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E-Day takes water focus to W.Va. Capitol

By **MEGAN OSBORNE**
THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia Environmental Council will sponsor its 24th E-Day 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the State Capitol according to a news release from WVEC.

The event has brought citizen lobbyists and local grassroots organizations to

the capitol every year since 1990, one year after the inception of WVEC.

Denise Poole, WVEC program coordinator, said she expects a large crowd this year due to the water crisis.

This year's theme, Water is Life—Keep it Clean, focuses on the current water issue the area is experiencing.

Over 20 local environmental organizations, including WVEC, WV Highlands Conservancy, and Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, will make appearances and have information and displays available to the public concerning water quality, Marcellus Shale gas drilling and energy efficiency.

Legislators and speakers from various environmental organizations are scheduled to speak throughout the day.

Poole said it is important for citizens to come and be guided through the legislative process as well as for legislators to hear the voices of their constituents.

A press conference will be

at 12:30 p.m. in the lower rotunda of the capitol, where bills regarding water quality and concerns about the water crisis will be addressed.

There will be a display set up where participants can bring a small bottle of tap water in order to emphasize the need for water protection and more home testing

for remaining chemicals from the leak.

E-Day includes a benefit dinner beginning at 6 p.m. at the Women's Club of Charleston, where awards for outstanding environmental involvement will be accepted.

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Campus salt supply delayed until Tuesday

By **MEGAN OSBORNE**
THE PARTHENON

The extra ice melt ordered by physical plant employees has been delayed due until Tuesday due to bad weather.

Director of the Physical Plant Mark Cutlip said he had ordered the salt for sidewalks from the usual in-state suppliers, but the orders were cancelled so he was forced to order ice melt from Nevada.

Two semi truck loads of about 40,000 pounds each were put on a train from Nevada and arrived in Chicago where the shipment was delayed. Eventually the order arrived in Columbus, Ohio, where more inclement weather caused the shipment to be further delayed.

Cutlip said they have ordered about 160,000 pounds of salt this season.

"We've put down more salt this year than we have in the last 20 years," Cutlip said.

Physical plant workers have also been dealing with damages to equipment used to clear the sidewalks and have been making repairs in order to keep the sidewalks clear.

"Repairs to equipment can be very costly," Dale Osburn, associate director of the physical plant, said.

In the event of snow, physical plant workers normally start moving snow at 6 a.m., and if a significant amount of accumulation is expected, they begin at 5 a.m.

"Usually this is the slow time of the year for us," Cutlip said.

Employees normally work on regular maintenance issues during this time because not much work can be done with the frozen grounds or with students in classrooms.

Osburn also said that the snow damage could potentially affect the preparation for landscaping this season. He said the plants they use are hardy in cold weather, but many of them will need to be replaced.

The snow has also caused the need for roofing repairs to Old Main, the Cam Henderson Center and the Science Building.

"You get more roof leaks if it's snowy and slushy than when it's rainy because the snow stays on the roof and melts," Cutlip said.

Cutlip and Osburn said they strongly advise students to wear appropriate footwear when on campus in snowy conditions, because no matter how much the sidewalks are clear, they can still freeze over.

"I don't know of any place around town that maintains sidewalks like we do," Cutlip said. "We work hard to keep the sidewalks clear, but there will be ice."

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FIRE ON ICE

US men's hockey team blazes through the weekend



Team USA mobs forward T.J. Oshie (74) after he scored to win a shootout against Russia in a men's hockey game at Bolshoy Ice Dome during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia on Saturday.

USA wins a tense affair versus Russia in Olympic hockey, 3-2

By **DAVID RAMSEY**
THE GAZETTE (MCT)

As American hockey forward David Backes prepared to face hostility at the Olympics, he motivated himself by envisioning how much fun it would be to deliver silence to Russian arenas.

On Saturday evening on the edge of the Black Sea, Backes and his teammates failed to see their wish come true. Yes, the United States defeated Russia, 3-2, after a dramatic and epic shootout, but the Olympic Ice Dome was not silent.

It was hopping with the sound of thrilled American fans, who were waving the red, white and blue. About 25 percent of the crowd was rooting for the United States and against the Russians.

"I was surprised," said forward Paul Stastny the former University of Denver star who now plays for the Avalanche. "It was loud for us. You noticed how loud it was."

T.J. Oshie finally ended the game with a penalty shot that slipped past Russian goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky. International rules allow the

same player to take repeated shots after the first three rounds, and Oshie tested Bobrovsky six straight times. He scored four times, including the game-winner.

When Oshie finally ended the game, he said he felt "relief."

"I was just glad it was over," he said. "A crazy game, and a crazy finish."

The Russians did enjoy home ice advantage, despite the invasion of several thousand Americans. The chanting and cheering and celebrating gave the game a more dramatic feel than a typical opening-round Olympic contest.

The history behind the rivalry added to the tension. Americans will long savor "The Miracle on Ice" in 1980, but the Soviets and Russians dominated the Olympic series until 1998, winning seven of nine games.

When NHL players entered the Olympics, the rivalry transformed, becoming almost dead even. Heading into Saturday's game, both teams had one win, one loss and one tie since 1998, and

Kessel's hat trick helps US rout Slovenia, 5-1

By **HELENE ELLIOTT**
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Showing few signs of a let-down after its emotional victory over Russia, the U.S. men's hockey team on Sunday rode a hat trick from Phil Kessel to a 5-1 victory over Slovenia at Shayba Arena in its final preliminary-round game.

Ryan Miller of the Buffalo Sabres, starting in goal while Jonathan Quick got a day off, stopped 17 shots from the plucky but undersized and overwhelmed Slovenians until Marcel Rodman scored on a long blast with 17.6 seconds left in the third period.

With only one NHL player in its lineup _ Kings center Anze Kopitar _ Slovenia did well to get this far and win a game in its first-ever Olympic tournament. Slovenia's lone victory came against Slovakia.

Team USA previously defeated Slovakia, 7-1, and edged Russia, 3-2, in an eight-round shootout to finish preliminary-round play with a 3-0 record.

Kopitar was not on his team's bench in the third period.

Matjaz Kopitar, Anze's father and the team's coach, said his son began to feel ill because of what's believed to be a bout of

the stomach flu, and the decision was made to leave him in the locker room for the third period.

"He just didn't feel good, something with the stomach. He was without the power," Matjaz Kopitar said. "Hopefully he's going to be better."

Matjaz said Anze would be taken to the clinic in the athletes' village for further examination. "Nothing major, I think," Matjaz Kopitar said.

Kessel became the first player on the U.S. men's team to record a hat trick since John LeClair scored three goals against Finland in the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. Joe Pavelski assisted on all three.

The other U.S. goals were scored by Ryan McDonagh in the second period and David Backes early in the third.

Kessel, who had been playing well for the Toronto Maple Leafs before coming here, launched the U.S. to a good start by scoring twice in the first four minutes, 33 seconds. On his first goal, at 1:04, he stepped around Slovenian defenseman Mitja Robar and went in alone on goalie Luka Gracnar, who was helpless against Kessel's quick shot.

Free Hugs

Student Resource Center helped boost morale Friday with free hugs for everyone

By TANNER FAW THE PARTHENON The Student Resource Center’s staff members sponsored a Valentine’s Day program in the Memorial Student Center offering free hugs to boost morale during the winter season. “The snowstorms have been hitting us pretty hard, and a lot of students are experiencing dreary days because of it,” Beth Wolfe, director of recruitment, said. “What better way to spread happiness than by giving away free hugs?” Hugs have been proven to boost oxytocin levels, thereby alleviating anger, sadness and depression from the body. Additionally, prolonged hugging promotes higher levels of serotonin, which boosts mood and instills happiness. The SRC staff was impressed by the results the programs

produced. “It has definitely been a hit,” Jackie Hackett, an SRC student assistant, said. “Within an hour to an hour and a half, we have collectively already given more than about 100 hugs.” Hackett said the idea for this program was inspired by similar ideas found on social media sites. Valentine’s Day singles, struggling students and senior citizens all took advantage of the program. Hugs relax muscles, release pain and tension and raise self-esteem levels. Hugs also help people lower their blood pressure, leading to a slower heartbeat and ultimately helping decrease the chance of a heart attack. Tanner Faw can be contacted at faw@live.marshall.edu.

Sochi dogged by canine issues, Olympic athletes try to help



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ABOVE: A mother dog and her pups visit Gorki Media Center in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, Feb. 9. LEFT: Puppies lap up water left by a visitor at Gorki Media Center in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, Feb. 9.

By ELLIOTT ALMOND SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS (MCT) It’s a dogs’ day afternoon in Sochi. Packs of mutts roam the downtown streets of the city center and the Adler district. Scores of them have shown up in the new mountain villages the Russian government has built for the 2014 Winter Olympics. The Sochi Games have drawn scrutiny over security, weather, gay rights and even funny-looking toilets. But perhaps the most unexpected story surfacing here this month is the pooch problem. While free-roaming dogs is a global issue, it has been spotlighted in Sochi because of reports that Olympic organizers hired contractors to exterminate at least 2,000 animals. That grim news helped fuel interest in protecting the animals, who hang around populated areas begging for food. Most of the canines are friendly instead of the

teeth-baring ferals that often run in packs—which explains why a number of visiting athletes are among those trying to help. “It makes me sad seeing dogs on the streets,” said Brita Sigourney, a Carmel, Calif., athlete who will compete Thursday in the new extreme sport of ski halfpipe. Sigourney, 24, found two adolescent dogs near the athletes village in the Caucasus Mountains, and well, it was love at first sight. She returned to the spot a few days later to check on her new friends. Sigourney found one of the dogs. “The workers around said the other disappeared,” she lamented. Sigourney will be out to win a medal in the one-day event at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park this week. But she’d like to pack another memento from the Sochi Games. “I wish I could bring this puppy home,” Sigourney said. Many share those sentiments. Silver medalist

freeskier Gus Kenworthy plans to take five dogs home that he picked up on the streets of Rosa Khutor, close to the Olympic mountain venues. “I’ve been around animals all my life,” said Kenworthy, of Telluride, Colo. “It’s hard to watch.” Amanda Bird, U.S. bobsled and skeleton press officer, also plans to bring home a pooch. Those bringing back dogs are required to get two pieces of paper to do so: an international health certificate and proff of rabies vaccination. Her husband already has picked out a name: Sochi. Kelly O’Meara, the Humane Society International director for companion animals and engagement, said most dogs in Russia end up homeless because of abandonment. “Dogs are brought into homes as puppies, but then abandoned once they become adults,” he said. The street dog population generally increases with human expansion because of a

ready-made food supply. In the past seven years, Sochi has experienced exponential growth for a seaside city of 400,000. Thousands of workers descended on the once-quiet town, and brought dogs with them to guard the construction sites. But they departed without taking the dogs with them, according to local activists. The situation has propelled Sochi residents such as Dina Filippova, 28, to act well before the games opened Feb. 6. A part-time lawyer, Filippova quit a management job to spearhead a campaign to save street dogs. “We have a lot of volunteers who rescue dogs and keep them in different places,” she said. Filippova described the work as continually improvising because of a lack of infrastructure to handle the animals. That includes chauffeuring dogs out of Sochi under

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Microsoft offering Marshall students more of its programs for free

By KRISTA SHIFFLETT THE PARTHENON Microsoft is allowing Marshall University students free access to other products that are a part of the 2013 Microsoft Office program. Students and staff have access to email accounts through Microsoft Office 365 and since the holiday break, there are more products available to be downloaded. Chief Information Security Officer Jon Cutler said Microsoft offered the products to multiple universities to help their students. “Microsoft said ‘Hey, we’ve heard folks say it would be really great if we had office products word, excel, those sorts of things to use on a student-owned computer,’” Cutler said. The products are only available as long as students are registered. Once the students are no longer enrolled, there is a 30 day grace period for people to decide whether or not they would like to purchase the products. “If you are already a currently registered student, or enrolled student, and have your office 365 email, you can go out

to the web interface and download an installer that lets you put the full version of Microsoft office on up to five computers,” Cutler said. The programs can be installed to Mac or PC’s computers. The office 365 mobile app can be used on iPhone, android and iPad, according to Cutler. Cutler said students would benefit from this opportunity to have these extra programs available to them while they are in college. Melissa Canfield, junior education major from Martinsburg, W.Va., said the opportunity is great because the programs are expensive for college students to have to purchase. “They’re crucial for when students need to do papers and projects,” Canfield said. “It’s going to be really beneficial to upcoming Marshall students as well.” The Microsoft products can be installed at any time. The IT department, located in Drinko Library, is available to help with any installment problems. Krista Shifflett can be contacted at shifflett7@marshall.edu.

George Zimmerman says he’s homeless and suffers from PTSD

By PARESH DAVE LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT) George Zimmerman, the 30-year-old Floridian acquitted last year of murdering Trayvon Martin, says he’s homeless, jobless and struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder. Zimmerman made these comments in an interview with Spanish-language television network Univision that’s scheduled to air at 7 p.m. Sunday, a week and a half before the second anniversary of the shooting. An English-language translation of the interview was released Saturday. Zimmerman was the neighborhood watch volunteer who encountered the unarmed 17-year-old at a gated community in Sanford, Fla. Zimmerman said he suspected that Martin might have been the burglar responsible for a string of break-ins. Amid a confrontation, Zimmerman shot the teenager, later saying he did so in self-defense. “In my mind and between God and me, I know that if I didn’t act, act the way I did, I wouldn’t be here,” he says in the Univision interview. “I mean, he wasn’t playing around,” Zimmerman says at another point. Other notable moments in Zimmerman’s interview, seven months after the trial:

—He says he never realized that Martin was unarmed, but that Martin was clearly trying to grab the gun from him. —He initially thought that his bullet had missed Martin and potentially struck a neighbor’s house. —He expresses no regrets about the shooting. —He has a debt of \$2.5 million owed to his lawyers, Mark O’Mara and Don West. He has raised more than \$300,000 from online donors and said he hopes to collect additional funds through a lawsuit he’s filed against NBC News over an edited 911 call, which he alleges made him look racist because a question and answer were mixed. —He says he hasn’t collected welfare and will work as a cook if he has to. He’s living off his family for now. —He blames sensationalized media coverage for making him notorious, saying people recognize him everywhere because “of what the press did with the incident in 2012, in February.” —He wears a bulletproof vest all the time. —He has to watch where he goes, including the doctor’s office, because any business or person he associates with starts getting death threats.

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Agencies from around the world impressed with Marshall

THE PARTHENON INTO Marshall University met with agencies from around the world Friday at INTO MU, East Hall. Agencies from the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Indonesia, China and South Korea had a chance to take a campus tour and talk to current INTO MU students. The students expressed their opinions on INTO MU, Marshall’s educational system and daily life in Huntington. “The group enjoyed our housing options,” Anastasia Artayet, an INTO MU student services worker, said. “The environment is welcoming and incorporates living on campus with a learning environment. The resident advisers also offer programs every month so that students interact with one another and truly experience our Marshall family atmosphere.” Artayet said the agencies were

impressed with the gaming center, the digital forensic labs as well as the student to teacher ratio. “It is conducive to the hands-on learning and technical experience,” Artayet said. “And since the labs are up-to-date with technology and partner with big name companies, the students are able to utilize their skills with internships and networking.”

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Herd women earn conference win over Charlotte, 71-69

By **DEREK MAY**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women's basketball team pulled out its second conference win of the season defeating the Charlotte 49ers 71-69 Saturday at the Cam Henderson Center.

The only other time the Herd and the 49ers met was in the 1990 season with Charlotte coming out on top 64-63.

Saturday's game was honored by both teams wearing pink for breast cancer awareness and the 2014 Play4Kay initiative. This initiative is an opportunity for coaches all around the country to raise breast cancer awareness and funds for research not only on the court, but across campuses and communities.

Marshall started its 11th different lineup of the season with freshman Kiana Evans getting her first career start. Seven of the Herd's nine wins have come with different starting combinations.

The Herd jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, capitalizing off the 49er's 10 turnovers, producing 16 of their 37 first half points. The 49ers were able to cut the lead rather quickly. Marshall regained the lead for good at the 8:05 mark of the first half and went into half-time with a 37-32 lead.

Head coach Matt Daniel said he loved the team's resilient effort they gave in getting the win.

"We've got a lot to improve upon, but we finally closed out a game," Daniel said. "I was glad to see one go our way"

Coming out of the halftime break, Marshall grabbed its largest lead at 50-42. Late in the second half Charlotte was able to cut the lead down to three with 2:13 left in the game, and with under a minute to go cut the lead to just one.

Marshall had a season-best 16 of 19 from the foul line at 84 percent. In the closing minutes of the game, free throw shooting played a vital role as Marshall went 7 of 8 from the line.

Junior Leah Scott led the way for the Herd with a career high 22 points, four assists, and two steals. Scott and senior Erica Woods, who joined the team for the first time since Jan. 25, hit the key foul shots down the stretch to seal the game for the herd.

Daniel said he was pleasantly surprised by the outcome of the game considering how the rest of the reason has gone.

The Herd improved its record to 9-15 and 2-9 in the conference. Charlotte's record fell to 11-12, and 5-5 in conference play.

Marshall is back on the road for its next game at Middle Tennessee Wednesday. This will mark the first time the two teams have played against each other.

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ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Sophomore guard Norrishia Victrum looks for a passing lane against ECU Feb. 5 in the Cam Henderson Center.

Softball struggles at Tiger Invitational

By **JAMES COLLIER**
FOR THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Softball team kicked off its 2014 season over the weekend with mixed results at the Tiger Invitational in Auburn, Ala. during the three-day event. Marshall finished the tournament 1-4 with its lone win coming against Loyola-Chicago Saturday morning. The Thundering Herd lost to Western Illinois, Auburn, Omaha and Winthrop.

Marshall opened the 2014 season against Summit Conference member Western Illinois and a new face consistently inside the circle other than Andi Williamson for the first time in two years.

Herd freshman Jordan Dixon took the ball for game one as she retired the Leathernecks in order. She recorded two strikeouts in the inning as her first career strikeout was against the 2013 Summit Conference player of the year Sammie Marshall.

Raquel Escareno provided the Herd with its first run of the season, driving in Morgan Zerkle with an RBI single in the first to give Marshall a 1-0 lead.

Western Illinois answered the call to start the second inning after Dixon surrendered three singles and a walk giving the Leathernecks a 2-1. However, the leadoff hitter of Marshall would clear the bases with three-run blast, extending the lead to 5-1.

Western Illinois would add a run in the third and fourth innings to extend their lead to 7-1.

The Leathernecks would add three more in the sixth as pitchers Brittanie Fowler, Lindsey Fadnek and Escareno combined for three free-passes along with two more Herd errors.

Shaelynn Braxton opened the bottom of the sixth with her first homerun of the season cutting the lead to 10-2 but the Herd would

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Herd tennis has big weekend Marshall defeats No.57 Penn State 4-3

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Late into Friday evening, the Marshall tennis team waited. An intense battle on the court presented the Herd with the chance to defeat its first ranked opponent of the season, and the decision rest on the shoulders of lone senior Karli Timko.

The Herd began the match with doubles competition. The German duo of Dana Oppinger and Derya Turhan fell in an 8-3 match as Timko and partner Anna Pomyatinskaya defeated Samantha Tutelman/ Carmen Sandor 8-6. The Nittany Lions took the advantage in doubles after the Herd's Kai Broomfield and Rachael Morales lost in a 9-8(1) tiebreaker.

The Herd quickly responded in singles action, with Turhan

coming out quickly and winning 6-0, 6-0 over Sandor.

Oppinger followed suit, defeating Katia Blik 6-4, 6-1.

"Derya put us off to a great start, and Dana played probably the best match I've seen her play all year," coach John Mercer said.

Broomfield fell to Penn State freshman Dasha Sapogova 6-2, 6-4. Sapogova has now won four matches in a row in singles competition.

With the score tied at two a piece, things seemed to intensify for the Herd. Pomyatinskaya was the next to finish, fighting back from a 4-0 deficit to defeat Marie Bedard 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 and give the Herd a 3-2 lead.

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BRAXTON CRISP | THE PARTHENON
Freshman Derya Turhan delivers a serve against West Virginia Feb. 1 at The Huntington Tennis Club.

Marshall defeats Penn 4-3, moves to 5-2 on season

HERDZONE.COM

The Marshall tennis team continued its win streak, beating Penn 4-3 Saturday. The Herd is now 5-2, with its only two losses coming to ranked opponents Kentucky and Virginia Tech.

The Herd once again battled back from losing the doubles point, after first doubles Dana Oppinger and Derya Turhan lost 8-5 and second doubles Karli Timko and Anna Pomyatinskaya fell in an 8-7(1) tiebreaker.

Pomyatinskaya gave the Herd its first point, going 6-0 in the first set and 2-0 in

the second after the Quakers' Jamie Yapp-Shing retired.

With the score at 1-1, junior Kai Broomfield gave the Herd the lead with a 6-4, 6-2 defeat.

Oppinger and Turhan, playing first and second singles, both lost- Oppinger 6-0, 6-2 and Turhan 6-2, 6-4.

Oppinger faced a tough competitor in Penn's Joi Eskanazi, No. 7 in the ITA Northeast Region rankings and undefeated in singles action.

Marshall, growing accustomed to fighting

back, earned victories at fifth and sixth singles to give the Herd its 4-3 advantage.

Timko tied the score with a 6-3, 6-2 performance, and freshman Rachael Morales sealed victory with a 6-2, 6-0 result.

"Once again, we proved we can come back," coach John Mercer said. "We're really digging and earning these wins. I'm really proud of these girls and the way they are battling every match."

Marshall will travel to Minneapolis, Minn February 22 and 23 to face Iowa State and Minnesota.

Herd rallies past Charlotte, win 59-56



HERDZONE.COM
Sophomore transfer guard Chris Thomas drives against FAU Feb. 1 in the Cam Henderson Center.

HERDZONE.COM

After falling behind by 11 points early on, the Marshall men's basketball team kept fighting to battle back and collect a 59-56 victory over Charlotte in Conference USA play on Saturday night at Halton Arena.

With the road victory, the Thundering Herd improves to 9-17 on the year and 3-8 in C-USA play, with the loss dropping the 49ers to 14-10 overall and 5-6 in league play.

As part of league scheduling, Marshall will see Charlotte once again before the regular season concludes, but in Huntington, as the two sides are "rivals" and travel partners, which is accompanied by a home-and-home series.

At the second media timeout of the game, 10:10 remained until the half and Charlotte led 21-15, while Canty paced the Herd with eight points in just 10 minutes of playing time. The gap widened as the 49ers went up double digits, but 10 straight points from Thomas, including two three-point plays, brought the score to 32-29 with 3:22 left in the half.

With the clock winding down at the end of the first half, Thomas snatched an offensive rebound and banked a layup off the glass to put his side up 36-34 right before the buzzer sounded. The bucket capped a 17-2 run that spanned 7:12 and closed the half for the Herd.

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Herd supports female sports with 17th Sweetheart Clinic

By **GABI WARWICK**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics sponsored the 17th annual Sweetheart Clinic Saturday.

This event began in 1998 to recognize National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Girls between the ages of 4-12 came to the Marshall Recreational Center to visit with Marshall's women athletes and learn the basics of various sports.

Sarah Davenport, who was in charge of registration and planning, said she was pleased with how the event turned out.

"It's great to see all the kids enjoying themselves," Davenport said. "They're really getting out there and trying all the different sports. It's also nice to see our athletes interacting with the young girls."

The event began at 9:30 a.m., when the participants were sorted in to groups based on age, and then rotated through stations.

At every station, student athletes or coaches from one of the nine women's teams represented led the participants through some developmental skills for their respective sport.

Some of the skills the participants learned included a cheer from the Marshall cheerleaders, how to pitch from Marshall softball players and how to drive a golf ball from Marshall's women's golf team.

After all of the rotations were complete, the girls were treated to a pizza party and a pep rally led by the cheerleaders. They were also invited to attend the women's basketball game at 1 p.m.

Davenport said planning for the event was tough, but seeing the reactions from the participants made it worthwhile.

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EDITORIAL

US, Russia Olympic relations are better

Watching the United States men’s hockey team’s thrilling 3-2 shootout victory over Russia Saturday morning had all the thrill of watching Rocky IV with a real-life twist, causing even the most distant of Olympic viewers to raise their arms in the air with national pride.

The late heroics of St. Louis Blues center T.J. Oshie for the U.S. instantly drew comparisons to the 1980 “Miracle on Ice” against the Soviet Union, but it wasn’t a battle of Uncle Sam vs. the Red Army. It wasn’t democracy vs. communism. There weren’t missiles hiding behind hockey teams. While there was shoving and jeering that comes at any hockey, there was no real animosity in

a contest between the world’s hyperpower and it’s former archenemies.

That’s a beautiful thing, a triumph for what the Olympics stand for and a victory for the human race.

As the last of those born during the Cold War begin to graduate college (and that’s bound to make someone feel old), the vast majority of college students have never known the nagging fear of nuclear holocaust. Communism has been phased out as a boogeyman before most college 20-somethings could walk, replaced in this millennia with the ambiguous and stateless specter of “terrorism.”

But for 70 years, the United States could

point to someone and say, “Right there, them. We don’t trust those people.”

This isn’t your daddy’s bilateral Olympic tension, and thank goodness for that. This is the pure “our guys versus your guys” mentality found only in sport and far from the poisonous grasp of geopolitics. Of course, to say that any Olympics are devoid of international stagecraft is folly, but it’s not as bad as it was. The pride coming with hearing your national anthem on the medal stand is still there, but the victory is sweeter now with perspective on your personal victory rather than simply the defeat of another.

We’re playing against the world now, not just the Russians.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

What is your favorite Winter Olympics event?	What is your favorite Valentine’s Day gift to give and/or receive?
Ice skating	Flowers
Hockey	Candy
Curling	Stuffed animals
	59%
	26%
	15%

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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

Science versus religion

By ANN MCFEATTERS
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS
SERVICE (MCT)

If you think the U.S. education system is doing its job, here’s a statistic to contemplate: Forty-six percent of Americans believe that humans were created just 6,000 years ago.

In other words, the overwhelming scientific evidence in favor of evolution is flat wrong.

This alarming, depressing figure comes from the Gallup Poll and hasn’t changed much over the years. In 1982, 44 percent of Americans believed that God created humans in their current form. The number of Republicans who believe in creationism and discount evolution has increased since 2009 from 47 percent to 56 percent.

In other words, no monkeys involved. The Bible is literally true. Noah’s Ark was real and saved 7,000 species from drowning.

Perhaps you heard about the “debate” the other night between Bill Nye, TV’s Science Guy, and Ken Ham, who founded the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky. The museum coins huge amounts of money from tourists eager to see dioramas of human beings and dinosaurs living side by side in perfect harmony. The human being has modern hair and is fully clothed and belted, of course, and is smiling toothily. I think the dinosaur, which looks eerily like the evil velociraptors in “Jurassic Park,” is also smiling.

historic note except that school boards all over the country are in real debate over whether creationism should be taught to children.

During one of the interminable GOP debates before the 2008 presidential election, the 10 candidates on stage were asked if they believe in evolution. Three raised their hands indicating they did not: Tom Tancredo, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee.

Huckabee, a televangelist who has his own political show on the Fox network, later said the question was “utterly silly.” None of the candidates, he said, was “running to be eighth-grade science teacher.”

Huckabee has suddenly emerged as one of the leading GOP presidential candidates for 2016 since New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie self-destructed. He says the earth may be more than 6,000 years old and may even be billions of years old. “But we don’t know.” He insists he does know that one God created it all.

President Barack Obama says he is against teaching creationism as an alternative to evolution to children because it is religion-based. He calls science the never-ending search for knowledge and truth. He says science holds the key to our planet’s survival (climate change). And he says it is time to put science at the top of our agenda.

Huckabee and many millions like him do not agree. They want “belief” at the top of the agenda, or rather, they want their form of belief. Their belief that America can do no wrong. Belief that their God loves this country more than others. Their belief that scientific findings can be cherry picked and denied. Their belief that parents may decide what truths their children are taught and which are inconvenient.

Forty-six percent of Americans refuse to accept that human life evolved from lesser animals in a process that took billions of years.

And, yes, folks, there is still a Flat Earth Society.

COLUMN

Senate must pass reforms to help end epidemic of sexual assault military

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS (MCT)

The way sexual assaults are handled in the military is a disaster — even the top brass concede this point. The Associated Press provided more evidence of that this week, adding support to the bipartisan push in the Senate to take decisions about prosecuting serious crimes, including rape, outside the chain of command.

The military says it is making progress, but it is far too slow. It is long past time for serious reforms.

The AP obtained documents on hundreds of cases in Japan, the largest overseas U.S. military installation, from 2005 to 2013. The results were appalling: Only a third of convicted service members served time for their crimes, part of a system, as the AP put it, of “random and inconsistent punishment.” Over that period, victims increasingly refused to cooperate with investigators or recanted their stories, widely viewed as a sign they lacked confidence they would be treated fairly.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., has attracted a bipartisan group of 53 supporters — including Sens. Rand Paul and Barbara Boxer — for her bill to give decision-making authority in these cases to experienced military prosecutors instead of officers in the chain of command. In a more reasonable world, that would be enough, but she faces a threshold of 60 votes in the Senate because of the way filibuster rules are being abused. The bill, the Military Justice Improvement Act, may come up for a vote this week.

Top military leaders oppose it, claiming it would undermine the authority of commanding officers. But the existing system is obviously a failure; experts believe there may be about 19,000 sexual assaults in the military every year, Gillibrand said recently, but only about 3,000 are reported — and there are multiple examples of those cases being handled terribly. That is what’s undermining the authority of the military chain of command.

The existing system gives officers an impossible task. A rape conviction for someone under their command reflects poorly on their leadership. And how are they supposed to judge fairly if a top-performing soldier or Marine is accused, perhaps by someone who isn’t as stellar?

The reforms Gillibrand is seeking will increase the confidence of victims that their cases will be handled fairly, which should increase reporting. They should also increase the number of convictions and the seriousness of the punishment, which will surely be a deterrent that brings down the number of sexual assaults — the ultimate goal.

Military brass and some senators say they’re making progress and that their incremental reforms should be allowed time to work. But they’ve been saying that for decades — remember Tailhook? It’s time for Congress to step in and require major changes in how the military handles sexual assault.

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SLOVENIA

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Kessel’s second goal was set up on a centering pass from Joe Pavelski, who had also assisted on his first goal. Kessel had no challenge in the slot as he scored his third goal of the tournament.

Although it appeared the U.S. would cruise, Slovenia regrouped and began to spend more time in the U.S. zone as the period wore on. The U.S. had the edge in shots, but only by 8-7.

Slovenia pressed for the first few minutes of the second period too, but the Americans capitalized on their depth and more abundant skills.

Kessel finished off his hat trick at 11:05 of the second period when he got past the unfortunate Robar to score from close range. Pavelski picked up the assist, his third.

Ryan McDonagh padded the U.S. lead to 4-0 at 12:17, going high on Gracnar, who’s only 20 years old and got quite an education on Sunday.

DOGS

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the cover of night to get them to safe places where they can find good homes.

Filippova estimates that she has saved about 500 dogs over the past few years. She is keeping a handful in her apartment and lodging about two dozen more in temporary homes.

The city opened a municipal shelter in the past month but Filip-pova is skeptical of the politicians’ sincerity.

“They were founded only because of the Olympics—to have something to show foreign journalists,” she said. “And it is not like they have saved a lot of animals already.”

Nadezhda Mayboroda, 39, opened a private shelter called PovoDog in the town’s outskirts. She said she has about 20 dogs in residence but is trying to expand.

“We’re trying to increase our ability to keep more stray dogs,” Mayboroda said “There’s not enough space.”

She has been working for the past five years to get officials to build a permanent city-run shelter.

“Still, nobody wants to help,” Mayboroda said.

Bird, the bobsled press officer, plans to visit PovoDog on Monday to pick out which one she wants.

“I didn’t come to Sochi with the intent of adopting a dog,” she said. “But I couldn’t ignore the presence of the stray dogs.”

Bird saw one curled up sleeping on the sidewalk just outside the airport exit. There was another one that stood by her heel and watched as they unloaded bags. Another one played with an athlete at the entrance to the village.

“And another wagged her tail every time someone walked by, hoping to be noticed and pet,” she said. “I certainly noticed.”

Bird, who dreams of someday owning enough land to create an animal sanctuary, doesn’t know if she will get a puppy home to Tennessee. Her charter flight doesn’t allow dogs, so Bird is hoping someone will bring the animal home for her.

Mayboroda, of the dog shelter, made it clear that strays are an international problem and not something found only in subtropical Sochi. But the mild climate along the Black Sea allows the dogs to live on the streets without many problems.

“Food is everywhere,” she said.

An affable hound found Sunday hanging outside the door of a cafe in the Olympic Park probably would have agreed.

The short-haired girl with sorrowful eyes approached shyly in hopes of scoring a morsel.

She didn’t bark, not when hopping for a bite.

The Humane Society has a link on its website to help Sochi visitors who want to bring home dogs. It can be found at /www.hsi.org/issues/street — dog/factsheets/adopting-transporting-pets-internationally.html.



The USA Hockey Team celebrates their victory over Slovenia following their game at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, Sunday, February 16, 2014. USA defeated Slovenia 5-1.

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Through the first 20 minutes, 14 points from Thomas and 13 from Canty combined for 27 of Marshall’s 36 first-half points, while Marshall turned eight Charlotte turnovers into 14 points.

The 49ers came out of the locker room re-energized for the second half and jumped back out front, but not for long. Success on the offensive glass allowed the Herd to re-take and extend its lead to a game-high nine points, 50-41, as 12:06 remained.

Charlotte remained cold from the field as the Marshall defense kept its pressure high,

allowing the visiting Herd to hold serve, 53-47, with 5:40 to play after a jumper from Canty. Buckets from Canty and Thomas kept a multiple-possession buffer between the two teams as the 49ers looked to trim the margin.

With 1:27 remaining, a dunk from Terrance Williams brought Charlotte within four, but a mid-range jumper from Canty followed, making it 59-53 in favor of the Herd with 53.4 seconds left. Following a Marshall turnover, Shawn Lester knocked down a trey with 19.4 seconds to play, bringing the score to 59-56.

On the ensuing possession, the Herd committed another turnover, this one due to

failing to inbound the ball in under five seconds, which gave the ball back to Charlotte with a shot at tying the game. After an initial miss, the 49ers grabbed the rebound to set up another chance at extending the game, but could not connect as the Herd reeled in the miss and ran out the clock to win 59-56.

Marshall finished 40 percent from the field (22-of-55) as Canty finished with a game-high 21 points, followed by 18 from Thomas. Charlotte went 22-for-62 from the field (35.5 percent).

The Herd will return home to the Cam Henderson Center to take on UAB, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

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get no closer and took the loss.

Marshall battled SEC powerhouse Auburn in its second game of day one but seven errors in the contest plagued the Herd for the first pitch.

Fadnek took the ball for the Herd in game two but struggled early in the game and the host team of Auburn took full advantage. Three Marshall errors along with two walks by Fadnek produced a five-run first inning for the Tigers as they led 5-0.

Auburn added another run in the third but Shaelynn Braxton would spark a charge in the third for Marshall. Kaelynn Greene started the inning with a double and Zerkle would get on base after being hit by a pitch. Greene would score on Shaelynn Braxton’s RBI single to left, cutting the Tigers’ lead to 6-1.

Marshall would add two more runs in the inning after Zerkle and Shaelynn Braxton scored on a RBI single by Escareno and a sacrifice fly by Katalin Lucas cutting the lead to 6-3.

Auburn added two more the third and put the game out of reach after plating 11 runs in the fourth.

Greene led off the fifth with a triple to the gap in left and Shaelynn Braxton drove her home after connecting on her second homerun of the day.

Marshall returned to the diamond Saturday morning with a game against Loyola-Chicago and Dixon would lead the Herd to its first win of the season, defeating the Ramblers 8-1.

Greene led off the game with a single and plated the first run after Zerkle drew a throw stealing second.

Marshall added three more runs in the third after Shaelynn

Braxton’s 2-RBI double would bring Greene and Zerkle to the plate for a 4-0 lead.

Loyola would score its only run of the contest in the fourth cutting the Herd’s lead to 4-1.

Kristina Braxton collected her first RBI of the season with a one out bases-clearing 3-RBI double allowing Lucas and Taylor Winton to score, making it 7-1 Marshall.

A solo blast by Lucas in the seventh pushed the lead to 8-1 in favor of the Herd and Dixon would close the game in dominate fashion. After walking the first two batters in the bottom of the inning, she retired the next three in order, including recording a career-high seventh strikeout to end the game.

Marshall battled Summit Conference member Omaha in the afternoon matinee. The Mavericks pushed two across in the first on three Fadnek walks and a one out single made it 2-0. Marshall’s Shaelynn Braxton continued her production at the plate with her third homerun of the weekend, cutting the lead down to 2-1.

Omaha exploded for three more in the third on three Maverick hits pushing the score to 5-1.

The Herd responded with a four run fourth inning after Rebecca Myslenski doubled home Shaelynn Braxton and Alyssa Cook ripped a three-run homerun evening the score at five.

Omaha responded in the fifth with a four-run inning of its own, regaining the lead 9-5.

Cook picked up her fourth RBI of the game with her second extra-base hit in the sixth with a double down the right field line to score Escareno from second trimming the lead to 9-6.

Marshall had the tying run at the plate in the seventh with

one out but a Shaelynn Braxton ground out and Lucas strikeout would keep the Herd short of the come from behind win.

Dixon would take the ball for the Herd’s finale Sunday against Winthrop and struggle with control of the zone while allowing three runs to cross for the Eagles.

Marshall cut the lead to 3-1 in the third after Greene doubled with one out and scored on a Zerkle RBI single to right.

Walks and errors plagued the Herd in the fourth as the Eagles added four runs in the inning, none that were earned.

Much like the Omaha game, Marshall gave itself a shot at a win trailing 7-2 in the bottom of the seventh. Kristina Braxton led the inning off with a double to the gap in right field and then scored on a RBI triple by Zerkle. With two outs in the inning, Escareno sent the first pitch offered to her over the left field wall for a two-run blast that cut the lead down to two. Lucas earned a four-pitch walk, sending the tying run to the plate.

Myslenski sent a line-drive at the Eagles second baseman that recorded the final out of the inning and gave the Eagles a 7-5 win.

Dixon saw much of the action inside the circle, pitching 17 of the 31 innings during the tournament. Fowler provided 7 1/3 innings in relief including three scoreless innings against Winthrop.

Marshall will travel to Orlando, Fla. Thursday to compete in the Citrus Classic in the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Marshall will face five teams: No. 17 Georgia, Albany, Delaware, Fairfield and Mercer. Its first opponent will be the Bulldogs Feb. 21 at 11 a.m.

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PENN ST

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“Anna battled back,” Mercer said of his freshman performer. “To be down 4-0, and come back like that shows how tough of a competitor she actually is. It gave our team added momentum.”

And then, there was Timko, whose 6-3, 6-1 victory proved to be the deciding factor of the match.

“We really showed a lot of

character today,” Mercer said. “Today showed us what it feels like to play really well against a tough team...and win. And it always feels good to win.”

Timko was ecstatic for her victory, but more proud of the results of her team.

“Hard work pays off,” Timko said. “Today we learned that when all of us go out and believe in ourselves, and each other, and if we fight until the very last point, we can beat anybody.”

ZIMMERMAN

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—He says he wants to resume studying to become a lawyer, so that no one else has to suffer an injustice comparable to his.

Zimmerman ends by saying he expects the case to chase him forever.

He describes himself as “a good brother, a good son, a good grandson, a good friend” trying to live a positive life

and said that he would like everyone to give “the benefit of the doubt like I do, and want to forgive, want to go on with their own lives.”

Zimmerman declines to answer some questions, citing a federal investigation into whether he violated Martin’s civil rights. He says he chose to do the interview with Univision because the network has treated his family with “integrity” and “respect.”

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Colin Farrell (left) and screenwriter/producer/director Akiva Goldsman in "Winter's Tale." DAVID C. LEE | MCT

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"I'M 21, AND I'VE NEVER BEEN KISSED ON THE MOUTH."

By ROGER MOORE
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

Mark Helprin's 30-year-old fantasy novel "Winter's Tale" saunters onto the screen as a lovely but slow and emotionally austere experience, a romantic weeper that shortchanges the romance and the tears.

They threw Oscar-winning screenwriter Akiva Goldsman ("A Beautiful Mind") and a cast including three Oscar winners at this exercise in magical realism, and yet Helprin's bulky, honored book leaves them pinned to the mat, its big themes seemingly diminished by the time the credits roll.

Colin Farrell stars as Peter, an orphan and a thief who grows up to be a second story man, which is how he meets the beautiful but sickly Beverly (Jessica Brown Findlay of "Downton Abbey").

She's dying of consumption, he's smitten. And since he's ridden this magical horse that has thrown Beverly into his path in 1916 New York, Peter figures he can save her.

The horse can fly, which is startling even to Peter, who knows the universe is a magical place and that people have magic in them, and that the horse has already saved him from his demon mentor, Pearly (Russell Crowe).

Pearly — who loves oysters — is a bloody lieutenant of no less than Lucifer, whose identity I won't spoil. Ever so often, Pearly's scarred, unforgiving face splits into a Satanic scowl, all teeth and rage, and the blood will flow.

Peter may be just as doomed as his seemingly doomed new lady friend. Then again, in the opening scene, we've seen this early 20th century man walking the streets, confused and bearded, in 2014 Manhattan. Sometimes, "the universe reaches down and helps us find our destiny," and so it is with Peter. Perhaps Jennifer Connelly, a modern-day single-mom newspaper food editor, can help him puzzle it out.

Goldsman was going to have to condense, trim and flip this novel back and forth to make a film out of it, and he ended up inventing characters, expanding some and shrinking others, to concoct a filmable version.

He's rendered "Winter's" into a tale of fine scenes with decent

performances, but a story that probably won't please fans of the book and will leave those who don't know the book scratching their heads.

Young Ms. Findlay is one of those Hollywood Healthy consumptives, in the pink and playing a character whose constant fever means she goes barefoot in the snow and sleeps in tents even on the coldest nights.

"I'm 21, and I've never been kissed on the mouth," she complains, which the thief she's just met sets out to rectify.

William Hurt is Beverly's newspaper editor father, and he and Farrell click in a sparkling and funny "what are your intentions?" scene that hinges on the confusing pronunciations of "claret," "fillet" and "wallet."

Crowe is plenty menacing as the Devil's Disciple, but all the rules of this universe conspire to keep him from tracking his quarry to the ends of the wintry Earth.

Goldsman, who also counts the adaptation of "I Am Legend" among his credits, never lets the film lean on its effects, but the tone of the fantasy and the romance of it all evades him. "Winter's Tale" has no narrative drive and too little heart to come off.

Rather than solving the mystery of whether it is "possible to love someone so completely they cannot die," it founders and bleeds out — a fairy tale too slow to "die the one true death."

'Winter's Tale'
2 stars (Grade: C)

Cast:
Colin Farrell,
Jessica Brown Findlay,
Russell Crowe,
Jennifer Connelly,
William Hurt

Written and directed
by Akiva Goldsman,
based on the Mark
Helprin book.

Running time: 1:58

MPAA rating:
PG-13 for violence
and some sensuality

Drake apologizes for Rolling Stone blowup

By GERRICK D. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Drake has apologized for railing on Rolling Stone after the magazine bumped him off the cover in favor of Philip Seymour Hoffman.

He took to his website on Friday to issue an open letter "to clear the air about an extremely emotional day."

"I completely support and agree with Rolling Stone replacing me on the cover with the legendary Phillip Seymour Hoffman. He is one of the most incredible actors of our time and a man that deserves to be immortalized by this publication," Drake wrote.

"My frustration stemmed from the way it was executed. The circumstances at hand are completely justifiable (on the magazines behalf), but I was not able to salvage my story or my photos and that was devastating."

He went on to write that had he be given the choice, he would have waited "until it was my time."

"[Hoffman] deserves to be immortalized by this publication."

"I understand the magnitude of the cover they chose but I just wasn't given that option and that made me feel violated. I apologize to anybody who took my initial comments out of context because in no way would I ever want to offend the Hoffman family or see myself as bigger than that moment," he continued.

The rapper-singer created a Twitter firestorm on Thursday when he admonished the publication in a series of tweets to his more than 14 million Twitter followers (some of which were subsequently deleted).

He vented over remarks on Kanye West that he believed were off the record and was peeved that he lost the cover "last minute" after the mag replaced him with a tribute to Hoffman, who died of an apparent overdose on Feb. 2.

Drake went so far as to say that he was "disgusted" by the publication and later added that he's "done doing interviews for magazines."

The rapper didn't further address another issue he has with the magazine — that it used comments he made over West's polarizing "Yeezus," saying he was ambivalent about the album and criticizing some of the album's lyrics.

"After dwelling on it for a few hours or days you will come to the conclusion that you brought it on yourself almost every time," he went on to write. "I respect Rolling Stone for being willing to give a kid from Toronto a shot at the cover. I guess this is a day to learn and grow."