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Coley Pitt visits Marshall journalism school

By **MEG KELLER**
FEATURES EDITOR

The son of the founder of Marshall University's journalism school, W. Page Pitt, visited campus last week as a part of his trip to reconnect with his hometown.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHUCK BAILEY

During the visit, William "Coley" Pitt reflected on his father's influence at Marshall and the school of journalism. W. Page Pitt Sr., Coley's father, was one of Marshall's early educators and was the faculty adviser to *The Parthenon*. He arrived at Marshall in 1926 and was essential in the foundation and development of the school of journalism at Marshall. The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is named after him accordingly. W. Page Pitt taught at Marshall until 1971 when he retired and moved to Florida. He died in 1980.

Coley Pitt said he became interested and involved in sports broadcasting and storytelling as a result of his father's influence. Although his lifelong career was spent in the business of historical reconstruction, Coley Pitt participated in side gigs including as a high school baseball and football color analyst. He also intertwined his inherent interest in journalism with his construction business by sponsoring a broadcast talk show where guests in the community were interviewed to talk about their local impact.

"That was one of the direct influences," Coley Pitt said. "You're here to provide a service to people. Let them know what is going on in the world."

He vividly recalled memories of his father's resilience and dedication to the journalism profession, noting his father was visually impaired, but continued to guide his students on the path to professional storytelling.

"You need to know what's going on," Coley Pitt said. "You can't be the person saying what happened."

He recalled an example of Page Pitt's teaching methods in a story in which his father created a newsworthy scenario to his class, unbeknownst to them, and then challenged them to write about all the details they witnessed.

Coley Pitt noted his advice to young journalists would be to remain vigilant.

"You are going to be the eyes and ears of the public," he said.

Coley Pitt said that he believes his father would be disappointed in some aspects of today's media for sensationalizing news.

"He would be a little upset with some of the media drifting into telling people what they should think," Coley Pitt said.

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Allies Program advocates for individuals with autism

By **JONATHAN STILL**
REPORTER

The Allies Program is a project whose mission is to advocate for diversity by informing and educating those wishing to make a safe environment for people diagnosed with autism.

Hillary Adams, employment coordinator for the Allies program, said the center began the Allies initiative in 2014.

"We want people to feel empowered as well and being understanding of people with autism on campus," Adams said.

Adams said the center took inspiration from the trainings that the LGBTQ+ Safe Space programs on campus. The Allies training was originally for faculty to help students with autism but now has extended to everyone on campus.

"The Allies training is now dedicated to several different groups of people," Adams said.

Adams said the trainings can now be given out to peers, employers and K-12 students and teachers.

The trainings cover a lot of overlapping topics like the basic characteristics of autism and what

struggles someone with autism faces in daily life.

She said the hope is that both students and faculty can recognize those characteristics and become more empathetic toward them.

Renna Moore, coordinator of registration and tutor development for the H.E.L.P Center, says her experience in the Allies program was eye-opening.

It was "very informative," she said. "Made me more aware of the things that the students with autism are more sensitive to."

Adams said the trainings are

typically an hour to an hour and a half long interactive sessions. With the pandemic ongoing, Adams said most of these sessions are now online.

"It does eliminate some of that natural back-and-forth feedback that you would normally get in a training," Adams said. "So it can come off as kind of just an hour presentation if people aren't super talkative, but it can also be really interactive and hopeful for people to be able to provide stories or examples."

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CAB to host “Scream” screening

By **CARSON MCKINNEY**
REPORTER

Marshall University’s Campus Activities Board (CAB) will be hosting a showing of “Scream” for their next “Screen on the Green” event Saturday.

Raul Moreno, graduate assistant for Student Activities, said these are signature events where they show a movie on campus.

“The movies we choose sometimes fall under a theme such as a scary movie in October,” Moreno said. “The other times, we show movies that have already been released in theaters and are relatively new. This event was created so that students can come out of their rooms, do something fun and get the opportunity to meet other students on campus.”

Moreno also said that due to the ongoing pandemic, changes have been made to the event.

“Usually we would just allow students to sit wherever they would like to come watch. However, due to the pandemic, we set out markers

so that students know where they are allowed to sit,” Moreno said. “These areas are a little over six feet from each other and we require students to wear masks during the movie. Popcorn is now delivered to the students rather than letting them stand in line to grab a bag.”

Emilie Christenberry, president of the Campus Activities Board, said this event has been going on for the fall semester every year she has been a part of it.

“We’ve always tried to make sure that we show a variety of movies so that everyone has something to watch,” Christenberry said. “This is our last screen on the green for the fall semester and since it’s Halloween, we thought we could show a classic scary movie, which is why we chose Scream.”

Ronald de Castro, vice president of the Campus Activities Board, said this event is open to all Marshall students and community members.

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Police Blotter

By **CARTER TRUMAN**
REPORTER

Indecent Exposure

On Oct. 18, police officers said they noticed two men standing on the corner of Fourth Avenue and 11th St., by the Robert C. Byrd Institute. Police officers said that one of the men was urinating on the building’s side, while the other man was continuing to urinate as he walked. Police issued the men a citation for indecent exposure.

Capias Warrant

On Oct. 20, at 2:10 a.m., a police officer said they observed a male acting suspicious on 1700 Buffington Ave. The officer said they approached the man after considering the recent break-ins in the area. Police identified the man and said they found the subject had active capias warrants out of Cabell County after running a search. Police said the man had capias warrants for two counts of knowingly, willfully possessing controlled substance without a prescription. Police said they placed the man under arrest pursuant to the active warrants and transported him to the Western Regional Jail.

Roommate Altercation

On Oct. 17, 8:50 p.m., a roommate altercation occurred in Wellman Hall. Police said the victim was pushed and hit multiple times by the roommate, and the victim had visible marks on their skin. Police said they issued an arrest citation for battery.

Terroristic Threats (under investigation)

On Oct. 21, at 5:51 a.m., police officers said they arrested a 19-year-old man for terroristic threats, a person prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon, and stalking and harassment. Police said they were dispatched to the science building, where the man was making self-harm threats and placing other individuals in danger. Police said upon their arrival, the suspect ran down the stairwell, where police officers stopped him. After patting the man down, police said they found an unloaded pistol on the man. Police said they then took the man into custody, where he was charged with threats of terrorist acts, carrying a deadly weapon without a provisional license and harassment. Police transferred the man to the Cabell County Courthouse, and from there, he was transferred to the Western Regional Jail.

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A-Slay-ing Grace supports LGBTQ+ community

By **XENA BUNTON**
REPORTER

Although meetings are moved to a virtual setting, Marshall’s UKIRK campus ministry continues the support group, “A-Slay-ing Grace”, to provide support and LGBTQ+ representation through media and biblical acknowledgment to members and allies.

The group, created in spring 2018, talks about rejection from family and faith communities, queer biblical figures of faith, media representation and resources during biweekly one-hour meetings.

Leader of the support group and Marshall UKIRK minister, Chris Bailey, said he wants people of the LGBTQ+ community to be comfortable with their faith journey and he “understands the church has done a lot of harm to the community.”

“Unless you grew up in a progressive church,

the church you likely grew up in is just now having these realizations about sexuality and gender identity,” Bailey said. “There is most likely a LGBTQ+ member in your church, so if you are waiting until you know that they are it might be too late.”

Emma Rau, sophomore geography major, said they were “lucky to have a pretty accepting church,” but was not open about their sexuality.

“I think there is this idea that all true Christians are conservative and close-minded, but I think that a true Christian is actually very open-minded and accepting,” Rau said.

Bailey said he “relies” on LGBTQ+ members and books about queer faith to provide appropriate information to the support group.

“As a straight ally, I know there is a limit in terms of me telling other people stories,” Bailey said.

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'Silver Lining' works promote stress-free campus

By **XENA BUNTON**
REPORTER

Using space as an element of the class requirement, 13 art students presented their 'Silver Lining' work on Buskirk Field last week in hopes of promoting a stress-free environment on campus.

Marshall University art professor, Miyuki Cook, said because the pandemic has affected her classes, she decided to have the students in her Installation Art with Fiber course to create work for an outside showing to "secure the audience" and to follow campus guidelines.

"We are all in a kind of dark situation, mostly because of the pandemic and so many things have been cancelled," Cook said. "In this project, I wanted students to express hope and positive thoughts in the artwork."

Although the course was meant

to provide a silver lining, defined as a positive aspect in a negative situation, Cook said her students are "selfless" when it comes to creating their art.

"People don't realize that creating art is really stressful, it is fun, but it is not like a hobby," Cook said. She said the students have to create a concept, receive approval, create art while having a budget and wait for the response of an audience.

Benjamin Pinson, senior fine arts major, said the time during creation is similar to a therapist providing care for their clients, because the therapists are the ones "being put through the work."

Pinson created a 'Lucky Cats' installation, a collection of Japanese cats and coins made out of clay, that students and faculty can take for "good fortune and luck."

Pinson said the cats, 'Fortune Cat' or also known as 'Maneki Neko', are common Japanese figurines to give fortune and luck, but also wanted to include traditional Japanese coins, Ryos, to allow visitors to carry in their pockets. Some artists decided to remind students about what they have, instead of trying to provide pieces.

Madelyn Hill, senior visual art and design major, created a crocheted sign made out of yarn, that spells out: "You are Loved."

Hill said her goal was to have students and faculty take photos of themselves in front of the display to have a "good visual



XENA BUNTON | REPORTER

Senior visual art and design major, Madelyn Hill's contribution to the installment.

reminder."

"The love I have received in my life is what inspired me to make a piece reminding others that they are loved too," Hill said.

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Marshall Women's and Gender Center encourages leadership on campus

By **JONATHAN STILL and ISABELLA ROBINSON**
REPORTER AND NEWS EDITOR

Marshall University's Women's and Gender Center encourages students to sharpen their leadership skills with support services and educational programs.

"We work with students to get them involved planning projects, initiatives and programming," Claire Snyder, program coordinator of the Women's and Gender Center, said.

Snyder said the Women's and Gender Center helps students improve the university by providing educational materials or even organizing an event to raise awareness about an issue.

"Students are not only learning about the issues they care about, but also building networking skills, event planning and organizational skills," Snyder said.

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—*Claire Snyder*

Snyder said students work within the office doing capstone projects and completing internships.

"Last January, we held an event called ElectHer which is a nationally recognized program aimed at teaching women how to run for student government as well as elected office," Snyder said.

The Women's and Gender Center recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the ratification of women's suffrage. Snyder said the Women's and Gender Center makes sure to introduce students to historical leaders to inspire a greater appreciation for such achievements and remind them that they have the potential to make change in the world around them as well.

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Billionaires' wealth increased by 29% between March, September while pandemic batters W.Va's economy

West Virginia Citizen Action Group

The nation's 643 billionaires have racked up \$845 billion in collective wealth gains, a 29% leap since mid-March, roughly the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, even as the state's economy was reeling from a huge spike in joblessness and a collapse in taxes collected, according to a new report by Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF), Health Care for America Now (HCAN) and West Virginia Citizen Action Group (WVCAG).

Despite growing needs and economic hardship caused by the pandemic, President Trump and U.S. Senate Republicans have refused to pass another significant financial aid package to help working families and to maintain state and local public services. Instead, they have opted to focus on expediting the confirmation of a new Supreme Court justice before the election.

Between March 18—the rough start date of the pandemic when most federal and state economic restrictions were in place—and Sept. 15, the total net worth of the nation's billionaires rose from \$2.95 trillion to \$3.8 trillion (see table below and this spreadsheet of all billionaires). That works out to gains of \$141 billion a month, \$32 billion a week, or \$4.7 billion a day. Forbes' annual billionaires report was published March 18, 2020, and the real-time data was collected Oct. 13 from the Forbes website.

The \$845 billion in collective wealth gains over the last 7 months exceeds the two-year estimated budget gap of all state and local governments, a figure that runs from \$500 billion for all levels of government to \$555 billion for states alone. By mid-summer, state and local governments had already laid off 1.5 million workers and public services—especially education—faced steep budget cuts.

West Virginia faces a \$500 million

state revenue shortfall in 2021 due to the pandemic.

The total net worth of the nation's 644 billionaires has risen by \$931 billion, or nearly 32%, since March 18—from \$2.95 tril-

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The total wealth of all U.S. billionaires is two-and-a-half times the total wealth held by the bottom half of the population, or 165 million Americans...

lion to \$3.88 trillion (see spreadsheet of all billionaires).

Needless to say, ordinary workers did not fare as well. From mid-March to mid-September, the collective work income of rank-and-file private-sector employees—all hours worked times the hourly wages of the entire bottom 82% of the workforce—declined by 3.5%, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

While here in West Virginia:

- 18,281 fell ill with the virus and 388 died from it (Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center)
- 207,396 lost their jobs between March 21 and Sept. 26, 2020 (U.S. Department of Labor)
- 40,892 were collecting unemployment on Sept. 26, 2020 (U.S. Department of Labor)
- 255 businesses closed (MSN Money)
- 1 in 6 renters reported being behind on September rent payments, including 29%

of West Virginia renters. (CBPP)

Low-wage workers, people of color and women have suffered disproportionately in the combined medical and economic crises because of long-standing racial and gender

disparities. Blacks and Latinos are far more likely to become infected with Covid-19 and to die from the disease. Billionaires are overwhelmingly white men.

“The wealth of the country's nearly 650 billionaires keeps rising higher and higher, as the livelihoods of tens of millions of Americans keeps sinking lower from the failure of Washington to provide a new COVID-19 rescue package,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness. “If Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell had put his energy into rushing through Congress a major coronavirus financial aid package months ago, like he's rushing through this Supreme Court nomination, millions of Americans would have been spared financial hardship and countless small businesses would still be standing.”

“The rich are getting richer while the rest of the nation is struggling to overcome the health and economic impacts of the worst

public health crisis we've seen in decades,” said Margarida Jorge, executive director of Health Care for America Now. “Yet rather than pass COVID relief and other legislation that would increase income, health care access and other basic supports for struggling families and small businesses, President Trump and Republicans in Congress are prioritizing their partisan grudge against the Affordable Care Act. A vote to pack the court with Trump's anti-ACA Supreme Court nominee before the election equals a vote to take healthcare and pre-existing conditions protections away from millions after it.”

“West Virginia workers and families are struggling through loss of jobs, food insecurity, mounting debt and evictions while the most wealthy are getting richer,” said Gary Zuckett, executive director of West Virginia Citizen Action Group, “Our governor, the wealthiest man in our state, who is sitting on millions in unspent federal CARES Act funds should at least apply them to helping out folks in need.”

Some billionaires have seen a particularly astonishing increase in wealth:

-- Jeff Bezos's wealth grew from \$113 billion on March 18 to \$203 billion on Oct. 13, an increase of 80%.

-- Mark Zuckerberg's wealth grew from \$54.7 billion on March 18 to \$101 billion on Oct. 13, an increase of 85%.

-- Elon Musk's wealth grew from \$24.6 billion on March 18 to \$92.8 billion on Oct. 13, an increase of 277%.

The total wealth of all U.S. billionaires—\$3.88 trillion today—is two-and-a-half times the \$1.5 trillion in total wealth held by the bottom half of the population, or 165 million Americans.

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No. 19 Herd, Panthers matchup postponed

By **TAYLOR HUDDLESTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 19 Marshall Thundering Herd football team will not be making a trip to visit the Sunshine State this week. The Herd was supposed to take on Florida International University Panthers, but due to COVID-19 issues at FIU, the game has been postponed.

FIU released Tuesday that due to the lack of available scholarship student-athletes because of quarantining COVID-19 positive tests, contact tracing and injuries, per Marshall Athletics.

Following its recent 20-9 victory against the Florida Atlantic University Owls, Marshall moved up in the national ranked polls, going

from No. 22 to No. 19 in the AP Top 25 Poll and from No. 25 to No. 18 in the Coaches Poll.

Marshall (5-0, 3-0 Conference USA) will face another bye-week this season and have extra time to prepare for its next home matchup against the University of Massachusetts Minutemen. That game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7 at Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington, West Virginia.

Kickoff for the Herd and Minutemen on Saturday, Nov. 7 is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on ESPN+.

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ZACH HISER | THE PARTHENON

Herd men's basketball continues to practice for 2020-21 season

By **TAYLOR HUDDLESTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University men's basketball team is continuing to practice and prepare for the 2020-21 season as planned.

Marshall men's basketball head coach Dan D'Antoni said the team is ready to play basketball, despite COVID-19 abruptly ending its last season earlier than expected.

"(It's) Just an eagerness to play. They're committed," D'Antoni said. "They've all taken upon themselves to be extremely cautious to do something they love to do."

D'Antoni said with most of the team returning to play this season, the biggest takeaway so far is the experience that is

presented throughout the group as a whole.

"The biggest thing is experience. That's the funny thing," D'Antoni said. "We don't have to spend the time teaching them stuff, brushing up on the little things to make it even better. Experience itself just taking it as a whole is a guessing game itself."

Senior forward Darius George said this season will be dedicated to his uncle, who passed away from COVID-19 earlier this year.

"My uncle passed away from COVID when I got home," George said. "It was rough. COVID is real. It was rough for me but now I'm in a better place and I can focus on basketball. This season I'm playing

for him. He watched all my games. It will be weird because he won't be here. This season will be dedicated to my uncle and we will see how it goes."

George said the team has gotten used to wearing face masks constantly while practicing and conditioning.

"The masks at first were rough, but now we're used to them," George said. "At first it was hard to breathe in, but we've gotten used to it." Senior forward Mikel Beyers said he fully believes that the Herd can take the Conference USA title this year.

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Athlete of the Week

Brenden Knox, football

ABOUT Brenden Knox:

POSITION: Running Back

CLASS: Redshirt Junior

HEIGHT: 6-0

WEIGHT: 223lbs

HOMETOWN: Columbus, Ohio

PERFORMANCE:

156 all-purpose yards (101 rushing; 55 receiving), One receiving TD



ZACH HISER | THE PARTHENON

After compiling 156 all-purpose yards and accomplishing a feat he had yet to achieve against Florida Atlantic on Saturday, redshirt junior running back Brenden Knox has earned athlete of the week honors.

With the opening score of the game, Knox had his first career receiving touchdown. He took a short, check-down pass from quarterback Grant Wells 58 yards to the endzone, barreling over defenders at the goal line.

The 58-yard TD reception was his career long, and his 55 total receiving yards were a career high.

Admittedly, Knox is an athlete of the week candidate each week, putting up consistent performances every game. With 101 rushing yards on 25 carries against the Owls, he passed the century mark on the ground for the fourth straight game and for the fifteenth time in his career.

Perhaps Knox's biggest carry came in the third quarter when Marshall was trailing for the first time all season. Florida Atlantic had just taken a 9-7 lead on the previous drive, and Marshall was facing a 3rd-and-2. He got the ball and took it 17 yards into FAU territory.

On the next play, Wells hit wide receiver Artie Henry for a 41-yard TD, putting the Herd back on top 14-9.

With 556 total rushing yards on the year, Knox is second in Conference USA and 10th in the nation. UTSA's Sincere McCormick sits in first place in both C-USA and the nation.

He is averaging 111.2 yards per game and has 7 rushing touchdowns.

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EDITORIAL: Supreme Court hypocrisy



ANDREW HARNIK | AP PHOTO

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito voted Monday to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett's controversial nomination to the Supreme Court. Barrett's nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in a 52-48 vote, with Sen. Joe Manchin voting not to confirm.

"Barrett's confirmation is incredibly consequential as she will likely shift the center of gravity (...) toward the right edge of the court's conservative wing, which could potentially result in rulings that are significantly outside the mainstream of public opinion," wrote Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux in her Five Thirty Eight analysis.

Even setting aside Barrett's reprehensible, far right-wing record and the obvious dangers her nomination poses to civil rights and general political progress in the U.S., Capito's confirmation vote is particularly offensive.

Barrett's confirmation hearings began less than a month after the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg last month, her confirmation occurring just a week before Election Day on Nov. 3. She will be the third Supreme Court

judge appointed by President Trump in his first term.

The timing of the proceedings is particularly notable considering the actions of Senate Republicans—Capito included—in 2016, when President Barack Obama nominated a Supreme Court Justice ten months before the next elections.

Merrick Garland was considered a moderate judge and had received praise from Republican Senators before his nomination. Regardless, within hours after Justice Antonin Scalia's passing, Sen. Mitch McConnell announced there would be no new justice appointed until a new president was elected. Republicans argued it was too close to the elections, and the American people ought to have their voices heard before a judge was confirmed. No proceedings were held.

"One of my proudest moments was when I looked Barack Obama in the eye and I said, 'Mr. President, you will not fill the Supreme Court vacancy.'" McConnell said later that year.

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5 Things Every WV Voter Should Know Before Voting In-Person



ELISE AMENDOLA | AP PHOTO

Election official Nhan Tran wipes down a voting booth at Boston City Hall during early in-person voting, Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, in Boston.

SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

West Virginia is now half-way complete with in-person early voting, and Secretary of State Mac Warner wants voters who have not yet participated in this year's election to feel safe and prepared as they go to the polls. Early voting ends Saturday, October 31, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.

"Voting in-person at a polling location supervised by both major parties and managed by experienced poll workers where every voter is guaranteed the right to cast a secret ballot is the gold

standard in voting throughout the world," Warner said. "The options we've provided make it safe and easy to vote, so now is the time for voters to make a plan, and go vote."

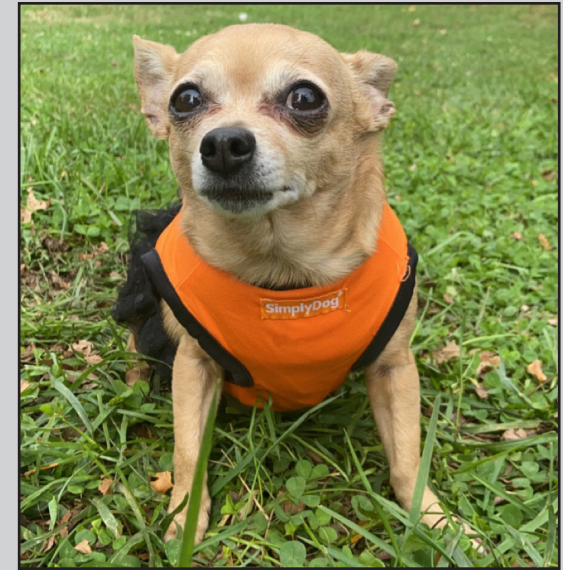
To prepare voters to cast their ballots in-person, Secretary Warner provides the following five tips:

(1) Be prepared and be patient. The health and safety of poll workers and voters is a top priority for in-person voting. We have provided election officials at every precinct with personal protective equipment, hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks. County

clerks have trained poll workers on how to keep every location safe by spacing voters, keeping voting machines separate, and designing polling locations according to state and federal health official guidelines. Voters will be asked to maintain at least 6 feet from those around them to comply with social distancing, which may make lines seem longer than normal. Voters should consider bringing a bottle of water, umbrella, or even a chair, depending on weather conditions.

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Parthe-Pet: Izzy



This is Izzy. She is 10-years-old, and she likes to go to tutoring with her owner Sawyer Weekley in the Marshall Help Center. Izzy's talents include the tricks "sit" and "spin" and being able to go on walks without using a leash.

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PITT cont. from 2

Before Coley Pitt moved to Florida as an adult, he grew up in Huntington, attended Huntington High School, and spent a significant time around prominent people of the Huntington because of his father's connection to the Marshall community.

He recalled sharing a hash brown recipe with Donald Dedmon, who was president of the university at the time of the 1970 plane crash.

Coley Pitt said he has enjoyed his time visiting Marshall again, but has been surprised at how much has changed on campus.

He reminisced on the changes he has seen throughout Huntington and Marshall, such as buildings being removed, and modern additions being added, but most notably he highlighted the nostalgia he felt returning and how it reminded him of his father.

"I tell people when they are grieving you can't grieve for losing someone, you have to remember the good memories. And boy, do I have the good memories from both of my parents," Coley Pitt said. "It is comforting for me to know something he did, that he started, has flourished and is doing well and he is still remembered."

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CAB cont. from 3

"We are following all CDC and Marshall university guidelines to ensure proper social distancing and to keep everyone safe and healthy," Castro said. "Due to covid-19 we are not serving refreshments, however, we will be serving popcorn that will be prepared and handed out to everyone that wants it. We encourage everyone to bring their own chairs or blankets, set them up physically distant, and enjoy the movie!"

Emilie Christenberry said she hopes students and the community continue to enjoy the series and that they feel safe while doing so.

"We want to continue to put on events that are fun and safe for everyone and hope that everyone enjoys the show!" Christenberry said.

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GRACE cont. from 3

"My queer colleagues talk about their personal experiences directly to the students."

Bailey said he always starts the new semester with the discussion of Acts 8:26-40, the story of Philip who told an Ethiopian eunuch [a castrated male] the gospel of Jesus - which led to a baptism.

"For the LGBTQ+ community, especially those that are still actively people of faith, it is such an important story because it is one of inclusion and acknowledges the reality of the pain that they experience," Bailey said.

Bailey said identity can be developed through media representation.

"Many superheroes are straight white males and have been considered the ideal hero for a long time," Bailey said. "Wonder Woman, a member of LGBTQ+, is making it apparent to youth and young adults that their stories are worth being told."

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COURT cont. from 8

In March 2016, Capito, agreeing with McConnell and her fellow Senate Republicans, released a statement reading, "Before a Supreme Court justice is confirmed to a lifetime position on the bench, West Virginians and the American people should have the ability to weigh in at the ballot box this November..."

Now, McConnell, Capito and the Senate Republicans, empowered by a lack of substantial procedural pushback from the Democratic establishment, have exposed their own hypocrisy in confirming Judge Barrett just a week prior to the 2020 elections. This is yet another example of brazen corruption occurring right out in the open, for all to see, the product of a system which allows and awards such corruption for those who yield enough political power.

Let there be no more doubts about the illegitimacy of the Supreme Court, which is meant to be non-partisan, and plays a crucial role in the functionality of the U.S. government. Barrett's confirmation is entirely partisan, as was the blocking of Garland's nomination in 2016, and Republicans are not even trying to hide it.

The Supreme Court is a partisan, illegitimate institution used by Republicans—and allowed by Democratic leadership—to undemocratically cement the dying ideals of conservatism into a country growing increasingly aware and unwilling.

VOTER cont. from 9

(2) Bring a mask. The Governor's Executive Order 50-20 requires face coverings while indoors. Please bring your personal mask, bandanna, scarf, and other protective equipment as needed to protect yourself and others in the polling place. Voters may also bring their own stylus, pencil, or marking device. If you don't have a face covering, one may be provided upon request.

Importantly, no voter may be turned away at the polls. If you have trouble, please call your county clerk or the Secretary of State's Office at 304-558-6000 or 1-877-FRAUD-WV. Phone traffic on Election Day may be high, so please leave a message or email Elections@wvsos.gov with your name, number, and summary of your issue, and an employee will contact you as soon as possible.

(3) Review your sample ballot ahead of time and check on your polling location. You can find your sample ballot, precinct and polling location at GoVoteWV.com.

Remember, it is illegal to record the voting process inside a voting booth,

so please do not take pictures or videos while voting.

(4) Bring identification. West Virginia law requires voters to provide one of many forms of valid identification when casting a ballot in person. Voter ID does not have to include a photo but must show the voter's name. Click here for a list of all the acceptable forms of Voter ID and more information on exceptions to the requirement.

(5) Watch for suspicious activity; if you see something, say something. Voters are the "eyes and ears" of the election process. You can help identify suspicious activity and potential fraud by watching for voter intimidation and suppression (such as forcing slates on voters), voters taking photos of their ballot for "proof" of how they voted, and people campaigning inside the polling locations.

Report this type of activity to the Secretary of State's toll-free Election Fraud Tip Line at 877-FRAUD-WV.

For more information on the November 3 General Election, visit GoVoteWV.com.

BASKETBALL cont. from 6

"I'm really excited to see how everybody comes together when we start to play games," Beyers said. "(We're) Definitely way more comfortable than last year. We were clicking at the end of the season. We need to pick up where we left off. We just need to stay healthy we can run the table. I feel like we can run the table and win C-USA outright. We're going all in this year."

Beyers also said he personally has improved with his decision-making skills and other important skills in order to better his success for his senior year.

"I feel like I've gotten better at decision-making," Beyers said. "I feel like over the summer I was able to develop better decision making, ball handling and other stuff like that."

Freshman guard David Early, a Logan, West Virginia native, said he's confident joining the team as a newcomer.

"It helps a lot, coming in as a freshman knowing the upperclassmen have your back, it helps a lot," Early said. "I like it a lot, I like the

game play."

Early said he is an all-around player and can see himself boosting the team with his basketball skills.

"I see myself coming in and making play with others, be ready to shoot and score, an all-around player," Early said. "I can be anywhere on the court, guard anywhere from the 1 through the 5."

D'Antoni is looking forward to the start of the 2020-21 season, as Conference USA released its conference schedule Monday. Marshall's nonconference schedule will be released at a later date.

"This year's team is a little bit better and hopefully we come out with a little faster start," D'Antoni said. "Hopefully that's going to prove out well. Conference is set. It's just a matter of dotting our I's and crossing our T's. We're a better team already."

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Wind a risk as California fires keep tens of thousands away

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Crews tried to beat back two out-of-control wildfires in Southern California on Tuesday that have kept tens of thousands of people out of their homes even as another round of dangerous fire weather raises the risk for flames erupting across the state.

Fierce winds that drove twin fires through brushy hills near cities in Orange County a day earlier were expected to pick back up, although not to the earlier extremes, according to the National Weather Service.

Southern California Edison reported to regulators that it was investigating whether its equipment might have sparked the Silverado Fire near the city of Irvine. With utility equipment blamed for several destructive fires in recent years, Edison was among the utilities in California that deliberately cut power to customers to prevent equipment from being knocked down or hit with debris in the winds and sparking wildfires.

Irvine residents had to evacuate after a fire broke out early Monday, while later and a few miles away, another blaze, the Blue Ridge Fire, sent people fleeing from the Yorba Linda area. More than 100,000 people were under evacuation orders.

At least 10 homes were damaged and crews protected hundreds more as winds pushed flames down ridges toward neighborhoods. There was little containment of the fires, which continued to grow throughout the day.

Forecasts call for Santa Ana

winds to keep blowing over much of Southern California, with some of the strongest gusts howling through Orange County, where the major blazes are. The winds were expected to be lighter than a day earlier and die down by nighttime.

vide details on how the injuries occurred. They each suffered second- and third-degree burns over large portions of their bodies and were getting help breathing at a hospital, officials said.

Ruth Anderson and her husband,

few cities over, “we made pumpkin martinis and tried to forget about life,” Anderson laughed.

Southern California Edison cut power to about 38,000 homes and businesses, although it restored some power by Monday night.

Tuesday night after crews do inspections to make repairs and ensure equipment is safe.

A dozen reports of damage had been received, PG&E said.

Nearly two dozen wildfires were reported in Northern California on Sunday night and Monday but all were rapidly contained without serious damage.

The threat, however, was far from over in many parts of PG&E’s vast service area. A red-flag warning of extreme fire danger was in place Tuesday in the Santa Cruz Mountains near the San Francisco Bay Area and some coastal and valley areas, with warnings extending into Tuesday evening for some higher elevations in the Bay Area.

“Bone-dry” humidity could dry out vegetation, which can contribute to “catastrophic” fires, PG&E meteorology chief Scott Strenfel said.

“The conditions are very, very unsafe,” said Mark Quinlan, the utility’s incident commander.

However, once the winds ease, the weather should remain calm through the weekend, Quinlan said.

Scientists have said climate change has made California much drier, meaning trees and other plants are more flammable. October and November are traditionally the worst months for fires, but already this year 8,600 wildfires in the state have scorched a record 6,400 square miles (16,600 square kilometers) and destroyed about 9,200 homes, businesses and other buildings. There have been 31 deaths.



A FIREFIGHTER BATTLES THE SILVERADO FIRE MONDAY, OCT. 26, 2020, IN IRVINE, CALIF. A FAST-MOVING WILDFIRE FORCED EVACUATION ORDERS FOR 60,000 PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON MONDAY AS POWERFUL WINDS ACROSS THE STATE PROMPTED POWER TO BE CUT TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TO PREVENT UTILITY EQUIPMENT FROM SPARKING NEW BLAZES. (AP PHOTO/JAE C. HONG)

The gusts were so strong Monday that they toppled several semi-trucks on highways and forced firefighters to ground their aircraft, though they got back up by late afternoon and were expected to fly Tuesday.

Two firefighters, one 26 and the other, 31, were critically injured while battling the larger blaze near Irvine, according to the county’s Fire Authority, which didn’t pro-

Michael, grabbed medications and luggage as powerful winds whipped up in their Irvine neighborhood on Monday. They begged their neighbors to leave too, then drove off, only to find themselves in a traffic jam as orange smoke descended.

“You could hardly see in front of you,” she said. “You didn’t know if there was a wall of fire coming or not.”

Once safely at a friend’s house a

In Northern California, easing winds allowed Pacific Gas & Electric to begin restoring power after the largest of five safety shutoffs this year.

At its peak, PG&E cut power to about 345,000 customers — an estimated 1 million people — in 34 counties. The nation’s largest utility said it has restored power to more than 156,000 customers. Electricity is expected to come back at the remaining homes and buildings by