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Huntington, Charleston officials meet to discuss solutions to drug epidemic



Jim Johnson, director of the Huntington Mayor's Office of Drug Control Policy, presents the strategies that the Office and its partner agencies are implementing in Huntington and in Cabell County. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON

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The Mayor's Office of Drug Control Policy and Cabell-Huntington Health Department met Wednesday to discuss ways to curb the drug addiction epidemic in West Virginia.

Representatives from the Office of

Drug Control Policy spoke to members of a newly formed coalition called Charleston Area Recovery Roundtable.

The discussion was led by Dr. Dan Foster, physician advisor for utilization management, and the Resource

Center for Case Management at Charleston Area Medical Center.

Kanawha and Cabell counties are dealing with similar drug issues.

"The addiction issue is not just a Huntington/Cabell county problem," said Jim Johnson, director of the

Mayor's Office of Drug Control Policy, in a press release. "Past practices have failed. We are simply sharing with Kanawha county initiatives that we think will be beneficial to our community as well as the entire state of West Virginia."

Huntington Museum of Art opens new exhibit

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The Huntington Museum of Art displays the work of printmaker and mixed media artist Jeffrey Sippel beginning Saturday and continuing through Oct. 25.

Sippel will be welcomed as a Walter Gropius Master Artist in October when he speaks about his work in a public presentation 7 p.m. Oct. 1.

The Walter Gropius Master Artist Series is funded through the Estate of Roxanna Y. Booth, who wished to assist in the development of an art education program in accordance with the proposals of Walter Gropius, who designed the

museum's Gropius Addition, as well as the Gropius Studios.

Sippel will also be conducting a workshop Oct. 2-4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at HMA. His workshop is titled "Alternative Lithography and Monotype." Registration for the workshop can be completed by contacting the museum.

Sippel is a professor of printmaking at the University of St. Louis, Missouri. He has presented more than 60 lectures and workshops throughout the world and his artworks have been exhibited in more than 40 solo and two-person exhibitions.

Our Children Our Future to bring policy making workshop to Huntington

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The Our Children Our Future campaign to end child poverty in West Virginia will bring grassroots policy making to Huntington from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 11 at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church at 513 10th Street.

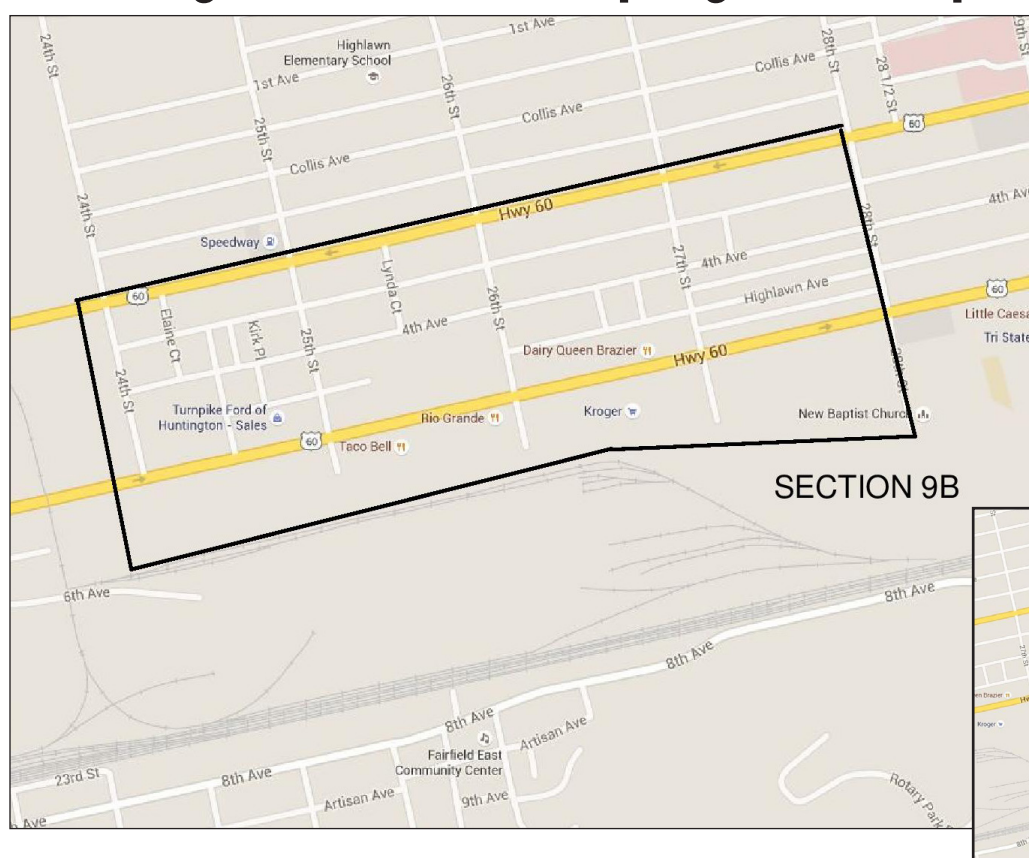
Agency representatives, citizens and family and youth advocates from Cabell, Wayne, Kanawha, Putnam and surrounding counties are invited to learn about policy issues that affect child and family well-being, talk with legislative leaders and receive the latest training on effective advocacy.

Event co-chair Jennifer Hill said the full-day training in Huntington is one of four summer workshops taking place across the state to begin the process of developing a policy platform for the 2016 West Virginia Legislative session. The other three events are scheduled in Davis, Beckley and Weirton.

Featured topics at the Huntington session will include health coverage for pregnant mothers, child care and drivers licenses among others.

There is no cost to attend the policy workshop and lunch will be provided. Those who wish to attend are asked to register online.

Huntington street sweeping to take place this week



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Section 9A labeled on the insert map will continue being swept Thursday.

Section 9B labeled on the map is scheduled to be swept Friday and Monday.

No street sweeping will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

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West Virginia State Government speaks out about the Clean Power Plan

By **BRITANIE MORGAN**
NEWS EDITOR

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, Senate President Bill Cole, and Speaker of the House Tim Armstead, are standing together and continuing to defend West Virginia's coal industry after President Obama announced the final version of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan.

The plan uses state-specific targets to reduce emissions by 32 percent by 2030 from levels recorded in 2005. It mandates that states begin complying with the new regulations by 2022.

"The release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan today is sadly something that we have anticipated for years," Cole said. "That's why we took bold, decisive steps in passing House Bill 2004, which provides an additional layer of protection against the relentless attacks on West Virginia's coal fields. The Legislature absolutely will not approve any State Implementation Plan that will cause more harm, and bring more job losses, to our state's coal industry."

House Bill 2004, was signed into law by Governor Tomblin in March. The bill requires the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report to the Legislature within 180 days of the final rule regarding the feasibility of complying with the new standards, and provides that any State Implementation Plan submitted to EPA must be approved by the Legislature.

Speaker Armstead said he agreed with President Cole. "The Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan is another blow to hard working West Virginians who rely on coal-fired power plants for their jobs and livelihood," Armstead said. "President Obama, when he was running for President, pledged that if companies continued to rely on coal-fired

energy it would bankrupt them. This plan is the latest step in the Obama administration's pledge to bankrupt the coal industry. Sadly, on the very day that the Obama administration released another round of over-reaching regulations that will further harm our vital coal industry, one of West Virginia's leading coal producers announced that it had filed for bankruptcy protection."

"We recognize market forces play a role in these decisions; however, today's announcement by Alpha also demonstrates the negative impacts the EPA's irresponsible mandates continue to have on our state," Tomblin said. "For years, we have tried to warn the EPA of the devastating consequences of these regulations, and this is another example of the real-life impacts those decisions can have."

Tomblin continued to say that West Virginia's coal industry should not be counted out just yet.

"I spoke with Alpha CEO Kevin Crutchfield this morning and am pleased that operations will continue while the company restructures and agree with him that our coal industry should not be thought of in the past tense," Tomblin. "I will continue to work with the industry to maintain mining operations while we also find ways to diversify southern West Virginia's economy."

The question at hand for State Government after the recent events, is to submit or to fight according to Armstead.

"Under the EPA's new plan, West Virginia, along with other energy producing states, is directed to develop a plan that will impose self-inflicted damage on our state's struggling economy," Armstead said. "All leaders of our state will need to carefully consider whether West Virginia should submit a State Implementation

Plan as required by the Clean Power Plan or instead take other steps to fight this latest round of federal overreach."

The goal of The Clean Power Plan is to provide national consistency, accountability and a level playing field while reflecting each state's energy mix.

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"The Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan is another blow to hard working West Virginians who rely on coal-fired power plants for their jobs and livelihood."

- Speaker of the House Tim Armstead

Alpha Natural Resources filed bankruptcy on Monday.

Governor Tomblin said the announcement was heartbreaking for miners, their families and the communities in which they live. More so, the bankruptcy filing affects more than just those directly employed by Alpha - it affects suppliers, support services and retailers whose businesses are dependent on these companies and their employees.

Dean of Marshall's College of Health Professions honored as Hometown Hero

By **BRITANIE MORGAN**
NEWS EDITOR

When he stopped to help clear broken glass after a storm, Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the Marshall University College of Health Professions, had no idea he would be named WSAZ's most recent Hometown Hero.

"I didn't stop to help thinking it would be recognized by WSAZ," Prewitt said. "I'm a big collector of antiques and when I saw the broken glass covering these pieces of beautiful furniture, it was instinct to stop and offer any help I could. I would hope someone would do the same for me if I were in that situation."

Prewitt said when he saw the broken window he wanted to help the owners of a local business after the storm blew out their storefront windows in late June.

"I was driving by Avant-Garde on 4th Avenue after going grocery shopping and noticed they had no windows," Prewitt

said. "The owners seemed in shock because the damage was significant, but I offered to go home and get some things to start helping them clean up. I came back with gloves, trash bags and a few brooms and we got to work."

Avant-Garde, a furniture and home décor consignment store, is located in the former location of Magic Makers and was scheduled to open the following Monday.

For many days after the incident, the owners of Avant-Garde didn't know who the kind stranger was who stopped to help out, according to WSAZ's article. WSAZ's Brittany Hoke tracked down Prewitt.

Every week, WSAZ recognizes people who have made a significant difference in other people's lives and their communities. Winners are chosen based on their voluntary positive impact on a person or community, according to WSAZ.

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Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the Marshall University College of Health Professions.

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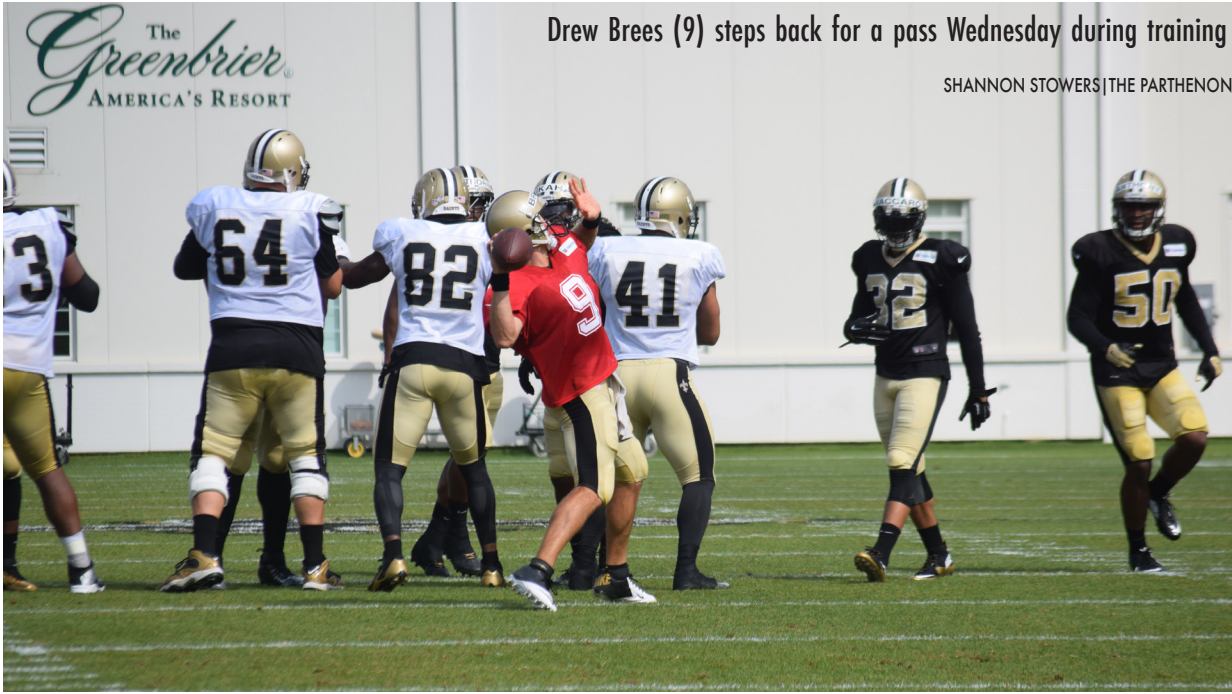
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Saints utilizing The Greenbrier



Drew Brees (9) steps back for a pass Wednesday during training

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By MALCOLM WALTON
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive year, the New Orleans Saints are utilizing The Greenbrier Resort for its summer training camp.

While the resort located in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia may be 236-years-old, it offers the team the most state of the art facilities available, including three new football fields.

Safety Kenny Phillips, who is battling for a spot on the Saints' roster after a two-year hiatus from the NFL, said the

10,000-acre resort has been everything a player could hope for during training camp.

"Everything about the facility is A1," Phillips added.

While he and the other players have not had the opportunity to see much of the Mountain State since arriving for camp on July 29, Phillips said from what he has seen, it is quite peaceful.

"That's something you really need during a stressful time like this," he said. "You just want to relax and focus on the game of football. So, I'm

happy to be here in West Virginia."

Head coach Sean Payton said he thought his team finished the day's practice on a high note despite some inconsistencies throughout.

"I thought there were some up and downs with today's practice," Payton said. "There was a lull in the middle of it, but I thought we finished pretty well."

The Saints will hold its practices at The Greenbrier until Aug. 20.

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Head Coach Sean Payton overlooks his team Wednesday during training camp.

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Kyle Prater (86) catches a pass Wednesday during training camp.

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Herd soccer player named to Preseason All C-USA Team

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Marshall University's midfielder Kelly Culicerto has earned a spot on the 2015 Preseason All-Conference USA Women's Soccer Team, the league announced earlier this week.

The annual list recognizes the conference's top-12 players, including the Preseason Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year. As a team, the Thundering Herd was picked fifth in the 14-team Preseason Poll as selected by C-USA coaches.

"Preseason accolades help add to the enthusiasm we all have for the upcoming season," Herd coach Kevin Long said in a press release. "I am very proud that Kelly has made the preseason all-conference team. She has established herself as a very competitive player in the conference, and as a senior, I know she is looking to continue

pushing forward throughout her final year."

Culicerto returns as the Herd's leading scorer from 2014, scoring eight goals and contributing one assist for 17 points. She earned 2014 All-C-USA first team honors and was selected to the NSCAA Women's All-Central Region second team.

The Herd is looking to build on a 7-7-5 season that ended in the 2014 C-USA Tournament first round at the hands of regular-season champion and No. 1 seed North Texas.

"The poll is flattering in placing us at fifth among some very good C-USA opponents," Long said. "While this is the highest we have ever registered preseason, we know that it's the end-of-season rankings that matter the most."

Marshall's 2015 schedule begins Aug. 15 with an exhibition match at Virginia Tech.



Kelly Culicerto (6) goes around a defender during a match last season.

PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Marshall-Florida Atlantic kickoff time set

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Marshall University's football team's conference matchup against Florida Atlantic University has been set for noon Oct. 17, Conference USA officials announced earlier this week.

The game will air on Fox College Sports.

Marshall won 35-16 against Florida Atlantic last season.

This will be the third straight season the Thundering Herd has made a visit to Boca Raton, Florida.

Coach Doc Holliday's team won the inaugural Boca Raton Bowl 52-23 at Florida Atlantic's stadium against the University of Northern Illinois in December.

The noon kickoff is the eighth start-time locked in for the upcoming season.

Herd Defenders attempt to block a field goal against the Owls during the team's meeting last season.

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EDITORIAL

Fighting Clean Power Act does not help W.Va.

The White House released its plan to curb carbon emissions and slow climate change. As expected, lawmakers in West Virginia took no time to dismiss the plan as “unreasonable, unrealistic and ultimately unattainable.”

On the surface, those statements on the reality of cutting carbon emissions in West Virginia may be true. The Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan proposes a 32 percent nationwide cut in emissions by 2030. Each state has seven years to formulate a plan to reach its assigned 20 percent reduction.

West Virginia, which has historically based its economy on the resources of its land, has seen that economy take some major hits. Just this summer, over 1,000 miners were notified that they may lose their jobs. A lot of this is because of the new standards and regulations being put on coal companies, as well as the growing natural gas market in the state.

For a state that depends on coal for over 95 percent of its electricity, employs thousands of workers in the coal industry and has already cut emissions by 19 percent in recent years, the EPA’s plan feels personal. And it is personal for those workers who will become unemployed.

When you put the statements from coal company presidents and state leaders aside, real lives and jobs are at stake. So when officials say that these proposed cuts are unreasonable and wholeheartedly oppose them, they’re not

just participating in partisan politics, they truly are being the voice of their constituents.

But instead of spending the next seven years fight the Clean Power Plan, West Virginia lawmakers should work with the White House to develop a plan that works for everyone. While it’s reasonable to feel angry about what feels like another attack on the livelihoods of West Virginians, not participating in an attempt to make a better future does not benefit anyone.

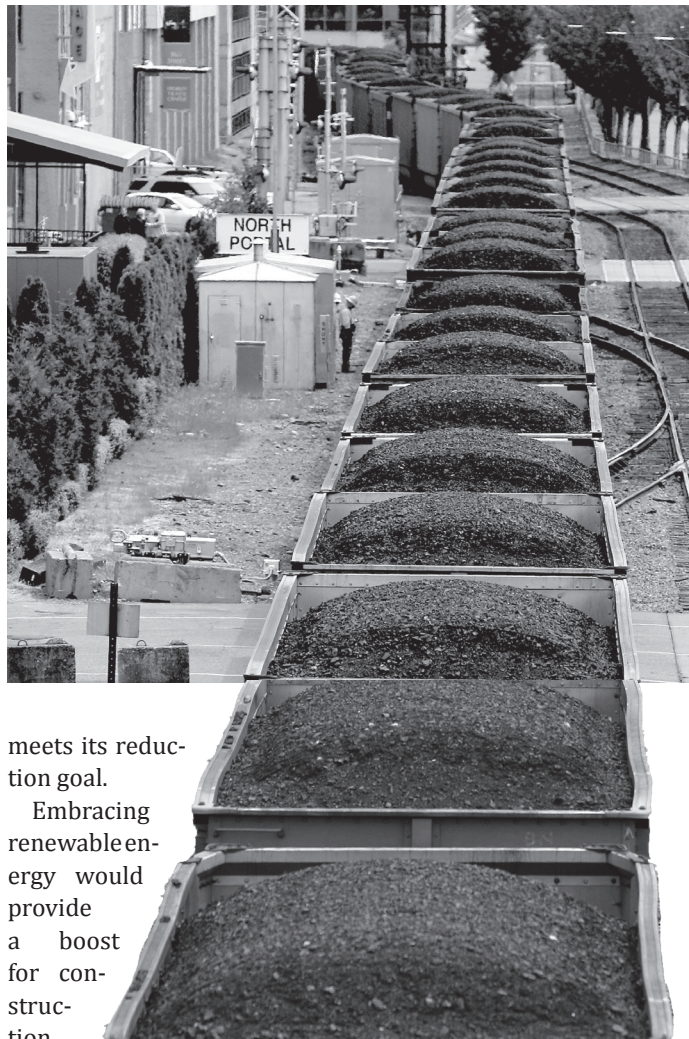
What has made West Virginia and Appalachia unique for so many years is hurting it in a most important time – it’s stubborn and unaccepting approach to 21st century thinking. Since it’s statehood over 150 years ago, it has begun placing all of its eggs in the coal basket – never exploring alternative energy sources and preparing for a future without coal until it has been forced to in recent years.

What could have been a gradual process like the rest of the nation, has been expedited.

There will be growing pains, for sure. There is no way for a state that is so dependent on coal to wean itself off of it easily, but it can be done.

The first thing the state can do is become more efficient with energy. This goes for both power plants and consumers.

A rebate program that provides an incentive for consumers to buy more energy efficient appliances would help lessen the load on utilities while curbing the state’s wasteful use of energy. This alone could drastically help the state



ELAINE THOMPSON | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

meets its reduction goal.

Embracing renewable energy would provide a boost for construction workers in the states as the build grids capable of leading West Virginia into the 21st century when it comes to energy. In a state that could use a lot more renewable energy, the installation of solar grids and wind turbines could become a booming market. Providing jobs and financial support to thousands.

Most importantly, the state is sitting on a land mine of natural gas. The Marcellus Shale, a natural gas reserve that sits under almost all of West Virginia, could be a beneficial

tool in helping the state transition from its coal dependence.

Eight years after drilling began, the wells of Marcellus haven’t even begun to reach their full potential.

The state, for the first time in a long time, is in a good position to make a strong move into a new era of clean energy. We can only hope that state leaders recognize the opportunity that the Clean Power Plan is providing them.

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COLUMN

Feminism: A view from the opposite sex

By **KYLE GIBSON**
GUEST COLUMNIST

One afternoon in October of 2011, I was reading my cultural anthropology book for the introductory course here at Marshall.

This was my second year of college, so I wasn’t yet aware that most students don’t even crack open the textbook. I would rather have been doing at least seven thousand other things (the XBOX controller seemed to be taunting me), but I’m happy I stayed with the chapter.

I can’t remember exactly what the book said, because I later sold the book, but it first introduced me to the fact that men can also be considered feminists.

To some, this might not exactly be a revelation. But to someone from a very conservative section of Southern West Virginia, this seemed crazy. After all, aren’t feminists women?

I put down the book and just sat and thought in my dorm room. After a few minutes, I spoke aloud in the empty room: “I guess I’m a feminist.”

It’s understandable that this self-identification isn’t always met with support or understanding. In the next months, I found myself mentioning it to my male friends during our lunchtime discussions. The comments more often than not seemed to draw some weird looks and a lack of comprehension. Not that it mattered.

I’ve also encountered a few women who think it’s sexist

for a man to call himself a feminist. While I understand their viewpoint, I hope that most women can appreciate that I don’t think women need me to enact social justice. I’m just a believer in women’s causes and want to help in any small way I can.

Before I go any further, it’s important to clarify one aspect of this worldview. As a man, I understand that I can truly have no exact knowledge of the plight most women face in everyday life. Even my sympathetic eye does not present an unvarnished view, because after all I am living life as a member of the opposite sex.

In many ways, what shaped this worldview for me was growing up around strong women. My mother has an incredible work-ethic and so did my grandmother. When I first found out from my mom that women often didn’t earn equal pay with men, I was appalled.

This is in no way a political discussion, but it just doesn’t seem right in the twenty-first century that women would still be paid less than men for the exact same job.

So, in conclusion, I don’t view myself as a radical. After all, many men consider themselves to be feminists. I just believe in standing up for what I think is right.

It’s way past time that women be granted the full rights they deserve.

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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

US-Turkey deal on Syria a big gamble

By **STEVEN R. HURST**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan are both taking a big gamble as they agree to work together against the Islamic State group militants in Syria.

Their goals, while overlapping in some ways, are far different in others, mainly on the question of how to handle Kurdish militants battling Islamic State fighters in Syria. And that’s the problem.

Erdogan wants to combat Islamic State militants in his country who have flowed freely across the border with Syria. But his biggest priority is one that’s driven by domestic politics: curtailing growing Kurdish power along Turkey’s southern border. Ankara is worried that Kurdish gains in Iraq and in Syria will encourage a revival of the Kurdish insurgency in Turkey in pursuit of an independent state.

To that end, Erdogan used the start of Turkish air strikes against Islamic State forces in Syria to also attack Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) rebels in northern Iraq. And on July 27, the main Syrian Kurdish militia, the People’s Protection Unit, known as the YPG, claimed that it had been shelled by Turkish troops. Since the U.S.-Turkey agreement was announced late last month, Turkish warplanes

have attacked PKK bases in northern Iraq and its forces in southeastern Turkey on an almost daily basis.

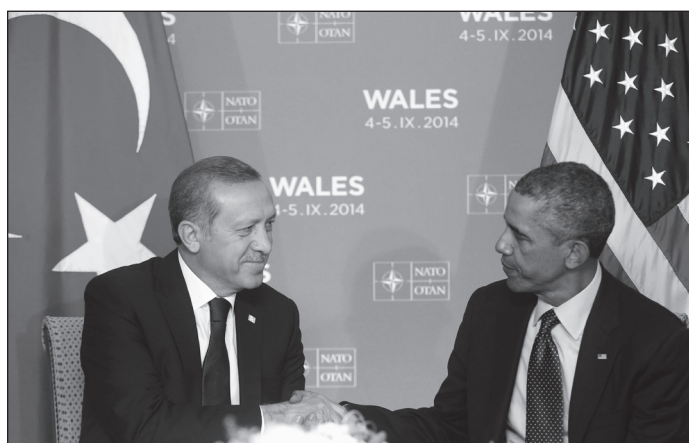
The U.S. has gained access to Turkey’s Incirlik air base near Syria’s northern border, as well as Turkey’s participation in attacks on Islamic state fighters from the air.

But what the U.S. stands to lose could be even greater: Washington’s most effective allies and ground forces in the battle against the Islamic State in Syria are the Kurds, ever wary of being targeted by Turkey, despite Ankara’s promise not to attack them.

“It’s no secret that Turkey has been less interested in fighting ISIL (the Islamic State) than suppressing the Kurds,” said Stephen Tankel, professor at American University. “That’s still true. Bringing Turkey further into the fight against ISIL is a positive thing depending on the cost. Turkey has said it won’t strike the Syrian Kurdish militias, which are one of the most effective U.S. partners on the ground.”

The Kurds, an ethnic group with their own language and customs, have long sought a homeland. Nearly 25 million Kurds live mostly in Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Iran and Armenia.

The Kurds have made unprecedented gains since Syria’s civil war began, carving out territory where they declared their own civil administration.



In this 2014 photo, President Barack Obama and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan shake hands after they made statements to reporters at their meeting at the NATO summit at Celtic Manor, Newport, Wales.

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With the help of U.S.-led airstrikes against the IS group, Kurdish fighters expelled the militants in Kobani, a Syrian village on the Turkish border in January after a long battle. In June, the Kurds pushed the Islamic State group from its stronghold of Tal Abyad also along the border with Turkey, robbing IS of a key avenue for smuggling oil and foreign fighters.

Until about two years ago, Kurds had fought a three-decade insurgency in southeastern Turkey and from bases in northern Iraq. That fighting has taken at least 37,000 lives.

Peace talks begun in 2013 have broken down with the renewed Turkish bombing in northern Iraq and PKK

counterattacks inside Turkey.

That is bound to have put the Obama administration in a tough spot with its Kurdish allies fighting the Islamic State in Syria.

Erdogan has been struggling since elections in June resulted in a hung parliament, when the pro-Kurdish party made huge gains in Parliament.

Anthony Cordesman, a CSIS military expert, said the deal with Turkey was likely good for overall U.S. strategy in the Middle East. But, he said: “One of the problems is we keep trying to describe this as if it were black and white, and what you’re really watching again is three-dimensional chess with something like 9 players and no rules.”

Life!

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West Virginia 16th Annual National Farmers Market Week kicks off

By **SHALEE ROGNEY**
LIFE! EDITOR

The 16th annual National Farmers Market week kicked off Tuesday. The West Virginia Farmers Market Association is encouraging people that attend their local farmers market this week to raise awareness using 'selfies.'

"The WVFMA is asking attendees at markets across the state to raise awareness of their community's market by taking "selfies" in their farmers markets holding a print-out and upload those pictures to social media using the hashtag #MoretoMarketWV," according to a WVFMA press release.

Farmers markets help increase the local economy by keeping the money in West Virginia. The West Virginia Farmers Market Association began in 2007 and has 57 member markets spread across that state selling a variety of locally grown products.

"Farmers market growth in West Virginia has been exponential since only a few years ago. WV farmers markets accounted for an estimated \$9 million in direct sales in 2014 - up from \$4 million in 2012, which is more than a 200% increase," said Emma Gardner of the West Virginia Farmers Market Association, "The average WV farmers market grossed almost \$97,000 per year in sales in 2014, up from less than \$46,000 in 2012."

Along with boosting the local and state economy buying food from farmers market also improves the health of the people eating the

food. According to the Huffington Post, West Virginia is home to the fattest city in the United States, while being ranked third for over all obesity, Huntington takes the cake as the fattest city in the United States. The people who shop at a local farmers market will begin to improve their lifestyle as they

purchase less processed and healthier foods.

"As for the health of our citizens, Farmers markets help bridge the gap between citizens and healthy, local foods," Gardner said. "Much of West Virginia is considered a "food desert," meaning many citizens in rural areas have low access to fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables. Farmers Markets can help to alleviate some of this problem."

There are currently 93 farmers markets located all over West Virginia. There are three farmers

markets in Cabell County. Pullman Square Farmers Market located in Pullman Square, The Wild Ramp located on 14th Street in Huntington and Central City Market located behind The Wild Ramp in Old Central City.

Pullman Square Farmers Market and Central City Market are only

open June-October, but The Wild Ramp is open all year round.

"Farmers markets play a vital role in forming healthy, local food systems," says Jen Cheek, Executive Director of the Farmers Market Coalition. "By providing the opportunity for farmers to connect directly with consumers, markets

serve as education centers. Vendors are teaching customers about agriculture, sharing recipes, and exposing them to new foods. Markets are making people and communities stronger and healthier."

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West Virginia local farmers markets

Pullman Square Farmers Market

220 9th St.
Huntington, West Virginia 25701
(304)633-1108

Open mid June-October, Wednesdays 7 a.m.- 2 p.m.

The Wild Ramp

555 14th St W
Huntington, West Virginia 24704
(304) 523-7267

Open Monday-Saturday year round.
9 a.m. - 7 p.m. on weekdays
8 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Central City Market

555 14th St. W.
Huntington, West Virginia 25704
(304)525-1500

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays June-October open at 7:00 a.m.

Putnam Farmers Market

Hurricane City Park
Hurricane, West Virginia 25526
(304) 300-8995

Tuesday and Thursday 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Capitol Market

800 Smith St.
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
(304)344-1905

Open daily year round
Monday - Saturday 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Sunday - Noon- 5 p.m.

West Side Farmers Market

601 Central Ave.
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
(304) 345-1007

Thursdays 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Morgantown Farmers Market

Spruce and Fayette Sts.
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505
(304)291-7201

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. -12 p.m.
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