final-round 75 and finished tied for sixth with Thorbjorn Olesen.

The win meant everything to Scott and his country, which had seen nothing but heartbreak at the Masters, especially in the form of Greg Norman. Norman, who had three wrenching losses at Augusta, is a close friend and mentor of Scott's.

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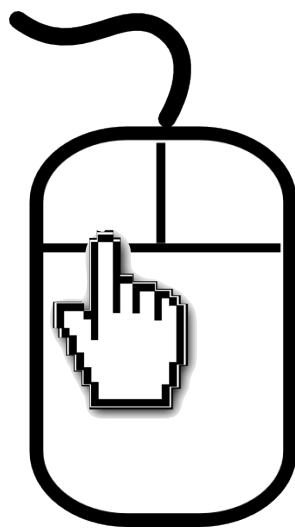
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Editorial

When disaster strikes, we stand united

The United States experienced yet another tragedy Monday, when two bombs interrupted the Boston Marathon near the finish line of the race.

There were 46 West Virginians in the race, but fortunately none of them injured. Several of the injuries are reported to be critical, with several victims losing limbs because of the sudden blasts.

Unfortunately, three have been killed and more than 100 have been reported

injured. One of those deaths was an 8-year-old child. The fact that there are people in the world who think that is O.K. is disgusting.

These attacks, as with any attack of this nature, have shaken our nation and brought out the best in people.

It was reported that some of the runners crossed the finish line and continued directly to the nearby hospital in order to give blood to those injured.

If that is not something that should restore some faith

in humanity, even in time of tragedy, nothing will.

There is nothing anyone can do to stop these events from happening, but we can join together and be positive and help those in need.

It seems as if we only see the good in humanity when something tragic happens. That should not be the case. We should show the good side of humanity all the time.

Nevertheless, this event was terrible, and ruined a day that meant a lot to thousands

of people who spent a significant amount of time training for this event.

We, as Americans, need to stick together and do what we can to help our friends in Beantown.

You never know when or where tragedy will strike, so we need to be constantly united as a country and remember there are more important things in life than the little inconveniences most of us have on a day-to-day basis.

Column

Structural to direct violence: a direct correlation

By **JOCELYN GIBSON**
COLUMNIST

Structural violence — institutions or policies that make it difficult for those on the lower levels of a hierarchy to advance — causes direct violence (such as abuse, rape and murder) by making it more acceptable.

According to the author of "Defying Victimhood: Women and post-conflict peace building," Lisa Schirch, violence is about power.

Assuming that is true, it becomes very clear how structural violence can lead to direct violence. Structural violence works to keep the unequal balance of power, and as a result of the feeling of being of a higher power people exert direct violence upon one another.

Violence is how we keep the power struggle in check. Schirch goes on to say, "The hierarchy of value placed on the lives of men over women and masculine over feminine characteristics creates the context where a society can accept, or at least not actively oppose, massive violence against women."

Here, she brings up an excellent point about the connection between structural and direct violence, showing that it is the structural violence that allows the direct violence to continue.

One local example of structural violence leading to direct violence would be poverty. It is much more common for women in poverty to experience domestic abuse because of the high stress situations associated with being impoverished. Women who are living in poverty often are forced to turn to undesirable means in order to support their families.

This problem is especially prevalent in this region because of the high levels of poverty,

which could be contributing to our high levels of domestic abuse. Because of the limited amount of job opportunities available in the region (structural violence), it is impossible for women to escape the cycle of poverty and abuse.

An international example that comes to mind is of the 14-year-old Pakistani girl who was shot recently for her education activism.

The structural violence involves keeping women uneducated so they will be more submissive to direct violence, and of course when they do deviate from what is expected of them, direct violence is applied.

As should be clear from the local example, we cannot count ourselves exempt from structural violence. It is there whether we notice it or not. Structural violence is so easily disguised that it cannot be recognized without some conscious thought.

Structural violence is designed to exist with little detection from society.

That is the very reason it is executed so cleanly unbeknownst to most of us.

Women on college campuses have to be constantly aware of the violence (structural and direct) aimed at them.

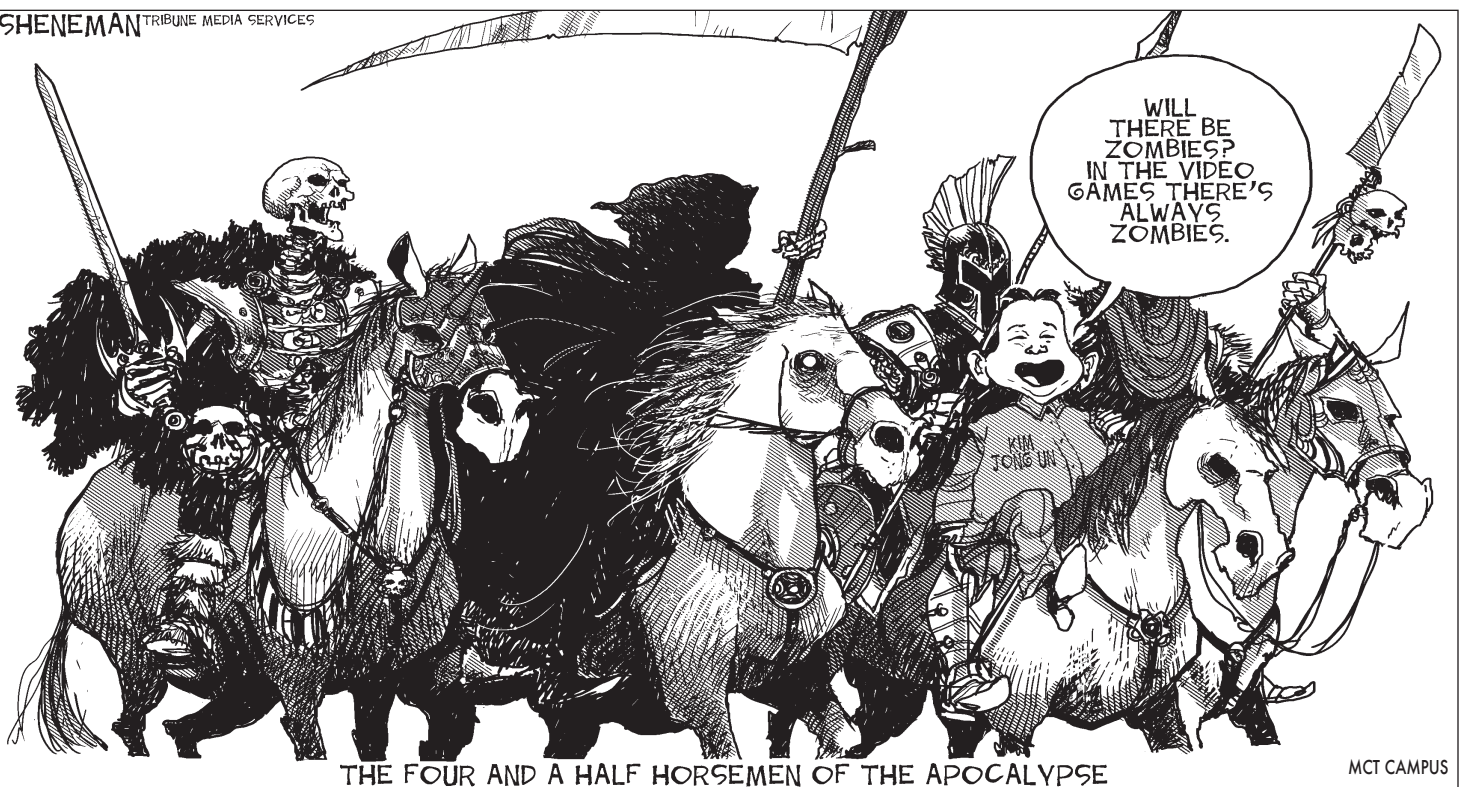
The first step in overcoming violence is awareness. We cannot act out against the violence until we can pinpoint exactly where it is coming from and make a plan to combat the source.

Although battles against structural violence are not easily won, it is beneficial to be aware we may identify signs of structural violence when it is pitted against us. It is also beneficial to realize how it impacts direct violence.

This knowledge could lead to a solution.

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Column

Who should own DNA? All of us

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Most court cases involving patent law are corporate battles, with one company suing another for infringing on its intellectual property rights and, therefore, profits. Big companies fighting over big money can seem painfully irrelevant, especially when so many of us are simply struggling to get by.

But the case coming before the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday challenging two patents is a different animal, with enormous implications for both our health and shared humanity. The patents in question are on two human genes, BRCA1 and BRCA2, commonly referred to as the "breast cancer genes."

We all have these genes in the cells of our bodies, but certain variants in some people significantly increase the risk of breast and ovarian cancer. Learning whether you have these risk-elevating mutations can be important because it gives you the opportunity to consider increased surveillance (such as cancer screenings and mammography) and even surgery to remove healthy organs.

The patents give one biotechnology company, Myriad Genetics Inc., sweeping control

of the two genes. Myriad's monopoly harms women's health, impedes cancer research and raises important ethical questions about control over the human genome.

Myriad's patents cover both the normal versions of the genes and all mutations and rearrangements within them. This monopoly has prevented other scientists and doctors from using the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes in research, medicine, diagnosis and treatment.

With revenue from the patents approaching half a billion dollars a year, Myriad frequently restricts access to these genes. It sends cease-and-desist notices to prevent other researchers from working with them.

Myriad's strict patent enforcement means its test is the only available one to determine whether a woman has a genetic variant that increases her risk of cancer. Women cannot get a second opinion about the results, even when faced with a decision about removing healthy organs to reduce their cancer risk. And too many women cannot even have the test because it is too expensive.

Furthermore, since Myriad's test focuses on the variants that have already been identified, some women, especially

women of color, are more likely to get ambiguous results. They are told they have a genetic variant but that Myriad doesn't know whether it increases their risk of cancer.

Genes are not inventions but products of nature. You can't patent the sun; you can't patent a new species of insect you find in a forest; you can't patent the speed of light. And you cannot patent human genes.

Beyond U.S. patent law lie broader questions: Should we treat human genes as private property to be exploited for profit rather than shared resources managed in the public interest? Should we allow corporate ownership to penetrate deeply into areas previously considered outside the commercial realm?

Several international organizations have taken up these questions, declaring the human genome part of the "commons" — akin to the moon and the air we breathe. The Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, ratified by the U.N. General Assembly in 1998, states that the human genome "is the heritage of humanity" and "in its natural state shall not give rise to financial gains." In 1999, the Parliamentary Assembly of the

Council of Europe declared that "neither plant-, animal- nor human-derived genes, cells, tissue or organs can be considered as inventions, nor be subject to monopolies granted by patents."

Despite these strong declarations and the robust legal precedent for limiting patent protection to inventions, much of the human genome has been patented in a rush to profit from the incredible amount of information our genetic makeup holds, often to the detriment of our health. We believe there has been a misapplication of patent law, as acknowledged by the U.S. solicitor general's amicus brief on our behalf.

It was not always this way, and it need not stay this way. In 1955, Jonas Salk, who had invented the polio vaccine, was asked who owned the patent on the vaccine. "The people," he replied. "There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?"

A ruling in favor of the plaintiffs in this landmark case could effectively outlaw human gene patents. It would be a victory for all who put the public's health and interests above efforts to privatize what all of us should share. And it would restore our genomic heritage, the very DNA in our bodies, to the rightful owners — the people.

Immigration overhaul faces tough road in Congress

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The massive legislative overhaul of the nation's immigration laws that's expected to be unveiled in the Senate on Tuesday may represent a bipartisan breakthrough for the "Gang of Eight," but it's just the beginning of a long slog.

Huge obstacles remain to passing a sweeping bill that would provide a 13-year path to citizenship for many of the 11 million immigrants who are in the United States illegally. Even with backing from business groups and a promise to secure the borders, it will be difficult to get enough Senate Republicans on board to pass the bill.

Even if the bill does get through the Senate, its prospects in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives appear dim at best, because there may be enough Republicans like Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas, who views the Senate measure as nothing more than an amnesty bill.

"The Senate's immigration proposal contains a fatal flaw," Smith said on the House floor Monday. "It legalizes almost everyone in the country illegally _ amnesty _ before it secures the border. As a result, the Senate proposal issues an open invitation to enter the country illegally. Millions more will do so before the border is secure."

Speculation that the bill was in trouble even before it was introduced raced

through Capitol Hill on Monday after Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., announced that he was shifting a hearing on the measure from Wednesday to Friday.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a Gang of Eight member and tea party favorite who is viewed as the key to garnering Republican and conservative support for the bill, said the hearing delay was to give lawmakers more time to read the bill. "This extra time will give the American people and their senators a chance to better prepare for this first major opportunity to ask questions about the bill," Rubio said in a statement.

The proposed immigration revamp tackles many elements of what lures immigrants to the United States: employment. Industry officials who have been briefed on the legislation expect it to expand the H-1B program for highly skilled workers significantly, raise caps to make it easier for the agriculture sector to hire farm workers, and create an entirely new program for the service-oriented jobs that are a huge lure for low-skilled workers. This latter program, however, is likely to be capped at 200,000 visas, phased in over 10 years, a small number given that this population is what makes up the bulk of workers without documentation today.

Employers have had few consequences for hiring those workers, and the legislation would, over a five-year phase-in, require that all employers participate in

the E-Verify program. In essence, employers large and small would have to verify the immigration status of all their workers. The E-Verify program is voluntary today, with fewer than a dozen states requiring it for companies that are contracting for state business.

Some members of the all-Democratic Congressional Black Caucus have indicated that they may balk at the bill if it fails to sufficiently address their concerns about the H-1B visas and a lottery-driven diversity visa program that the House voted to eliminate last November in order to expand the H-1B program.

Since then, black caucus officials have been talking with Senate leaders and Gang of Eight members in hopes of stemming the House action, which they say would adversely affect immigration of lesser-skilled people from African and Caribbean nations.

White House officials say they're comfortable that the legislation's 13-year path to citizenship is consistent with President Barack Obama's plan for immigration restructuring.

Rubio, a possible 2016 presidential candidate, blitzed the Sunday talk shows to explain why he's helping to lead the initiative to overhaul immigration laws.

Saying that "we're not rewarding anything," Rubio added, "I just hope that I can convince people that leaving things the way they are now is much worse than approaching it the way we've outlined."

Supreme Court

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"Einstein could not patent his celebrated law that E=mc², nor could Newton have patented the law of gravity," said Justice Stephen Breyer. "Such discoveries are 'manifestations of ... nature, free to all men and reserved exclusively to none,'" he added, quoting from a 1948 opinion.

The justices then issued a one-line order telling a federal patent court to take another look at the gene patents held by Myriad

Genetics, the company based in Salt Lake City.

In 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union and Public Patent Foundation had sued on behalf of the cancer patients and medical professionals to challenge the validity of Myriad's gene patents. They argued that giving one company a monopoly over a distinctive gene sequence resulted in patients paying too much for testing, and it prevented them from getting a second opinion from other medical experts.

But they lost in the federal circuit court that oversees patent appeals. It upheld

Myriad's patents in 2011, and it did so again last year, despite the warning from the high court. The patent judges held that the isolating of the particular gene mutation that signals a risk of cancer was a "new and useful" invention that can be patented.

Even though Myriad's patents are due to expire within two years, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the ACLU's contention that genes cannot be patented.

A decision in the case of Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics can be expected by the end of June.

Masters

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"Part of this is for him," said Scott.

Woods will have to wait until June - at the U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club near Philadelphia - to resume his pursuit of a 15th major championship.

Woods, the world's No. 1 player who had won two consecutive tournaments prior to Augusta, was a prohibitive favorite to win a fifth Masters.

But he couldn't summon any magic on Sunday, and certainly couldn't overcome the two strokes he was penalized for a

controversial drop Friday.

Had Woods' shot not hit the flag stick on the 15th hole during the second round, he might well have birdied the hole. Instead, with the penalty, he took an 8.

The math was pretty basic for Woods, whose 2-under 70 Sunday left him at 5-under for the tournament and four strokes behind Scott and Cabrera: That four-shot swing might well have cost him the Masters.

The Masters also might have gone to Day, another Aussie who had a two stroke lead after 15 holes Sunday.

On Friday evening, after he shot a 2-under 68 to take the second-round lead, Day

had perhaps hinted at the pressure he feels in playing the Masters.

"It just feels like every shot is the biggest shot you've hit in your life out here," he said at the time. "It's a major. There's so many people watching you around the world. I was just trying to breathe as much as I could to keep myself down and as level as I could."

All that apparently caught up with Day late Sunday. He bogeyed No. 16 and did the same at 17. He needed a birdie at No. 18 to pull into what then would have been a tie with Scott and Cabrera, but he missed by inches.

Manchin, Toomey make case for gun control

By **MICHAEL A. MEMOLI and MELANIE MASON**

TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

A single conversation on the Senate floor Monday illustrated the challenges in pushing a bipartisan measure to extend background checks to most gun sales.

Sen. Joe Manchin III, D-W.Va., the chief author of the proposal, spent some 20 minutes lobbying Alaska's two senators, one a conservative Democrat who faces re-election in 2014 and the other a Republican who has sometimes broken with her party.

Neither the Democrat, Sen. Mark Begich, nor the Republican, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, has committed to the proposal, which could be part of the most far-reaching gun legislation to pass the Senate in more than two decades. But they listened intently, quizzing Manchin about specific provisions and suggesting revisions they might seek. Murkowski even teased Manchin that his hair has grayed since he took up the issue.

As senators returned to Washington on Monday, there were other signs that the accord brokered by Manchin and Sen. Patrick J. Toomey, R-Pa., last week was shy of the votes it would need to be adopted as an amendment to a larger package of gun legislation. That measure also includes provisions to authorize more spending on school safety and to crack down on gun trafficking.

Senate leaders had promised that the Manchin-Toomey proposal would be the first amendment considered, but one leadership aide said no votes would occur on any amendment until at least Wednesday.

Manchin said the extra time could work to his advantage. In conversations with his colleagues, Manchin said he was making a simple plea: Read the amendment. As he spoke with reporters, Manchin clutched a stack of personal letters and handwritten

notes he planned to deliver to senators asking for their support.

He and Toomey also appeared on the Senate floor for nearly 90 minutes Monday afternoon, making the case for their amendment and stressing their backgrounds as solid gun-rights supporters.

"Basically, we looked at the gun culture in America — who we are and how we became who we are — and that's what we took into consideration," Manchin said.

Toomey, seeking to differentiate the proposal from more extensive gun restrictions proposed after the Newtown, Conn., school shooting, insisted the amendment "isn't gun control."

"There are other members of this body who are not happy with this bill because they want active, aggressive gun control," such as bans on certain weapons or ammunition, he said. "But trying to keep guns out of the hands of people who aren't legally entitled to have them — dangerous people, be they criminals or dangerously mentally ill people — that's not gun control. That's common sense."

After Toomey left the Senate floor, he headed for the office of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. Key to the prospects for gun legislation will be an agreement McConnell must make with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., over how many amendments the Senate will consider and under what terms.

A band of more conservative GOP senators have threatened to require a 60-vote threshold for amendments they view as a threat to Second Amendment rights. The background check proposal appears to have more than 50 votes, but not enough for a filibuster-proof majority.

Democrats hold 55 seats, but two voted against considering the larger gun bill last week and are expected to oppose many



MANCHIN

of their party's amendments. The votes of several more who face re-election in 2014 are not guaranteed.

Another challenge is the continued absence of Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., who has missed votes for weeks with illness. His office said he hoped to return this week.

The National Rifle Association's opposition worries red-state Democrats, who are wary of the group's campaign clout. But two smaller gun-rights groups, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the Independent Firearm Owners Association, endorsed the proposal over the weekend.

But the number of swing votes appeared to narrow, not expand, on Monday. Some senators who voted last week to begin debate on the bill announcing they would oppose the background check measure.

Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who has been intensely lobbied by gun control advocates, said he opposed it because it would expand background checks to all commercial sales, which he said was "too far."

Boston

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and I heard behind me a loud bang. It looked like it was in a trash can or something. That one was in front of Abe and Louie's. There are people who have been hit with debris, people with bloody foreheads."

"Somebody's leg flew by my head," said a spectator who gave his name as John Ross. "I gave my belt to stop the blood."

People were yelling, "I need my kids!"

"It was horrific!" said a man who gave his name as Brian Walker. "I saw some horrific wounds. You could literally feel the rush of wind."

Trevor Finney described "panic" and said he saw a teen girl apparently missing a leg being carried away.

City Council President Steve Murphy, who was at the finish line when the two explosions happened, said, "Police sources say they are finding more devices."

Police have discovered at least two other devices and had a controlled detonation on at least one object.

Panicked families have begun gathering at local hospital.

"I need to see my mother!" one woman screamed to uniformed security holding media back at bay outside Brigham and Woman's Hospital.

A frantic scene was unfolding at Boston Medical Center, where a parade of ambulances have been arriving at the emergency room entrance, where gurneys and

wheelchairs were lined up in awaiting casualties, some of whom arrived wrapped in foil survival blankets commonly given out to runners at the finish line to keep warm.

A BMC spokesman called it a "developing situation" and said hospital officials don't yet have a full picture of what their patient toll may be.

Supervisory Special Agent Martin Feely of the FBI's New York Bureau said there was no advance warning or hint of a planned attack on Boston Monday.

"Not at all," Feely said.

Feely could neither confirm nor deny that New York has already dispatched agents to assist their Boston brethren, but said, "To the extent that assistance is needed, we certainly will."

Federal agents and police have begun converging on the crowded hospitals, with ATF and FBI agents seen at the Brigham and Boston Medical Center, while a bomb unit was seen at Tufts Medical Center.

A White House official said: "Shortly after being notified of the incident around 3 p.m. EDT, the President received a briefing from Homeland Security adviser Lisa Monaco and other members of his senior White House staff in the Oval Office. The President called Boston Mayor Tom Menino and Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick to express his concern for those who were injured and to make clear that his administration is ready to provide needed support as they respond to the incident."

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“HE WAS NEVER A PERSON,
HE WAS A JOURNALIST!”

ALMOST FAMOUS

Early admission to veterinary school for student body vice president

By **KIMBERLY SMITH**
THE PARTHENON

Most students interested in becoming a veterinarian complete their undergraduate degree and then apply to veterinarian school. Most of them, however, do not apply a year early, and very rarely do students get accepted a year early.

Aja Smith, Marshall University's student body vice president, became part of that slim percentage of students who have ever received an acceptance letter from a veterinary school during their junior year of college.

Her story began when she was a young girl with a passion for helping animals. When it came time to pursue her undergraduate degree, she said she knew it had to involve becoming a veterinarian.

"My decision was completely solidified after working the entire summer with Dr. Robert Marshall, a mixed animal veterinarian, at Elk Valley Animal Clinic," Smith said.

She worked at the clinic during the summer of 2012 to gain knowledge and experience in the field of veterinary medicine.

"I assisted Dr. Marshall on all of his large animal farm calls and soon knew that this was my absolute favorite part of the day," Smith said.

Farm calls included everything from routine checks to specialized treatment for different animals.

"I would often return home after a day of farm calls with hay in my hair and more than likely manure on my shoes, but always a smile on my face," Smith said. "My goal of specializing in large animal medicine was confirmed."

Even though this is only her junior year at Marshall, Smith said the certainty she felt in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine is what motivated her to apply to schools a year early.

"I wanted to gain experience in the application process," Smith said. "I had hopes that I would possibly receive an interview, but no expectations more than that."

Out of the five schools she applied to, all five schools showed interest in having her join the program. She said she received her first invitation to interview at the University of Missouri during Thanksgiving break.

"I checked my phone and noticed that I received an email, and when I opened it, all I saw was the subject that said invitation to interview," Smith said. "My heart was beating so fast and in between telling my family the exciting news, all I could do was jump up and down with excitement."

To continue to gain knowledge and experience, Smith went back to work at Elk Valley Animal Clinic over Christmas break.

"While I was working at the clinic, I received another interview invitation to Mississippi State University," Smith said.

After that, things started happening fairly quickly. Smith received an invitation to interview with Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and The Ohio State University.

"I could not believe that I had received interview invitations to all of the schools I had applied to (University of Georgia doesn't interview) when I had

initially thought that if I could just get one I would be happy," Smith said.

The excitement did not end there for Smith. She continued to receive good news.

"One evening while I was watching a movie with my fiancé Timmy Holmes, I got a call from my dad," Smith said. "He said, well, Aja looks like this is your last semester at Marshall."

Smith said she was really confused until it finally hit her that what he was really saying was that she had been accepted somewhere. She had been accepted into the University of Missouri's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"If you imagined me jumping up and down when I got my first interview, you can only imagine how excited I was when I got accepted," Smith said.

The potential dates for the other schools to notify the applicants about getting accepted was mid to late February of this year. Smith said after receiving news of already being accepted into one program was overwhelming, and she was not at all prepared for the news she was about to receive.

"One Friday evening after finishing my volunteer hours at Ayers Animal Hospital, I checked the online status of my application for OSU," Smith said. "It said, 'Congratulations, you have been accepted into the class of 2017!'"

Smith said receiving this news was shocking, but was a true testament to how God works in her life.

"I honestly did not expect to even get an interview invitation to OSU let alone be accepted because they had roughly 1,600 applicants with only 162 spots in their freshman class," Smith said. "When I went to OSU for my interview, I fell in love with the campus and facilities, but left a little disappointed because of the small odds that I would have a chance to attend veterinary school there."

After a long decision making process, Smith said it was a no-brainer on where she would attend.

"I was going to be a Buckeye," Smith said. Smith said there are several people who helped her through this process that she could not have made it without.

"First of all, I thank God for everything he does for me and am a firm believer in the verse, Philippians 4:13," Smith said.

She also sends a very special thank you to her family and friends.

"My fiancé, Timmy Holmes listened to every detail and struggle that I went through and patiently dealt with my crazy self during these trying months," Smith said. "My family and friends, who sent encouraging messages, drove me to my interviews, and most importantly kept me in their prayers, mean the world to me."

Although she had a lot of support and encouragement, Smith said there is one person that she truly could not have done this without.

"I must mention Dr. Robert Marshall," Smith said. "He took the time to teach me so much about veterinary medicine and just life in general."

Smith will graduate from Marshall after her first year in veterinary school, which doubles as her senior year as an undergraduate.

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