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Marshall Artists Series 2013-2014 lineup includes Cole, Mraz and more

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The upcoming 77th season for the Marshall Artists Series invites audiences to explore a variety of musical genres and entertainers in 2013 and 2014. Providing entertainment for the community as well as for Marshall students since 1936, the Marshall Artists Series aims to bring innovative and educational programs to the Tri-State.

The series kicks off Thursday, Oct. 10 with nine-time Grammy Award winner, Natalie Cole. Performing at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center, Cole is the daughter of legendary jazz musician Nat "King" Cole and is known for her chart topping single, "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)."

On Oct. 18, chart-topper and singer-songwriter, Jason Mraz, will bring his soulful sounds to the stage of the Keith-Albee. With hits such as "I'm Yours," "I Won't Give Up" and "The Remedy," Mraz is a two-time Grammy Award winner and holds the record for the longest running song on Billboard's Hot 100 at 76 weeks.

Known for their exciting shows and combining music and technology, the Blue Man Group will make their debut appearance at the Keith Albee on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Performing an entire show without speaking a word, Blue Man Group is a performance for all ages and cultures.

Also a group of Grammy Award winners, Blood, Sweat & Tears, will take the stage of the Keith-Albee with a 40-piece orchestra on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Known for combining brass and rock band instrumentation,

Blood, Sweat & Tears created popular jazz-rock music in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The group will perform its own hits along with popular holiday music.

Starting the new year for the Marshall Artists Series, Broadway musical "Million Dollar Quartet" tells the true story of the recording session combining the talents of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins. Also, the 32-piece Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra will perform its repertoire of Mozart, Beethoven, Lehar and Strauss pieces on Thursday, Jan. 30 followed by a presentation of Bizet's Carmen by Teatro Lirico D'Europa on Thursday, Feb. 20. Backed by a full orchestra, The French opera will be staged at the Keith-Albee for the first time in 48 years.

On Tuesday, March 11, world-renown artist and sister of Barbara Streisand, Roslyn Kind, will presents "An Evening of Cabaret." The night will feature music and family stories of the artist and her career in music, film and television.

Rounding out the season, "American Idiot," a Broadway musical based on the Grammy Award winning album by Green Day, will take the stage on Thursday, April 24. Using the album as its soundtrack, the musical tells the story of three friends and their lives beyond 9/11.

Each performance will be held at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m., and tickets can be purchased at the Marshall Artists Series office located in Marshall's Jomie Jazz Center on Fifth Avenue.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARSHALL ARTISTS SERIES

Natalie Cole (above) and Jason Mraz (right) will perform as part of this year's lineup for the Marshall Artists Series. The series aims to promote the educational and cultural life of Marshall University. It was founded in 1936 and has since provided the area with an array of quality entertainment.



Marshall News Briefs

- Gov. Ear Ray Tomblin has reappointed three members to Marshall University's Board of Governors, as well as appointing four new members.

The newest members of the board are James Bailes of Huntington, Tim Dagostine of Charleston, Christie Kinsey of Lavalette and Phil Cline of Huntington. Bailes, Dagostine and Kinsey were appointed to three-year terms and Cline was appointed for four years.

-Tracy Smith, director of safety and health, has been named Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Marshall.

Smith has worked on the Huntington campus since 2007. Before that, he spent 13 years at the medical school as a safety officer.

- Marshall has been selected to participate in Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle, which is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The initiative includes a series of documentaries, as well as materials developed by the NEH in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Marshall is one of 473 institutions across the country that has been selected to participate in this initiative.

Thundering Herd Football begins training camp > More on Sports



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Left: Rakeem Cato completes a rushing touchdown during Monday's afternoon session.

Below: Craig Wilkins (left) and DeAndre Reaves (right) in a special teams drill.

Bottom: DeAndre Reaves catches a pass from Spencer Iacovone (right) during drills on Monday.



"We've got a long way to go. I told these guys the first day we met with them that all potential does is get you beat, it's all about production."
 > DOC HOLLIDAY
 head football coach

Obama cancels meeting with Putin after Russia grants Snowden asylum

BY CHRISTI PARSONS and KATHLEEN HENNESSEY
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

President Obama has canceled plans to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the wake of the country's decision to offer temporary asylum to Edward Snowden, the former U.S. spy agency contractor who leaked secret information, the White House announced Wednesday.

"Given our lack of progress on issues such as missile defense and arms control, trade and commercial relations, global security issues, and human rights and civil society in the last 12

months, we have informed the Russian government that we believe it would be more constructive to postpone the summit until we have more results from our shared agenda," White House spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement. "Russia's disappointing decision to grant Edward Snowden temporary asylum was also a factor that we considered in assessing the current state of our bilateral relationship."

Obama still plans to travel to Russia in September for the G-20 summit in St. Petersburg. But the White House said the Moscow visit would be

replaced by a trip to Sweden to discuss trade and investment.

The decision comes just two days before Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Secretary of State John F. Kerry are scheduled to meet with their Russian counterparts in Washington. Carney said that meeting would still take place on Friday "to discuss how we can best make progress moving forward on the full range of issues in our bilateral relationship."

Obama's decision was quickly praised by one congressional ally.

"President Putin is acting like a schoolyard bully and doesn't deserve the respect a bilateral

summit would have accorded him," Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement.

Relations between Obama and Putin were tense even before the Snowden affair. The leaders have clashed over a number of issues, including Iran's nuclear program and most recently Russia's support for Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Putin did not attend when Obama hosted the G-8 summit at Camp David in 2012. The leaders last met in June in Northern Ireland, where their awkward rapport was on display.

Obama's impatience with Russia showed Tuesday night

in a taped interview with Jay Leno on the "Tonight Show." He told Leno he was disappointed that Russian officials decided to grant temporary asylum to Snowden, who fled to Moscow after he leaked U.S. secrets.

"I was disappointed because even though we don't have an extradition treaty with them, traditionally we have tried to respect if there's a lawbreaker or an alleged lawbreaker in their country, we evaluate it and we try to work with them," Obama told Leno. "They didn't do that with us. And in some ways it's reflective of some underlying

challenges that we've had with Russia lately."

But Obama said the two sides still have things to work on together.

"A lot of what's been going on hasn't been major breaks in the relationship," he said. "But there have been times where they slip back into Cold War thinking and a Cold War mentality. And what I consistently say to them, and what I say to President Putin, is that's the past and we've got to think about the future, and there's no reason why we shouldn't be able to cooperate more effectively than we do."

Chocolate may help keep brain healthy, sharp in old age, study says



PHOTO BY JULI LEONARD | MCT

Cookies, such as these chocolate chunk blondies may also help sharpen the mind by improving brain health and thinking skills for the elderly.

By MELISSA PANDIKA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Older chocoholics may have a new excuse to indulge their cravings: The dark stuff not only soothes the soul, but might also sharpen the mind.

In a study published Wednesday in the journal *Neurology*, researchers reported that chocolate may help improve brain health and thinking skills in the elderly. The Boston-based team found that older people who initially performed poorly on a memory and reasoning test and also had reduced blood flow to their brains showed improvement after drinking two cups of cocoa every day for a month.

The researchers had set out to test whether chocolate could increase blood flow to the brain during problem solving, boosting performance, after finding in earlier studies that consuming chocolate high in the antioxidant flavanol was associated with better brain and blood vessel functioning. They recruited 60 elderly subjects for the new study. Since they suspected that flavanol would improve the subjects' thinking skills and blood flow, they randomly assigned

subjects to drink either flavanol-rich or flavanol-poor hot chocolate.

The participants drank two cups of hot chocolate every day for 30 days. Before and after the study period, they completed a memory and reasoning test, which assessed their ability to recognize patterns in a series of letters on a computer screen. Additionally, the researchers used ultrasound to indirectly measure the blood flow to subjects' brains, as well as magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, to examine subjects' white matter the nerve fibers that connect different parts of the brain.

People who performed poorly on the initial cognitive test about a third of the participants also had reduced blood flow to their brains and widespread white matter damage. Those who scored high on the test had significantly better blood flow and more intact white matter, indicating that blood flow, cognitive functioning and brain structure were linked.

At the end of the 30 days, the team found that drinking hot chocolate benefited only the subjects who had poor cognitive and neurovascular

function to begin with. After the hot cocoa regimen, those individuals showed an 8 percent improvement in blood flow and a roughly 1 minute faster reaction time on the cognitive task. There was barely any improvement among those who had started out with normal blood flow and cognitive skills.

To the scientists' surprise, there weren't significant differences in the neurovascular or cognitive changes between the flavanol-rich and flavanol-poor groups suggesting that something else in the chocolate was causing the improvements. The researchers plan to identify and test this component in future trials, said study leader Dr. Farzaneh A. Sorond, a neurologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

After identifying the substance, the researchers may even be able to produce it in pill form, said Dr. Costantino Iadecola, a neurologist at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City, who was not involved in the study.

By showing that blood flow to the brain is associated with cognitive function, the study helps explain earlier findings that people with high blood pressure and other cardiovascular conditions were prone to developing dementia. This, in turn, suggests that the cognitive functioning test and other measures used in the trial may one day serve as cheap, noninvasive methods to screen people for risk of dementia.

Scientists have focused more on treating than on preventing age-related cognitive decline, Sorond said.

"By the time people develop these problems, it's too late to initiate the drugs we have," she said. "If we could diagnose them earlier, before they have clinical symptoms, using physiological markers ... maybe we could prevent the disease or lessen its impact."

Egypt's president says diplomacy by U.S. others fails to end crisis

By JEFFREY FLEISHMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Egypt's acting president announced Wednesday that diplomatic efforts to resolve the nation's political crisis have failed, raising the prospect of renewed violence and a crackdown on thousands of Islamist protesters supporting deposed president Mohamed Morsi.

The statement by President Adly Mahmoud Mansour followed days of intense efforts by the United States, Europe and Arab states to end the political standoff between the military-backed government and Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood movement, which for weeks has staged a sit-in at the Rabaa al-Adawiya mosque in Cairo.

"The diplomatic phase has ended," said the statement from Adly's office. He blamed the Brotherhood for continued bloodshed and chaos, adding that the international efforts "have not fulfilled the hoped-for success, despite the full support of the Egyptian government to facilitate the path to a stable and safe" political transition.

The tone of the statement indicates that Egypt is sliding deeper into crisis. The Brotherhood has refused to recognize the new government, saying the coup that overthrew Morsi last month shattered the country's pretense of democracy. The government has jailed much of the Brotherhood's

leadership and is adamant about keeping to a "political roadmap" to amend the Islamist-drafted constitution and hold parliamentary elections early next year.

The intransigence on both sides has increased the chances that security forces might storm the sit-ins at Rabaa and Cairo University, where protesters have vowed to stay until Morsi is reinstated. A crackdown would likely lead to many casualties and fresh condemnation from human rights groups, which have blamed the military and police for more than 200 deaths in recent weeks.

Adly said the government "holds the Muslim Brotherhood fully responsible for ruining (diplomatic) efforts, and for whatever repercussions" may arise. He did not say what the government's next move would be, but security forces have threatened to shut down the sit-ins with a blockade and other measures.

The government stance "today was expected because it was obvious that reaching a middle ground was becoming very difficult," said Ziad Aql, a senior analyst at the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies. "It's an early signal that there will be some kind of forceful action to disperse the sit-ins."

The president's announcement comes the day

after Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., joined a number of diplomats seeking a way out of a political stalemate that has gripped the Arab world's most populous country and raised new concerns about the future of democracy in a region where Islamists and secularists are vying for power.

Cairo has bristled at foreign efforts to end the crisis, suggesting that diplomats overstepped their bounds while failing to persuade the Brotherhood to soften its demands and accept a political reconciliation. The ordeal has highlighted Egypt's intensifying political divide and left the army, which has called Brotherhood supporters terrorists, as the arbiter of what happens next.

Morsi's one year in power was marked by protests and economic turmoil that overwhelmed him and the Brotherhood. Public anger against Morsi deepened over what many Egyptians regarded as the Brotherhood's agenda to turn Egypt into a state governed by Islamic law. The final push against him began with massive protests on June 30 that days later culminated in a coup.

Adly's statement came a day before the Eid feast, which ends the fasting month of Ramadan. He said that in the spirit of the holy celebration, the government was willing to accept Brotherhood supporters "with forgiveness and peacefulness" if they ended their protests.

Congressional Cemetery employs 4-legged cleanup crew

By MARIA RECIO
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

The bleating of the goats Wednesday didn't disturb the residents of Congressional Cemetery, a burial ground for hundreds of senators, congressmen, a couple of vice presidents and iconic figures such as FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover and composer John Philip Sousa.

For the next week, the 70 goats known as "eco-goats" will eat the vines, poison ivy, dense vegetation and anything they can reach to clean up a densely vegetated parcel on the cemetery grounds.

"We're trying to prevent invasive species from eating the trees and having them fall on

the historic headstones," said Paul Williams, the president of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery. "We don't want to utilize chemicals, due to our riverside location and because of our membership-only, off-leash dog-walking program."

About 25 percent of the graveyard's funding comes from locals who pay a fee to walk their dogs along the 35-acre patch, as a roster of historic capital personalities, including Civil War photographer Mathew Brady, sleep for eternity below their pooper scoopers.

The floppy-eared brown and white goats, including Yoda, Buckaroo and Mimi, were camera-shy environmental pioneers

at first, refusing to leave their trailer, emerging briefly and then running back in to avoid news crews.

After the cemetery and humane society officials moved the media herd, the goats ran into the 1.6-acre enclosed area and started doing what they do best: chomping everything green and leafy in sight. The sight of them chewing vines and their fairly constant bleating delighted about a half-dozen children.

"It's actually an ancient custom," said Williams, who's trying to be innovative and to bring new life and activities to the cemetery. "I kind of hope it opens people's minds to alternatives."



PHOTO BY OLIVIER DOULIERY | MCT

'Eco-Goats' begin the process of clearing land adjacent to the historic Congressional Cemetery. Dozens of goats will be used to clear a two-acre plot of land covered with vines, poison ivy, and ground cover adjacent to the cemetery where former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, photographer Mathew Brady, and former Vice President Elbridge Gerry are buried.

*Life!

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EDITORS' PICKS | TOP TEN BEST THINGS ON NETFLIX

1. The Office	6. Bob's Burgers
2. Mad Men	7. Breaking Bad
3. Hey Arnold!	8. Battlestar Galactica
4. Arrested Development	9. Orange is the New Black
5. 30 Rock	10. Doctor Who

“Fact: bears eat beets. Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica.”

JIM HALPERT, "THE OFFICE"

Eye-opening experience for Marshall student in Palestine



By MALAK KHADER
COLUMNIST

For the longest time, I believed that being part of the Palestinian diaspora was more of a disadvantage for me than a blessing; in some ways, I still feel that way. It is unfortunate that I did not grow up surrounded by the culture and traditions of my people, but for the first time in my life, I had the chance to experience them to their full degree. For two weeks this summer, I was able to live life like a true Palestinian. To say it was an experience of a lifetime would be selling the trip short. It was much, much more than that.

This summer, I was chosen along with 39 incredible individuals from around the world to explore and live in Palestine. The program is known as the "Know Thy Heritage Leadership Program" and is sponsored by the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF). The delegation chosen for this trip was comprised of Palestinian youth from the United States, Australia, Canada, Chile, El Salvador and Guatemala. It was an absolute honor to be the first West Virginian selected for this trip.

The purpose of this trip was to introduce us to our roots and to educate us about the state of Palestine, something that many of us thought we already knew. Many of us were surprised by how little we knew about true circumstance of our "home."

I was truly surprised by the condition that Palestine is in. I hear and read about the occupation in the news, but nothing can come close to experiencing it and hearing the tales that the people had to tell. Our first eye-opening experience was at the start of our journey when we had to wait at the border for our visas. The process that would normally take no more than an hour and a half lasted eight long hours. Upon arriving at the border, we were repeatedly questioned by Israeli forces about the purpose of our trip, who we were with, who we were planning on seeing and how long we were planning to stay. Our answers were the same each time we were asked, yet we still had to wait. Finally, the Israeli forces let us through as they were wrapping up their workday.

I wish I could say our experience at the border was the last time we struggled to travel, but unfortunately it was not. There were several checkpoints that we encountered in almost every city that we visited in Palestine. Many were cities to which citizens would be denied access, but we were not because of the power of our passports. It is hard to imagine and even harder to witness Palestinian citizens not having access to cities within their own country.

I have to admit, I often would lose hope or become incredibly pessimistic about Palestine regaining their independence, but then we would meet people like Claire Anastas. Claire and her family live in an area completely under Israel's control and surrounded by an apartheid wall. She must gain permission from the government to simply do maintenance on her house or to stand on her roof. She told us about how her family and children have been affected by the apartheid wall. Initially, when the wall had just been built, there was constant soldier surveillance, and when their children would come back from school, Israeli soldiers escorted them into the house with guns pointing to the children's

heads. Due to the isolation of her home, their family souvenir store had to be downsized to two small rooms (before it was a large and popular store providing the family with an annual income of \$3 million). Now the family rarely has tourists visit due to the segregation the wall has caused. The Anastas family has dealt with downsizing and other economic and emotional hardships in order to provide the children a decent lifestyle and education. It's people like Abed and Claire who make it hard to lose hope in Palestine and its people as even in the hardest of times their spirits never falter.

The amazing thing about Palestinians is their determination and their will to persevere. Typically, under these conditions, the people would be downtrodden, but the people of Palestine were anything but discouraged. Everywhere we went, we were welcomed with the most sincere hospitality. Citizens would cook homemade meals for us, dance and sing with us and show us the true spirit of Palestine. Despite their limited resources, their generosity was greater than I had ever experienced. They spent hours with us everyday, telling us about our rich culture and history and teaching us traditions that were lost to many of us. Many of the people I met in Palestine are still in touch with me today. They continue to teach me about my other home and heritage even as we are thousands of miles apart.

It is unfortunate that my roots, heritage and identity do not surround me constantly, but I no longer see it as a disadvantage. I believe that I am part of the diaspora for a reason: to educate those who have never heard of Palestine and the conflicts that the people face on a daily basis. This experience was one I will treasure for the rest of my life, and I feel so blessed to have been chosen as a Palestinian-American representative.

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Top: Khader stands with fellow members of the program in front of Masjid Al-Aqsa, one of the holiest places for Muslims in Jerusalem.

Above: Khader is interviewed by a Palestinian news station in her mother's hometown.



The "Know Thy Heritage Leadership Program" group poses in front of Israeli settlements with Palestinian flags on their first day in Palestine.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Huntington has what it takes to be a better community

When members of a community come together, pool their resources and collectively decide to do something, they usually succeed.

Following the embarrassment of being labeled America's fattest city (which compelled celebrity chef Jamie Oliver to host a "food revolution" in Huntington area schools), residents of Huntington have put together campaigns to make changes in the home and around the city.

Now, Huntington has a grassroots healthy-food culture that is growing every year and changing the way people think about food.

Despite the popular opinion that West Virginians are "uneducated hillbillies" (which is perpetuated by shows like BUCKWILD), people in Huntington have demonstrated their tenacity to overcome adversity and prove naysayers wrong.

In addition to being labeled the fattest city in America, Huntington continues to be listed as one of the worst cities for well-being.

In March, a poll released by Gallup that measured physical and emotional health of residents, work environments and access to

basic necessities, listed Huntington as the second to last city for well-being. Not much was said to counter the findings.

Huntington is far from perfect, but how can residents change the perception if they have accepted such negative labels as truth?

It should not have to take another celebrity to motivate the people of Huntington to make a positive change.

With a poverty rate that nears 20 percent, Huntington needs some work. But it is difficult for people to see the forest through the trees when so much attention is given to negative things like drugs, prostitution and crime.

What about positive things like the creation of the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health, the campaigns to bring healthy restaurants and organic grocery stores to neighborhoods or the effect groups like Create Huntington have had on the city? What about the fact that Huntington's unemployment rate is 1.1 percent lower than the national average?

There are many positive things happening in Huntington, but it is up to residents to shrug off the negative labels, come together and build a better community for a better tomorrow.



COLUMN

Pope Francis' problem with women

By DIANE WINSTON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Last week, Pope Francis loosed a media tsunami by dropping a pebble of sanity into an ocean of religious angst. "If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has goodwill, who am I to judge?" he told reporters on the flight back to Rome after his trip to Brazil.

What did it mean? Was he changing church teaching? And how might it affect 1.2 billion Roman Catholics worldwide?

Hundreds of news stories and thousands of blogs, tweets and commentaries later, most observers heard in Francis' statement a proposal to end his predecessor's hard line on homosexuality. Pope Benedict XVI had barred men with "deep-seated homosexual" tendencies from seminaries, and called homosexuality an objective disorder. But Francis said gays who sought to live faithfully — that is, celibate — were not to be judged or excluded from the church.

By looking to the individual's heart instead of his genitals, Francis demonstrated a commitment to those who are neglected, marginalized and disenfranchised, as he repeatedly has done during his four-month papal tenure. Yet there is one group more numerous than LGBTs in the church and significantly more neglected, disenfranchised and marginalized — for whom his ministrations fall short.

Who, you ask? Roman Catholic women.

During the same interview on the papal plane, Francis said, "Women in the church are more important than bishops

and priests, just as Mary is more important than the apostles."

Continuing, the pope said the church needed to develop a theology that addressed the role of women. But, he clearly stated, those roles would never include the ordained ministry because Pope John Paul II expressly forbade it.

I leave it to Catholic scholars and theologians to explain why Francis can all but countermand Benedict's directives on gays but not John Paul's on women.

"That door is closed," Francis told reporters. Those are harsh words for millions of Catholic women worldwide. These include nuns whose communities have been beggared by declines in vocations and decreased institutional support, lay women whose leadership sustains parishes without full-time priests and girls seeking to discover their calling in a church where ordination is impossible.

Francis' remarks also have ramifications for millions of women worldwide whose poverty and exploitation have roots in their second-class religious status. And sadly, even if the world were full of female Catholic priests, Orthodox rabbis, evangelical preachers and Muslim imams, the problems of sex trafficking, prostitution, indentured servitude, honor killings, rape, genital mutilation and polygamy would not immediately disappear. Still, full recognition of women's religious calling and authority would be a start in dismantling theological justifications that enable sexism, misogyny and exploitation.

Reporters who headlined the pope's remarks on gays, knowing the story had more juice than Francis' condemnation of drug cartels and excoriations of poverty, treated his comments on women as an afterthought. That is because in the current media ecology of religion and public life, sex sells and gender gets a nod.

Forget religious leaders opining on violence, materialism or climate change. Unless Jesus himself appeared in a "Remember Sandy Hook" T-shirt to buy sunscreen at Wal-Mart, there is no story.

But the ongoing negotiation of gender has been the American story since the 1960s. The advent of the birth control pill, severing sex and procreation, catalyzed profound changes in family life, the workplace and the marketplace. And the subsequent effect on politics and economics has been perhaps most vociferously debated in the religious sphere. Headlines on abortion, the culture war and family values have been a staple for decades now.

Reporters tell the daily story, inflected by the demands of the sex sells imperative. But the absence of sustained critical attention to social and cultural forces, including religion, keeps us reeling from headline to headline. Yes, Francis took a step forward in the church's treatment of gays. But he kept in place its bar to women.

And the import of that bar — its global reverberations in unwanted pregnancies, female poverty and sexual slavery — remains hidden in plain sight.

Online Polls

YOU CAN BE HERD

Which business would you rather see come to Huntington?

Chipotle
Trader Joe's
Apple Store

Which Marco would you like to see in the upcoming semester?

Current Marco	24%
Marco with a partial makeover	27%
Marco with a full makeover	49%

Voice your opinion. It is your right. Answer our poll at www.marshallparthenon.com or tweet us your answer at @MUParthenon.

COLUMN

A house divided cannot stand

By HENRY CULVYHOUSE
COLUMNIST

The summer is setting into the September evening. The first day of class is only 19 days away and over the next couple weeks, you will see parents carrying pastel colored bean bags into the lobbies of the freshman dorms, shirtless guys wrestling mattresses up apartment stairs and the most common sight, a worn out, worried 50 year-old father hunched over the bed of a Chevy, puffing on a Winston.

For those of you who have enjoyed the summer in the Jewel City, hopefully you have read this column and caught on to the fact that I have pretty much pulled headlines off BBC, NPR or CNN, researched it and concocted some kind of comment on the situation.

Sometimes, I think I offered a witty, insightful opinion, but other times, I think I just rambled on like a moron. But nonetheless, I tried to offer my perspective on the news of the day, and I hoped you enjoyed it.

I would like to take my last column for the summer to reflect on the news items I chose to analyze and see what they mean for the future of our country.

First, I want to say one little note on meanings: Meanings are arbitrary — what an event means differs depending on one's perspective, which is often determined by race, creed, economic class (arguably the biggest factor), ideology, gender identity and sexual orientation. An obvious example of an event's difference in interpretation is the George Zimmerman verdict. A lot of white conservatives tend to support the acquittal, while the black community calls it an outrage.

Looking at the summer's events, I can see, without a doubt, we live in two Americas, but not in the sense we always think of it.

Every aspect of this country is divided into two, which makes sense when you realize western thought and, consequently, the United States is influenced by the Socratic dialectic, which dictates you can only have a thesis and an antithesis, which must duke it out to form a syllogism.

Open your eyes and watch the news because it seems we can only think of America as Republican or Democrat,

black or white, rich or middle class, native born or undocumented, Christian or Muslim and gay or straight.

"A house divided cannot stand," Jesus of Nazareth once said. I truly agree with him.

Our country is a bountiful country, where a man can come here with only a few dollars in his pockets and enjoy its freedoms. With hard work and determination, he can make a life for himself. However, with a divided America I do not see how that can happen.

There are three problems with the divisions I stated above. The number one thing is, many of the divisions we create in our day-to-day national narrative exclude a lot of people. For instance, in the black or white division, we exclude Hispanics and Asians. While we all know these ethnicities exist, the way we weave our meaning does not include them. That means their interests do not get served.

The second problem with these divisions is they imply an in-group and an out-group. The in-group has the power and can set the society's values. In our society, when we find ourselves in-group or out-group, we try to justify our actions against the other group through imposing the "correct values" or by fighting the oppressing group.

But I think the third and final major problem is that it takes the American people's eye off the ball. No matter what we are, white, black, Hispanic, Asian, lower class, middle class, upper class, gay, straight, bisexual, man, woman, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist, we need to realize we are all in it together. No matter what we are, we all have one common denominator: We want to live a happy life.

However, a happy life, no matter what you think it entails, requires some sort of economic resources, and there is a certain group of people who do not what you to achieve that because it takes a piece of their pie. Take a look at the board of directors of any major company and you will find them.

If they keep us divided, they will keep their dominance.

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Training camp underway for Thundering Herd

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After a long summer of weight training and conditioning, the Thundering Herd football team hit the field on Monday for summer training camp. Though training camp is usually considered the least enjoyable part of playing football, players were excited to be back out in the field.

"You have all this anticipation throughout the offseason and put in all the work to come out and play the game," senior defensive end Jeremiah Taylor said.

After last season's high-flying offensive production and an offseason full of accolades for quarterback Rakeem Cato, receiver Tommy Shuler and tight end Gator Hoskins, the offense has looked sharp so far. Cato, who joined the Marshall football program weighing a slight 147 pounds, has benefitted greatly from the weight room, now up to 191 pounds while still showing the same zip on his passes.

"I told everyone, the wideouts, the o line, the runningbacks, I told them that's its time to work," Cato said. "It's time to separate the boys from the men."

While the offense may seem like it needs little work, coach Holliday says the team is still far from a finished product.

"We've got a long way to go," coach Holliday said. "I told these guys the first

day we met with them that all potential does is get you beat, it's all about production."

Last season the Herd fielded one of the worst defenses in the NCAA. After overhauling the defensive coaching staff in the offseason, including bringing in defensive coordinator Chuck Heater, whom Holliday coached with in his time at Florida, coach Holliday likes what he has seen from his defense so far.

"They're competing every down," coach Holliday said. "That's what Chuck [Heater] brings, he expects them to win every down and that's what their goal is. They try to play extremely hard and extremely physical and so far they've done that."

Several newcomers to the defense are showing that they can contribute right away, including defensive backs Taj Letman and Corey Tindal and defensive lineman Arnold Blackmon and Josh Brown.

"There's more athletes out there than their have been in the past," Holliday said.

Taylor said that it is not just the coaches and the players that have changed on defense.

"We've changed our mindset," Taylor said. "We had a bad year last year, we've accepted it and use it as a point of reference. Everybody's got that mindset, it's a new year, a new day and we're just looking forward to putting

in work each day, building up and going forward."

After having problems on kickoff coverage last season, the Herd's kickers appear to be doing their best to prevent kick returns at all. Incumbent Justin Haig as well as walk-on freshmen Amoreto Curraj, an Albanian with a background in soccer, and Nick Smith all kicked into the end zone consistently, albeit with a slight wind at their backs.

Injuries are an unavailable point of the game, but so far in summer camp the Herd has stayed mostly healthy with the exception of sophomore wide receiver Jack Gammon, who is out for the summer with a left elbow injury but should be back for the season. Wide receiver Tommy Shuler has not practiced yet during the summer and fellow receiver Davonte Allen missed Tuesday and Wednesday, but coach Holliday expects them to be back in the next few days.

Practices are open to the public until Aug. 16, with morning sessions starting at 9:45 a.m. and afternoon sessions starting at 3:45 p.m., except for Friday when the team will have only one practice at 2:35 p.m. The team's first scrimmage is Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10:45 a.m. and is open to Big Green members, season ticket holders and students with a valid Marshall I.D.

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Marshall head football coach Doc Holliday watches his team practice on Monday afternoon at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Holliday is entering his fourth season at the helm of the Thundering Herd.



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Marshall wide receivers coach and 12 year NFL veteran Mike Furrey demonstrates a drill for redshirt senior transfer receiver Devon Smith on Monday.

Running backs to play big role in 2013

By BRAXTON CRISP
THE PARTHENON

Since the end of the 2012 season, the majority of the hype around the offense for the 2013 Marshall Football season has been related to Rakeem Cato. He threw for 37 touchdowns and 4,201 yards last season, but the running game was an integral part of the offensive success The Herd had.

In 2012, Marshall gained 2,030 net yards via rushing plays. That is 31.7 percent of the offensive production.

Heading into 2013, all of the running backs on the roster are returning players, and one of them is redshirt sophomore Remi Watson. A season ago, Watson averaged 4.8 yards per carry. He, Kevin Grooms, Steward Butler, and Essray Taliaferro carried the bulk of the load for the rushing attack a year ago. This year, Watson knows that the rushing game will have to be effective to help open up the rest of the offense.

"I think we're going to have to run the ball more to take some off Cato because I would be afraid of someone who threw for 37 touchdowns and 4,200 yards and a guy with 110 catches [Tommy Shuler]," Watson

said of how he thinks teams will try to defend Marshall this season.

Given the throwing prowess of Cato along with the above average abilities of the running backs, Marshall could very well be a team that can attack defenses no matter what the play call is.

Despite putting up impressive numbers last season, Watson believes the running backs are getting even better under the direction of Thomas Brown.

"He brings more of the running back aspect to the game," Watson said. "JaJuan (Seider) played quarterback, so he was more of an offensive coordinator to us but now we're getting more of the physical and mental part of being a running back down with Coach Brown. It's helping us a lot because what he's teaching us is more natural and I feel good out here running around."

Brown played at the University of Georgia from 2004 to 2007, where he averaged five yards per carry for his career.

"I'm just trying to do the best that I can to get those guys to compete and be the best they can be on and off the field," Brown said. "Getting ready for this season, I'm trying to

build a team first mentality and it's slowly but surely working. The one thing about this group of guys is that they're all talented and one thing you can't do is coach a bad player to be good. I'm trying to keep them motivated and focus on fundamentals and we'll see what happens."

The Herd will not have to attack teams with just one style of running. Grooms is a speedster, reportedly running a 40-yard dash close to 4.3 seconds or faster, and Butler isn't too far behind in terms of speed. Watson and Taliaferro both run with more power than Grooms and Butler, but can still turn up field for big yardage. On top of the varied styles of running, having four capable running backs allows for rotations and keeping legs fresh longer into games and throughout the season because the load is spread among four ball carriers rather than just one or two.

As fall camp continues, the running backs will continue picking the brain of Brown in hopes of not falling off from an overshadowed, yet still impressive, showing in 2012.

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