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# THE PARTHENON

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## W.Va. State Police conduct school bus sting

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As drivers go through their morning and afternoon commutes, West Virginia State Police and school officials are reminding the public to be cautious around school buses. They conducted sting operations to target drivers who run bus stop signs.

Patrick Blankenship has been a bus driver for three years, and as he fires up bus No. 743 at

the Cabell County bus garage, safety is a top priority.

"It's very important," Blankenship said. "More awareness needs to be raised, people need to understand."

All last week bus drivers and police officers were trying to call attention to the importance of safety around school buses.

The biggest and most dangerous problem they see is people running bus stop signs.

Blankenship said it happens almost every day.

"They don't stop," Blankenship said. "Some people slow down, but some just speed right through them, they don't even slow down at all."

Kristie White's son goes to Central City Elementary School in Huntington. She said she has seen how dangerous it can be when she gets her son off the bus.

"I was hit by a car when I was little," White said. "I love my son with all my heart, and if anything happened I would be devastated if he got hit by a car."

To crack down on the problem, all last week State Police were conducting sting operations to bust drivers who run bus stop signs.

A trooper rode on a school bus to spot offenders, while

another trooper off the bus, would be radioed to pull the driver over.

Cpl. R.S. Charlton, West Virginia State Police, said there are hefty fines for running a bus stop sign and that the offense is a misdemeanor.

"We take it serious," Charlton said. "These are kids we are talking about."

The stings follow an accident involving a student getting off

the bus. A Nicholas County girl broke her leg after being struck by a motorist. White said it is good to know that police are taking the offense serious.

"It's very comforting to know," White said. "State police and police officers are really protecting the safety of our children."

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## Advanced registration starts Nov. 5

By SUZANN AL-QAWASMI  
THE PARTHENON

Advanced registration for the spring 2013 semester begins Nov. 5 for students currently enrolled at Marshall University.

Roberta Ferguson, registrar, said this year all students of a particular class can register on the same day, regardless of last name. For example, the entire freshmen class can register beginning Tuesday, Nov. 13.

"We now have better systems that can control larger numbers," Ferguson said. "We used to be concerned about crashing the system, but we have larger servers that can handle more volume so we decided to eliminate the alphabetical breakdown and allow the whole class to register together."

Ferguson said most of the problems students experience during registration are due to holds on their records.

"Students need to make sure to meet with their advisers to have their advising holds removed and to check with financial aid to have their financial holds removed before advance registration begins," Ferguson said. "Even if you are very conscientious and know that you do not have any holds, it is always a good idea to check."

Ferguson said students can either log onto myMU or stop by the registrar's office to check the holds they have on their records. Ferguson said it is also important for students to take time to prepare for scheduling before advance registration begins.

"Normally we find that when students prepare their schedules ahead of time their registration goes very smoothly," Ferguson said. "Before next week, we would encourage students to look at the schedule of courses and see what classes they need to take so they will be ready when registration opens."

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## Octubafest wraps up with Tubaween

By DWIGHT JORGE  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Tubonium Ensemble celebrated part two of its annual Octubafest on Monday.

Tubaween is a music program presented by the College of Fine Arts who wear full Halloween costumes during the performance.

Kevin Eason, sophomore music education and jazz studies major, was among the crowd supporting his family.

"I came out tonight mainly to support my sister she is a euphonium player," Eason said. "I just really like the atmosphere I have been coming for the past three years because my sister she is a freshmen now at Marshall was invited her junior and senior year of high school and I have always been supporting her."

Even though the performers are having fun and dressed in Halloween costumes, the music still has a formal atmosphere.

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ABOVE, RIGHT: The Marshall University Tubonium Ensemble performs their Tubaween concert on Monday. Tubaween wrapped up the annual Octubafest event.

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## International Festival moves to Big Sandy

By KATIE WISE  
THE PARTHENON

Due to continuous growth, Marshall University's 49th International Festival will be moving to the Big Sandy Superstore Arena for this year's event.

The festival is free and open to the public on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Clark Egnor, director of Marshall's Center for International Programs said this year's international festival is themed "Think Globally, Act Locally."

International restaurants from the Tri-State area will be featuring sample-size portions of their cuisine for those in attendance at the festival.

Food tickets will be available to purchase for guests to sample a variety of dishes from all over the world.

Egnor said with growing diversity in Huntington and on Marshall's campus, it is important to integrate that growth into the community.

"It is a community-wide event, not just an event here on our campus," Egnor said. "We want to get the community ready for diversity and we are trying to highlight what organizations, companies and individuals are doing out there to connect globally."

More than 400 international students and community members from nearly 60 countries will be representing this year's festival and displaying their native cultures, dress, food and music.

"Marshall University's 49th Annual International Festival is going to be bigger than ever this year," Matt Turner, chief of staff, said.

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## Obama: 'We're ready' for Sandy, election will 'take care of itself'

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY  
Tribune Washington Bureau (MCT)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama expressed confidence Monday that state and local officials were prepped and ready for all that Hurricane Sandy would deliver, but asked for cooperation and patience from East Coast states getting pounded by the massive storm.

"Right now the key is to make sure the public is following instructions," Obama told reporters in the White House. "I'm confident that we're ready. But I think

the public needs to prepare for the fact that this is going to take a long time for us to clean up. The good news is we will clean up and we will get through this."

Obama spoke after meeting with top security and emergency officials in the situation room, where he was briefed on the trajectory of the hurricane and the coordination of the federal and state efforts to minimize damage. Obama said he had been in touch with governors and other local officials, and urged people to listen carefully to their warnings.

Obama scrapped a campaign appearance in Orlando earlier Monday and rushed back to Washington to be able to deliver this sort of from-the-podium warning. Rather than burning up the campaign trail eight days before Election Day, the White House was set on ensuring that Obama monitor the storm from Washington, where the trappings of his office clearly underscore his power and set him apart from his opponent, Mitt Romney. Although the White House regularly notes that Obama can, and does, perform all his

official duties from the road, the president believed in this case "it's essential in his view that he be in Washington," his spokesman Jay Carney told reporters on Monday.

In his remarks, Obama dismissed the potential impact the storm may have on the election.

"I'm not worried, at this point, about the impact on the election," he said. "I'm worried about the impact on families. I'm worried about the impact on our first responders. I'm worried about the impact on our economy and on transportation. The election will take care of itself next week."



# NEWS

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## Housing and Residence Life to sponsor trick-or-treat event

By **EVAN FOWLER**  
THE PARTHENON

The Department of Housing and Residence Life will have a trick-or-treat event Tuesday in all residence halls.

"We are really doing trick-or-treat for the families of the Marshall as well as the Huntington community,"

Tracey Eggleston, assistant director for the Department of Housing and Residence Life, said. "This is a safe place for families to bring their children to trick-or-treat and they don't have to worry about walking around the neighborhoods and being out in the weather and cold."

Eggleston also said in addition to being a great alternative for families in the area, they like to provide this event as a department because it is enjoyable for residents and staff. She said the event is a way for the residents to safely celebrate the holiday and also provides them with home away

from home feeling.

"Each year that I bring my daughter Avery to trick-or-treat on campus, it's a great experience," Jay Ike, special events coordinator for The College of Fine Arts, said. "I am always so surprised at how many Marshall students participate. They even decorate and dress in costumes."

Ike said it is a wonderful event that is climate controlled and safe with lots of friendly people and the candy is always a great part.

"I was a little disappointed that they scheduled it the same night as trick-or-treat in Huntington," Ike said. "But with Hurricane Sandy upon us, maybe it was a blessing

in disguise."

The trick-or-treat event will occur from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents and staff will be participating from the lobbies of the buildings. The event is free and open to the public.

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SAMUEL SPECIALE | THE PARTHENON

Recycling bins placed throughout Marshall University's campus allows students to recycle their plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Recycling saves the university money and resources, but the recycling department is optimistic about seeing an increase in recycling.

## Recycling department optimistic about increases in recycling at MU

By **SAMUEL SPECIALE**  
THE PARTHENON

Recycling at Marshall University is a process that starts with and is sustained by students, faculty and staff, as well as a service that saves the university money and resources.



Recycling containers are located in each building on campus and are strategically placed in order to make recycling easy for students, faculty and staff.

James Baldwin, the recycling coordinator at Marshall University, said recycling saves the university money.

"There is a transfer fee and a landfill cost for each ton of trash that we produce that is taken to the landfill," Baldwin said. "We save money by recycling because Republic Services does not charge us to move the material that is recycled. So, if recyclables are left out of the trash and put into recycling containers, it reduces the waste management bills."

Baldwin said the recycling process is simple and begins with students when they purchase and consume recyclable materials. Once thrown away, the recyclables are gathered and transferred to a sorting facility in Columbus, Ohio.

"I think a lot of people don't realize what happens to their trash," Baldwin said. "It is easy to just put something in the

trash and let someone else take care of it."

Baldwin said the Sustainability Department wishes to increase educational outreach on campus and has seen success with the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Physical Therapy.

"We have seen an increase in recycling, and we started recycling at the School of Physical Therapy, School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy over the summer," Baldwin said. "Also, this year was the first time that we worked with the residence halls to recycle cardboard from freshman move in. We ended up saving three tons of cardboard from being sent to the landfill."

Baldwin's passion for recycling and the Sustainability Department's push for educating students, faculty and staff have made an impact on campus as the amount of recycling, which has increased to account for 28 percent of waste at Marshall University.

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**TOP:** Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp, Robert Plymale, A. Michael Perry, Louis Weisberg, Charles Moore, Wael Zatar, Charles Somerville and John Maher break ground on the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, Monday, in Huntington. **LEFT:** University President Stephen J. Kopp speaks during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex on Monday.



## New engineering complex breaks ground despite inclement weather

By **KATIE WISE**  
THE PARTHENON

Inclement weather did not deter the attendance, nor demean the importance of the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex groundbreaking on Monday afternoon.

Despite the last minute venue change due to weather conditions, Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center housed a crowd at Monday's groundbreaking for the \$50 million engineering complex on Huntington's campus.

The applied engineering complex has been a steady work in progress ever since passage of Senate Bill 448 in 2004, which helped relaunch Marshall's engineering program.

Sen. Plymale, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, was the lead sponsor of legislation in 2004 that led to the revitalization of Marshall's engineering program.

"Of all of my initiatives I have worked on state-wide, this is probably one of my proudest days seeing this project finally come to fruition," Plymale said.

The engineering program is now one of

the fastest growing baccalaureate programs offered at Marshall.

"You are going to be able to remember that you were apart of perhaps the most important part of the revitalization of Huntington and this university, which will catapult us up into the age of technology and knowledge where the brightest and best people not only come here for an education, but more importantly to stay here and make a difference," Marshall University Board of Governors Member Emeritus, A. Michael Perry, said.

Of the six contractors who submitted bids to build the new complex, BBL Carlton of Charleston was chosen to construct the multi-story facility.

Bastian & Harris of Charleston, W.Va. and Hastings & Chivetta of St. Louis, Mo. were the design firms chosen for the complex construction and Terradon Corporation of Charleston, W.Va. was the landscaping firm chosen.

Once completed, the complex, which will be located on Third Avenue between the Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories and the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center, will be one of the

largest academic buildings on campus.

Occupants of the new facility will include the College of Information Technology and Engineering, which includes divisions of engineering, computer science, applied science and technology. Mechanical, electrical engineering and bioengineering research laboratories will also be integrated into the new facility.

Other occupants include: departments of mathematics and computational science, computer modeling and digital imaging/simulation resource facilities, a transportation research center and Marshall University's research corporation.

"The applied engineering complex is a culminating project that literally will transform what we can do with not only engineering but also technology, science and mathematics and integrating those interestingly enough with the arts," President Stephen J. Kopp said. "We are now shaping a landscape of opportunity that is unprecedented and unparalleled here at Marshall University."

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## Cyclone Sandy roars ashore in N.J.

Storm brings floods, power outages to region

By **JOSEPH TANFANI, DAVID ZUCCHINO and SCOTT GOLD**

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

PLEASANTVILLE, N.J. — Cyclone Sandy roared ashore with 80 mph winds in southern New Jersey Monday night, poised to deliver a terrible blow to the most populous region of the United States, paralyze the nation's epicenters of power and commerce and plunge smaller coastal communities into crisis.

After days of dire warnings and bustling preparations, the storm crashed ashore a little after 8 p.m. EDT, leaving more than 3 million people without power and at least two people dead. Although its winds reached low hurricane strength, officials called it a post-tropical cyclone. Cyclones, unlike hurricanes, are not defined by wind speed but how they find their energy, officials said.

Moving northwest at 23 mph, Sandy appeared

to pass over land just south of Atlantic City, N.J.

But the precise location of landfall didn't matter. Sandy is a freak event — a late-season hurricane hemmed in by weather bands, gobbling up the energy of the Gulf Stream as it raked the coast while growing into a ragged, 1,000-mile-wide storm. As it grew, so did its power to push a wall of seawater onto shore — with such force that some rivers were expected to run backward.

The result was a plodding ogre of a storm, powerful more because of its scope than its sheer strength. The metropolitan areas of Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York City were cast immediately in the crosshairs, but Sandy cast tropical storm-strength winds from the Carolinas to Maine. Hurricane-force winds stretched from Virginia to Massachusetts.

Because of its size, Sandy is more than a coastal event. Officials predicted a blizzard in the West Virginia mountains, 33-foot waves in Lake Michigan and high winds in Indiana. There were formal government warnings of one variety or another in 23 states, and 60 million people — nearly one in five Americans — could feel the storm before

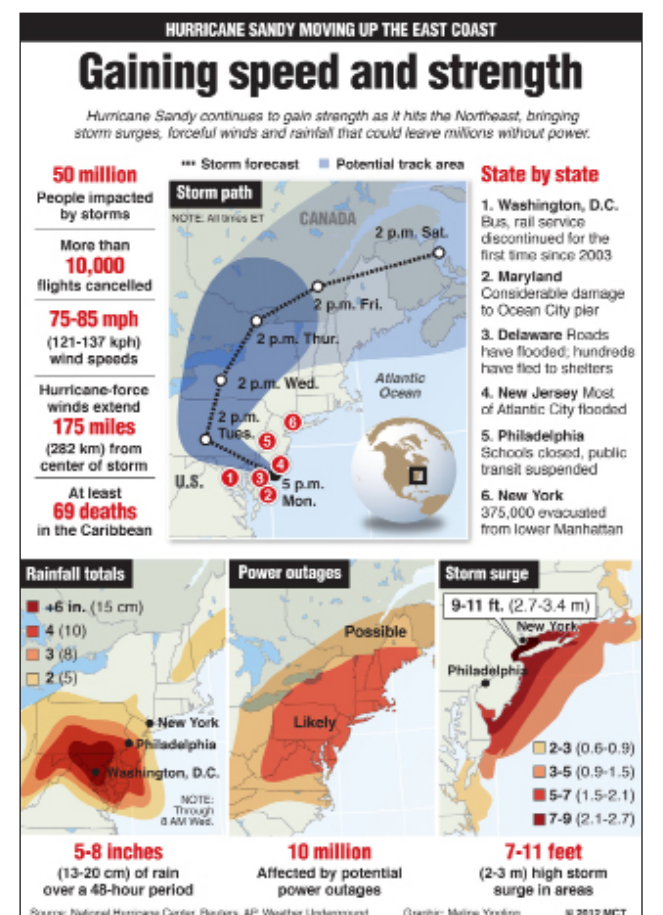
the end of the week.

Government officials implored the public to take precautions and heed evacuation orders.

Landfall came with darkness on the coast. The last flickers of daylight had revealed one ominous image after another: Firefighters in Long Island wading through 3 feet of water to get to a house fully engulfed in flames. Chunks of the fabled Atlantic City boardwalk, the oldest in America, floating past avenues whose names are on the Monopoly board — Pacific, Ventnor, Atlantic.

White-capped waves barked at the marble-stepped foot of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., and splashed over park benches at Stuyvesant Cove Park near New York City's East Village. A portion of Wall Street was under water, and fire stations in New York and New Jersey were being evacuated — one, in Manhattan, by boat. The floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Times Square, the monuments on the National Mall in Washington — all were deserted.

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EAST DIVISION	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
UCF	4	0	6	2
EAST CAROLINA	4	1	5	4
MARSHALL	2	2	3	5
MEMPHIS	1	3	1	7
UAB	0	4	1	7
SOUTHERN MISS	0	4	0	8

# SPORTS

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



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## Williams named to Ray Guy Award candidate list

**HERDZONE**  
Marshall freshman punter Tyler Williams was named to the Ray Guy Award Candidate List, as announced by the Augusta Sports Council on Monday. The list, which consists of 69 student-athletes, will be narrowed to 10 semifinalists to be announced Nov. 9. Following

that announcement, a national body of Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) sports information directors, coaches, media representatives, and previous Ray Guy Award winners will vote for the three finalists, who will be identified Nov. 19. The voting body will then cast ballots to select a winner.

Williams, a Springfield, Ore., native and Fort Wayne, Ind., resident, is second in Conference USA and ninth nationally with a 46.0-yard average. Of his 29 punts, 12 have been placed inside the 20-yard line and nine have been of the 50-yards-plus variety. The 6-foot, 195-pound Williams was named Conference

USA Special Teams Player of the Week following his Sept. 22 performance at Rice, where he averaged 50.8 yards (including a 66-yarder) on his five kicks, dropping three inside the 20. If he maintains his current average, Williams will set the single-season school record, surpassing that of Travis

Colquitt, who averaged 45.1 yards on 37 kicks in 1994. The presentation of the Ray Guy Award will be featured on The Home Depot College Football Awards live on Dec. 6 at 7:30 pm ET on ESPN. The show, hosted by ESPN's Chris Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Desmond Howard will feature

live presentation of nine player awards, along with the recipients of Disney's Spirit Award. The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award, the NCFAA (National College Football Awards Association) Contributions to College Football Award, and student-athletes selected to the Walter Camp All-America Team.

## Marshall baseball senior weighs in on fall season

**By CAITIE SMITH**  
THE PARTHENON  
With impending cold weather and potential snow approaching Huntington, it is appropriate that Marshall baseball wrapped up their Fall World Series and continuum of scrimmages.

The Fall World Series pitted the Herd against one another, dividing the players into green and white squads. The White team featured returning outfielders Isaac Ballou and Eric Escobedo, while Green had the upper hand of experience with infielders Sergio Leon, Andrew Dundon and Alfredo Brito.

The white squad came out victorious, taking the series four games to two.

Ballou said the chemistry of the white team was beneficial to their victory.

"We all had the same personality more or less, and the green team was all about talking smack," Ballou said. "White just showed up, stayed focused, did our job and spanked them in the end."

The veteran center fielder takes advantage of the fall season's schedule not only in terms of improvement, but for the team unity it creates.

"We spend a lot of time over the fall between weights and conditioning, practices and scrimmages," Ballou said. "It allows us to really get a feel for each other, get on the same page, and work toward the same goal—win a championship."

Ballou said his senior expectations on the season have not

changed much from last year. "My personal expectations never change. Play hard and trust God," Ballou said. "As far as the team goes, I want to win the regular season and then the conference championship. Even though we are a little green, we have enough returners and leaders to have a big impact in this league this year."

Marshall finished the 2012 season with a 17-37 record, only posting five victories in conference play.

Still homeless, the team played their scrimmages at Huntington High and uses the football stadium to practice.

The fall season might even be a little bit tougher than when the team is in-season.

"There weren't many days that my body wasn't sore," Ballou said. "But it pays off and gets you mentally tough. Lifting paired with the practice schedule is tough. Each is very demanding, and Coach Waggs demands that you play with intensity no matter what."

Marshall's roster supports fifteen freshmen, three sophomores and two junior transfers who have never had time in a Herd uniform.

"They are definitely a talented bunch of guys. They work hard and are invested in trying to establish a winning program here," Ballou said of the newcomers. "I look forward to going to war with them."

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Marshall University baseball short stop, Sergio Leon, prepares to hit the ball in a scrimmage on Oct. 19.

### Column

## Solid pitching and defense carries Giants in World Series

**By PHIL ROGERS**  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

DETROIT — New on the job and with a potential playoff team on his hands, Brian Sabean went out to find as much pitching as he could. He targeted the team that had the most to give, and shocked the baseball world by landing Roberto Hernandez, Wilson Alvarez and Danny Darwin in the same trade.

The deal that became known as the White Flag trade in Chicago helped Sabean's Giants win the NL West, but that was all. The Marlins, under manager Jim Leyland, swept the Giants in the first round.

The story didn't end there, however.

Sabean remained the Giants' general manager, reaching one World Series with Barry Bonds and riding out the rough end to Bonds' career, and never stopped valuing pitching. If anything, after that 1997 trade with the White Sox he became more convinced about the value of homegrown pitching. He quietly collected the pitchers that on Sunday night won the World Series for the second time in three years.

The Giants opened the season with a payroll of about \$118 million. Almost 48 percent of that (\$56.6 million) went to Matt Cain, Tim Lincecum, Barry Zito, Madison Bumgarner and Ryan Vogelsong.

Manager Bruce Bochy joined Sabean in San Francisco for the 2007 season, leaving San Diego after 12 years with a reputation for maximizing the value of a roster. He says he knew from the start that Sabean's plan was to win with pitching and defense, the old-fashioned way.

"At some point that was discussed, how we would make a transition from what the Giants were," Bochy said. "They were more of a power club, slugging club. In our division with the bigger ballparks, (he thought) that we would be better off going with pitching and defense and (trying) to get more athletic. So that was the plan, and Brian has done a great job with it."

Sabean, 56, is baseball's second most tenured general manager to the Twins' Terry Ryan. Among current GMs, only three others (Billy Beane, Brian Cashman and Dan O'Dowd) were on the job before 2000. Sabean and Cashman have had the most success among those in this group, but they've always been comfortable working in the shadow of their high-profile managers and star players.

With Sabean setting the agenda, the Giants became one of only three National League teams to win two championships in a three-year span since World War II. They did it without the fanfare of the Reds' Big Red Machine of 1975-76 or the Dodgers of Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and Maury Wills in 1963-65.

Because they had such strong pitching — using first-round



picks to accumulate Cain (2002), Lincecum (2006) and Bumgarner (2007) — and landed likely 2012 MVP Buster Posey with the first-round pick in '08, the Giants were able to build a consistent contender without investing heavily in run producers.

Cain, Lincecum and Bumgarner rolled through the 2010 playoffs, leading the Giants to an 11-4 record that was highlighted by a five-game World Series ending with a celebration at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The familiar suspects limped toward October this year, with Lincecum pitching his way out of the playoff rotation.

The Giants' starting pitchers had a 5.44 ERA in the first nine postseason games but kicked into gear when Zito beat the Cardinals' Chris Carpenter in Game 5 of the NLCS at Busch Stadium. That triggered a seven-game winning streak in which the Giants' rotation compiled an 0.99 ERA, consistently putting up the early-inning zeros that frustrated the Cardinals and Leyland's Tigers.

Counting Lincecum's work out of the bullpen, the regular-season rotation worked 30 of 37 innings in the World Series, allowing only four runs. The Tigers batted .159, with Prince Fielder and Miguel Cabrera going a combined 4-for-27 with only one homer and three RBIs.

Cain credited the dynamic created by Bochy and Sabean. "A lot of guys are loose and relaxed, and it just seemed like all the pieces fit together," he said. "A lot of us kind of had the same mentality about the game. Nobody really stood out and wanted to steal the spotlight, and I think that's what helped us."

Sabean has always been comfortable doing his work outside the spotlight. But he has done it so well that attention is finding him and his age-old plan. They say pitching and defense wins championships, and usually they're right.

## Shuler embraces leadership role

**By BRAXTON CRISP**  
THE PARTHENON

It is not very often in college football that young players step up and rally their team, but that's exactly what Thundering Herd sophomore receiver Tommy Shuler is doing. Shuler has emerged this season as one of quarterback Rakeem Cato's premiere targets and along with the added receptions on the field Shuler is becoming a vocal leader.

"We just have to go out there and go hard," Shuler said. "I just feel like this is a do or die situation for us and I feel like I've been one of the leaders so I'm going to put it on my back."

The "do or die situation" Shuler speaks of is the Herd's quest for a bowl game in back-to-back seasons for the first time since appearances in the 2001 and 2002 GMAC Bowl.

"As being one of the team leaders I'm going to amp everybody up," Shuler said. "I know once we go hard against each other (in practice) then Saturday we can come together and go hard. I really want our team to win and I really want our seniors to go out with a great bowl game. I just feel like we need to go out there and get a win."



Marshall University wide receiver Tommy Shuler catches the ball and runs past UCF's Jordan Ozerities in Saturday's loss 54-17. Shuler has 77 receptions on the season.

Standing at 3-5 so far this season, the Herd will need wins in at least three of their final four games to become bowl eligible. Those remaining four games are this Saturday at home against Memphis, a

Nov. 10 matchup at UAB, Nov. 17 at home against Houston and Nov. 23 at East Carolina to close out the regular season.

For now the Thundering Herd is looking forward to Memphis. "We have to put that UCF

game behind us and focus on Memphis," Shuler said.

This Saturday's game against Memphis is at 2 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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## ONLINE POLLS

Who do you think would win a debate, Michelle Obama or Ann Romney?

- Obama
- Romney

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

- Obama 48% - 39 votes
- Romney 52% - 42 votes

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## Editorial

## Nonsensical political advertising

With Election Day closing in, the attack ads are going full force – well the ones against President Obama are anyway.

Turn your radio on for more than two seconds and your ears will be filled by the voices of actors explaining to you how Obama has a war on coal, hates West Virginia and Southern Ohio and does black magic to ruin our country during weekly EPA meetings.

Okay, the last one may not have aired yet but who would really be surprised if it did?

The point is, there is so much garbage filling the airwaves these days some people on the fence may find themselves swaying away from the President due to false information. And that is simply not okay.

The educated voter, who honestly does not agree with Obama's policies is not the problem, but there are far too many people completely ignorant of the world outside their bubble who will vote for Romney simply because they believe he loves coal.

It would actually be quite hilarious if it was not so sad, that there are people who seem to honestly believe the President has a little

to-do list by his bed which includes "wage war on coal and jobs."

There is also the hatred of the EPA. How anyone in their right mind can hate the Environmental PROTECTION Agency is just baffling. Seriously, caring more about coal than the environment just makes someone a bad person.

No one will deny coal is a way of life in this area. It has provided the income needed to support families for many years. Coal is not the problem, and not the target of the EPA of the President. The agency dedicated to the protection of our environment is targeting the companies that would have the miners go into unsafe conditions and enact extraction policies which would unnecessarily damage the mountains West Virginians take such pride in – which, for some reason beyond understanding, those whose livelihoods depend on coal do not understand as a bad thing.

So voters, make your decisions based on educated thought and reason – not untrue advertising designed to scare you into voting the way they want you to.

## Column

## Romney, Obama need to focus on Internet's role in economic issues

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As I write this column, I still have not decided who I will be voting for in this year's presidential election. However, I will be demanding that whichever candidate is elected president, whether it's Romney or Obama, has a more coherent Internet policy than we have had under previous administrations.

This isn't to say that Obama has done a poor job. In fact, I think the strides he has taken toward keeping the Internet free and supporting transparency in government have actually been fairly positive steps. I think that his historic Aug. 29 Ask Me Anything thread on Reddit, in which the president answered questions on the social media site, showed, if nothing else, that he treats Internet policy as a serious issue even if the dialogue of the two campaigns hasn't emphasized it enough.

There is still a significant amount of work to be done. The freedom of the Internet is precarious, and we must be vigilant in protecting it.

A great deal of focus in the presidential campaign has been on the economy, as is probably necessary, yet, in my opinion, not enough of the dialogue has been about the role that the Internet plays in the economy. If it's not a huge campaign issue, it probably won't be a huge governing issue. That's a problem, because it has to be.

A significant portion of the much-touted economic success during the Clinton years came as a direct result of the Internet boom. Some have suggested that we may be on the verge of a second great wave of Internet development, one that could carry our economy into the next decade or two. With Web 2.0, a more modern update in the way the Internet is designed and used, finally finding a real place in the business world and showing viable revenue structures, the Internet is more important to the economy than ever.

However, this importance is not shown in speeches from Romney and Obama. So much of the discussion is on manufacturing jobs or education, and while both of these are important topics, issues of technology have been cast too far to the side.

Since Apple, Facebook, Google and Microsoft have found their place as some of the biggest companies in the world, the economy could be significantly hurt or helped depending on how we shape our Internet policy. These companies have business models that rely on relative freedom on the Internet. Any regulations surrounding these models need to be implemented with great care or, better yet, not put into place at all.

Yet, it is the Internet itself — the very nature of how we connect to each other in the modern world — that is frequently under attack from interest groups in Washington under the guise of fighting piracy. Piracy is a serious problem, and it's one that I take very seriously, but that's no excuse to push through poorly-constructed policy.

Our legislators have shown themselves to be woefully inept in terms of understanding how the Internet works and the role that it plays in the economy, and the dialogue in this year's presidential election so far has done very little to convince me that this going to change in the future.

Believe it or not, the Internet is actually more than a series of tubes, no matter what former members of the Senate might say. It's time that our representatives start acting like it. Let's start with the most important issue and demand that the next president, whoever it may be, come up with a coherent and intelligent policy.

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## Column

## The dangers of drones

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While last Monday's final presidential debate covered an impressive breadth of topics related to American foreign policy, the discussion of drone warfare was conspicuous only by its virtual absence. It is unfortunate and worrisome that the current centerpiece of American counterterrorism policy received so little attention from the candidates and moderator. Regardless of who is elected on Nov. 6, the United States' next president must establish stricter and clearer guidelines on the use of drones in combat.

Of course, there are political reasons for the dearth of discourse on drones. President Barack Obama cannot speak freely about a highly classified component operation, while his high-tech shadow war against Al Qaeda hardly fits into Mitt Romney's criticisms that the president has been soft on foreign policy. Indeed, when questioned directly during the debate, Romney stated that he supports the president's strategic use of drone strikes to "go after the people who represent a threat to this nation and to our friends." However, neither the president's aggressive stance on drones nor Romney's willing acceptance of it are particularly reassuring — for

all that has been made about the basic similarities between the candidates' brands of foreign policy, this shared attitude on drones is troubling to the extent that their use creates ambiguous legal and normative circumstances.

With technology playing an ever greater role in today's armed conflicts, the nature and character of warfare have been dramatically altered. As The New York Times described last spring, President Obama has made unprecedented use of cyberwarfare tactics in attacks on Iran's nuclear facilities and air strikes over Yemen, Somalia, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The future of warfare is quickly arriving, with sophisticated software that can wreck digital infrastructures and drones that can pinpoint and eliminate enemies on President Obama's now infamous "kill list" without any boots hitting the ground. But it is rather dubious whether these changes are unequivocally good for American power or the international system.

Fighting the war on terror from a computer lab somewhere in Nevada certainly has its benefits — leveraging our technological capacity means a high degree of accuracy when hunting a specific target and keeps American lives from being directly in harm's way. The war on terror has

become essentially "costless" when drones are involved because they minimize American bloodshed and render the highly visible commitment of ground troops unnecessary. Yet it is precisely this naive perception of war without cost, coupled with the Obama administration's failure to consult with Congress or the public, that makes drone strikes an important issue morally, legally and for America's international image.

On the other hand, the use of drones in pursuing terrorists has negative ramifications that are only just creeping into the wider public debate on foreign policy. Legally, the Obama administration has entered uncharted territory, not only by violating "the sovereignty of more countries, more times, than any other administration," according to Foreign Policy magazine chief executive David Rothkopf, but also by using drones in countries like Yemen and Somalia where the United States is not formally at war. Additionally, the September 2011 assassination of Anwar al-Awlaki, an American-born Muslim cleric and Al Qaeda propagandist who had been hiding in Yemen, raises valid questions about whether a president can order the killing of an American citizen without due process, whatever the

circumstantial evidence.

Furthermore, current policy either obscures or ignores the moral implications of drone usage. Despite the president's insistence on personal oversight, the pace at which strikes are being carried out and the methodology for counting casualties suggest that the Obama administration has allowed its national security agenda to supersede concern for civilian harm and America's global prestige. Across East Africa and South-Central Asia, drones are unwelcome symbols of omnipresent American influence and provide powerful fodder for the recruitment of extremist militants. The present focus on strikes seems to have diverted attention from long-term goals and the strategic pitfalls of flaunting American primacy.

Ultimately, our next president must concentrate on providing the proper context and transparency with respect to drone policy. There should be explicit, published guidelines for what constitutes a credible threat and high standards for the level of intelligence needed to trigger a drone strike. Otherwise, the United States risks setting a poor international precedent of casual disregard in the expanding realm of high-tech warfare.





The Marshall University Tubonium Ensemble performs their Tubaween concert on Monday. Tubaween wrapped up the annual Octubafest event.

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“The Halloween music aspect makes it a little easier on the performers because you’re dressing up and everybody else is dressing up,” Eason said. “Candy is passed out, so everything is so much calmer. You’re playing in front of everyone and you’re still doing your still doing your best its still professional.”

Along with their high school guests, the ensemble featured nearly 30 tubas and euphonium players.

Joey Graybeal, freshman music studies major performed for the first time at Marshall at Monday evening’s event.

“I really do enjoy the Tubonium group my favorite song had to be the Little Medley of Horrors,” Graybeal said. “Dr. Palton is a very good arranger

he arranges most of the pieces we do play they are very well done.”

Graybeal said the performers start practicing for the show at the beginning of the school year and many of the performers put in long hours of practice each week.

Graybeal said the best part of the night for was the audience.

“Performing the pieces we prepared for the enjoyment of

the crowd,” Graybeal said.

Marshall’s Tubonium Ensemble is already preparing for their next event, which is scheduled to happen during the Christmas season.

Tuba Christmas will be Dec. 1 and will feature ensemble, which will play Christmas themed music and decorations.

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**Groundbreaking**  
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Weisberg, president of Arthur’s Enterprises, made a large gift pledge to the Marshall University Foundation this past summer. His contributions, along with funds from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission lottery, Marshall’s bond issue from last fall and other private donations will pay for the complex.

Monday’s ceremony honored Art and Joan Weisberg and their family for their many contributions to Marshall University, especially the

applied engineering complex, which will bear the family’s name.

Additionally, the ceremony offered keynote speakers the chance to discuss the process behind bringing the complex to Marshall and their hopes for the engineering program’s future.

Keynote speakers included A. Michael Perry, W. Va. Sen. Robert H. Plymale, Arthur Weisberg, and Marshall University President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp. Because they were unable to attend, individuals were designated to speak on behalf of U.S. Sen. Rockefeller and Manchin, as well as

Congressman Rahall.

Monday’s groundbreaking ceremony shows how much the engineering program has expanded in a relatively short amount of time.

Dr. Wael Zatar, dean of Marshall’s College of Information Technology and Engineering, said many engineers in the state are close to retirement, causing a gap in engineering employment. With the help of the new engineering complex, Marshall’s engineering students will become versatile, skilled graduates, able to fill the gap in employment.

“There is a huge need for engineering graduates, last month alone engineering jobs increased by 17 percent,” Zatar said. “I think with the additional facility and with the expansion of our program, within a five to ten year period I think we would be able to fill in the huge gap that is needed at this point for the state and region.”

Construction on the 145,000 square-foot, four-story complex will begin this week and is estimated to be finished in 28 months for the February 2015 opening.

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The schedule of courses for the spring 2013 semester is available through myMU or on the Office of the Registrar’s website.

William Biggs, assistant registrar, said the university is excited to introduce DegreeWorks, a new online degree audit system that they hope will help students during the registration process.

“It is an online advising tool that is up-to-date with all the

classes they have taken, classes they need to take and classes they are currently registered in,” Biggs said. “It also shows students their GPA as well as the holds they have on their records.”

Biggs said undergraduate students who are currently on the CORE plan can experience all the benefits from the program, and those who are not can still see all the courses

they have completed. He said the program is not yet open to graduate students but is something they hope to have available to students in the near future.

Ferguson said while DegreeWorks is a useful tool for students, it in no way is meant to replace the advising process.

“We would never want to replace that relationship that

students have with academic advisers, because there is much more to academic advising than helping a student fix his or her schedule,” Ferguson said. “This program will help the adviser make it a much more positive experience for both the student and the adviser.”

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Those snapshots portended a week of misery in the Northeast, federal authorities warned. After landfall, the storm was expected to stall near Philadelphia, then curl slowly toward the north and then the east — strafing Pennsylvania on Tuesday, New York state on Wednesday, New England and Canada on Friday and Saturday.

After a tidal surge as tall as 12 feet inundates coastal areas, freshwater flooding could plague other pockets of the Northeast for days. The tale of the next few

days will likely be water, water everywhere — from the sky as rain, hail and snow; from the ocean, surging in rivers and back bays with nowhere to go. Power outages could also linger for days.

“This is a long-duration event,” said Rick Knabb, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The 3-million-plus homes and businesses without power included half a million in New Jersey.

The federal government announced that its offices would be closed again on Tuesday, and analysts warned that damage could top \$10 billion.

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Matt Riley, a sophomore Biochemistry major, shares this passion for reducing our effect on the environment and said he wishes more people would see the benefits of recycling.

“I think recycling is great,” Riley said. “It helps the environment and it’s not hard to do because anytime you are at a trashcan on campus you can just as easily put something in a recycling bin.”

Riley said people do not take advantage of recycling and that more education would encourage people to recycle more.

“People should recycle because it helps the environment,” Riley said. “We are destroying it with all of our trash and recycling helps slow that process down and helps preserve the environment.”

Baldwin said the challenge of increasing recycling

on campus has been finding ways to educate people so they can change habits.

“It’s important for people to know that Marshall does recycle,” Baldwin said. “The challenge is really breaking habits that have been in place for a long time and making it easier for people to recycle.”

Despite the challenges, Baldwin said he feels optimistic about the future of recycling at Marshall.

“More and more students are coming to Marshall with a knowledge of recycling and just need to know what the process is like at Marshall,” Baldwin said. “I am optimistic because as students continue to become educated it will be easier to break habits.”

Baldwin encourages students, faculty and staff to continue recycling and continue making Marshall greener.

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Additionally, music and dance from various countries will also be featured, including Middle Eastern music and dance by TarabRaqs and Latin music by ¡Comparsa!

The festival, sponsored by FoodFair Supermarkets, is partnering with Cabell County Schools and Mountwest Community and Technical College to expand the festival.

Participating restaurants include: The Original Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse; El Ranchito’s authentic Mexican

restaurant; Crumpets & Tea, featuring a British menu; Mama Rosa’s, featuring a Mediterranean menu; Nawab Indian Cuisine; Wonderful Chinese Restaurant; Thai House Restaurant; The Red Door- A Gathering Place, featuring Ciao Bella Healthy Italian; La Famiglia, featuring a southern Italian deli and Marshall Dining by Sodexo.

Marshall University’s Center for International Programs may be contacted for more information regarding the festival.

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## Hashtags seep into everyday speech

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MINNEAPOLIS — Heard in the high school hallway: #.

No, that's not pronounced "pound" or "number." Try "hashtag."

The character so ubiquitous on the social media website Twitter, first as an organizing tool and then as a way to add commentary to short posts, has made the leap to everyday speech, especially among teens.

"In the last six months, it's gotten really popular to speak in hashtags," said Megan Skelly, a senior at Lakeville North High School. "It's kinda funny."

For example?

"Let's say somebody got mad at you for something you aren't sorry for," said Mikayla Loneran, a Lakeville North sophomore. "Whatever. Hashtag, sorry not sorry."

Her friends offer other examples: Quote something profound? "Hashtag, truth." Flirting with that cute classmate? "Hashtag, I can't date you if ... (insert silly qualifier)."

Odd as it may sound, linguists say it's nothing new.

"This is the kind of thing we do with language. We take things from one context and put it in another," said Naomi Baron, author of "Always On: Language in an Online and Mobile World" and a professor at American University. "It's a way of being cute."

Acronyms from instant messaging and texting build off abbreviations from previous eras.

In a sense, RSVP and AWOL paved the way for OMG and BFF. In the case of LOL, the meaning has changed over time from "lots of love" to "laugh out loud." It's a small leap from there to speaking in hashtags.

While the shortened phrases, written or spoken, may start with a niche of the population, it doesn't take long for them to spread in a digital age.

Baron points to colleagues in their 50s, 60s and 70s who toss out BRB (as in "be right back").

"We do this because we're social animals, as well as being people who should act our age," Baron said. "You hear these things, why not use them?"

As hashtags become more commonly known, the trendiest make the jump to speech.

"You'd never really say one that isn't

popular, because then people wouldn't get it," said Kendall Huber, another Lakeville North sophomore.

It's also possible to use hashtag lingo without uttering the word "hashtag" itself.

As in: "I can't find a wireless connection ... (pause) First-world prob(lem)."

Translation: Yes, I know I'm whining about an inconvenience in a generally well-off country.

Or turn the school's unofficial motto into a hashtag both typed and spoken. If you're a Lakeville North student full of school pride: "Let's go to the football game! (#)North or none!"

Use the hashtag equivalent of air quotes, criss-cross the extended index and middle fingers of both hands while making a quip, at your own risk.

"I've only seen that a couple times," Loneran said.

Students in teacher Nicole Kronzer's English classes at Champlin Park High School have made a good-natured game of stumping her with hashtag talk.

It started when she confessed confusion when a student quipped, "Hashtag, YOLO." The acronym means "you only live once" and the laughing students told her it was "like so three months ago."

"I think there's absolutely no way an adult can keep up, and maybe we shouldn't," Kronzer said, admitting she's impressed by the cleverness of the ever-changing lingo.

She often compares notes with her colleagues.

"Lunchtime becomes this teenage-to-adult dictionary translation time sometimes," Kronzer said.

Entertained or annoyed, some can't help but wonder what all this digital babble bodes for grammar, spelling and proper speech.

After all, a 2009 study by the Pew Internet & American Life Project found that half of teens let informal language slip into their school writing assignments. Thirty-eight percent admitted using shortcuts learned through instant messaging and e-mail.

But University of Minnesota linguist Anatoly Liberman, who lumps Twitter and texting in with all sorts of other slang, is not concerned.

"It's alive today and dead tomorrow," he said. "It takes stronger artillery to destroy English."

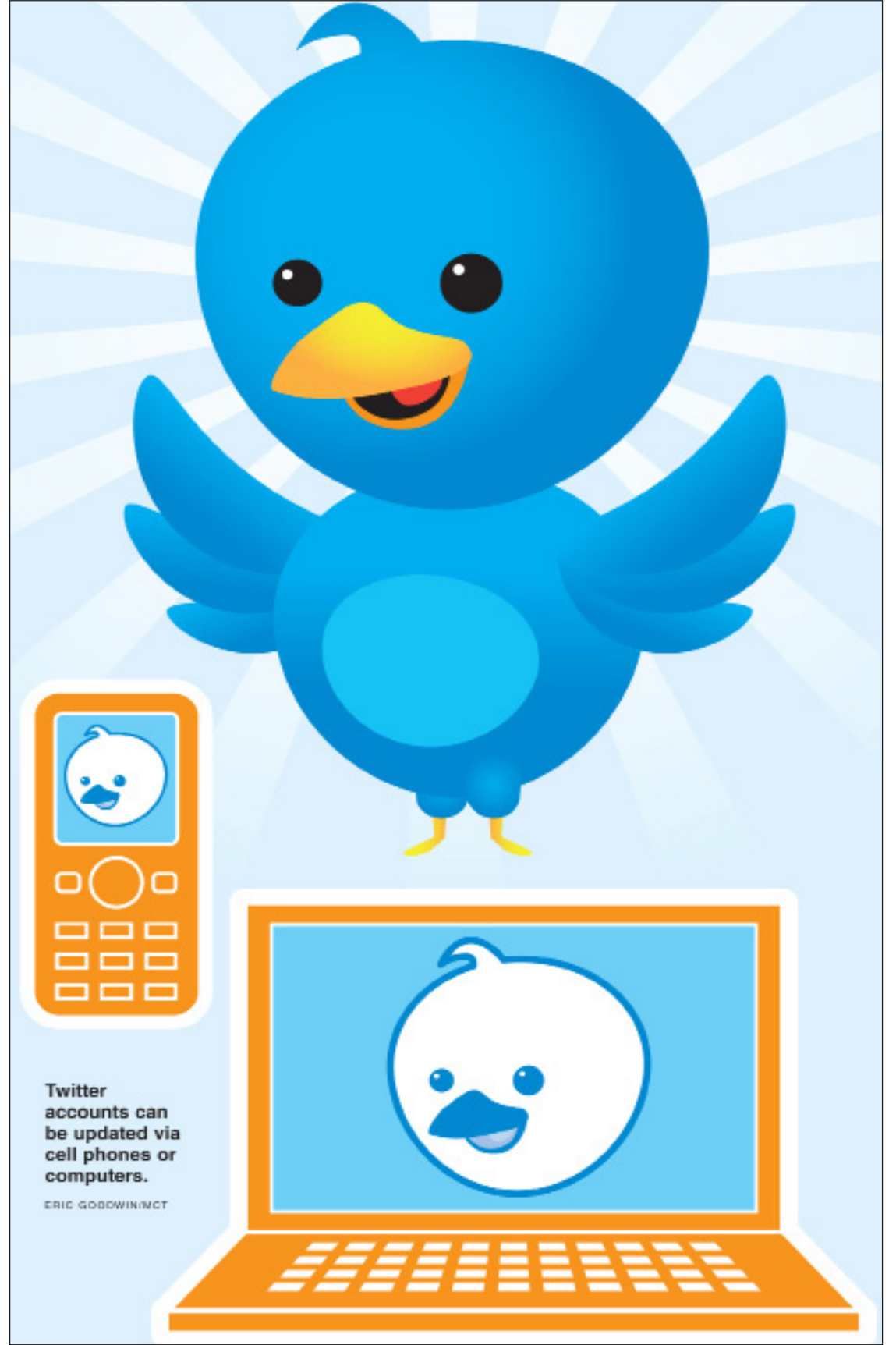


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## Disney borrows from Pixar's best for 'Wreck-It Ralph'

By ROGER MOORE

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Disney Animation takes a page out of Pixar's well-worn playbook for "Wreck-It Ralph," a screwball farce with a novel setting and more edge than your average Disney 'toon.

"Ralph" finds fun in the outside-the-arcade-game life of the characters trapped in those games, forced to play hero, pawn or villain forever. Or until the game falls out of favor and the power is shut off.

The cartoon-voiced John C. Reilly gives life to Ralph, a beast in a Donkey Kong-like kiddie game titled "Fix-It Felix." Felix, played by Jack McBrayer, the pixie-voiced page of NBC's "30 Rock," repairs this wonderful apartment building for all his friends, the tenants, to live in. The hulking Ralph, 9 feet tall and 643 pounds, lives in the brick pile over by the dump. He wrecks stuff that Felix has to fix.

"I'm a bad guy," Ralph mutters. And even though "a steady arcade gig is nothing to sneeze at," he's had enough, he tells his video-game villains (Bad-Anon) support group. He's skipping out after hours, finding his way to a game where HE can be the hero, win the "medal" and become beloved.

The video game universe created here is "Monsters, Inc." detailed, and peppered with actual video game characters such as Sonic the Hedgehog, Pac-Man and Qbert. The filmmakers have fun with graphics and animation sophistication, from the jerky motion of the "Pac-Man" and "Donkey Kong" era to the

HD slickness of today. Gamers will get a kick out of a montage showing the years pass in this one arcade, with forgotten games such as Battlezone replaced by the next big thing.

Ralph has plenty of places to go for glory. Let's start with a first-person shooter game titled "Hero's Duty," where Sgt. Calhoun (Jane Lynch, hilariously over the top) leads her digital commandos into battle against alien "cy-bugs."

The voice casting here is stellar. The cracking, booming Reilly would have been right at home on "The Flintstones" or any Hanna Barbera cartoon of the Golden Age of TV cartoons. Silverman sounds like she's on helium and Lynch has become the biggest laugh in tough-gal comedy, even when she's just using her voice.

Since taking over all of Disney's animation, Pixar guru John Lasseter has made an imprint on the Mouse's non-Pixar films, and "Ralph" shows many Pixar house touches, a solid story, dazzling detail, inventive settings and jokey characters. And there's a message bland enough to not offend everyone.

"I will not be good and that's not bad. There's no one I would rather be than me."

The movie stalls in "Sugar Rush" to the point where your teeth may ache. But there's plenty of video gamescapes left over for a \_ wait for it \_ sequel. The eye-popping animation and joke-ready setting suggest "Wreck-It Ralph" would be right at home crashing through many a game console, and for years to come.

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