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Professor to sign book on Appalachian youth Sunday

By JESSICA ROSS
THE PARTHENON

Linda Spatig will present her book "Thinking Outside the Girl Box: Teaming Up With Resilient Youth in Appalachia," 2:30 p.m. Saturday during the Appalachian Studies Conference, and she will be offering a book signing event 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Empire Books in the Pullman Square.

Spatig is a professor of educational foundations in the College of Education and Professional Development, and is this year's conference chair of the Appalachian Studies Conference this weekend at Marshall University. Spatig is planning to retire next May.

"I've always loved my work here," Spatig said. "This book and the conference have been wonderful culminating experiences for me."

Spatig's book is based on the time she spent studying a girl's resiliency program. The book was the result of a collaborative effort and was co-written with her daughter, Layne Amerikaner.

"The book is about a girl's resiliency program that was in Lincoln County, W.Va.," Spatig said. "I worked with them for over 14 years in different capacities doing research, and the book tells the story of that project."

She began her research in 1999, and was selected as the Drinko Fellow for the 2007-2008 year. Since she had been working with the resiliency program for about 10 years, she decided the Drinko Fellowship would be a great opportunity to tell the story of this grassroots local community organization. Through the Drinko Fellowship, she was given time off from teaching and some money to have a graduate research assistant.

Spatig worked closely with Shelley Gaines, who started the resiliency program, as well as Ric MacDowell, who began as a Vista volunteer that came to Lincoln County right after he graduated from college. The girls in the resiliency program also helped with the research.

When Spatig and her daughter were deciding how they wanted to structure the book to best tell the story, they decided to dedicate a chapter to the different people who played important roles in the research.

The last chapter is dedicated to the experience Spatig and her daughter had while working together during the creation of the book.

"That is actually one of my favorite parts of the book because it's personal to me, but I talk about how it was definitely transformative," Spatig said. "It was rejuvenating and exciting for me because I got to start having a relationship with her. A brand new kind of relationship with her as an adult, in a way where we were working as partners on something together."

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Big first day for Chipotle (chə-pōt-lā)



Chipotle opening generates enthusiasm around Marshall, Huntington community

By ALEXANDRIA RAHAL
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students and area residents lined Fifth Avenue in Huntington Wednesday morning as they awaited the much anticipated grand opening of West Virginia's first Chipotle Mexican Grill.

The new location at 2151 th Ave., near Marshall's campus, had a soft opening Tuesday that welcomed VIP customers, but did not open to the general public until Wednesday.

Fans of Chipotle Mexican Grill, like Marshall student and Florida native Ryan Dorfman, waited as long as 45 minutes in below freezing temperatures for Chipotle's doors to open at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Dorfman received his meal for free for being the restaurant's first customer of the day.

Other customers like Marshall graduate student Sarah Frohnapfel did not wait in the cold, but were equally as enthusiastic about eating at Chipotle on its opening day.

"I've been looking forward to Chipotle's opening since I heard of its location in Huntington earlier this semester," Frohnapfel said. "What I like most about the chain is that it offers fresh ingredients and a healthier fast food option for a reasonable price."

Danielle Winslow, a member of the public relations and marketing team with Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., said because there has been significant growth in surrounding markets, expanding into West Virginia was not only a natural progression, but a great fit for the company.

"Both Huntington and Marshall University have shown great enthusiasm for Chipotle, and because a number of Marshall's student body is from out of state, there's already an awareness and demand for it," Winslow said.

Some customers were eating at Chipotle for the first time Wednesday. Huntington resident Jake Zimmerman said

he had heard of the chain but never had the chance to try it.

"When I heard Chipotle was opening today I had to come down here," Zimmerman said. "I'm always looking for something new to eat for lunch and so far this place looks pretty good."

As found on its official website, Chipotle's dishes are made with 100 percent naturally raised pork, chicken and beef and cooked in zero trans fat frying oil.

Chipotle Mexican Grill opened its first location in 1993 in Denver. Since then it has expanded its chain and opened restaurants across the country. Its menu features customizable burritos, burrito bowls, tacos and salads along with a children's menu.

The restaurant is expected to open an additional West Virginia location on East Mall Road near the Huntington Mall in Barboursville.

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PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
(TOP) Crowds form a line wrapping out the door during the opening of Chipotle Mexican Grill on Huntington's Fifth Avenue Wednesday.

With Crimea under Russian control, questions arise about Trans-Dniester

By KIT GILLET
MCCLATCHY FOREIGN STAFF (MCT)

With Crimea now firmly under Russian control, many are casting their eyes around for the next likely target should Russia continue to redraw the map of modern Europe.

They've settled on the Republic of Trans-Dniester, a sliver of contested land that declared its independence from Moldova, Europe's poorest nation, back in 1990 but has yet to be recognized by any government around the world.

With a population of just half a million, a mix of ethnic Russians, Moldovans and Ukrainians, Trans-Dniester is little more than a blip on the map, but in recent weeks it's become the focus of much political attention.

Speaking Sunday at a meeting in Brussels hosted by the German

Marshall Fund, a research center, U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe, focused on the place as he discussed the "very, very sizable and very, very ready" Russian forces deployed on Ukraine's eastern border.

"There is absolutely sufficient force," he said of those troops, "to run to Trans-Dniester if the decision was made to do that, and that is very worrisome."

Russia already has a troop presence in Trans-Dniester, which is separated from Russia by about 400 miles of Ukraine and was once part of the Moldovan Soviet Socialist Republic, one of the Soviet Union's 15 units, until Moldova became independent in 1990 as the Soviet Union collapsed.

As that collapse was taking place, Trans-Dniester, so named because

it's on the east side of the Dniester River, declared itself independent from the rest of Moldova. A brief civil war ensued in 1992, which ended in more than a thousand deaths and an uneasy stalemate.

At the end of the war, the Trans-Dniester authorities invited around 1,500 Russian troops to stay, in order to keep the peace and ensure their independence. They've been here since.

But whether Russia is interested in Trans-Dniester is not so clear.

Last week, the chairman of the Supreme Council, Trans-Dniester's governing body, asked Russia to consider drafting a law that could lead to the annexation of Trans-Dniester.

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Moldova's renegade region

Pro-Russian activists in Moldova's Trans-Dniester region, which has been asserting its independence since the 1990s, have asked that the territory be allowed to join Russia.



Moldova at a glance

Area 13,085 sq. mi. (33,891 sq. km)

Population 3.6 million (2014)

Ethnic groups

Moldovan/Romanian 78%



GDP per person

\$3,600 (2013); one of Europe's poorest countries; depends on food exports, remittances

Top trading partners

Russia and Romania

Unemployment 5.8% (2013)

Inflation 4.2%

Government Republic; Prime Minister Vlad Filat heads a pro-West coalition

Recent history

- Mostly made up of territory formerly known as Bessarabia; annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940; became independent after the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991

- The industrialized area east of the Dniester River, known as Trans-Dniester, was an autonomous area within Ukraine before 1940; now dominated by ethnic Russians

- Trans-Dniester split from Moldova in a 1991-1992 war and reasserted itself in a 2006 referendum, but its independence has not been recognized; is now a lawless, corrupt state; opposes closer Moldovan association with the EU

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Bin Laden's son-in-law convicted of conspiring to kill Americans

By **TINA SUSMAN**
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

In a quick decision, a jury on Wednesday convicted Osama bin Laden's son-in-law of conspiring to kill Americans in his role as the angry voice of al-Qaida after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, 48, faces life in prison when he is sentenced Sept. 8.

The case has given the public its first and possibly only chance to watch a terrorism trial related to the 2001 attacks unfold in civilian court. Unlike other high-profile terrorism suspects accused of crimes arising from the attacks, Abu Ghaith bypassed the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after his arrest last year.

Instead, he was brought directly to New York, where his trial began March 5 just blocks from where the World Trade Center towers once stood.

The case hinged in part on the importance of Abu Ghaith's role as a spokesman for the terror group. Prosecutors maintained it was an important one.

"This man was not Osama bin Laden's puppet," said Jonathan Cronan, an assistant U.S. attorney, as he pointed his finger at Abu Ghaith during the trial "He was not a robot."

Cronan insisted Abu Ghaith was a high-ranking al-Qaida leader who was summoned to bin Laden's cave in the mountains outside Kabul, Afghanistan, on the evening of Sept. 11, 2001. There, Abu Ghaith was asked to deliver a rousing speech heralding the killings and urging young Muslims to stage more attacks, Cronan said.

"Al-Qaida's purpose was to murder Americans, and the defendant was all in," Cronan said as Abu Ghaith listened through an interpreter.

But Abu Ghaith's defense attorney, Stanley Cohen, dismissed the government's case as based not on evidence but on recordings and videos, including one showing hijacked jets slamming into the World Trade Center towers and the buildings enveloped in black smoke.

"It was intended to sweep you away ... in anguish and pain," said Cohen, comparing the prosecution's case to a movie.

"The movie's over, the lights are back on, and we've walked out of the theater. Let's look at the evidence," he said, before dismissing the government's allegations as "speculation" and its witnesses as liars or frauds.

Also shown repeatedly to the jury during the trial were frames of a video made Sept. 12, 2001, that showed Abu Ghaith seated next to Bin Laden and two other top al-Qaida leaders as they tried to justify the attacks.

Jurors deliberated roughly five hours before convicting Abu Ghaith of conspiring to kill Americans, providing material support to terrorists; and conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.

Plane disaster tests once-close relationship between China, Malaysia

By **STUART LEAVENWORTH**
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(MCT)

Last October, as the U.S. budget meltdown was forcing President Barack Obama to abandon a key trip to Asia, China's top leader, Xi Jinping, seized on Washington's dysfunction and courted Malaysia with a big trade pact.

"Our two countries have proven to be good neighbors, good friends and good partners who go through thick and thin together," Xi was quoted as saying in an account of his visit to Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur, published Oct. 4 by The Star, a Malaysian newspaper.

Five months later, China's bonds with Malaysia are fraying, a victim of the Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 disaster, which has presumably killed all 239 people on board, two-thirds of whom were Chinese citizens.

China's government this week issued bellicose statements against Malaysia, its third-largest trading partner in Asia, as the search for the plane entered its third week. It ramped up its rhetoric on Monday when Malaysia concluded that the plane had gone down in the south Indian Ocean, based on no findings of debris but rather on a satellite data analysis by Inmarsat, a British company.

"We demand the Malaysian side to make clear the specific basis on which they come to this judgment," Deputy Foreign Minister Xie Hangsheng told Malaysia's ambassador to Beijing, according to China's state-run media.

Such government statements mirror the national mood in China, where the public has been exposed to wrenching news broadcasts of



A relative of the Chinese passengers aboard the missing Malaysia Airlines MH370 flight reacts March 25 in Beijing, China, after Malaysian Prime Minister Razak said a new analysis of satellite data showed the plane had ended its journey in remote seas south west of Australia. SHEN BOHAN | XINHUA | ZUMA PRESS | MCT

relatives of MH370 passengers weeping, fainting and lashing out at airline officials at a Beijing hotel. They also reflect the fears of Chinese Communist Party leaders that the national mood might turn against them — especially if they don't project a strong image in the face of an unprecedented national tragedy.

"The Chinese government is under enormous domestic pressure to get to the bottom of what happened to MH370 and to find the plane," said Bonnie Glaser, a senior adviser for Asia at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies research organization.

"There is a perception that the Chinese government must be seen by its people as doing everything possible to protect the interests of its people and the nation," she wrote in an email. "The failure to do so might negatively affect the legitimacy of the CCP."

China normally doesn't issue public demands to its Asian neighbors, partly because it bristles when any of them make anything resembling a demand on China. But this is hardly a normal situation. Never before has China lost so many citizens in an air crash involving a foreign airline. China's worst aviation disaster came in 1994, when a China Northwest Airlines Tupolev TU-154 crashed after takeoff near the northern city of Xian, killing all 160 people on board.

Glaser said the current situation reminded her of the SARS epidemic of 2003 and 2004, when the respiratory ailment spread from southern China to 37 countries, amid accusations that Chinese officials had been slow to report the outbreak. China tried to project an image of controlling the situation while relying on the World Health Organization and other international groups to stem the crisis.

In the case of MH370, China has sent ships, planes and technical advisers to search the "target area" off Australia. A Chinese IL-76 aircraft reached the area in the south Indian Ocean on Wednesday morning, according to Chinese media. A Chinese icebreaker arrived Monday, joining five other nations — Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Japan and the Republic of Korea — in the search for the plane.

The search crews are racing against the clock, since the black box in the MH370 will stop sending out signals at some point, generally 30 days after a commercial airliner has been lost.

At the same time, China has played tough with Malaysia, allowing rare public protests and newspaper editorials accusing Kuala Lumpur of outright lies.

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POLICE BLOTTER

By **MORGAN M. SWITZER**
THE PARTHENON

March 11-15:

Petit larceny: A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle parked in the lot on Sixth Avenue. The victim discovered the converter missing at approximately 11:30 p.m. March 15 but the theft could have taken place between March 11-15. There are no known suspects at this time.

March 18:

Traffic collision: A vehicle was struck while parked on the ground level of the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center between 1:30-2:30 p.m. The rear bumper of the victim's vehicle was partially separated from the rest of the vehicle. An eyewitness reported that the driver of the other vehicle was an elderly female who was attempting to back out of a handicapped parking space.

March 25:

Petit larceny: Upon returning from spring break, the victim discovered that his galaxy phone, galaxy tablet and Dell laptop computer were missing from his dorm room in Twin Towers West. The items stolen are valued at approximately \$700. The theft could have taken place anytime during spring break. There are no known suspects at this time.

March 26:

Illegal drug use on campus: An unknown person was discovered smoking marijuana in the hallway of Twin Towers East at approximately 12:05 a.m. Suspect fled the scene when the act was interrupted but left illegal paraphernalia behind, which was then taken to the police station as evidence.

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VSP facility prepares for Google Glass lenses



ABOVE: Lead lab tech Maria Sully mounts new lenses into eyeglass frames, March 19 at the VSPOne facility in Halethorpe, Md.
BELOW: Lab tech Alice Boughan checks the prescription for new eyeglass lenses, March 19 at the VSPOne facility in Halethorpe, Md.
AMY DAVIS | BALTIMORE SUN | MCT

By **JAMIE SMITH HOPKINS**
THE BALTIMORE SUN (MCT)

A new eyeglass assembly lab in Halethorpe, Md., is poised to make prescription lenses for Google Glass after the wearable-computer product launches later this year.

The VSPOne facility, which opened last month, expects substantial growth from more conventional sources — customers throughout the Northeast ordering regular eyeglasses. But the lab also has the technology needed to process orders for prescription Glass and expects to do so, said David Carr, a company spokesman.

When, exactly, is up in the air. Glass — an Internet-connected display screen mounted on an eyeglass frame — is a prototype available only to beta testers for now. But Google expects to launch it sometime this year.

Google Glass has prompted a lot of debate, from the safety of driving while

wearing it to the privacy implications of glasses that can take photos and record video. Then there's the argument about how much it will really matter — whether such products are game-changers or novelties.

Glass is pricey for now: \$1,500 — plus tax — for testers. Marks hopes the ultimate price is lower so more people jump on board.

Google teamed up with VSPOne parent VSP Global, which provides vision insurance and other eye care services, on the rollout of prescription beta testing in January. VSPOne already makes prescription lenses for Glass testers who need them, generally out of its lab in Sacramento, Calif.

VSPOne's Halethorpe facility, meanwhile, would be notable whether it makes prescription Glass or not — simply by dint of being a new manufacturing facility.

Mike Galiazzo, president of the

Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland, can think of plenty of plants in the region that closed, but few opening. "It doesn't happen often," he said.

He thinks an eyeglass assembly facility — particularly one with a cutting-edge product in its future — plays to the state's strengths. Maryland has a strong health care and life sciences industry.

Like many high-tech, automated manufacturing operations, VSPOne's Halethorpe facility has a lean staff. It runs with just four people — three technicians and Brian Snider, the lab manager.

"But within the next one to two years, we expect to have upward of 30 to 40 employees here," he said.

VSPOne is its parent's lab offshoot, and it's expanding along with the company's membership numbers. Halethorpe launched as a new site rather than a relocation.

A big part of the site's appeal is logistics. Staffers can quickly get eyeglass parts in and ship the finished product out, with a UPS location across the street and Interstate 95 around the corner.

The mass of federal employees in the region is another selling point. The federal government is a VSP client. The lab now turns out about 50 glasses a day. VSP

said that's far more than it expected, less than two months in, but there's room to make 200 daily as orders ramp up.

Doctors send the frames patients pick over to the lab, and a VSP processing facility ships over the lenses. Once Halethorpe employees have both in hand, it takes six to eight hours to prepare the lenses and assemble the glasses.

A digital edging machine handles part of the process, carving lenses into the right shape with the appropriate bevel. As trays with lenses queued up for the edger earlier this month, the machine's robotic arm grabbed one, read the accompanying bar code to determine how to process it and automatically set to work.

"It's a constant cycle that runs throughout the day," Snider said over the steady drone. "And the precision and accuracy of this machine is phenomenal."

He's speaking as a customer, not just a manager. His new glasses were assembled on site.

"I probably put them together," he said.



SPORTS

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Herd downs RedHawks 10-2

By **COURTNEY SEALEY**
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The Marshall University softball team received its first home victory Wednesday after defeating the RedHawks, 10-2.

The Herd stranded two of its runners at the bottom of the first and neither team scored until Miami's Kylie McChesney hit a sing home run at the top of the third.

After a slow start and one run by the Redhawks, the Herd finally exploded in the fourth inning. In the fourth, with the bases loaded, Savannah Webster and sophomore Shaelynn Braxton hit back-to-back home runs to combine for four RBIs.

Webster gave the Herd three-runs in her home run.

"Nothing was really going through my head at the moment, I was just trying to hit the ball and get it into play for the next batter," she said.

Braxton's home run this season put her in Marshall's record books

for home runs in a season. She is tied with Jazmine Valle and Leigh Wintter for eighth place all-time.

The RedHawks responded when McChesney hit a double, sending a girl home and bringing the score to 7-2. In the bottom of the fifth, Marshall once again scored after a wild pitch allowed Taylor Winton to advance to third base and sending another runner home. The Herd scored again after Green grounded out to second base, bringing the score to 9-2 at the bottom of the sixth.

At the bottom of the sixth, Miami brought in their third pitcher to do damage control, however the game ended early under mercy at the bottom of the sixth after Raquel Escareno singled up the middle to send Webster home.

Katalin Lucas was 2-for-3 in the game and Webster was 2-for-2. Both Kaelynn Green and Escareno went 4-for-1.

Marshall outhit Miami 11-to-4 with an errorless game. Miami committed two errors.

Jordan Dixon earned her seventh victory as she was the only one to pitch in the game for the Herd. She ended the game with four hits and two earned runs.

"It gives me the confidence I need to go into Mississippi State this weekend," she said.

Head coach Shonda Stanton was thrilled with her team's performance overall in the matchup.

"It was really nice to just watch them have fun out there," Stanton said. "As a coaching staff we enjoy watching them play hard and have good moments each other them individually and collectively as a team."

Marshall will travel to Starkville, Mississippi this weekend to face the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

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LEFT: Senior infielder Savannah Webster catches a throw to first base.
RIGHT: The Herd empties the bench to congratulate Webster on a home run in the fourth inning.

NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 primer

By **SHANNON RYAN**
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WEST REGIONAL

No. 2 seed Wisconsin (28-7) vs. No. 6 Baylor (26-11)
7:47 p.m. EDT Thursday

Things to know: The Badgers have their best offense in decades, averaging 73.5 points. The Bears held Doug McDermott to 12 points below his season average to crush third-seeded Creighton. Baylor also hit 11 of 15 three-pointers.

Players to watch: Wisconsin senior guard Ben Brust, a 39-percent three-point shooter, hit the go-ahead 3 to beat Oregon. Baylor senior guard Brady Heslip shoots 46.8 percent on 3-pointers, hitting 6 of 8 against Creighton.

Prediction: Baylor.

No. 1 Arizona (32-4) vs. No. 4 San Diego State (31-4)
10:17 p.m. Thursday

Things to know: The athletic Wildcats own the nation's most efficient defense, according to kenpom.com. The Aztecs need more than one player to show up to beat Arizona.

Players to watch: Arizona freshman Aaron Gordon contributes everywhere, averaging 17 points, seven rebounds and 2.5 blocks in the tournament. San Diego State senior guard Xavier Thames scored 53 points in the first two games.

Prediction: Arizona.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 2 Michigan (27-8) vs. No. 11 Tennessee (24-12)
7:15 p.m. Friday

Things to know: The Volunteers beat Iowa by 13, Massachusetts by 19 and Mercer by 20. Will their legs be fresh in their fourth game? The Wolverines are shooting 46.7 percent on 3-pointers in the tournament.

Players to watch: Michigan guard Nik Stauskas has shot 42.9 percent on three-pointers in the first two games. Tennessee forward Jarnell Stokes is averaging 20.3 points in the tournament.

Prediction: Michigan.

No. 4 Louisville (31-5) vs. No. 8 Kentucky (26-10)
9:45 p.m. Friday

Things to know: The Wildcats finally are fulfilling their potential with five freshman starters and impressive tournament victories over Kansas State and Wichita State. The defending champion Cardinals struggled to shake off No. 13 seed Manhattan and No. 5 Saint Louis.

Players to watch: Louisville senior guard Luke Hancock dominated last season's Final Four, and he's at it again, scoring 21 against Saint Louis and eight straight in the closing minutes to beat Manhattan. Kentucky freshman forward Julius Randle registered double-doubles in the first two games.

Prediction: Louisville.

EAST REGIONAL

No. 3 Iowa State (28-7) vs. No. 7 Connecticut (28-8)
7:27 p.m. Friday

Things to know: The Cyclones are surviving despite the loss of forward Georges Niang to a broken foot, hitting 21 of 43 three-pointers in the tournament. The Huskies have forced 30 turnovers in two tournament victories, including an upset of No. 2 seed Villanova.

Players to watch: Iowa State guard DeAndre Kane was clutch against North Carolina with a game-winning layup. He averages 17.1 points. UConn guard Shabazz Napier has channeled his inner Kemba Walker and scored 49 points in the first two tournament games.

Prediction: Iowa State.

No. 1 Virginia (30-6) vs. No. 4 Michigan State (28-8)
9:57 p.m. Friday

Things to know: The Spartans are a rare team that can match up against Virginia's personnel and handle the Cavaliers' pack-line defense. The Michigan State seniors want to avoid becoming coach Tom Izzo's first class never to make the Final Four.

Players to watch: Michigan State forward Adreian Payne can be dominant, scoring 41 points against Delaware in the round of 64. Virginia guard Malcolm Brogdon leads a balanced attack with 12.6 points and 2.7 assists per game.

Prediction: Michigan State.

SOUTH REGIONAL

No. 1 Florida (34-2) vs. No. 4 UCLA (28-8)
9:45 p.m. Thursday

Things to know: With balanced scoring and stifling defense, the Gators are expected to get past the Sweet 16 this year. The Bruins' offense is tough to defend, averaging 82 points.

Players to watch: A smart decision maker, Florida guard Scottie Wilbekin scored 21 points in the round-of-32 victory against Pittsburgh. UCLA's 6-foot-9 Kyle Anderson might be one of the toughest players in the field to defend, averaging 14.7 points and 8.7 rebounds.

Prediction: Florida.

No. 10 Stanford (23-12) vs. No. 11 Dayton (25-10)
7:15 p.m. Thursday

Things to know: The Flyers' swarming man-to-man defense held Ohio State and Syracuse to fewer than 60 points in tournament victories. The Cardinal kept New Mexico and Kansas under 60 points as well.

Players to watch: Stanford's Dwight Powell finds himself in foul trouble often, but his inside-outside ability poses issues. Dayton forward Dyshawn Pierre scored 14 points in the victory over Syracuse.

Prediction: Dayton.

OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Millennials will figure it out in the end

Lazy. No work ethic. Undependable. In need of constant affirmation. These are just a few ways millennials – people in their late teens and early 20s – are being defined by their employers as they enter the workforce, according to a recent New York Times article.

In a recent report by Bentley University, more than half of corporate recruiters rated recent college graduates with a grade of C or lower for preparedness and The Pew Research Center found more than half of college presidents thought students today studied less and were less prepared than students a decade ago.

It's the same story college students have heard their whole lives, whether its from

teachers, parents or grandparents. Our generation is lazy. We don't know how to multitask, even though we believe we can.

It goes in one ear and out the other. Is it really possible that all 20-somethings across the country are incapable of work ethic?

In the article from the New York Times, supervisors and members of the generation shared negative views of millennials.

One 26-year-old with the belief there is a "prevalent laziness" surrounding her generation works two jobs, while another 21-year-old is finishing a degree and works at a wedding planning start-up.

Claire Koerner, the 21-year-old, told the New York Times many of her peers had never had a job at all, which she believed

meant they would not have the skills to work as hard as they are expected to.

Just because a student does not have a job does not mean they are not learning work ethic. Take the student athletes on campus. They do not have the time to have a job, and most likely never had time to have a job before college either. Yet they are learning to balance a tough class schedule on top of a demanding sport schedule.

If Generation X and the baby boomers had it all figured out when they graduated college and started a career path, maybe they should start to give millennials a lesson in how to travel the murky waters. But chances are they didn't, so maybe everyone just needs to give millennials time to catch up.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

How is your NCAA March Madness bracket looking?

Awful.
Not too bad.
I didn't make one.

What are your plans for spring break?

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Go to the beach | 52% |
| Go home | 24% |
| Work | 24% |

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

COLUMN

Horse racing's daily double

By KATHY GUILLERMO
PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA)

It's time for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency to step in and clean up the thoroughbred racing industry's addiction to drugs.

As The New York Times has just reported, over a period of four months, a PETA investigator worked for well-known trainer Steve Asmussen, trainer of Curlin and Rachel Alexandra, at two of the most famous racetracks in America: Churchill Downs in Kentucky and the Saratoga Race Course in New York. PETA's investigation exposed many serious problems but none more harmful than the routine, pervasive and improper use of prescription drugs during training, a regimen that has begun the downward spiral to the slaughterhouse for thousands of horses.

Fragile young horses — raced before their bones have fully matured and unable to handle the pounding and stress — suffer routinely from injuries, lameness, exhaustion and what is euphemistically called "soreness." Owners don't want to waste time waiting until foals are physically capable. They want to get the cash flow started.

PETA's investigator saw veterinarians and stable hands, apparently on Asmussen's orders, give horses an aggressive daily regimen of pain-masking and performance-enhancing drugs and treatments. These drugs often aren't used for genuinely therapeutic purposes. Instead, they're used to keep horses going when their legs and lungs are screaming, "Stop!" Horses in the racing industry are so routinely doped up that they've been called "chemical horses," and their feet, bones and bodies are progressively destroyed as a result.

It's little wonder that an average of 24 horses suffer catastrophic (fatal) breakdowns every week at racetracks across America.

One of Asmussen's drugs of choice was thyroxine. Although it's approved only as a prescription medication for horses with hypothyroidism, the drug was being administered to every horse in his barns, apparently

without testing or evidence of any thyroid condition. This drug seems to have been recklessly administered just to speed up metabolism.

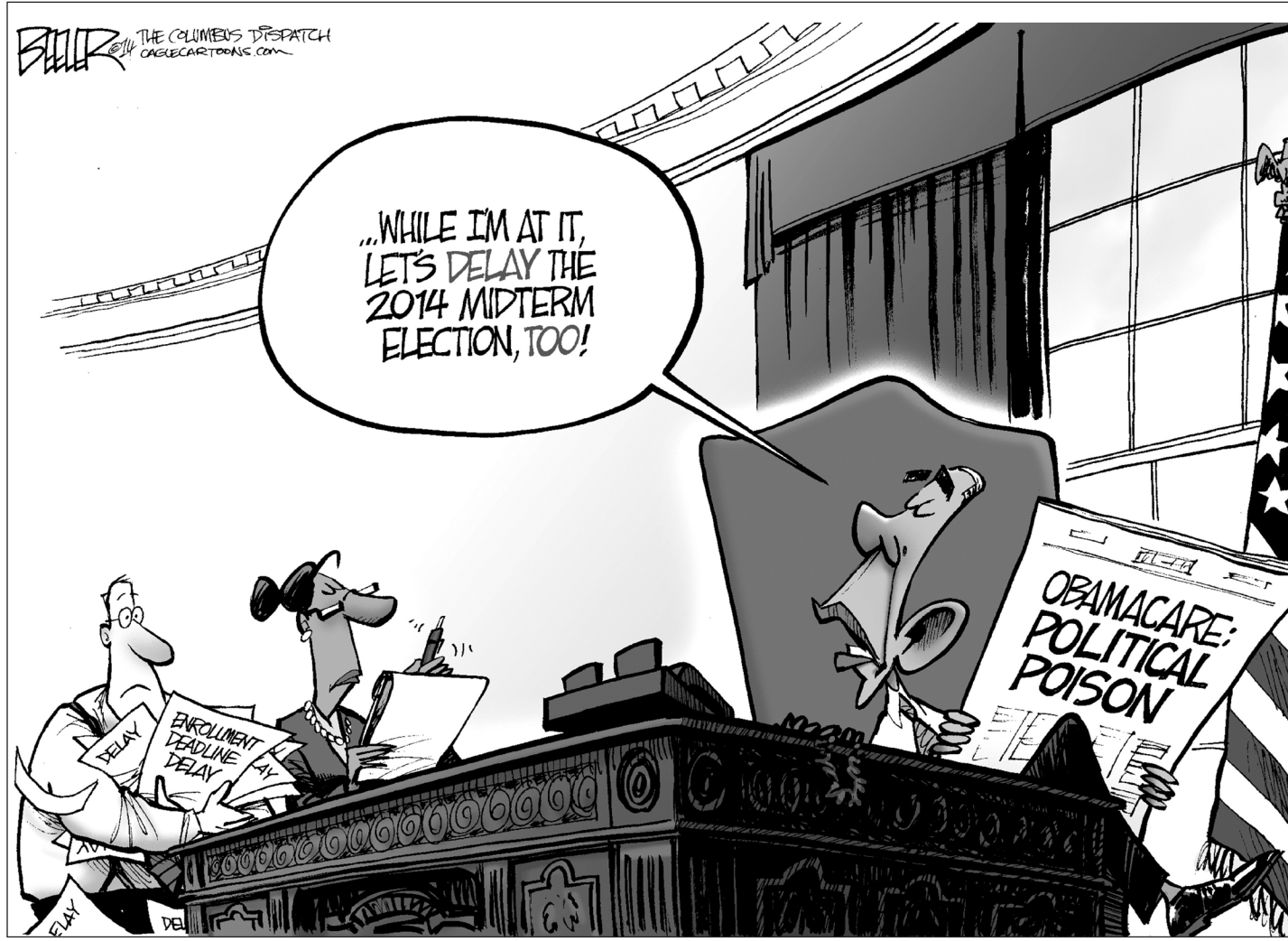
Thyroxine was also detected in the systems of several horses who had mysteriously died in the barns of another major trainer, Bob Baffert. The necropsy report on Baffert's horses stated, "The drug, thyroxine, was so routinely prescribed in the Baffert barn that it was dispensed for one of the horses a week after he had died."

Horses in Asmussen's Saratoga stables were also given Lasix, which dehydrates the animals and makes them lighter and faster. Lasix is legal to use in New York for the right purpose — to prevent bleeding in the lungs — but not to shave a few seconds off a horse's running time. This controversial drug is banned on race day in Europe.

PETA's investigator also witnessed the drugging of horses day after day with muscle relaxants, sedatives and other potent pharmaceuticals used for treating ailments such as ulcers, lameness and inflammation — seemingly without regard for the long-term effects on the horses' welfare.

Trainers will do just about anything to gain an advantage. Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas and Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens joked about jockeys who used concealed battery-powered shocking devices on horses. The prized horse Nehro, who came in second in the 2011 Kentucky Derby, was forced to race on painful, chronically damaged feet, and his hooves were in such bad shape that one of them was held together at one point with super glue. PETA's investigator also found that many undocumented laborers were hired and forced to work long hours for little pay in difficult, dangerous jobs.

PETA has filed 10 legal complaints at both the federal and state level, and we're working for the passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2013, a federal bill that would put the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (the same agency that investigated Lance Armstrong) in charge of drug enforcement in horse racing.



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All could benefit from reconsidering consumerism

By JOCELYN GIBSON
COLUMNIST

It is commonplace among my generation to choose convenience above all else. We buy pre-made and pre-assembled whenever possible, because it saves us the trouble of dealing with those processes, but in the long run are we doing ourselves any favors?

I think not. When it comes to food, chances are easier means more highly processed. Additives and preservatives are needed to make it shelf-stable and last longer. Then, in addition to having all those unwanted ingredients, the foods come wrapped in plastic, which is inside of a box — double the unnecessary waste.

The problem is easy enough to remedy: learn to cook. Take pride in creating meals. And when you are pressed for time, as I know I often am as a college student,

opt for foods that can be eaten raw—fruits and vegetables.

The same principle can be applied to many things in life that we have come to look at as inconveniences. Before I purchase any product meant to make my life easier I like to think about what its purpose is and if I really need it. If the sole purpose of an item is to do something that I am capable of without extreme effort, I do without it.

For products that are simply material goods, I analyze them with specific criteria: Could I make it myself? Would that be cost efficient? Is it worth the selling price? That being said, I can tell you that I almost never buy clothes, home décor or other like items for full price from a department store.

It is supply and demand consumerism. If I buy the item full price from a traditional store, it sends the message that

they should make more of the same product, which leads to waste. If I wait until the item goes on sale it is likely that I am purchasing said surplus goods and therefore not encouraging the production of more.

Personally, I would prefer a handmade version of any item whether I craft it myself or buy it from another craftsman. However, I realize that not everyone enjoys crafting as much as I do and attempting to make things as an inexperienced crafter can be expensive and time-consuming.

Consider all of the things in your possession that you could have gone without, bought more responsibly, made yourself or simply assembled yourself. Think of the boxed food in your cabinets—would it be that much harder to make from scratch? It is amazing the changes that can be made when you just think critically.

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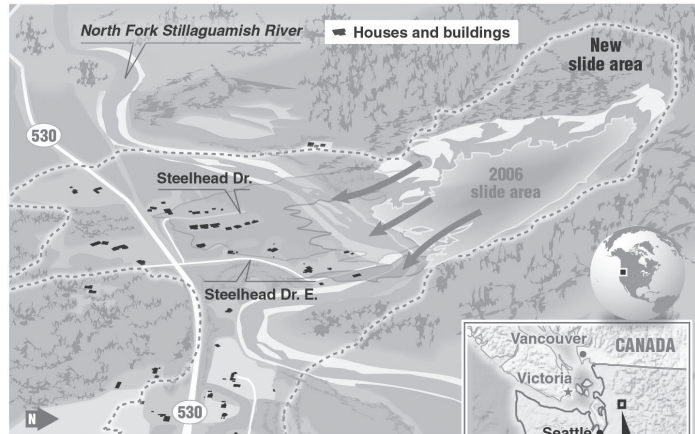
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A Lynnwood Fire Department rescue worker examines a house affected by Saturday's giant mudslide on Monday, near Oso, Wash.

Rural neighborhood devastated by mudslide

On March 22 a hillside gave way in northwest Washington near the town of Oso. Tons of mud flowed down over a highway and housing development in an alpine area along the north fork of the Stillaguamish River. At least 14 people died and there are more than 100 reported missing.



- The mud is 30 ft. (9.1 m) deep in some spots and covers a square mile (2.6 square km); it thickly covers Steelhead Drive
- The area has experienced slides before, including a large one in 2006, and in 1999 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assessed that it had the "potential for a large catastrophic failure"
- After the 2006 slide, crews installed a 1,300 ft. (396 m) long wall of logs anchored with concrete blocks, designed to protect fish by holding back sediment from the hill; the new slide destroyed it

The area after the slide



- The 2006 slide pushed the course of the river 730 ft. (222 m) south and disrupted risk mitigation projects already underway
- An analysis done in the 1980s found the area of the hill at risk for landslides had grown from 10 to 35 acres (4 to 14 hectares)

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More victims revealed as mudslide search continues in Washington state

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A damaged home sits in the debris field caused by massive mudslide above the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River onto Highway 530, as recovery efforts are underway, near Oso, Wash., on Tuesday.



By **MIKE LINDBLOM** and **JENNIFER SULLIVAN**
THE SEATTLE TIMES (MCT)

Wednesday's grim search of the Oso-area mudslide has revealed additional victims.

Roughly 200 emergency responders, volunteers who live in the area, heavy equipment operators and at least three dogs are looking through the gray debris on the west side of the slide area. Additional teams from Darrington are searching the east side, where a small pond is blocking their path.

"There are finds going on continually. They are finding people now," said Steve Mason, a fire battalion chief from South Snohomish County, who is leading the westside operation.

Visibility is tough because wreckage is covered in gray muck. Backhoes scoop only partial loads, which are sometimes spread on the ground. Searchers then examine the muck for clues that could reveal whether a victim may be buried nearby.

"People are under logs, mixed in. It's a slow process," Mason said. Just then, a chain saw toppled a tree, clearing an additional area to search.

Right now, the official count remains at 16 deaths, with an apparent eight bodies found but not recovered yet. That will likely change today.

From a hillside south of the river, searchers could be seen walking on planks across mud mounds to reach wrecked houses. Workers hose themselves off after shifts at what looks like three or four downed houses along state Highway 530.

At the gouged hill where the slide occurred, white markers have been set at the top of the raw cliff, so scientists can fly overhead and measure for any hint the ground will shift again.

The disaster scene, a 25-mile drive east of Arlington, has

been compared to the damage left behind by the eruption of Mount St. Helens. In a topographical sense, that's true all around are big mounds of fine gray sediment, as high as 15 feet, that are shaped like the "hummocks" that the 1980 eruption left in the Toutle River valley.

Teams have scraped clear the westernmost 200 yards of Highway 530, where heavy machines have a stable footing to pivot and lift away logs and fragments of houses.

Many searchers are wearing hard hats and raincoats. Approved volunteers from the area walked in with new hand shovels.

Among the rescue trucks were several ambulances, not for victims, but to aid any personnel injured in the mess.

Blackhawk helicopters from the National Guard flew overhead and are being used to remove bodies. Guardsmen in red hard hats were shuttled to the scene in a pickup to add manpower.

A half-inch black cable has been strung through the brambles on the hillside above the highway to restore phone and Internet service to Darrington to the east.

A small creek below is flowing brown.

The search has turned up all manner of wrecked items: a mangled ATV, wilted horse saddle, a safe full of firearms, chain saws and an abundance of household items.

Nearby stood Fire Chief Travis Hots of Snohomish County Fire Districts 2{2, who observed the operation while two chaplains will drape a comforting arm around a fellow responder coming or going.

During a morning media briefing, Snohomish County authorities reiterated that they had done all they could do to prevent such mudslides.

John Pennington, head of Snohomish County's Department of Emergency Management, said extensive resources were dedicated to mitigating risks following a major slide at the same site in 2006, and the effort was successful in preventing smaller slides.

After that effort, "the community felt safe," he said, adding that people here "fully understood the risk" of living in an area prone to floods and landslides.

But, he said, it's unclear why a slide of Saturday's magnitude occurred.

"We did everything we could do. Sometimes big slides happen," he told reporters. "I'm not sure that we could have been more prepared to prevent a landslide of this magnitude."

Pennington made his comments as the county has come under fire for allowing residential development in a known slide zone on the banks of the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River.

Pennington also defended the county's out-of-the-gate response to the disaster.

Answering a question from a reporter about whether responders accurately gauged the amount of help they would need to deal with the mudslide early on, Pennington said that "we had to get a situational assessment on everything" in an area that was hard to reach. "None of us could get there."

But it quickly became clear "we were getting overwhelmed," he said.

He pointed out that the local authorities managed to skirt bureaucratic traps to speed up response efforts. For example, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office insisted on calling an urban search-and-rescue team out of Tacoma that could be brought in immediately, even though procedures called for

a FEMA team out of California that would have taken three or four days to get to the area, he said.

Pennington said Wednesday morning that "nothing has changed overnight" in terms of official estimates of the missing, but responders were making "tremendous progress" in combing through the list of the missing, and that authorities would have an updated figure Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm very confident that number will drop in the end," Pennington said.

The reports of potential missing currently stand at 176. Pennington said the United Way has raised \$75,000 for the community. He also said Home Depot, Costco Wholesale and other local businesses "have really stepped up."

Five people remain hospitalized at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center. According to a news release issued Wednesday morning, a 22-week-old boy remains in critical condition but is improving, and his 25-year-old mother is in serious condition both are in the intensive care unit.

Two men, ages 81 and 37, remain in serious condition, also in the intensive care unit. A 58-year-old man is listed in satisfactory condition and was released from the ICU last night, said hospital spokeswoman Susan Gregg.

Authorities also focused on reconnecting Darrington, a town on the east side of the mudslide that has been isolated by the disaster.

Pennington said that county buses will start an emergency bus service to and from the town, providing a "critical line" for foodstuffs and other necessities. In addition, the Mountain Loop Highway was reopened Wednesday, providing a rugged but vital route to Darrington and access to the slide area.

MALAYSIA

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On Monday, police stood by as an angry crowd threw water bottles outside the Malaysian Embassy in Beijing, with some demonstrators carrying signs that read, "Malaysian government has cheated us." Public protests are permitted in China's capital only infrequently, and when they happen they're almost certainly government approved.

On Tuesday, Xi dispatched a special envoy, Zhang Yesui, a vice foreign minister, to meet with top-level officials in Kuala Lumpur.

On Wednesday, Malaysian officials seemed to have had enough of it, countering Beijing's suggestions that China alone has an interest in learning the fate of MH370.

"For the Chinese families ... they must also understand: We in Malaysia also lost our loved ones," acting Transport Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said at a news conference. Fifty of the 239 passengers on board were Malaysian.

Neither China nor Malaysia can afford to watch their long-standing relationship unravel. Malaysia, with 29.6 million people, is China's third-largest trading partner in Asia,

behind only Japan and South Korea, and the two countries had bilateral trade last year worth \$106 billion. They've grown increasingly close since 1974, when Malaysia became the first of the countries within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to establish diplomatic ties with China. More than one-fifth of Malaysia's population is of Chinese descent.

While analysts don't expect the MH370 tragedy to seriously damage that economic relationship, there's anecdotal evidence that the flight's mysterious disappearance is hurting Malaysian tourism. Various news agencies have reported that online and travel agencies' bookings between China and Malaysia have fallen sharply in recent weeks.

Chinese tourism to Malaysia had been steadily rising with the growth of disposable income among smog-weary Chinese seeking "clean-air" vacations in nearby exotic locales.

The Malaysian tourism authority had hoped to attract 28 million visitors and 76 billion ringgit (\$23 billion) in tourism revenues this year. It even went so far as to designate 2014 a "Visit Malaysia Year," the first time it's done so since 2007.

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Russia hasn't responded, and despite the presence of its troops in the breakaway republic, it has yet to recognize Trans-Dniester's independence.

"There is nothing new about Trans-Dniester authorities declaring they want independence, or their interest in joining the Russia Federation," said Iulian Groza, Moldova's deputy foreign

minister. The interest hasn't been mutual.

On Sunday, however, Moldovan media reported that Russian troops stationed in Trans-Dniester were staging military drills, while reports out of Russia said Russian ministers in Moscow had discussed the issue of Trans-Dniester.

"We have asked our Russian counterparts about this meeting and what it involved," Groza said.

SOFTBALL

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The teams will face-off in a double hitter on Saturday and one game on Sunday.

Staton said this win is exactly what the team needs as it prepares to take on the Bulldogs.

"The good thing is we will have the opportunity just to beat an SEC team and I think that's fun anytime you step on the field,"

she said. "There's no pressure on us, it's a non-conference game. We get to go out and get better to prepare for Middle Tennessee."

The SEC team is 24-10 overall this season, and 2-7 in conference play.

The win against the RedHawks brings the Herd's overall record to 10-20 and 3-6 in conference.

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By **AMY KAUFMAN**
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Gabriela Cowperthwaite looked out the window of a train at the ocean and the bros surfing and the fish taco stands whizzing by.

"I'm antsy," she said, shifting in her seat. She checked her cellphone, which she had largely been ignoring all day. There were a few messages about work prospects, and another from her husband about their 7-year-old twin boys.

Usually, Cowperthwaite drives her sons to their school in Los Angeles. But on this Monday in February, she had been with thousands of other kids, touring middle schools to answer questions about her documentary "Blackfish."

This wasn't where she thought she'd be a year ago, when the film about the plight of killer whales performing at SeaWorld premiered at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival. But "Blackfish" has since become one of the most controversial documentaries to hit theaters in a decade.

High-profile musicians have canceled gigs at SeaWorld, and dozens of celebrities have tweeted about the movie, urging their followers to stop going to the theme park. Animal rights activists turned up at both the Macy's Thanksgiving and Rose parades to protest the company's whale-centric floats.

In December, SeaWorld bought full-page ads in eight newspapers, rejecting allegations of animal mistreatment. Jim Atchison, the company's president and chief executive, insists most park guests "see the story for what it is — an activist agenda."

The experience has engulfed the 43-year-old Colorado native, who had only one feature film under her belt before "Blackfish." She spends her days sitting for interviews or traveling to screen her film. Because her movie was nominated for a handful of prizes, she also braved the awards season gantlet, walking red carpets and attending stuffy rubber chicken dinners.

"I even put on fake lashes today," she said, pointing to her otherwise makeup-free face. An oversized bouquet of flowers she'd received as a gift from a school mom rested on the empty seat beside her, beginning to wilt.

It's what most filmmakers dream of — particularly those who make low-budget documentaries. But devoting all of her energy to "Blackfish" has also left Cowperthwaite unable to move on to new work.

"I've been doing this for over a year now, and have come this far as a steward, which seems to have worked," she said as the train approached Los Angeles. "So I feel a kind of responsibility to keep steering this in the right direction. But just how do you continue to do that when in your heart of hearts you know that you should be moving on to your next film?"

By her own admission, Cowperthwaite isn't a "business-minded shark." But she's no idiot, either.

While working toward a PhD in political science at University of Southern California more than a decade ago, she took a documentary class and was hooked. So she started interning at a company that made documentary-style programming for the Discovery Channel and National Geographic. Soon, she was directing a series about the Iraq war for the History Channel, and went on to create an independent documentary, "City Lax," about inner-city kids who play lacrosse, that she sold to ESPN.

She started thinking about making a film on SeaWorld after taking her sons there. They sat in the splash zone, where they were sprayed with water by an orca's massive tail. Cowperthwaite was floored by the beauty of the whales' speed and strength, but when a trainer stood on one of the animal's backs, she cringed.

"There's something about it that felt wrong, but I couldn't figure out what it was, exactly," she recalled. "There's so much glitz and you're subjected to thumping music and bright colors and smiling people, so you become kind of anesthetized."

Still, Cowperthwaite couldn't shake the uneasy feeling she got at Shamu Stadium. When she returned home to her modest bungalow in Culver City, she started researching the death of Dawn Brancheau, a trainer who had been killed by a 12,000-pound orca, Tilikum, during a performance at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla., in 2010.

She spent hours camped out in front of her laptop in her office — the kitchen table — while her husband, an emergency room doctor, was at work. After only a few months of investigating, she knew she had enough material to make "Blackfish." But she'd never been especially into the environment, and wasn't sure whether whales in captivity warranted the attention of, say, child war refugees.

"This was never my cause, and there were times when I questioned whether or not I should be doing this documentary when all this stuff was happening in Syria," she said. "I was like, 'That's the story that needs to be told. It's carnage, and so horrendous.' You feel like you can only throw moral fortitude behind one thing."

But her treatment piqued the interest of Judy Bart and Erica Kahn, who were looking to get into the film business. They put up an initial investment — enough to fund the first few months of production and keep Cowperthwaite and her producing partner, Manny Oteyza, afloat.

But with at least six more months left to go to complete the film, the financiers said they had no more money to give. Desperate to complete the film, Cowperthwaite and Oteyza would defer a year's worth of salary if Bart and Kahn could contribute enough to finish the picture. (Bart and Kahn declined to comment on the film's financing for this article.)

When the movie was acquired at Sundance by CNN and Magnolia Films for roughly \$1 million, all of the money went back to recouping the investors' costs. Since its July release in theaters, the movie has grossed more than \$2 million; it also debuted on CNN in October, and has now been seen by roughly 25 million viewers.

If "Blackfish" ends up making enough money through DVD and on-demand sales, Cowperthwaite may possibly get some additional pay. But for now, she said, she "hasn't made a penny" off the sale.

"Early on, I could be talked out of thinking I had this amazing asset," she said. "Everyone kept telling me, 'Look, documentaries don't do that well in theaters. Most don't make their money back. And animal documentaries don't do well.' Everyone convinced me that they were taking this enormous risk on me."

Veteran documentarians like Louie Psihoyos, whose dolphin slaughter documentary, "The Cove," won an Oscar in 2010, offered Cowperthwaite advice on how to stand up for herself. But Psihoyos — who gave up a lucrative gig taking photographs for National Geographic to make environmental films — is sympathetic to her predicament.

"Gabriela is now part of the vortex we all get swept up in," he said. "When you start to realize that you have the potential to really move the needle forward on big issues, it feeds you in ways that can be much more profound than just getting a paycheck."

'BLACKFISH' DIRECTOR FINDS IT HARD TO MOVE ON

Killer whales perform with trainers in "Believe, The Spectacular Shamu Show" Feb. 27, 2010 at SeaWorld's Shamu Stadium.

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Orcas during a show at the Shamu Up Close attraction at Sea World in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 7.