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THE HILL IN REVIEW

From Spring Break:
Members of the Chicago Plumbers Union spray green dye into the Chicago River on St. Patrick’s day 2018. Thousands of spectators gathered along the river at 9 a.m. to watch the more than 50 year old tradition. Chris Kohley/HERALD

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Six-foot Harlem Globetrotters’ guard “Flip” (19) flips off the hoop after climbing on top to block the General's Shots during their performance in E.A. Diddle Arena on Monday, Mar. 12. Silas Walker/HERALD
University announces 120 positions eliminated
Over 100 positions, both filled and vacant, have been eliminated from university faculty and staff, WKU announced today.
In an email sent to all faculty and staff, President Timothy Caboni announced that 119 full-time positions had been eliminated. Additionally, one part-time position has been eliminated from the university. Faculty and staff were notified by human resources last week if their position was eliminated.

Red Towel Guy encourages Hilltopper fans
Brendan Ward has made a name for himself at WKU. More commonly known as the “Red Towel Guy,” Ward said he wants to promote spirit in WKU athletics. What makes Ward stand out from other Hilltopper fans at sporting events is his outfit that he made completely out of Red Towels. The outfit features a variety of towels that Ward said he has collected since the beginning of his academic career at WKU. He recalls having over 30 towels sitting around his room and deciding to turn them into a cape. “I feel like I’m a third mascot,” Ward said. “There’s Big Red, the white squirrel and the Red Towel Guy.”

Reading recommendations Women’s History Month
Every month is a good month to read a book written by a female author or with a strong female protagonist, but Women’s History Month is an especially good time to do so. Whether you’re looking for a celebrity memoir, a classic novel or a newly released novel about life in Alaska, there’s something for almost everyone to enjoy this month as we celebrate women.
Read the full article for the list.

Vice President Pence visits Kentucky
Vice President Mike Pence visited More Than A Bakery in Versailles on Wednesday, March 7, to discuss tax reform and regulation.
This was Pence’s second visit to central Kentucky since becoming vice president. Gov. Matt Bevin introduced Pence before his speech, saying how honored he was to be a small part of the bigger puzzle here in Kentucky.

NCAA Tournament win evades Lady Toppers
Friday’s blowout loss to Oregon State University in the first round of the NCAA tournament reiterated a common theme for the WKU women’s basketball team. While the Lady Toppers continue to have success in Conference USA, an NCAA Tournament win continues to elude them.
Under head coach Michelle Clark-Heard, the Lady Toppers have made four out of the last six NCAA Tournaments, but each time they have failed to advance on the big stage.