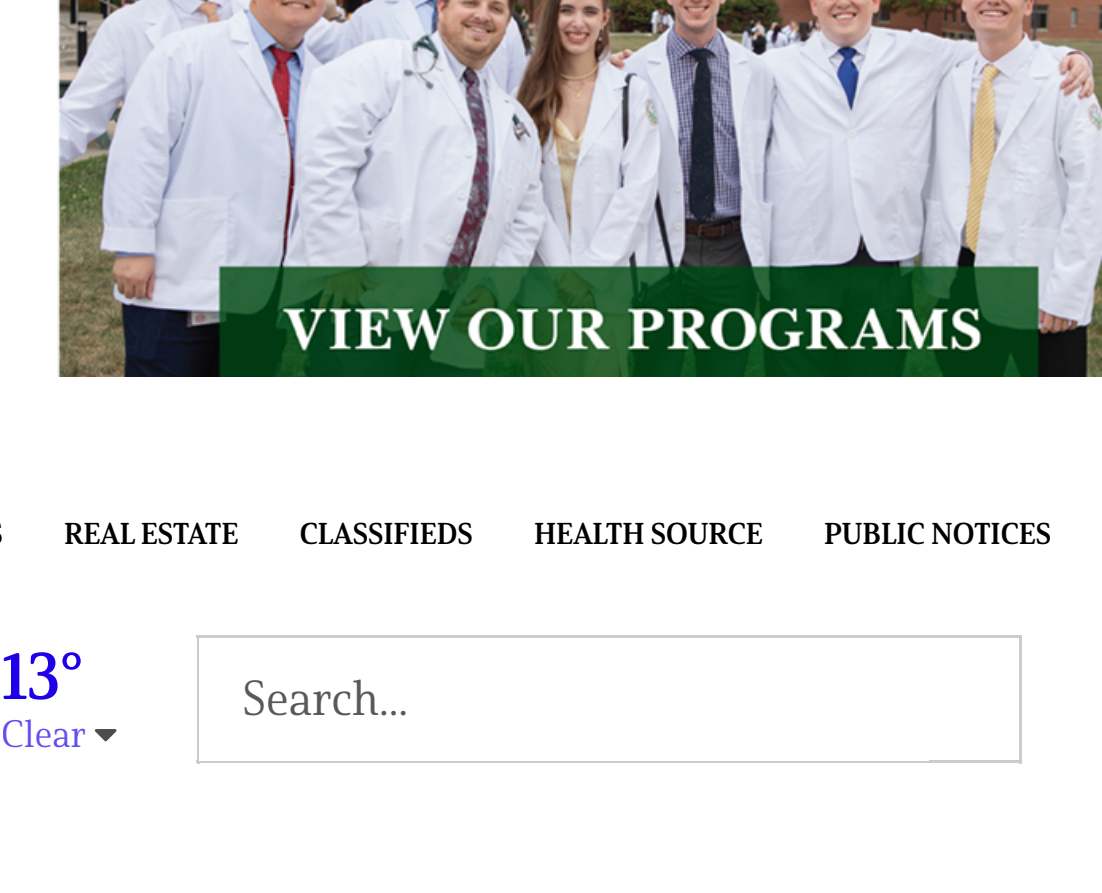




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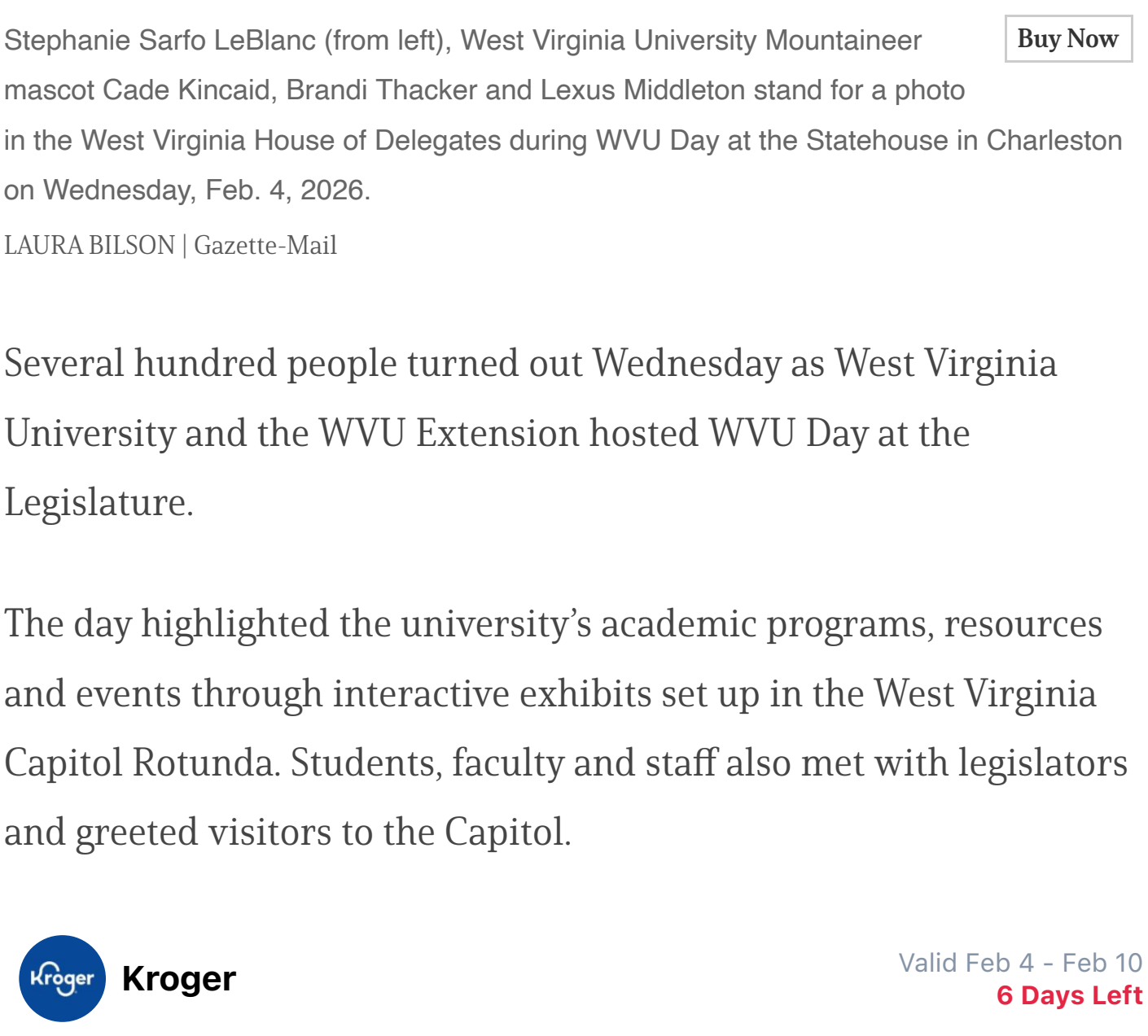
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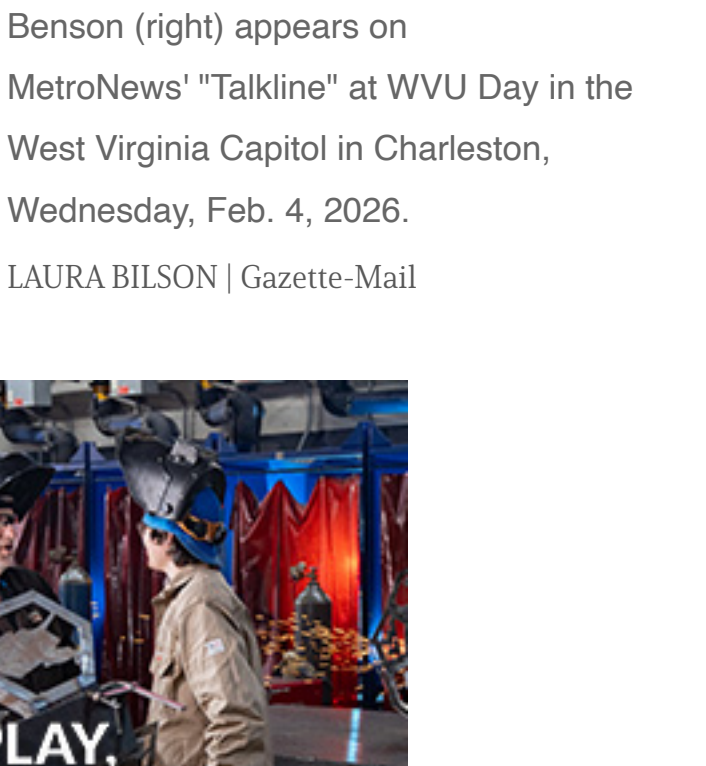
Stephanie Sarlo LeBlanc (from left), West Virginia University Mountaineer mascot Cade Kincaid, Brandi Thacker and Lexus Middleton stand for a photo in the West Virginia House of Delegates during WVU Day at the Statehouse in Charleston on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026.
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Several hundred people turned out Wednesday as West Virginia University and the WVU Extension hosted WVU Day at the Legislature.

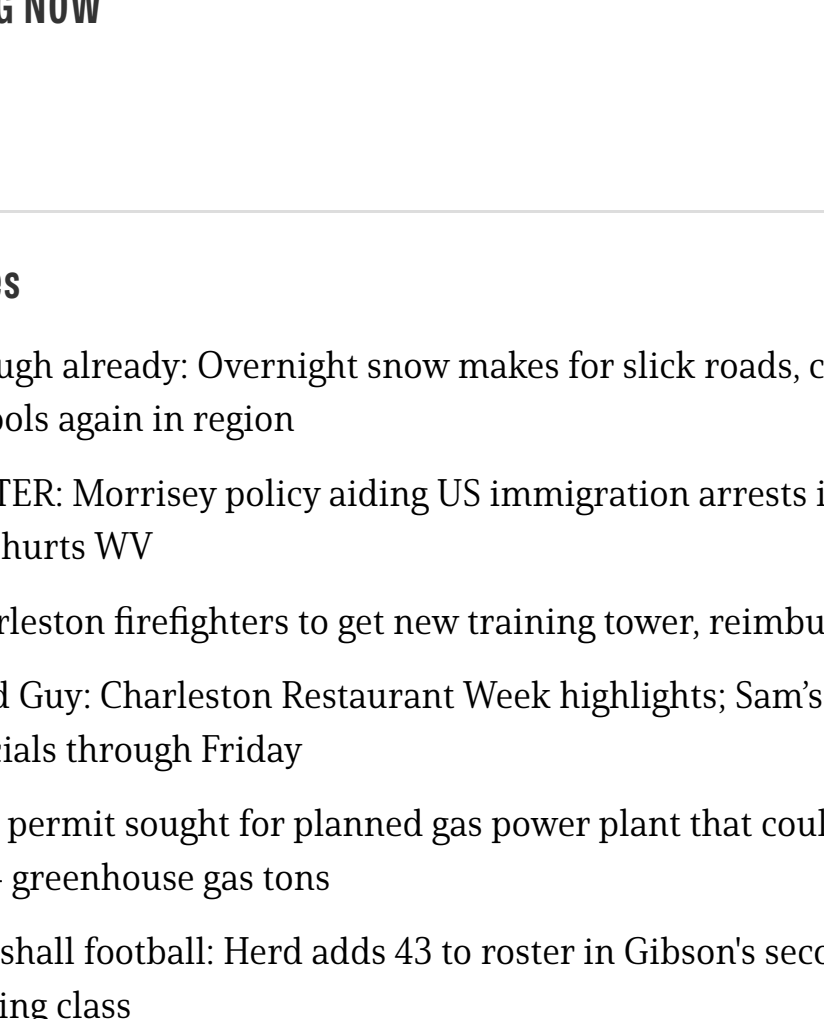
The day highlighted the university's academic programs, resources and events through interactive exhibits set up in the West Virginia Capitol Rotunda. Students, faculty and staff also met with legislators and greeted visitors to the Capitol.

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On hand were Michael T. Benson, WVU's president; Jorge Atiles, dean and associate vice president of the WVU Division for Land-Grant Engagement; and representatives from more than 40 academic units and statewide outreach programs across the WVU system.

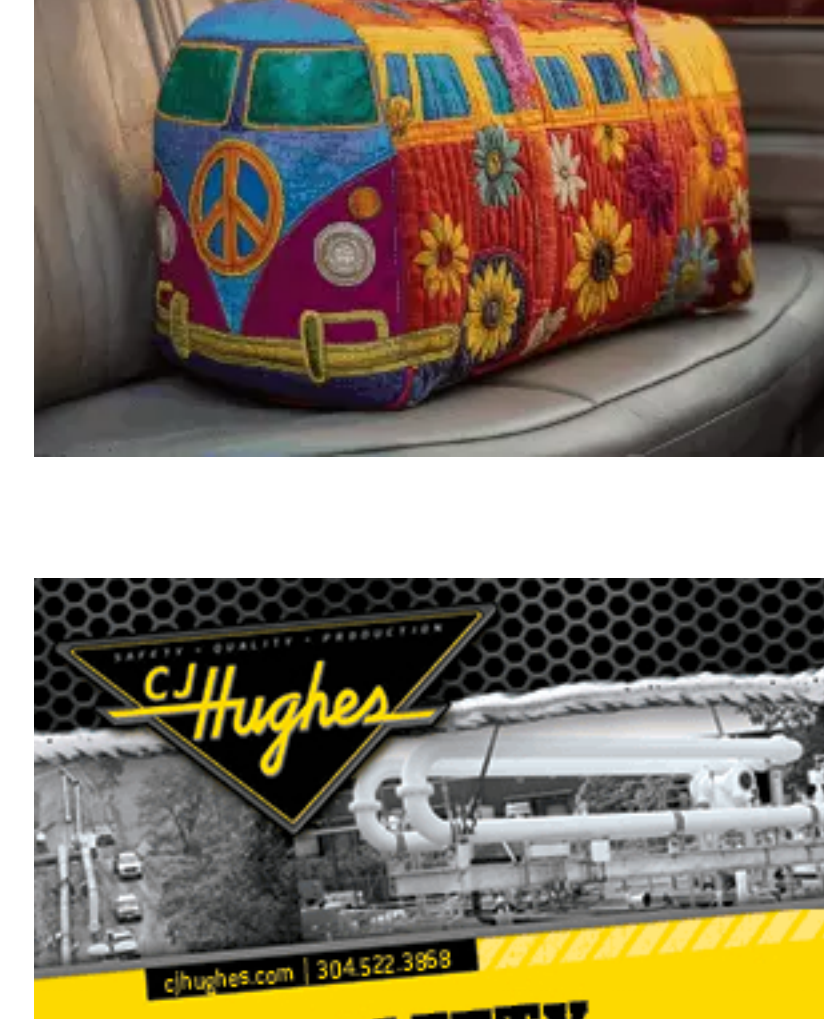


WVU President Michael T. Benson (right) appears on MetroNews' "Talkline" at WVU Day in the West Virginia Capitol in Charleston, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026.
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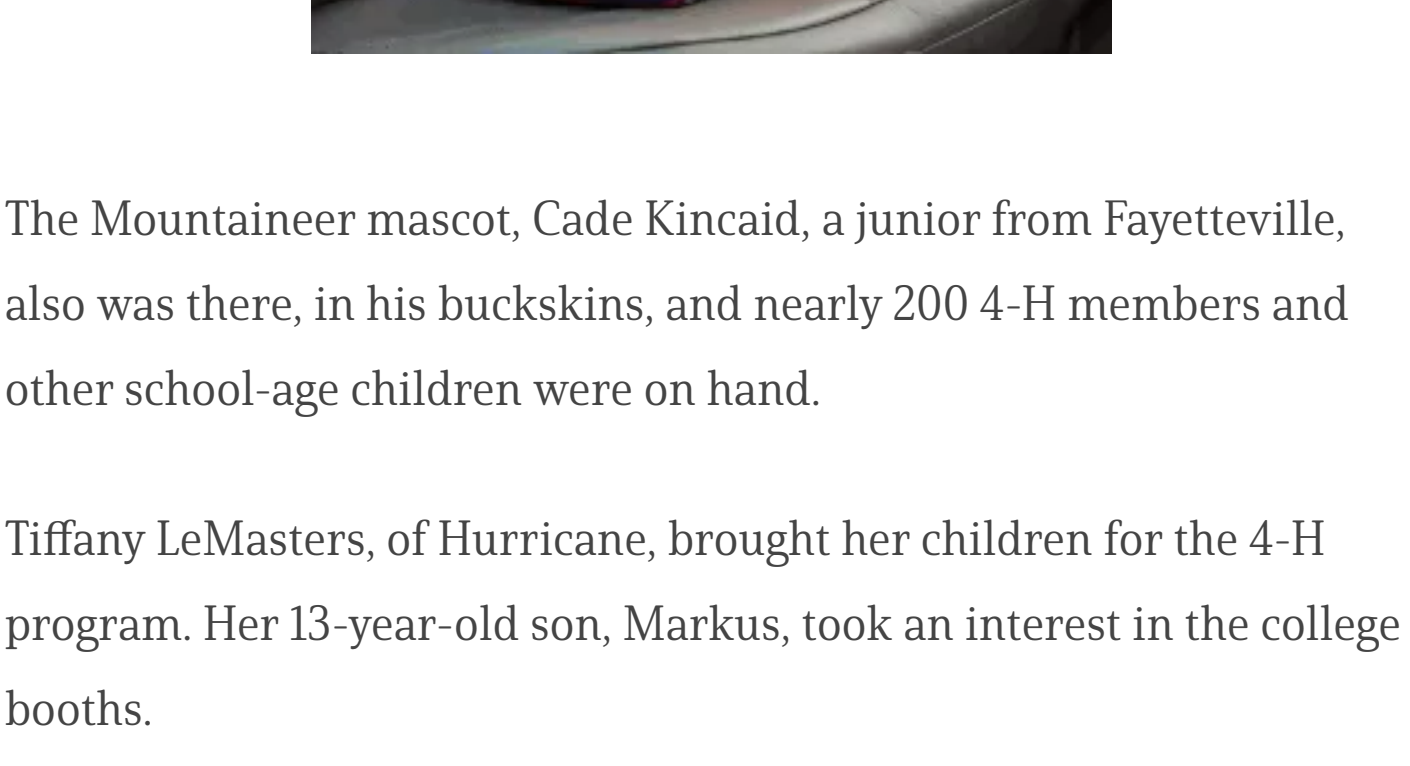
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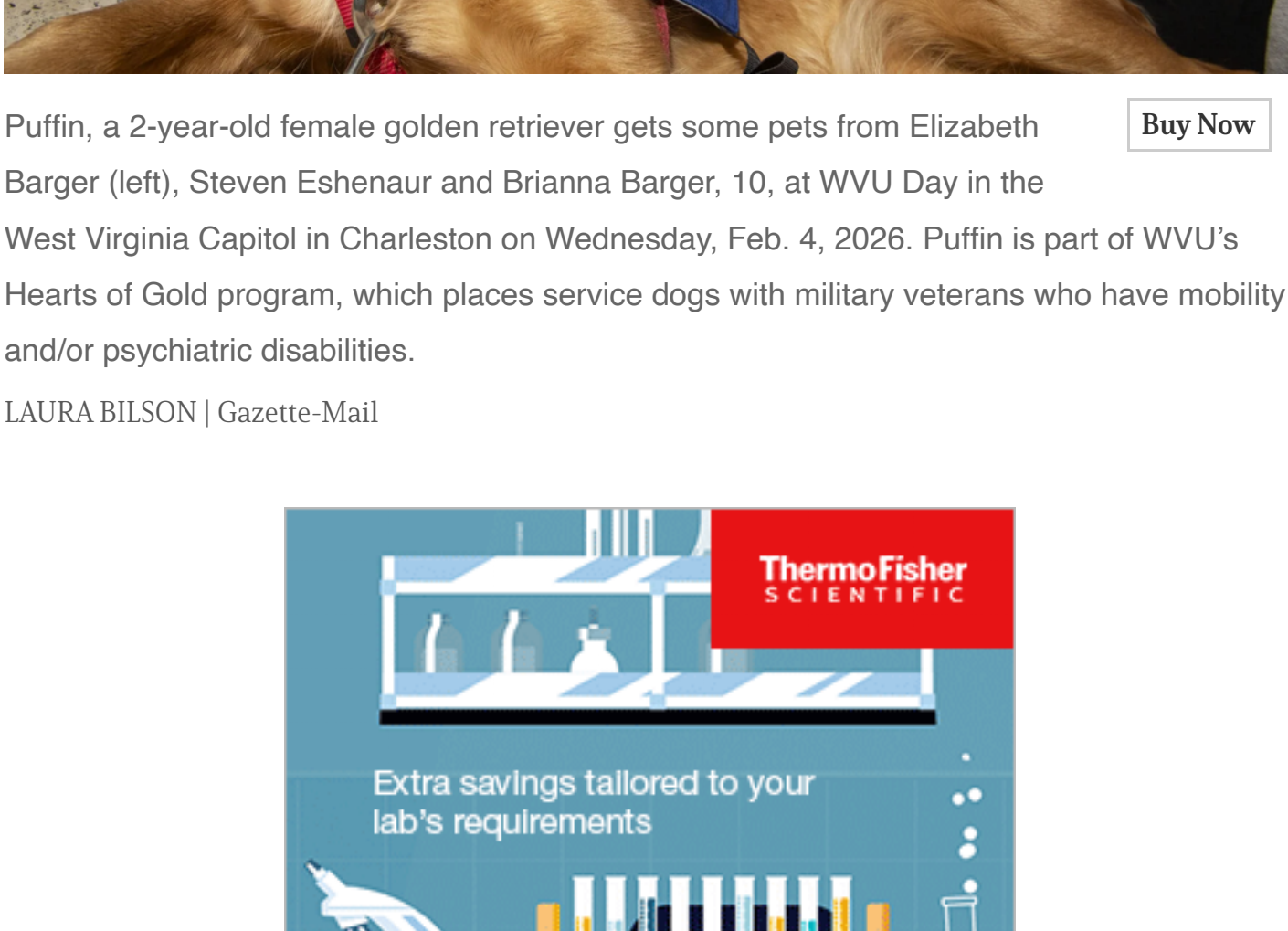
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The Mountaineer mascot, Cade Kincaid, a junior from Fayetteville, also was there, in his buckskins, and nearly 200 4-H members and other school-age children were on hand.

Tiffany LeMasters, of Hurricane, brought her children for the 4-H program. Her 13-year-old son, Markus, took an interest in the college booths.

"He likes robotics and engineering, he's [really] good at math," LeMasters said. "Today is the first day he said he is going to college."



Puffin, a 2-year-old female golden retriever gets some pets from Elizabeth Barger (left), Steven Eshenaur and Brianna Barger, 10, at WVU Day in the West Virginia Capitol in Charleston on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026. Puffin is part of WVU's Hearts of Gold program, which places service dogs with military veterans who have mobility and/or psychiatric disabilities.
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