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# Up to 1000 expected to show up for Appalachian Studies Conference

### By JESSICA ROSS

THE PARTHENON

The Appalachian Studies Association will hold the 37th annual Appalachian Studies Conference this weekend at Marshall University.

The conference is expected to bring in up to 1,000 people from across the region to the campus Friday through Sunday, and it will include numerous events throughout the weekend.

Linda Spatig, the conference chair and professor of advanced educational studies in the College of Education and Professional Development, said the ASA is a national organization that meets every spring somewhere in the Appalachian region.

"It is like any academic or professional conference in that there's special events, highlights and loads and loads of sessions where people present papers and research," Spatig said.

This year's theme is, "New Appalachia: Known Realities and Imagined Possibilities," and the keynote speaker will be Silas House at 8 p.m. Friday in the Joan C. Edwards

House, an accomplished writer, is from Berea College in Berea, Ky., and is on the New York Times Best Seller List for his first novel, "Clay's Quilt." He has written several novels about communities and issues in Appalachia.

The conference will also offer three plenary sessions. Each will focus on three different types of work in Appalachia: the arts, community/activism and research/ scholarship.

The first plenary session at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Corbly Hall will focus on the art of storytelling, and is a collaboration of Adam Booth and Becky Hill's efforts. Booth teaches at Shepherd University and is an award-winning West Virginia storyteller.

The second plenary session at 10:15 a.m. Saturday in Corbly Hall will be connected to activism, and will be conveyed through both word and song by Sue Massek. She is best known as a founding member of Kentucky's Reel World String Band.

The third plenary session at 4:45 p.m. Saturday in Corbly Hall is based on scholarship and will be held by Eric Lassiter and Elizabeth Campbell. Lassiter is the founding editor of the journal of Collaborative Anthropologies and author of "Chicago Guide to Collaborative Inquiry." Campbell is a folklorist, writer and educator. Together, they coauthored "The Other Side of Middletown," which won the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology's 2005 Margaret Mead Award.

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# School of Medicine wraps up Research Day

#### By LARA SEDLOCK

THE PARTHENON

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine hosted their 26th annual Research Day.

event began Monday, with a community seminar on eye health, followed by presenits research Tuesday.

Todd Gress, assistant dean for medical research, said the entire medical

school is involved in today including residents in training, medical students and bio medical students.

Research Day showcases research conducted by medical The two-day research students, graduate students and residents.

"There's a vast array of topics here, from basic science in the tations from the residents on lab to clinical research and also interesting problem cases that people have dealt with," Gress said. "There's also several projects that are translational,

meaning that they have taken the information from the lab to the clinical or vise versa."

The residents are judged on their posters and their oral presentations and there are awards for the best presentation in each category.

"Research Day is put on for the students and residents of the School of Medicine," Gress said. "It is an opportunity for them to present their work, which many will be doing for the rest of their lives. It is an

opportunity to see what everyone has been working on and it is a good time for comradery. It is really a chance for everyone to show the hard work that they have done for the past year."

Andrea Lauffer, a fourth year medical pediatrics resident explained her research about Baylisascaris Procyonis, a parasite that is found in raccoon feces.

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### Student group discusses living wages at Marshall

### By GABI WARWICK

THE PARTHENON

hear discussion on local living wages at "Living Wage at MU," an event held Tuesday evening on campus.

The event was organized by Students for Appalachian Socialism, and was an informal meeting planned to start a discussion about how much Marshall employees are paid, and whether paying workers minimum wage is fair.

Ethan Young, senior philosophy major from Hurricane, was one of the speakers at the program. He said that the minimum wage should be raised because people deserved to be acknowledged for their work.

"Good work deserves good payment," Young said. "If we aren't paying our waitresses, bus boys and retail workers fairly, then they won't want to continue to work."

Young said that the event was organized to try to draw attention to an unequal distribution of wealth in the area.

"There is a movement across the country for a shift The Marshall University from a poverty wage to a minimum wage," Young said. "As a public institution, Marshall should be providing the people that are here better wages. It'd be better for the school, the community and everyone around it."

> Benji Pyles, 27-yearmember of community, was one of people that strongly supported this event. He said that the payment of the contracted employees at Marshall is one of the main reasons that this change should happen.

> "Between Sudexo and Follett," Pyles said, "Marshall makes a fair amount of money. Most of their workers are minimum wage employees. So the employees aren't really getting a cut of the great profit being made there."

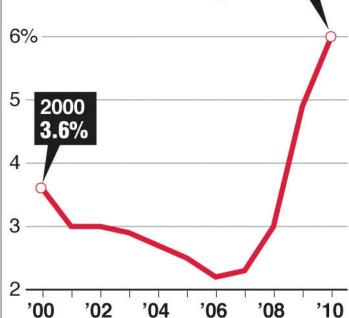
> Paul Blazer, senior from Wheeling, W.Va., was one of the attendees of the event. He attended the event because he thinks it's a worthy cause.

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# Minimum wage

Last year, 6 percent of U.S. workers made the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour or less.

Workers earning federal minimum wage



 The percentage of hourly workers earning the federal minimum wage or less has doubled since 2008.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Graphic: Betsy Bock, Dallas Morning News © 2011 MCT

# A TASTE OF THE HILLS: INTO Marshall students invited to experience Appalachian cuisine

### By EKATERINA GUTSAN

THE PARTHENON

International students have an opportunity to taste the local food of Appalachia with INTO Marshall University at the upcoming event "Taste of Appalachia" which will take place at 5 p.m. Wednesday at INTO MU building.

"The purpose of this event is to give students a little taste of the culture where they live right now," Kelli

Kerbawy, student services coordinator at INTO MU, said.

Students will have a chance to try typical Appalachian food and see some Appalachian traditions.

This event will take students far away from stereotypes about Appalachia and give them a chance to be unbiased.

"We will serve traditional food for this region, play a movie 'Rocket Boys' and set up a game, which is cornhole," Kerbawy said.

Kerbawy said international students will be excited to try an Appalachian food.

It is an opportunity for all students to get to know more about the staff and get closer to the culture.

"Students will have a chance to try a very traditional food, for example biscuits and gravy, corn bread, green bean casserole, pepperoni rolls and etc.," Kerbawy said.

Taste of Appalachia can be considered as an educational

event for the students, so they can experience the culture.

"Taste of Appalachia is happening for the first time at INTO MU, so hopefully it will be successful for all of us," Kerbawy said.

The event will allow students to explore a different culture, traditions and get a new look of Appalachia.

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## Family of immortal cell line donor to present at book signing event

#### By JOCELYN GIBSON THE PARTHENON

Relatives of Henrietta Lacks will be presenting to the Marshall University community and signing books at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Marshall Foundation Hall.

Lacks is the subject of Rebecca Skloot's book "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks." Lacks was a poor African American woman. Cells from her cancerous tumor were harvested without her knowledge and became one of the most important contributions in medicine know as HeLa cells.

Laura Michele Diener is an assistant professor in the Department of History and one of the individuals responsible for planning the Lacks' event.

"I think the experiences of Henrietta and her family touch on so many aspects of American history," Diener said. "It is important to remember the history of prejudice and poverty in our country but also the redemptive power of creativity and generosity that continues to flourish."

An HBO film adaptation of the book produced by Opera Winfrey and Allan Ball is currently in the works.

Her grandson David Lacks Jr., represents the Lacks family on the panel that reviews research applications using the HeLa genome. Her granddaughter Kim Lacks is one of the family members consulting on the film.

The Women's Program will host Lacks' grandchildren. Other sponsors include Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine: Office of Medical Education, Office of Graduate Medical Education, Office of Diversity, Women's Center, Intercultural Affairs, Center for African American Students, Office of the President, the Honors College, Center for Teaching and Learning, Department of Psychology and Department of History.

"This event offered a phenomenal opportunity for so many different colleges and departments and schools at Marshall to collaborate on one project," Diener said. "Our mutual enthusiasm for 'The Immortal Life' as well as the story of the Lacks family really highlights how much we have in common."

The Women's Studies book club read "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" this semester in anticipation of the Lacks family visit. Their discussion will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Drinko Atrium.

Diener said she enjoys the opportunity to get "behind the scenes" with books and the Women's Studies Program often invites authors they have read to speak at Marshall.

"Kim and David's father and aunt and uncle are major characters in the book so it will certainly be interesting to hear their perspective," Diener said.

The Lacks Family talk and book signing will be free and open to the public. Books will be available to purchase at the event.

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# Women of Color Day honors women in community

By FRANCES LAZELL

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Community members and Marshall University faculty and students celebrated Women of Color Day Tuesday by recognizing women who have made an impact on campus and in the community in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Leah Tolliver, director of MU Women's Center, said the event's intention was to recognize women, their contributions to the community and campus and to encourage them to continue their work.

"I would like to look at it from two perspectives," Tolliver said. "One is celebrating diversity and the other is recognizing women's contributions, and we have a tendency to not necessarily recognize the awesome and wonderful contributions that women make."

Tolliver said a main focus was acknowledging the work of women toward the goals of diversity, specifically issues facing women of color.

Three awards were given; one to a Marshall student, a Cabell County community member and a Marshall faculty member.



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> > Leah Tolliver, Director of Women's Center

McKenzie Cooley, senior communications studies major from Huntington; Delores Johnson, former Marshall English professor; and Cheryl Henderson, lawyer from Huntington were the award recipients.

Tolliver said the accomplishments of the women honored served as examples to other women of what can be achieved through hard work.

"We have a student who has done a lot, obviously her accomplishments are on campus, but we also have a women who have worked on this campus and contributed to the growth and development, academically, as well as professionally and personal development," Tolliver

Cooley said being recognized for her campus involvement over the last four years was especially special with graduation coming

activities has been a priority for me since day one," Cooley said. "The fact that others feel I have helped the progression of empowering women solidifies for me the idea that campus involvement is just as important as academics."

Cooley is the 2014 Miss Marshall, a Lambda Pi Eta member. an Omicron Delta Kappa member, a Society of Black Scholars, an Order of Omega member, a member of Alpha Xi Delta and a former Marshall PanHellenic enrichment chair.

Carmen Mitzi Sinnott, ac-"Being involved in campus tress, writer and educator, was the keynote speaker. Her speech focused on the continuation of women empowerment as society moves

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# Justices sound ready to reject contraceptives mandate under Obamacare

By DAVID G. SAVAGE TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

The Supreme Court's conservative justices sharply criticized part of President Barack Obama's health care law Tuesday, suggesting they will rule later this year that Christian-owned requiring corporations to offer their employees contraceptives coverage violates the freedom of religion.

"Your reasoning would permit requiring profit-making corporations to pay for abortions," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy told U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli, who defended the contraceptives provision of the Affordable Care Act.

The administration's lawyer warned that the court would be adopting a "dangerous principle" if it gave employers a right to exempt themselves from federal laws based on their religious beliefs.

But Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. countered that Congress had passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993 to require special exemptions based on religion.

The women justices — Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg — spoke in support of the Obama administration's rule. They agreed with Verrilli that it would cause problems if employers were permitted to refuse to pay for benefits based on religion.

"You would see religious objectors come out of the woodwork," Kagan said.

But the five conservative justices sounded as if they stood in opposition to the contraceptives mandate.

The justices were hearing a politically charged clash over a provision under Obamacare that requires all new health insurance plans pay for contraceptives, including "morning after" pill and intra-

uterine devices, or IUDs. Catholic bishops and some evangelical Christians opposed this rule, arguing that it forces employers to be complicit in what they consider to be a sin by paying for drugs that may destroy a fertilized egg.

The administration women's rights advocates say contraceptives are a basic health right for women, preventing both unplanned pregnancies and abortions.

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### Ukraine defense chief resigns; most soldiers in Crimea expected to switch to Russia



MCCLATCHY FOREIGN STAFF (MCT)

Ukraine's interim defense minister resigned Tuesday, citing the shame of losing Crimea to Russia during his one month in

A short time later, the Ukrainian parliament voted in an interim replacement, a colonel-general who earlier this month was briefly kidnapped from his post in

The departure of Ihor Tenyukh, a politician who belongs to the right-wing Svoboda party, and his replacement by Col. Gen. Mykhailo Koval, a top officer in the country's border protection service, came as the depth of the defeat in Crimea — and Ukraine's inability to respond to the crisis — continued to come into focus.

The Defense Ministry said it expected only 4,300 of the 18,000 troops who were stationed in Crimea to remain in the Ukrainian military — less than 24 percent. Others said they expected that most of the rest would join the Russian army,

vhich has offered much higher pay and more generous retirement benefits to any Ukrainian soldier who switches sides.

"They are Russian, and they will serve Russia," said Sergey Kunitsyn, a former mayor of Sevastopol in Crimea who's now a member of parliament representing the region. "What else would they do? They speak Russian. Their heritage is Russian. They accept Russian culture. Their loyalty was to Crimea, not Ukraine."

The government in Kiev apparently has no plan for absorbing the few Ukrainian soldiers who are expected to come to the mainland, and no plan for their evacuation from Crimea.

Several lawmakers called the soldiers' coming to the mainland "a personal decision, not a policy one."

"These soldiers have family and homes and, in many cases, heritage in Crimea," said David Zhraniya, a member of parliament. "It's a personal decision."

Despite the apparent disarray in Ukraine's military, few in the Rada, as

Ukraine's parliament is known, were willing to blame Tenyukh, the departing interim defense minister. Most, interviewed after the vote installing Koval in the post, said Tenyukh had done the best he could with a military they admitted was in shambles.

"He wasn't to blame but it was a catastrophe and someone had to fall on the sword," said Kunitsyn, the former mayor of Sevastopol.

The military's disorganization was a reflection of a general sense that Ukraine's government — which came to office unexpectedly when former President Viktor Yanukovych fled the country last month and is expected to govern only until elections in May — is falling apart. Many fear that as organized as the Russians were in taking control of Crimea, they might not even need a military option to plunge Ukraine deeper into crisis, being able to further destabilize the country

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# **BP** confirms oil spill into Lake Michigan from Indiana refinery By MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

### CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

Less than a year after BP started up a new unit to process Canadian tar sands at its Whiting, Ind., refinery, the company reported Tuesday that a malfunction allowed a slug of crude oil into Lake Michigan a few miles away from the Chicago city limits.

It remains unclear how much oil spilled into the lake or how long the discharge continued. Workers at the refinery reported an oil sheen on the water about 4:30 p.m. Monday, and an official from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said the leak was plugged by the time he arrived at 9 p.m.

Mike Beslow, the EPA's emergency response coordinator, said there appeared to be no negative effects on Lake Michigan, the source of drinking water for 7 million people in Chicago and the suburbs. The 68th Street water intake crib is about eight miles northwest of the spill site, but there were no signs of oil drifting in that direction.

Initial reports suggest that strong winds pushed most of the oil toward a sandy cove on BP's property between the refinery and an Arcelor Mittal steel mill. A flyover Tuesday afternoon revealed no visible oil beyond booms laid on the water to prevent the oil from spreading, Beslow said.

"There is no known impact to wildlife or human health at this time," Beslow said.

Frigid temperatures caused some of the oil to harden into a waxy consistency that made it easier to collect, said Scott Dean, a BP spokesman. Crews used vacuum trucks to suck up any liquid oil that washed ashore.

The malfunction occurred at the refinery's largest crude distillation unit, the centerpiece of a nearly \$4 billion overhaul that allowed BP to process more heavy Canadian oil from the tar sands region of Alberta. The unit, which Dean said has resumed normal operations, performs one of the first steps in the refining of crude oil into gasoline and other fuels.

BP said a mixture of heavy and light oil somehow leaked into a sealed cooling system that circulates water between Lake Michigan and the refinery. Oil is never supposed to come in direct contact with the cooling water.

The spill comes amid years of legal challenges from federal officials and environmental

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# **Campus Christian Center brings** campus together for just a buck

### By MORGAN SWITZER

THE PARTHENON

The Campus Christian Center, located on the Marshall University campus, hosts "Lunch For A Buck" once a month that are provided by different religious denominations in the Huntington community.

A member of Huntington's First Presbyterian Church, Patty Anderson, said serving lunch to the Marshall campus is a great way to reach out and establish an awareness of Christianity on and around Marshall's campus.

"The most important thing about this project is to show the Marshall University campus that there is a Christian presence here in Huntington and that we care deeply about the students," Anderson said. "We want to encourage them to visit the Campus Christian Center and the community churches.'

Anderson said that the menu items for the lunch change from monthly but the price and the message are always the

"Today, we are serving hotdogs and chips and other great lunch items," Anderson said. "It's up to each church to decide their own menu items for each monthly lunch. Last month, the church group providing the lunch had barbeque and we can only guess what great food will be available next month."

Mackenzie Vance, sophomore nursing major, said that the initial attraction was the cheap lunch, but she loves the message behind the meal.

"I love that it's lunch for only a buck but I think it is important to get people involved and spread the message of the center here on campus," Vance said. "I heard about the lunch from my coworkers and I think what they are doing here is really spreading. It's always good to give back to the center for all the good it does in our community."

Marshall faculty is invited to enjoy the meals provided at the

The lunches hosted at the Campus Christian Center are intended to inspire conversations about the messages that the center supports and spreads.

"Students love cheap food," Robert Ellison, English professor, said. "This lunch can open the door to conversations and relationship building."

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# SPORTS

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### Herrion's tenure plagued with defection

#### By COURTNEY SEALEY

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Tom Herrion's departure from the basketball program leaves uncertainty of the possibilities of retaining 2014 roster plavers.

After Herrion met with his team to announce the end of his tenure, players were left confused as to the future of Marshall's program. Redshirt freshman guard, Kareem Canty took to social media to express his feelings of Herrion's departure.

"SMH [shake my head] bad year bad news I loved playing for him not his fault we lost games," he tweeted. "But I can't hold this in any longer I will not be returning back to Marshall next year. It's been fun."

Frustration among the players within the men's basketball program has not gone unnoticed recently. Several players have transferred from the program recently after two bad seasons of play. These players include: D.D Scarver, Elijah Pittman, Chris Martin, Iamir Hanner and, most notable, DeAndre Kane, who transferred to Iowa State, a team which will participate in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 this weekend.

In his Friday March 14 press conference, Marshall Athletic Director Mike Hamrick said he is not worried about the possible departure of players from the program.

"In this day and age of social media, half of them are coming, half of them are going," he continued. "That changes daily or weekly. Time heals a lot of things . . . I don't get real concerned about kids saying they're coming or leaving 15 minutes after a coach tells him that he's resigned."

Hamrick said that while the players might be upset with the change at the moment, he feels that will change eventually.

"It's Groundhog Day everywhere I've ever been," he said. "Kids are confused. Some kids are happy. Some kids are upset. Some kids are staying. Some kids are leaving. I found out at the end of the day, when you get a new coach hired and that coach sits down with those kids, everything works out fine."

Players such as Pittman and Kane left the program due to personal issues with the program and Herrion. However many other men's basketball players, like Canty, are standing behind Herrion after his resignation. While Hamrick said he understands their grievances, the players should remember who they signed to play for.

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# Men's golf returns to Furman Intercollegiate Tournament

#### By SARAH CONNERS

THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's golf team will travel to Greenville, S.C. Friday to compete in the Furman Intercollegiate tournament.

The team recently placed seventh at the Pinehurst Intercollegiate Tournament with Tas Sipowski, a junior from Jupiter, Fla., placing third in the tournament on the final day putting up 5 over 76.

Sipowski has confidence in the team heading into the Furman Intercollegiate tournament with most of the players on the team having played this course previously.

"There's a lot of experience going into this tournament so I think we know what to expect," Sipowski said. "I just want to continue the momentum. Everyone's playing well and we're just really looking forward to getting back out there."

In last year's tournament on this course, the Herd placed in dead last out of 21 teams, head coach Matt Grobe said his players returning to this course would likely improve from their playing on it last year.

"I think the four guys going back down there feel like they got something to prove," Grobe said. "I'm hoping once we get back down there we get one more chance at this thing because I know that our guys are better."

Grobe said the teams playing will improve now that they are out of the stage of preparing for the season and are actively involved in competition.



though we got a little more of competition under our belts," Grobe said. "I hope that helps us to start playing like the team I know we are."

Jacob Miller, a junior from Pataskala, Ohio, is also makof a recent wrist injury from the fall.

"I'm expecting big things from myself and our whole team," Miller said. "It's a tough field but I think if all of us play well we have a really good

players returning to play the course after competing in last year's tournament. Anania feels that the teams knowledge of playing the course previously will help their performance.

"I'm just looking forward to begin tournament play Friday. "Competing in golf is really ing his tournament debut for chance at winning the thing." getting down to Furman and important so I hope those back the spring season this coming Brian Anania, a senior from trying to play some good golf," contacted at conners2@marto back weeks of playing even, weekend. Miller is coming off Hurricane, W.Va., is one of the Anania said. "I feel like I know shall.edu.

the course pretty well so I think we can go down there and play well."

The Herd will be one of 18 teams competing in the tournament this weekend and will

# DeSean Jackson claims he's staying with Eagles

### **By JEFF McLANE**

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (MCT)

In the latest twist of "As De-Sean Jackson Turns," the wide receiver called a few teammates Tuesday to tell them he was staying with the Eagles a day after he spoke with coach Chip Kelly, a source close to the situation said.

Earlier in the morning, Jackson posted the following on Instagram: "Good to talk to Big Chip today ... Say or hear what ya want ... The picture speaks for itself."

The post was accompanied by a picture of a laughing Kelly chasing Jackson with a paddle during practice last season.

It was unclear if Kelly made

any promises or if Jackson timing of the call raises questions misinterpreted their conversation, but the Philadelphia Daily News reported that the coach told his receiver not to worry about reports that the Eagles were looking to move him and to get ready for camp.

Kelly is scheduled to meet with reporters Wednesday morning at the NFL owners meetings, so the

about the coach's intentions. The two had not spoken since the end of the season, a source close to Jackson said.

An Eagles spokesman said the team had no comment. Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie declined to address Jackson's future during a break at the meetings.

For weeks, the possibility of Jackson's departure has seemed to grow with each day and each report. Last week, three NFL sources told The Inquirer that the Eagles were actively shopping the Pro Bowl receiver. There were also reports that the New York Jets, Raiders, Panthers, 49ers and Seahawks had expressed some interest in Jackson.

Jets owner Woody Johnson said Sunday that his team was interested but that it was unlikely to trade for Jackson. The Raiders reportedly took the same stance. Jets coach Rex Ryan and Raiders coach Dennis Allen stayed away from answering questions about Jackson, citing tampering rules.

The 49ers have denied any interest, and the Seahawks and Panthers reportedly are not likely to be interested, either.

The Eagles reportedly were seeking at least a third-round draft pick for Jackson, but sources said they were unlikely to get as much and may have to release him if they do not want him back. So the Eagles stand the chance of getting nothing in return for the 27-year old, who is coming off the best season of his career.

When asked about Jackson on Monday, Eagles general manager Howie Roseman said only that the receiver remained under contract. He did not comment when asked if Jackson would be on the team by April 21 when offseason workouts start.

Even if Jackson is on the roster by that date, he is under no obligation to attend voluntary workouts, although he could have a bonus triggered by his attendance. The draft was pushed back two weeks this year and will be held from May 8-10.

It could be some time before there is resolution and the result could be that the Eagles retain Jackson. Kelly's call to Jackson may have been an attempt to begin to mend fences.

Former Eagles quarterback Michael Vick, who signed with the Jets last week, alluded to issues between the coach and the receiver when he asked during an ESPN radio appearance why the Eagles might be looking to move on from Jackson.

"Chip Kelly is a leader. I think you have to know Chip Kelly to understand what kind of person he is," Vick said. "De-Sean is not a bad person by any stretch, but I think certain organizations want things done a certain way.

"DeSean is a very productive player and everybody has a lot of respect for him, but at the end of the day, Chip Kelly's decision and what he's going to do is his decision."

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CLEM MURRAY | PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER | MCT Philadelphia Eagles receiver DeSean Jackson, left, stiff-arms Arizona Cardinals safety Yeremiah Bell during a punt return in the fourth guarter of the game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia Dec. 1 2013. Eagles won the game 24-21.

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EDITORIAL —

### Flight 370 announcement was mishandled

MH370, the passengers' families were notified Monday with the official explanation that the plane went down in the southern Indian Ocean.

News such as this normally marks the start of the healing process, but for the relatives of the passengers it only brings more pain and for multiple reasons.

Not only were some of the relatives notified by text message, but the statement regarding the crash did not provide the wanted answers.

Given the frantic terror felt by the families for the past several days, Malaysia Airlines absolutely owed them more than a text message. The disregard for common

After two weeks of searching for Flight courtesy, for human decency, is appalling.

Yes, we are a world obsessed with and reliant on technology, but it does not lessen human emotion and it should not permit this type of response in times of great tragedy.

To make matters worse, the explanation lacks one thing: An explanation.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said the conclusion that Flight 370 ended in the southern Indian Ocean stems from satellite data as opposed to the actually discovery of the plane.

Furthermore, Ahmad Jauhari Yahya, Malaysia Airlines chief executive, would not comment on what happened to the plane Tuesday during a press conference.

His responses being more along the lines of "We do not know why," and "We do not know how."

This has angered the families, as well as aviation experts, who are calling for hard evidence to prove Flight 370's whereabouts.

With so many unanswered questions, it is puzzling as to why Razak and Malaysia Airlines representatives have concluded Flight 370 went down in the Indian Ocean. With the inability to provide concrete answers to the families, the announcement should have waited until a detailed explanation could be given. Instead, the families of the passengers must go on as they have for the past two weeks as the search for Flight 370 continues.

### **Online Polls**

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NATIONAL EDITORIAL—

## A step forward on sexual assault

THE MIAMI HERALD (MCT)

The collapse of the sexualassault trial of Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair in Fort Bragg highlights the U.S. military's problematic and arbitrary record on meting out justice in such cases.

The defense claims undue pressure to prosecute a highranking officer came from top military brass. The prosecution has had doubts about the veracity of the accuser. All this bolsters New York Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's cogent argument for removing the authority of military commanders to prosecute sexual-assault cases and giving that power to military lawyers outside the chain of command.

Sen. Gillibrand's bill failed to overcome a Senate filibuster by just five votes earlier this month. Instead, the Senate last week showed extraordinary accord in approving, 97-0, another bill, sponsored by Sen. Claire McCaskill. D-Mo., that keeps commanders in charge of these cases but gives the civilian secretary of a military service the final say in cases where a prosecutor wants to move ahead with a sexual-as-

Other measures bolster support for victims and ban the so-called "good soldier defense," forcing the military to recognize that a professional soldier can also be a sexual predator. The House won't consider the measure until late spring, and lawmakers there should also approve these steps toward justice.

Gen. Sinclair is accused by a captain under his command of ordering her to perform sexual acts with him in Afghanistan in 2011 during a three-year extramarital affair. The general admits to the affair but denies the assault charges. Gen. Sinclair sought a plea deal on lesser charges, but prosecutors declined. Then, in February, the lead prosecutor expressed doubts about the captain's credibility before resigning.

Last week, after reviewing a series of emails regarding

the Sinclair case, the presiding judge said prosecutors may have rejected a plea bargain based on political pressure. He dismissed the jury and told prosecutors to work with the defense to hammer out a plea deal. Gen. Sinclair's attorneys claim that the Army pressed ahead with a weak case for fear of political blowback if they dropped the charges against a high-profile defendant. What a mess.

Sexual-assault cases are often difficult to prosecute, whether in civilian or military courts, but the U.S. military has a particularly egregious track record. Rather than basing going to trial on the evidence and strength of a case, military prosecutors must rely on commanders' discretion. That's an arbitrary system.

Last year, outraged after a commander overturned a guilty verdict in a sexual-assault case, Congress stripped military commanders of the authority to overturn jury convictions. It also required a civilian review when a commander declines to prosecute a case.

Sen. Gillibrand plans to bring her bill up for another vote sault case but the commander in late spring when both the Senate and the House will be working on broader defense policy bills. There is also companion legislation pending in the House.

> The Sinclair case shows just how conflicted the U.S. military remains on how to deal with sexual-assault accusations, especially when it comes to higher ranking officers. Meantime, the Pentagon has estimated that as many as 26,000 military members may have been sexually assaulted in 2012, based on an anonymous survey. That's 26,000 potential victims and, perhaps, an equal number of abusers!

> Sen. Gillibrand's bill would take military rank out of the equation, while keeping these crimes within the military's purview, but independent of the command chain. That's a better system of military justice for all men and women in uniform.



## Advantages of technology can also be a crutch

### By GEOFFREY FOSTER

**ASSIGNMENT EDITOR** 

The general consensus states the very act of holding this paper in your hands is fast becoming an archaic tradition. They say the print industry is dying, the newspaper is a dinosaur in a land of mammals. The consumption of news mostly occurs via tablets, smartphones or computer screens. While this may be the prevalent trend, it is also a troubling one.

Our vast repository of knowledge resides primarily in cyberspace as bytes of information - an existence based on current technology we consume on a daily basis. Moreover, we also use technology to pay our bills, refrigerate our food and light our homes. Even our state and federal records exist in a realm that depends on continuing functionality. Without it, we would be thrown into chaos. As technology advances, so does our dependence on

Unfortunately, this dependence leaves very little room for adaptation should it fail on a national scale. There are some who might scoff at this, saying the human race

is far too advanced to become uncivilized barbarians in the face of a technological apocalypse. After all, the usage of technology accounts for less than 1 percent of our entire existence. The problem is modern civilization is based on the precept its system will continue to function as intended. If it fails, the system fails. There is no plan B. As a much crazier person than myself once said, "When the chips are down, these civilized people will eat each other."

The immediate culprits of such a disaster tends to be terrorists, but that is not necessarily the case. One thing history has taught us is the most devastating beast is Mother Nature. She is both kind and vicious, nourishing and destructive. And her wrath is uncontrollable. The largest threat to our system is forces we cannot control. We only have to look back to the 19th century for proof of this.

In 1859, a series of solar flares caused America's electric grid to fail. Back then, however, the closest thing we had to a grid was a network of telegraph machines. The sun emitted solar flares strong enough to destroy those machines, causing them to

short out and even burst into flames. Such solar flares are cyclical, like the seasons. If such a thing were to happen today, the result would be devastating, not only to our landbound grid, but the satellites that transmit the majority of our daily transactions. Our lives would be in upheaval. Riots would break out. The civilized people would eat each other.

Obviously, this would not be a permanent state; work would begin immediately to replace the fried circuits of America. However, experts estimate it could take 4 to 10 years to repair the damage. Quite a lot can happen in that time.

We must prepare ourselves for this possibility if we are to survive such an event. How many people can successfully hunt game? Do any of us know how to preserve meat without refrigeration? These skills have been tossed aside, one by one, since the birth of the industrial revolution. We have become so accustomed to the light of technology, that we have forgotten how to live in the dark. It's time to remember.

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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

The White House said it is

"very disappointed" by Saudi

Arabia's decision to deny a visa

to a White House reporter for

the Jerusalem Post who ap-

plied to cover President Barack

Obama's visit to that Middle

The Kingdom did not offer an

explanation for its decision to

bar Michael Wilner, the paper's

White House correspondent,

from entering to cover the two-

day meeting between Obama

and King Abdullah, the Je-

Senior White House officials

"It certainly should not be

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HERRION

lobbied on behalf of Wilner.

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"At the end of the day they

signed to come and play at

Marshall University," he said.

"That letter of intent didn't

One thing is for sure,

say this coach or that coach."

East nation this week.

Saudi Arabia denies visa to

White House correspondent

a journalist should in any way

count against their ability to

do their job, just because they

work for the Jerusalem Post,"

deputy national security ad-

viser Ben Rhodes said Tuesday.

along with dozens of the other

reporters who travel with

the president when he goes

Wilner was the only jour-

nalist in the White House

Press Corps denied access,

according to the White House

Correspondents Association,

which issued a statement call-

ing the decision "an affront

not only to this journalist,

but to the entire White House

press corps and to the prin-

ciple of freedom of the press

Herrion's departure from

the program has left the

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Wilner sought the visa

# Federal appeals court extends freeze on Michigan gay marriages

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#### By GINA DAMRON and KATHLEEN GRAY

DETROIT FREE PRESS (MCT)

The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals extended a stay on Friday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman that said Michigan's ban on same-sex marriages is unconstitutional.

The court cited a similar case in Utah in which the Supreme Court stayed a lower court's decision so that the matter can ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme

"A stay of the district court's order is warranted," the Appeals Court panel said in a ruling issued Tuesday.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, who had requested the stay, said he wasn't

"As we anticipated, the 6th Circuit recognized the similarities to the Utah case and granted our request for stay," said Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for Schuette. "We will now focus on preparing an appeal in defense of the constitution and the will of the people."

Schuette, during the Lansing, Mich., stop on his re-election campaign announcement tour around the state, said he's upholding his duty to defend the state's Constitution.

"The final decision will be made by the U.S. Supreme Court," he said. "If the citizens of the state want to change the Constitution, they can; that's their right. If U.S. Supreme Court rules a different way, I will honor that."

Tuesday to the attorneys for plaintiffs April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse, a couple who challenged Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage, asking the appellate court to issue a stay pending resolution of the appeal.

On the merits of the stay, the state said: "The Supreme Court has already determined that a stay pending appeal is warranted when a district court strikes down a state constitutional amendment defining marriage."

Schuette said constitutions are meant to be followed and "they can't be casually dismissed."

"In the end, a stay will be issued. If you look across the country, there are eight states that have dealt with this, and in all these states, a stay has been issued,"

Attorneys for DeBoer and Rowse had asked the appellate court to deny the state's motion for a stay, arguing that the state should have first requested Friedman issue a stay. In response to the state's motion, DeBoer and Rowse's attorneys stated that denying the stay best meets the public

"There are times when maintaining the status quo makes sense," the filing says. "There are also times when maintaining the status quo is merely a kinder label for perpetuating discrimination that should no longer be tolerated."

The attorneys said that "permitting loving same-sex couples to marry and provide full parental security for their children will also help the state's economy." The fil-The state of Michigan filed a reply ing says that discriminatory policies deter

same-sex couples from adopting children within the state's foster care system.

The Court of Appeals on Saturday issued a stay, pending Schuette's appeal of Friedman's ruling, that initially was due to expire Wednesday.

Before the court issued the stay on Saturday afternoon, 321 same-sex couples received marriage licenses and at least 299 couples were married. The stay leaves those couples in a sort of limbo, waiting to see if their vows are legally recognized. The ACLU is preparing to launch legal challenges if the state doesn't recognize the validity of the same-sex marriages performed Saturday.

The challenges could come if the state refuses to grant benefits to a spouse in a same-sex marriage, blocks adoptions by those couples, or blocks them from jointly filing state income tax forms, said Jay Kaplan, an attorney for the ACLU of Michigan.

"There are more than 1,400 state laws dealing with a legal civil marriage," he said. "And if the state maintains that these marriages are not legally valid, we have a problem with that, and we'll explore a legal challenge against the state."

Yet supporters of same-sex marriages agreed the stay was likely. Kaplan cited other cases across the nation dealing with same-sex marriages.

"In many of these federal district court decisions, the judges have entered stays with the feeling that this has to move through the appeals process up the Supreme Court," Kaplan said.

## CONTRACEPTIVE

The case also raises the question of whether for-profit corporations can invoke the religious beliefs of their owners in order to seek an exemption from federal law.

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David and Barbara Green, founders of the Hobby Lobby chain of arts and crafts stores, sued and won

an exemption from a lower

Verrilli argued that forprofit corporations do not have a right to religious liberty that trumps federal law.

But Paul Clement, the former solicitor general under President George W. Bush, defended the Greens and argued that they had followed their faith in operating the Hobby Lobby stores.

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Later Tuesday, Vick appeared on SportsNet New York and spoke further about Jackson, who was Philadelphia.

"I think sometimes it takes a change in your life to understand really what needs to happen, and the course that needs to be set," Vick

said. "Maybe it's time for a change for DeSean to help him understand the maturation process of his young NFL life and his personal life.

"Whatever happens, I will continue to be a great friend to him and try to his teammates for five seasons in help him as much as I can mentorwise so he doesn't have to go through any situations that may be detrimental to his life."

> Former Eagles coach Andy Reid was asked at the owners meetings

Tuesday if he faced any challenges coaching Jackson.

"I have nothing but positive things to say about him — really, any of the guys on that team," said Reid, who is now the Chiefs coach. "Probably need to stay out of that (topic). That's a tricky one for a coach that's changed teams."

Reid was then asked about Vick immediately after Jackson and said, "I love both those guys."

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with a continuing depiction of an out-ofcontrol anti-Russia government.

"Our government is weak, and corrupt, and the reality is that right now we really have no state," said Yegor Sobolev, a leader of the months-long Maidan protests who's now a member of a government watchdog commission. "We have an enemy at the gate, but we have

no army. Everything is a mess, and it is protesters said they were also angry over likely that even this government will fall. the killing Monday of Oleksandr Muzychko, But if it falls, we have absolutely nothing. a leader in the group. He was shot outside So, against all odds, we need our wreck of a state to function."

As if to underscore the disarray, dozens of members of the Right Sector, a rightwing group that's blamed by Putin for much of the violence during protests in Kiev and is considered the military wing of the Svoboda political party, gathered in front of the Rada to protest Tenyukh's resignation. The

a cafe in Rivne in western Ukraine after an argument that news reports said involved

The appearance of the Right Sector in the square prompted a line of uniformed security volunteers to form in front of the Rada building, and for a tense half-hour there were fears that the building might be stormed. But there was no confrontation.

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groups that have forced BP to take extra steps to lution at the nation's seventh-largest oil refinery. The Whiting plant remains one of the largest sources of industrial pollution discharged into Lake Michigan, according to federal records.

In a joint statement, U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk of Illinois said they are concerned that BP's move to increase production could lead to more oil spills.

"We plan to hold BP accountable for this spill," the senators said, "and will ask for a thorough report about the cause of this spill ... and steps are being taken to prevent any future spill."

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"I think we should all have a vested interest in how others are doing," Blazer said. "Society could benefit from a dignity wage, which would allow us to keep a better sustenance. We owe it to ourselves."

One of the things this program was

trying to accomplish was to set average wages at Marshall for \$15 per hour. Jason Ware, from Huntington, said after some research, this amount seemed reasonable.

"To be able to live in this area," Ware said, "you have to make approximately \$17 per hour to survive. After some research, we found that the university could afford that, so \$15 seemed reasonable."

He also said Marshall is one of the places that should step forward in the fight to raise salaries.

"Marshall is a symbol of West Virginia," Ware said. "And certainly a symbol of Huntington. I don't think that it sets a very good example if we don't have people making a living wage."

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The case came about because a young boy and his father were exposed to this parasite while they were hunting one day and then shortly after started showing symptoms of respiratory infections. The WV Bureau of Health was called to see how to handle it and eventually the patient's test results came back negative with no parasite.

"Overall, this is very rare but also

devastating if contracted," Lauffer said. "The information we learned was very interesting and what we did for them, it was a good learning experience. We need to emphasize this in our rural population with lots of children out playing and hunters. I think this case highlights that us as pediatricians need to council parents better about their children playing in the dirt or eating the dirt, and if you go hunting or camping in the woods that you need to be aware that this is a possibility especially in

This is Lauffer's eighth Research Day and the fourth one that she has presented her

"I enjoy research day, it is a great day for the institution to come together to celebrate science and medicine," Lauffer said. "It is a day where residents, medical students, science students, Ph.D. students and Ph. D. candidates come together to share their research and hard work over the past

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Another big event during the conference weekend will be Saturday night's concert, "New Appalachian Voices: An Evening with NPR and Mountain Stage's Ron Sowell." The concert, at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse , will include other performers in addition to Sowell and will be followed by an open-mic event hosted by Booth at Black Sheep Burritos and Brews.

Downtown Huntington will offer events connected to the ASA conference, including a "Stroll, Sip, and Shop" event Saturday afternoon as well as two art exhibits in the galleries downtown.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, a series of independent Appalachian films will be screened in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theater on campus. In addition, art will be on display by various artists in the Drinko Library, and a variety of local musicians will play throughout the weekend as

The conference will also include individual and group presentations, presented through academic papers, workshops, panels, films and performances. Marshall faculty and students, from several of the university's colleges will be some of those presenting during the conference.

The conference will also introduce "Come to the Table" sessions, which will give newcomers the opportunity to become involved with ASA and get to know others in the association.

Non-presenting Marshall students will be able to attend all events at no charge. They will need to go to Marcos in the Memorial Student Center, so they can look at a list of events and get assistance with finding the location of the events they are interested in attending.

Those who would like to attend, and are not students will be able register to attend during the conference at Marcos in the Memorial Student Center. The cost for attending the conference is \$155 and \$105 for students from other schools.

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Alot of people think they know what the real story of the movie "Noah" should be.

They are likely some of the same people who think they know what the real story of the man Noah is.

Darren Aronofsky, the director of the new movie about the man and the great flood, is ready to rain on what he believes is their misinformed parade.

"Noah has been turned into a nursery school story," said the director and co-writer of "Noah," which had its world premiere in Mexico City on Monday night. "And it's not a nursery school story in the Bible. It's the end of the world."

Rarely in recent years has a movie generated as much polarizing opinion before its release as "Noah," a \$130-million drama set to arrive in U.S. theaters on March 28. The film stars Russell Crowe as the man who builds a giant ark as God wipes a sinful mankind from the planet; Jennifer Connelly plays his wife, Naameh, with Anthony Hopkins as his grandfather, Methuselah.

The movie is the target of a fatwa from a leading Egyptian Sunni Muslim institution because Noah is mentioned in the Koran and therefore not suitable for artistic depiction. Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates have banned the film, with other Middle Eastern countries expected to follow. Closer to home, where in theory there is

more religious tolerance, "Noah" has already been attacked by the Christian right for its creative license.

Paramount Pictures, which co-financed "Noah" with New Regency and is distributing the film, believes much of the censure has come from people who haven't seen the film and were responding to secondhand accounts of an outdated screenplay.

One conservative Christian organization, the National Religious Broadcasters, threatened to boycott the film unless Paramount put out a marketing disclaimer. Without telling Aronofsky, the studio decided to modify advertising materials by saying the movie was "inspired by" the story of Noah rather than be seen as literal scripture.

At the center of the storm stands a weary Aronofsky, whose strongly personal films include "Black Swan" and "The Wrestler" and who is a veteran of tough battles with studios and executives over the years.

The 45-year-old filmmaker has been thinking a lot about Noah ever since he wrote a prize-winning poem about the Bible story called "The Dove" when he was 13.

He and screenwriter Ari Handel have been working on the "Noah" script for a decade, burying themselves in research — "I read everything," said Aronofsky, who can pass for an armchair religious scholar — and consulting with an array of Jewish and Christian theologians.

Now that the 2-hour-17-minute film has been screened, the result of their investigations is obvious: "Noah" is one of the most overtly spiritual movies any big Hollywood studio has made in years (both the current "Son of God" and Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" in 2004 were independently produced).

"The creator made Adam in His image, then placed the world in his care," is one of the very first lines of dialogue in the film.

And even if Crowe has the lead role, the real star of the movie is the concept of original sin.

Audiences seem intrigued by the premise. Two weeks ahead of the film's domestic debut, moviegoers' interest is strong.

The forthcoming debate around the film will likely focus on how the filmmaker has expanded the Noah story into a full-length film. As Aronofsky points out, the Genesis tale of Noah, for all of its enduring power, is fleeting in the Bible, and Noah doesn't speak until a dove returns with an olive branch. That doesn't make for much of a movie.

"When you really look at the story in the Bible, there's very, very little information," Aronofsky said. "It's four chapters long. No one speaks until the end. And the Noah character doesn't really have an arc — with a 'c.' But the more you read it, the more interesting clues there are. There are many, many hints at things."

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