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Time to rebuild

Fire at historic downtown Morris Building displaces residents and beloved Huntington restaurants



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ABOVE: Drew Hetzer, left, owner of Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar and The Peddler, sits beside his insurance agent Zach Keller as they assess the damage of his businesses following the Morris Building fire Sunday morning. BELOW: A supporting sign reading, "We support the Morris Building. Do your part," as it stands The Village Collection following the devastating fire Sunday morning.

By LEXI BROWNING FOR THE PARTHENON

A fire broke out early Sunday morning—wreaking havoc in Huntington's own backyard. Flames and smoke engulfed the six-story Morris Building on the intersection of Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street, causing tenants in apartments above Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar and The Peddler on the ground floor to flee from their residences.

At approximately 8:40 a.m., a Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar employee reported an explosion similar to that of a transformer blast and alerted residents in the apartments on the upper floors. All tenants exited the building safely.

The fire was contained to the roofing and elevator shaft of the Morris Building and was eventually extinguished by efforts of multiple volunteer fire departments outside the building around 1:15 p.m.

Drew Hetzer, owner of the two restaurants, said the building is planning to place a temporary roof in order

to rebuild and return his businesses to the same locations. The majority of the damage on the lower floors was due to the thousands of gallons of water pumped onto the building to extinguish the flames.

"We're going to try to salvage the building," Hetzer said. "But our first priority is making sure our employees are taken care of. When we reopen, we're going to come on full-force."

The Morris Building, constructed in 1919 as a hotel, has housed several businesses, including Foard-Harwood Shoes. Hetzer opened his first restaurant on the first floor in July of 2012. Due to its older structure, the building had no sprinklers or smoke detectors inside.

Before it can be reopened for use, Huntington Fire Chief Carl Eastham is requiring that the Morris Building and all other buildings that exceed three floors must install sprinkler systems by 2017.

The devastating fire sparked a massive response from the downtown community—signs, tip donations, and a GoFundMe campaign that has raised



almost \$15,000 out of a target \$20,000 goal offering proceeds to the owner of Backyard Pizza and The Peddler, Hetzer and his crew.

The community-wide response has also prompted a fundraising concert at the V-Club Friday with proceeds funding the Morris Building's displaced citizens. The show, consisting of Downton King, Deadbeats & Barkers and AC30 is scheduled to begin around 10 p.m. and is open to anyone 18 and over with a donation of \$10.

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How to Help

Donate to the employees who work at Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar/The Peddler at <http://www.gofundme.com/>

Donate to the tenants of the Morris Building at <http://www.gofundme.com/c7ijbk> & fundraising concert at the V-Club Friday featuring Downton King, Deadbeats and Barkers, and AC30. Donation of \$10 to enter. Must be 18 or older.

Donate to both Saturday at Rio Grande on Fourth Avenue. The restaurant will donate 20 percent of profits, as well as match that donation by 20 percent.

Snapchat value could hit \$10 billion with possible Alibaba investment

By ANDREA CHANGE LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Last year, Snapchat decided Facebook's \$3-billion offer wasn't cool. You know what's cool? \$10 billion.

The Venice, Calif., start-up is reportedly in talks with investors, including Chinese e-commerce behemoth Alibaba Group Holdings, for a round of financing that would value Snapchat at \$10 billion.

The discussions are ongoing and terms could change, according to a Bloomberg report, which cited unnamed sources with knowledge of the situation.

If a deal happens, it would be vindication for Snapchat, which spurned a \$3-billion takeover offer from Facebook last year to the bewilderment of tech watchers. Google, too, tried to acquire the company, which enables users to send messages that disappear seconds after they're viewed.

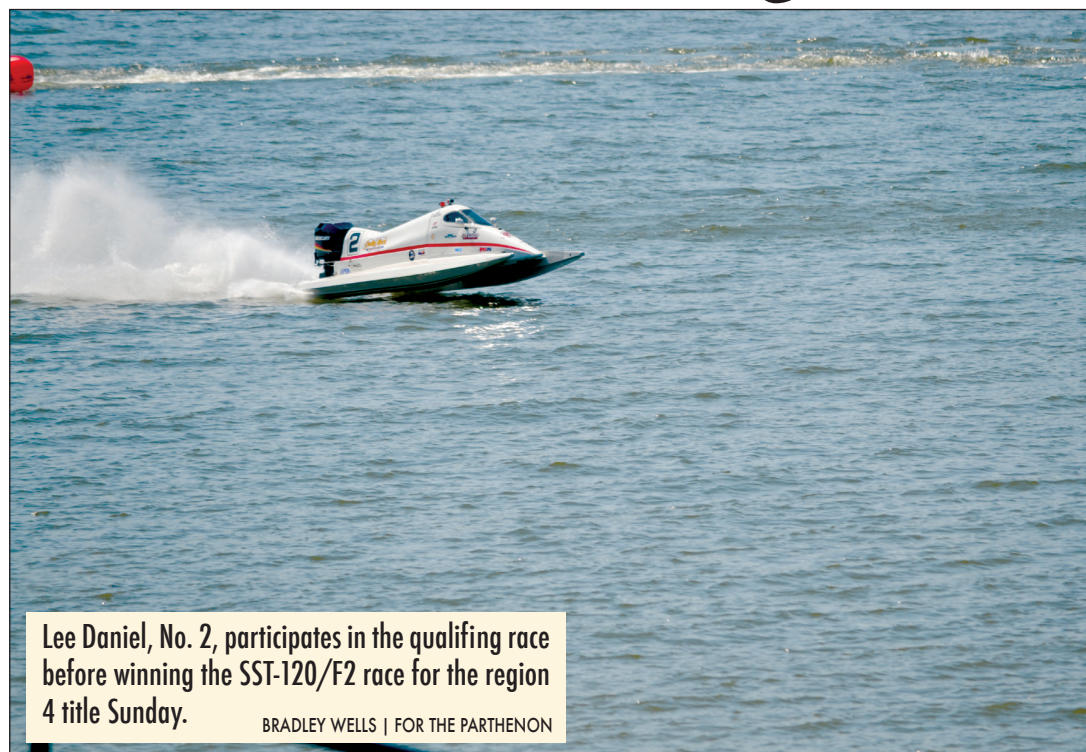
But Snapchat executives insisted then that they were in it for the long run and were not content to sell out and turn over the reins of the young company.

Snapchat Chief Executive Evan Spiegel and spokeswoman Mary Ritti did not return an email and a call for comment. A spokesman for Alibaba declined to comment.

Alibaba is preparing to go public later this year in what could be the biggest initial public offering ever. This month, in a regulatory filing, Alibaba said its valuation was \$130 billion. Analysts estimate the company, which is bigger than Amazon and eBay combined, could raise \$15 billion to \$20 billion in its IPO.

Revitalizing the Classic Regatta

The Huntington Classic Regatta draws large crowd to riverfront over the weekend



Lee Daniel, No. 2, participates in the qualifying race before winning the SST-120/F2 race for the region 4 title Sunday.

BRADLEY WELLS | FOR THE PARTHENON

By GEOFFREY FOSTER NEWS EDITOR

Although the Huntington Classic Boat Race has occurred annually since 2011, last weekend saw the event take an impressive step forward to a full-fledged regatta. Aside from its core event, the power boat races, the Huntington Classic Regatta also featured a wide array of food vendors, a petting zoo, a waterways expo, carnival rides, auto shows, a pizza eating contest and live music.

Dan Ferguson, the chairman of the event, said this year marks the return of an annual

regatta not seen in Huntington for 14 years.

"I was involved in Summerfest in the late 80s and 90s in Huntington," Ferguson said. "That was a ten day regatta. It ended in 1999 and now we are trying to create something like that again. This is the fourth year for boat racing, but this is the first year that we are holding the event for 3 days with extra attractions—boat racing, the carnival, the petting zoo, a car show, a motorcycle show, the waterways expo—so, we are really raising the bar this year. It's all relative to money. The money we raise through

sponsors is spent on the event. We're happy to say that we don't charge admission, which means it's free to the public and it won't cost anything, but we want attendees to support our vendors."

Ferguson said the return of a Huntington regatta was organized at the behest of Mayor Steve Williams when he took office in 2013.

"Mayor Williams is very aggressive with promoting events in Huntington," Ferguson said. "When he became mayor, he called me into a meeting and

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NEWS

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West Virginia Hot Dog Festival celebrates its 10th year

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Festival-goers attend the 10th Annual West Virginia Hot Dog Festival Saturday, July 26 at Pullman Square in downtown Huntington. The festival featured 78 vendors/exhibitors, live music, dog races and several contests.

By **GEOFFREY FOSTER**
NEWS EDITOR

With the exception of the hamburger, and possibly apple pie, there is nothing more American than the hot dog. It is emblematic of our culture. You can find hot dog vendors on every street corner in Manhattan and every ballpark in the country. If there is one food that is very easy to find in Huntington, it is the hot dog. For John Mandt Jr., owner of Stewart's Original Hot Dogs and the creator of the West Virginia Hot Dog Festival, hot dogs have been a family tradition since his great-grandfather opened the location 82 years ago. Mandt said he created the festival 10 years ago out of a desire to help the local community.

"Being the oldest restaurant of any kind in our area, I wanted to give back to the community that has supported my family for so long," Mandt said. "I thought, 'Why not a hot dog festival?' So, I approached Judy Jennings, the general manager of Clear Channel Radio and I got a hold of Kym York-Blake, who has been my rep for 25 years. We did some brainstorming and came up with the event. We called it the West Virginia Hot Dog Festival because I didn't want it to be a Stewart's event; I wanted other hot dog restaurants to be involved as well. We also wanted to raise money for an organization through the event, so I chose pediatric oncology. My parents

lost two children in the sixties, my brother had a brain tumor and my sister also died at a young age, so I chose to support what has now become The Hoops Family Children's Hospital. We have raised over \$130,000 to date."

Another vendor present at the festival was Midway Drive-In, a 76-year-old hot dog restaurant located in Huntington's west end. Cory Hutchinson, co-owner of Midway, said he is glad to be part of a festival that raises money for such a worthy cause.

"This is our sixth year at the festival," Hutchinson said. "We have a great relationship with John Mandt and the other vendors here. We are part of the same community and we come together every year for the same cause. We're here for the kids and to give back to the community. We're real happy to be here."

Aside from the hot dog vendors, there were several booths set up to represent charitable organizations geared towards children. One such company was The Ghostbusters West Virginia Division (inspired by the classic film of the same name) which raises funds for The Children's Home Society of West Virginia and The American Heart Association. Kevin Pauley, one of four members decked out in full Ghostbusters regalia, said Ghostbusters-themed items generate the money they raise for the organizations they represent.

"Seventy-five percent of everything we sell—comic books, buttons, patches—go straight to the charity. The remaining 25 percent goes back into getting merchandise made, so we can make more money for the charity. We don't use the money for any of our personal stuff, we just aim to make sure our charities are taken care of."

The festival also featured dog races, a dog parade, wrestling matches, car shows, a hot dog eating contest, a root beer chugging contest, a 5k race, a 10k race and a charity walk. Throughout the day, attendees were treated to live music by Kayla DeHart & Rivertown, Chain Reaction, Stephen Salyers, Butterfly Effect and City Heat.

"It's a cool event," Mandt said. "This is one of the few hot dog events in West Virginia, but hot dogs are all-American. The average American eats 60 hot dogs a year. So, I knew that a hot dog festival would attract a lot of people. I wanted to set a precedent and be a leader who could get everybody else on board to help out. Everyone here works together and is focused on raising money for the Hoops Family Children's Hospital."

The West Virginia Hot Dog Festival occurs annually on the last Saturday of July. The 11th event will take place July 25, 2015 at Pullman Square.

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John Mandt Jr., partnered with Clear Channel Radio, created the festival in 2004.

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said he wanted the regatta back, so that's the direction we're going in. I have a lot of committee people that help me with the regatta. Over the winter months, we meet and plan the event. The mayor sits in on a few of those meetings with us. We tell him what our thoughts are and he endorses our ideas."

Many of the attractions at the regatta, which took place at Harris Riverfront Park July 25-27, were geared toward families with children. Chief among these attractions was a petting zoo and a full carnival provided by Myers Amusements. The Waterways Expo, which featured a presentation for children by Gene and Jeannie Zopp, was also a major attraction. Ed Robinson, the chief marketing officer for TPG Marine

Enterprises, said the expo was designed to educate people about the importance of this region's waterway industries.

"The purpose of the expo is to demonstrate the kinds of jobs that are available on the waterways and the impact that the waterways have on the local and national economy," Robinson said. "If we didn't move grain on the rivers, bread would cost you \$15 at Kroger. Electricity rates and building costs would go up as well. We just want people to know more about what we do and push for us because we are an invisible industry. We have the expo here because Huntington is the largest inland port in America, so there is no better place to talk about the waterways."

The regatta's racing events occurred both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's events mainly involved qualifying races in preparation for the

Sunday finals, where drivers competed for the American Powerboat Racing Association's Region 4 title.

Lee Daniel, a boat racer from South Carolina and winner of the SST-120/F2 race, said racing has been a part of his life since he was a child.

"My dad has been racing all his life, so I grew up around it," Daniel said. "So, when I was old enough, I decided that I wanted to race boats, too. So, you could say I'm a second generation racer. This year will be my 22nd year of racing and I've been to Huntington several times for the last four or five years of that. We used to run a circuit down here and we enjoy racing here very much. I also race in Ohio, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Georgia and Florida."

The winner of the SST-60/F3

race was Jeff Vasko of Logan, Ohio.

Overall, Ferguson said he was very pleased with this year's turnout.

"This year we had about 5000 people attend the event, compared to maybe 200 or 300 in past years," Ferguson said. "Back in the old days of Summerfest, this field was packed with people, but we're going to grow. We had a good crowd today."

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Lee Daniel of North Augusta, South Carolina, with his custom built 1998 Pugh boat. Daniel won the SST-120/F2 race for the region 4 title Sunday.

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QIET ON THE SET

Local band opens for Old Crow Medicine Show

FOR THE PARTHENON

From gypsy rock to ska-like beats, local band Qiet brought the crowd at Appalachian Power Park to their feet.

Old Crow Medicine Show headlined during the Clay Center Presents A summer Night of Bands Saturday, July 26, with their country-esque sound. Other acts such as Randolph and the Family Band smoothed things out with jazz on stage.

Opening the show was none other than Huntington locals, Qiet. Do not be fooled by the name, Qiet is anything but, featuring a touring drummer and a guest vocalist for Summer Jam, with their usual four piece ensemble.

As the band took the stage, Chris Vincent, lead singer, stepped up to the mic and said "Sorry, I had to change my shoes." From start to finish, the show was Qiet's own sort of awkward that creates a unique environment. People from the stands began filtering down in front of the stage, dancing and forming a crowd.

Qiet's sound is unpredictable, as their set list produces song after song with diverse genres. Indeed that was heard, and several people took part in a individual "to each his own" dance.

Crowd dancer Mark Boggess of Campbell's Creek said "They were pretty great."

Fellow dancer Mackenzie Krauss of Campbell's Creek said "I loved them, I am always up for new music."

All in all, the band threw its all at the show. Vincent even danced the tango with his guitar, and the crowd loved it. Simply, only the best could be expected from Qiet next.

Qiet frontman Chris Vincent plays the guitar at Appalachian Power Park Saturday, July 26th.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Is West Virginia ready for same-sex marriage this year?

About one month ago, same-sex marriage supporters in the Mountain state were eagerly awaiting a 4th Circuit Court ruling to determine whether a Virginia court case would result in the termination of its same-sex marriage ban.

The Circuit Court made its decision Monday with a 2-1 vote determining that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional.

The ruling was yet another step forward for same-sex marriage in West Virginia since it is part of the 4th Circuit and its lower courts are tied to the precedent that has been set by the Virginia case.

In fact, a federal case similar

to Virginia's was already set in motion by three West Virginia couples, and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Robert C. Chambers planned to await the higher court ruling before making his decision.

If West Virginia's marriage ban is struck down, it will at the very least grant recognition and benefits to same-sex couples legally married in other states.

Right now, the ruling is up in the air for West Virginia and could go a number of ways. Both supporters of and those opposed to same-sex marriage have their reasons to be optimistic about the outcome.

It may be a while before West

Virginia starts seeing any real changes because of the ruling, but it is no secret that West Virginia is liberalizing.

It has reached a point where the citizens of West Virginia want a change, and they are taking it anyway they can get it, even if that means celebrating every small victory on the road to marriage equality.

Although the ruling doesn't mean anything solid for West Virginia just yet, it is still interesting to see how the whole process is taking place state by state.

The progress being made on the issue throughout the entire country is really groundbreaking. As of now, 20 states and

the District of Columbia issue same-sex marriage licenses.

Obviously, the biggest unknown right now is if, when and how a United States Supreme Court ruling could change the situation. Judges across the country have been making decisions on the issue, but ultimately, the Supreme Court has the power to uphold the bans as unconstitutional or go the other way. It remains entirely to be seen.

Best-case scenario, West Virginia will see marriage equality before fall. Worst case scenario, the case gets swept under the rug and ignored until another one comes to light, but that doesn't seem likely.

Online Polls

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- Swimming
- Reading
- Playing video games

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COLUMN

Amazing Independence

This is the seventh in a series of columns about Halie's experiences in Tanzania.

By **HALIE PUTOREK**
GUEST COLUMNIST

I am a babysitter. I know all about "don't touch that!" or the all time favorite, "your parents are going to kill me."

However, before coming to Tanzania, I had never experienced that serious moment of fear for a child's safety like I did the first day of my volunteer assignment. There was a small boy, about two years old. I asked how the kids got to school, and the teacher told me they walked, often unsupervised. Upon hearing that, I nearly fainted.

In the United States, parents would hesitate to allow their kids to walk a few houses over unsupervised, much less walk to school alone at the age of two or three. I was shocked at the complete independence of children in Moshi.

For instance, if a child hits another child, not only do the children not get scolded, they also do not get comforted if they begin to cry. In the United States, however, the crying child would often get comforted and consoled.

There are several pros and cons to children gaining independence at an earlier age. If a child is more independent they may become better critical thinkers as they get older and may have more opportunities to branch out without the interruption of overbearing parents. For instance, the program director at a volunteer organization in Moshi told us about a time when her own daughter, a three-year-old, got lost.

She said that her daughter often plays in the neighborhood and goes on walks. In Tanzania, child abductions are a rarity - sometimes happening only once every few years.

The old saying "it takes a village to raise a child" truly resonates among Tanzanians. When the director's

daughter went missing, an adult from the neighborhood soon called her to tell her where her daughter was. She still allows the three year old to wander around the neighborhood.

In many ways, however, independence is a very complex term and must be considered a psychological development - not a trait that can be taught and forced upon a young child.

The brain is responsible for many independence-related concepts. That being said, a less mature brain is unable to process ideas involved in problem solving.

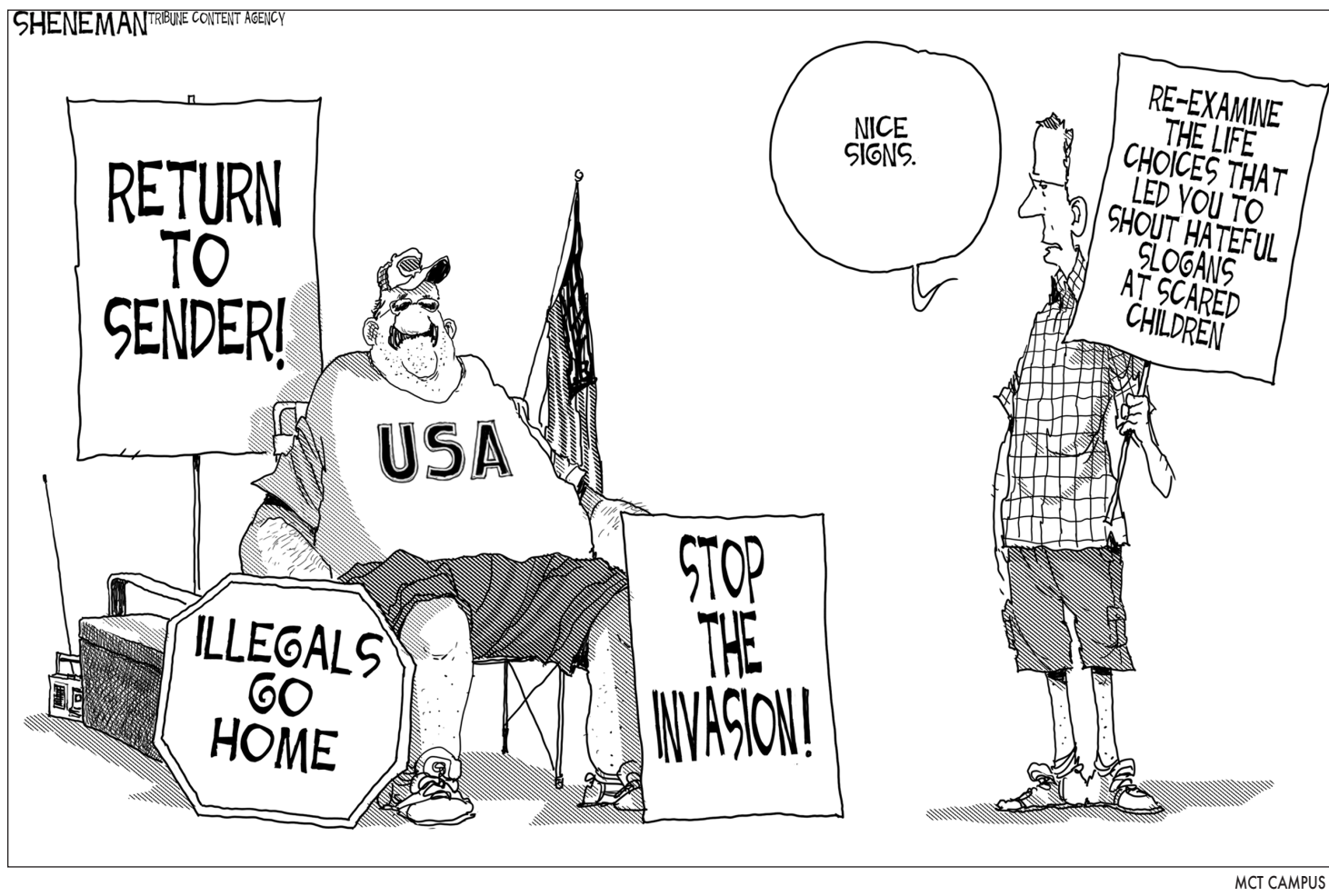
At certain ages, "stranger danger" is not even a concept. In America, if a small child walks into a crowd, for instance, they may not have the ability to reason through what is happening and might panic, making the situation worse.

They are unable to retrace their steps, and getting lost is a very common occurrence. If a stranger approaches a small child telling them "your parents asked me to bring you home," the child might just go with the stranger. These are genuine concerns for most parents in America.

In Tanzania, however, parents and caregivers do not consider these scenarios as realistic. Because the communities are small, everyone knows everyone. "Hakuna Matata," or "no worries," is a common and logical response to any concerns.

Tight knit neighborhoods and generalized concern for others' well being allows for earlier independence in children. The concept, while foreign, offers new perspectives that in time may prove to be valuable in their own ways.

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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

A threat to the free flow of information on the Internet

CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

The beauty of the Internet is that it accumulates once-unimaginable stores of information and makes them accessible instantly from anywhere with the click of a mouse. But if you believe the European Court of Justice, that's not a feature; it's a bug.

The court recently upheld what is known as "the right to be forgotten." If you do something you would rather people didn't know about, the World Wide Web is not your friend. It retains such items permanently, allowing search engines to find them. The court says that needs to change. After a certain amount of time has passed, it decided, people should be able to lock unwelcome incidents away.

The verdict came in a suit by a Spanish lawyer who wanted to suppress a 1998 legal notice that his house was being repossessed to pay his debts. He has since gotten his financial affairs in order and resented that the information kept popping up

on Google and other search engines. He went to court and won. Though the evidence will remain online, search engines will be required to sever the links that allow users to find it.

This policy may sound like a potential blessing to anyone who's ever been involved in anything mortifying and public, or anyone who's ever posted a tweet or a photo only to regret it. But the decision has ominous implications for those who value unrestricted access to valuable knowledge.

You may not want the world to know you got arrested on a minor charge in your youth. But you might like to be able to learn everything possible about the prospective suitor who seems too good to be true. The trade-off we all make for infinite information is less ability to protect secrets, and on net, it's clearly a beneficial deal. That's why Internet users sign up for entertaining sites that suck up large quantities of personal data for marketing purposes.

In the United States, it's not likely a "right to be forgotten" policy would ever gain traction. Barring Web firms from disseminating accurate material merely because someone doesn't like it would violate constitutional rights. The rule decreed by the European Court would let bad actors conceal facts that others might regard as vital. As legendary First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams put it, "The United States seeks to protect privacy in a variety of ways but not by criminalizing truth-telling."

The danger in Europe is that Google & Co. will adopt a practical default custom of taking down items when anyone objects. If there is some legal risk, search engines will be under strong pressure to err on the side of denying access to information.

The impact of a permanent record that you can't escape may seem greater now than it will be in the future. If everything people do is retained forever, people are likely to

place less importance on minor misconduct than they did when such episodes tended to fade away. More knowledge will breed more forgiveness.

Not only that, but if many people feel an urgent need to suppress evidence of their past mistakes, they are not defenseless. Internet tools already offer ways to fight back.

Michael Fertik, founder of Reputation.com, told MarketWatch that anyone who's worried can manipulate search results to lessen the risk: "Claim your Google real estate now. Create videos and blogs in your name and create your own URL with your first and last name. Post photos of yourself on your site and tag with your name." No doubt other entrepreneurs are brainstorming creative ways to make unwelcome information less visible.

That's a better way to address the problem than a government-imposed censorship regime. In the Internet age, information wants to be free. As a rule, it's best to let it.

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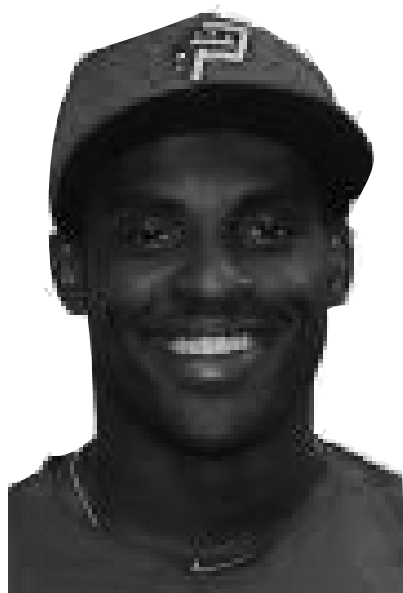
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Herd Baseball minor league update



BALLOU

By Braxton Crisp
FOR THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's baseball season wrapped up in May, but throughout the summer, the Herd has still been represented throughout the Minor Leagues by a handful of former players. Currently, Marshall has seven players on Minor League rosters, from the Arizona Rookie League to Triple-A.

Isaac Ballou was stationed in centerfield for his career with the Herd, but in the Washington Nationals organization, he's been in left field at both Single-A Hagerstown and got promoted to High-A Potomac last Friday. Overall this season, he's batting .270 with 37 extra-base hits, 56 RBI and 47 walks. He's also stolen 23 bases on 31 attempts.

Aaron Blair is the No. 4 prospect in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization and No. 87 in all of baseball as named by Major League Baseball. He started the season with Single-A South Bend and after six starts was promoted to High-A Visalia. Blair was moved to Double-A Mobile on July 15 after 13 starts. This season, Blair has a 7-4 record with a 3.85 earned run average in 21 games, all of them starts. Opponents are batting .224 off of him and he's struck out 141 batters, good enough for second in all of the minors, compared to walking just 36 batters. Blair was named Southern League Pitcher of the Week for the week ending July 27.

Joe Church has split time in the San Diego Padres organization between Double-A San Antonio and High-A Lake Elsinore this year, and owns a 4.35 ERA in 20.2 innings pitched. He's been exclusively a reliever, and has occasionally been asked to go more than an inning out of the bullpen. Despite his high ERA, opponents are batting just .229 off of him and he has nearly a strikeout an inning, tallying 18 thus far.

Kevin Shackelford started the year on the 40-man roster of the Milwaukee Brewers while with Brevard County in High-A. After 12 relief appearances, 5 saves and a sterling 0.87 ERA in the Florida State League, he was promoted to Huntsville in Double-A, but has struggled against Southern League batters. On July 17 he was designated for assignment

by the Brewers, which allowed him to be claimed off waivers by any other club, but no one took him, so he accepted his assignment to remain with Huntsville, while not on the Brewers' 40-man roster. His ERA with Huntsville currently sits at 5.91 through 27 appearances and 35 innings. In his most recent game, he pitched three innings of relief, giving up three earned runs on five hits with a walk.

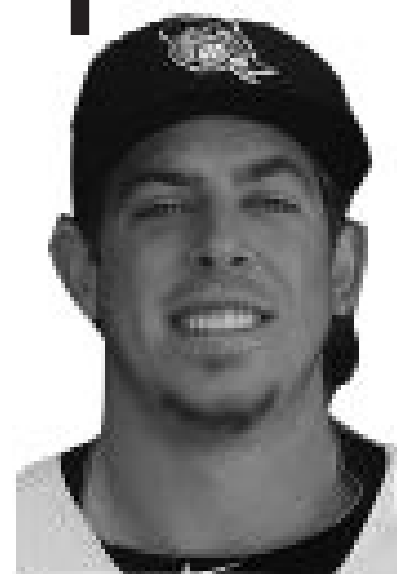
Arik Sikula is tied for fourth in the Minors with 23 saves, all of them coming while with Dunedin in High-A as part of the Toronto Blue Jays organization. He was promoted to Double-A New Hampshire earlier in the season, but did not record a save while with the club. He later returned to Dunedin and has continued his success. On the season, he has a 2.20 ERA and has walked just eight batters in 45 innings compared to 63 strikeouts.

Dan Straily began the 2014 season as part of the Oakland Athletics' opening day rotation and made seven starts for the A's, going 1-2 with a 4.93 ERA. He was sent down to Triple-A Sacramento on May 7 and made 10 starts with a 4-3 record and a 4.71 ERA. On July 4, he was part of the package the A's sent to the Chicago Cubs along with two prospects and a player to be named later in exchange for starting pitchers Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel. Straily has been with the Cub's Triple-A squad in Iowa since the trade and has yet to earn a win in 4 starts in his new uniform, but remains on the Chicago 40-man roster.

Greg Williams is in the Texas Rangers organization, and has been in two separate levels of rookie league baseball this year, in Spokane of the Northwest League and the AZL Rangers of the Rookie Arizona League. He has thrown in just four games this year after missing all of the 2013 season. In 2012, he pitched in three leagues, spending most of the season with Single-A Hickory.

Even though things may be slow in Huntington for Herd baseball, Marshall is still being represented throughout all levels of the Minor Leagues.

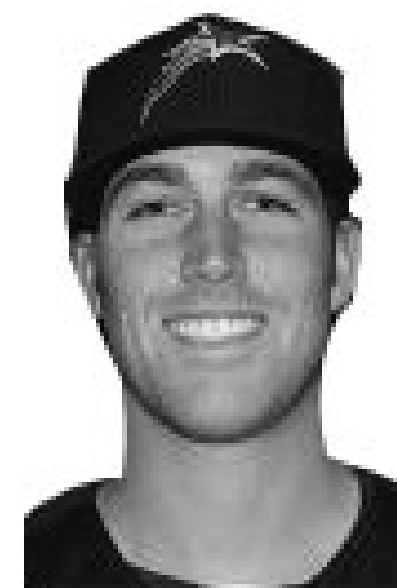
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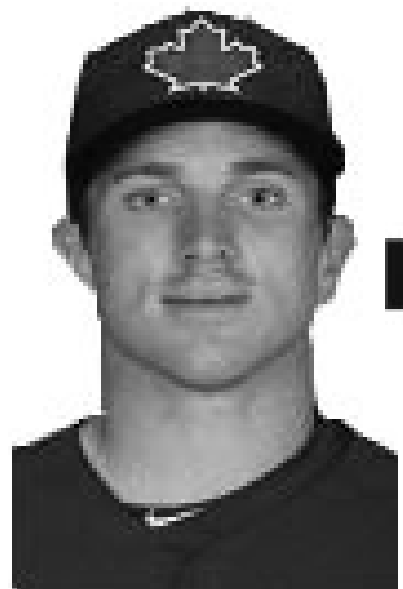
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Marshall Athletics News Briefs Herd announces official Cato for Heisman campaign

HERDZONE

With quarterback Rakeem Cato primed for his senior season and Marshall football forecast for significant national attention, the Thundering Herd today launched an official "CatoIn14" Heisman Trophy campaign.

Cato enters the 2014 season as the preseason Conference USA Player of the Year after leading the Herd to a 10-4 season in 2013, capped by a Military Bowl victory over Maryland. The Herd is picked to win its first C-USA title this season, and there are some forecasting a major bowl bid.

The Miami native is named on numerous national award watch lists and is poised to break MU passing records owned by Herd legends Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich.

The initial launch of the Cato campaign features the CatoIn14.com website with video highlights and features, biographical information, statistics, records and more. Along with the website, all Cato information on Twitter can be found on @HerdZone or @HerdFB.

The CatoIn14.com site features a video player that outlines one touchdown from every game during Cato's 32-game streak of consecutive outings with a TD pass. He leads all active FBS players. The FBS record is 38 by Russell Wilson (2009-11 at N.C. State; 2011 at Wisconsin).

Cato also is featured on several billboards in the Tri-State area, and there will be a special promotion dedicated to the star quarterback during one of the Herd's home games this season.

In 39 games in three seasons, Cato has hit 886-of-1,387 passes (63.9 percent) for 10,176 yards and 91 touchdowns. In the red zone, he has thrown for 58 touchdowns with only one interception. The 6-foot, 188-pound QB also has rushed for an additional 357 yards and 7 scores.

He was the 2012 C-USA Most Valuable Player and the 2013 C-USA Offensive Player of the Year.

Cato and the Herd open the 2014 season at Miami (Ohio) on Aug. 30, in a 3:30 p.m. kickoff (ESPN3), and play the first of six regular-season home games on Sept. 6 against Rhode Island in a 7 p.m. start.

Grooms, Herd part ways after third arrest in 16 months

THE PARTHENON

Rising redshirt junior running back Kevin Grooms was dismissed from the Thundering Herd football program Saturday, July 26.

Grooms, 22, was dismissed due to a violation of team rules and policies, according to a statement released by Marshall Athletics Saturday.

According to the Western Regional Jail, Grooms was arrested Saturday on charges of misdemeanor domestic assault by threat, felony burglary and daytime breaking and entering, misdemeanor petit larceny and fleeing on foot.

This is the third time since April 2013 Grooms has been arrested.

Grooms was arrested Sunday, April 21, 2013 and charged with

obstruction and underage consumption, both misdemeanors.

A little more than seven months later, Grooms was arrested Saturday, November 30, 2013, and charged with domestic battery. His November arrest resulted in an indefinite suspension from the Herd football program.

Last season, Grooms has rushed for 503 yards on 91 carries and six touchdowns.

Grooms' dismissal leaves five running backs on the Herd's roster with redshirt juniors Steward Butler, Remi Watson and Assani Mudimbi, junior Kevin Rodriguez and redshirt sophomore Cody Carter.

Marshall will add two freshmen, Brandon Byrd and Tony Pittman, to its stable of running backs once fall camp begins Monday, August 4.

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