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## Sandy hits Cuba hard, heads into the Bahamas

By CURTIS MORGAN, MIMI WHITEFIELD and JACQUELINE CHARLES  
THE MIAMI HERALD (MCT)

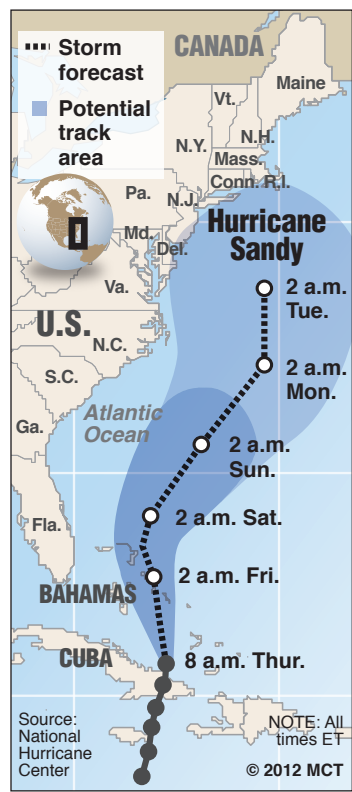
MIAMI — After slamming eastern Cuba early Thursday as a bigger and stronger storm than expected, Hurricane Sandy churned toward what looms as a wicked Halloween eve visit to the northeastern U.S. from a massive hybrid weather system quickly dubbed "Franken-storm."

Sandy was expected to generate at least one more day of nasty weather across much of Florida, with storms and tropical storm-force gusts brushing portions of the state coast Friday — conditions bad enough for public and private schools in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties to cancel classes.

But Florida will likely to escape largely unscathed from a powerful Category 2 hurricane that left a trail of collapsed buildings and bridges, shredded roofs, ruined crops and flooded hospitals across three Caribbean islands and the Bahamas, where some out islands were still under assault late Thursday.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the National Hurricane Center said the storm which continued to pack 105-mph winds was nearing Cat Cay in the Central Bahamas. The death toll also climbed to four, with at least three people killed in Haiti and one in Jamaica.

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## Fighting for a cure

By CODY FRANK PERKINS  
THE PARTHENON

Pink balloons filled the air above Marshall University in remembrance of those who lost their lives to breast cancer and raise awareness for those still fighting the disease.

Kari Clark, board member for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, said breast cancer affects everyone around them, regardless if it is a loved one or just a random person on the street.

"I am a fighter of breast cancer, and have been since 2008," Clark said. "With the type of breast cancer I have, I will always be fighting breast cancer because treatment does not help cure, or put myself into remission."

Susan G. Komen for a Cure Foundation was started by Komen's sister Nancy Ricker as a promise to help find a cure for breast cancer.

She started the foundation in 1982, which is now the largest program in the nation and around the world to help combat breast cancer and save lives.

"Breast cancer is a disease that is constantly changing in every person and if it spreads, it can also change while the patient is fighting breast cancer. Causing the treatments to not be as effective," Clark said.

According to the Susan G. Komen for a Cure Foundation, women of all ages should go once a year to have mammogram to see if there are lumps in their breasts.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority invited Clark to speak at Marshall and share her story with the community.

"We wanted to bring awareness to campus about breast cancer and the fact that men can also be diagnosed with breast cancer," Tiffany Hubb, vice president of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said.

The number of men diagnosed each year is not large but most of them never know they have breast cancer.

"Breast cancer can also affect men just as easily as women, because it isn't as popular in men," Clark said. "But 430 men are diagnosed every

year with breast cancer."

Susan G. Komen for a Cure Foundation West Virginia is located at 319 W. Washington St. Hubbard Bldg. in Charleston.

"We are there to help make women aware about breast cancer, and to help them find hospitals and treatment areas to help fight breast cancer," Clark said.

She also said it is important for those dealing with breast cancer, whether the individual with cancer or someone close to them, should never underestimate the importance of a solid support group.

More information on breast cancer and the Susan G. Komen for a Cure Foundation can be found at [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org).

October is breast cancer awareness month, and Marshall's ceremony was just one of many around the U.S. to raise awareness for breast cancer.

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## MU students make cards for good cause

By SUZANN AL-QAWASMI  
THE PARTHENON

Students at Marshall University took advantage of an opportunity to help bring light into the lives of the terminally ill.

The Honors College Student Association hosted a community service event Thursday in the Memorial Student Center. The event gave students the chance to make cards for residents and their families of the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House.

The HCSA had supplies available for students to stop by to make cards. Leah Midkiff, junior biology major and secretary of HCSA, said more than 30 students helped to make a total of 120 cards for the

patients at the Hospice House. She said she was very impressed with the turnout.

"I was there for only an hour and there were people making cards at the table the entire time," Midkiff said.

Darian Spurlock, junior psychology major from Barboursville, W. Va., said she decided to make cards for the patients because she had a personal connection to the organization.

"Both my mother and grandfather stayed in the Hospice House," Spurlock said. "I have also been shadowing at the Hospice House, so I have been helping grieving families get through their tough times."

Spurlock said she hopes the cards will

help the residents forget their pain for a little bit.

"Hospice tries to provide the residents and their families with a very positive environment, but it is always nice to know that someone else is thinking about you," Spurlock said.

Midkiff said students from the HCSA Steering Committee will visit each room at the Hospice House Tuesday to personally deliver a card to every patient and family member. The cards that are left over will be given to the staff to deliver to new patients as they arrive.



SUZANN AL-QAWASMI | THE PARTHENON

Frank Zamora, junior nursing student, makes cards for the patients of the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Marshall University's Memorial Student Center on Thursday.

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# NEWS

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ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH | THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Cycling Club sponsored a spin-a-thon Thursday to raise money for a local teen who was injured while riding his bike in Ohio.

## MUCC hosts spin-a-thon for injured local teen

By **ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Cycling Club hosted a spin-a-thon for Daniel Hughes Thursday in the Marshall University Recreation Center lobby.

The event was hosted to raise money for Hughes, a local teen from South Point, Ohio, who was struck by a dump truck in September while riding his bicycle to class on The Ohio State University campus in Columbus.

Corey Clark, Marshall University Cycling Club secretary and community service chair, said the event was designed to bring the cycling community together.

The truck ran over Daniel's legs and midsection causing severe damage. Daniel's right leg had to be amputated and he still faces many more surgeries, while his family faces increasing medical bills.

Clark said it was not difficult to spread the word about the event.

"It wasn't that hard, there's a group called ACE, Ashland Cycling Enthusiasts, there's like 300 members of it so it's

pretty easy to get the word out that way," Clark said. "And then I created the Facebook page event for this and it just spread like wildfire with everybody sending it out."

Stephanie Vlahos, a Marshall University Recreation Center spin class teacher said when she heard about the event she wanted to volunteer her time for a worthy cause.

"I thought it was a really good idea when I heard about what happened to Daniel," Vlahos said. "It was really sad. I'm an avid cyclist and hearing about any kind of accident like that just really frightens me. I just wanted to do what I could to help out."

The spin-a-thon consisted of three 30-minute classes with a 15-minute break in between each class. Twenty-two seats were available for each class.

"It's a 10 dollar minimum donation per bike per class," Clark said. "There's been 33 people that have pre-registered and we're expecting a lot of drop-ins now too since

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TOP: Marshall University tubist Guy Parker plays his tuba to Introduction and Dance by J.E. Barat at the opening of Octubafest at the Jomie Jazz Center on Wednesday. LEFT: Tubist Marshall Rickman plays his tuba. RIGHT: Joey Graybed plays the euphonium, an instrument within the tuba family.

## Octubafest kicks off at Marshall

By **DWIGHT JORGE**  
THE PARTHENON

Members of the Marshall University Tuba and Euphonium Studio started off Octubafest on Thursday night with solo performances.

Octubafest started off its first of two events at the Jomie Jazz Center.

The night featured performances by Guy Parker, Katherine Hebbard, Nick Hartley, Marshall Rickman, Josh Sharp, Dwayne Russell and Tyler Davis.

Performances on Euphoniums were by Allison Eason, Seth Edwards and Joey Graybeal.

Some performances were accompanied by piano performed by Melody Cook, Olivia Hay, Zach Arbogast, Mary Beth Norman and Kayla Robison.

Guy Parker sophomore music education

major started off solo night by performing J.E. Barat Introduction and Dance.

"The best part of the performance is the applause," Parker said. "If you get the applause you know you did good."

Marshall's Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble, also known as "Tubonium" will take the stage Oct. 29 at Smith Music Hall.

"It's a big Halloween party plenty of Halloween music, scary music and cool rock music. Everybody is going to wear costumes," Parker said. "We will have free candy and hopefully a bigger crowd than we had here tonight but it was a good crowd today."

"This year's tuba euphonium ensemble is the largest in the history of the university," George Palton, adjunct professor of tuba at Marshall, said.

Palton is very proud of all the work and practice all his performers put into preparing

for the event.

"Along with their high school guests, the ensemble will feature nearly 30 tuba and euphonium players in full Halloween costume," Palton said. "Be sure to come early for candy and the legendary pumpkin chocolate chip cookies."

This year will feature an ensemble including Marshall University Department of Music students and faculty, local high school students and community members.

Admission is free and open to the public. Guests are invited to enjoy the festive costumes, decorations and free candy.

Octubafest is a family atmosphere and guests are welcomed to dress up in costumes. The concert will be at 8 p.m. Monday in Smith Music Hall.

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## SGA to sponsor tailgate with MU Maniacs

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The Marshall University Student Government Association is co-hosting a tailgate with the Marshall Maniacs for students before the football game against the University of Central Florida.

The tailgate will be located outside of the Student Stadium entrance on the practice field next to the weight room. It begins at 3 p.m. Saturday and ends at 7 p.m.

Fat Patty's will be providing 100 free burgers in addition to hundreds of Fat



Patty's wings. Sodexo will be providing 100 hot dogs, along with two side dishes and drinks for the event. No alcohol will be provided.

The tailgate is open to all students, but

any student wishing to attend the tailgate must have a valid student ID.

Ray Harrell, Jr., student body president and Marshall Maniac vice president, said the SGA and the Maniacs are teaming up to provide the student body with a unique place to have fun before the game.

"We wanted to do something fun and do something to bring students together," Harrell said.

The game against UCF kicks off at 8 p.m.

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## Romney rakes in \$111.8 million in first two weeks of October

By **MAEVE RESTON**

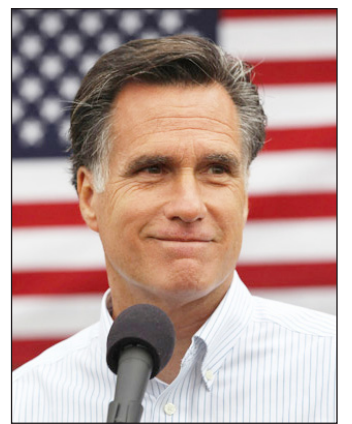
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

CINCINNATI — Buoyed by his strong performances in the first two debates, Mitt Romney raised \$111.8 million from Oct. 1 to Oct. 17 — the quickest clip of the Republican's campaign so far.

Romney appears to have burned through a substantial amount of cash in the last two weeks. His campaign reported having \$169 million on hand between various party committees — a drop of \$22 million from the end of September, despite his massive fundraising haul during that period.

While President Barack Obama is expected to raise as much a \$1 billion for his effort, Romney has exceeded the goals set by his campaign. His much-praised performance at the first debate in Denver brought a surge of donations.

Romney's spokeswoman Andrea Saul tweeted on the



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night of the first debate that Romney was getting two donations a second. The campaign said it raised \$12 million in donations in less than 48 hours following the debate.

Romney had raised \$815 million through his campaign committee, the Republican Party and other joint fundraising committees. That total does not include funds held in state parties that can be used to bolster his ground game.

## Rec Center offering personal training

By **CAROLINE VASSILOU**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Recreation Center offers nutrition consultation and several different personal training packages to Rec members and non-members.

Nutrition consultation is available for those individuals who wish to meet with a nutritionist to learn the principles of metabolism for weight loss and calculate the individuals resting metabolic rate. A daily meal plan may be provided upon request.

There are 11 personal trainers who are categorized into two levels. Level one is instructed by a qualified personal trainer, with the knowledge and resources to provide individual sessions. Level two is instructed by a highly skilled personal trainer with the experience to provide innovative, goal-oriented sessions.

All the personal trainers have graduated with a Bachelor's and/or Master's in exercise physiology/kinesiology.

Chris Lane, personal training coordinator, said personal trainers effectively

provide customized training to meet any fitness goal.

"We train to meet goals of general fitness, weight loss, toning, sculpting, strength gain, body building and cardiovascular endurance," Lane said. "AMP'D sports performance training is available to individuals, small groups and entire sport teams."

AMP'D, which stands for Applied Muscular Performance and Development, is a custom designed program based on the specific needs of athletes to dramatically improve any and all components of athletic performance for those looking to prepare for their upcoming sports season or next event.

Paul Hamilton, a Marshall University junior, said he enjoys his personal training sessions at the recreation center.

"I've been working out since I was 14 years old and I realized I needed to take my workout one step further," he said. "This is the first year I have received personal training at the Rec Center and my overall fitness



CAROLINE VASSILOU | THE PARTHENON

Personal trainer Abe Koroma trains Marshall University student Annette Akers at the Recreation Center.

and confidence has improved thanks to the one on one exercise session with my personal trainer."

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	W	L	W	L
UCF	3	0	5	2
EAST CAROLINA	4	1	5	3
MARSHALL	2	1	3	4
MEMPHIS	1	2	1	6
UAB	0	3	1	6
SOUTHERN MISS	0	3	0	7

# SPORTS

	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
TULSA	5	0	7	1
SMU	2	1	3	4
HOUSTON	2	1	3	4
TULANE	1	2	1	6
UTEP	1	3	2	6
RICE	0	4	2	6



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## Dobson's letter to Herd fans



My fellow students,

It is tough for me to describe what my senior year at Marshall University has meant to me, not only on the football field but as a student at our great institution. This school year and season has been nothing short of a roller coaster thus far but I only see the train going up the track and not back down anytime soon. On behalf of each and every one of my fellow teammates we would like to thank all of you for your encouragement, enthusiasm and most importantly your loyalty to us as we play for all of you each and every week.

My four years at Marshall have gone by way too fast but we have at least five more "shows" to perform before we head to the postseason. Our momentum is building and we all believe our best football still lies ahead of us. We set goals for our team at the beginning of the year and we most definitely have the opportunity to achieve them. The Marshall football family understands what we mean to the tri-state community and please know that we fully understand what this community means to our football family.

Growing up a kid in Dunbar, W.Va. I never would have fathomed the idea of seeing my picture on a billboard or a poster, definitely not a nominee for top college football player of the year. Although, these accolades are not in the same stratosphere compared to when I hear 6,000 of my fellow Marshall students cheering for my teammates and I each and every Saturday. Looking up in the stands and watching all the Marshall Maniacs grimace with each vicious hit and smile with each Marshall touchdown is absolutely priceless. Your passion for our team is one of the many reasons I am so proud to be student athlete at Marshall University.

It pains me to admit that during my time at Marshall I have not had the opportunity to walk off the field victorious against the UCF Knights. It is on my agenda to change that this Saturday at 8 p.m. This will be the last time we will play UCF as a member of Conference USA and I would like nothing better to send them out with a loss. There are championship implications on the line for this game and we need a championship type of atmosphere to get a huge win for our program. If you have not picked up your ticket, what are you waiting for? See you at the Joan.

**Go Herd**  
**Aaron Dobson**  
 Marshall University Football team  
 Senior Wide Receiver #3

## Thundering Herd seeking revenge in rivalry with UCF

By LAKE MOREHOUSE  
 THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Thundering Herd will meet the Knights of Central Florida for the last time Saturday, at least in the foreseeable future that is.

The emotionally charged rivalry that connects Marshall and UCF dates all the way back to the days of the Mid-American Conference. Since both schools have joined Conference-USA, Central Florida has been in the driver's seat of the rivalry, owning a commanding 7-0 record against the Thundering Herd.

Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday said in his weekly press conference Tuesday he is aware of the challenge Saturday has in store.

"It's obvious we've got a great challenge this weekend," Holliday said. "We've got an excellent team coming in here."

Holliday said he expects to see a tough UCF team at Joan C. Edwards Stadium Saturday night.

"They're a very physical team," Holliday said. "They're very well talented. They're still the number one defense in our conference by far."



Marshall University quarterback Rakeem Cato throws the ball against Tulsa University on Oct. 6. MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

UCF averages 169 rushing yards per game, which they accomplish through a pro-style, "smash mouth" offense. Holliday said he understands the importance of limiting the rushing attack of UCF.

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## MU soccer player competes far from home

By KARA KUCIN  
 THE PARTHENON

One of Marshall University's men's soccer players has traveled a long way from his home in Durban, South Africa to play for the Herd.

Durban is a city of 3.5 million people. It was a huge adjustment for the Herd's Cade Parton to get used to the smaller city of Huntington, which has a population of about 287,000.

"You aren't as spoiled for a choice with things to do but me and my teammates find fun things to do," Parton said. "The climate is very different too. In Durban it is always hot, so seeing snow here was a big change at first."

Parton said the hardest part of being so far away from home is not being with your friends and family.

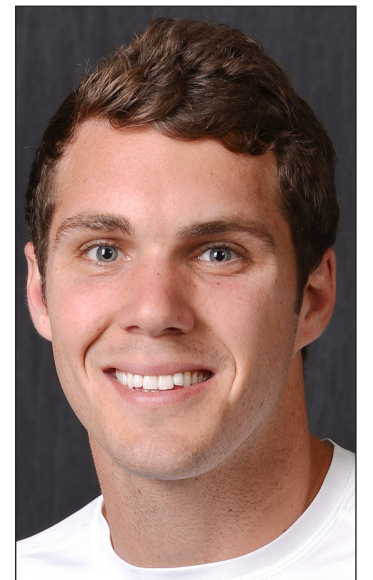
"They are a big part of my life and its very

hard to be away from them at times, but Skype makes it that much easier," Parton said.

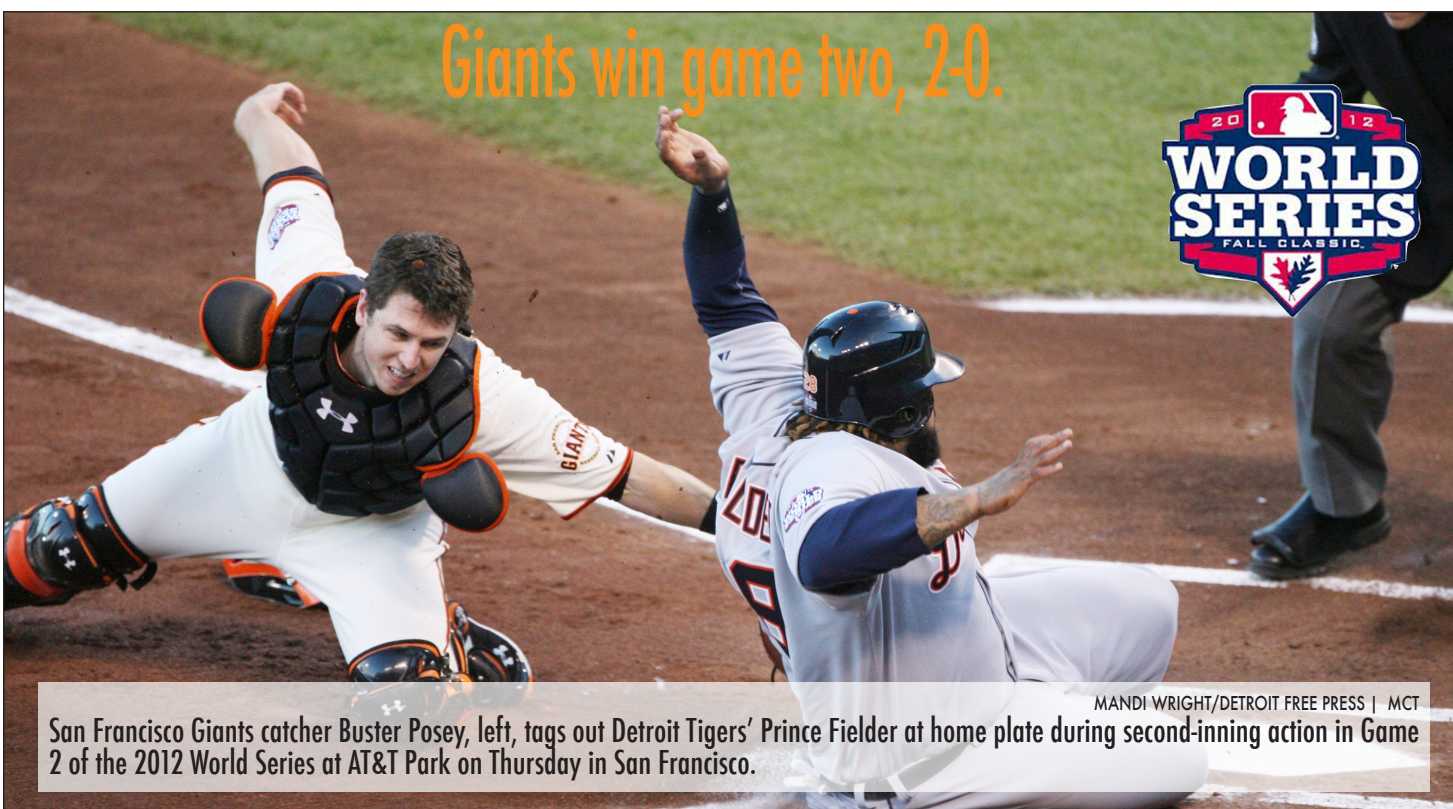
Parton attended Bethel University in Tennessee under a soccer scholarship his freshman and sophomore year. He wanted to change to a Division-I program and compete at that level so he sent out all his credentials to various schools. Marshall came back with the best offer. Parton also knew a lot about Coach Bob Gray and was interested in playing for him.

Parton has been able to travel and compete at many different universities during his junior and senior year playing for the Herd.

"We have been fortunate enough to travel around to many parts of the country and I've made some really good friends through all of it," Parton said.



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Giants win game two, 2-0.



San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey, left, tags out Detroit Tigers' Prince Fielder at home plate during second-inning action in Game 2 of the 2012 World Series at AT&T Park on Thursday in San Francisco. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS | MCT

Column

## Stern to step down as commissioner

By DWIGHT JORGE  
 THE PARTHENON

After 30 years of being "The Commish," David Stern will be leaving his tenure term as commissioner of the National Basketball Association.

Only a few people can say they have had the same job for 30 years and have a vital impact on their companies and employees well-being.

Stern has had both of those successes in his career. He has

managed to expand the game of basketball from not just the United States but made it a worldwide game.

For the past 30 years NBA players have been welcomed on draft day by his charismatic smile and fatherly guidance with a firm handshake.

Stern has welcomed Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Dwayne Wade, and LeBron James into the league.

With the recent controversy in

the NFL with commissioner Roger Goodell, you can tell the difference in Sterns approach to the job.

Stern has made the NBA a family atmosphere with a growing fan base. He has also maintained a good professional relationship with players and team owners.

With the NBA lockout last year, little could be agreed upon between owners and players.

Stern was able to keep talks going between both players and

owners, which resulted in the return of a shortened NBA season.

The NBA has changed in the 30 years Stern has been a part of it, but one thing is clear Adam Silver has some big shoes to fill.

Adam Silver the current deputy commissioner, will be taking over in 2014.

The NBA will have many commissioners but their will only be one "Commish."

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## Grooms named to watch list

HERDZONE

Marshall redshirt freshman running back Kevin Grooms was placed on the College Football Performance Awards National Freshman Performer of the Year Watch List, the outlet has announced. Grooms and UAB quarterback Austin Brown were the only two Conference USA honorees to make the list.

The 5-foot-10 Grooms is tied for fifth in C-USA in touchdowns with seven (a team-high six on the ground) and is sixth in the league in rushing at 71.8 yards per game. His 431 rushing yards through seven games ranks eighth among Marshall freshman running backs since 1992.

The Hollywood, Fla. native, who has combined with Steward Butler and Remi Watson to

form one of the league's most dynamic rushing attacks, was named Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week by CollegeSportsMadness.com following his breakout performance against Rice on Sept. 22. In that game, the Herd speedster rushed for 103 yards and three touchdowns (including the game winner), while hauling in a 5-yard Rakeem Cato toss as well to lift the Thundering Herd past the Owls by a score of 54-51 in double overtime.

Marshall (3-4, 2-1 Conference USA) will host UCF (5-2, 3-0) at 8 p.m. ET Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The game will be televised on CBS Sports Network with Dave Ryan, Corey Chavous and Evan Washburn on the call.

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## Column

## When science and food collide, labels are crucial

By **SAM MENDELSON**  
AMERICAN U. VIA UWIRE

In 1987, science fiction became reality. In this reality, what exactly constituted "food" changed, and consumers have since been left in the dark about what they eat.

As the world watches and waits for the results of the 2012 presidential election, Proposition 37 in California, which would mandate the labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), has been largely ignored.

A quick rundown of statistics is startling: 88 percent of U.S. corn, 90 percent of canola, 90 percent of cotton and 94 percent of soy are genetically modified. This results in a supermarket where over 70 percent of the products contain GMOs.

That statistic is worth repeating: more than 70 percent of foods in the United States are genetically modified. The future has arrived, and it is all around us.

The science fiction began at Calgene, a biotech firm now owned by Monsanto, whose scientists opened the door to a new food and agricultural revolution. The Green Revolution of the 1950s and 1960s increased crop yields and expanded the industrialized food system, fundamentally changing food at the molecular level.

Calgene created the Flavr Savr tomato, the first commercial GMO. This tomato unleashed a wave of genetic modification that has resulted in a food system dominated by GMOs.

GMOs have been designed to resist pesticides sprayed on fields, ironically allowing more to be sprayed, have longer shelf lives, be more tolerant to stress and even contain pesticides within the plant itself.

The benefits have been unparalleled food production in the U.S. The costs are an uncertain future of food and unintended consequences for both humans and the environment.

While there must be a separate argument about the effects of GMOs in relation to intellectual property, seed prices, health and the potential to form superweeds (which has already occurred), the discussion facing voters is far simpler.

If we understand food as a fundamental right to all people, the right to know what is in our food must also be accepted.

Fifty countries around the world, including Japan, India and China, already require the labeling of GMOs, and many of these countries restrict their use. The development of GMOs has the potential to be one of the greatest technological advances in food and agriculture in the 21st century.

However, the greatest problem regarding GMOs has been transparency. Monsanto and other large companies conduct their own studies on GMOs, limit the distribution of their data and results (because it is "proprietary") and are ultimately left to regulate themselves. Large companies such as Monsanto, DuPont, Dow AgroSciences, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Kellogg and General Mills have combined to raise \$47 million to fight Proposition 37.

The adage "you are what you eat" has taken on an entirely new meaning in the age of GMOs, and it is essential that products be labeled so that consumers know what exactly is in them. It is their right.

## Who do you think made the best points in the third Presidential Debate?

- Obama
- Romney

## ONLINE POLLS

## The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Who do you think made the best points in the second Presidential Debate?

- Obama 53% - 39 votes
- Romney 47% - 35 votes

Visit [marshallparthenon.com](http://marshallparthenon.com) to share your opinion.

## Editorial

## Religion and politics do not mix

A couple nights ago, Indiana Republican Richard Mourdock said something ridiculously foolish.

"... And I think even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen."

Seriously? Who in their right mind would believe in a God who looks down on us and plans for rape to happen? That is just stupid to think and even more stupid to say – especially when running for political office.

It is noteworthy that a good portion of the Republican Party wasted no time rushing forward to say they did not agree with him. Even Mitt Romney, Republican nominee for President and supporter of Mourdock, said his newly public views do not coincide with his own.

Of course Romney will probably flip his views next week and flop to the side of thinking God loves rapists if Mourdock gains followers – though fortunately it seems as if all sides think he is an idiot.

Murdock has tried to explain himself, focusing on saying he only meant God creates life and does not pre-ordain rape – but he said what he said and no public relations-written explanation is going to change it.

The whole abortion debate, discussion or whatever you would like to call it is stupid. People are entitled to their beliefs, and the right to tell others they think they are wrong for theirs, but when politicians use their religious beliefs as political platforms and even go as far as to create legislation based on those beliefs we barrel down a slippery slope which will be incredibly difficult to climb back up.

In other words – we are up a creek without a paddle because we have allowed our government to be fueled by religion for too long.

And now that Mourdock has made it known he has no problem mixing his religion and politics, one can only hope the people of Indiana will not give him the chance to spread his poison to the Senate by voting for someone else instead.

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## Column

## Don't monkey around with Facebook

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There's nothing quite like a world-renowned neuroscientist Facebooking about the lack of hot chicks who study the brain.

University of Chicago professor Dario Maestriperi is the esteemed author of many books on the minds and psychology of primates, and an expert on what the human brain finds attractive in the opposite sex, including the famed waist-to-hip ratio.

But his Facebooking about the paucity of gorgeous female neuroscientists at a recent international convention became public, and now it's triggered much angry and feverish commentary on the science blogs, including the problems women in science endure at the hands of cads and bounders.

Let's just call it 50 Shades of Neuroscience.

The Facebook remarks about a conference in New Orleans were captured by a "Facebook friend" (they're not all friends) and published on Inside Higher Ed, an online publication targeting colleges and universities.

"On Oct. 14, Maestriperi posted 'My impression of the Conference of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans. There are thousands of people at the conference and an unusually high concentration of unattractive women. The supermodel types are completely absent. What is going on? Are unattractive women particularly attracted to neuroscience? Are beautiful women particularly uninterested in the brain? No offense to anyone.'"

Some might certainly be offended, but someone must stand up for Maestriperi. It is obvious that he is (A) a man of science, (B) balding – perhaps an indicator of raging testosterone – and (C) offering further proof that scientists, like all primates, are intensely curious by nature.

"I love it," said Shooter, my able assistant. "Men can have no hair and be running up in years and still think they're so hot."

But I don't think she really loved it.

Perhaps the professor might someday study why there are so many Brad Pitt and George Clooney types who spend hours indoors, in laboratories, watching monkeys, or, as Shooter calls it, "The Geekfield."

Still, shouldn't a scientist be free to offer a hypothesis, run experiments and reach logical conclusions based on the evidence? Of course. It's not as if Maestriperi is some nerd who hides in his laboratory. He's been on TV, talking about how monkeys and humans respond to social situations. And he's also been quoted in newspapers about how the brain works when aroused.

"Men are attracted to women with a certain hip-to-waist ratio," Maestriperi was quoted as saying in a Chicago Tribune RedEye story under the headline "Researchers are busy in the lab trying to unravel the rules of romance." He added that tiny waists and bigger hips communicate fertility.

"Men also tend to like women who look young, as that also indicates ability to procreate," he

said then.

Who can dispute that?

Well, how about Neuroscience Girl?

She posted on the feminist blog Jezebel, disputing the professor's contention that there was a lack of gorgeous females at the conference.

"Um, what this man says is completely false. I was in attendance at this conference and was actually quite surprised by the large number of attractive women there (they far outnumbered the attractive males). That said, I'm a neuroscientist who works part time doing modeling (admittedly I'm no supermodel, but still you don't get these kinds of gigs without the looks)."

But serious journalists can't do reporting based on anecdotal evidence from anonymous attractive female neuroscientists, so we called the Society for Neuroscience in Washington. Kat Snodgrass, the society's spokeswoman, said she hadn't heard about the controversy.

"That's interesting, but we've never taken a poll or anything quite like that," Snodgrass told me. "The society doesn't have an official stance on attractiveness."

She told me that there were more than 28,000 neuroscientists in attendance at the conference in New Orleans. Thousands of scientific papers were presented, with nearly a dozen news conferences offered on discoveries.

"We don't have any studies about whether someone in science is attractive or not," she said to a question about the number of physically attractive

neuroscientists, male and female. "We have studies about why people are deemed attractive and how the brain responds to someone who may or may not be attractive."

But what about Maestriperi's observation about the lack of beautiful neuroscientists?

"You are welcome to ask him," she said.

So we tried and called his office and emailed him, but to no avail. I hope he's not married, or then he's in real trouble.

The University of Chicago doesn't want to touch this, but the esteemed institution of higher learning did release a statement from Provost Thomas Rosenbaum.

The statement is basically a statement about the fact that nobody's going to talk about it.

"The university does not speak for individual faculty members and will not take a position on the opinions expressed by our faculty. At the same time, faculty members do not speak for the university. The university has had from its founding a commitment to free and open inquiry, which requires that we welcome the broadest range of perspectives. We are dedicated to creating an environment that supports the best scholarship possible, and women are essential members of this academic community," Rosenbaum said.

It went on to talk about the steps the university has taken in support of female faculty members. But none of these identified any physical characteristics, i.e., hotness.

# Anti-U.S. rebels' triumph in northern Yemen brings peace to embattled region

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SAADA, Yemen — For much of the past decade, Yemen's far northern governorate of Saada, on the border with Saudi Arabia, has been one of the most conflict-wracked areas of this fractious nation, a place where war between the Houthis, who practice a brand of Shiite Islam known as Zaydi, and Yemen's Sunni-run central government has left thousands of dead and much of the region in ruins.

Today, however, the governorate is an unlikely bastion of calm, with the Houthis effectively seizing control during the months that the battle to depose former President Ali Abdullah Saleh distracted the central government.

Residents of the area largely welcome the stability that the Houthis have brought and discount the concerns elsewhere that the Saada "state within a state" is ruled through violence and intimidation.

Devastation from years of warfare is still evident. Wrecked homes dot the landscape, and civilians with devastating war injuries are common. But shops brimming with goods operate out of half-ruined buildings, bullet-scarred gas stations are open and construction is evident across this provincial capital — all signs of a tentative return to ordinary life, or at least a new normal.

There's no question of who's in charge: Houthi man the frequent checkpoints, and the Yemeni flag is a rare sight. Banners and graffiti bearing the Houthis' notorious slogan — "God is great, death to America, death to Israel, damn the Jews, power to Islam" — are everywhere.

Houthi leaders appear to have embraced their new role in governance enthusiastically — gaining popular backing, they say, through their commitment to clean rule and opposition to American interference in Yemen.

"At the head of our political program are leaders who reject bribery, who reject corruption," said Saleh Habra, the head of the Houthis' political bureau, contrasting Houthi leadership with what he characterized as the faults of other parties. "We have governance by those who are wise,



A wrecked building stands on the outskirts of the city of Saada in October 2012. Fighting between the government and the Houthis devastated the province, killing thousands and causing hundreds of millions of dollars of damage.

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trustworthy and religious."

But while movement leaders stress that their rule is rooted in the people's consent, many Yemeni politicians have condemned what they've characterized as a Houthi power grab. Control of the province, they say, came only after the former governor and other government-allied politicians and tribal leaders were forced to flee; the Houthis' actions amount to a coup against the authority of the central government.

"The Houthis' support isn't coming from legitimate political methods," said Naguib al-Saadi, the director of the Wethaq Foundation, a human rights organization based in Sanaa, Yemen's capital. "Their strategy is to use violence, to spread their influence through war."

Others in Saada dispute that the Houthis are governing a state within a state. Faris Manaa, a prominent arms dealer and former Saleh ally who was appointed the governor of Saada by a council of local notables, though without an official decree,

said he had frequent contact with the central government. Government employees continue to work in Saada; even soldiers still man their posts.

Manaa said the claims that the Houthi exercised complete dominance were distortions driven by those who didn't like how the fighting was resolved.

"Many are unhappy about the peace in Saada, that the Houthis are involved in the government," he said. "It's about wanting power."

Few analysts see any likelihood that the Houthi will be forced from their current role, though many think it's possible they'll cooperate with the central government one day.

"If you're talking about bringing the Houthi into submission, that won't happen. Times have changed," said Abdulghani al-Iryani, a Yemeni political analyst. "However, bringing them into a national deal that treats them as a partner is something that's very possible."

## Cards

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"Delivering the cards in person shows that you really care, rather than mailing them or having someone deliver them on your behalf" Midkiff said. "It shows that you are willing to take time out of your day to make someone who is going through a tough time smile."

The Hospice of Huntington has cared for more than 15,000 patients since it was founded in 1982. The Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, which opened in May 2006, is an inpatient facility that provides care for terminally ill patients and support for the families of the patients.

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## Spin-a-thon

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they moved it from Studio C out here to the lobby. We've had 300 dollars on our PayPal account in donations, that's not including people actually registering for the classes."

Sara Allen, 11, from South Point, Ohio, got involved because the cause was very close to her. "I'm actually friends with the

sister of Daniel Hughes and my mom told me about it because she signed up for it and my friend told me I should do it," Allen said.

Vlahos encouraged participants who enjoyed the spinning to sign up for spinning classes offered by the Marshall University Recreation Center.

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## Sandy

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In Cuba, some of the heaviest damage appeared to be in Santiago de Cuba, close to where Sandy roared ashore at the Mar Verde beach area with estimated 115 mph winds, quickly ripping across the island. Jose Rubiera, the island's chief meteorologist, told CBS News the impacts were "grave."

Residents emerged Thursday to survey widespread damage: flattened or partially collapsed homes in some areas, smashed windows in tall buildings and roads blocked by debris — but there were no confirmed reports of deaths.

The Cuba News Agency reported that Palma Soriano, San Luis and Mella were the provincial towns most affected by Sandy. Jorge Cuevas Ramos, president of the Provincial Defense Council of

Holguin, said the areas that sustained the most damage in the north coast province were the provincial capital itself, Banes, Antilla, Urbano Noris, Cueto, Rafael Freyre, Baguano and Mayari where part of the municipal hospital was destroyed. Most of the province lost power and newly planted beans and bananas were also damaged.

"The hurricane really hit us hard," Norje Pupo, a 66-year-old retiree in Holguin told The Associated

Press as he helped his son remove a large downed tree. "As you can see, we were very affected. The houses are not poorly made here, but some may have been damaged."

Radio Rebelde, the state-controlled station, reported Thursday that President Raul Castro said he expected to visit eastern Cuba soon. He also said he sent a "message of hope to Santiagueros" and asked that residents "have confidence in the Revolution because it won't leave anyone abandoned."

In Florida, the NHC extended tropical storm watches and warnings along almost the entire Florida east coast from the Middle Keys to Fernandina Beach at the Florida-Georgia line. Though Sandy's projected path through the Bahamas was expected to keep the strongest winds of the storm's "dirty side" well offshore, forecasters said some areas along the coast — especially from Palm Beach to Brevard County, could see tropical storm force winds.

## Training

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Although one-on-one training packages are available, there are other packages offered as well. Partner personal training is offered as an individual package. In this package, two clients are allowed to attend a session with one trainer. Group personal training is available too. This package allows three clients to attend a session with one

trainer. All sessions last one hour.

Sessions may be bought in increments of one, five or 10. More details about fees can be obtained at the Rec Center website, [www.marshallcampusrec.com](http://www.marshallcampusrec.com).

Purchases of these services may be made at the Marshall Recreation Center Welcome Desk.

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## Parton

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Parton struggled his first year at Marshall (junior year) because of many injuries but managed to start 10 games at left back and midfield. He also helped the team post four shutouts during the year and was on the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Parton has some goals for his final year playing college soccer.

"I hope the team will win the conference tournament at UAB next month and make it to the national tournament," Parton said.

After Parton graduates he would like to travel around the country a little before he starts working in the real world.

"I would like to find a job either in the U.S. or back home in the economics or finance field," Parton said. "My ultimate goal is to start up and own a successful company."

The Herd is set to compete in their second to last season game on Sunday against Southern Methodist University in Dallas at 1 p.m.

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## Preview

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"We've got to stop the run," Holliday said. "There's no secret to what Central Florida's going to do. They're going to line up and run power football right at you."

Last season's bout between the two ended in a 16-6 UCF victory. The game took place in Orlando and was played in undesirable rainy and muddy conditions, ultimately favoring the UCF power rush offense.

The matchup last year in Orlando marked a pivotal chapter in the season for the Thundering Herd and especially sophomore quarterback Rakeem Cato. Late in the game, a frustrated Cato had an emotional sideline outburst that was caught on the television broadcast and much discussed throughout the Marshall community. The incident demoted Cato to second-string on the depth chart behind former Herd quarterback A.J. Graham.

Cato said the UCF game was an impressionable moment in his tenure at Marshall.

"It was an ugly game," Cato said. "It was the turning point of my season and of my career. I lost my starting job and I had to mature as a man."

Coach Holliday said Cato has made drastic improvements since last October in Orlando.

"He's so much further along as a quarterback than where he was last year," Holliday said. "He's so much more mature and so much more confident. There's not an arena he's going to walk into that intimidates him."

Marshall is now ranked third in the conference with a 2-1 record. A Thundering Herd win Saturday would put Marshall in a tie for first place with UCF in the east division of the conference with a 3-1 record.

Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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## HOLY TRICK-OR-TREAT BATMAN!

### Batman, superheroes deliver candy to Huntington children

By DWIGHT JORGE  
THE PARTHENON

Batman and friends saved the candy of trick-or-treaters from the Joker at Pullman Square on Thursday night.

The Dark Knight handed out candy and posed in front of his Batmobile taking photos with children.

"We came up with the idea for kids to have a safe alternative for trick-or-treating with safe surroundings," Judy Eaton, 103.3-WTCR radio personality said.

Shops around Pullman Square participated, handing out candy to children at the event.

Clint McElroy, WTCR radio personality, thinks the event was a huge

success with parents and children.

"They are lined up all the way down the block," McElroy said. "Pullman Square is filled up with trick-or-treaters and families."

The event also supported a positive message given by Batman.

"He was giving an anti-bullying message and told the kids to stay away from drugs," Eaton said. "He gave them a nice message and now the kids can go up and trick-or-treat with all their favorite superheroes."

Jarrod Pinkerman came out with his family as a rehearsal for Halloween.

"It's sort of a practice fun for trick-or-treat. It's nice and warm, and you

can put a not so bulky costume on the girls and have some fun," Pinkerman said. "We are having a great time. Anytime my daughters are smiling, I'm smiling."

While the adults were having fun being dressed up as superheroes giving out candy to kids, the event was geared more towards children. "It's all about the kids tonight, so almost every one of the Pullman merchants are giving out candy," Kymberly York-Blake, marketing consultant for Clear Channel Communications said.

York-Blake said they were only expecting a few people at the event and she was shocked at the overwhelming number of children.

"Look at these beautiful children and all the fun they are having," York-Blake said. "This is a wonderful place to bring them and it's a safe environment they can just have a ball with."

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TOP: Batman poses with children at Pullman Square on Thursday. LEFT: Judy Eaton, left, and Clint McElroy, radio personalities from 103.3-WTCR dress up as the Green Hornet and Kato. RIGHT: Batman arrests the Joker for stealing candy. BELOW: Captain America protected children's candy from villains.

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