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Neglected animals in criminal cases face long road

By MORGAN M. SWITZER
THE PARTHENON

In a Feb. 5 news release issued by the Huntington Police Department, it was reported that Animal Control was notified of six pit bull puppies being housed in negligent living conditions after their owners were arrested on several drug charges.

According to Ashley Johnson, an employee of the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter, this is one of many cases in which police notify the shelter of animals in need of rescue.

"Just recently, we got two dogs and two rats from a meth lab bust," Johnson said. "We probably have one or two of these types of cases a month."

Johnson said the owners of the neglected animals rarely get their animals back, but there are some cases in which the Animal Control Officers will monitor the situation in hopes that the owner will start abiding by the law.

"We have had some cases where we give them a time limit to improve the animal's living situation and sometimes they improve and follow the laws," Johnson said. "But in most cases, negligent owners do not get their animals back."

If an animal owner is deemed negligent by Animal Control and law enforcement, Animal Control takes the animal into custody, providing it with care and medical treatment.

"We don't have a lot of funding, so it's hard to give all of the animals all of the care they need," Johnson said. "Most of the time, we just take care of runny noses or eyes with easy treatment that we can administer here."

On average, Johnson reports that the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter takes in anywhere between 50 to 70 animals a week.

"Most of the animals that we get are strays, but some of them come from police raids and so forth," Johnson said.

After Animal Control receives an animal, they are required to hold them for five days, but after the holding period, they begin preparation for adoption.

"After we get them into adoptable condition, we either adopt them out or send them to a rescue shelter," Johnson said. "Despite some public rumors, we do not euthanize to make space. We only euthanize when we have to, which is if an animal is extremely sick or extremely aggressive."

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"While I totally support free speech..."

Opinions clash as religious crier takes to Buskirk Field Wednesday

By MEGAN OSBORNE
THE PARTHENON

A man and his family made a trip to campus Wednesday in hopes of sharing their religious views with Marshall University students, faculty and staff on Buskirk Field.

"We're just out here to tell people what the Bible teaches," the man said.

The man and his children were wielding signs that read "God is angry," "You must be born again" and "Grace mercy peace in Jesus."

"We don't really do interviews," the man said after declining to give his name. "We're not out here to proclaim ourselves, we're not out here for any ministry purposes, we're out here to tell people what the Bible teaches, so that they might know the truth, because Jesus said you'll know the truth and the truth is what sets you free."

The man said he and his family have been part of many

different denominations of churches and currently attend a Presbyterian church, but they do not necessarily agree with every Presbyterian belief. The man and his family preach to anyone who rejects or passes the gospel so those people can be saved by grace and have faith in Jesus.

"People think we're standing here for our purposes, and that's not why we're here," the man said. "We're standing here because God changed our life."

Many students gathered to listen to what the man had to say, and many expressed negative feelings.

One of those students was Ashley Prichard, junior psychology major, who was standing next to the man holding a sign that read "Hail Satan."

Prichard said the man and his family were a bunch of angry religious people who go to schools to scream over people because they are upset that their worldview is dying.

"While I totally support free speech, some of it's kind of ridiculous," Prichard said. "If they have freedom of speech it goes both ways, so they need to be kept in check."

Paul Blazer, senior sociology major, said the man was either a very misguided zealot or part of an incredible hoax for a social experiment.

"It just makes me sad, really," Kaitlin Stacy, junior English major, said. "I don't feel like people should be hating each other. It's not the way to get anywhere in the world. It's not right to hate people for what they believe in, and some of those things we can't change about ourselves."

Stacy said she is not religious but was raised in a religious household and was never taught to express her faith in the same way as the man on campus.

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PHOTOS BY MEGAN OSBORNE | THE PARTHENON
A man, whose name was not to be identified, and his children call out religious messages to passersby and those who would listen Wednesday on Buskirk Field.

Crash closes 5th Avenue outside Corbly Hall



JESSICA STARKEY | THE PARTHENON
A red Ford Focus shows side damage as it ends up in the grass outside Corbly Hall Wednesday on Fifth Avenue.

THE PARTHENON

Local police and firefighters responded to a wreck Wednesday morning at the Hal Greer Boulevard and Fifth Avenue intersection in front of Corbly Hall.

One driver in a Ford Focus was traveling down Fifth Avenue and tried to turn left on Hal Greer Boulevard from the third lane. The driver did not see the Chevy Suburban traveling down Fifth Avenue, which resulted in a T-bone accident at about 10:45 a.m.

Emergency personnel responded immediately to the scene and began clean up. In addition to the vehicles, the sign in front of Corbly Hall was damaged.

Cpl. Mike Sperry said no injuries were reported.

"We had a quick clean up, and thankfully there were no injuries," Sperry said. "We're just going to need a new sign."

Traffic started again at around 11:30 a.m.

NEWS

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'The Invisible War' gives students an insight to sexual assault in the US military

BY JESSICA STARKEY
THE PARTHENON

According to the 2012 documentary, "The Invisible War" a woman serving in Iraq or Afghanistan is more likely to be raped by a fellow service member than to be killed in the line of fire. Marshall University's Women's Center partnered with the Huntington CONTACT Rape Crisis Center Wednesday evening to show this documentary and provide a discussion panel for students.

Graduate Assistant in the Women's Center and student in the Doctorate Program and Psychology Program at Marshall University, Briana McElfish, said April is sexual assault awareness month, and they wanted to put together an event for students to address this problem.

"The Invisible War" is an investigative documentary about the prevalence and epidemic of sexual assault in the U.S. military," McElfish said. "This

event discusses the problem of sexual assault and the impact it has on our military service men and women when they return home. West Virginia has the highest rate per capita of veterans in the U.S. So this is an issue that it very important to our community."

McElfish also said while it is important for everyone to be informed, it is especially important for young people to be informed.

"The whole point of this

documentary is talking about how there are failures in the military to address the problem of sexual assault," McElfish said. "The only way that this can be fixed is if the public knows about it and holds the military accountable. If we know about this we can hold policy makers accountable."

"The Invisible War" was nominated for several awards and won the Independent Spirit Award for Best

Documentary Feature. With its directness and shocking style of delivery, the film drew a significant crowd of students to the event.

Victim Advocate for CONTACT Rape Crisis Center, Liz Deal said they are happy to be in contact with Marshall's Women's Center on campus to provide events for students.

"This year the Women's Center approached us with some ideas for an event," Deal said.

"We decided to screen this movie and to do a discussion. It's important to speak out. It's time to talk about it. We've been hiding this stuff for long enough."

The CONTACT Rape Crisis Center will also be on campus April 24 Red Flag Awareness Day which discusses signs of an unhealthy relationship.

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International poet Big Poppa E to lead MU poetry slam

By KRISTA SHIFFLETT
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Society of Poets is welcoming Big Poppa E to Marshall University 8 p.m. Thursday to host its poetry slam event in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Before the event there will be a workshop for students and poets at 7 p.m. and Big Poppa E will perform after the poetry slam at 9 p.m.

Big Poppa E is an international poet and performs at colleges often. Society of Poets President Jordan Mason, said Big Poppa E thought it was a good idea when they invited him.

"He seemed pretty into it," Mason said. "West Virginia is one of the places he has not performed at yet so he was pretty into the idea of coming here and checking that off of the list."

Society of Poets Vice President Jeremy Wheeler said having Big Poppa E in Huntington is going to show people a different side of poetry.

"It is going to show people that hate poetry, that poetry doesn't suck," Wheeler said. "He will show them that poetry can be entertaining, funny, fascinating and it can be electrifying."

Big Poppa E mixes spoken word poetry with stand up comedy, and Wheeler said he is not trying to impress people with his ability to stretch words or follow strict guidelines.

"He is here to connect with the crowd like any other entertainer," Wheeler said. "He wants to make people appreciate poetry and challenge people in terms of social issues."

Wheeler said Big Poppa E is big on anti-bullying, and he crosses boundaries in terms of gender issues and race issues and the idea that "we are all human."

Mason said she hopes the event draws attention to the poetry society.

"I am really hoping it shows the college community that we are here and we are active and we are serious about poetry," Mason said. "I hope it also shows that we are fun and friendly and we just want to share poetry with everyone."

Wheeler said they will not censor any participants' poetry, leaving them free to speak whatever they want.

The audience will judge the poets by texting their favorite competitor to a number that will be given out during the show.

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Marshall celebrates Kick Butts Day



TYLER PRALLEY | THE PARTHENON

Student government association members handed out cups, pens, notepads and literature about the health hazards of tobacco use Wednesday on the Memorial Student Center plaza to celebrate Kick Butts Day.

By TYLER PRALLEY
THE PARTHENON

In celebration of Marshall University's first full year as a tobacco-free campus, the Student Government Association hosted MU Kick Butts Day on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

Head of the Campus Life and Service Committee Bekkah Brown and Senator Ashley Roberts spearheaded the event. They said the main goals of this event, which takes place across the country to raise awareness against tobacco use, were to celebrate Marshall University becoming one of more than 800 tobacco-free universities and colleges across the country and to thank students for supporting this new university policy over

the past year.

"This is a celebration of a step in the right direction for Marshall University," Brown said. "As Student Government, we want to reach out and express our gratitude to the student body as a whole for supporting this important decision to make Marshall University a tobacco-free campus."

During the event, many students and faculty sign a statement of support, which said, "I pledge to be tobacco-free on Marshall University's Campus." Those who signed the petition were entered into a drawing for an iPod Nano. The winner of the iPod Nano will be announced Friday.

A celebratory cake was cut at noon along with light refreshments, for

students to enjoy. Giveaways included free cups, pens, notepads and literature about the health hazards of smoking and tobacco use. Dean of Students Steve Hensley, Director of Student Conduct Lisa Martin and a few others also gave short speeches praising the efforts of SGA in this initiative and voicing their support of the new policy.

"We greatly appreciate the Student Government Association and all of their hard work they put in to making this policy a reality," Martin said. "While this is still a new policy and will require patience and time to catch on, we still need to enforce it and will be doing just that."

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For vegetative patients, a brain scan may detect hope of recovery

By MELISSA HEALY
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In the netherworld that lies between death and full consciousness, some grievously injured or ill patients will remain suspended indefinitely. But others, given time, will eke their way out of the twilight and toward recovery. Accurately predicting which group an apparently vegetative patient falls into could bring comfort, solace and sometimes hope to their families — and also to the patients involved, who may wish to convey they are still "in there," or may feel pain that is not being addressed.

Developing a test that could foretell the long-term outcome of a stricken patient has proved elusive. But a new study finds that scans that look for signs of metabolic activity in certain regions of the brain can improve prediction.

The latest research, published Tuesday in the journal

Lancet, tracked for at least a year 102 unconscious subjects, assessing them initially by brain scan, bedside examination and a complex diagnostic test to measure impairments of consciousness. All were diagnosed as either minimally conscious, locked in, or unresponsively wakeful (also called vegetative).

Imaging the subjects' brains with a positron emission tomography, or PET, scan allowed researchers to predict accurately 74 percent of the time whether a patient would show evidence of consciousness a year later. It was a better prognosticator of a poor outcome (continued lack of consciousness), accurately predicting that a patient would continue to be vegetative or minimally conscious in 92 percent of cases. But in 67 percent of cases in which PET scan results suggested a patient would regain some level of lost consciousness, he or she did so.

As other research has suggested, the prognosis for recovery was generally better in patients whose consciousness disorder stemmed from traumatic brain injury than in those harmed by hypoxia — a prolonged interruption of the supply of oxygenated blood to the brain.

PET imaging of 39 healthy control subjects helped researchers sketch the activity profile of a fully functioning brain and of brains with distinct patterns of impairment: Even when no difference in two patients' awareness levels was evident, the metabolic patterns of a brain in a vegetative state looked very different from those of a brain with intermittent consciousness. And when the PET scanner detected those patterns in an apparently vegetative patient, the researchers suspected that the patient was more likely than one without them to recover some levels of conscious awareness.

Of 41 patients who had been deemed vegetative by existing diagnostic methods, PET scanning detected evidence of minimal but existing consciousness in 13 patients. After a year, nine of those 13 patients had progressed into a minimally conscious state or better, while three had died of complications or because further treatment was withheld. One remained in a vegetative state.

None of the remaining 28 patients (whose PET scans did not suggest hope) had regained a measurable degree of conscious awareness.

That made the PET scan, which detects signs of metabolic activity throughout the brain, a better guide to a patient's outcome than functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, which detects brain activity in particular brain regions by looking for evidence of oxygenation.

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Ohio judge stays his own ruling on same-sex marriage

By MATT PEARCE
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Pump the brakes: Same-sex marriages won't be recognized in Ohio just yet.

So ruled a federal judge in Ohio on Wednesday, joining a growing number of federal courts around the country to condemn parts of same-sex marriage bans as unconstitutional only to then put their own rulings on hold. Everyone, it seems, is waiting to see how the highest courts in America will rule.

U.S. District Judge Timothy S. Black's personal stance is pretty clear: On Monday, he ordered Ohio to recognize legal same-sex marriages performed in other states. The ruling was in response to a lawsuit filed by four lesbian couples.

But on Wednesday, he stayed that ruling while the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals reviews the issue.

The matter seems destined to end at the U.S. Supreme Court. But until then, judges around the country have been blasting marriage bans in their own rulings while acknowledging that they will not get to have the final say.

"The arc of the moral universe is long, (but it bends) toward justice," Black wrote Wednesday, quoting Martin Luther King Jr.'s famed statement while noting that the state's refusal to acknowledge gay marriages was probably doomed.

However, allusions to America's civil-rights history aside, Black, like other federal judges, said the need for higher courts to rule on same-sex marriage outweighed granting gay and lesbian couples the right to marry immediately.

"Premature celebration and confusion do not serve anyone's best interests," Black wrote. "The federal appeals courts need to rule, as does the United States Supreme Court."

The Los Angeles Times has previously analyzed why Black and other federal judges are being so cautious. Mostly, the courts don't want to see a bunch of same-sex couples run off to get married in case the courts later rule that marriage bans are OK.

But Black made one exception to his stay: He ordered Ohio to issue new birth certificates to the children of the four couples, listing their parents as being lawfully wedded.

Three of the four couples who brought suit live in the Cincinnati area. One spouse in each relationship is pregnant and due to give birth this summer. The fourth couple lives in New York City but adopted their child from Ohio.

SPORTS

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Softball splits with Wright State



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Sophomore shortstop Raquel Escareno swings at a pitch against Miami (Ohio) March 26 at Dot Hicks Field.

By **BRAXTON CRISP**
THE PARTHENON

After having a seven game win streak snapped after being swept by North Texas over the weekend, Marshall University softball got back to winning by splitting with the Wright State University Raiders Wednesday in Dayton, Ohio.

The Herd lost in game one, 3-2, after giving up two points off home runs to lead-off hitter Jess Gorman, then another run in the bottom of the fourth. The run by the Raiders in the bottom of the fourth was the game winner, following a two-run hit by

sophomore Raquel Escareno in the top of the fourth to equalize things at two apiece.

"I was finally patient at the plate and took that outside pitch that I was looking for the whole game to right field and drove in those two RBIs," Escareno said.

Marshall sent Jordan Dixon to the circle in game one and she went the distance, walking six batters, but she struck out another ten and allowed just the three runs.

"[Dixon] did a great job of fighting back," Marshall pitching coach Chanda Bell said. "She did get behind in the count

to a lot of batters, even the ones she struck out. In the past she may have given out and walked them, but she's learning and maturing and getting batters out now."

Escareno continued to be productive offensively for the Herd in game two, reaching base all four times she stepped to the plate via bases on balls from Wright State starter Montana Wear. She said the discipline at the plate was a big improvement for her.

"Knowing that [Wear] wasn't throwing a lot of strikes in the second game, I was really patient," Escareno said. "In the

first game I was swinging at balls but in the second game I finally made that adjustment."

Game two was won by the Herd 7-4, with sophomore Shaelynn Braxton going 3-for-5 with two doubles and redshirt-freshman Lindsey Fadnek getting the start and going 5.2 innings of two run softball with three strikeouts and no batters walked.

"[Fadnek] was going after those batters, attacking them and when they did get on base and did get hits, it was maybe a ball we should have handled defensively or it was just a little bloop, so I think she did a great

job for us today," Bell said.

Dixon came on in relief of Fadnek with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning, and gave up five hits and two runs, but was able to close the door on the Raiders to secure the Herd victory.

With the split, Marshall moves to 18-27 and will try to reach the 20-win mark when Florida International makes its way north to Huntington for a three game series Friday and Saturday in Conference USA action.

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Baseball takes first of four-game series against WV State

HERDZONE.COM

Marshall University baseball took the first of the four game series with WV Tech, defeating the Golden Bears in a 7-0 defeat Wednesday to move to 15-20 on the year.

Freshman Roscoe Blackburn got the nod, making his fifth start of the year. The southpaw tossed six shutout innings, allowing just one hit and picking up three strikeouts to earn his first win of the season.

"I wanted to just keep getting ahead of the count and attacking the batter," Blackburn said of his performance. "It was great to pick up my first win, but I'm more excited about how we played today as a whole."

The Herd attacked early in the second to gain the advantage, then scored four in the sixth and two in the eighth to cap its second shutout of the season.

In the bottom of the second, sophomore Aaron Bossi singled up the middle, took two bases on a Tech error, and scored on a single from junior Eric Escobedo.

In the sixth, a leadoff walk to junior Andrew Dundon turned into another run after junior TJ Diffenderfer belted his second triple of the year to score Dundon.

The Herd then plated three more runs, as Diffenderfer scored on a Tech error, and Bossi and sophomore designated hitter Chase Vogelbach scored on a double to right center by freshman Brenden Wells.

Marshall returns to action Thursday for game two of the four-game series, which is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

FIFA World Cup Trophy makes the rounds as Brazil promises an efficiently run 2014 tournament

By **MICHELLE KAUFMAN**
THE MIAMI HERALD (MCT)

The U.S. team has arguably the most brutal travel schedule of all the 32 teams in the Brazil World Cup this summer, but nobody affiliated with the tournament is racking up as many frequent flier miles as the golden 14-inch-high, 13-pound World Cup trophy, which made a stop in Miami on Tuesday.

The trophy, one of the most recognizable icons in sport, is in the final week of a 90-country, nine-month global tour, during which it will cover 92,000 miles. It stopped in Washington, D.C., on Monday and visited the State Department, where it posed for photos with Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State John Kerry.

On Tuesday morning, it traveled by corporate jet to Miami, where it was welcomed by Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and Florida Lt. Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera. From here, it is on to Atlanta (Coca-Cola is the tour sponsor), then to Los Angeles for a weekend fan festival, and next Monday heads to Brazil.

The World Cup begins in 57 days, and despite reports of stadium construction delays and skepticism

about Brazil's infrastructure, tickets are flying. The last ticket sales phase began Tuesday on fifa.com, and within four hours, 126,837 tickets had been sold.

Brazilians bought the most tickets (80,496), which was 63.4 percent of total sales. The next 10 highest number of ticket orders came from, in order, USA, Colombia, Argentina, Germany, Mexico, France, England, Chile and Australia.

In all, 2.9 million tickets were made available to fans, and 2.57 million had been sold as of Tuesday. The top six countries for tickets sales were Brazil (1,041,418), USA (154,412), Australia (40,681), England (38,043) and Colombia (33,126).

Traveling in the trophy's entourage were some officials from FIFA and the Brazil World Cup organizing committee. They said they feel confident that the World Cup will be a success and prove critics wrong.

They pointed out during a meeting with the Herald on Tuesday afternoon that skepticism is normal before big events, and that negative reports also preceded the South Africa World Cup in 2010, the 2012 London Olympics and the recent 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Luis Fernandes, Brazil's deputy minister of sports, said he is "absolutely confident" his country will be a good, proud host.

"I think there is a universal cycle where there is a lot of support once your country or city is chosen to host an event like this, then it tends to fall, and then it picks up closer to the beginning of the event," Fernandes said. "It happened in London 2012, the days before there was predominantly criticism by the public and media."

"There is also a trace in our Brazilian culture of a chronic inferiority complex, that we're not on par, that everything works better abroad. We inherited that from the Portuguese, and there is a strong element of it in our culture."

Hosting a World Cup will help change that mentality, Fernandes said.

"We are a more powerful country now, playing a new role in the world, so staging a World Cup and doing it efficiently will change the projection of the Brazilian image to the world, and show us that we are capable, as capable as any other nation to host this event."

As proof, the Brazil officials said, they hosted the 2013



Confederations Cup, and it was deemed a major success.

"We had a very major test event, an event that became

very tense because of the unexpected demonstrations last summer, so we were tested to the limit," Fernandes said. "The competition wasn't

effective, the atmosphere in the stadiums was very positive, technical was very good, and Brazil won. We passed the test."

OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Tragedy makes us stronger

The city of Boston paused at 2:49 p.m. Tuesday to remember those who lost their lives in the Boston Marathon bombings last year and honor the “Boston Strong” mentality that emerged from the ashes.

A bell sounded Wednesday in the shadow of the Statehouse in Richmond, Va., for each of the victims of the Virginia Tech shooting that took place seven years ago to the day.

Virginia Tech also paid the federal government \$32,500 in fines for failing to issue a timely alert when the gunman began his rampage on campus. The university decided to not appeal the findings “to close this chapter on the tragedy,” a

spokesman wrote in an email to the Associated Press.

The massacre is the deadliest in modern U.S. history.

When terrorists attack and the gunman unleashes his fury on the innocent, life slows down. Watching the city of Boston close down and the manhunt ensue was eerie, almost unreal.

But seeing the volunteers and first responders run into the smoke to help was uplifting. The new “We will run” ad for this year’s Boston Marathon shows how the city has risen.

As Vice President Joe Biden said during the Marathon tribute Tuesday, “We respond, we endure, we overcome and we

own the finish line!”

When the horrible happens, we all must rise and remember. The events at Virginia Tech were unheard of, and because of those events, universities around the country took another look at their response plans in case of emergencies. Marshall University should be safer as a result.

Monday the marathon runners will line up at the start line. One by one they will cross the finish line. One by one they will show the world how we rise. As long as we remember and never become numb to the devastation of acts of terror, perhaps the terrorists will see they can’t win. Because we will always rise.

Online Polls

You Can Be Herd

What is your favorite springtime activity?

- Playing frisbee
- Going to the park
- Bike riding

Did you watch the fourth season premiere of “Game of Thrones”?

- Of course! 47%
- No way! 0%
- I’ve never watched it before. 53%

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

NATIONAL EDITORIAL

West should push back on Ukraine

CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

In its responses to Vladimir Putin’s flagrant aggression against Ukraine, the Obama administration has been playing catch-up — and without much sense of urgency or resolve. Small wonder, then, that the Russian government and its allies in Ukraine have shown little hesitancy in reaching for what they want.

What they wanted first was Crimea, which Russia invaded and annexed just a few weeks ago. What they apparently want next is eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russian forces have occupied government buildings in several cities, demanded union with Russia and ignored the Ukrainian government’s Monday deadline for them to leave. After it passed, they took over more buildings.

They were not cowed by President Oleksandr Turchynov’s announcement that he was sending military units to carry out a “large-scale anti-terrorist operation” to see that Putin does not “repeat the Crimean scenario in Ukraine’s east.” Maybe the rebels expect forceful help from Russia, which has deployed some 40,000 troops close to the border, along with tanks and aircraft, that could cross over on short notice.

A Kremlin spokesman said, “The president of Russia is watching events in these regions and is deeply worried.” For “deeply worried,” read “smacking his lips.”

In that context, it was small consolation to hear an adviser to Secretary of State John Kerry say that the United States is “looking at” possibly sending arms to Ukraine. It would have been more heartening to hear that the weapons and equipment were already there or at least on their way.

Likewise with the European Union plan to convene an emergency meeting to consider additional sanctions — next week. As for Joe Biden’s plan to visit Kiev on April 22, what chores does the vice president have that couldn’t wait for him to fly over now to show solidarity with the Ukrainians?

Not only has the response to Putin’s predation been too late, it’s been too little. The sanctions

levied by the Obama administration and the EU were notable only for how few of Putin’s cronies they affected. The closest thing to military aid has been a shipment of military field rations. If Ukraine’s army gets overrun, at least it won’t be on empty stomachs.

By now, there may be no realistic option for stopping the Kremlin from gobbling up another chunk of sovereign Ukrainian territory. But the West can make sure the Russian president knows in advance he will pay a painful price for invading a neighbor — and let him face that pain sooner rather than later.

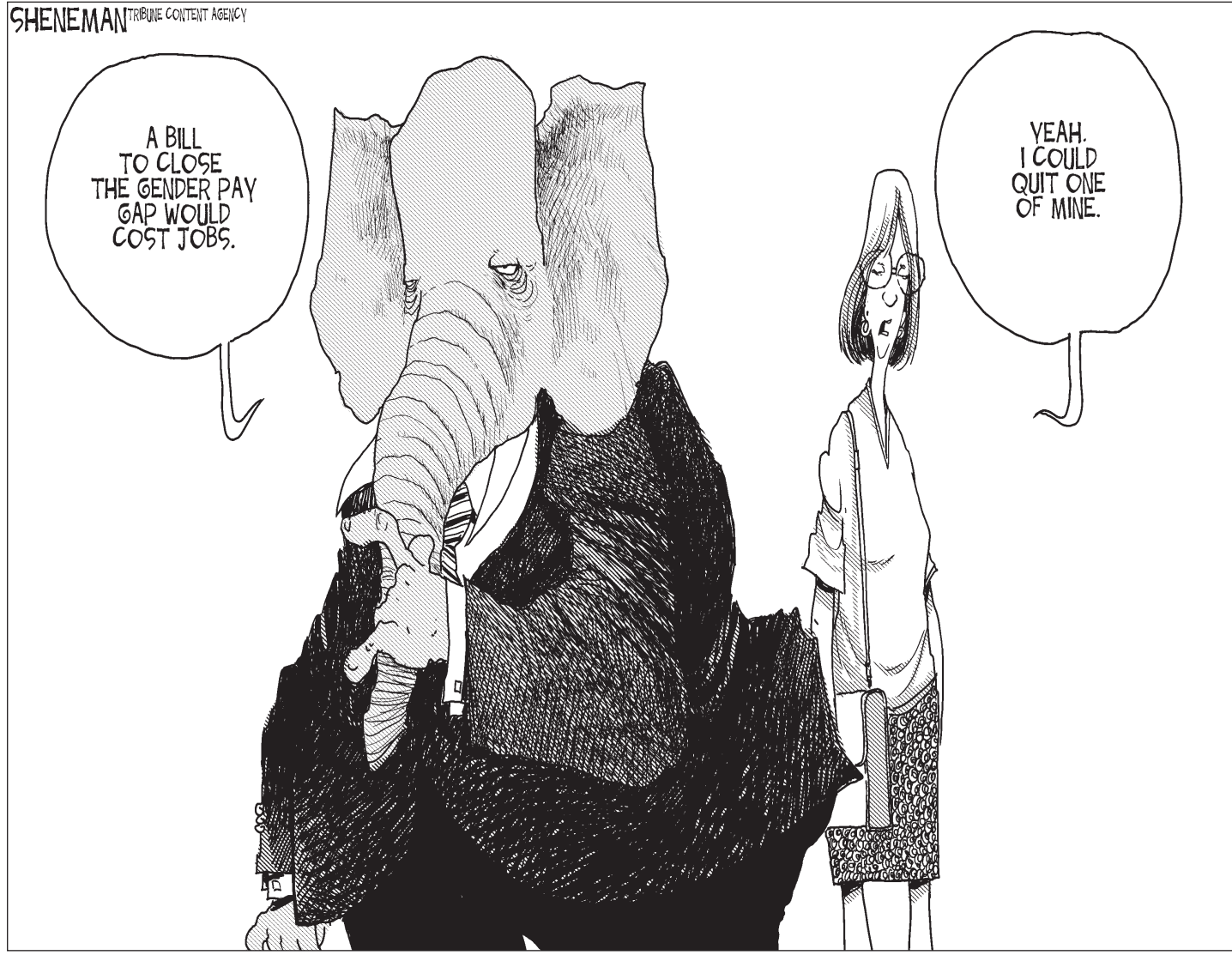
The administration can start by shipping weapons and military gear that Ukraine can use in self-defense against the bully next door. Washington should also be sharing intelligence with Kiev — something the administration has so far refused to do, despite urging from both Democratic and Republican members of the House Intelligence Committee.

It could revive the missile defense system that was planned for deployment in Poland and the Czech Republic but then canceled. Putin said it was a threat to Russian security, which at the moment sounds like an excellent reason to build it.

The U.S. and the EU can also widen the sanctions net by curtailing the access of Russian banks to the global financial system and freezing the Western holdings of additional Russian government and business figures. Because of its greatly increased commerce with the rest of the world, Russia is far more vulnerable to this sort of pressure than it was in its communist days.

The Kremlin and its favored tycoons profit from energy exports, and the West has ways to squeeze those. One is by allowing exports of America’s growing supply of natural gas, which would allow Europe to reduce its reliance on Russia.

The important thing is that it get serious about this high-stakes contest — and be in it to win it. Europe will be a safer and more stable place if the Russians know that no bad deed will go unpunished.



MCT CAMPUS

NATIONAL EDITORIAL

House Republicans resist action on immigration

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (MCT)

The United States needs immigration reform. Doing nothing is not good for the economy, as America has always benefited in the long run from immigration. Doing nothing is not good for social cohesion, as a nation with 11 million undocumented people who share no sense of belonging is fractured by definition.

Doing nothing is not an option. President George W. Bush realized it but could not see his efforts to fruition.

President Barack Obama also realizes it, and the Senate knew it when last year it passed comprehensive immigration reform with the traditional ingredients — beefed up border enforcement and a long wait for legal status granted to those who pay fines for coming here illegally but otherwise have a clean record.

Immigration reform is so pressing that it ought to be a bipartisan effort, and to some extent it is. But in the House, the die-hard opponents — often Republican — are so repulsed by anything that remotely smacks of amnesty that they don’t care if nothing is done. They don’t care if the Republican Party continues to alienate Latinos, thus reducing its chances of winning key states in presidential elections.

How much doing nothing on immigration has become a conservative obsession in some quarters is starkly illustrated by the news from Capitol Hill. Republicans who do favor some reform are supporting the Encourage New Legalized Immigrants to Start Training Act, or Enlist Act, HR 2377. As a watered-down version of the Dream

Act, the proposal would open a path to permanent residency for those who came to this country without legal status before the age of 15 if they enlist in the military.

The plan is to attach the proposal to the annual defense policy bill. It would seem to garner quick support — if you want to enjoy America’s freedoms, then help defend them. But even conservative reverence for the armed forces is not enough. Loud opposition to the idea has surfaced, dividing Republicans further.

Apparently nothing can be done to purge the undocumented immigrants of their original sin, even if they are prepared to lay down their lives for the rest of the country. Doing nothing is not an option; instead, it has become a cruel and illogical obsession.

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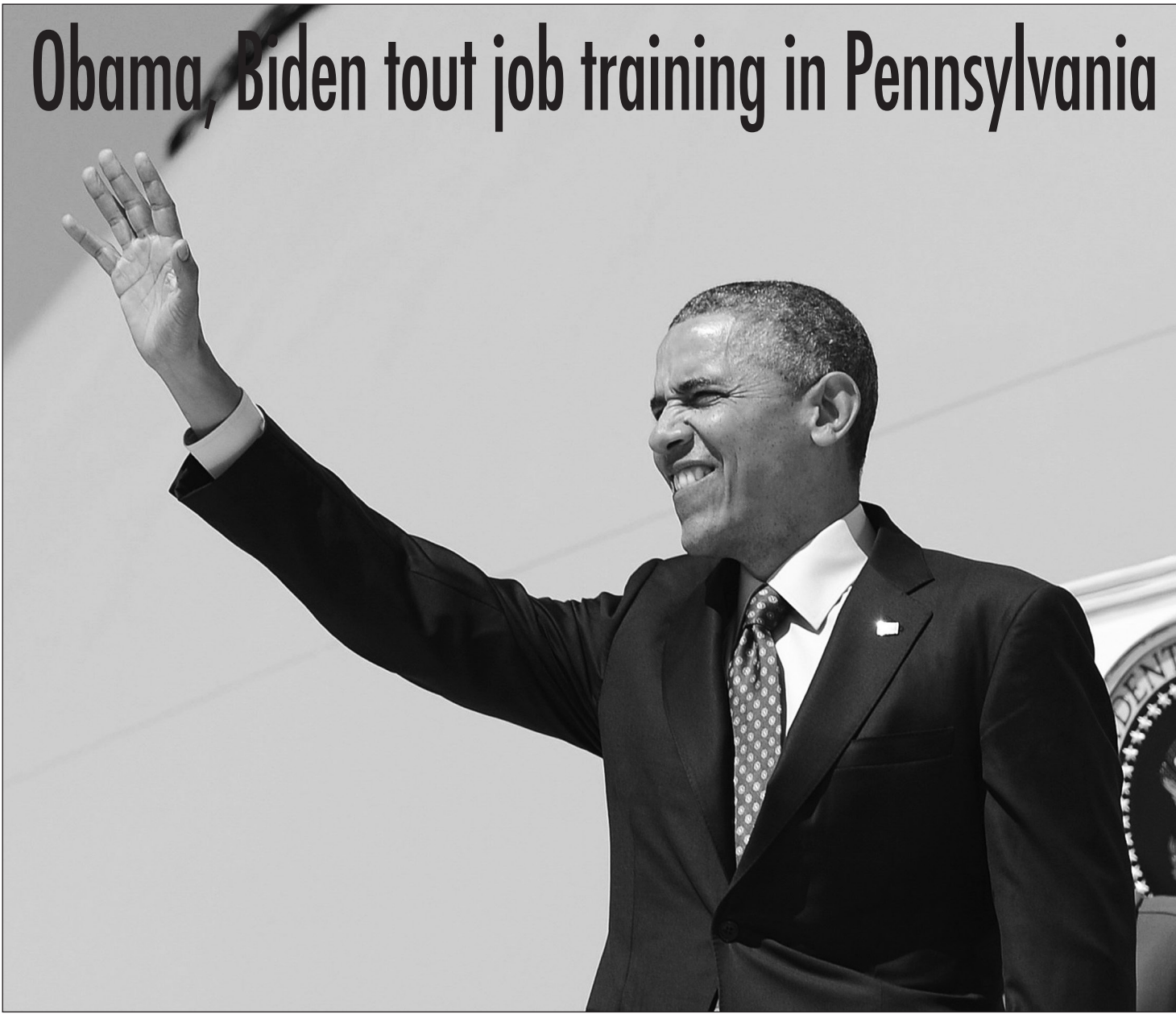
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Obama, Biden tout job training in Pennsylvania



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President Barack Obama arrives at the 171st Air Refueling Wing in Pittsburgh Wednesday.

By JAMES O'TOOLE
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (MCT)

President Barack Obama joined Vice President Joe Biden in highlighting a refocused federal job-training initiative during a visit this afternoon to North Fayette Township.

"We're here because CCAC is an outstanding model of the kind of job-driven training we're trying to encourage all over the country," Obama told an invited crowd of 150 after a brief tour of the West Hills Center of the Community College of Allegheny County.

Moments earlier, Obama, Biden and Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker had watched a brief demonstration of the work of some of the students.

"I'm so proud of what you guys are doing," he said at another stop in the demonstration.

In his speech a few moments later, he described a \$500 million grant program keyed to partnerships with employers. In a sequel to a pledge in his State of the Union address, Obama outlined revised criteria for the Trade Adjustment Assistance and Community College and Career Training competitive grant program. The grants are designed to help community colleges prepare dislocated workers for new job skills in demand in their regional economies.

"We want to replicate your

model across the country," he said. "You're doing something right."

During the visit, Obama and Biden also announced \$100 million in new grants for industry apprenticeships. Funding for those would come from fees employers pay for H1-B visas, which allow highly skilled foreigners to work in the United States. Those fees typically go to other one-time expenditures that support job-training programs to prepare American workers for jobs eligible to be filled by H1-B visa holders.

White House officials said the college was selected to host the event in part to recognize its industrial maintenance program that trains students to repair and make parts for complex machinery. The specialty is known as mechatronics. Obama confessed the term was a new one to him.

"Sounds like something Godzilla should be fighting," he joked.

Obama and Biden arrived separately at Pittsburgh International Airport, where Air Force One and Air Force Two were parked side by side. They were greeted by Sen. Bob Casey, county Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto, U.S. Attorney David Hickton and Col. Mark Goodwill, commander of the 171st Mission Support Group, headquartered at the airport base.

Ritter Park to have Easter egg hunt

THE PARTHENON

The Greater Huntingdon Park & Recreation District will sponsor the Easter Egg-stravaganza 12-3 p.m. Saturday at Ritter Park.

More than 11,000 eggs will be hidden for children to hunt for in the park. The participating children will be divided into separate age groups. The first age group will include children from 1-3 years of age, the second will include children from 4-7 years of age, and the last group will consist of children that are 8 and older.

After being discontinued for several years, Bryan Danford, the activity coordinator, said he is excited to bring the biggest Easter egg hunt back to the Huntingdon area.

"This is the first year back, and everyone is so excited," Danford said, "We stopped hosting the hunt out of the blue in 2007 or 2008, so we are finally reviving it."

Along with the giant egg hunt, children will be eligible to win prizes that include chocolate bunnies, Easter baskets, toys and gift certificates. They will also be involved in the Touch A Truck event.

"We will have fire engines, police vehicles, tractors and other neat vehicles and equipment that the kids can learn about," Danford said.

The Easter Bunny will also be stopping by to take pictures and be involved in the activities.

"Of course, the Easter Bunny will be there," Danford said.

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fMRI has been used before to show that some patients in a vegetative state are capable of hearing, understanding and responding appropriately to researchers' commands: In the current study, as in those earlier efforts, researchers asked patients in an apparently vegetative state to navigate through a familiar landscape or to imagine themselves playing tennis, and the fMRI scanner detected clear evidence of responsive spatial navigation or of brain activity in the parts of the brain in which motor activity is planned.

In the current study, however, differences in patients' fMRI activity did not offer any reliable way to discern subtle signs of preserved consciousness.

For vegetative patients who show the surprising cognitive ability to respond to

mental imagery tasks in the fMRI, this type of brain scanning could aid in assessing how much mental capacity a patient maintains and might help a patient communicate his or her needs or desires, the authors wrote. But even if an apparently vegetative patient can't play imaginary tennis or walk through his childhood home in an fMRI, a PET scan may still detect evidence of conscious awareness that could be cause for hope, they added. That makes the PET scan a more "sensitive" predictor of improvement.

In the United States, between 9,000 and 37,000 patients lie in hospital beds diagnosed either as minimally conscious or being in a vegetative state (the formal medical diagnosis is "unresponsive wakefulness syndrome"). Those numbers vary greatly — and are not broken down by condition — because diagnostic boundaries are ill-defined.

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Johnson said the past two years of her employment have been hard because of the lack of funds and public awareness.

"I know that a lot of the public criticize us because we don't do all the expensive

medical testing, but they have to understand that we don't have enough funding," Johnson said. "We do adoption events on the weekend to raise money but we always need lots of donations and volunteers."

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First place winner of the slam will receive a Kindle Fire HD, second place will win

Beats by Dre earphones and third place will win a Beats by Dre Stereo Pill.

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Growing app industry has developers racing to keep up

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Smartphone application developers say they are challenged by the glut of apps as well as the need to update their software to keep up with evolving phone technology, making creative pricing strategies essential to finding their niche.

"The coding is always changing, but awareness is one of our biggest challenges because there are so many apps out there," said Joel Holl, chief operating officer of Clifton, N.J.-based app developer Pervasive Group Inc. "There are a lot of people vying for customers' attention. So getting above all of the noise is a challenge, especially for a small business."

Some developers said tight advertising budgets make it difficult to lure customers who are deluged with millions of downloadable options at marketplaces such as Google Play or Apple's App Store.

According to AppBrain, a website that tracks the number of apps available on Android's Google Play store, there were more than 1 million apps available for download as of April 7. Apple Inc.'s chief executive officer, Tim Cook, said the company topped the 1 million level in 2013.

Pervasive Group's flagship app, MMGuardian, allows parents to monitor their children's use of smartphones. Once Pervasive Group's app is installed on a child's phone, a parent is able to limit the time certain apps can be used, can monitor text

messages for inappropriate language and is able to block calls.

Holl said that since MMGuardian's launch in January 2013, the app had been listed in the "100,000 to 500,000 downloads" category of Google Play. To attract new customers, Holl said, MMGuardian had multiple payment options for parents with different levels of comfort or desire to monitor their children's smartphone use.

Lyndhurst, N.J.-based app developer SpeechTrans is experimenting with a similar model.

John Frei, the co-founder and CEO of SpeechTrans, said the company originally charged customers a one-time fee to download its apps, which are various speech-to-speech and speech-recognition apps that can translate into 44 languages. Frei said the suite of SpeechTrans apps has more than 1.1 million downloads on Apple's App Store and Google Play.

Frei said the company was shifting to a "freemium" model, where the application will be free to download, but after a predetermined amount of translations or days used, it will prompt the customer to buy a subscription to a premium application.

"We are always watching how the market is trending," Frei said. "Being the size we are, we can be nimble and make quick decisions."

Other developers said that while standing out is difficult, the need to be vigilant of changing software also presents a challenge.

Rod Gammon, owner of West Milford,

N.J.-based Limitless Horizons LLC, has developed two \$1 apps focused on child education. In 2012 his company released Math in a Minute, a math exercise app that quizzes its user. This year he released Monster Tales, an app that allows children to create characters that can interact with each other using a voice recording. Both are available on Apple's iTunes app store and average 2,500 users a week, he said.

To keep ahead of the changes in the operating system, Gammon said, he receives an announcement from Apple that says when an update is scheduled. He said he attends events Apple hosts that explain the changes, so when he sits down to code, he knows what he may need to address in his app's coding.

"Every year there is an update to Apple's operating system, and then there are always little updates throughout the year," Gammon said. "A change in their software capabilities can force us to go down to our coding in the app and change things. Just to stay still in this market, you have to update the app constantly."

Gammon said updating operating system technology each year has limited his ability to allow the app to be used "across platforms," such as on an Android device.

"We would like to be a cross-platform app; it's really just a reality of how much time I have," Gammon said. "I do all of the coding for the games myself. I just can't do everything."

Coachella festival's luxuries are eclipsing music and arts

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When the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival launched 15 years ago, creature comforts included any small slice of shade cast by the odd light pole, the occasional working toilet and maybe somewhere to sit other than the dusty desert floor.

Today, there are \$799 VIP passes that give you cocktail bar privileges, even though you'd have to pay extra for privileged parking. Well-heeled foodies can splurge on a \$1,024 gourmet dining package. Shell out more, and you can skip the traffic — round-trip transportation is available via private jet.

These pricey add-ons are emblematic of larger shifts for the event, which runs the next two weekends on the manicured grounds of Indio, Calif.'s Empire Polo Club.

Acclaimed in the early 2000s for its free-spirited vibe, Coachella is now more akin to a spring break weekend at a walled-off resort than to an edgy music festival. High-end car companies and fashion brands stage elaborate pool parties throughout the area, including nearby Palm Springs. Some say the music has become the soundtrack to a vacation — rather than the draw.

The blowout, expected to attract approximately 90,000 fans per three-day weekend, typically sells most of its tickets before the lineup of bands is even announced.

"It doesn't matter who the artist is onstage," said Gary Bongiovanni, editor of the concert-industry trade magazine *Pollstar*.

In the increasingly crowded festival scene, he added, Coachella is distinguished by its "special accouterments" and "Hollywood presence."

A steerage-level ticket for one weekend costs \$375 — about \$100 more than similar passes for Chicago's Lollapalooza, San Francisco's Outside Lands or Tennessee's Bonnaroo. The prices for various deluxe packages go up thousands from there. Factor in travel, lodging and food, and the expense is on par with that of a stay at an upscale spa.

The festival is about "attainable aspiration," according to Ellie Meyer of Marketing Werks, a Chicago firm that consults with music events. "It's a lifestyle that people want to have. It's saying, 'Hey, you can pay for that lifestyle for a weekend.'"

Festival-goers can enjoy concierge service in an air-conditioned "safari tent" for two (for a price: \$6,500). And if the combination of sunscreen and 90-degree-plus heat wreaks havoc on attendees' appearance, they can pop into the Sephora Collection Beauty Studio for a cosmetic touch-up.

Such posh festival accessories are surprising even some

artists slated to perform this year.

Dee Dee Penny of Dum Dum Girls had this reaction when asked what she thought of Coachella's \$225 four-course meals prepared by celebrity chefs.

"No," she said. "Really? Now I'm intrigued."

The all-inclusive Coachella experience — with a designer boutique, craft beer gardens and art installations — enables pleasure seekers to buy into resort vacationing without admitting they've become their cruise-taking parents. (Coachella, by the way, launched a cruise in 2012.)

Marlo Nielsen, 42, and two friends stayed in a safari tent at Coachella last year.

"They create a really nice atmosphere for you," said the human resources worker from Calgary, Canada. She especially appreciated the swimming pool and private restrooms and showers; there's also dedicated parking and on-site security.

Tie-ins with upscale brands add another elite tier to the proceedings.

Lexus, Sonos and Marc Jacobs have sent out VIP invitations to parties. And although tickets to the festival sold out months ago, members of Neiman Marcus' preferred shopper program could still buy them in early April — for \$1,500.

Once there, they'll find sushi and small-plate tapas from swanky restaurants such as Sugarfish, Night + Market and Crossroads. Night-life maven Cedd Moses is setting up smaller versions of several of his popular Los Angeles establishments, including Honeycut and Cana Rum Bar.

Some things have not changed. The festival is still presented by its original promoter, Goldenvoice. However, the L.A. company is now a unit of Anschutz Entertainment Group, the sports and concert giant whose other holdings include Staples Center and the Los Angeles Kings NHL hockey team.

In the decade-plus since Goldenvoice was bought by AEG, its footprint has expanded to booking such venues as the Roxy and the Shrine Auditorium and building Stagecoach, the Coachella festival's country music cousin.

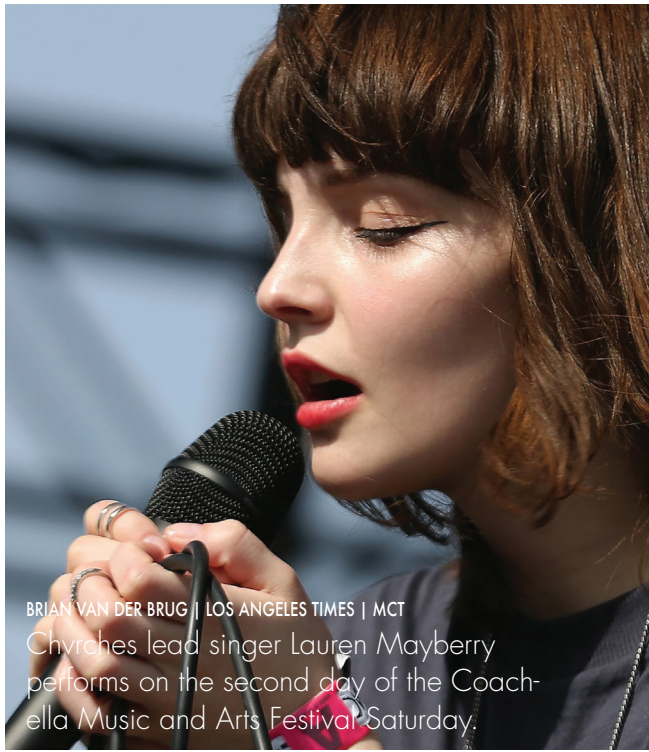
The growth of the company's flagship festival almost mirrors that of Goldenvoice itself: from a small promoter of punk rock shows to one of the most powerful forces in live music on the West Coast.

Some say the glamour and ambience come at a cost for a festival once known for its spirit of artistic adventure.

"There certainly is a loss of edge or whatever you want to call it," said Jon Wurster of the long-running indie rock band Superchunk, which played Coachella in 2009 and is set to appear again Sunday. "It's just a totally different thing."



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Festival goers walk beneath a large inflatable astronaut on the first day of the Coachella Music and Arts Festival Friday.



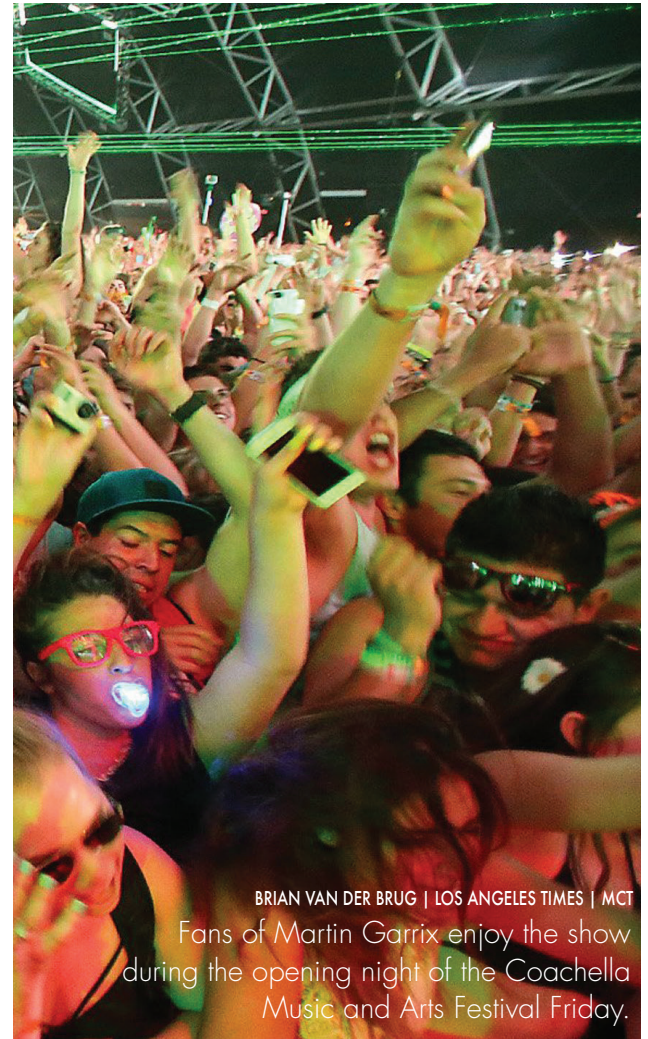
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Chrishes lead singer Lauren Mayberry performs on the second day of the Coachella Music and Arts Festival Saturday.



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Pharrell Williams performs on the outdoor stage on the second night of the Coachella Music and Arts Festival Saturday.



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Patrons on the first night of the Coachella Music and Arts Festival Friday.