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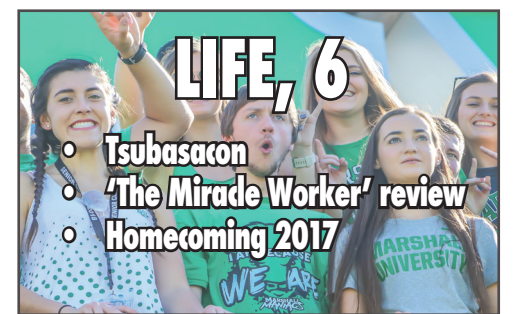
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Frights for Philanthropy

SigEp's "CarnEvil"-themed haunted house starts Friday, with proceeds benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State

By **HUNTER ELLIS**
THE PARTHENON

In an effort to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State, Marshall University's chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) will have their fourth annual haunted house this weekend and Hallo-weekend. The haunted house will be open Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28 from 8-11:30 p.m., and the cost is \$5 a ticket.

The theme of the haunted house this year will be CarnEvil. Amongst many other things targeting adults' childhood fears, the tour will feature haunted carnival games and psychopathic clowns. The haunted house will be located at 1401 5th Ave. in Huntington.

All of the proceeds will be donated to

help local kids in the community is a pretty funny concept."

Danny Bostic, former SigEp president and founder of the haunted house, said he always liked the idea of dressing up and scaring people, but instead of throwing a Halloween party for themselves, they wanted to contribute to their philanthropic duties while having just as much fun.

"My favorite part is seeing people's reactions at the end," Bostic said. "Some people love it, and some people hate it, but that's the weird part about Halloween: people pay to hate it. That's the wicked part."

SigEp has been a local chapter at Marshall since 1947 and also accredits themselves



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Volunteers from last year's SigEp haunted house dressed in a variety of terrifying costumes. While previous years' events have drawn in a handful of visitors each night, volunteer Stacy Parsley says social media engagements have recently reached into the thousands, setting higher expectations for this year's turnout.



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Volunteer Rachel Mullen frightened guests as a possessed doll during last year's haunted house.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State, which strives to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-on-one relationships that change their lives for the better through community based and school based mentoring programs.

Stacy Parsley, annual haunted house volunteer, said this year their social media promotions have reached engagements into the thousands. She said they usually get a handful of visitors every night and raise a couple hundred dollars for the charity, but this year they're hoping to "blow it out of the park."

"We go all out every year with special effects, costumes, props and the different themes, but it's especially exciting with the momentum behind it this year," Parsley said. "Raising money for charity is always fulfilling, but getting to scare the community to

with changing the lives of students for the better, according to Bostic. Bostic said SigEp members are encouraged to hold themselves accountable for the choices they make and place equal emphasis on the philanthropic, educational, personal development and social aspects of membership.

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Marshall Athletics, Interfraternity Council raise funds for pediatric cancer research

By **BREANNA FRANCIS**
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While Marshall University men's soccer beat University of Kentucky 1-0 Saturday, Marshall Athletics in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council raised \$407 for pediatric cancer research during their Boot Out Cancer event at the stadium.

Tyler Able, director of marketing for Marshall Athletics, said he had the idea to start fundraising early for the annual Thunder Dance dance-a-thon by having the T-shirt table at the game.

"Thunder Dance always goes to helping pediatric cancer research, and I wanted to get the idea out there earlier in the year and start fundraising," Able said. "I got the idea for the name, 'Boot Out Cancer,' from the cleats used in multiple sports here on campus. I got

"While most Greek organizations have their own philanthropies, we still like to branch out and do what we can to help."

- Rick Farlow, Interfraternity Council vice president

T-shirts made with the cleat design that said, 'Saturdays are for booting out cancer' and, with a minimum donation of \$2, people were able to get a shirt and be a part of this good deed."

Able was not alone in planning the fundraiser and, wanting to involve other organizations on campus, he approached Rick Farlow, the Interfraternity Council vice president of public relations and senior journalism major.

"Tyler approached me about the shirts and tabling, and I was really excited to get involved," Farlow said. "Thunder Dance is a huge deal on campus and getting the fundraising started early is only going to help make it even bigger this year. And, while most Greek organizations have their own philanthropies,

we still like to branch out and do what we can to help."

Able said his undergraduate experience with dance marathons at the University of Kentucky made him want to bring that passion to his position at Marshall.

"I attended the dance marathons every year during my undergrad, and I had so much fun dancing and raising money and awareness," Able said. "I really wanted to bring that excitement to my position here at Marshall and get the students and community ready for helping to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer research with cool shirts and a great message."

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Road bond victory leads to new construction plans by Dept. of Transportation



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West Virginia Department of Transportation workers digging into a section of a state road during a construction project.

By PHIL KABLER
WV PRESS ASSOCIATION

Following the “wonderful success” of passage of the state road bond referendum Oct. 7, state Transportation Secretary Tom Smith told legislators Sunday the state will be moving deliberately on what ultimately could be the issuance of a total of \$2.6 billion of road bonds.

In the first phase, Smith said the state will be closing on \$260 million of federally financed GARVEE bonds by the end of the month.

That will fund 13 interstate reconstruction projects and 18 bridge replacements around the state, Smith told a legislative interim committee Sunday.

Over the past 10 years, the state has done 7 miles of interstate reconstruction, on Interstate 79 near Weston, Smith said. The GARVEE bond sale will fund 60 miles of interstate reconstruction, he said.

“It’s high time we get to make that kind of repair to our interstates,” he said.

Smith noted that, over time, repeated “mill and fill” resurfacing of interstates becomes less and less effective.

He said both Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s rating services have given the bond issue a strong AA rating.

Legislation passed in the special session in June increased the amount of GARVEE bonds the state can sell from \$200 million to \$500 million, and Smith noted, “We want to get to that \$500 million limit as soon as we can.”

At current interest rates, the \$500 million will require using about \$55 million a year of federal highway funds to pay down the bond debt, he said.

Conversely, Smith said the state plans to take a slower, incremental approach to selling up to \$500 million of Parkway Authority bonds, beginning with a \$100 million bond issue likely this spring.

He said that will provide an opportunity to

see how the bond market reacts to Gov. Jim Justice’s unprecedented “Mountaineers Drive Free” mandate that will allow passenger-vehicle owners to purchase EZ-Pass transponders, providing unlimited use of the West Virginia Turnpike for no more than \$25 a year.

Smith said the first round of Parkway bonds probably will not be ready to go to market until April or May.

While the road-building legislation gives the Parkway Authority broad power to create new toll roads, Smith said there are realistically very few opportunities for new toll roads in the state.

“We always want to retain it as a tool in the toolbox, but tolling interstates is exceedingly difficult,” he said.

In large metropolitan areas with heavy traffic congestion, localities can add interstate lanes and toll them as express lanes, Smith said. However, no West Virginia cities have enough interstate traffic to justify that option, he said.

He said there are a very limited number of state highways planned or under construction that will have enough out-of-state and commercial vehicle traffic to justify tolls, with Corridor H potentially being one.

Meanwhile, Smith said a \$100 million pay-as-you-go plan to upgrade secondary roads will be doubled to \$200 million.

The secondary road plan was originally announced shortly after the Legislature passed the \$140-million-a-year package of new Road Fund revenue to underwrite \$1.6 billion of general obligation bonds.

Because those road bonds will be sold in phases over four years, Smith said the full \$140 million a year won’t be needed to pay bond debt for several years.

“The long and short of it is, it will allow us to get another \$100 million of work done on secondary roads,” he said.

Trump to possibly withdraw drug czar nominee, Marino

By MATTHEW DALY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump raised the possibility of withdrawing his nomination of Republican Rep. Tom Marino Monday to be the nation’s drug czar, following reports that the lawmaker played a key role in passing a bill weakening federal authority to stop companies from distributing opioids.

Trump told reporters at a Rose Garden news conference that he will look at reports by The Washington Post and CBS News “very closely.”

“If I think it’s 1 percent negative to doing what we want to do, I will make a change,” Trump said.

The Washington Post and CBS’ “60 Minutes” reported Sunday on the 2016 law, which weakened the Drug

Enforcement Administration’s authority to stop companies from distributing opioids. Marino, in his fourth term representing northeastern Pennsylvania, played a key role in the law along with a handful of other Republicans.

Trump called Marino “a good man,” but said, somewhat ominously, “We’re going to be looking into Tom.”

Democrats called on Trump to withdraw Marino’s nomination.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said confirming Marino as the nation’s drug czar was like “putting the wolf in charge of the henhouse.”

“The American people deserve someone totally committed to fighting the opioid crisis, not someone who has labored on behalf of the drug

industry,” Schumer said.

Sen. Joe Manchin, whose home state of West Virginia has been among the hardest-hit by the opioid epidemic, said he was horrified at the accounts of the 2016 law and Marino’s role in it.

Manchin scolded the Obama administration for failing to “sound the alarm on how harmful that bill would be for our efforts to effectively fight the opioid epidemic” that kills an estimated 142 people a day nationwide.

In a letter to Trump, Manchin called the opioid crisis “the biggest public health crisis since HIV/AIDS,” and said, “We need someone leading the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy who believes we must protect our people, not the pharmaceutical industry.”

Marshall sorority raises campus awareness for domestic violence

By BREANNA FRANCIS
THE PARTHENON

Alpha Chi Omega is preparing for their candlelight vigil at the end of October with other fundraisers and tabling as part as Domestic Abuse Awareness Month.

“Our philanthropy is domestic abuse awareness, and we work with local shelters to raise funds and supplies to help those escaping dangerous situations,” Natasha McFarland, vice president of philanthropy for Alpha Chi Omega and junior health care management student, said. “Domestic abuse is such a taboo topic because of people’s upbringing and beliefs, and we want to show students and the community that this behavior is not normal and not okay.”

McFarland said their fundraising benefits local shelters, such as Branches in Huntington, and helps them to obtain resources for those who came

to them seeking help.

“We are working together with Delta Zeta to gather coats for people in shelters for the upcoming winter,” McFarland said. “We’ve also been holding a lot of events this month, especially to try and really get the word out. We have already done ‘Pie an Alpha Chi,’ where someone pays \$1, \$2, or \$3 and depending on what they paid, could pie one of our members, and all of the money goes to Branches.”

McFarland said that this philanthropy helps to teach students what a healthy relationship is in a very delicate part of their lives.

“College students are learning what is and isn’t normal in a relationship, and our sorority giving out information as to what is abuse, whether emotional, physical or mental, is only going to help teach men and women how to protect themselves from abuse in all kinds of relationships.”

Alpha Chi Omega president Blair Young said giving back to these shelters helps drive the members of the sorority to continue their charity work.

“This is such an important issue because this cause hits home for a lot of people, whether they are a victim or know a victim of domestic violence,” Blair Young said. “We want to better the Huntington community, and we want to make the community aware of what’s happening. We know where our hard work is going, and we know that they need us. Branches letting us know how much we help them gives us all that extra push to do better and continue to do more for them each year.”

Alpha Chi Omega plans to close out Domestic Violence Awareness month with a candle light vigil in honor of victims of abuse Oct. 23.

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Marshall Rec Center offers its first-ever Group Exercise Week

By ALISON BALDRIDGE
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Marshall University’s Recreation Center is giving away premium single class passes to participants that attend a group fitness class during Group Exercise Week Oct. 16-21. Participants can increase their chances of winning a pass by attending multiple classes throughout the week.

“For attending group fitness classes, not only do you get the benefit of the actual fitness class, this is a social experience and getting to possibly know other people in those classes,” JoEllen Cornelius, coordinator of fitness and wellness, said. “You will also

get a free premium class pass, so, maybe if cost was an issue to you, now is the chance to try it, or maybe you just didn’t know what the class was and wanted to spend money on something that you were unsure of. You will be able to try that class and see if it is something that you would enjoy.”

Group classes available during the week include Cycling, Silver Sneakers, Cross-Training Under 30, BodyPump, Zumba and Yoga. Times for these classes are available on the Recreation Center’s website. Members at the Recreation Center are able to attend the group exercise classes for free, but

non-members will have to pay a \$10 guest fee.

The Recreation Center is also having a social media giveaway during Group Exercise Week. Anyone that takes a photo and uses the hashtag #marshallxappreciation-week will be entered into a drawing for a giveaway.

Cornelius said there will be an attendance passport for their premium fitness attendees if they participate in a class in every format they offer. Doing so, participants can receive a prize at the end of the week.

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Legislature considers hiring road bond workers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The state Legislature returned to the Capitol Monday to consider whether to require that West Virginians get hired to repair and build the state’s roads and bridges.

Gov. Jim Justice called lawmakers back for a special session to address that proposal, as well as bills to exempt military retirees from paying personal state income taxes, and to increase the credit allowed against personal and corporation net income taxes for spending on rehabilitating historic structures.

“In an effort to enforce the hiring of West Virginians and making sure that all our contracts are following the rules and are in compliance with all regulations, I am seeking legislation to allow our tax enforcement division to use the same streamlined rules for hiring, as the Division of Highways,” Justice said. “It is time that we start allowing the people of West Virginia to win and bring prosperity to their families.”

After voters recently approved \$1.6 billion in state bonding for road and bridge projects, the Justice administration also drafted bills authorizing the Division of Highways to streamline hiring policies to fill an estimated 500 vacancies and to access tax records to disqualify tax-delinquent contractors. He wants similar hiring policies for the tax department.

Justice said that as he traveled across the state advocating approval of the roads bond, the top question he was asked was how people will know that West Virginians really get the jobs. Based on one economic model, he projected that a total infrastructure spending of about \$2.4 billion would create 48,000 direct and indirect jobs.

House Speaker Tim Armstead said state

law already requires that 75 percent of the people contractors hire for these projects be West Virginians. The proposal is intended to strengthen enforcement of the requirement. Armstead noted that some are concerned that adding criminal penalties to the current civil penalties for violations could be too severe.

The Senate voted 31-0 Monday to pass the bill to authorize sharing contractor tax information and keep it subject to the same confidentiality provisions among highway personnel as exists among tax personnel.

Sen. Charles Trump said it authorizes withholding final payment to a contractor who isn’t current with tax income tax withholding for workers. He said that provision may not also apply to the company’s subcontractors unless required by contract.

The House of Delegates followed and voted 94-0 to pass the bill after strengthening its provisions. It goes beyond authorizing tax information sharing to require it.

That includes whether bidders on highway contracts have current business registrations, whether they or their subcontractors had registrations revoked or surrendered or received cease and desist orders on road jobs, whether they’re in compliance with employee tax withholding, and whether contractors and their subcontractors are in good standing with all owed taxes paid.

The pension bill introduced Monday in both houses would exempt from state income tax any federal retirement income from the regular armed services, reserves and National Guard as well as survivorship annuities included in federal adjusted gross income.

The Legislature convenes again Tuesday.

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Marshall quarterback Chase-ing history

By **KYLE CURLEY**
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Chase Litton has rewritten the history books with his performance on Saturday. The junior quarterback out of Tampa Bay has been on a roll this season, with his team now the victor in five of its six games.

Marshall won 35-3 over the Old Dominion Monarchs in its homecoming game. Litton turned in another impressive performance for the Thundering Herd, totaling 12 completions out of 23 attempts, 176 yards and three touchdowns.

Litton also extended his consecutive game streak with a touchdown pass to 27 games, the second-longest active streak in the Football Bowl Subdivision, with a 2-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver Tyre Brady in the first half of the contest.

"That's just Tyre" Litton said. "I just threw it up there. We saw a couple things with the defensive back early in the game. They play off in coverage often, even at the goal line. Once you play off against [Brady], it's a bad situation for you."

Marshall's offense was lackluster on third down in the first half, managing to convert just once on five attempts. It was a different story in the second half. Marshall converted on six of ten third down attempts. Head coach Doc Holliday credits his quarterback for the third down turnaround.

"That's on Chase," Holliday said. "I mean, we had different plays called, and he got us into the right call there with what they were doing defensively. He did a tremendous job on those checks."

Litton once again linked up with Brady for a 46-yard touchdown pass, for the combination's second six-point connection of the contest. The

pass marked the fourth multi-touchdown game of the season for Litton and his third straight dating back to his four-touchdown performance against the University of Cincinnati.

"Marshall has a veteran quarterback who's arguably the best quarterback in the league," Old Dominion head coach Bobby Wilder said. "We started to give him too many opportunities."

Litton completed his third touchdown of the game on a fourth and four-yard situation on the ODU 31-yard line to his tight end, Ryan Yurachek. The score solidified Marshall's fifth win of the season and continued Marshall's conference unbeaten streak.

Litton surpassed Tony Petersen, former Marshall quarterback and offensive coordinator and quarterback coach for East Carolina University, and moved into eighth in Marshall history in career passing yards with 6,599. Petersen finished his career with 6,501.

The next man up on the list for Litton is, Carl Fodor, who finished his career with 6,655 passing yards. Litton could surpass Fodor this Friday in Murfreesboro, TN against the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders.

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Marshall junior quarterback Chase Litton warming up prior to kickoff of the Thundering Herd's homecoming game 35-3 win against the Old Dominion Monarchs Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Litton is now eighth in Marshall history for career passing yards with 6,599 after he threw for 176 yards in the win over ODU.



Richard Crank | The Parthenon

West Virginia's big comeback puts rest of Big 12 on notice

RAYMOND THOMPSON | AP PHOTO



By **JOHN RABY**
AP SPORTS WRITER

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia was supposed to be in rebuilding mode in the Big 12 this season as the

conference welcomes the return of its championship game. Behind national touchdown receptions leader David Sills V and comeback kid Will Grier, the Mountaineers' latest

performance has put the rest of the conference on notice.

West Virginia has immersed itself in the early title chase in a league it has yet to win since joining in 2012.

West Virginia head coach Dana Holgorsen celebrates a touchdown with his team during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Texas Tech, Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.

A 46-35 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday was the statement the Mountaineers have been craving.

West Virginia entered the weekend with nine straight losses to ranked opponents and was staring at an 18-point deficit to the Red Raiders late in the third quarter.

The Mountaineers scored the final 29 points in the greatest home comeback in a quarter century. Grier threw four of his five touchdown passes in the final 20 minutes.

"We had to adjust on the fly," Grier said. "I say every week that all these games are important and the Big 12's really

good this year. And I'll probably continue to say it. We've got to keep it rolling."

The win returned West Virginia to The Associated Press poll at No. 23. Texas Tech, which had been at No. 24, dropped out.

It's the third time this season the Mountaineers are in the poll. They exited after earlier losses to No. 14 Virginia Tech and No. 4 TCU.

The Mountaineers (4-2, 2-1) are in a five-way tie for second place behind TCU (6-0, 3-0), while Texas Tech (4-2, 1-2) saw its title-game chances clouded.

Things will certainly thin out further in the coming weeks. After West Virginia travels to winless Baylor on Saturday, the Mountaineers have back-to-back home games against No. 10 Oklahoma State and resurgent Iowa State, who also are in the second-place logjam along with No. 9 Oklahoma and Texas. West Virginia plays the Sooners and Longhorns in November.

West Virginia has fit right

in with an offensive-minded league, ranking in the top 10 nationally in scoring and passing yards. It's the defense that needs work, surrendering an average of 454 yards per game.

Against Texas Tech, defensive coordinator Tony Gibson said there was no yelling at half-time, just adjustments. Texas Tech's Nic Shimonek threw for 323 yards but had only 71 in the second half.

West Virginia linebacker Al-Rasheed Benton said he saw his team's swagger return after Texas Tech's Michael Barden missed three field goals, the last one late in the third quarter.

"We've had this opportunity a few different times this season and weren't able to capitalize on it. Today we were," linebacker Al-Rasheed Benton said. "The thing about this game was we played as a team — finally. When the offense came off to the sideline (they said) get us

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Wisconsin governor tells NFL players to stop anthem protests

By **TODD RICHMOND**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker says he thinks NFL players should stop protesting during the national anthem and instead speak out against domestic violence.

The Republican former presidential hopeful sent a letter Monday to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Players Association Executive Director DeMaurice Smith saying he believes players are showing disrespect for the flag and veterans. Players should drop the "divisive political sideshow" and speak out against domestic violence instead, the governor wrote.

NFL league meetings Tuesday offer an opportunity to strongly condemn domestic

violence, Walker added.

"My request is simple: stand for the American flag and the national anthem out of respect for those who risk their lives for our freedoms, and then take a stand against domestic violence to keep American families safe," Walker wrote. "That's something we can all agree on, and that just might help the NFL reunite with many of its devoted fans."

Former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick started the protests last season when he refused to stand during the anthem to protest racial inequality and police brutality. With Kaepernick out of the league this year, other players have taken up his cause.

President Donald Trump

has been pressuring owners to discipline players who don't stand for the anthem. Asked why Walker decided to inject himself into the debate, the governor's spokesman, Tom Evenson, said October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the governor was moved by survivors' stories he heard at the annual Governor's

Council on Domestic Abuse awards ceremony last week.

The letter comes a day after the Green Bay Packers lost star quarterback Aaron Rodgers to a broken collarbone during a game against the Minnesota Vikings. Rodgers may be out for the season.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy has said backup Brett Hundley

will replace Rodgers. Still, questions are swirling about whether the Packers might try to sign Kaepernick, who was born in Milwaukee and lived in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, until he was four years old.

Evenson said the letter wasn't meant to signal the Packers shouldn't consider Kaepernick as a replacement for Rodgers. Walker tweeted yesterday after the game that the Packers should sign former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, who played for Burlington High School in southeastern Wisconsin. Romo retired from football this year and now works as a game commentator for CBS.

Asked for a response to Walker's letter, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in an email

to The Associated Press that the NFL is addressing domestic violence issues through training for men and women affiliated with the league and its teams. He added that people who fall below the league's standards are held accountable through a revised personal conduct policy. He didn't address Walker's letter or the anthem protests.

A spokeswoman for the players association didn't immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

Wisconsin state Rep. Melissa Sargent, a Madison Democrat, issued a statement accusing Walker of ignoring domestic violence within the NFL for years. She said Walker's letter is a political stunt designed to make himself feel relevant.





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In this Jan. 6 file photo, producer Harvey Weinstein participates in a panel at the A&E 2016 Winter TCA in Pasadena, Calif. The Weinstein Co., mired in a sex scandal, may be putting itself up for sale. The company said Monday, that it is getting an immediate cash infusion from Colony Capital and is in negotiations for the potential sale of all or a significant portion of the movie studio responsible for films like "Shakespeare in Love" and "Gangs of New York."

Editorial: Weinstein should be a wake up call to our generation

In the wake of the Harvey Weinstein allegations, a question needs to be asked. What kind of culture has been set where these powerful men have been able to get away with taking advantage of women, and people are willing to just be innocent bystanders?

What is now being realized is that Weinstein's reputation was well known among Hollywood's inner circle. "Congratulations, you ladies no longer have to pretend to be attracted to Harvey Weinstein." That was a joke made by actor and "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane during 2013's Oscar nominations.

Although MacFarlane said the joke was meant to be a jab at Weinstein directly, it seemed like an insensitive moment of neglect. This came after an advancement made on one of MacFarlane's friends Jessica Barth. Barth has since come forward as one of the many women Weinstein reportedly sexually harassed.

But what does this say about Hollywood? Although what MacFarlane did was admirable in some aspects, he still knew about the harassment and chose to do nothing about it. That was only four years ago. MacFarlane would have been hailed a hero if he had done something about the issue. Instead he is just one of many warning signs that have now surfaced from years past.

For these women to come out and admit that Weinstein made advances towards them promising success and a chance to make it in an industry that is near impossible to make it in, is understandably difficult. But for the people who knew, what makes it so hard to do something about that?

Maybe it's a testament to the fact that we, as a society, are finally moving out of a world dominated by men who think they can do whatever they want because they have money, although some would argue that we are just as easily reverting with the election of a certain someone who believes you can do whatever you want because you're famous and have money.

Fame: that is exactly what Weinstein would promise his victims in return for sexual favors,

many of whom are notable figures in the film industry, including Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie.

If you're not sure who Harvey Weinstein is, you've for sure seen his films. Weinstein is one of the biggest names in film of the past 40 years, and because of this, he has been able to use his power to take advantage of women.

What does this say though that he was able to most likely do this for nearly 40 years? That people are afraid of controversy or getting involved if it means that it could hurt their career. If this was to happen at Marshall, there would be an uproar after one incident, but because Weinstein was powerful, he was able to get away with this for so long.

What needs to be said is that this should be a sign for us, as students going out into the work force eventually, that in the society we live in today won't stand for this. We've seen it begin to happen with people like Bill O'Reilly and Roger Ailes who were accused of similarly harassing women.

But in other cases, we see too often that because of power, fame or fortune, it can cloud other people's judgment. Bill Cosby and frankly the president of the United States were given a free pass. Why is that? Maybe because half of the country saw these men in a more romanticized sense and couldn't bring themselves to condemn these admired figures.

This is unfortunately another uncovering of a disgusting and corrupt practice that has too long been seen as the norm. For those who may still be confused with the issue, sexual harassment is a fireable offense, most likely resulting in not getting another job and possibly being sued by the victim.

So if you hear someone say "no," "I don't feel comfortable" or simply just "stop," then you should listen to them. Our generation needs to set these precedents now so that in the future we aren't led by perverted, power hungry, misogynistic egomaniacs like Harvey Weinstein.



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ASKING ALEX: ABOUT MEETING PEOPLE



By **ALEX RUNYON**
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I keep trying to meet guys in class, at the bar, at Applebee's, the mall, on Bumble, you name it. Yet everyone keeps telling me that I'm looking in the wrong places. Any advice on where to meet guys?

I know this can be so frustrating. If you're lonely and want a partner, you can feel so isolated at times. So, fair warning, you may not like my answer. I think "trying to meet guys" is fine! There's nothing wrong with wanting to meet someone special. However, don't the most meaningful relationships usually seem to come out of nowhere? When my grandparents - who were married over fifty years - met, it was because she was his mother's nurse. Who could have seen that coming? I'm not trying to keep you home or isolated, go into the world and try to have fun and meaningful experiences. I truly believe we find our people in those moments,

when we least expect it.

This column is the opinion of one person and is not a substitution for professional help. Free counseling services are available to all Marshall students on the first floor of Prichard Hall.

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Trump raises possibility of withdrawing drug czar nominee

By **MATTHEW DALY**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday raised the possibility of withdrawing his nomination of Republican Rep. Tom Marino to be the nation's drug czar following reports that the lawmaker played a key role in passing a bill weakening federal authority to stop companies from distributing opioids.

Trump told reporters at a Rose Garden news conference that he will look at reports by The Washington Post and CBS News "very closely," adding: "If I think it's 1 percent negative to doing what we want to do, I will make a change."

The Post and CBS' "60 Minutes" reported Sunday on the 2016 law, which weakened the Drug Enforcement Administration's authority to stop companies from distributing opioids. Marino, in his fourth term representing northeastern Pennsylvania, played a key role in the law along with a handful of other Republicans.

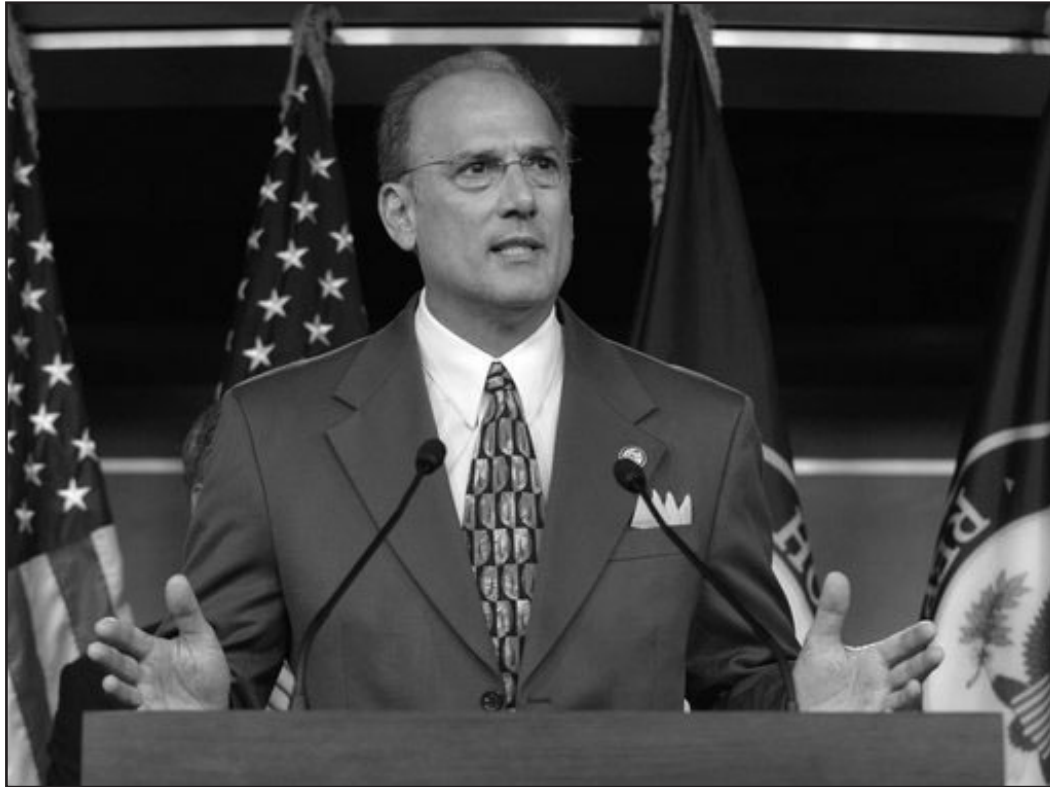
Trump called Marino "a good man," but said, somewhat ominously, "We're going to be looking into Tom."

Democrats called on Trump to withdraw Marino's nomination.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said confirming Marino as the nation's drug czar was like "putting the wolf in charge of the henhouse," adding: "The American people deserve someone totally committed to fighting the opioid crisis, not someone who has labored on behalf of the drug industry."

Sen. Joe Manchin, whose home state of West Virginia has been among the hardest-hit by the opioid epidemic, said he was horrified at the accounts of the 2016 law and Marino's role in it.

Manchin scolded the Obama administration for failing to "sound the alarm on how harmful that bill would be for our efforts to effectively fight the opioid epidemic" that kills an estimated 142 people a day nationwide.



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In this Sept. 23, 2011 file photo, Rep. Thomas Marino, R-Pa., speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia is demanding that the White House withdraw the nomination of Marino to be the nation's drug czar. Manchin says Marino played a key role in passing a bill weakening the Drug Enforcement Administration's authority to stop companies from distributing opioids.

In a letter to Trump, Manchin called the opioid crisis "the biggest public health crisis since HIV/AIDS," and said, "we need someone leading the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy who believes we must protect our people, not the pharmaceutical industry."

The Post reported Sunday that Marino and other members of Congress, along with the nation's major drug distributors, prevailed upon the DEA and the Justice Department to agree to an industry-friendly law that undermined efforts to restrict the flow of pain pills that have led to tens of thousands of deaths. President Barack Obama signed the law in April 2016.

The industry worked behind the scenes with lobbyists and key members of Congress, including Marino, pouring more than a million dollars into their election campaigns, the newspaper reported.

Marino's office declined to comment. But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the bill's lead

Senate sponsor, defended the measure Monday, calling allegations that he or Marino "conspired" with drug companies "utterly ridiculous." Hatch, a 40-year veteran of the Senate, said he was "no patsy" of the drug industry.

The language affecting DEA enforcement authority was suggested by DEA and the Justice Department, Hatch said, adding that the agencies could have tried to stop the bill at any time — or recommended that Obama veto the measure.

"Let's not pretend that DEA, both houses of Congress and the Obama White House all somehow wilted under Representative Marino's nefarious influences," Hatch said.

A White House commission convened by Trump and led by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has called on Trump to declare a national emergency to help deal with the growing opioid crisis. An initial report from the commission in July noted that the approximately 142 deaths each day from drug

overdoses mean the death toll is "equal to September 11th every three weeks."

Trump has said he will officially declare the opioid crisis a "national emergency" but so far has not done so. He said Monday he will make the designation next week.

Meanwhile, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said Monday she will introduce legislation to repeal the 2016 law.

The bill was touted as a way to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug abuse by altering DEA procedures for revoking or suspending registrations for opioid distributors, McCaskill said, but "the effect of the changes has been to significantly curtail the ability of DEA to bring enforcement actions against drug distributors."

McCaskill, the senior Democrat on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, has been investigating the role of pharmaceutical distributors in fueling the opioid crisis.

Army Sgt. Bergdahl pleads guilty to deserting his post

By **JONATHAN DREW**
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FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who was captured and held by the Taliban for five years after walking away from his post in Afghanistan, pleaded guilty Monday to desertion and endangering his comrades — charges that could put him behind bars for the rest of his life.

"I understand that leaving was against the law," said Bergdahl, who admitted guilt without striking a deal with prosecutors, meaning his punishment will be up to a military judge when he is sentenced later this month.

The guilty plea brings the highly politicized saga closer to an end eight years after Bergdahl vanished.

President Barack Obama brought him home in 2014 in a swap for five Taliban prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, saying the U.S. does not leave its service members on the battlefield. Republicans roundly criticized Obama, and Donald Trump went further while campaigning for president, repeatedly calling Bergdahl a "dirty, rotten traitor" who deserved to be executed by firing squad or thrown out of a plane without a parachute.

Bergdahl, 31, has said he walked away from his remote post in 2009 with the intention of reaching other

commanders and drawing attention to what he saw as problems with his unit.

He told the judge, Col. Jeffrey R. Nance, that he now understands that his actions prompted an intensive search during which some of his comrades were seriously wounded.

"At the time, I had no intention of causing search-and-recovery operations," he said in court. "I believed they would notice me missing, but I didn't believe they would have reason to search for one private."

Bergdahl, who received a promotion due all missing-in-action soldiers while he was in captivity, pleaded guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy, a relatively rare charge brought against him for endangering comrades sent to find him.

The misbehavior charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, the desertion charge up to five years.

Bergdahl's answers to the judge's questions represented some of his most extensive public comments yet.

He told the judge he tried to escape from his captors 12 to 15 times with varying degrees of success. Once, he was on his own for about a week — hoping U.S. drones would spot him — before he was recaptured. He said he also tried to escape on his first day in captivity.

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that ball back. They believed that we would. We believed once we did, they would go get a touchdown."

Doing much of the work was Sills, whose three touchdown grabs increased his season output to a dozen, three more than anyone else in the country.

A year ago Sills was playing quarterback at a California junior college but returned this

season to West Virginia, where he caught just seven passes as a freshman in 2015.

Sills insists that Grier makes his job easy. Grier is tied with Ohio State's J.T. Barrett with 21 TD passes, the most in the nation.

"He told me for the season he wanted 10, so it's actually kind of funny he has 12 now," Grier said. "The guy just finds the end zone."

Lawyers debate latest Trump travel ban before federal judge

By **JULIET LINDERMAN**
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GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — A federal judge in Maryland heard arguments Monday for and against the most recent Trump administration travel restrictions, but didn't rule from the bench.

A hearing was held before U.S. District Judge Theodore D. Chuang, who blocked a previous version of President Donald Trump's revised travel ban targeting six predominantly Muslim countries.

Three lawsuits challenging the new ban argue that restricting travel for citizens of predominantly Muslim countries violates the U.S. Constitution.

The Trump administration in September announced the most recent restrictions, which affect citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria and Yemen — and some Venezuelan government officials and their families. They're to go into effect Wednesday.

Four attorneys argued Monday that the most recent version of the Trump

administration's travel restrictions is, at its core, a Muslim ban, despite the addition of two non-majority Muslim countries.

Omar Jadwat, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, called the restrictions "a bigger, tougher version of the same ban" that Chuang blocked previously.

"It excludes over 100 million people, and it actually makes it worse by extending the ban indefinitely," Jadwat said.

Trump's Sept. 24 proclamation outlined the new restrictions. Administration officials said the latest version resulted from a lengthy process, based on an objective assessment of each country's security situation and its willingness to share information with the U.S. about travelers.

The first ban sparked chaos at U.S. airports in January and numerous challenges in courts across the country. The administration issued a temporary order following those legal setbacks. The prior ban included Sudan, but didn't include Chad, North

Korea or Venezuela.

The new measures range from an indefinite ban on visas for citizens of Syria to more targeted limitations. Iranians, for example, won't be eligible for immigrant, tourism or business visas, but remain eligible for student and cultural exchange visas if they undergo additional scrutiny.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General Hashim Mooppan said the countries were selected after a "months-long review" and recommendations from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. State Department. However, he refused to provide any details about report's contents, or give a definitive answer to the judge about whether or not its findings and the proclamation differ in any substantive way. Mooppan emphasized that the restrictions are not discriminatory.

"There's not a shred of evidence, not a shred of evidence, that Department of Homeland Security or the secretary of state has any animus," Mooppan said, adding that the

restrictions are also meant to put pressure on foreign governments to improve their information-sharing efforts.

"There is strong evidence that this isn't some sort of Muslim ban in disguise," Mooppan said.

The judge questioned attorneys on both sides, asking about limitations to Trump's authority over immigration matters.

Chuang did not say when he'd issue his ruling.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in Hawaii is also weighing a motion to block the restrictions.

Gadeir Abbas, senior litigation attorney for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said at a news conference following the hearing that the proclamation "is fooling no one."

"The fact that this executive order is slightly different than the previous executive orders does not eliminate the clarity of the issue, and the clarity of the issue is that Donald Trump sought out to discriminate against Muslims and stigmatize Islam, and he has, in fact, done that," he said.

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Tsubasacon strikes back for its 14th year



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By **LANDON MITCHELL**
THE PARTHENON

If Huntington citizens noticed multiple superheroes, anime characters and people in unique costumes roaming the city, that could only mean that Tsubasacon returns for another year.

Friday through Sunday, the Big Sandy Superstore Arena had its 14th annual convention for fans of anime, video games, comic books and more with events, panels and guests that catered to their desires.

Cosplayers, people who dress up and act out as their favorite characters, surrounded the civic center, draped in clothing which many made and designed themselves.

"Sometimes people have a little anxiety about cosplaying, but, to be honest with you, you'll never be amongst another group of people who, literally, would be happy to see you cosplay and are encouraging people to cosplay and are very supportive of cosplay," David Richmond, vice chairman of Tsubasacon, said.

Many Marshall students, like forensic chemistry major Toni Soto, attended the convention. Soto, who cosplayed as a version of the Disney character Elsa with black hair and a black gown called "Dark Elsa," has cosplayed for five years and has been going to conventions regularly since she was 15.

"I just think it's a fun way to express myself, and I get to be around people that are like-minded and dress up too," Soto said.

The event shed focus on Japanese culture with multiple elements: pachinko machines, which is Japanese pinball, kimonos, Japanese music games and anime and anime focused products and panels.

Saturday, the Cosplay Masquerade gave cosplayers a chance to show their designs and abilities to the attendees and staff of the convention. Participants were able to perform skits or just walk across the stage.

Before the Cosplay Masquerade was the In-Character Contest on Friday, where cosplayers competed to accurately and creatively portray their character set to scenarios that could fit or not fit with the character.

Though the convention was inside, fans gathered outside as well, where lightsaber duels and superhero fights were battled and a fire performer performed Saturday night.

Gaming was also offered at the convention, with Tokyo Attack providing Japanese music arcade games, as well as console game playing and tournaments provided by used video game store Rare Drops located in Huntington.

"We wanted to provide fun and entertainment to someone to just come by, sit down, play a game for a little bit," Evan Mallory, owner of Rare Drops, said.

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'The Miracle Worker' showcases the life of Hellen Keller

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Helen Keller's life story and relationship with teacher Annie Sullivan were brought to life on stage in Marshall University's School of Theater's performance of "The Miracle Worker" directed by Bryan Conger.

Sullivan, who suffered from an eye disease at a young age but later had surgery to correct it, worked with Keller, a blind, deaf child, and her protective family to teach her how to communicate with the world. Keller learned to trust Sullivan and learned to convey the world inside her head out into words with her hands.

The play began by Keller's family discovering she is deaf and blind after recovering from an early childhood disease. The scene moved to an older Keller playing with local children but getting frustrated when she could not communicate.

The audience then met Sullivan, where she learned that she was being sent to the Keller household to try and teach this blind, deaf girl to communicate. Throughout the play, the audience sees flashbacks of Sullivan's past, when her and her brother were in an asylum.

During the second act, Sullivan made a deal with the Keller family. She agreed to stay in the garden house with Hellen for two weeks to teach her manners and language. At the end of the two weeks, Sullivan accomplished teaching her manners, but Keller still could not communicate.

The play ends with Keller saying one word, "water." Sullivan then begins to teach her words like mother, teacher and papa.

Conger described the play as "the miraculous effects a teacher and student can have on each other and the power of education."

Keller was portrayed by junior Kelsey Hofe, while Sullivan was portrayed by theater veteran Story Moosa who said this role left an impression on her.

"I think Annie has all the facets of a great character that an actor really digs into over the course of three acts," Moosa said.

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