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KELLEY

Visiting professor talks civil rights, streetcar boycotts

By ALISON WICKLINE
THE PARTHENON

Blair L. M. Kelley, associate professor of history at North Carolina State University, Tuesday discussed her award-winning book "Right to Ride," which focuses on the events that led to the Plessy v. Ferguson decision in 1896 and early civil rights activism and boycotts of segregated streetcars during the early 1900s.

Between 1900 and 1907, citizens of 25 Southern cities protested segregation on streetcars. In the book, Kelley focuses on three key cities—New Orleans, Richmond and Savannah—and the African-American politics within those cities that were diverse and tangled, and not always mentioned in history books. Kelley tells the stories of the courageous men and women who, with little recognition, faced lynching and urban race riots to fight segregation in a time when racism was raw and unpredictable.

During the early 1900s, African-Americans were expected to sit at the back of streetcars or find alternative modes of transportation. Some streetcars even had movable gates to physically cage African-Americans in the back seats, and some had swivel chairs so African-Americans could face away from white passengers.

Kelley said the activists during this time were fighting for their dignity. Even though slavery had already been abolished, African-Americans were still being treated as separate, inferior individuals.

During her discussion, Kelley introduced the idea that African-Americans did not always unite; in fact, the divisions of gender, ambition and class sometimes drove them apart. She said streetcar companies bought off many city officials and community leaders, which made the fight much tougher.

"Sometimes leaders don't lead and people have to lead themselves," Kelley said.

Kelley said she chose to write her book on the streetcar boycotts and activism of the early 1900s since some people regard the movements as failures because they were during a difficult time for race relations.

"They took place in a time period where we think African-Americans are afraid and unwilling to try to do anything about their circumstances, and they happen at a low point after freedom," Kelley said.

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Blue Man Group stops in for students



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Blue Man Group music director Jesse Nolan, left, and onstage performer Russell Rinker speak to music students Tuesday in Smith Music Hall.

Marshall musicians learn from the players behind the paint

By ZACH HAUGHT
THE PARTHENON

Blue Man Group representatives Russell Rinker and Jesse Nolan hosted a drum and percussion clinic for Marshall University students Tuesday.

Russell Rinker is one of the Blue Man Group's onstage performers, while Jesse Nolan is the music director and percussionist. Rinker and Nolan gave background information on what goes into a show and the audition process.

The music and ways in which to perform are passed on person-to-person, with no official written sheet music to which performers

can refer. Ideas for performance are created in New York City, but are then subject to change as employees of the company collaborate. Each show changes based on what physical requirements the venue meets and audience interaction.

Rinker said it is important to break down these performance ideas while collaborating to brainstorm different approaches.

"Never undervalue the process of deconstruction," Rinker said.

Nolan gave advice to those pursuing a performance career.

Nolan said having a positive attitude was just as important as talent. All of Nolan's jobs have

been linked to a job he had before. He said treating co-workers on every level with respect has helped him advance and work consistently. Finding work has also been the result of promoting himself without being forceful or egotistical.

"You never know where your next gig is going to come from," Nolan said. "You need to be OK promoting yourself."

Rinker and Nolan said their history with music in the education system provided a good foundation for their work in the Blue Man Group, but it does not matter from a performance standpoint. Blue Man Group

performances aim to provide visual entertainment.

Shane Stevens, math education major from Huntington, said it was interesting learn about performance beyond what is taught in education. He said presenting oneself is an important aspect of this.

"Here it was about the logistics behind becoming something. After you become that something, you learn the showmanship," Stevens said.

Stevens volunteered to perform in front of Nolan and Rinker. Nolan took a few minutes to teach Stevens a drum beat before stepping back to watch him.

"It'd be stressful if you didn't know what you were doing," Stevens said. "It's just great to feel the wheels turning in your head, especially from someone so accomplished."

The Blue Man Group performed Tuesday at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center and will perform again Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased through the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center by picking them up at the box office or calling 304-696-3326. Tickets are also available on Ticketmaster.com.

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Planning for Spring 2014

Midnight Madness to help students avoid late night scheduling struggles

By MASON BEUHRING
THE PARTHENON

Preregistration at Marshall University can be a frantic and taxing process. Many students, especially first year students, struggle with the daunting task of developing a schedule and traversing the university's student portal, MyMU.

The Marshall University Housing and Residence Life and Student Resource Center are two departments on campus that are actively seeking to help students overcome the hardships of scheduling for next semester's classes.

The two departments are partnering in an event Monday designed to help first year students understand the Marshall MyMU portal. The event will take place in three locations on campus; the Twin Towers East lobby, both the First Year Residence Halls and Buskirk Hall. It will begin 11 p.m. Monday to help students in

their schedule development and last until 1 a.m. Tuesday to fill in any after-scheduling questions.

Amy Lorenz, assistant director of Housing and Residence Life, said students will have five to seven event staff members in each building to assist with their scheduling needs. Members of the staff will include resident advisers, academic mentors and staff from the two departments.

"I think students are prepared to plan out their classes, but I think their biggest concern is at freshman orientation their schedule is handed to them, so they have never had to do this on their own," Lorenz said.

"That is the big goal for this event, for them to know how to navigate the system. My hope is that when it comes to scheduling in the spring semester that we will not have to do this again because students will feel prepared to have that done."

Samantha Fox, SRC resource specialist, said event staff will be outfitted with laptops and iPads to help students find the course numbers they will need to schedule for spring semester.

Both departments want students to understand how to navigate Marshall's system so that they are prepared for future semesters to complete this task on their own.

"I hope by coming and learning the ropes, so to say, that they are able to go next semester and not only register themselves, but also help others register," Fox said.

Students who want more information on this event can stop by the SRC, located on the second floor of the Marshall University Memorial Student Center, during their office hours, or visit HRL, which is connected to Holderby Hall.

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MU named to 'military friendly' school list for fifth-straight year

By KRISTA SHIFFLETT
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University was named to Victory Media's 2014 Friendly Schools list for the fifth year in a row.

The top 20 percent of the 1,868 universities, colleges and trade schools in the country are on the list. These are the schools that are giving military students great opportunities to get a higher education.

Thomas Reynolds, director of military and veterans affairs, said they do their best to help military students who are active in things like ROTC and veterans which are people who are already out there and are going to school as well.

"I think it is Marshall's job to help veterans exceed in higher education," Reynolds said. "We help them get into school, give them counseling if needed and give them transition assistance."

Reynolds was a veteran who achieved his bachelor's degree in social work at Marshall and he said he knows how hard the transition is.

"It is a hard transition to go from being in the military and then trying to get a higher education and being a veteran that went to Marshall, I know exactly what they are going through," he said.

Crystal Stewart, program manager for information technology/MUOnline, said the MUOnline office is working with Marshall's military and veterans affairs office.

"Marshall's MUOnline office has been working in conjunction with Marshall's military veterans affairs office to provide active duty and veterans information and resources they need," she said.

Marshall is having its first Military Friendly Schools Virtual College Fair Nov. 20. Reynolds and Stewart said they are both excited about the fair. They both agree that it is going to be a great opportunity to speak with potential Marshall students and veterans who they may not normally be able to meet.

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MARSHALL CAREER SERVICES

Officials appeal to frustrated HealthCare.gov users

By **TONY PUGH**
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

Confident that repairs to its HealthCare.gov web site are progressing, the Obama administration has begun notifying 275,000 people who couldn't enroll in coverage at the troubled web site's Oct. 1 debut to try again.

"Those consumers who have perhaps created an account, but not

submitted an application; those consumers who have submitted an application, but not selected a plan; those would be the kinds of individuals that we anticipate reaching out to and speaking with directly over time," said Julie Bataille, the communications director for the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Consumers in 36 states served by the federal health insurance

marketplace were frustrated when the system portal, HealthCare.gov, malfunctioned minutes after open enrollment for 2014 coverage began. The problems, which stemmed from inadequate testing and a lack of capacity to handle the deluge of users, continued for weeks, leaving people unable to open personal accounts and enroll in new health care offerings.

The botched rollout spawned a series of congressional inquiries

and has become a political and public relations black eye for President Barack Obama, his administration and his signature legislation, the Affordable Care Act.

A team of government and private IT experts has been working to fix the web site and the improvements have been noticeable, with faster speed, more efficient page loads and a decline in error messages. While problems remain, officials say the

marketplace will be functioning properly for the majority of users by the end of November.

With that in mind, administration officials on Tuesday began e-mailing the first wave of 275,000 initial users who didn't complete the enrollment process to ask them to revisit the web site and finish what they started.

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Students play devil's advocate, debate ethics at Twin Towers West

By **COLTON JEFFRIES**
THE PARTHENON

There was commotion in the Glass Lobby of Twin Towers West Monday. The resident advisers of Towers West put together a program called "The Devil's Advocate," a game that is designed to test a player's ethics and to help spark a debate with those on the opposing side of an argument.

A crowd of around 50 students showed up to the Glass Lounge, where an assortment of food was laid out for them, like pizza, wings and chips along with refreshments. Then the faculty member present at the meeting, Matt James of the Student Resource Center, told everyone the rules of the game.

In each corner of the room there was a piece of paper with a different opinion. They were marked agree, disagree, strongly agree and strongly disagree. Once James asked a question, it was the students' job to go to the corner they feel they sided with and give a reason to why they chose that corner. But if they felt they couldn't take a side on a subject, there was an area in the middle of the room for students with a neutral stance.

The questions asked tended to be more school-related, such as cheating on a tests, helping a friend on a take-home test and if the university has a right to ban tobacco products on campus. But there were also several basic ethics questions thrown in, such as whether you would give back an incorrect amount of change or if you would steal office supplies from your job.

While most of the students stood quiet at the beginning of the program, things began to heat up once they started to get away from school-related subjects.

The question that got the most students fired up was related to the recent Martin/Incognito Miami Dolphins hazing scandal. Students were asked if hazing was an acceptable form of initiation, which should be handled behind closed doors.

This question sent the room into debate, causing shouting matches on both sides of the room.

Many of the resident advisers present at the program, like Nick Chancey, were pleased with how the night turned out.

"We had a really good turnout tonight, it was really great to see how everyone participated, everyone had an opinion and everyone had their say," Chancey said. "This was a great opportunity for students to voice their opinions, and I really hope we can see more of these activities in the future."

Kayla Varndell, another RA for Towers West, had a similar opinion of how the night turned out.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the interaction between residents, especially at how heated some of the discussions got," Varndell said. "Even though they weren't disrespectful, you could tell that some of the subjects touched home with a lot of people."

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THANK A DONOR

Students connect with scholarship donors by sending personal letters, videos of appreciation



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Students write letters to scholarship donors Tuesday for Marshall University's first Thank-a-Donor Day at the Foundation Hall.

By **ALYSSA SIMON**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's first Thank-A-Donor Day was Tuesday and gave students who receive scholarships a chance to tell donors that make scholarships possible how much they are appreciated.

Students were able to sign thank you cards, record videos and have their pictures taken to send to donors to show their appreciation.

Career services also gave students the opportunity to improve their resume and attach them in their thank you letter to send to their donor.

Denise Hogsett, director of career services, said she enjoyed working with students and adding an extra activity to what Thank-A-Donor Day had to offer.

"We always enjoy helping students be successful," Hogsett said.

Krystle Davis, program director of scholarships and donor relations, planned the event and said she believes anytime a student can thank a donor, the event is a success because letting a donor know how much a scholarship means is important.

"Students enjoy thanking their donors and this is just one event that

makes that accessible to students," Davis said.

Rachel Whitmore, sophomore finance major from Atlanta, said she thought making thank you cards and taking photos and videos was a more personal way to connect with donors.

"It's awesome to be able to thank people," Whitmore said.

According to Davis another Thank-A-Donor Day may take place in the spring or next fall to capture the students who were unable to attend this one.

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It's beginning to look like a green Christmas

General Electric expects surge in LED lighting as consumers opt for more energy efficient holiday decorations

By **STEVE EVERLY**

THE KANSAS CITY STAR (MCT)

Traditional but energy-thirsty incandescent Christmas lights are facing a dim future.

Holiday light bulbs were exempted from the federal law that's phasing out other incandescent bulbs, and that seemingly ensured that they could keep decorating trees, decking halls and providing seasonal cheer. But now, they're being put to a test as fearsome as a government regulation: competition.

LEDs (super-efficient lights that use a lot less energy than incandescents) have been around for years. LED stands for "light-emitting diode," which creates light by moving electrons over a semiconductor material, instead of heating up a filament, as a traditional bulb does.

LED technology was expensive, which limited the lights' appeal, but prices have dropped dramatically. A couple of years ago, LEDs to replace a 60-watt bulb cost \$40, but they can now be found for under \$10.

And LED Christmas lights are cheap enough that the larger ones save enough energy compared with incandescents that most of their purchase cost can be recovered within a year.

The shift is showing up at stores, which are selling more efficient lights. Wal-Mart is devoting half of its shelf space for Christmas lights to LEDs and offering a string of 50 mini LED lights for \$5, down from \$6.30 last year.

Costco is selling no incandescent Christmas lights at all.

General Electric, which has peddled holiday lighting for more than a century, expects two out of every five strings of lights sold this year to be LEDs.

Sales of the lights were up 50 percent last year at the Light Bulbs Etc. store in Lenexa, Kan., and while it's too early to say how they'll do this season, sales are expected to be strong again.

"I think eventually we'll see Christmas incandescents go away," said Larry Fuqua, general manager of the store.

ChristmasLightInstaller.com, which sells, rents and installs Christmas lights in several cities including Kansas City, says that 30 percent of new customers are migrating to LEDs.

A Christmas without incandescent lights on a tree? That would end an era that stretches back to the invention of the first successful light bulb.

Thomas Edison, the inventor, is also credited with first using them as Christmas decorations when he strung some bulbs outside his laboratory in



MARK HARRISON | SEATTLE TIMES (MCT)

Neighbors in the Ravenna area of Seattle, Wash., plan their holiday light displays in September. The Candy Cane Lane has been a holiday show since the '50s.

1880. A couple of years later, an associate used electric lights to decorate a Christmas tree. That was soon copied by the wealthy, who could afford a price tag of up to \$2,000 in today's dollars to decorate just one tree, according to the Library of Congress.

That changed in 1903, when General Electric introduced pre-assembled Christmas lights, and other companies rushed in to snag some of the business.

NOMA Electric Co., which would corner the market for Christmas lights, is credited with making them an iconic part of the holidays. Worried about sales in the Great Depression, the company featured nostalgic advertisements of families gathered around a lighted tree. Sales rose and the company survived.

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SPORTS

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Herd overpowers Red Storm, 119-77

By WILL VANCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall Thundering Herd got off to a fast start Tuesday night against the visiting Rio Grande Red Storm and never looked back as it defeated the Red Storm 119-77 in the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall got started quickly, scoring the first seven points and shooting 69.4 percent from the field in the first half to build up a 65-38 lead at the half. The Herd's full-court press was particularly effective, forcing the Red Storm into eight first half turnovers that turned into nine Herd points. The Herd also scored 20 points off the fast break in the first half.

"This group was really locked in and ready to play tonight," Marshall head coach Tom Herrion said, "and it really showed those first eight to 10 minutes. During pre-warm-up I could sense the guys were locked in. We would have played very well against a lot of teams tonight."

Redshirt freshman Kareem Canty once again showed improvement at the point guard position, dishing 11 assists, including nine in the first half.

"I'm more relaxed now," Canty said. "I'm not trying to do too much now, I'm just letting the game come and feeding off my teammates."

Canty also shot very efficiently, shooting 80 percent from the floor, including 2-of-2 from 3-point range, to finish the game with 18 points.

"He has the ball in his hands a lot and he's an unselfish player for someone who can score well," Herrion said of Canty. "He has a delicate balance."

The Herd as a whole spread the ball around well, making 28 assists on 45 made baskets.

"Our offensive unselfishness is really special

right now," Herrion said. "This group really shares the ball well."

The Herd made good use of its depth, with 11 players seeing the court and seven players scoring double-digit points, including redshirt freshman Austin Loop, who went 4 of 5 for 11 points in the first significant action of his college career.

"It felt good and it was exciting," Loop said, "but more than anything it felt good to get the second win."

For the second time in as many games, senior Elijah Pittman led the Herd in scoring with 29 points in 25 minutes, despite being the focus of the Red Storm's defensive effort. This comes on the heels of a career-high 31 points scored by Pittman against South Carolina State.

"I just come in the gym and work hard," Pittman said. "Nothing to it really, just keep working and trying to help my teammates."

Redshirt freshman Ryan Taylor led the Herd in rebounding with nine. The Herd as a whole out-rebounded the Red Storm 44 to 35. Sophomore DeVince Boykins followed Canty in assists with five. Sophomore guard Tamron Manning, sophomore transfer guard Chris Thomas and junior transfer forward Shawn Smith joined Canty, Pittman, Taylor and Loop as the Herd's double-digit scorers.

For the Red Storm, Jermaine Warmack led in scoring with 17 points, including 4-of-8 from 3-point range, and Sterling Smoak pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the team.

After playing its first two games at home the Herd will face its first road test Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Battle for 1-64 against Morehead State in Morehead, Ky.

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ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Junior transfer forward Shawn Smith looks for a teammate against Rio Grande.



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Redshirt freshman guard Kareem Canty soars for a slam dunk against Rio Grande Tuesday night in the Cam Henderson Center.

Women's basketball falls at Robert Morris

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In a game that saw just one Marshall player score in double figures, the Thundering Herd women's basketball team fell at Robert Morris, 67-48, Monday morning.

With the loss, Marshall dropped to 1-1 on the young season. The Herd will not travel again until Dec. 14th, when it meets West Virginia for a neutral site matchup in Charleston, W.Va.

"We know it's going to be a tough test for us this year, with the inexperience we have," Marshall coach Matt Daniel said. "I think there's going to be some games where we shouldn't win on paper, that we do win, and some that we shouldn't lose on paper, and we do drop. It's going to be a learning experience for us and I'm eager to see how it plays out."

Junior AJ Johnson led all Herd scorers, contributing a season-high 12 points. She was 5-of-7 from the floor and paced the team with two three-pointers. Leah Scott and Suporia Dickens each followed with nine points. Aja Sorrells came off

the bench to go 4-of-5 from the free throw line, ending the game with four points.

Marshall struggled on the offensive end, finishing with a .333 field goal percentage. The Herd sunk only four three-pointers (all in the second half), going 4-of-20. While sixteen of Marshall's 48 points came from bench players, only seven of the Colonials' 67 came off the bench.

The X-factor for Robert Morris came in the form of reigning NEC Player of the Year, junior Artemis Spanou, who went 11-of-15 on the day and totaled 31 points. Her combined points and 17 rebounds (14 defensive) earned her the 26th consecutive double-double of her career.

"Robert Morris is a really talented team," Daniel said of the Colonials. "They're picked to win their league. They have one of the best players [Spanou] I've ever seen in person and in preparation. She's absolutely a professional player."

A four-point run to open the game proved to be the largest margin in Marshall's favor, with the lead

changing only three times early in the contest. The Herd cut the Colonials' advantage to five points with six minutes remaining in the first half, putting the game at 22-17 thanks to a short 5-0 run including a jumper by freshman Chelsey Romero, a made free-throw by Scott and a Johnson field goal. The rest of the half was close, with Robert Morris' lead at seven going into halftime (32-25).

The Colonials responded by opening the second half on an 11-3 run, lengthening the lead to 15 at the 16:01 mark. The widest margin of the game would come with 1:07 remaining on the clock, with Robert Morris up, 67-43. Five straight Marshall points closed the game, with Dickens sinking a three-pointer and a layup, sealing the final score at 67-48.

"I'll be glad to get back to the friendly confines of the Henderson Center and hopefully get a better result next time out," Daniel said.

The Herd plays again at home versus Morehead State, Monday, Nov. 18, at Cam Henderson Center.

Hunter, Brent receive all-conference honors



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At the end of a season in which the Marshall men's soccer team struggled in a competitive Conference USA, co-captains and seniors Zach Hunter (Marietta, Ga.) and Travis Brent (Virginia Beach, Va.) were named to the All-Conference USA third team on Tuesday morning.

The pair of awards mark the 11th and 12th C-USA third team honors in the history of the program, with Brent and Hunter each receiving the honor for the first time in each of their careers. The award marks the first time a member of the Herd has been named to the third team since Anthony Virgara (Pittsburg, Pa.) did it in 2011.

Named to the third-team defense, Brent started and played in all 18 matches for Marshall this season and is one of only three for the Thundering Herd to do so in 2013. A strong suit for the Marshall defense, Brent has only taken one shot on goal this season. His strong

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

The future of technology?

Google, have you gone too far? Motorola Mobility, which is owned by Google, has filed for a patent for a temporary electronic tattoo, complete with a microphone, which would stick to the user's throat via adhesive. The tattoo would connect with smartphones and other mobile devices.

And here's the biggest kicker, the tattoo could also function as a lie detector. How? The tattoo may be able to decipher the emotions or attitudes of the wearer by detecting skin resistance.

The rationale for this product is that it will better cancel out noise that often makes phone calls in crowded areas difficult. It will also allow users to be

completely hands free as the tattoo would recognize voice commands.

Whether the tattoo will ever be produced is up in the air. At this time, it's just a patent, and patents rarely ever become products. The mere idea, however, is enough to raise eyebrows, especially considering the product's ability to serve as a lie detector.

How shocked should we be though? Our society has reached a point where we are dependent on our cell phones and mobile devices. They don't leave our hands, so why not attach them to our bodies?

Beyond that, Google is one of the largest tech companies in the world. Its most

recent venture into new technology was Google Glass, the hands-free, smart-phone-like glasses. It makes sense for them to push the boundaries with ideas such as the electronic neck tattoo, even if it is only a patent at this point.

Hesitation is understandable at this stage in the game. There's concern over the way this technology would be used, or abused, and that's fair, but we've held those same concerns when it comes to the technology we now use every day.

Chances are it will take a while before this ever comes to fruition, but the reality is this is where our technology is heading, as Orwellian as it may sound, and we should be ready for it.

Online Polls

You Can Be Herd

What do you think of the controversy surrounding the Miami Dolphins?

It's harrassment, plain and simple. There's been no wrongdoing. Further investigation is necessary.

Do you think the NSA was in the wrong with its international spying?

Yes, they shouldn't have done it. 59%
No, the other countries do it. 38%
I don't know enough about it. 3%

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

COLUMN

Criminal sentencing in urgent need of reform

By JAMES R. SILKENAT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

When both the nation's top justice official — Attorney General Eric Holder — and Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy say there is a problem with criminal sentencing, it is time to take notice. When Democrats and Republicans in a divided Congress agree that our nation's system of federal sentencing laws is in dire need of reform, it is time to remedy chronic problems in criminal sentencing.

Congress enacted federal mandatory minimum sentences beginning in the 1980s in an effort to mitigate what were perceived to be unfairly disparate sentencing practices by different judges for similar crimes. But a rash of mandatory sentencing laws now treats widely different cases the same. Congress has imposed lengthy mandatory minimum prison sentences for large numbers of federal crimes, which too often results in the imposition of the same harsh sentence regardless of whether the defendant played a major or minor role in the crime or whether the crime had no impact or affected thousands of individuals. Minor crimes that had traditionally been handled at the local or state level have increasingly been "federalized" into a sweeping broad federal system grounded on uniformly severe sentencing.

Low-level offenders who pose little threat to their communities face years in federal prisons. For example, John Horner, a first-time drug offender in central Florida, was sentenced in October 2012 to a 25-year mandatory minimum prison term for selling pain pills that he was prescribed for an injury to an undercover informant who said that he suffered from crippling pain. For an increasingly large number of defendants like Horner, judges cannot resort to proven alternatives such as mandatory drug therapy and probation because of these outdated mandatory laws.

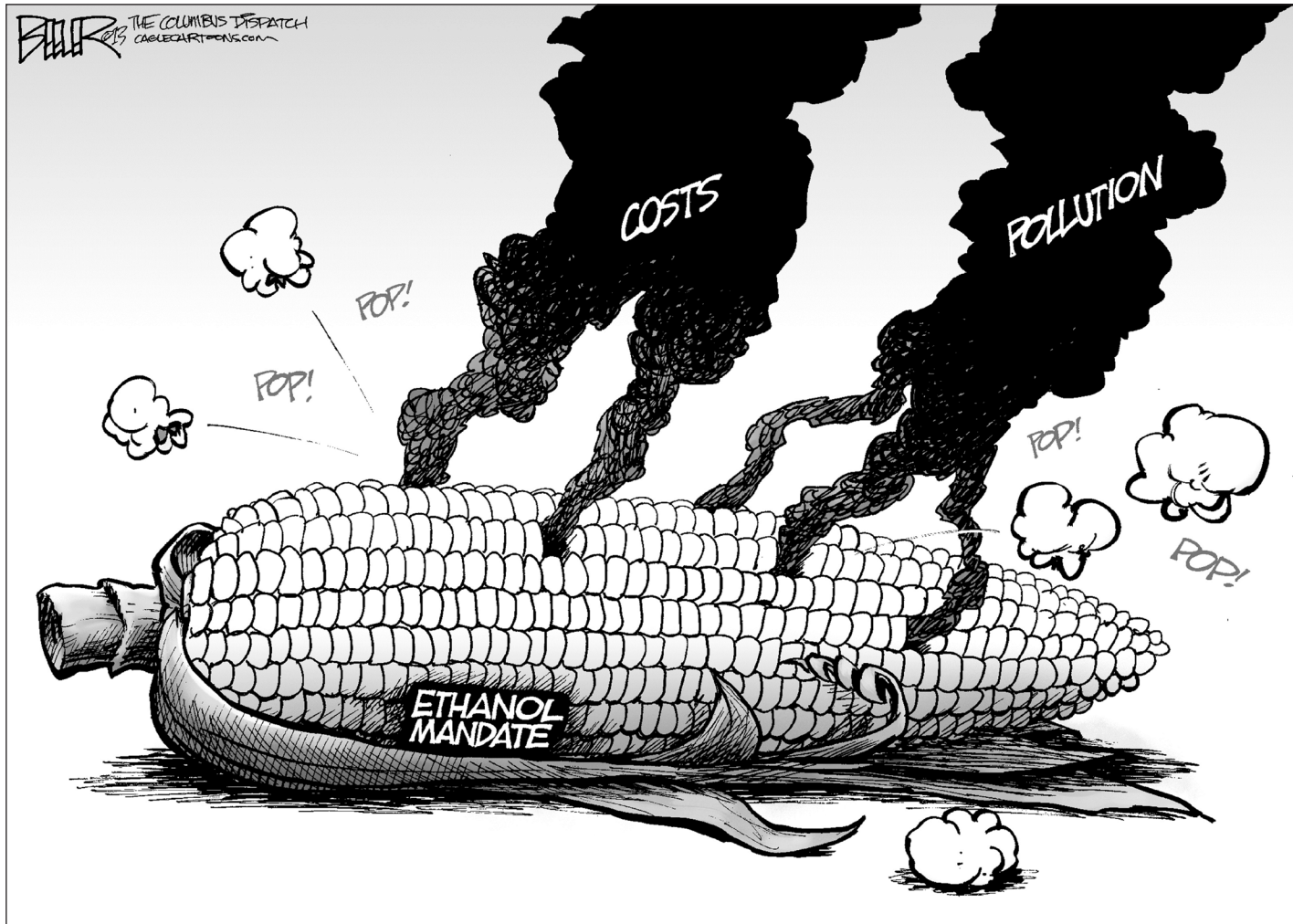
The negative impact of these laws has been phenomenal. In 1980, 24,000 people were in federal prisons. Today, that figure has soared closer to 217,000, and our prisons are dangerously overcrowded. The federal prison system is operating at 40 percent

over capacity. The United States now has the highest rate of imprisonment in the world and the largest prison population.

Reforms would reduce the flow of new inmates, save resources and enhance the safety of our communities. Congress already took steps to reverse historic inequalities in drug sentencing when, in 2010, a bipartisan Congress eliminated the disparity that caused crack users to face prison sentences 100 times higher than powder cocaine users. Still, there is much more to be done. Attorney General Holder recently unveiled the Department of Justice's "Smart on Crime" initiative that includes steps to limit federal mandatory minimum sentences in nonviolent, low-level drug cases.

Not all crimes are equal, and an undeniable body of evidence indicates that not all races are treated equally by our criminal justice system. As Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky noted at a congressional hearing this fall, one-third of African-American males are prohibited from voting because of felony convictions. Minority groups disproportionately face charges that result in mandatory sentencing. Repealing or lowering mandatory minimum sentences would give judges the flexibility to weigh each crime individually and to separate the drug lords from neighborhood offenders.

Two bipartisan bills being considered by Congress present a promising opportunity to address the explosion in prisoners convicted of drug-related crimes. One is the Justice Safety Valve Act, introduced by Sen. Paul and Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont. The other is the Smarter Sentencing Act, sponsored by Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois and Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah. The Justice Safety Valve Act would allow judges to sentence below mandatory minimum sentences for virtually all federal crimes, while the Smarter Sentencing Act would provide this authority more narrowly limited to nonviolent drug offenses. The latter bill would also reduce mandatory minimums for certain drug offenses and allow current inmates to apply for relief from their original sentencing under the irrational disparities that once existed for crack and powder cocaine sentencing.



COLUMN

Maintaining a healthy body image

By JOCELYN GIBSON
COLUMNIST

I read a great article the other day focused on maintaining a healthy body image after pregnancy, but I felt like the message applied to everyone all the time.

We should always feel confident and comfortable in the body we have, even when it's difficult. Even the most confident of people have the occasional body issues. That's perfectly normal, but we should always look for the positive even when something else seems like a "problem area."

No, I am not perfect, and there are times when I feel better about my body than at other times, but I make it a point to remind myself that my body goes through a lot for me and that I have to love it no matter what.

Many people, myself included, have this tendency to take advantage of their bodies, treat them poorly and then expect them to work to their preferences.

Our bodies do their best to provide even when what we give to them is less than ideal. For that reason we have no room to criticize.

Be honest, who else eats food that is convenient more than nutritious, doesn't get enough sleep and puts their bodies through a million other stressors. I know I am guilty of all of these more often than not, and it's easy to excuse by labeling it "college life" but that doesn't make it fair to our bodies.

In reality, we should wake up every morning, look in the mirror and thank our bodies for not giving up. We should make a daily effort to put good things into them so they will do good for us in return. They deserve a whole lot better than we are giving them.

Then, on top of all that, we criticize our bodies for not being thin enough, not being shaped right and so many other minute flaws we need a magnifying glass to see. Do we really think that after all that our bodies do for us and

after the way that we treat them that they really deserve to be analyzed so closely for appearance?

Our bodies are worth so much more than their outward appearance, and I think it is time for us to start appreciating it for what it offers inside and out. I think we also need to tune into the things we do that makes our bodies look and feel their best.

I know that I feel better when I eat certain things over others, and when I am making time to take care of myself, so why don't I do that all the time? The short answer is that I am lazy, but I also forget quickly that I have to help my body be its best.

So instead of calling our bodies out on all the things they get wrong, why don't we put in that extra effort to get the results that we want from our bodies. They do the best they can, but they could use a little help from us.

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Architects panel says 1 World Trade Center is tallest US building

By **WILLIAM MURPHY**
NEWSDAY (MCT)

New York City is once again home to the nation's tallest building — the almost-completed World Trade Center tower at a symbolic height of 1,776 feet.

The bragging rights became official Tuesday after an international panel of architects held that the 408-foot needle atop 1 World Trade Center is a permanent spire, not just an antenna.

Counting the spire, the Height Committee of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat determined that the ground zero skyscraper is 325 feet taller than Chicago's Willis Tower, formerly known as Sears Tower.

The committee's 25 voting members — architects, engineers and contractors from 13 countries — voted unanimously in favor of 1 WTC.

Anthony Wood, the council's executive director, said the tower with its beacon-topped needle doubles as a monument to those killed in the 9/11 attacks.

"This was a quest to put something meaningful and symbolic on that site because of the horrible history of what happened on that site," he said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the decision "another step forward in lower Manhattan's incredible comeback."

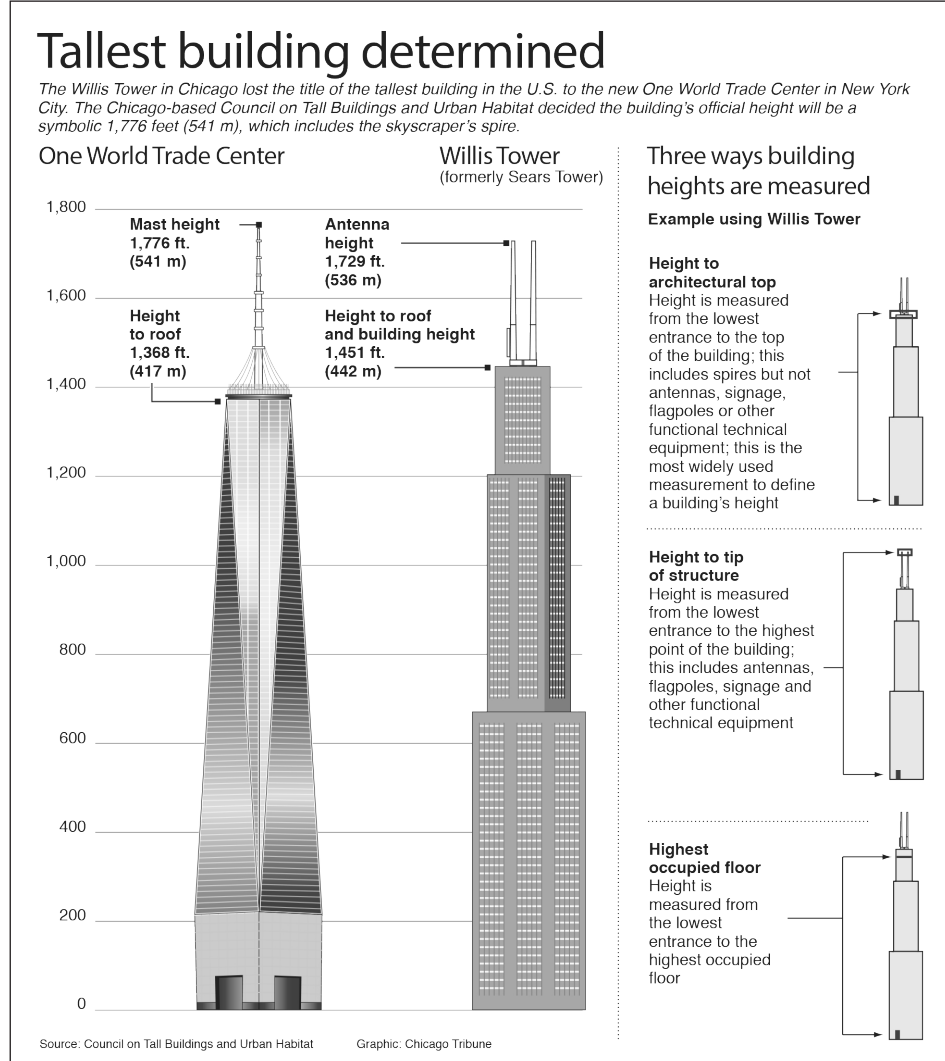
The distinction should lure even more visitors to the city, said Navtej Sandhu, 27, an Upper East Side accountant whose father once worked in the Twin Towers.

"Anytime you say New York has the tallest building in the U.S., it brings more attention to lower Manhattan," he said.

"It's a good feeling, for a New Yorker, to know we have the tallest building in the greatest city in the world," said Kassims "Bobby" Haralambos, who operates a hot dog stand in the shadow of the tower.

But the council's decision drew a rebuke from the mayor of the Windy City.

If 1 World Trade Center's spire looks



and acts like an antenna, "then, guess what? It's an antenna," said Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The committee convened last week in Chicago, home of the world's first skyscraper in 1884.

The closed-door meeting was emotional, but "there was nothing unusual about how we measured" 1 WTC, said Timothy Johnson, the council's chairman and a partner at NBBJ, a Manhattan design firm.

The Willis Tower is 1,729 feet tall but

reaches that height with a 278-foot antenna that was not part of the original design. Some survivors of 9/11 and relatives of victims said the new World Trade Center tower's new status pales in comparison to the well-being of the tenants and visitors who will come to the building when it opens sometime next year.

"It doesn't matter to me who has the tallest building, as long as the building is safe," said Bill Doyle, the father of Joseph Doyle, a Cantor Fitzgerald employee who died in the attacks.

marketplace coverage by phone, in person with trained counselors and through paper applications.

Meanwhile, a noted insurance industry consultant said the federal marketplace probably had enrolled just 40,000 to 50,000 Americans in new coverage in October because of the technical problems and glitches.

The estimate by Robert Laszewski, the president of Health Policy and Strategy Associates in Alexandria, Va., appears to square with recent news reports from unnamed administration officials who estimated that about 40,000 people had enrolled in private coverage on the marketplace last month.

Laszewski also said he was doubtful that the site would be functioning properly by the end of November.

"That is a huge question mark," he said. "When are they going to fix the system so that people can smoothly sign up, so that the system is not a detriment to enrollment? When they do that, they can go gangbusters with the public relations campaign."

He said an e-mail from an industry executive who ran a health plan and had access to the enrollment data suggested that the estimate of 40,000 to 50,000 might be high.

"And he's closer to it than I am," Laszewski said.

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Kelley went on to say that the movement may not be called a big success, but she said she believes it definitely made an impact, especially on the financial status of streetcar companies.

"Segregation was irrational, it made no fundamental sense...it cost money to segregate," Kelley said.

David Trowbridge, associate professor of history and director of African and African-American studies at Marshall University, said it is important for students to realize the difficult realities that come with fighting for a cause.

"In United States history, we focus on the movements that win, but that's not the majority," Trowbridge said. "But imagine what these cities would have been like if all these protests wouldn't have happened."

Caitlin Walker, a graduate student majoring in history, said she appreciated Kelley's introduction of an event that hasn't received the recognition it deserved.

"I really like that she picked a topic that was obscure...and I really like that she gave us a chapter of history that most of us probably haven't read before," Walker said.

After her discussion, Kelley signed copies of her book which she said she hopes students will read and understand the reality of activism.

"I hope students understand the complexity of history, that the world is a difficult place sometimes where people aren't always going to think alike but they can still work together for something," Kelley said.

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Today's nostalgic moments are increasingly being lit with LEDs, which can save about 80 percent or more of the energy used by incandescent bulbs.

Compact fluorescent lights, or CFLs, are still the main energy-efficient option for other lighting, such as 60-watt bulbs for lamps. They don't save as much energy as LEDs, but they're cheaper to buy. But LEDs are expected to make inroads in that market as their price declines.

CFLs aren't suitable as replacements for Christmas lights, making LEDs the alternative for energy efficiency.

Holiday lights would seem an unlikely target for a push to save energy. They're used a few hours a day over at most a couple of months and then

packed and put away. But during that short period, they use enough electricity to provide power to 200,000 homes for a year, according to a U.S. Department of Energy study.

Terry McGowan, director of engineering and technology for the American Lighting Association, said no one expected to see LED prices fall so fast. But he saw the effect earlier this year when he stepped into a trade show where retailers purchased Christmas lights to sell this holiday season and found most of them being offered were LEDs.

The economic payoff from LEDs varies considerably. LEDs replacing small incandescent bulbs still take a few years to recover extra cost. But the larger the incandescent bulb and the energy usage, the more an LED can save.

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defensive play has helped the Herd back line record five shut-outs in 2013, with two of those resulting in wins and three resulting in scoreless draws.

A third-team midfielder, Hunter also started and played in all 18 matches in 2013 for Marshall this

season. He finished the year tied for the team lead in goals, with three. Two of his goals came on penalty kicks, where he went 2-for-2 on the year. One of his goals came in the form of a game-winner as he scored in the 67th minute against VMI (Sept. 17) when he drew a penalty kick and sank his penalty shot inside the left post.

US Catholic bishops choose Kentucky archbishop as new leader

By **JONATHAN PITTS**
THE BALTIMORE SUN (MCT)

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops took a step Tuesday toward aligning themselves with Pope Francis, selecting as their next president Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky. — a man who built a career on a foundation of personal faith and service to the poor.

The Pennsylvania native received 125 of the 236 votes cast to easily outpoll the second-place finisher, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, for a first-ballot victory. DiNardo was elected vice president.

Kurtz and DiNardo, who take office at the close of the conference Thursday, are to serve through 2016.

The choice of Kurtz comes as the Catholic Church has been struggling to define its collective stance on a variety of contentious issues within the United States.

The bishops have made clear their opposition to provisions in President Barack Obama's health care law that call for some Catholic-based institutions to pay for contraceptive services. They've also asked Congress to hasten changes to the nation's immigration laws.

But when Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina became Pope Francis last March, he made clear his desire that the worldwide church begin to focus less on secular politics and more on faith and charity.

The pontiff's representative to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria

Vigano, used a speech to the bishops Monday to emphasize the point.

In Kurtz, observers say, the bishops found a man in keeping with those views.

One of only four active American bishops with a master's degree in social work, he first made his name as the head of Catholic Charities in Allentown, Pa., where he was ordained a priest in 1972. He went on to become the bishop of Knoxville, Tenn., a position he held from 1999 through 2007 before being chosen archbishop of Louisville.

"He knows firsthand about service to the poor," said the Rev. John J. Conley, a professor of theology and philosophy at Loyola University Maryland.

Friends and parishioners, who know him as "Bishop Joe," say he has built much of his reputation on the sort of acts of charity Pope Francis favors.

He served as principal caretaker for an adult brother with Down syndrome, according to Rocco Palmo, the author of the widely read church insiders' blog "Whispers in the Loggia."

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore said he was "delighted" at the outcome and praised Kurtz as an administrator, consensus builder and leader on issues of family and abortion.

Lori said Kurtz's quiet generosity of spirit guides his actions.

Lori's parents live in Louisville. When his father fell ill, Lori said, he called the hospital room.

"I can't talk now," his mother told him. "The archbishop is here."

Kurtz had stopped in for a stealth visit.

"His kindness is a huge strength," said Lori. He said he and the other bishops were not surprised at the election results.

Kurtz, asked to articulate his priorities for the next three years, cited the pope's stated goals.

Those goals, he said, align with those the bishops are already supporting, including their push for immigration reform on humanitarian grounds, their commitment to human life from conception on, and the quest for "a robust expression of religious freedom," which he called "important to believers, but also to our nation."

Kurtz's election to the top spot signals a return to a long-standing tradition in the organization. For 54 years starting in 1956, every vice president who stood for the presidency was elected.

New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, now the departing president, broke that string in 2010 when he was elected over then-vice president Gerald Kicanas, the bishop of Tucson, largely on the strength of Dolan's media profile.

"Dolan is ebullient, an extrovert. It seemed as though every time you turned on '60 Minutes,' there he was," Conley said. "Kurtz is a quieter sort. He'll approach will be more low-key."

The president-elect himself had a chuckle at the contrast. In the end, though, he said the two might not be as different as they appear.

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KEITH-ALBEE GOES BLUE

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By ZACH HAUGHT
THE PARTHENON

The Blue Man Group took the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center spotlight Tuesday with a performance that captivated audiences.

The group combined elements of music, comedy, theatrics, technology and audience interaction for a unique performance.

Many Marshall University students were in attendance, including Tuesday Moats, junior biology major from Pendleton County, W.Va. Moats said she had only seen the group perform on YouTube.

"It just seemed like a really fun way to listen to music. It's visually entertaining as well as the music is entertaining," Moats said. "I'm kind of hoping they spray paint everywhere."

Brian Simmons, junior geology major from Pendleton County, had only experienced the group online as well. Aware that this tour combines both new and old elements of the show, he said he thought it would be a fun experience.

"I just want to see how they, you know, tie everything together and kind of incorporate

the new stuff with the old stuff," Simmons said.

The show opened to a projection screen rising to reveal the Blue Men. The center Blue Man drummed, splashing neon paint across the stage and into the audience.

A live drummer and keyboardist were featured in a transparent box above the stage. These musicians provided audio that set the tone for the performance.

The Blue Men also played a large role in the show's music. The audience enjoyed a piece in which the Blue Men drummed on plumbing pipes, adjusting the lengths to create interesting sounds.

Several large screens hung from the ceiling mimicking iPhones. The audience found humor in the illusions the Blue Men performed while playing with the phone's "applications."

Michael Peterson, junior biology major from Chesapeake, Va., said he was looking forward to this variety of methods for entertainment. He said that the show's enjoyment could not be limited to one particular aspect.

"I don't think there's one thing that you can enjoy," Peterson said. "I think like the music and like the lights and a bunch of guys in blue paint just put on an awesome show."

While the show provided light-hearted entertainment, it provided social commentary on daily interactions. Screens were used to have two-dimensional characters text each other, unwilling to speak face to face.

Connecting with the audience was a large part of the show. The Blue Men frequently entered the crowd to pick an attendee to partake in the performance, including swinging the attendee's paint-soaked body against canvas to create a piece of art.

The Blue Men connected to Huntington at

large as well. In a comedy segment involving a radio, the Blue Men stopped on the Marshall basketball game against Rio Grande, receiving a positive response.

Audience interaction reached its peak at the show's closing. A voice came over the sound system informing the audience that it was a dance party. The audience danced, laughed and cheered as music played, streamers were shot and large glowing balls were bounced throughout the venue.

The Blue Man Group will perform at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center again at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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LEFT: The Blue Man Group celebrates after the end of a performance featuring a percussive instrument with colored orbs that light up when struck. The group's performance Tuesday combined music, comedy, theatrics, technology and audience interaction to create the phenomenon that is Blue Man Group.

TODAY IN THE LIFE!

OPENING THIS WEEK

"Nebraska"

"The Best Man Holiday"

"Charlie Countryman"

"Dear Mr. Watterson"

"Faust"

"12-12-12"

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Will we ever know what the fox says? Ylvis' viral hit "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" will be transformed into a children's book. That's right, kids will now learn that the "ducks say quack" and "fish go blub" thanks to the lyrics composed by Norwegian comedic brothers Bard and Vegard Ylvisaker. Published by Simon & Schuster, the book will pair images with the lyrics in a 32-pages attempting to answer the eternal question, "But what does the fox say?"

SMILE ZAC!

Sorry ladies, Zac Efron won't be flashing that smile for a while. The actor's mouth was wired shut after he slipped at the entrance of his L.A.-area home Sunday and broke his jaw, E! News reports. Efron also suffered a gash that required stitches. He is expected to make a full recovery.

#HASHTAG OF THE YEAR

Justin Timberlake joins Matthew McConaughey, Kendrick Lamar, Will Ferrell and the late James Gandolfini on separate covers of GQ's 18th annual Men of the Year issue. The singer, actor and constant trending topic opens up about his reputation following the albums, movies and viral videos with Jimmy Fallon that made him a MOTY. "I don't see myself as someone who's ever going to be defined by one moment," Timberlake told GQ. "It's on the next." The December issue of the magazine hits newsstands Nov. 19.