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## The Wild Ramp celebrates first year of business

By CHARLIE HOUSE  
THE PARTHENON

The Wild Ramp, a nonprofit farmers' market in downtown Huntington, recently celebrated its first year of business.

The store came about as a result of three Marshall University students' sociology capstone projects in the spring of 2012. They wanted to know what steps the community could take to make locally grown food a more important part of the local economy. Lauren Kemp, now on the Board of Directors of The Wild Ramp, researched previous efforts in the area, but was not satisfied.

"There were a lot of projects going on, but there was nothing I could immediately see that was attempting to connect the interests of farmers and consumers," Kemp said.

Some of the local farmers' markets bought produce at auction, which paid the farmer a lower amount. Others focused on giving customers a higher quality product, and there were some efforts focused on giving the farmer a better price. Kemp and her research partners wanted to create an environment in which all of these things mattered.

Shelly Keeney, market manager for The Wild Ramp, said she wanted farmers to make

enough money, and to get fresher produce in Huntington.

"We wanted customers to get fresh, local food, but we weren't quite sure how to do that," Keeney said.

Some direction came from Washington Post writer Jane Black, who visited Huntington to write a follow-up story about Jamie Oliver's effect on Huntington. She had dinner with Keeney and mentioned Local Roots, a food market in Wooster, Ohio, which had a similar mission to what became The Wild Ramp.

The Board of Directors of The Wild Ramp attended a presentation at Local Roots, and came back to Huntington excited to start laying the groundwork for a retail space.

At the time, Keeney worked in the kitchen of the River and Rail Bakery at Heritage Station. She said she found the customers and other shopkeepers to be community-oriented people who wanted fresh, quality and local food. She said the foot traffic in the area was not great, but something about it felt right to her. Fortunately, there was some retail space available, and The Wild Ramp opened on July 12, 2012.

The model is simple: Farmers bring their products at their convenience, set their own



Carol Mossburg, a volunteer at the Wild Ramp, prices items throughout the store. The Wild Ramp, which opened in July 2012, offers locally grown food items to those in the area.

PHOTO BY DWIGHT JORGE | THE PARTHENON

prices and take home 90 cents of each dollar. Unlike other farmers' markets, the farmer does not have to stay with their products as they are being sold, which gives them more time to take care of their farms. Also,

most staff members are volunteers, which keep costs down at the store and allow the farmers to take such a large percentage.

With around 100 farmers selling products at The Wild Ramp, the store offers

a variety of fresh produce and meat, dairy and eggs, muffin mixes and vegan options.

To date, The Wild Ramp has made around \$200,000 in sales, and is rapidly outgrowing the storefront.

The Wild Ramp is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## HOT performs Hairspray for 20th season



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## Herd players travel overseas for practice



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## High school students have 'Fun With Science' at summer institute

By REBECCA STEPHENS  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

High school students from all over the state are on Marshall's campus this week as part of the Health Sciences and Technology Academy's Fun With Science institute.

Throughout the week, more than 100 ninth graders have participated in an array of labs and activities.

David Cartwright, director of the event, said Fun With Science is a great learning opportunity for the students because of the hands-on experience they receive.

"We expose these rising ninth graders to things that they would've never seen before," Cartwright said.

HSTA is a program for high school students that engages the students in learning about math and science, and encourages them to pursue college degrees in the health sciences.

Cartwright said Fun With Science is the beginning of the four-year program for the freshmen.

In the mornings, the students attend wet labs, which deal with food and digestion, as the theme for this year is diabetes prevention.

In the afternoons the students rotate between different activities such as learning about safety equipment in the College of Information Technology and Engineering, or learning about statistics in order to know how to generate data for testing purposes.

Cartwright said the students are staying in the dorms during the week-long institute, which allows them to experience college life.

"We make the experience very pleasant for them,"



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TOP: Madison Stone, left, and Rachel Moore, right, dissect a cow's eye during a lab Thursday. Right: Jamarra Washington attempts to use the same technology used in cybersurgery.



Cartwright said. "There are a lot of HSTA students that come back because I do believe, in part, their Fun with Science experience while they were here."

Rachel Moore, freshman at Roane County high school, said she has enjoyed her stay on campus and would consider attending Marshall in the future.

"It's very pretty," Moore said. "I didn't expect it to be so vibrant. It's very nice."

Moore, who wants to pursue a career in the health field, said she loves science because she never knows what to expect.

"It always surprises you," Moore said. "Nobody really knows the answers to anything

about true science. It's all about attempting to figure it out."

This is the 20th year of summer institutes for HSTA and Marshall's ninth year hosting a summer institute.

Cartwright said when it comes to Marshall, HSTA's largest supporter has always been the College of Science, but over the years the School of Medicine, the School of Pharmacy and CITE have also participated in the program.

"Right now, as it stands, HSTA is really woven into the fabric of the university," Cartwright said.

Cartwright also said student enrollment in the program has grown over the years due to

word-of-mouth from teachers and previous students who have been involved in the program.

Cartwright said he hopes Fun With Science teaches them what the names implies, but more importantly that a career in the field is accessible to them.

"It's not something that's so farfetched," Cartwright said. "It's not something that they cannot do or cannot understand. Those young people out there, they can do it. Their opportunity and their future is so bright."

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# Florida man awakens in Palm Springs ER speaking only Swedish

By **ERYN BROWN**  
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It's a story that is captivating people on both sides of the Atlantic.

On Feb. 28, the Desert Sun newspaper reported, a man was discovered unconscious in a Motel 6 in Palm Springs. He was taken to the hospital, where he awoke in the emergency room.

Four pieces of identification the man carried indicated that his name was Michael Thomas Boatwright. But the man couldn't remember his name and didn't recognize his own face on his California ID. He believed his name was Johan Ek. He spoke only Swedish.

Today, more than four months later, Boatwright's caretakers know a bit more

about their patient he was probably born in Florida, is a veteran and spent some years in Sweden during the 1980s but Boatwright reportedly still doesn't remember much about his past and still isn't speaking English. He remains hospitalized while medical staff figure out how to release him safely into the world.

While stressing that they had not examined Boatwright directly, neurologists and psychologists contacted by the Los Angeles Times said that the man's condition most likely stemmed from a psychological rather than a physiological cause.

Dr. Robert Bright, a psychiatrist at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., said that he looks for one of three things

when he encounters a patient with memory and identity loss.

First, he said, is the possibility that "some sort of medical, organic thing has caused an insult to the brain," such as a traumatic brain injury, a stroke, a seizure, loss of oxygen or an infection. In such cases, however, patients usually have memory loss around the time of the incident but are unlikely to lose their sense of identity or their ability to speak in their native tongue, or to forget more remote events in their lives, Bright said. Doctors would usually also see something abnormal on an MRI, he added.

Thus far, there have been no reports of red flag test results in Boatwright's case.

"It would be highly unlikely for this to be because of a problem with the brain," agreed University of California, Los Angeles behavioral neurologist Dr. Mario Mendez. "Events from the distant past are relatively retained. Especially if they're strong, personally referent items things you've heard all your life. From a neurologic point of view, it would be very unusual to lose such fundamental information."

The second and highly more likely possibility, the Mayo Clinic's Bright said, was that there was a psychological cause and the patient is experiencing what's known as dissociative fugue, or global psychogenic amnesia. With such patients, whose

unconscious break from reality may be a form of self-protection, "there tends to be a wall they don't remember anything," he said.

"A lot of these people will have a history of a psychiatric condition depression, for example, or PTSD and there's typically an acute stressor that triggers the event," he added.

We don't know what might have happened to Boatwright. But his brain may have essentially shut down and "gone back to this other time and place" Sweden for a reason, Bright said.

"Maybe Sweden was a place of less stress" for Boatwright, he said.

The third possibility, Bright added, is that Boatwright is malingering consciously

making the whole thing up to avoid some kind of trouble.

Bright said that determining when patients are faking memory loss is difficult for psychologists, who usually can make that call only when they figure out what the patient gains by lying. "You find out (the patient) is wanted, or he's about to go to prison," Bright said.

If Boatwright's identity loss does stem from psychological causes, Bright added, his doctors and nurses should be able to help him pull out of it by treating the underlying issue offering psychotherapy or medication to address depression, if that's indicated, or working with family to alleviate relationship stress if that was the trigger.



JOE BURBANK | MCT

George Zimmerman leaves the courtroom a free man after being found not guilty, on the 25th day of his trial at the Seminole County Criminal Justice Center, in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed teen, in 2012.

## 4 Zimmerman jurors: B-37 does not speak for us

By **SUSAN JACOBSON**  
ORLANDO SENTINEL

Four of the jurors in the George Zimmerman trial issued a statement late Tuesday saying that juror B-37, the first to speak out in the media, does not speak for them.

"We, the undersigned jurors, understand there is a great deal of interest in this case. But we ask you to remember that we are not public officials and we did not invite this type of attention into our lives. We also wish to point out that the opinions of Juror B-37, expressed on the Anderson Cooper show were her own, and not in any way

representative of the jurors listed below," the four jurors wrote.

The statement was released about an hour after B-37 gave the second part of a two-part interview to CNN's Anderson Cooper explaining how the jury reached a verdict in the murder case and sharing her thoughts on the case. The first segment aired Monday.

The four jurors also appealed for privacy.

"Serving on this jury has been a highly emotional and physically draining experience for each of us. The death of a teenager weighed heavily on our hearts but in the end

we did what the law required us to do," they wrote in the statement, released by a court spokeswoman.

The sixth juror, whose jury number did not appear in the list of those who signed the document, was the only minority on the panel. She is described as black or Hispanic and married with children. She lived in Chicago when the shooting happened.

Zimmerman, 29, shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin to death on Feb. 26, 2012 in Zimmerman's gated community in Sanford. The jury on Saturday found him not guilty of second-degree murder.

## Senate filibuster agreement gives Obama a victory

By **Michael A. Memoli**  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

The bipartisan accord that ended a sometimes-bitter Senate debate over filibusters Tuesday handed the Obama administration a significant victory, ensuring the confirmation of several major nominees and the functioning of federal agencies endangered by determined Republican opposition.

Democrats had been poised to force through a major change in Senate rules, ending the power of a minority to block executive-branch nominations by threat of filibuster. Republicans had said they would respond by bringing the Senate to a halt.

The fight, said Sen. John McCain, was a "near-death experience" for the Senate.

In the end, both sides backed off, but there was little doubt which won this round.

Democrats agreed not to change the rules, but reserved the right to do so later if they feel the need. In return, President Barack Obama gained confirmation of several nominees, starting with Richard Cordray to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The 66-34 vote on him ended a three-year effort by the GOP to block that newly created agency from fully opening for business.

The deal also calls for confirmation of Obama's choices to head the Environmental Protection Agency and the Labor Department, whom Republicans had stalled for months, as well as a new head for the Export-Import Bank. Those votes are expected later this week.

And Republicans agreed to allow confirmation by the end of this month of nominees to the National Labor Relations Board, which acts as the arbiter in disputes between labor and management in unionized workplaces. The votes will give the board a full slate of five Senate-confirmed members for the first time in nearly a decade, since Aug. 21, 2003. At times the board has lacked a quorum to conduct its work, a major problem for unions.

Obama agreed to drop two nominees whom he had appointed to the labor board during a Senate recess, a move that Republicans challenged in court, successfully so far. Under the deal, Obama replaced those nominees with new choices a lawyer for the AFL-CIO and an attorney on the labor board staff. They will receive an expedited hearing process to allow them to take office next month.

"We have a new start for this body, and I feel very comfortable with it," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., whose brinkmanship over the issue of Senate filibusters appeared to have paid off. "I don't know how I could be happier."

The agreement happened after McCain and a handful of other veteran Republicans who wanted an end to the confrontation negotiated with Senate Democratic leaders separately from their own party's leadership. For most of Obama's tenure in office, such divisions within GOP ranks have seldom taken place.

The negotiations intensified after Reid announced

Thursday that he intended to force the issue by calling votes on the contested nominations.

"That obviously put a sense of urgency to it," McCain said. "There was no doubt in our mind he had the votes."

"I'm not saying this is a panacea," he said. "But I am saying it will contribute to some momentum to working more together as a body for the good of the country, not to mention our 10 percent approval ratings."

Obama praised the Senate's commitment to advance his nominees. They were long blocked, he said, "not because the nominees were somehow unqualified, but for purely political reasons." He urged Congress to "build on this spirit of cooperation to advance other urgent middle-class priorities."

The agreement will not prevent future nomination battles, Senate leaders from both parties said. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he would continue to reserve the right to filibuster any future "controversial" appointments, and Reid in turn said he could go ahead with rules changes if needed.

That could be tested soon. Obama will quickly need to nominate a new secretary of Homeland Security to replace Janet Napolitano, who is leaving to head the University of California. Any pick for that department could be controversial. His choice for director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also still faces strong opposition.

## Phone app helps you mind your health in the heat

By **REID KANALEY**  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Could a smartphone application save you in a heat wave?

On the job or at play outside, look for relief to the OSHA Heat Safety Tool, available in English and Spanish from the U.S. Department of Labor. The free application for Android, Apple and BlackBerry devices calculates a heat index a combination of the temperature and humidity. But what's important is

the accompanying page of precautions to be taken.

In high to extreme heat, the app says, outdoor work should be rescheduled for a cooler day. If it must go on, there needs to be drinking water on site, and there ought to be shade. Workers should keep to a schedule that has them drinking about four cups of water an hour.

When things really get out of hand, you'll want to fire up the Army Survival Guide. This free version of a recent

edition of the U.S. military guide is published for Android devices by AppOpus.com. An Apple App Store search turned up several versions of the guide for Apple devices, but not one that is free.

Included in the survival guide is a chapter on desert survival, with advice that might translate well to cities and towns on staying sheltered in the heat of the day, switching travel plans to nighttime, and looking

out for mirages. It also covers warning signs of heat exhaustion, heat strokes and other ways you might become a "heat casualty."

For would-be MacGyvers, the survival guide is a gold mine of instruction on how to be resourceful, how to deal with stress the "psychology of survival," as the guide puts it, and how to read the clouds to know what sort of weather is coming over the horizon.

On my Samsung tablet,

I could tap an icon in the upper-right corner of the screen to hear the text read aloud.

Weather Underground, the app by the company of the same name, is free for Android and Apple. Weather Underground claims to have built the first weather site on the Internet. These days, it offers apps and gadgets and widgets for desktop and mobile platforms, as well as an app for Roku, a content-streaming device for TVs.

In the phone app, if a red alert icon appears on the home screen, tap it to see current heat and air-quality warnings. The app will send severe-weather alerts to your device, if you tell it to do so in the "settings" screens.

Tap "more" to play National Weather Service radio, read the WunderBlog, tweet weather reports, see a page on tropical-storm activity, or check for ski conditions although even Alaska didn't look promising this week.

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“ One thing’s for sure, if we don’t sell papes, then nobody sells papes. ”

JACK KELLY, “NEWSIES”

# HOT goes big for final production



“ I think I've kind of been in a bubble... thinking that fairness was gonna just happen. It's not. People like me are gonna have to get up off their fathers' laps and go out and fight for it. ”

Tracy Turnblad, “Hairspray”

By MEGAN OSBORNE  
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Outdoor Theatre is going out with a bang of big hair and big moves every weekend in July as it presents the Broadway hit “Hairspray” in its 20th and final season.

“Hairspray” is based in the 1960s and follows Baltimore teen Tracy Turnblad in her pursuit to appear on the local Corny Collins Show while she attempts to overthrow the current Miss Teenage Hairspray, win the heart of dreamy Link Larkin and advocate integration.

Helen Freeman, president of HOT, has decided to stop the program, and said she needs a break from the hectic lifestyle to spend more time with family.

“I haven’t had a life in 20 years,” Freeman said.

Freeman, a speech, debate and drama teacher at Huntington High School, said she started the program because she wanted to direct professionally without having to leave her family, and to bring something good to Huntington.

“I had three goals,” Freeman said. “One was to provide an outlet for people, two was to give a tourist attraction for Huntington and three was to be involved in the community.”

With help from her husband, Steve, and friend Patti Shaver, HOT was started and got the community involved. Not only Huntington citizens, but local businesses also provided funding for the program.

Freeman said the program is something for

everyone — teachers, students and other Huntington citizens — to get involved in for the summer.

Freeman said she chose to do Hairspray to reach out to the younger members of the community.

Freeman said the Internet has changed society to where young people cannot communicate properly. She said she thinks that community theatre programs teach important values such as communication, critical thinking, problem solving and conflict resolution.

“You have to teach them to communicate because they don’t learn that,” Freeman said.

Originally, Freeman wanted to do Beauty and the Beast as HOT’s final show, but she could not get the Broadway rights.

“It’s really a compliment that they see us as a threat,” Freeman said.

HOT’s past productions have included classic Broadway shows such as “My Fair Lady” and “Oklahoma!” as well as one production of, “Huntington: The Jewel of West Virginia,” which is based on the history of the city.

Rain has been an issue this year, which caused the July 6 show to be canceled, but Freeman said a little rain will not stop this beat.

Information about tickets, the production, show times and location of HOT is available at [www.hotwv.org](http://www.hotwv.org).

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TOP: Cast members gather for a pre-show pep talk from director and president of HOT, Helen Freeman.  
ABOVE LEFT: Ryan Hardiman plays the role of Corny Collins, performs “The Nicest Kids in Town” with other members of the “Hairspray” cast.  
LEFT: Audiences braved the weekend heat to see one of HOT’s final performances.

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### EDITORIAL

## Americans should not forget about Edward Snowden

Gay marriage, the George Zimmerman trial, President Barack Obama's trip to Africa, the Royal baby, Paula Deen and the comeback of the Twinkie have all been in the news over the past month, but more important things have been absent from headlines.

That missing headline: "Is freedom forfeit?"

While the Supreme Court's ruling on gay marriage, the outcome of the Zimmerman trial and, to some extent, the cost of Obama's trip are all important, Americans should be more concerned with the fact that Edward Snowden, the National Security Agency and the dissolution of parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 have all been buried in the news.

Why is it that talking heads analyze the minutiae of Kate Middleton's pregnancy or Paula Deen's faux pas, yet remain mum on topics such as the NSA's spying on Americans?

News is a business and like all businesses, it has to sell a product that is in demand. Sadly, Americans are more interested in fatty desserts and celebrity gossip than the

breakdown of their basic freedoms.

It is a dark day in American history when it takes an "act of treason" to expose a government's blatant wrongdoing.

In leaking information about the NSA, Snowden betrayed his government, while pledging allegiance to the ideals of American democracy that have stood tried and true for 237 years.

Does that make him a traitor or a patriot?

Snowden's actions are a modern day proclamation of "give me liberty, or give me death," and Americans' indifference has left death — or life as a fugitive — as his only option.

Americans need to realize that exchanging freedom for security is not a good trade. After all, it was Patrick Henry who said, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God!"

It is up to Americans to decide if Snowden will go down in history with the likes of Benedict Arnold or if he will join Henry as someone who fought for freedom. It is time Americans decide because more than Snowden's freedom hangs in the balance.

### COLUMN

## Ready for armed drones along the border?

By **GLENN GARVIN**  
THE MIAMI HERALD

Last month, when the Senate passed an amendment to its immigration reform bill that included \$46 billion to beef up border security, Sen. John McCain declared: "We'll be the most militarized border since the fall of the Berlin Wall."

Since then, released documents have revealed that the Department of Homeland Security has been preparing to fly armed drones along the border.

A long-term planning document prepared by the DHS' Customs and Border Patrol service, which is already using Predator drones for surveillance along the border, would authorize the use of nonlethal weapons designed to immobilize targets of interest.

Newly released documents reveal that the Border Patrol plans to more than double its drone fleet over the next three years and make them more easily available to other government agencies.

It turns out those drones are not just flying along the borders, looking for sneaky illegal immigrants. They fly hundreds of missions a year keeping a watchful eye on the rest of us for various government tentacles.

Some of those missions are benign, like searching for missing airplanes or boats. Some may be a lot less so, since the Border Patrol has no rules about how it evaluates a mission before agreeing to go ahead. Does anybody check to see if this is something that requires a court order or infringes on civil liberties? Maybe, maybe not.

The government, of course, says this is all a lot of pish-posh. The Border Patrol "has no plans to arm its unmanned aircraft systems with nonlethal weapons or weapons of any kind," the agency told Fox News Latino, without explaining why its own planning documents suggest otherwise. But then it carefully added that its Predators have "the ability to add new surveillance capabilities, accommodate technological developments, and ensure that our systems are equipped with the most advanced resources available." The

phrases technological developments and advanced resources, it seems to me, offer an awful lot of wiggle room.

The Senate's immigration reform bill clearly contemplates turning the border with Mexico into an armed camp. Not only does it call for doubling the number of Border Patrol agents to 38,000, but for building another 350 miles of fence.

It would require — not allow, but require — the Border Patrol to buy six North Grumman airborne radar systems, 15 Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopters and eight American Eurocopter light choppers.

The not-so-faint whiff of pork from the amazing specificity of these hardware requirements is just one of the reasons that militarizing the border has become increasingly popular with politicians in recent years. More important is that it avoids the ugly fallout when the public sees brass-knuckle immigration enforcement taking place in its own backyard: local businesses being shut down and hordes of sad-looking busboys and seamstresses being hauled away in handcuffs, their sobbing kids behind them.

Keeping all the muss and fuss out there in the desert allows liberals like California Sen. Barbara Boxer to look tough on immigration without being linked to anything that looks mean or unprogressive.

We have been increasing the use of military resources on the border for two decades now, but it has not done anything to stop illegal immigration.

But the idea of armed drones patrolling the air along the border moves the militarization of the border out of the expensive-boondoggle category into something much darker. Perhaps Sen. McCain and other immigration reform supporters who fancy themselves sympathetic to immigrants have forgotten that the guards on the Berlin Wall shot to kill.

Is that what we have come to, that wanting to pick lettuce, sweep floors or tend children in the United States is a capital offense? This is not just sad. It is evil.



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### COLUMN

## Selective coverage, not Zimmerman's acquittal, to blame for public's petition and outrage

By **HENRY CULVYHOUSE**  
COLUMNIST

Any American with access to a newspaper, radio, television or the internet knows by now the Trayvon Martin tragedy passed a milestone July 13 with the acquittal of George Zimmerman.

For many, the verdict was an injustice; for many it was justice served.

The reactions have varied, from small riots breaking out in Los Angeles, to Al Sharpton calling for 100 demonstrations in U.S. cities and to applause from Zimmerman supporters. Even the President had to throw in his two cents, and reminded the American people that "this is a nation of laws and the jury has spoken."

The most curious reaction was the petition circulated around the internet that asked the Department of Justice to file federal charges against Zimmerman for violating Martin's civil rights. The petition has garnered 1 million signatures.

Before I get back to the petition, I think a few issues need to be addressed, namely the media's coverage of this trial.

I listened to a good bit of the coverage and it usually boiled down to, "Well, so and so listened to that phone call and said the scream came from Zimmerman/Martin." That is probably about the most middle of the road coverage you can ask for.

However, ramping up to the trial and after the trial, there was always an obvious racial overtone in the coverage,

partly due to mistakes and partly due to selective coverage. The mistakes are obvious, like CNN misreporting that Zimmerman said "f--- coon" when he really said "f--- cold," or NBC editing Zimmerman's phone call, which made it sound like the neighborhood watchman figured Martin was up to no good because he was black — though Martin's race was not brought up until prompted by the dispatcher.

Now, the selective coverage is a different story. From the get-go, this was a local news story that the national media cherry picked and ran with. Do you follow every case of an unarmed black teenager being shot? While my heart goes out to the Martin family, there was nothing special about this case to warrant national coverage. As sad as it is, this sort of tragedy is a daily tragedy in cities from Los Angeles to Baltimore.

After the media reported the story from coast to coast, with the mistakes and the selective coverage — after all, Zimmerman was half white, so that gave it a "what if the white man gets away with it" dynamic — the African-American community was enraged when Zimmerman was not arrested for shooting Martin, and justifiably so. After the way the facts were presented after the shooting, how could anybody not want Zimmerman locked up?

Now, Zimmerman is a free man and many in the African-American community are outraged and pressing the

Department of Justice with a petition to file federal charges. Until this point, I did not always agree with the black community's rhetoric in regards to this case, though I could empathize with them.

First, such a petition presupposes that the Department of Justice operates according to public pressure, not according to actual wrong doings. If police and prosecutors operated on a petition consensus, this country would be in huge trouble.

Second, such a petition supposes that the signees somehow have more legal knowledge on the matter than the police, prosecutors, judge, defense attorneys and jurors involved. Believe me, if they were going to nail Zimmerman on a civil rights violation — which is hard because he was not acting as a government entity — they probably would have tried the charge out in Florida.

Third and finally, I think this petition shows the hypocrisy of a community whom the police and courts have historically and unjustly abused even today. Down in the Jim Crow South, in the rare case a black man was acquitted for a crime, it was not uncommon for a mob of unruly white folk to lynch him to "get their justice."

While I am thankful the pen is mightier than the sword today, I do not see how the sentiment of this petition is too much different.

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# Versatility key for new-look Herd



Redshirt freshman Ryan Taylor dribbles during a drill.

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Thus far in the Tom Herrion era of Marshall men's basketball, size has been the visible hallmark of his teams. This season however, the team is aiming for a new adjective. Just ask junior transfer TyQuane Goard.

"We're very versatile," said Goard at one of the team's summer workouts.

"We have Ryan Taylor, who can play the three or four, Elijah [Pittman] can be a two, three or four, I can be three, four or five," Goard said, "we're very versatile in all positions and very skilled." With the two meaning shooting guard, the three meaning small forward, the four meaning power forward and the five meaning center.

According to coach Herrion, this is no coincidence. "It was an emphasis in recruiting," Herrion said, "we've been big the last couple years, but I don't know if we've been as skilled and versatile as we've wanted to be."

Last season this lack of skill showed when a string of injuries to guards resulted in a

dearth of ball-handlers, resulting in opposing teams being able to play full-court press and force the Herd into costly turnovers. This season, with a healthy Kareem Canty along with DeVince Boykins and Tamron Manning having a year of experience under their belts, guard play should not be an issue.

The outlook is even better at the forward positions. "When you look at guys like Taylor, Pittman, Shawn Smith and Goard, they are kind of similar in their makeup," coach Herrion said, "we'll probably play with two of those guys at a time at the forward positions and I think that is going to open up opportunities for us."

Coach Herrion is especially excited about the potential of the 6' 5", 227 pound forward Ryan Taylor. "He's versatile and very gifted offensively," said Herrion, "the game comes easy to him."

"He's versatile, you can move him around," coach Herrion said if Taylor, who is joining the Herd after spending last season at Hargrave Military Academy.

"He's kind of a hybrid, combo forward. He can shoot it and spread the court or he can put it on the floor and take advantage of a mismatch," said Herrion, "his versatility is probably what excites me the most."

Goard, a Charleston, W.Va. native who had to sit out last season after transferring from Ohio University, thinks that with the new talent on the Herd's roster the offensive game plan is going to have to change.

"Last year we had a very big squad, now were kind of big but not really, everybody can play different positions, very skilled and very fast," explained Goard, "so it looks like we're going to have to change our offense to fit our style of play."

Coach Herrion's excitement with his team even goes beyond their physical attributes. "This group had energized me more than any group I've been with," said Herrion, "It's such a fun group and they've had a great attitude. We've got miles to cover but they've been great so far."

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# Trips overseas help Herd players grow

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When most college students wrap up spring semester classes in May, they look forward to heading home to be with family and enjoying the summer. That was not the case for two Thundering Herd basketball players, as JP Kambola and Tamron Manning both headed overseas to sharpen their basketball skills.

Kambola went to China, where he got something that was not common in his first two seasons with Marshall: playing time. Kambola has yielded a total of 51 minutes in his first two seasons on the Herd roster, but with the departures of Nigel Spikes, Dennis Tinnon, Robert Goff and Jamir Hanner, Kambola is in perfect position to garner plenty more playing time this coming season.

Playing in China helped him get used to game action in preparation for increased minutes during the coming 2013-14 campaign.

"It's always great to get to play in a game situation, with the referees and everything," Kambola said. "Going to China was a great opportunity. I got to meet new people, and learn the FIBA [International Basketball] game."

Manning went to the Dominican Republic

for his summer playing time. That is not the first connection the Marshall men's basketball program has to the Dominican, as former Herd guard Dago Pena is a native of the Dominican Republic and lived there before attending high school and college in the United States.

The added playing time overseas was of as much benefit to Manning as it was to Kambola, because Manning is in a transitional period, having been a shooting guard in high school, then playing primarily point guard last season. He said he believes that with Kareem Canty being eligible and being a natural point guard, he will move back to his primary position at shooting guard.

"When Kareem needs a break to play the one, then other times play the two, and be really versatile," Manning said of his anticipated playing time this coming season. "Even though he's going to be the one, some teams are going to press him and he'll need help, so I'll be the guy to help him get the ball up the floor."

During his time in the Dominican, Manning said he played a little of both guard positions alongside another guard who was a combo guard much like himself.

Overall, both Manning and Kambola found the international game to be a bit

more physical than collegiate basketball because the referees allowed players to get away with more physicality, but the international game was also not as quick paced as college basketball.

Coach Tom Herrion was quick to point out that beyond being a basketball-learning trip, it was a chance for Kambola and Manning to experience other countries and their cultures.

"It is a totally multidimensional opportunity when they go [overseas]," Herrion said. "Selfishly, they got to practice and or play — especially JP. We needed to get him some games because one thing he lacks is game experience, so that was invaluable. Educationally, I don't think JP Kambola ever thought he would go to China in his life, and he's already been, or Tamron go to the Dominican and be able to do some of the service opportunities they were able to do. It is a great opportunity for those two guys."

Manning and Kambola have not played a whole lot in their college careers to this point, but playing overseas will give them a leg up in preparation for the 2013-14 Marshall Basketball season.

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Junior center J.P. Kambola crosses over during a drill.

# Tommy Shuler named to Biletnikoff watch list

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Marshall junior wide receiver Tommy Shuler was named to the 2013 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List, the Tallahassee Quarterback Club announced Tuesday morning.

This is Shuler's second appearance on the list. He was added to last season's list in October after leading the nation in receptions through the first five games of the year.

The Miami native finished the 2012 season snaring 9.17 passes per game, an average that led the nation. His 110 catches set a school record, and Shuler became just the fifth C-USA student-athlete to record 100-plus single-season catches and the first underclassman to accomplish the feat.

The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc. will announce 10 Biletnikoff Award semifinalists on Nov. 18, following the vote by the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee. Three finalists will be named on Nov. 25.

Shuler would be the second Marshall player to win the award after Randy Moss won in 1997.



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Tommy Shuler shows the ball to the official after a diving catch.

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