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Council OKs armored vehicle purchase

By **MORGAN M. SWITZER**
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington City Council voted to accept the grant given by the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety Monday in order to assist in the purchase of a state of the art armored police vehicle.

The grant will cover \$266,000 in price, leaving the Huntington Police Department to pay

approximately \$13,000 to cover the \$279,000 in total vehicle costs. Despite the amount owed by the Huntington Police Department, Huntington Police Chief Skip Holbrook said he is fortunate and excited about the purchase.

"This was something that was a much needed asset to the police department and the community," Holbrook said. "Some people are wondering

why we need this and the answer is so that we can respond to dangerous situations that require rescue, which would be too hazardous otherwise."

This vehicle will provide protection when situations pose a dangerous threat to the safety of law enforcement, enabling them to complete complicated missions.

"This vehicle has Level E armor, which means it basically

repels anything fired from assault weapons or any small arms fire," Holbrook said.

Bryan Chambers, the communications director for the city of Huntington, said none of the 11 members of the Huntington City Council voted against accepting the grant.

"It was a unanimous vote," Chambers said. "There was some basic discussion and the chief talked a little bit about how it was

going to be used, but no one had anything negative to comment."

Chambers said that the purchase of this vehicle is to prioritize officer safety and to protect community members to the best of law enforcement's ability.

"The most important point to stress is that this is all about protecting officer's lives, not to militarize the police in any way," Chambers said. "On many occasions, they will arrive on the

scene of an ongoing incident that has the potential to erupt into violence, so this is another layer of protection."

Not only will the vehicle be utilized to protect the Huntington Police Department, but it will also be used to aid several other law enforcement agencies when dealing with dangerous situations.

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School of Art and Design travels to New York

By **BRECKIN WELLS**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University School of Art and Design will be in the Big Apple over the weekend to visit art museums, attend exhibition openings and explore the culture-filled towns of China Town and Little Italy.

Students will have an eventful weekend while exploring the Chelsea Gallery District, the Guggenheim Museum and the renowned Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Ian Hagerty, School of Art and Design painting professor, will travel with the students to New York City. He said the purpose of the trip is to provide an educational art experience in one of the most influential cities in the world.

"We hope students take away from the trip a more in-depth understanding of both historical and contemporary art and design practice by visiting design organizations, art museums and contemporary art gallery exhibitions," Hagerty said. "Ultimately, we hope that through exposure to the arts in NYC, students will gain new insights into their own education here at Marshall and a greater sense of inspiration overall."

The School of Art and Design has been making the trip to the city for over 20 years, Hagerty said that this year's trip is extra special because the students have been invited to a special meet and greet with President Stephen J. Kopp, CAM Dean Donald Van Horn, Marshall alumni and current students of the Marshall community at the Thomas Reuters Boardroom in Times Square.

"During the event, participants will have an opportunity to learn about the many exciting new developments for our programs, such as the new Visual Arts Center, and to socialize and celebrate the Marshall community," Hagerty said. Approximately 30 students will travel to NYC along with faculty and staff.

Junior Megan Kappes, graphic design major, has taken the trip to NYC for past three years.

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Interior designer and green building consultant Jill M. Watkins of Watkins Design Works LLC lectures on structural resistance to climate change Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Prepping buildings for climate change subject of Sustainability Department lecture

By **MEGAN OSBORNE**
THE PARTHENON

Jill M. Watkins of Watkins Design Works LLC gave a presentation on resilient buildings as a part of the Marshall University Sustainability Department's "Lunch and Learn" Lecture series Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Watkins is an interior designer by trade and works as a green building consultant at her firm. She also works as the vice chair of the West Virginia chapter of the United States Green Building Council.

Watkins' presentation focused on how buildings can respond to climate change, and how to make buildings

more resilient to climate change on the project level.

Watkins said West Virginia has a huge opportunity for improvements in its green building initiatives.

"We like to say we're an energy state and that can mean a whole lot of things, it can mean hydroelectric, it can mean solar, it can mean wind and we can still have that identity of energy embedded in the state," Watkins said. "The state has so much natural beauty that having new buildings sort of rise up out of that helps create that sense of place, which everybody in West Virginia feels."

Watkins previously lived in Cincinnati and Boston, and

said there are a lot of things West Virginia can take from other cities.

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Jill M. Watkins,
Watkins Design Works

"We should stop being scared of new things," Watkins said. "There's a lot of technology that has been around for a long time but it hasn't made it

here yet. I like sharing knowledge, making things better and doing things differently."

The sustainability department partnered with Aetna Building Maintenance to bring sustainability lectures to Marshall and give experts the opportunity to share sustainable knowledge with the university's community.

Don Fritz of Aetna said the company was asked to contribute an endowment of some sort to Marshall.

"Marshall had an interest in being the tri-state go to organization," Fitz said. "If anybody wanted to know about sustainability, all they want to think was 'I'll go to Marshall, they can help me.'"

Fritz said he had heard of similar events in other cities, so company officials from Aetna partnered with the sustainability department to bring the "Lunch and Learn" to Marshall.

"We wanted to hit as many people as we could to hit the best topics that would educate them in general," Fritz said.

Past topics have included sustainable electricity practices, green cleaning and rainwater harvesting. Past presentations can be viewed on the sustainability department's website.

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INTO MU students discover a love of American cuisine

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THE PARTHENON

International students at INTO Marshall University are exploring the world of cooking Mondays at Huntington Kitchen.

INTO MU created the program to help the international students with their English

The cooking class allowed students to experience and taste American food.

"We came up with this idea because INTO MU wanted international students to get more involved in our community," Saba Gebriehiwet, INTO MU English

professor, said. "The main idea is to know American culture dining etiquette and how to cook."

The students have an opportunity to learn about traditional American food, healthy ways of eating and healthy recipes.

"I have a big interest toward food, so I wanted to take the cooking class in English," Song Yang Bo, INTO Marshall student said.

During the class, students also learn about nutrition, calories and how to make microwave dishes.

"Most of the students are far away from home and

they don't know how to cook," Gebriehiwet said. "Instead of having to eat out, they can cook something healthy and easy."

INTO MU students are working on a recipe book, which consists of many different recipes from their home countries.

In the future they are plan to sell the book and donate money to an organization of the students choosing.

"I am ready to say goodbye to boring cooking books, it's our show time," Yang Bo said.

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Family matters to new chair Petrary



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By LARA SEDLOCK
THE PARTHENON

Stephen M. Petrary was recently appointed the new chair for the department of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Petryary graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed a family residency with the Medical College of Virginia. He has been recognized with dozens of teaching awards including the inaugural Dean's Award for Excellence in Medical Education in 2013.

He is heavily involved with Ebenezer Medical Outreach, whose mission statement is to provide access to

free, comprehensive health care, preventative care and pharmaceuticals to the underserved of the Fairfield West community of Huntington and surrounding area. He is also the co-director and co-developer of the Paul Wesley Ambrose Health Policy Residency Track, which is the nation's first health policy track within a family medicine program.

As a professor in the department and full-time faculty member since 1989, Petrary was selected for the position after serving as interim chair for several months.

"It's a great opportunity that opens up new avenues for me to influence the things that are important to me at

the medical school," Petrary said.

In his new position, Petrary will mainly oversee the educational parts of the department, while also being involved with all of the other aspects.

The clinical mission of the department is to take care of patients.

"I'm very passionate about family medicine and how we can improve healthcare, not only in the region but throughout the country," Petrary said. "There have been studies that have shown that when family physicians come in, the community's health improves and the economics of the area improves."

Leah Payne, director of public affairs for the school of medicine,

said family medicine is the anchor program for the school of medicine. It was founded on caring for people in Appalachian through family medicine and rural outreach programs.

"This department has to be strong for the medical school to be strong," Petrary said.

"It's been a national leader in rural care and family medicine, we have a national reputation for what we do in family medicine training. We have some unique programs and unique people that make this a special place to work."

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Tri-state Society of Human Resource Management helps send students to conference

By VINCENT ESPINOZA
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University of Society of Human Resource Management will sponsor a presentation 6 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of Corbly Hall in honor of the donation made by the tri-state SHRM.

The \$1,200 donation will go toward sending four students from the College of Business to a regional conference in Arlington, Va.

The donation made by the tri-state chapter will cover only half of the costs for those students. The other half of the funding needed will come from fundraisers by the Marshall's SHRM.

Of the four students, three are undergraduates and the other is a graduate student.

The three undergraduate students selected to represent Marshall at the regional conference are Randy Michel, Jason Trador and Daniel Walton. The graduate student is Selden Edwards.

Rosanna McVey, a professor and internship coordinator in the College of Business, said that this is Marshall's first year participating in the regional conference.

"We are very appreciative of the tri-state helping sponsor these members and look forward to a continued partnership," McVey said.

The conference will be March 14-15 and will feature keynote speakers, educational sessions and career development opportunities.

Students who participate will learn the keys to success in human resource careers through education sessions and mentoring.

They will have the opportunity to meet with human resources professionals and others who are studying the same.

There will also be a regional case competition at the conference in which teams of graduate and undergraduate students compete separately to win two grand prizes. The prizes consist of \$2,500 and free registration to the 2014 Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando.

Marshall will have to wait until next year's conference to participate in the competition given that this is their first year attending.

The Southeast Regional Student Conference will host schools from a wide variety of other states including Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina. Schools from Puerto Rico will also be in attendance.

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Testimony begins in trial on Michigan's gay-marriage ban



Jesse Bacon, 33, of Roseville, left, comes out in support of April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse outside Federal Court in Detroit, Tuesday before the trial to fight the ban on gay marriage. Protestors and supporters both marched outside the court.

MANDI WRIGHT | DETROIT FREE PRESS | MCT

By TRESE BALDAS
DETROIT FREE PRESS (MCT)

The fate of Michigan's gay-marriage ban is officially in the hands of a federal judge, who on Tuesday heard opening statements in a case that will decide what marriage means in Michigan, and whether voters have a right to exclude gays and lesbians from forming that union and raising a family.

Voters in Michigan have already voted against gay-marriage — a point that state attorney Kristin Heyse hammered away in her opening statements. She argued it is not irrational for voters to want to define marriage as being a union only between a

man and a woman. Nor is it irrational for the state to want to preserve the traditional family structure: a mom and a dad.

But same-sex marriage proponents argue the ban is unconstitutional and needs to be overturned.

"Our marriage ban did not happen in a vacuum: The proponents of the ban fully intended to exclude this politically unpopular group," argued Carol Stanyar, one of several lawyers who is fighting to overturn Michigan's bans on same-sex marriage and same-sex adoption.

On the latter point, Stanyar argued that no other group has to undergo a competency test to have children, and that gays

and lesbians shouldn't, either. She also stressed repeatedly that there is no proof that same-sex couples aren't just as loving and nurturing as heterosexual parents, nor that kids raised by gays and lesbians fare worse than those raised by heterosexuals.

Stanyar is representing two female nurses who are fighting for the right to marry and adopt each others' children.

"It's hard to imagine how the adult plaintiffs in this case could be contributing any more. They took in babies who were left behind," Stanyar told U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman. "These two women are

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Marshall student hopes to stop malaria one book at a time

By KYLEE McMULLEN
THE PARTHENON

Millions of people in developing countries die from malaria, a preventable disease, each year due to the lack of medicine.

Malaria is a disease of the blood that is caused by the plasmodium parasite, which is transmitted from person to person by a particular type of mosquito.

Chelsea Miller, English education major from Culloden, W.Va., is one of 100 people in the world chosen to help fight malaria through a charitable book launch project.

Miller was selected by the authors, Seth and Chandler Bolt, who wrote the self-help book, "Breaking Out of a Broken System."

The focus of the book launch is to buy 10,000 malaria pills by selling 10,000 copies of the book. The charity will be giving 100 percent of the profit to the cause and has structured the pricing so the profit from one book buys one pill. The pills are going to an organization called Palmetto Medical Initiative.

PMI's mission is revolutionizing the approach to medical intervention in the developing world by moving beyond relief to achieve long-term improvements in health.

PMI is able to provide medicine to people in life or death situations. One \$4 pill could save a family of children from losing their father or a mother from losing her child.

"It's only \$4, that's a coffee to us," Miller said. "We are so privileged here and \$4 is something so meaningless to us but it's a life to someone in another country."

Miller is working with the first year seminar director to get the book used as a textbook for the course. She also hopes to shadow an English professor and give presentations to multiple classes.

"Breaking Out of a Broken System" is the story of the Bolt brothers who grew up in a small town in rural South Carolina. They are the children of hardworking but poor parents. Their parents both worked full-time, learned the value of a dollar and lived paycheck-to-paycheck. Their parents created a map to success using their experiences, triumphs and lessons learned. One day the brothers made a pact to share this information with friends, family and the rest of the world and decided to write a book.

The book gives great insight to how people can apply this to their own life. It is written from a musical artist and a businessman's perspective, but can be applied to any situation.

To promote the book even more, Miller made a video on YouTube that has been seen by thousands of people in different countries each day and is asking people to use any social media outlet with the "#1book1life."

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US obesity rates fall for young children, rise for older adults

By TONY PUGH
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While adults and older children continue to struggle with obesity, America's 2- to 5-year-olds appear to be slimming down.

The prevalence of obesity among children in the preschool set has fallen from nearly 14 percent in 2003 and 2004 to 8.4 percent in 2011 and 2012. That's a 43 percent decline, according to new survey data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I was kind of excited to see this decrease in the young children and this potential for good news in the story," said Cynthia L. Ogden, a Maryland-based CDC epidemiologist and branch chief for the survey.

Much of the decline among young children ages 2-5 occurred over the final two years of the study, as their obesity rates fell roughly 33 percent — from just over 12 percent in 2009-2010 to just over 8 percent in 2011-2012.

But one in three U.S. adults — 33 percent — and one in six, or 17 percent, of all young people ages 2-19 are still considered obese, according to the CDC's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which appears in the latest issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

In fact, obesity rates for older adults increased

from 31 percent in 2003-2004 to 35.4 percent in 2011-2012. Women age 60 and older fueled the increase, with obesity rates jumping from 31.5 percent in 2003-2004 to 38.1 percent in 2011-2012, the survey found.

The authors concluded that "obesity prevalence remains high and thus it is important to continue surveillance."

Overweight people are at higher risk to develop a number of chronic diseases compared with people whose weight is normal. Obesity is linked to numerous health problems, including premature death, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, osteoarthritis and gall bladder disease.

In recent years, schools, restaurants, food and beverage manufacturers and medical caregivers have paid greater attention to the health threat posed by obesity and have tried to combat the problem through public awareness campaigns.

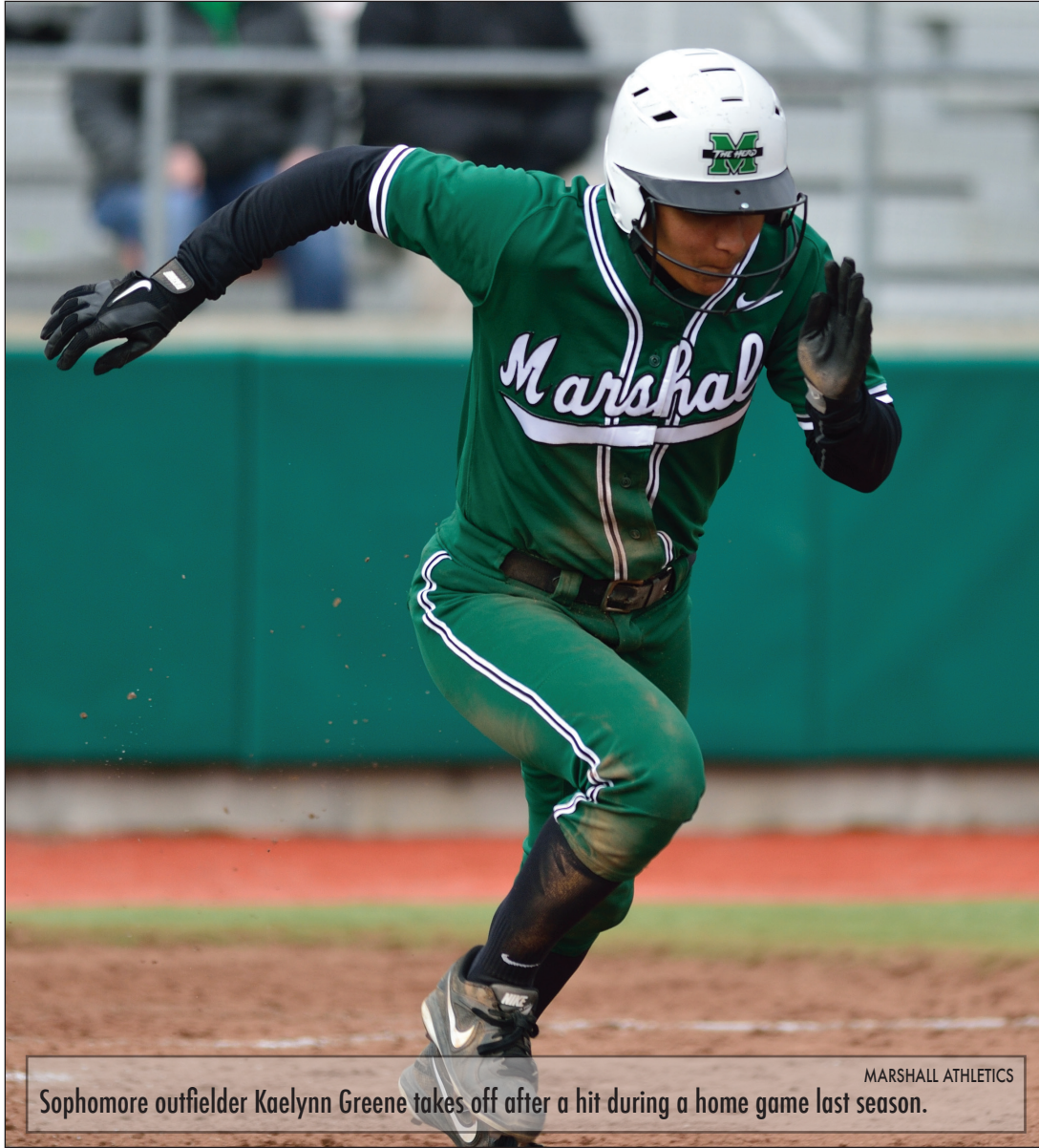
But what is behind the falling obesity rates for toddlers is unclear. The CDC said it could reflect efforts by child care centers to improve nutrition and physical activity standards, as well as a decline in consumption of sugar-sweetened soft drinks and other beverages.

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SPORTS

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Herd softball fighting through early struggles



Sophomore outfielder Kaelynn Greene takes off after a hit during a home game last season. MARSHALL ATHLETICS

By **BRAXTON CRISP**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Thundering Herd softball is off to a 2-8 start after its first two tournaments of the season, the Tiger Invitational in Auburn, Ala., and the Citrus Classic at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

Two of the Herd's opponents so far have been SEC opponents in Auburn and Georgia. In the most recent NFCA Coaches Poll, Georgia is ranked No. 17 and Auburn was the first team outside of the top 25 of the teams that received votes.

The opponents have not only been SEC schools, but also small schools with strong records such as Western Illinois, Nebraska-Omaha and Mercer, who are a combined 31-9. Herd head coach Shonda Stanton said the offense has been the strong point of the team so far.

"Anytime you're hitting over .300 as a team, that's solid," Stanton said.

The Herd has a .317 team average, with four players over .300 and Kristina Braxton at .292.

Assistant coach Kendall Fearn said Braxton's average is even more important than being near .300 because she's doing it batting ninth.

"Kristina Braxton has done a great job in the nine hole getting on base and having some really clutch base-clearing doubles," Fearn said.

Fearn said Braxton has been filling a big role in the lineup and not making the ninth spot a wasted batter in the lineup.

"With our speed at the top of our lineup, she's a preliminary leadoff for Kaelynn [Greene] and Z [Morgan Zerkle] when they

come up to turn the lineup over," Fearn said.

Defensively, the Herd has committed 26 errors through 10 games. Stanton said the errors have been the difference between winning and losing in multiple games this season.

"In the Lamar game, walks and errors is how they scored two runs," Stanton said. "In the Albany game, we were up 4-0 in the first inning, then they don't get a single hit, four walks and three errors equals four runs and its 4-4 going to the second inning. If we don't give them those freebies, we win that ball game easily."

In the pitching circle, freshman Jordan Dixon has seen the bulk of the workload with 35.2 innings pitched. As a team, Marshall has an earned run average of 8.77, and on average gives up 2.14 walks and hits combined per inning.

Marshall pitching coach Chanda Bell said the inexperience of the pitching staff has been an issue this season, with former Herd pitcher Andi Williamson pitching all but 75.1 of the 398 innings Marshall played defensively last year.

"They have to learn quick," Bell said. "When they're pitching well, they're being successful, but right now what is killing us are the walks and hit-by-pitches putting runners on base, then allowing them to score. As long as they can figure that out, then we'll be alright."

The Herd will be back on the road this weekend at the Coastal Carolina Invitational in Conway, S.C. Other teams in that tournament include Maryland Eastern Shore, Samford, Saint Peter's and host Coastal Carolina.

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Big Green reseating Herd's main sports venues

By **MICHAEL CIRCLE**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Big Green has implemented its Marshall Athletics Reseating and Reparking Plan, which will reseating season ticket holders in both the Joan C. Edwards stadium and the Cam Henderson Center.

The plan is based off of a point system determined by the amount given by each donor to the Big Green. The seats will be given out via a three-round draft, in which the donors with the highest number of points pick first.

"The whole premise of this is, if you've been a part of the Big Green for a long time, you've been earning points for a long

time," John Sutherland, executive director of the Big Green, said. "You don't ever lose those points. So, if you've been giving for a long time, we are rewarding those people will all the points they deserve."

The Big Green Board of Trustees approved an initial rough draft for the plan in August 2012, allowing for a change in seats for those who had given the most to Marshall Athletic, recognizing the support from the donors. The last reseating efforts at Marshall took place in 1988 with the Cam Henderson Center.

"We've studied this from many schools," Sutherland said. "We looked at schools in Minnesota, North Carolina and

JOAN C. EDWARDS STADIUM



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James Madison and took pieces from the best for us. We aren't NC State, so we have to tailor this to our fans' needs."

The plan took 18 months to put together and was formed by a reseating committee. It was then taken before the whole board of about 42 members, where the plan underwent more changes.

"Traditionally this time of year, we'd be sending out renewals," Aaron Goebbel, associate director of athletics for external affairs, said. "This year, we sent out an intent form, allowing individuals to select what donor level they will be giving to the Big Green and the amount of tickets based on section and parking that they intend to purchase."

Current Big Green members that purchase season tickets will select in round one and may purchase the maximum number of tickets set by the Priority Ticket Limit, purchasing in the order of highest to lowest priority points.

After all Big Green Members have purchased their first-round maximum number of tickets, round two will begin, allowing the members who have not purchased the number of tickets desired in the first round to get the rest. Finally, in the third

round, non-Big Green Members will be able to pick their seats. For those nonmembers wishing to select in the first round, they may join the Big Green at The Herd level (\$50-\$149) or higher, giving the new member at least one priority point to choose with in the first round.

Priority points are based on the amount given, either through donations or membership fees and previously purchased season tickets as a Big Green Member. For every \$100 donated, the member receives one priority point.

"A lot of people think that if you're not a Big Green Member, you're not getting season tickets," Goebbel said. "As we stand now, nonmembers have the seats outside of premium seat location already, so at the end of the day, people will be surprised with their seating location."

The Cam has 9,048 seats compared to the Joan's 38,227, and the season-ticket spots will all be reseated.

"Our number one concern in our situation is for people to not understand the process," Sutherland said. "We will just have to be open to phone calls, and help as many people to understand as we can."

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Herd to host first meeting with Owls

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With the regular season winding down, the Thundering Herd (9-17, 2-11 C-USA) will play host in a first meeting with Conference USA newcomer Florida Atlantic (13-13, 3-10 C-USA), Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at Cam Henderson Center.

With three double-digit performances from Marshall players, senior Suporia Dickens and freshman Chelsey Romero led the way with 16 points apiece, followed by Leah Scott's 13 for the Thundering Herd in a 77-66 losing decision at FIU, Feb. 22, at FIU Arena in Miami. Dickens ended with 16 points and 11 rebounds for her third double-double of the season, the fourth of her career.

All three of Dickens' double-doubles have been in Conference USA play (Tulane, Jan. 9 and Tusla, Jan. 25). She went 6-of-12 from the field and 4-of-6 from behind the arc, tying Marshall's

ninth-best single-game 3-pointer performance at 66.7 percent. Romero tied her career high of 16 points, going 6-of-8 from the field and 4-of-4 from the free throw line. Scott followed with her 17th double-digit performance of the season at 13 points, going 5-of-12.

Florida Atlantic enters Wednesday's matchup in the midst of a four-game slump, most recently falling to Southern Miss, 78-70 (Feb. 22). The Owls lead Conference USA with a turnover margin of 9.38, ranked third in the nation. FAU also commits only 13.0 turnovers per game, tied for first in the league. Kimberly Smith tops the team with 13.0 points and 5.7 rebounds per game, and leads C-USA with 2.88 3-pointers per game.

Wednesday's contest is the first meeting between Marshall and FAU.

Marshall will make its final regular-season road trip to Charlotte, N.C. to take on the 49ers, Saturday, at 7 p.m.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Olympic requirements should be reevaluated

The Winter Olympics may be over, but a controversy is just beginning.

Gary di Silvestri and Angelica Morrone di Silvestri have gained attention for their citizenship in Dominica. The married couple, and Dominica's first Winter Olympic team, has faced scrutiny over the events allowing them to qualify for the 2014 Winter Olympics.

There are three requirements to compete in the Olympics: Full citizenship in the nation you are representing, internationally recognized national governing body for the sport you are competing in and meet Olympic qualifying standards.

Gary di Silvestri claims he and his wife were awarded citizenship for their

philanthropy, but this may not be the case. The di Silvestri's were able to obtain Dominican citizenship quite easily as the country only required a base fee of \$175,000 and going to Dominica was optional.

Once they were awarded their citizenship, the di Silvestri's formed the National Ski Association of Dominica to meet the second requirement.

When it comes to the third requirement, the details are hazy. Gary di Silvestri originally claimed to be a championship wrestler and rower while attending Georgetown University, but there appears to be no evidence to support his claims.

Given that Dominica is a small country, the standards for qualifying are lower. However, in light of the di Silvestri's participation in the Games, it may be time for the International Olympic Committee to reevaluate the criteria for admission.

The di Silvestri's story highlights scamming issues that can happen under the radar, mostly likely only brought to light because of the initial favorable news stories about the Olympic tourists.

To make it to the Olympics is something most athletes would consider a great honor. The di Silvestri's essentially bought their spots in Sochi, and this is something that shouldn't happen again.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

Which film will win the Academy Award for Best Picture?

"12 Years A Slave"
"Gravity"
"American Hustle"

What is your favorite Winter Olympics event?

Ice skating	54%
Hockey	27%
Curling	19%

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COLUMN

What makes us happy?

By **SUSAN REIMER**
THE BALTIMORE SUN (MCT)

There is lots of science that tells us that experiences make us happier than possessions. But which experiences make us the happiest? Which experiences should we seek out if we want to be happy?

A study titled "Happiness from Ordinary and Extraordinary Experiences" by two marketing professors set out first to separate experiences into those two broad categories: extraordinary (uncommon and infrequent), such as the birth of a child or a trip to Hawaii; and ordinary (common and frequent), such as feeling the sun on your face on a summer morning or sharing pizza and a movie with the kids.

Second, Amit Bhattacharjee of The Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and Cassie Mogilner of The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania looked for the role of age in the happiness these experiences give us.

They found that younger people, who view the future as infinite and who are collecting experiences to help define who they are, gain more happiness from extraordinary experiences, such as taking pictures from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

As people age, the researchers found, and begin to view their remaining time as limited, they get just as much happiness from the ordinary experiences that are part of their daily lives — a bike ride, a frappachino on a hot day.

Their report, scheduled to be published in the Journal of Consumer Research, helps answer the question, how do we spend our time and money to maximize our happiness? Should we choose that trip to Ireland or the Viking river cruise? Or might we be just as happy getting together with old friends at a neighborhood restaurant and lingering too long over wine?

The answer depends on where you are in life. The fearless young need extraordinary experiences to shape their lives and improve their decision-making. But those of us who are older now have permission to scale back the bucket list, knowing that we can be just as happy with a weekend

at a bed and breakfast as we might be zip-lining through a tropical jungle.

"While younger people tend to define happiness in terms of excitement, enthusiasm and high stakes of arousal, older people define happiness in terms of calm, peacefulness and low states of arousal," the authors wrote.

We still love thrills as we age, the researchers found. Extraordinary experiences give young and old almost the same amount of pleasure. But happiness from ordinary experiences increased as people got older.

Another interesting finding? Our happiness does not depend on having a partner or being in a group for any of these experiences — whether we are young or old. I would have guessed that it did, that a shared experience would make me happier. But I recognize that I am equally content sipping coffee on my deck on a summer morning whether I am alone or with friends.

The study was not really intended to help you and I understand better what makes us happy and, if we are older, to give us permission to savor the small moments. It is actually aimed at the sellers of experiential products.

But it put me in mind of Roger Angell's recent essay in the New Yorker magazine, in which he has written lyrically about sports and other things for a generation.

He is 93 now, and he writes about the shrinking of his world and about death, a visitor he would not be surprised to see at his door on any day.

It is sad and funny and touching and profound. He echoes the findings of this study, but when he writes about the little happinesses of his life, you can hear the music in his words.

"We've outgrown our ambitions. If our wives or husbands are still with us, we sense a trickle of contentment flowing from the reliable springs of routine, affection in long silences, calm within the light boredom of well-worn friends, retold stories and mossy opinions. Also the distant whoosh of a surfaced porpoise outside our night windows."



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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

FCC chairman wants to reboot 'net neutrality' rules

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

You have to give new Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler credit: He moves fast for a bureaucrat. Wheeler announced Feb. 19 that the commission would not appeal a recent court decision that invalidated most of the "open Internet" rules championed by his predecessor. Instead, he said, he would propose new ones to achieve the same thing: barring Internet service providers from blocking legal content or playing favorites among websites and services. It's not clear yet how he'll reach that goal, but he's chosen the quickest and least controversial way there.

"Net neutrality" rules aim to preserve the qualities that have made the Internet such a hotbed for creativity and innovation, including the freedom to connect with audiences and experiment with new businesses. Some conservative critics question the need for such rules, saying there's no real evidence

of a problem. On the other hand, some liberals warn that broadband providers such as AT&T and Comcast will steer users to favored sites and services unless they're regulated as rigorously as the local phone monopolies in the old Bell system.

Wheeler, a former top lobbyist for the wireless and cable industries, didn't rule out taking the latter route someday. For now, however, he wants the commission to try the less heavy-handed approach suggested by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which ruled in January that the FCC had the authority to protect net neutrality but not through the sweeping requirements it adopted in 2010. So Wheeler plans to propose a less prescriptive, more flexible set of rules to preserve the status quo of openness and innovation online. He's expected to lay out a formal proposal for the new rules within a few months.

Ideally, more broadband providers

would emerge to compete with the cable and phone companies, eliminating the need for net neutrality rules to keep those companies honest. Wheeler said he'd look for ways to boost competition, such as by helping local governments offer broadband services. But aside from Google's fiber project, there hasn't been much happening on that front. Not only are new networks tremendously expensive, but government-owned Internet services are blocked in many communities by state laws outside the FCC's reach.

Comcast's recent deal to take over Time Warner Cable portends more industry consolidation, creating ever-larger broadband providers and further deterring new entrants. That's all the more reason for Wheeler and the commission to strive to preserve openness online. And rather than waging a protracted fight over rigorous rules, it makes sense to use the authority that the D.C. Circuit has confirmed the FCC has.

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"You can't not learn by going to New York," Kappes said. "You could completely avoid all the museums and still learn a ton about art. It's just everywhere you go throughout the city."

Along with the students, the professors think the annual trip to New York City is an opportunity that students of the School of Art and Design should participate in.

"The trip is an important and life-changing opportunity for our students to experience the arts and culture of one of the most important cities in the world,"

Hagerty said. "The trip is important, because it further develops and strengthens the sense of community and engagement within the School of Art & Design."

Kappes said she has experienced so many new things she would not have been able to see if she did not take advantage of the trip, such as witnessing Van Gogh paintings, attending Broadway shows and visiting famous art museums.

"I'm just really passionate about this city and it really helps inspire me and my work," Kappes said.

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Increased breastfeeding rates also could be helping, since the activity helps stave off obesity in breastfed children, the CDC reported.

Obesity prevention programs in cities such as Anchorage, Alaska; Philadelphia and New York City, as well as King County in the Seattle area, could also be playing a role.

First lady Michelle Obama, whose "Let's

Move!" program works to increase physical activity among America's youngsters, hailed the survey's latest findings.

"I am thrilled at the progress we've made over the last few years in obesity rates among our youngest Americans," Obama said in a statement. "With the participation of kids, parents and communities in 'Let's Move!' these last four years, healthier habits are beginning to become the new norm."

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heroes. And they're not alone. All these families should be embraced. They should be supported. They should be celebrated."

To bolster that argument, Stanyar offered the testimony of David Brodzinsky, a seasoned psychologist and child development expert who has researched adoption and family structure for more than three decades.

Brodzinsky testified that the psychological well being of kids raised by same-sex parents is the same as those raised by heterosexuals. He also testified that family structure has no impact on how well-adjusted a child is.

Before Brodzinsky took the stand, Heise urged the judge not to believe everything the plaintiffs experts say, and to uphold the will of the voters.

To overturn the will of the people, the court must conclude that being raised by a mother and a father is inconsequential," Heise said. "This court should not rush to determine that mothers and fathers are replaceable or dispensable."

But voters shouldn't be allowed to pass discriminatory laws, either, argued attorney Michael Pitt, who is representing an Oakland County clerk who believes gays and lesbians are unfairly being denied marriage certificates.

"If the people of the state of Michigan had voted to ban interracial marriages, I don't think we would be here today."

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"Our fight against illegal drugs in this community is such that there will be times where we have to deploy the SWAT team," Chambers said. "The SWAT team has been a very effective unit and it is important that they be well equipped to protect the community and themselves."

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U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) hosts Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) and former U.S. Senators Carol Moseley Braun (D-IL), Roland Burris (D-IL), and William "Mo" Cowan (D-MA) at an event discussing their personal journeys and the nation's progress with America's black senators at the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014.



By **JAMES ROSEN**
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Just a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol, where they sometimes joust over taxes, health care and other partisan issues, Tim Scott and Cory Booker shared both gratitude and amazement Tuesday at their historic status as the first two African-Americans to serve in the United States Senate at the same time.

All told, there have been only seven black U.S. senators since Reconstruction, and one of them now sits in the White House.

Five of the remaining six — with Scott currently the sole Republican African-American in Congress — discussed their personal journeys in a Library of Congress forum to celebrate Black History Month.

"I don't think in the history of the republic we have had this many African-Americans who served in the United States Senate gather in one room," said retired Rear Adm. Barry C. Black, the Senate chaplain, who moderated the discussion.

Scott, starting his second year in the Senate after his appointment by South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to replace Jim DeMint, organized the event and delivered opening and closing remarks.

"As a member of the United States Senate now, I see it as a blessing from the Lord," Scott told a predominantly black audience of 500 people. "All things are absolutely, unequivocally possible in the United States of America in a way that they are

not possible anywhere else in the world."

Scott and Booker of New Jersey were joined by Democratic former Sens. Carol Moseley Braun and Roland Burris, both of Illinois, and William "Mo" Cowan of Massachusetts.

Barack Obama, who served four years as a Democratic senator from Illinois before being elected the nation's first black president in 2008, was invited, but did not attend.

Scott drew peals of knowing laughter as he recounted his childhood in North Charleston, S.C., in a poor, single-parent home.

"My grandmother believed that sometimes love comes at the end of a switch — and she loved me a whole lot," he said.

A former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, the South Carolina House of Representatives and the Charleston County Council, Scott acknowledged that he was a less-than-stellar student in high school, where he starred in football.

"I think I'm the only United States senator to ever fail civics," Scott said.

As laughter built, he deadpanned: "And math. And English."

Scott faces no Republican primary opposition this year: Democrats Rick Wade, viewed as the favorite, and Joyce Dickerson are challenging him in the November general election to serve out the remainder of DeMint's term through 2016. DeMint resigned his seat in January 2013 to become head of the Heritage Foundation, a

conservative research center in Washington.

Moseley Braun, the only black woman to serve in the Senate, appeared to surprise some in the audience when she said that being a woman presented more obstacles than being an African-American.

"Race bias is local," Moseley Braun said. "Gender bias is universal. Gender bias is as bad as race bias."

Moseley Braun said her single Senate term, from January 1993 to January 1999, was very hard on her.

"Why was it so important to run me into the ground and make it so difficult for me?" she asked.

During much of her term, Moseley Braun fought allegations that she had used campaign funds for personal expenses. Republican Peter Fitzgerald defeated her in November 1998. She subsequently served as an ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa.

A graduate of Stanford University and Yale Law School, Booker joined the Senate after a special election last October to replace Sen. Frank Lautenberg after his death.

Saying "We're in a period of decline," Moseley Braun added, "The civil rights movement was about providing opportunity for the next generation. Right now, a lot of (young people) are running around unafraid to die at 19 because they don't think

there will be anything for them at 29."

The federal government, she said, must help fill the breach. It "has real meaning in the lives of people," she added.

In the audience, Calvin Snowden was moved by what he heard from the panel.

"For me, it is the dream fulfilled," the former NFL defensive end said. "When our ancestors toiled and dreamed in the fields, their vision was this that appeared on the stage today."

Snowden, who played five seasons in the late 1960s and early 1970s for the St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills, earned his master's degree at Howard University and went on to work with students hoping to excel in college.

Also in the audience was Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Scott, the South Carolina's senator's older brother and a 30-year Army veteran currently serving at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"What an honor," Benjamin Scott, 50, told McClatchy. "I am so proud of my brother. To know where we've come from to where we are now, what a testament to the great nation in which we live."

Asked whether his brother might harbor presidential ambitions, Benjamin Scott responded: "I truly believe that Tim can do anything he sets his mind on. I mean that without reservation."



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REAL-LIFE PHILOMENA: OUT AND ABOUT FOR THE FILM, HER CAUSE

By **CHRIS LEE**

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Walking slowly, with the aid of a retractable cane, Philomena Lee, the 80-year-old Irishwoman who inspired the Oscar-nominated drama "Philomena," appeared under the towering marble rotunda of Los Angeles' City Hall this month to receive the latest of her growing list of honors: a certificate of recognition signed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

A week earlier, the retired psychiatric nurse had been at the Vatican's St. Peter's Square, where she was blessed by the pope. She's met with Democratic senators on Capitol Hill, navigated the red carpet beside movie stars at multiple awards shows and stood onstage at the Golden Globes in front of a televised audience of more than 20 million people.

Lee's unlikely journey out of relative anonymity to the forefront of an aggressive marketing campaign by "Philomena's" distributor, the Weinstein Co., places the unassuming grandmother at the intersection of two complicated agendas: her own efforts to right past wrongs of Ireland's forced adoptions as well as studio co-chairman Harvey Weinstein's none-too-subtle push for Oscar gold.

Not that she sought the spotlight. "It's absolutely amazing," Lee exclaimed. "Just a few weeks ago, I was just an ordinary housewife. And then all of a sudden, this has just snowballed."

The movie of Lee's real-life saga of pluck and determination to locate the son who was taken from her in a Catholic home for unwed

mothers when she was a teenager in 1950s Ireland is nominated for four Academy Awards, including best picture and actress for Dame Judi Dench, who portrays Lee.

Now, in an Oscar race widely regarded as one of the most competitive in recent years, she's helping change the odds. And in a cultural landscape cluttered with "For Your Consideration" ads and red carpet appearances by A-list stars, the sprightly octogenarian stands out with her sincere search for justice. Call her Weinstein's Golden Girl: the awards season's unlikely secret weapon.

Arriving at City Hall last week flanked by a senior Weinstein Co. publicist, two associates of longtime Oscar strategist Lisa Taback, "Philomena" producer Gabrielle Tana and Lee's daughter, Jane Libberton, Lee discussed how her sudden notoriety sparked the formation last month of the Philomena Project. The Dublin-based initiative — which those attached to "Philomena" are quick to point out is unassociated with the movie — has been lobbying the Catholic Church and the Irish government to release more than 60,000 adoption files to help Irish mothers reunite with children brought to the United States through forced adoption.

That work led to the mayoral recognition praising Lee's "dedication to issues of adoption rights." Never mind that Garcetti was "tending to a fire — an emergency," an emissary explained, and couldn't honor her in person.

That the name Philomena should come to be mentioned in the same breath as "12 Years

a Slave" and "The Wolf of Wall Street" was hardly a forgone conclusion.

Lee's decision to break half a century's silence about her son Anthony — who was sold into adoption at age 3 by the Catholic nunnery that took in Lee when she was a pregnant, unwed 15-year-old — found the ear of former BBC correspondent Martin Sixsmith. When he agreed to investigate her claims for a magazine article, the odd couple uncovered Anthony's fate, which Sixsmith recounted in his 2009 book "The Lost Child of Philomena Lee," a serio-comic travelogue full of heart-rending discovery and the triumph of forgiveness over hate.

"I was slightly nervous about her being in the spotlight. But we needed to show that she's a real person," Coogan said. "It's important to remind people: This is not just a piece of entertainment. This is something real and authentic."



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