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Kopp voices budget cut concerns

"We're being asked to do a whole lot more with a whole lot less as a public institution."

By MALAK KHADER
THE PARTHENON

Decreased public funding is nothing new to Marshall University but in the last few years it has started taking a toll on the university.

"The situation we're dealing with is, we have multiple sources of revenue," President Stephen J. Kopp said. "Student fees, student tuition, donors who contribute to the university, grants and contracts, and then we have money from the state. Money from the state covers about 25 percent of our operating budget for the university. It's a very significant part of our operating budget."

In the last two years, the university has seen cuts amounting to approximately \$7 million, which is equal to about one seventh of the total state funding.

"Twenty to 30 years ago, we were close to 70 percent with public support and now it has gone down to 25 percent," Marshall University Chief of Staff, Matthew Turner said.

The university had to shift a lot of its costs in order to maintain its operations. Kopp said these major cuts could slowly push Marshall to transition into a private institution, which is something they are trying their hardest to avoid because of the financial burden to students and their families.

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UNIVERSITY FOOD BANK OPENS



Tiffany Tatum, left, and Chasten Toler of the Huntington Area Food Bank help stock the new food bank on Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.

PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

By KYLEE McMULLEN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's new student food pantry had its grand opening Wednesday in room BW13 of the Memorial Student Center.

The idea for the food pantry came about between Student Government Association and the Office of Community engagement because they wanted to have a food pantry available for students in need.

Elizabeth Sheets, director of the Office of Community engagement, said it is important to provide a food pantry for college students because she can't imagine anyone going without food.

"We work with students on a daily basis and we see the need

and struggle to try to pay for tuition and rent," Sheets said. "It seems as if food is at the bottom of the list when it comes to prioritizing and we just don't want anyone to go without food."

Executive Director of Alumni Relations, Matt Hayes said he wants to raise awareness and show people that a food pantry for students does exist.

"Being hungry is a basic human need," Hayes, said. "By leaning on each other and supporting one another in the community, we can meet those needs to help ensure that no one in our community has to go without a meal."

The Office of the President, Marshall University Communications, Huntington Area Food Bank and several other

departments attended to help in the celebration and dedication of the student food pantry.

Executive Director of the Huntington Area Food Bank, Tiffany Tatum, said they are providing donated and purchased resources to help the student food pantry at Marshall.

"A lot of time college-aged students are struggling," Tatum said. "There are now a lot of nontraditional students who are supporting families. It is important to encourage them to keep pursuing their degree because they have so many other stresses in their life, why should they have to worry about struggling to find food."

President Stephen J. Kopp and Sheets performed the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"This is a project that has been worked on behind the scenes for at least two years, if not longer," Kopp said. "I'm very pleased to see this accommodate in the fulfillment of the dream."

The event was sponsored by the Office of Community Engagement and included a brief presentation and ribbon cutting, followed by an open house with light refreshments.

The student food pantry will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in BW13 of the MSC.

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Manchin to speak in Huntington on leak

By MEGAN OSBORNE
THE PARTHENON

Sen. Joe Manchin will meet with Cabell County residents at 5 p.m. Thursday for a town hall meeting at the Huntington City Council Chambers in city hall to discuss concerns about the chemical spill and water crisis.

He will talk about his current chemical safety legislation, the Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act. Manchin is partnering with Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia and Sen. Barbara Boxer of California to promote the bill.

"This common sense bill makes sure all chemicals are appropriately monitored and protects the safety of the water we consume and use every day," Manchin said in a press release.

The bill will create new state programs as well as reinforce existing programs to ensure safe drinking water and prevent future chemical spills.

The bill will establish new programs to oversee and inspect chemical facilities that are a potential threat to drinking water sources.

It will also set federal standards as well as minimum inspection requirements for chemical facilities and require them to share information with nearby water facilities. The water facilities will also have tools to address emergencies immediately.

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Willie Nelson, Allison Krauss tickets go on sale for upcoming concert

By MARK WILLIAMS
THE PARTHENON

Country music icon Willie Nelson will be joined by acclaimed bluegrass artists Allison Krauss and Union Station on a co-headlining U.S. tour that will make a stop Sunday, May 11 at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, and can be purchased at the Big Sandy Arena box office or via Ticketmaster.

Nelson, 81, is a true living legend that needs no introduction. Aside from recording some of American music's most revered hits like "Crazy," "Whiskey River" and "Always on my Mind," Nelson is also an accomplished actor, author and activist. He has released over 200 albums in his six decade career, winning every award possible for a musician.

His latest album, "To All the Girls," was released in October 2013. The album features 18 duets with legendary female

singers like Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn, as well as modern day stars Miranda Lambert and Carrie Underwood.

Krauss is quickly becoming a legend in her own right. Along with her band Union Station, she has sold over 12 million albums worldwide and won 27 Grammy Awards, the most for any female artist. Known for infallible vocals and precise instrumentation, Krauss and Union Station is one of the most successful bands working in bluegrass and country music today.

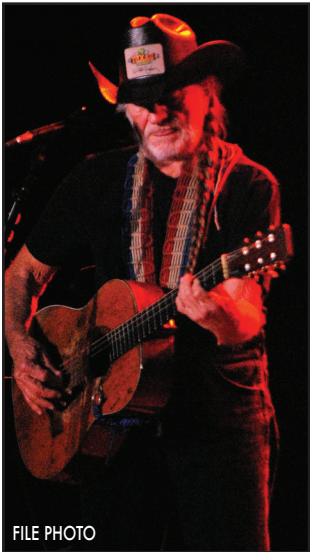
Union Station will feature renowned dobro and lap steel player, Jerry Douglas. In his impressive career, Douglas has won the Country Music Association's Musician of the Year Award three times, 13 Grammy Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Music Association in 2011.

Joining the two headliners will be The Devil Makes Three, a fast rising Americana group

from California. The band blends bluegrass, ragtime, and rockabilly to form a unique brand of lively folk rock. Their latest album, "I'm a Stranger Here", is its first for alt-country and indie rock giant, New West Records.

The concert bodes well for the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, which is in the running for the Venue of the Year Award from the Academy of Country Music.

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FILE PHOTO

3 Dog Night Thursday



2014 Winter Olympics

Norway tops gold count, US leads in overall medals

Medal standings, Feb. 19				
				Total
1. Norway	9	4	7	20
2. Germany	8	3	4	15
3. United States	7	5	11	23
4. Russia	6	9	7	22
5. Netherlands	6	7	9	22
6. Switzerland	6	3	1	10
7. Canada	5	9	4	18
8. Belarus	5	0	1	6
9. Poland	4	0	0	4
10. France	3	2	6	11



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Experts hope to answer pressing questions about water and chemical spill

By MEGAN OSBORNE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Student Environmental Action Coalition will co-host a forum from 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center where experts will speak and answer questions concerning the water crisis.

SEAC partnered with Marshall's Students for Appalachian Socialism, West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition

to host the event.

"This is essentially going to be an open forum that is open to the community and allows everybody an opportunity to sit down in a room with people who are experts on the issues that we face to ask questions and get answers," Lauren Tussey, a member of SEAC, said. "It's an educational awareness event."

Tussey said the event will bring together experts from West Virginia who are not only knowledgeable about the water crisis

but can also provide solutions.

Speakers will include those from West Virginia organizations as well as some from out of state.

Maya Nye of People Concerned About Chemical Safety will speak about the research regarding the water crisis as well as other threats to

West Virginia's tap water.

"There's still so much we don't know about potential impacts from the Freedom spill," Hansen said in a press release. "We've been testing water from people's taps in the affected area, and MCHM is still being delivered to many people's homes. The silver lining in the Freedom spill is that when people's drinking water is polluted, people and policymakers take notice."

Andrew J. Whelton, assistant

professor of environmental engineering at University of South Alabama, will present some results of water sampling he has done in West Virginia.

"It is indisputable that West Virginians have been struck by an unprecedented drinking water contamination disaster," Whelton said in a press release. "The scientific community and Federal Government must find a way to help the people of

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High school students get the chance to 'discover' engineering

By AMY MCCALLSTER-ETHEL
THE PARTHENON

In celebration of National Engineers Week, the Society of American Military Engineers Huntington Post will sponsor an Engineering Career Day Thursday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The annual event has a different theme each year, with this years being "DiscoverE."

More than 140 high school sophomores from around the region were invited to attend. Activities, speakers and presentations were organized to teach students about engineering and careers in the engineering field.

The scheduled program includes an opening ceremony with Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp and a proclamation from the city of Huntington from Mayor Steve Williams.

Scheduled events include workshops, exhibits, door prizes and engineering encounters bridge design contest.

The day will begin with an opening ceremony and breakfast with an invocation by Dan

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Thinking outside the box



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Andrew Reinhard discusses punk archaeology, video game archaeology and adventure science Wednesday to students inside of John Deaver Drinko Library.

By JOCELYN GIBSON
THE PARTHENON

Andrew Reinhard opened minds to the options classicists and archaeologists have beyond teaching Wednesday in the John Deaver Drinko Library Room 402 with his lecture, "Classics Outside the Academy: Punk Archaeology, Classics Gaming and Adventure Science."

Reinhard is the director of publications for the American School of Classics Studies at Athens in Princeton, N.J.

He gets at the heart of archaeology and its true meaning, exploring the material culture of every era, which he classifies as punk archaeology.

One of his goals is to bridge the gap between the academic world of archaeology and the general public by inviting them into the field as contributors and observers.

"It's my hope that attendees will learn that archaeology does not have to be a purely academic pursuit," he said. "But can be approached in contemporary ways."

The second topic he addressed was archaeogaming, which refers to archaeology in video games. As a classically trained archaeologist, he is interested in why archaeology

is presented the way it is in games such as Elder Scrolls and how it can be used within the context of the games.

"I am concerned about how archaeologists and archaeology is presented in games to the general player," he said. "It's all about looting. It's all about theft."

Reinhard expressed unease regarding the moral effects that take place in games that are not true to the practices of archaeology, or even the laws of physics.

As for Adventure Science, Reinhard describes it as "a non-partisan group of elite athlete-scientists." The group recently documented the North Dakota wilderness in response to the Bakken oil boom. They have also explored Oman and participated in search-and-rescue for downed aircraft.

"I've always been interested in how things begin," Reinhard said. "I love origin myths, anything from tales of how the world began to how the X-Men got their start."

The classics department organized the event as part of its spring lectures.

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Experts: US travel restrictions on Ukraine officials not likely to move events

By SAM STURGIS and HANNAH ALLAM
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

The Obama administration slapped visa restrictions on 20 senior Ukrainian officials Wednesday to punish "the full chain of command" behind the bloody crackdown on a protest camp in Kiev, where at least 25 people died in street violence this week.

The visa sanctions represent the toughest U.S. action yet after three months of clashes between the security forces of President Viktor Yanukovich and protesters unhappy over the government's decision in November to forgo a trade deal with the European Union in favor of a \$15 billion bailout from Russia.

Visa restrictions are among the least harsh sanctions the United States could impose, and some Ukrainian protesters and their supporters scoffed at the U.S. move via Twitter and other social media sites. U.S. officials have vowed to impose tougher measures, most likely in lockstep with the EU, but analysts

who monitor Ukraine — and its patron, Russia — say there's little more the United States could do, especially at a time when the Obama administration is counting on help from Moscow on bigger priorities such as negotiating an end to the Syrian civil war and a nuclear agreement with Iran.

The difficulty for the United States was evident in President Barack Obama's statement Wednesday on Ukraine. While he held Yanukovich's government "primarily responsible" for the violence, he also offered a caution to the protesters.

"We expect peaceful protesters to remain peaceful and we'll be monitoring very closely the situation," he said during a meeting with his counterparts from Mexico and Canada in Toluca, Mexico.

The Ukrainian Health Ministry said 25 people were killed in the violence, which began Tuesday night and extended into the morning hours Wednesday. Among those were 10 police officers, according to the Kyiv Post, Ukraine's leading English-language newspaper.

Obama added that "there will be consequences if people step over the line."

Many experts said U.S. actions are unlikely to drive the conflict in Ukraine.

"The Obama administration is moving ahead on the threats they have made public, but I seriously doubt they will have any effect on domestic Ukrainian politics," said Anton Fedyashin, a Russia expert who directs the Initiative for Russian Culture at American University in Washington.

He said U.S. strategy in Ukraine is complicated by the fact that the Yanukovich government was democratically elected.

"The democratic countries of the West are now having to deal with the very messy situation where democratically elected governments do not fully represent the interests of sections of their populations," he said. "This makes issuing sanctions very complicated."

A U.S. official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive diplomacy surrounding Ukraine, said the visa ban covers

civilian leaders of the security forces. Police — not the military — moved on the public square that's been ground zero for the protests, the official explained.

The U.S. official also took aim at Russian claims that the United States and other Western powers were fueling the Ukrainian crisis by meddling and "courting the protesters." The official countered that the U.S. position has been "transparent" — to allow for peaceful protests and to foster dialogue that will move Ukraine toward free and fair elections.

But outside analysts said the United States' position, and that of the European Union, hasn't been clear or consistent.

"Neither the EU or U.S. has come up with a clear policy that's likely to be effective. What you have seen is policies that have been made in response to unexpected events," said Andrew Weiss, who served as a Ukraine expert in the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations.

Wheeler's pursuit of new rules is in reaction to a decision last month by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to strike down a previous FCC attempt to regulate Internet service providers. In the case, Verizon v. FCC, the court did grant that the agency has the authority to dictate guidelines on Internet freedom, however.

Judge David Tatel said the Telecommunications Act of 1996 gave the FCC the authority to "enact measures encouraging the deployment of broadband infrastructure."

In a statement Wednesday, Wheeler said the ruling was an invitation to propose rules "that will meet the court's test for preventing improper blocking of and discrimination among Internet traffic, ensuring genuine transparency in how Internet service providers manage traffic and enhancing competition."

Fair use of the Internet is central to the debate over "net

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SPORTS

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Men's basketball take on the Blazers tonight



By **BRAXTON CRISP**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Men's Basketball team will return home Thursday to play the University of Alabama-Birmingham, after a three-game road swing that kept the Herd away from its faithful fans for 19 days.

In the three game stint away from Huntington, Marshall went 1-2, with losses to Southern Miss and Tulane after last second threes by both the Golden Eagles and the Green Wave. Marshall was able to get into the win column for the third time in its Conference USA season by winning at Charlotte 59-56 Saturday.

Marshall head coach Tom Herrion said being back in the

Herd's home arena is nice, but the challenge will not be easy for Marshall.

"We're thrilled to be back home again and we obviously recognize the challenges that lie ahead this week with two really good clubs coming into our building," Herrion said.

Herrion said collecting losses to Southern Miss and Tulane were poor indicators of how improved the Herd has been playing recently.

"We've played so much better over the last couple of weeks, but unfortunately we didn't get any results at Southern Miss and Tulane in particular," Herrion said. "We didn't do that against Charlotte. Playing with the lead in the second half, we could have managed the late game situations a little bit

better, but we were able to hang on and it was a much needed win for our kids' confidence."

Herrion said a point of emphasis for the Herd against UAB will be to prevent the Blazers from getting easy rebounds. UAB ranks second in Division I in rebounds per game with 45.3.

"They're rebound margin is astronomical," Herrion said. "They have great size across the board, and they're versatile."

Redshirt-freshman forward Ryan Taylor said he and the rest of the herd can take the lessons learned at Southern Miss, Tulane and Charlotte and apply them to the final five games of the season.

"If we can play at Southern Miss in that hostile environment we

can play with anybody with them being so-called one of the best teams in our conference," Taylor said. "Just knowing that if we bring it every day in practice and in games like how we did against Southern Miss, we can play with anybody."

On top of being a homecoming of sorts for the Herd, it will also be the Coaches Versus Cancer game for Marshall, where many people will wear the color purple, to support those suffering with cancer. Herrion said this event, in addition to the Autism Speaks game, is a way for awareness about causes to get out using the game of basketball.

"We're using the game of college

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Freshman Bird making most of early play

By **DEREK MAY**
THE PARTHENON

The season is under way for Marshall baseball as they went 2-2 last weekend at Wake Forest University. The weekend not only kicked-off the season, but started the career for freshman outfielder Corey Bird.

Bird is one of five true freshmen that saw playing time over the weekend. He was also able to play a big role as he hit in the leadoff position in the batting order for two out of the four games.

"This weekend was awesome," Bird said. "It is great to be out on the baseball field again. When I saw the batting lineup, and saw I was hitting leadoff, it meant that all the hard work I had put in during the off season had got me to this point."

For the weekend Bird went 7-15 at the plate with three stolen bases.

"We came together as a unit," Bird said. "We beat a good team in Georgetown and a good team in Wake Forest, who plays in a great conference like the ACC. It's a good step in the right direction towards the rest of the season."

Alongside Bird, sophomore pitcher Caleb Ross from Milton, W.Va., and Michael Taylor from St. Albans, W.Va. are the

only other West Virginia players on Marshall's roster. Ross and Taylor both made appearances over the weekend with Taylor.

"Being from West Virginia, we didn't really play the best competition, and the talent level isn't as good" Bird said. "We have players from all over the south where they play better competition and get better exposure. So I feel like when I head out on the field and step to the plate that I have something to prove."

As a high school player at Herbert Hoover, Bird excelled on the field leading his team to the State Tournament in 2012 and 2013 where he was elected to the all-tournament team as well. In 2013 he was also named the WV Gatorade Player of the Year.

"We can take a lot from Wake Forest and build on it," Bird said. "Everyone was mad after the loss in the first game against Wake, and coach really fired us up. We wanted to come back in the second game and show them that we deserved the first one too."

Marshall travels to North Carolina A&T for a three-game series starting Friday afternoon.

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Marshall basketball helps fight cancer

By **KYLEE MCMULLEN**
THE PARTHENON

Colleges against Cancer of Marshall University are organizing the first Coaches verses Cancer men's basketball game 7 p.m. Thursday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

To raise awareness, Colleges against Cancer has promoted the event as a purple out and have been asked people to wear purple to the game.

"As an organization, our primary focus is to do everything we can to cure cancer," Kyle Rheude, director of Relay for Life, said. "In doing so, we decided as a fundraiser for Relay, we'd go with one big event. We collectively decided to bring Coaches vs. Cancer, a collegiate men's basketball game, that is dedicated to the American Cancer Society and cancer awareness."

At the game Marshall alumni, Troy Brown, will be there to represent the American Cancer Society. He will be shooting free throws and for every shot made, a designated amount will be donated to the American Cancer society.

"My biggest expectation of the evening is a large crowd," Paige Dodrill, publicity and marketing chair of Relay for Life said. "I would love to see the Cam packed so that we can spread awareness to our community and also promote our Relay for

Life event that is coming up in April."

Marshall's Relay for Life team will be at the game handing out t-shirts to the first 150 students. The Relay for Life committee is made up of members from all organizations, including at least one member from every fraternity and sorority on campus.

Amber Cunningham, sophomore education major from Allentown, Pa., said that she plans to attend the event because her grandmother is a breast cancer survivor.

"I watched my her go through the process of fighting off her cancer," Cunningham said. "I want to raise awareness and let other families, who are going through the process at this time, know that there is hope."

Rheude said they have multiple sponsors from companies in Huntington and had shirts to recognize and thank those sponsors.

"My hope is that we have a lot of student interest," Rheude said. "I'm hoping much of Marshall's student body will want to come to the event. Hopefully this event will become a tradition at Marshall."

All of the proceeds made will go to the American Cancer Society.

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CINCY HITS A HOMER IN NEW DEAL WITH BAILEY



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Homer Bailey agreed Wednesday to a six-year, \$105 million contract with the Cincinnati Reds. The right-handed pitcher is 49-45 in his career with a 4.25 ERA. He is the third pitcher in Reds history to throw two no-hitters. His first no-hitter was in Pittsburgh during the 2012 season and his second was last June against San Francisco. Bailey will likely remain in the three spot behind Mat Latos and Johnny Cueto. Cincinnati's rotation finished third in the NL last season with a 3.43 ERA, its best since 1974. - THE PARTHENON

Russia makes unexpected exit in Olympic Hockey

By **WILLIAM DOUGLAS**
MCCLATCHY FOREIGN STAFF(MCT)

A hockey team loses. A nation mourns, curses and cries.

Russia's men's hockey team suffered a 3-1 loss to Finland on Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the 2014 Winter Olympics tournament, eliminating the host country from medal contention.

For some Russians, these Winter Games were about nothing but hockey. Forward Alexander Ovechkin half-jokingly said last week that winning the Gold Medal was worth about \$50 billion — the estimated cost of the entire Winter Games.

"It sucks. What can I say?" Ovechkin,

who plays for the National Hockey League's Washington Capitals, said after the defeat. "No emotions right now."

He added: "We fought until the end to score, but it just hasn't worked for us. We lost our Olympic games. There is no one to blame."

The all-star-packed Russian team was under severe pressure — from the Kremlin to the cabbie in the street — to win gold and nothing less. But the team struggled in almost all its games, managing nail-biting victories against less-talented Slovenia and Slovakia. They beat Norway in a cakewalk and lost to the United States last Sunday in a dramatic shootout.

Russia never appeared to get its high-scoring game together despite talented snipers like forwards Ovechkin, Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings, and Evgeni Malkin of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Russian players insisted they felt no pressure playing before their hockey-crazed president and hockey-mad fans, many of whom were banking on Olympic Gold to exorcise the ghosts of the American "Miracle on Ice" at the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Games and the 1972 "Super Series" against a Canadian team of National Hockey League superstars.

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EDITORIAL

Why we should care about Ukraine

Ukrainians have packed Independence Square in Kiev, Ukraine, since November in protest of President Viktor Yanukovych's reversed decision to turn to the Russian government instead of signing a trade deal with the European Union. The unrest came to a head Tuesday after an anti-protest law went into effect, with violence erupting.

According to CNN, as night fell Wednesday, a strange calm fell across Kiev, even as protestors lit fires on barricade lines and security officials declared the protestors terrorists. Yanukovych said the violence is an attempt to overthrow the government.

Opposition leaders insist they wanted only a peaceful protest, but head of Ukraine's Security Service, Oleksander Yakhimenko, has accused protestors of taking over government offices and stealing ammunition and weapons.

Either way, 26 people have died in

the fiery war zone and Ukraine's health ministry said 240 people have been hospitalized. Police said 77 protestors have been detained.

The photos coming out of Ukraine are impressive in a terrifying way. They depict unreal scenes of Molotov cocktails flying through the air, protestors wearing gas masks and throwing rocks, and police forcing their way into "enemy" lines.

European and U.S. leaders have threatened sanctions against the Ukrainian government and U.S. President Barack Obama called for the protestors to "remain peaceful."

Meanwhile, Russia, which is busy hosting the Olympics, urged Ukraine to crack down on the protestors and said it would use "all our influence to restore peace and calm."

Other than the American government's

involvement, little stir has been raised in the U.S.

Perhaps it's because Americans don't understand. Perhaps Americans are just too far removed from Ukraine and other countries like Syria, to care. Or it's just because we are lazy Americans, like some in the world believe.

But why should Americans care if Ukraine chooses the European Union or Russia?

Because a group of people feel so passionately about what happens in their country that they have protested since November, that's why. Then the government took away the right to stand up for what they believe in.

Because a group of people believes in something so strongly they are willing to risk their lives, the world should pay attention. Times are changing.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

What is your favorite Winter Olympics event?

Ice skating
Hockey
Curling

What is your favorite Valentine's Day gift to give and/or receive?

Flowers 59%
Candy 26%
Stuffed animals 15%

Voice your opinion. It is your right. Answer our poll at www.marshallparthenon.com or tweet us your answer at @MUParthenon.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL

Flexibility is key to Mideast peace

By MARTIN SCHRAM
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

On Monday, if you were lucky enough to be reading The New York Times, you only had to turn a few pages before you found, on page A7, a story of Page One prominence. It was about a rare and potentially significant happening in the Middle East.

On Sunday, a convoy of Israelis had entered Ramallah, on the Palestinian West Bank, and rolled right up to the Mukata, the Palestinian Authority's headquarters. The Israelis came not by tanks or armored military carriers, as they had after the suicide bombings of a decade ago. They came in buses. For, while they were military age, these weren't members of Israel's military.

They were Israeli university students and some activists, a force totaling 250 or 300, depending on your news sources. They had come to discuss the prospects for an Israeli-Palestinian peace with the Palestinian Authority's President Mahmoud Abbas.

They had come to this session at Abbas' headquarters, which was once targeted by Israeli tanks and troops, at the urging of Israel's deputy speaker of the Knesset Hilik Bar, a Labor Party member who leads the parliament's caucus on the Palestinian-Israeli conflagration. A grass-roots organization known as One Voice Israel, made the arrangements.

Abbas' Israeli guests were hardly hardliners. None of his questioners wore yarmulkes, none were menacing or even antagonistic, according to news reports. But they did ask the Palestinian Authority president about many of the sticking points that have so far hung up the latest round of peace talks.

And importantly, the answers they got are undoubtedly being parsed, even as we speak, by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his staff. Kerry plans to come to the region soon to try to present a framework for peace, one more time.

Abbas was of course mindful of his many audiences, but he also seemed intent upon showing some understanding (Note to Kerry: creative flexibility?) on one crucial issue: What to do about Palestinian refugees' claimed right to return to the land that is now Israel.

Abbas can help Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on this — if he intends to live up to his words. During and after the battles that led to Israel's creation in 1948, 700,000 Palestinians fled the land that became the Jewish state. Palestinians estimate these refugees' relatives now number 5 million, most living in the Arab world. Do they have a right to return to their old homes? Israel cannot accept the prospect of Jews becoming a minority in Israel. Clearly, the resolution to the refugee issue will hinge on reparation, not repatriation.

Just how important was that event? Editors differ. The New York Times editors played the story back on A7 knowing some readers would miss it; yet they gave front-page prominence that day to this story: "Saving an Endangered British Species: The Pub."

Editors, shmeditors. We can find better experts at judging the newsworthiness of the Q&A in Ramallah. For example, Hamas. Yes, the rulers of the Palestinians in Gaza, adversaries of Abbas' Fatah, who for years have fired rockets into Israeli villages, whose economy is in shambles (as are their poll ratings among constituents), as they beg Iran for more aid. Hamas proved to be a reliable expert on the diplomatic and journalistic relevance of Sunday in Ramallah.

Hamas blasted the event and Abbas.

With Islamic militants and Iranian acolytes gaining footholds in Syria and throughout the Arab world, an Abbas who can deliver a workable peace may be the best of today's options for Netanyahu and Israel.



MCT CAMPUS

NATIONAL EDITORIAL

Should the U.S. be preaching freedom of religion overseas?

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948 says, "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion." But, like other rights enshrined in that declaration, religious freedom is widely violated around the world. Is that any of the business of the United States? President Obama thinks so, and he's right.

Before the most receptive audience imaginable — a National Prayer Breakfast — Obama recently insisted that "promoting religious freedom is a key objective of U.S. foreign policy." And he reiterated U.S. opposition to laws and international resolutions that oppose "blasphemy" and "defamation of religion," noting correctly that they "all too often can be used to suppress religious minorities."

Some Americans are uncomfortable with the emphasis the U.S. government places on religious liberty abroad, seeing it as the result

of lobbying by Christian groups that are intent on proselytizing in Muslim and other countries. But the importance that Congress and the executive branch attach to religious liberty abroad is much more than a sop to American missionaries or the religious right. For although it is true that Christians are targeted for discrimination or persecution in other countries, so are adherents of other faiths as well as those who profess no faith at all. Moreover, as Obama said at the prayer breakfast, nations that don't uphold freedom of religion "sow the bitter seeds of instability and violence and extremism."

But in promoting religious freedom abroad, the United States needs to recognize two realities. The first is that this country's commitment to religious freedom — and to other core values such as democratization, free speech and equality for women — sometimes will be trumped by other interests. Obama acknowledged as much when he

said that "we work with governments that don't always meet our highest standards, but they're working with us on core interests such as the security of the American people."

Second, even when the country is an ally, for geopolitical or other reasons, the United States shouldn't be silent when it sees religious rights being violated. In his speech, Obama appropriately called on North Korea and Iran to release imprisoned Christian evangelists and referred to the plight of religious minorities in Egypt, Pakistan, China and Syria. But he didn't mention Saudi Arabia, where, according to the State Department's report on religious liberty, "freedom of religion is neither recognized nor protected under the law, and the government severely restricted it in practice."

The United States is right to witness to the importance of freedom of conscience, but it needs to preach that message to friends and enemies alike.

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Skee ball machine supplier Andrew Herrold uses the Shake legal app on his iPad to write a contract with customer Dave Levy of Roni Diner in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Technology is bringing legal advice to the masses

By SHAN LI
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Joey Mucha used to seal a business deal with a handshake or an email. Now he whips out his smartphone.

The San Francisco entrepreneur runs a side business renting out skee ball machines. With the company growing steadily, Mucha decided last year he needed to use contracts to protect his clients and the business.

But he didn't go to a pricey lawyer. Instead, the 27-year-old downloaded a smartphone application called Shake. It guided him through the process of creating easy-to-read contracts, which customers can then sign with a swipe of their fingers on the screen.

"I don't make enough money to pay \$250 an hour for a lawyer to draft a contract," Mucha said. "But I needed something to use as a defense in a scenario where I wasn't paid, without hiring a lawyer or trying to write my own contract."

Technology is creeping ever faster into the \$200 billion U.S. legal field, shaking up an industry that has long been defined by tradition and dominated by white-shoe firms.

Law firms are already

adapting to seismic shifts in the industry. The collapse of several big ones and the downsizing of many other firms during the economic turmoil left thousands of lawyers out of work. Survivors faced a stark new landscape in which clients demanded more flexibility and an alternative to the tradition of billing by the hour.

Industry experts say the industry is ripe for big tech shake-ups, including new innovations on social media and apps for smartphones and tablets.

"As software becomes more intelligent, we will have digital apps that can either substitute for the labor of lawyers or will assist a lawyer in being more productive," said Richard Granat, co-director of the Center for Law Practice Technology at Florida Coastal School of Law.

The Shake app launched in September with options to create six kinds of contracts, including freelancing, renting, lending money and a write-it-yourself feature.

The app walks users through a series of questions — Who are the two parties? How much money is involved? — and automatically fills in an agreement stripped of unnecessary legal language.

"It's like TurboTax" for the law, said Abe Geiger, founder and chief executive of Shake Inc. "Legal becomes less of a hurdle when contracts are not long and full of jargon."

Geiger, whose wife is a lawyer, said he was inspired to create Shake after seeing the inefficiency of law firms, coupled with demand for legal services by the growing ranks of freelancers and entrepreneurs. The sharing economy — in which people earn extra cash by renting out their cars, apartments and free time to strangers — has also boosted the need for cost-effective legal help.

"The deals that happen are more quick and spontaneous," Geiger said. "You meet someone on Craigslist in a parking lot, a lot of freelancers meet clients in coffee shops, and they all need simple tools."

"Those people typically can't afford pricey lawyers but still require sound legal help."

The demand for legal services from low- to middle-income earners who are priced out of expensive attorneys is an estimated \$45 billion "latent" market, experts say. Once ignored by the legal industry, they are now targeted by a growing

number of startups eager to roll out innovations designed to win over tech-savvy young people.

Meeting that demand could also help improve the poor labor market for lawyers. Among 2012 law school graduates, 84.7 percent were employed nine months after graduation, according to the National Association for Law Placement. That was down from 91.9 percent in 2007.

"There is a huge mismatch of supply and demand in the U.S.," said John Suh, chief executive of LegalZoom.com Inc. "We have an oversupply of law graduates every year, but for whatever reason, the price has not come down to where most Americans can afford it."

Suh believes that technology can help change that.

His Glendale, Calif., company, which provides legal documents online and connects clients to lawyers, started a research-and-development group in Silicon Valley in 2011. After nixing a plan to go public this year, Suh said LegalZoom is focused on rolling out new tech products, including a smartphone app.

"We are also looking to purchase and partner with companies in the mobile space," he said.

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Andrew Kuchins, director of the Russia and Eurasia Program at Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the hockey team's defeat will disappoint many Russians but shouldn't impact what many Russians feel have been a successful Winter Games for the country.

"It takes some of the luster off, for sure," Kuchins said. "Despite (President Vladimir) Putin being a hockey fan himself, the larger goal was a successful Olympic games. And I think it's come off pretty well."

At a Russian bar in Krasnaya Polyana, the game was played on a huge screen. A hockey goal sat in the middle of the dance floor and patrons spent the time between periods shooting tennis balls into the net or playing table hockey. Most in the crowd were draped in Russian flags or had their faces painted red, blue and white.

"It's very disappointing for us," said a stunned Igor Maltinskii after he watched the game at the bar. "We thought our team would be in the final game. It was very important to all the people who came to Sochi and everybody in the country."

A Bolshoy Ice Dome that was deafeningly loud before the puck dropped Wednesday afternoon was eerily quiet at game's end. Russian players and silver-haired head coach Zinetula Bilyaletdinov had ashen faces and stared blankly as the Finnish players celebrated their upset victory.

"I just feel empty, disappointed and empty inside," said Russian goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky, who held Finland scoreless after he replaced Semyon Varlamov in goal after he surrendered all three Finnish goals on 15 shots in the game's first 26 minutes. "It's

hard to say whether this is a maximal or minimal failure. Failure is failure. How can you measure it?"

The game's outcome was maximum joy for Team Finland, which was banking on playing a tired and emotionally drained Russian team that had played four games in five nights.

"We had nothing to lose. We were not supposed to win," said Finland forward Teemu Selanne, who scored his team's second goal to break a 1-1 tie in the first period. "They had all the pressure. I think they were out of gas a little bit, and we tried to take advantage of that, and the game plan worked."

Selanni's tally and goals by Juhamatti Aaltonen and Mikael Granlund were all that Finnish goaltender Tuukka Rask needed to beat Russia. Former NHL forward Ilya Kovalchuk scored Russia's lone goal.

Much to the chagrin and angst of Russian hockey fans. A post on the Russian daily newspaper Kommersant's website said the Russian team can't pull itself together. "Everything seem(s) to be falling apart," the post read.

Some Russian media outlets quickly tagged the loss on the coach who had a collection of the best Russian players from the NHL and this nation's Kontinental Hockey League.

When asked if he expected a new coach, Maltinskii replied "yes, yes, yes." Two Russian sportswriters watching the game at the Winter Games Main Press Center predicted that Bilyaletdinov would soon be on his way to Siberia — by train.

Maltinskii, who traveled from St. Petersburg to attend the Winter Games, said Wednesday's loss won't dampen his Olympic spirit. He still plans to have a good time at the games.

"And the best of luck to the U.S.," he said.

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West Virginia."

Independent energy consultant, Cathy Kunkel, will present information about how to make complaints to the Public Service Commission regarding water quality.

Tussey said she is expecting good attendance at the

forum due to the large number of people affected by the crisis.

The forum will be hosted for a second time 7-9 p.m. Friday at St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church in Hurricane, W.Va.

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neutrality," a concept that users should have access to all the Web content they choose without the providers imposing limitations.

Not all members of the FCC appear to see eye to eye on the issue or to agree with Wheeler.

Likening the debate to the 1993 movie "Groundhog Day," in which Bill Murray's character experiences the same day over and over, Commissioner Ajit Pai said in a statement, "The Internet was free and open before the FCC adopted net neutrality rules. It remains free and open today. Net neutrality has always been a solution in search of a problem."

Some hailed Wheeler's efforts as a step in the right direction on Internet policy.

"It's welcome news that the FCC won't be sitting on its hands with regard to its obligations to keep the Internet open to creativity and entrepreneurship," according to a statement from Casey Rae, the interim executive director of the Future of Music Coalition, a nonprofit advocacy group in Washington for musicians.

But Craig Aaron, the president of Free Press, a national nonprofit group that pushes for changes in the media, said the FCC needed to act more decisively. He said the agency was "doing nothing at this point that would actually help Internet users when Internet service providers are blocking or slowing down online traffic."

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The bill will allow states to recover the cost of an emergency situation.

"This bill takes a first step toward bringing accountability to companies in the state while protecting West Virginia families and our state's economy," Rockefeller said in a press release.

Manchin will listen to citizens' and community leaders' thoughts about the water crisis. He will also discuss his efforts in the state and federal governments in regards to cleanup of the spill and water testing.

In addition to concerns about the chemical spill, Manchin will speak about the national budget and any

key issues brought up by Congress.

Manchin will also travel to Fayette, Jackson, Mason, Monongalia, Putnam, and Raleigh counties for a similar discussion. According to Manchin's website, he will meet with students 12:45 p.m. Thursday at Ravenswood High School to answer questions on a variety of topics.

He will give a federal legislation update and answer questions from Morgantown business leaders 12:30 p.m. Friday at the WVU Erickson Alumni Center. Later that day at 2:30 p.m. he will talk with bankers, builders and housing partners at the Morgantown Event Center.

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Bailey SAME chaplain and conclude with a luncheon. More than 20 high schools in the region will have students represented at the event.

During the luncheon there will be a scholarship presentation. The SAME Engineering Scholarships will be awarded to Beth Anne Clapp, Brain P. Conaty, Katelyn Null, Ashton K. McMackin, Shawn A. Wellman and David Cooper.

There will be a lunchtime

video presentation and panel discussion on the topic "Why Choose Engineering as a Career?"

Chris Blevins, SAME president, will introduce the panel. Blevins will also do speaker recognition and the closing remarks.

Contributing sustaining members include Burgess & Niple, Inc., Gennet Fleming, Michael Baker Jr, Inc., Stantec and Triad Engineering.

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"We're being asked to do a whole lot more with a whole lot less as a public institution," Kopp said. "Eventually, we're going to be asked to do everything with nothing, meaning no public support...but we will still have to have a public mission; we still have to do and follow all the public regulations. So one of the questions that you eventually have to ask is that at what point in this continuum do you stop becoming a public institution with a public mission?"

The cut in public funding continues to be a major concern for Marshall students. Jessica Smith, senior political science and communications major, said that the increase in tuition is affecting her decision to continue her education here at Marshall.

"Marshall may no longer be an affordable option for me," Smith said. "I fall between the cracks of financial aid and am greatly dependent on the scholarships that have allowed me to attend Marshall."

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Kanye West, Lionel Richie,
Jack White and Elton John
among headliners

BLAM also featured a “superjam” featuring The Flaming Lips and Ben Folds.

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- Grammy winner Pharrell Williams took the stage with Nile Rodgers to close the show, performing Daft Punk's "Get Lucky," Chic's "Good Times" and William's Oscar-nominated "Happy." Also, the reappearance of Williams' Vivienne Westwood hat cannot be ignored.