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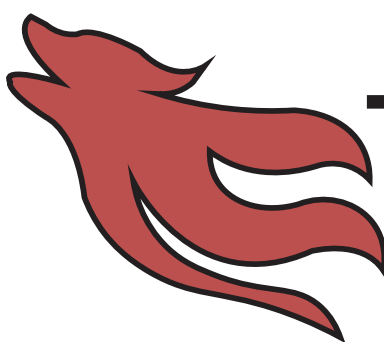
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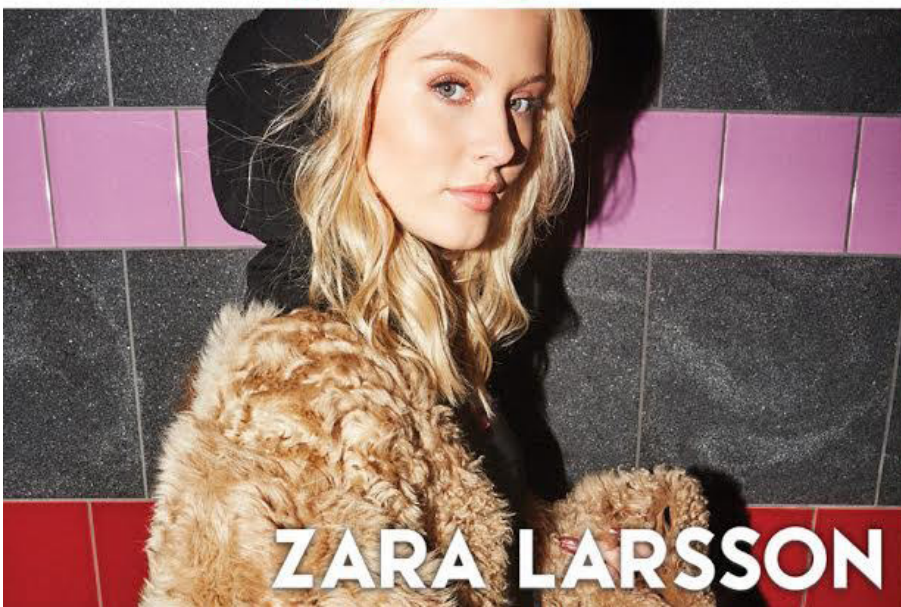
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## Behind the scenes of UWG's spring Concert

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The news is out. Disney Channel heartthrob Joe Jonas is coming to UWG for the spring concert presented by Center for Student Involvement. Jonas will perform alongside with his band, DNCE, and two other successful artists, Zara Larsson and Chord Overstreet from Glee on April 27. In order to arrange a successful spring concert, a vast amount of strategic planning and organizing has to take place.

"I work with a middle agent/company called Concert Ideas and they help give me names of artists within our budget and I get references from other schools who have

done similar concerts," said Emily Teitelbaum, Assistant Director for Student Event and Programs for the Center for Student Involvement at UWG.

Not only is researching the artists a vital asset to the process of planning, the steps that are taken to plan the annual concerts are extremely detail oriented along with developing patience as it can take several weeks to perfect the final event.

"After I do all of the research, I then submit a bid or offer letter to that particular artist and they have a couple of weeks to accept or deny that bid," said Teitelbaum. "If they deny it for many reasons, such as schedule conflict or offer was too low monetarily for their liking, then I move on to another artist. If they accept the offer, then we start the often long contract process. From

there I also have to work with ticketing, marketing, catering, hospitality, security, production and more."

To please the majority interest of the student body, a variety of pros and cons are considered. The amount of time spent planning and organizing the annual concerts at UWG can take several months to plan, so hard work is set into place in order to find the best possible artist that caters to all genre interests.

"I find doing research and getting references for artists beneficial, but also knowing we have to look at our own demographics and students interest, here at UWG," said Teitelbaum. "I think the hardest part is not being able to please everyone because of budget or touring constraints and the vast variety of music there is, that you never will be able to please everyone, in one concert. Concerts often takes over six

months to a year to plan in advance, something I don't think people realize sometimes."

Whether it be the fan base of Joe Jonas, the hit single, 'Never Forget You' by Zara Larsson, or the raving Glee fans of Chord Overstreet, the wide variety of genres and low cost to attend the spring concert is expected to bring in a large crowd.

"We have received a lot of positive feedback with this one," said Teitelbaum. "I think especially the fact that you get three great, big acts for the low price of just \$10 is great. Joe Jonas seems to be bringing great excitement, the fact that he will be in our own town of Carrollton. Honestly though, all three acts each have their own great following and fan club and we are very excited to be able to bring this concert to UWG."





# living west



## Back to School: Alumni Weekend

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It's time to head back to school for the 2017 University of West Georgia Alumni Weekend. UWG's Alumni Association is excited to host this year's event on April 27-29. Alumni weekend is built to honor successful alumni, gather alumni back together again to catch up and reconnect them with their campus memories.

No matter the major or the year of graduation, these wolves are UWG Alumni for life. "The goal of the Alumni Association is to build and foster new and lasting relationships between alumni and the University of West Georgia," said Denise King, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and the UWG Alumni

Relations Team. "This year's theme lends itself to experiencing college as if you were a student again."

This year's alumni event will involve multiple exciting events taking place throughout the entire weekend. There is a variety of events including the DNCE concert, Milestones Reunion Luncheon, Golden Alumni Reunion, Garden Tea Party and Screen on the Green. Individual colleges and organizations will also host various social events to welcome back their alumni. Some will be open for an open house such as the School of Nursing, College of Science and Mathematics, Waring Archaeology Lab and the Alumni House.

While alumni weekend involves memories of the past its also a moment to look to the future of UWG Alumni and the university. Dr. Marrero will be giving an open forum presentation to highlight his 2020 visions for the university. "After the presentation, the annual meeting of the Alumni Association is held in conjunction with an Alumni Brunch," said

King. "This year we are also excited to introduce our first Alumni Beer Tasting event on the square."

The signature event and the most anticipated is the Alumni Awards Gala. The Awards Gala honors alumni and friends of the University for their outstanding personal achievements and contributions to UWG. At this year's awards gala, the Alumni Association will be honoring 13 alumni for their achievements. These awards include the Achievement Award, Loyalty Award, Faculty Award and Honorary Awards.

Graduates automatically become a member of the Alumni Association after receiving a their degree from UWG and there are no fees charged to be a member. "Membership grants you access to networking opportunities, alumni events and special discounts," said King.

For the full schedule of Alumni Weekend, to register or to find more information on Alumni Relations visit [www.alumni.westga.edu](http://www.alumni.westga.edu).

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# living west

## Tornado in Carrollton, classes still in Session

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On Monday, April 3, 2017 severe weather, including thunderstorms and a tornado, passed through Carrollton and the University of West Georgia specifically. The severe weather had been predicted by major news outlets days before the weather came in and showed that the storms would be hitting Carroll County along with the surrounding counties, that are home to a large number of the schools commuter students. After the first storm cell tore through Carrollton with another storm on its way, the students and staff at UWG received an email from the university stating that although there is still a severe weather watch classes are not cancelled. Many students then took to twitter to

voice their concerns towards the university's decision to keep classes in session.

The email advised students and staff to use their own judgement regarding their own safety. It also stated that students may have a difficult time traveling to campus because of downed trees and other obstacles. A student at UWG tweeted a picture of the email from the school with the caption "It sounds like the apocalypse is happening outside, but we want you to still go to class," (@notyourForte). One professor emailed his students following up the email sent by the school to let his students know he was cancelling class for the day because of the tornado warnings and watches. A student tweeted a screenshot of the professor's email with the caption "Update: one professor here at UWG is not ridiculous," (@peytonmthayer).

Commuter students make

up 75 percent of the University of West Georgia's student body. Given these statistics many students thought that UWG would cancel classes for the day considering more severe weather was predicted for later that day, and the damage that was done to the surrounding roads and communities. With the unpredictable weather on this day some students were not willing to drive to campus and risk their safety. One student tweeted "Students: There's a flood. I can't get to campus. #UWG: The second and third floors are not flooded. Classes are not cancelled. Find a boat," (@iAmL\_Mo). Another student tweeted "UWG is gonna say we still have class, just drive past the tornado," (@BMauldy).

Many students took to twitter about the email that was sent out by the University and the severe weather and it caught the eye of CBS 46. The station then wrote an

article about the students tweets on UWG not cancelling classes, that went viral on social media outlets.

The following Wednesday, April 7, more severe weather was predicted for Carroll County. UWG sent out an email on Tuesday evening cancelling classes on Wednesday. The University also took to twitter and tweeted about the closing of campus as well as tagging major news outlets twitter accounts, including CBS 46, to make them aware of the decision to close campus due to severe weather.

Although students were upset that classes were not cancelled by the University on April 3rd they did seem pleased with UWG's decision to cancel classes on April 5th. One student tweeting "Glad UWG cancelled classes, I wasn't going regardless but I'm glad my fellow wolves will be safe too, #UWG," (@SummerLeighann).

## Will G-Town Wings and Teriyaki be next?

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G-Town Wings and Teriyaki is the new restaurant at 1302 Maple St., within walking distance from the University of West Georgia.

"The 'G' in G-Town stands for Georgia," said Sam Lin, owner of the restaurant.

Several food companies have rented out this particular building before. For example, American Deli and Klucked Up Café was there before G-Town Wings and Teriyaki. No one knows why there is a different restaurant renting the building every six to nine months. Is it because the restaurants are not getting enough customers to pay the rent? The lease price is \$4,400 per month which can be very difficult to

pay if the customers are not flowing in. Lin explained how he does not expect for his business to close down anytime soon. Lin grew up with his parents owning a restaurant where he learned everything he needed to keep up a business.

"We offer fast service with a smile at affordable prices," said Lin. "Our food is also good which will keep the customers coming."

According to the business brochure, they have the best wings and teriyaki in town. Lin explained how the variety of food items being sold in the restaurant will help keep the business open. Not only does the restaurant sell wings, they serve food items such as fried rice, chicken tenders, seafood and more.

"Our service is good, and our food is fresh," said Lin. "We have everything from traditional teriyaki plates to delicious burgers, Philly sandwiches, hamburgers and

gyros."

G-Town Wings and Teriyaki has several different flavors to choose from for their wings. "Our restaurant has a lot of sauces to choose from such as honey garlic pepper, cajun, honey mustard and more," said Lin. "All of our sauces are homemade."

The restaurant is very large inside. When looking at the building from the outside you would think there would not be enough room to actually sit down and eat. The building is actually 2,600 square feet and can seat up to 64 people depending on how the inside is put together. G-Town Wings and Teriyaki has three flat screen televisions inside their spacious dining area.

"We want our customers to feel comfortable and enjoy their time while eating our food," said Lin.

One thing about the restaurant is that it has limited parking.

The restaurant offers a total of 36 parking spaces, but majority of them are behind the restaurant. Having majority of the parking spaces located in the back will cause customers to walk further to get into the restaurant. G-Town Wings and Teriyaki is usually packed with people during the week. G-Town Wings and Teriyaki can make a difference in the Carrollton community by continuing to please the customers and making sure they make enough money to keep the business open.

During the week-days, the restaurant opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m., Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

"We are very happy to be the serving Carrollton community," said Lin. "Hopefully people can spread the word about how good our food is so more customers can come."

## Collective Differences

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The Collective Differences art exhibit will be held on April 19, 2017 at 7p.m. in the Campus Center ballrooms. This art exhibit will incorporate not only art students, but also everyone on campus who has a talent they would like to share. Unlike the other art exhibits that are held on UWG's campus, the event is spearheaded by the students. The student organization, The Collective, is putting on the event as their last big bang of the semester.

The Collective Differences art exhibit will be held in sections. Each section will showcase a different talent. The organizations secured every ballroom in the student center so they could spread each talent into different rooms. "We will

have a modeling and fashion room as well as a live art exhibit with live performances and photography," said Jimmy Hutchful. "Every room is going to have a different feel and vibe but it will all be under the same theme of putting thing together that are clearly different and showing that they can all come together."

The Collective has been around since 2001 and still has the same values today that were in place when they were founded. "The Collective has always been dedicated to giving students an outlet to express themselves through their talents from every realm," said Hutchful, President of The Collective. The Collective stays true to their purpose by putting on many events during the school year. "Our most popular events are our open-mic nights and potluck cyphers," said Hutchful. "We are always excited to have different artists and producers around the city come

out and get together to showcase their talents." The organization tries to have at least two events every month but this is their first art exhibit.

Imari Boyd, the fundraising chair for The Collective, came up with the idea for the exhibit. According to the flier, the Collective Differences Art Exhibit is dedicated to being an outlet for students to express their real experiences through various art forms. "We're bringing people together who have different talents, abilities, strengths and weaknesses and through their differences we are providing a place where they can showcase it and people can appreciate them and enjoy," said Hutchful.

The Collective teamed up with Models and Business and The Art Student Union to put on this event. All of these organizations are geared towards the arts and focus on helping students showcase

their talents. Auditions for the event were held over a 3-day span and was judged by members of each organization's e-board. The judges chose 15-20 participants based on the talents they portrayed and their willingness to display their talents live in a crowd full of people.

The art exhibit is a free event so all the organization wants from the student body is their support and appreciation for the talents that will be on display. "We wanted people to be able to come out and enjoy no matter what," said Hutchful. "Since this is our last event of this school year, we decided free entry would be best." The Collective and their collaborators involved are more focused on putting on a great event with great vibes than charging an entry fee. The organizations and other participants have all worked hard to put this event together so the participants can do what they do best.



# news

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*Associated Press*

President Donald Trump is abruptly reversing himself on key issues. And for all his usual bluster, he's startlingly candid about the reason: He's just now really learning about some of them.

"After listening for 10 minutes, I realized it's not so easy," the president said after a discussion with Chinese President Xi Jinping that included his hopes that China's pressure could steer North Korea away from its nuclear efforts.

"I felt pretty strongly that they had a tremendous power" over North Korea, he said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal. "But it's not what you would think."

That's just one of several recent comments offering insight into what looks like a moderate makeover for an immoderate president. As he approaches 100 days in office he appears to be increasingly embracing what he describes as his "flexibility" — acknowledging he may not have thought deeply about some of the issues he shouted about throughout his political campaign.

Over the past 48 hours, the outsider politician who pledged to upend Washington has:

- Abandoned his vow to label China a currency manipulator.
- Rethought his hands-off assessment of the Syrian conflict — and ordered a missile attack.
- Turned his warm approach toward Vladimir Putin decidedly chilly

and declared U.S.-Russia relations "may be at an all-time low."

- Decided NATO isn't actually obsolete, as he had claimed.
- Realized the U.S. Export-Import Bank is worth keeping around.

"Instinctively, you would say, 'Isn't that a ridiculous thing,'" he said of the bank he once panned as "featherbedding" and pledged to eliminate. He now says of the bank, which supports U.S. exports, "Actually, it's a very good thing. And it actually makes money."

Allies describe Trump as merely growing in the job, taking what he's learning and adapting. The White House, however, is struggling to explain some of the changes.

Asked about the growing list of reversals on Wednesday, spokesman Sean Spicer argued that NATO actually is "evolving toward the president's position," not the other way around, by focusing more on terrorism and encouraging nations to pay more toward defense.

What about flipflops besides NATO? Spicer was asked.

NATO is actually moving toward Trump, he responded again. Next question.

Trump, who seemed to remain in campaign mode for months after the election, appears to be listening to different advisers now. His onetime campaign guru, Steve Bannon, has been somewhat marginalized while moderate voices grow louder.

It may also be that Trump is merely looking for a way to improve his low approval rating, acknowledging his best tactic could be switching to a less dogmatic, more pragmatic

approach.

"Candidates are always bombastic on the campaign trail — and Trump especially. But there is some growing into the office and dealing with the real effects of some of the policies," said Stephen Moore, a conservative economist who helped craft Trump's economic plans.

On the other hand, he warned, "if he starts just abandoning his promises, then I think it's going to exact a political toll."

In many cases, Trump's campaign talk appeared born from instinct and little else. He was known as a candidate who rarely dug deep, and he employed few policy experts to inform his views. He's also long boasted of his flexibility, describing his positions as starting points for negotiation — though many of his core ideas, including frustrations over the U.S. trade imbalance, have held steady for years.

Trump, for instance, vowed to label China a currency manipulator,

"They're not currency manipulators," he conceded in the Wall Street Journal interview, adding that he was concerned that officially branding them as such could jeopardize his talks with Beijing on confronting North Korea.

Trump's evolution also reflects changing power dynamics within the White House, including the rise of Gary Cohn, his economics chief and the former president of Goldman Sachs, and other more moderate business leaders. Cohn has been looking for ways to fulfill Trump's campaign promises in ways that are practical and achievable — as opposed to doing things precisely

the way the candidate outlined.

That's an attractive prospect for a president eager for the wins he promised — after a difficult first few months that saw much of his agenda, including his signature travel ban and high-profile attempt at overhauling health care, blocked by Congress and the courts.

Trump has also been turning to outside business leaders, including many he's known for years, for guidance. They include billionaire real estate developers Richard LeFrak and Steven Roth, who are informally advising him on infrastructure, and billionaire investor Stephen Schwartzman, the chairman and CEO of the Blackstone Group, who helped organize two major business panels this month to weigh in on possible regulatory and tax changes.

Trump has also won praise for his decision to bomb an air base in Syria, despite his campaign promise to stay out of conflicts in the Middle East. While many in his conservative base were furious about the move, the bombing after a Syrian chemical weapons attack was widely applauded on the cable networks Trump voraciously consumes.

And it changed the subject from the investigations into Russian interference — and possible collaboration with his campaign — in the U.S. election.

Some things don't change. Bruce LeVell, a Georgia congressional candidate and Trump campaign backer who met with him several times this week, said, "We don't want his Twitter to go away. That's his pipeline to supporters, and he still has it."

## Ocean world near Saturn top contender for life beyond Earth

**Marcia Dunn**

*Associated Press*

A tiny, ice-encrusted ocean world orbiting Saturn is now a hotter-than-ever candidate for potential life.

NASA's Cassini spacecraft has detected hydrogen molecules in the geysers shooting off the moon Enceladus, possibly the result of deep-sea chemical reactions between water and rock that could spark microbial life, scientists announced Thursday.

NASA and others are quick to point out this latest discovery does not mean there's life on Enceladus (ehn-SEHL'-uh-duhs), but that there may be conditions favorable for life.

A liquid ocean exists beneath the icy surface of Enceladus, which is barely 300 miles (500 kilometers) across. Scientists have long known about the plumes of water vapor spewing from cracks at the moon's south pole, thanks to

Cassini. The heavy presence of hydrogen suggests chemical reactions between the warm water and ocean-floor rock that could support life.

Cassini uncovered the hydrogen during its final close flyby of Enceladus in 2015, when it dove deeper than ever through its plumes of vapor and particles. The researchers reported that the hydrogen, along with carbon dioxide that was also found, could mean that undersea microbes are producing methane as they do in the bowels of our own oceans and waterways.

"It really represents a capstone finding for the mission," said Cassini's project scientist, Linda Spilker, noting that the spacecraft has been circling Saturn for more than a decade.

"We now know that Enceladus has almost all of the ingredients that you would need to support life as we know it on Earth," she said at a NASA news conference.

A press conference viewer, asking questions of the scientists via

Twitter, asked if NASA was talking about bacteria or algae - or giant squids.

"Most of us would be excited with any life," said Mary Voytek, an astrobiology senior scientist for NASA. "We're going to start with bacteria and, if we get lucky, maybe there's something that's larger."

The findings were reported Thursday in the journal Science by a team from Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio.

Launched in 1997 and now finally running low on fuel, Cassini is drawing ever closer to its demise. The spacecraft will duck through the gap between Saturn and its rings 22 times before spiraling out of control and vaporizing in the sky above Saturn this September.

Cassini has no instruments that can detect life, so it will be up to future robotic visitors to seek out possible life on Enceladus, the scientists said.

Europa, an ice-covered moon of Jupiter also believed to

have a subsurface ocean, may have water vapor jets spewing into space as well, similar to Enceladus. The Hubble Space Telescope has observed what looks to be plumes emanating from Europa. A spacecraft under development called the Europa Clipper, to launch sometime in the 2020s, could shed more light on the matter.

Voytek said her money is still on Europa for potential life, versus Enceladus, since Europa is much older and any potential life there has had more time to emerge.

While questions remain, Thursday's news represents "an important advance in assessing the habitability of Enceladus," Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's Jeffrey Seewald wrote in a companion article.

"We still have a long way to go in our understanding," said Seewald, who was not involved in the study. "Future missions to explore oceans beyond Earth will answer many of these questions."



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# news

# Marsy's Law for All

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Marsy's Law for All is an organization whose main focus is to get Marsy's Law passed in every state that needs it. Marsy's Law is a crime victim protection law that was created to give rights to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Currently, only 35 states have laws placed in their constitution for the protection of crime victims and Marsy's Law is the reason five of those states are on the list. It has been passed in California, Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.

Marsy's Law is like a bill of rights for crime victims. This law provides enforceable rights that state the courts must stay in contact with the victim's family and update them about certain information on the case. It also states that the court must take the victim into account while setting bail, parole hearings, sentencing and pleas. And, it assures that the victims are able to be in the court of law. "The district attorneys are supposed to be the voice of the victim," said Casas. "But they

are really the voice of the state as you see on court documents; it says The State of Georgia v. (accuser's name) so Dr. Nicholas wanted to change that." Before Marsy's Law, there weren't any enforceable laws in California to notify crime victims and families of their accusers release from jail. There also were not any rights in place that stated the victims or their families would/could be involved every step of the case. After the Law was passed in California, Dr. Nicholas noticed other states had no enforceable rights for crime victims so, he started work towards getting the law passed wherever it was needed.

Dr. Henry T. Nicholas is the key proponent of Marsy's Law and named the Law in memory of his late sister Marsalee Nicholas better known as Marsy. In 1983, after Marsy ended a relationship with her long-time boyfriend, he didn't take the break up well and killed her. Marsy's family had him arrested and he was charged with murder. Just one week after Marsy's murder, her killer confronted her family in a grocery store. Since the court and judge were not obligated to inform Marsy's family that her killer was out on bail, they were shocked and scared to see him not knowing if he had any plans of retaliation for accusing him of Marsy's murder. "They

went through the process of him going to trial and getting convicted but they weren't always allowed to sit in the courtroom and represent Marsy," said Ann Casas, State Director for Marsy's Law. "When they saw there weren't really any rights for them, they wondered what they could do to change that."

Marsy's Law for All is currently making moves to pass Marsy's Law in the state of Georgia to insure that crime victims and their families are treated with respect and dignity. Currently, Georgia does have rights in place for victims but because the law is not enforceable, the victims never receive the information they deserve. "The key factor is enforceability," said Casas. "The Georgia statute law states that current crime victims are supposed to be receiving all of the information right now about the case but it doesn't happen because they are not enforceable." This means that currently, if a victim is not getting updates on their accusers case, there is nothing they can do about it. However, with Marsy's Law, the victims will be able to go to a judge who will make sure the attorney's are doing their job and keeping the victim informed.

Many people might not understand why anyone will have a problem with this law but there are

some controversies surrounding it, the biggest being money. Marsy's Law is not funded and many people are unsure about the importance of the law because they feel as if the taxpayers will have to pay the bill. "There's no monetary need in this law," said Casas. "The district attorney's already have victim assistance in their offices and receive federal funds for them. This law doesn't require anything additional." Marsy's Law only requires attorneys to make sure they're protecting the victims.

Marsy's Law has already passed in a 50-4 vote in the senate and is now going through the process to be passed in the House. Any constitutional Law had to pass 2/3 of the House and 2/3 of the senate. "Georgia has a 40 day legislative session, said Casas. "It took 28 days to get through the senate. We have to go through the different levels of the house in order to be up for a vote before each session ends. If we pass this year it will go to the 2018 ballot and the people of Georgia will decide if it will go onto the Constitution of Georgia or not."

Currently, Marsy's Law representatives are also working towards passing the law in Kentucky and Nevada but hope to pass it in every state that doesn't already provide enforceable rights in their constitution.

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## Wells Fargo shows some stability, resumes promoting account

Ken Sweet

Associated Press

Wells Fargo's sales practices scandal isn't going away anytime soon, with first-quarter profit essentially flat as the bank struggled to win customers. But amid signs that the storm over fake accounts is easing, branch employees are starting to promote new accounts to people.

The company said Thursday that new checking account openings were down 35 percent in March from the same month a year ago. New credit card applications were down 42 percent. Both those metrics improved from the activity in February, however.

And after months of apologizing and calling customers to ask whether they really opened the accounts in their names, Wells executives said the bank is starting to move back into the offense.

Bank employees are "more actively marketing products" to customers again in the branches, said John Shrewsbury, the company's chief financial officer.

Regulators had fined San Francisco-based Wells Fargo \$185 million in September for opening more than 2 million accounts fraudulently as employees tried to meet aggressive sales goals. The bank has been dealing with the aftermath since then, as then-CEO John Stumpf stepped down and the head of the consumer banking division moved up her retirement. Both were ordered to forfeit promised stock awards. Wells Fargo also scrapped its sales goals and announced new compensation standards.

Earlier this week, the bank's board released its own investigation, and announced it was clawing back another \$75 million in pay from Stumpf and former community bank executive Carrie Tolstedt, saying the

executives took too long to recognize problems at the company.

Even with signs of stabilization, the bank still faces several pending investigations by state and federal authorities. And in two weeks, Wells Fargo will hold its annual shareholder meeting amid a push to get rid of the company's board of directors.

Overall, Wells Fargo reported net income of \$5.46 billion, or \$1 per share, in the quarter ending March 31, compared with \$5.46 billion, or 99 cents per share, in the same quarter a year ago. The results surpassed Wall Street expectations of 96 cents per share, according to FactSet.

The company posted revenue of \$23.93 billion in the period. Its adjusted revenue was \$22 billion, falling short of analyst forecasts of \$22.4 billion, according to FactSet.

Like Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase, which also reported their results on Thursday, Wells did benefit somewhat from the rise in interest rates. The Federal Reserve raised interest rates last December and again in March. Higher rates mean banks like Wells can charge more for loans. In the quarter, Wells' net interest income was \$12.3 billion, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Both JPMorgan and Citi reported first quarter results that beat analysts' expectations. Unlike Wells Fargo, both banks have large trading and investment banking operations, so they tend to see profits rise and fall more noticeably with markets compared to Wells.

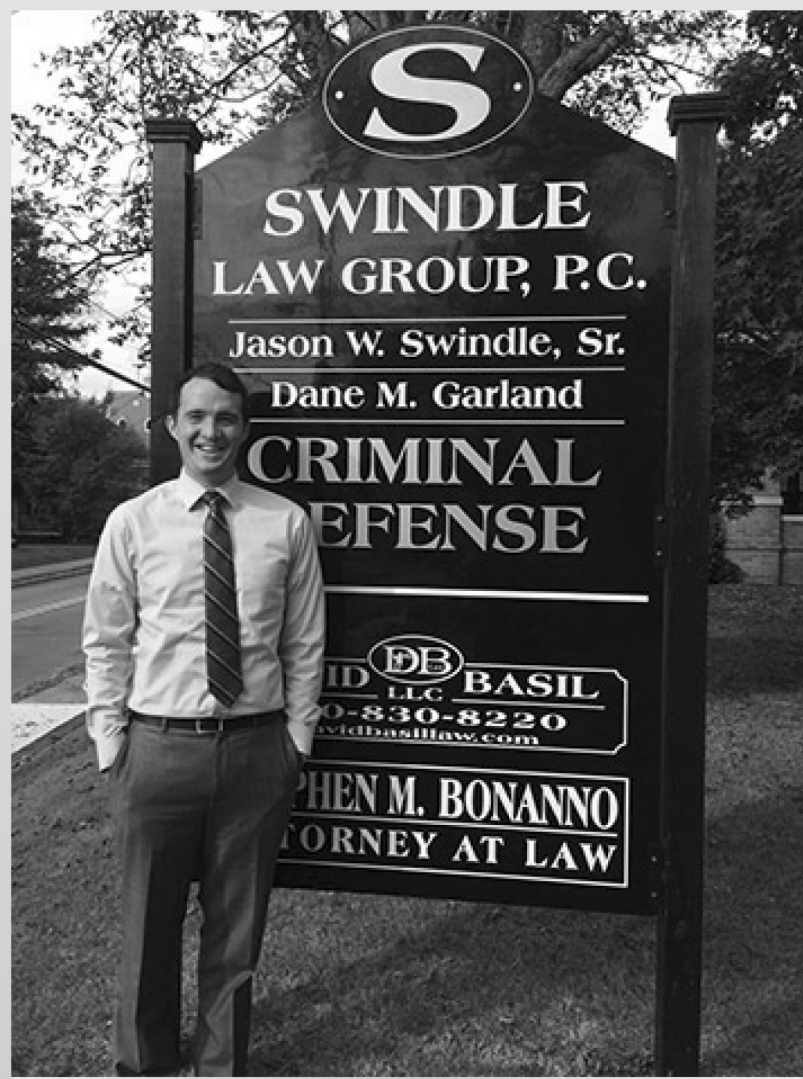
Citi said it earned \$4.1 billion, or \$1.35 a share, compared with \$3.5 billion, or \$1.10 a share, in the same period a year earlier. Analysts had expected \$1.23 a share, according to FactSet. JPMorgan earned \$6.45 billion, or \$1.65 per share, in the first quarter compared with net income of \$5.52 billion, or \$1.35 a share from a year earlier. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected the bank to earn \$1.51 a share.





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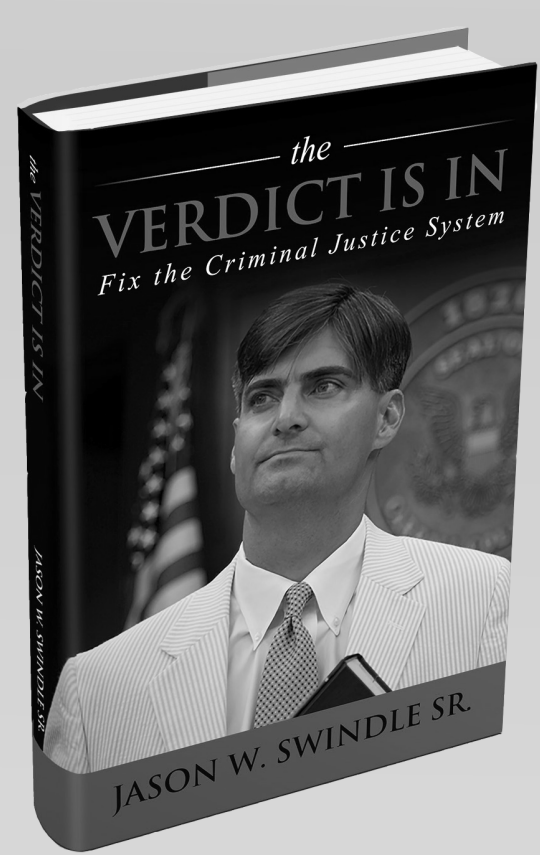
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# arts & entertainment

## DNCE comes to West Georgia

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DNCE is one of the hottest pop artists out right now and the main event at West Georgia's spring concert. DNCE was created by frontman Joe Jonas, from the Jonas Brothers, in 2015. DNCE will be accompanied by Zara Larsson and Chord Overstreet in the Coliseum on April 27.

DNCE is best known by their top hit "Cake by the Ocean," and is now a multi-platinum winning band. They won "Best New Artist"

at this year's MTV awards, and will be releasing their newest record this fall. DNCE just released their newest single "Toothbrush," and the video has already reached over 40 million views on YouTube. The Spring concert will be the band's first time performing with Larsson and Overstreet. "This will be the best concert yet at West Georgia," said Talley Carter, Senior at UWG. "I am very glad that I will be able to end my last semester hanging out with my sorority sisters at this event".

Larsson, another major name in the pop music world, gained national fame at the age of 10 by winning the show Got Talent. Larsson, however, is best known for collaborating with other artists

in most of her songs, one even featuring Wiz Kid. Many of her other songs including "So Good" and "Sundown" have been on the top charts in Sweden, Norway and Denmark. "For the most part I am excited to see Zara Larsson play, but I haven't heard much about Overstreet so I am ready to see what he brings to the table as a performer," said Carter.

Chord Overstreet is the son of the country music star Paul Overstreet. Overstreet was also a major star on the show Glee, where he plays the character Sam Evans. He began his music career at the age of 4, he received a mandolin for Christmas and sang on stage with his father. Overstreet has cited James Taylor, Jimmy Buffett, Bob

Dylan, David Gray and many other musicians that have inspired him over the years. Overstreet released his single "Homeland" last fall, and his newest single "Hold On" just released recently.

"Having all three of these three artists together for one event is going to be major for UWG and the community," said Carter. "You can't beat the cheap ticket price either." Tickets for West Georgia's spring concert will begin to go on sale April 10 to students and the community. Seats are available for pit, reserved floor and general admission while supplies last. Tickets can be purchased online at [townsendcenter.org](http://townsendcenter.org) or by phone at 678-839-4722.

# sports

## US athlete protection group tells AP of reports of Abuse

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*Associated Press*

Only three weeks since opening its doors, the U.S. Center for SafeSport is investigating 21 cases involving sexual misconduct or abuse in Olympic sports.

The center's website offers a hotline and an online reporting form for those who have been victims of abuse or know of such cases.

In an interview with The Associated Press, CEO Shellie Pfohl (pronounced fole) said the early influx of reports might stem

from people waiting for the center to open.

The organization operates independently from the U.S. Olympic Committee and organizations governing Olympic sports. The USOC and the 47 national governing bodies help fund the center - about \$13.3 million over five years - but do not have any say over how it operates or the cases it investigates.

The center opened March 23 after a five-year fundraising and organization effort that began following a series of sex-abuse cases at USA Swimming.

More recently, USA Gymnastics has been the target of lawsuits alleging misconduct by coaches and a team doctor. Last month, the organization's CEO,

Steve Penny, resigned under pressure after USAG was criticized for its handling of the cases.

Some of USA Gymnastics' troubles center on the timeline of when it learned about alleged abuse and when it reported the cases to the proper authorities.

Under the U.S. Center for SafeSport's rules, an NGB that receives information about such a case is required to immediately report to the center.

"What I think we're hearing and seeing really points to the need for an independent organization like" ours, Pfohl said. "We create a uniform set of codes and policies and procedures, so we're all working from the same book."

Pfohl said the center has one full-time investigator on staff,

another set to start in June and three who work on a contract basis. More will be added.

The center is charged with investigating the claims while also reporting them to appropriate law-enforcement authorities. NGBs are required to adhere to any sanctions the center hands down once an investigation is complete.

The center is designed to work similarly to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which receives funding from the USOC but is not controlled by the federation.

The center also plans on creating a searchable database of coaches and administrators with histories of abuse. The database will also have links to NGB websites, some of which already publish lists of banned coaches.

## Disc Golf soars to UWG

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The University of West Georgia is offering introductory Disc Golf courses to the public during the month of April. Two classes have already taken place and one more will be held on April 20. Not only will the course be offered to UWG students, but to anyone over the age of 18. These classes will be held at the newly constructed 18 hole disc golf course at Hobbs Farm. There is a small twelve dollar registration fee in order to participate in the classes held by UWG's Continuing

Education.

"Continuing Education is a part of West Georgia," said Erika McClain, program specialist for UWG Continuing Education. "We provide non-credit opportunities to our community, we have youth programs and adult programs."

This is the second time that these courses have been offered, the first time being in November of 2016, on the UWG's Disc Golf Course. Because this nine hole disc golf course is located behind Arbor View Apartments, is secluded and most students are unaware of its on campus existence. The classes could not be held there this time due to UWG facilities storing mulch on the course. Though facilities could not remove the mulch in time, they helped renovate the course and updated the tee boxes and baskets. After reaching out to the Carrollton

Parks and Recreation Association, Continuing Education was able to hold the classes at the Hobbs Farm course which was recently awarded the best disc golf course in Georgia. One can register for the course online on the West Georgia website.

The course will be taught by Martin Young who is a professional disc golf player who has traveled across the country competing in disc golf tournaments.

"Disc Golf is one of the fastest growing sports in America," said Instructor Martin Young. "Disc Golf is one of those sports that you can play as a game or hobby or they can go all the way to playing it competitively."

Each class is a stand alone class, meaning that you register for each two hour long course. For each course, Young will be going over the basic fundamental necessities to

make a successful disc golf player.

"It's basically a 101 kind of course, I'll be teaching the basic components of learning how to putt and how to drive, and the differences of each disc," said Young.

Disc Golf is a sport that is played by people of all ages nationally and internationally. There are over 40 disc golf courses in the Atlanta area alone.

"After taking this class, you'd be able to grab your discs and go to any course locally, nationally, internationally and play a round of golf and know what you're doing," said Young.

Continuing Education hopes that these classes will help encourage people to go outside and get some fresh air with friends and family members and learn about the growing sport of Disc Golf.



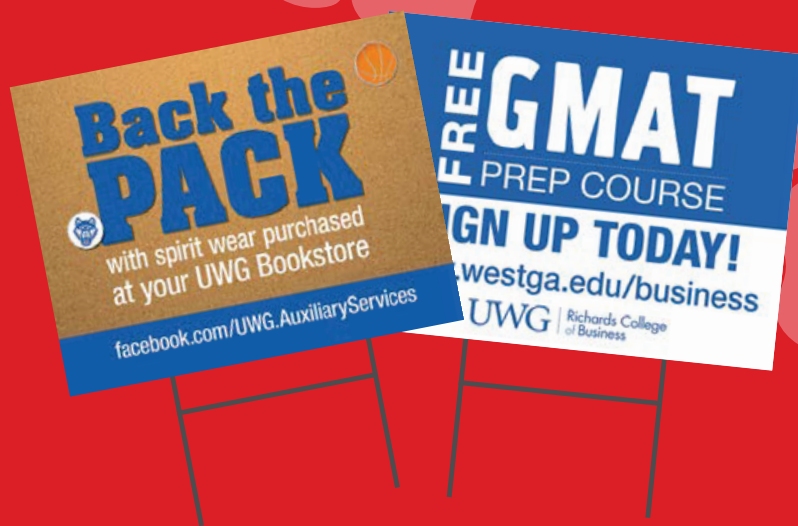
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