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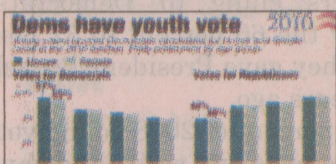
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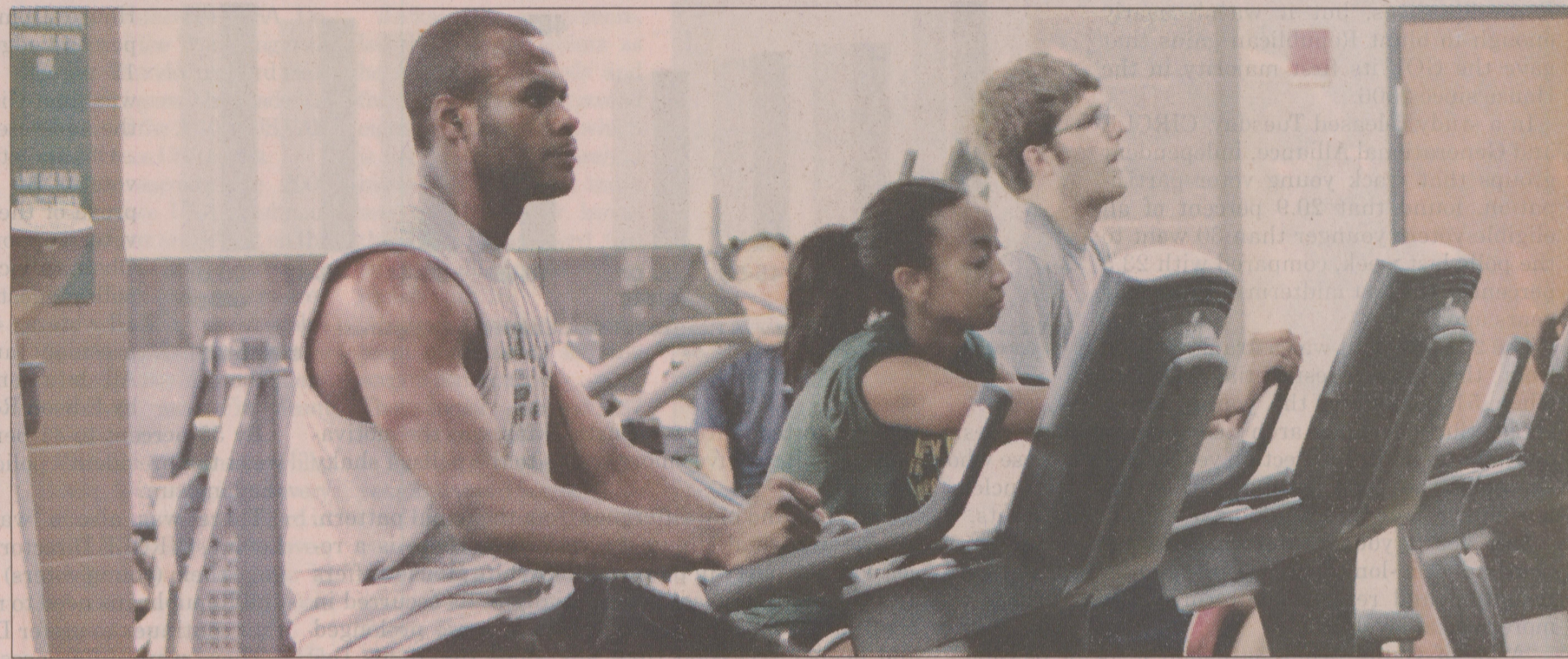


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SGA questions new policy on student fees for Marshall Recreation Center



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The recreation center is free the first three weeks of each semester for part-time students, but they must pay a pro-rated price afterwards.

BY DREW HETZER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp released inconsistent information to the Faculty Senate about new information in relation to the fee policy at the Marshall Recreation Center.

Kopp said in an e-mail to the Faculty Senate that all registered students are permitted full access to the recreation center during the first three weeks of the fall and spring semesters.

Members of the Student Government Association said during a meeting Tuesday that there has been at least one incident in which this policy was not enforced.

Kelly Kutzavitch, an SGA senator and recreation center employee, said the recreation center has fallen short in keeping employees updated with new information.

"I think there is a lot of stuff going through the recreation center that is not being published," she said. "It's not that they are

trying to hide information, but they just have not been aware of the concern."

Patrick Murphy, student body president, said Kopp informed him that there is no entry fee for the first three weeks of each semester.

"President Kopp said since those first three weeks are free, then there is value to it," Murphy said. "I disagree with it. The semester is 16 weeks long, so I don't think it really means that much."

Matt Turner, chief of staff at

Marshall University, said they will try to work with the SGA to come up with a solution and satisfy some concerns.

"There will be no revision to the fee," he said. "Instead, we need to work with the SGA and come up with a solution that does not violate the bond conveyance and follows state code."

Turner said the state code requires the university to pro-rate tuition for part-time students.

"The bottom line with respect to this issue is that no discernable

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Journalism professor emeritus and author visits MU

BY DALTON HAMMONDS
THE PARTHENON

A professor emeritus and textbook author returned to Marshall University to speak to journalism students.

George T. Arnold told students last week good writing requires hard work.

"It's hard work, but it must be done to ensure a good story," Arnold said.

Arnold, who holds a Ph.D. from Ohio University and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Marshall, said any writing that journalists do has to be correct and with proper grammar and language.

"I love coming back to Marshall," Arnold said in a presentation to news-writing students. "I've been teaching around this same round table since 1968."

Arnold, a self-proclaimed "grammarholic," said students should fix grammar mistakes even if it upsets those around them. He said one year at the West Virginia State Fair he was asked to leave a crafts stand after offering to correct the artist's

grammatical errors.

Arnold's book, the "Media Writer's Handbook," was first published in 1995 and is going to be printed for the sixth time.

"There wasn't really a good book to cover the material I was attempting to cover," Arnold said about how he created a media-writing textbook. "I started to make handouts, and soon the handouts got so thick that a publishing company wanted to know if I wanted to do a book."

The "Media Writer's Handbook," published by McGraw-Hill, is used by students on more than 80 college and university campuses, according to a story in the Spring 2007 edition of Marshall Magazine.

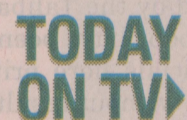
Arnold, a recipient of Marshall University's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, is also a member of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism Hall of Fame.

Arnold, now a professor emeritus, retired in 2004 after more than 35 years of teaching. He said he has relocated to South Carolina to be closer to his family.



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Arnold taught at Marshall University for more than 35 years. He is the author of the "Media Writer's Handbook."



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NBC



Hell's Kitchen
8 p.m.
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Modern Family
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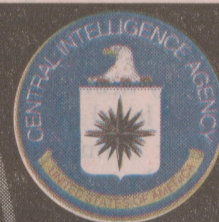


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Voter turnout down for 18 to 29-year-olds

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN
MCCATCHY NEWSPAPERS
(MCT)

WASHINGTON — About 20 percent of the nation's young people turned out to vote last week, a drop from the last midterm election in 2006.

Despite the sparse turnout, voters age 18 to 29 voted overwhelmingly for Democratic candidates for the House of Representatives, but it wasn't nearly enough to blunt Republican gains that gave the GOP its first majority in the House since 2006.

In a study released Tuesday, CIRCLE and Generational Alliance, independent groups that track young voter participation, found that 20.9 percent of all eligible voters younger than 30 went to the polls last week, compared with 23.5 percent in the last midterm election four years ago.

The 2010 turnout was a dramatic drop from the 2008 presidential election, when 51 percent of the young people voted. Such declines aren't common between presidential and midterm election years. Even if those who showed up in 2008 had voted this time, it's unclear how much their vote would have helped Democrats.

This year's young voter turnout trend reverses a nearly decade-long increase in 18-to-29-year-old participation and returns midterm election turnout to more typical levels.

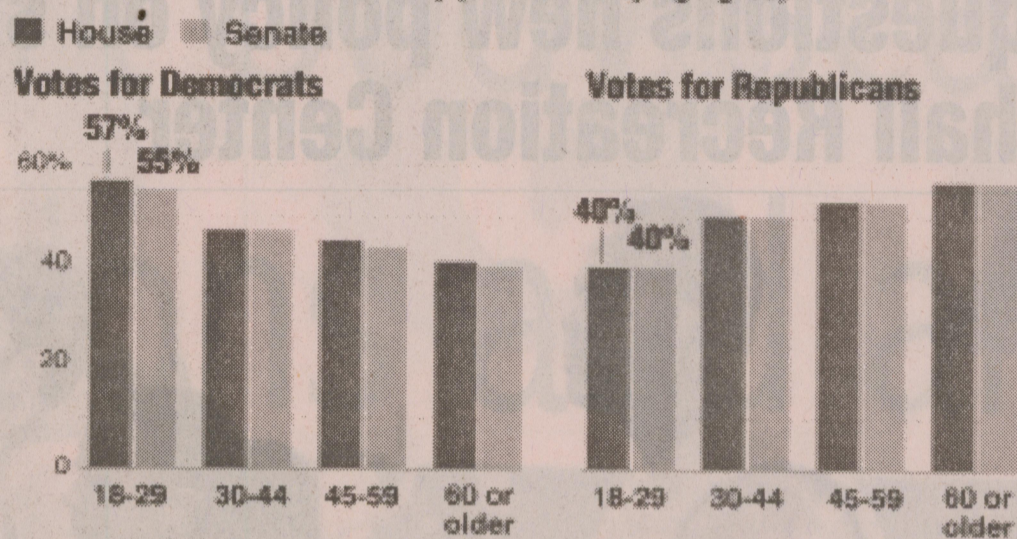
"A lot of young people still had a lot of passion," said Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, the CIRCLE lead researcher. "But the same people who recruited them and said, 'Here's what you can do' two years ago weren't around."

Nationally, the turnout trend went the other way — an estimated 42 percent of eligible voters went to the polls last week, compared to 40.8 percent four years ago, according to the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, which studies voter trends.

A key reason for the higher national turnout, said

Dems have youth vote

Young voters favored Democratic candidates for House and Senate races in the 2010 election. Party preference by age group:



Source: The Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement
Graphic: Judy Trebbe

ELECTION
2010

Exit polls found that House Democrats got 48 percent support from women, down from 55 percent two years ago. Republicans won 49 percent of their vote this time.

Young voters clung to Democrats, though not by the 66 percent to 32 percent margin they gave President Barack Obama two years ago.

Eighty-two percent of 2008 young voters went to the polls last week, and gave House Democrats a 57 percent to 40 percent edge. Young voters were about 11 percent of the electorate, and Kawashima-Ginsberg said it's unclear how the non-voters would have voted.

Obama still does well among young voters. By a 60-40 margin, they approve of the job Obama is doing. Young voter support was considered crucial to Obama's victory two years ago, and the poll suggests it's barely waned. Among all voters, 45 percent approved of the president and 54 percent disapproved. All data comes from national exit polls by Edison Research.

By 55 percent to 41 percent, young voters said last week the president's policies would help the nation in the long run.

There was also a warning to Democrats. Peter Levine, CIRCLE Director, said Democrats "need to engage them (young voters) better than they did in 2010, and Republicans need to make inroads in a generation that continues to prefer Democrats."

There were differences between young voters who have attended college, about half the electorate, and those who didn't. Though the economy topped the list of issues for all voters, those lacking college experience were more likely to cite health care as a priority, as well as job creation.

The young electorate this year was also more diverse than the nation. Two-thirds of voters 18 to 29 this year were white, 14 percent were black, 15 percent Latino

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Supreme Court cell phone case impacts consumers

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU
(MCT)

WASHINGTON — Vincent and Liza Concepcion bought cell phone service from AT&T Mobility in Southern California because the offer included a "free" Nokia phone. They objected, however, when they were charged \$30.32 in sales tax.

This hardly sounds like a federal case, let alone a Supreme Court landmark, but it could decide the legal rights of millions of American consumers. At issue is whether they can join with millions of others in a class-action suit against a company if they believe they were cheated of a small amount of money.

Many companies are determined to shield themselves from suits that could turn a \$30 claim like the Concepcions' into a \$30 million court case. The fine print that comes with their products often includes a clause that says the purchaser agrees to take any complaints to an arbitrator and may not join a class-action suit.

The Supreme Court heard arguments Tuesday in the case of AT&T v. Concepcion to decide whether companies can enforce those arbitration clauses, and the justices sounded split.

It "will gut consumer protection laws" if businesses can prevent class-action suits because "small frauds" will go unpunished, argued Deepak Gupta, a Public Citizen lawyer representing the Concepcions. Consumer advocates say millions of customers have complaints about cell phone charges, but no lawyer would take on such a complaint unless they could be combined into a large lawsuit.

The state and federal courts in California have refused to enforce the ban on class-action suits, saying it is fundamentally unfair to consumers.

Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan took the consumers' side, noting that unfair arbitration clauses have been struck down under California state law.

"Who are we to say that the state is wrong about that?" Kagan asked.

But in recent years, the court's conservative bloc has regularly ruled in favor of mandatory arbitration, citing the Federal Arbitration Act. The legal question in the case is whether the federal law trumps or "pre-empts" the state's consumer friendly laws.

Justices Samuel A. Alito and Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. leaned in favor of arbitration, noting that federal law says these contract agreements can be enforced.

In the past, conservatives often argued for states' rights, while liberals favored strong federal authority. But in business cases these days, the sides are reversed. The liberals tilt in favor of state laws that allow for suits by consumers or workers, while the

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Administration moving away from 2011 Afghanistan withdrawal date

BY NANCY A. YOUSSEF
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(MCT)

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has decided to begin publicly walking away from what it once touted as key deadlines in the war in Afghanistan in an effort to de-emphasize President Barack Obama's pledge that he'd begin withdrawing U.S. forces in July 2011, administration and military officials have told McClatchy Newspapers.

The new policy will be on display next week during a conference of NATO countries in Lisbon, Portugal, where the administration hopes to introduce a timeline that calls for the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO forces from Afghanistan by 2014, the year when Afghan President Hamid Karzai once said Afghan troops could provide their own security, three senior officials told McClatchy, along with others speaking anonymously as a matter of policy.

The Pentagon also has decided not to announce specific dates for handing security responsibility for several Afghan provinces to local officials and instead intends to work out a more vague definition of transition when it meets with its NATO allies.

What a year ago had been touted as an extensive December review of the strategy now also will be less expansive and will offer no major changes in strategy, the officials said. So far, the U.S. Central Command, the military division that oversees Afghanistan operations, hasn't submitted any kind of withdrawal order for forces for the July deadline, two of those officials said.

The shift already has begun privately and came in part because U.S. officials realized that conditions in Afghanistan were unlikely to allow a speedy withdrawal.

"During our assessments, we looked at if we continue to move forward at this pace, how long before we can fully transition to the Afghans? Of course, we are not going to fully transition to the Afghans by July 2011," said one senior administration official. "Right now, we think we can start in 2011 and fully transition sometime in 2014."

Another official said the administration also realized in contacts with Pakistani officials that the Pakistanis had concluded wrongly that July 2011 would mark the beginning of the end of U.S. military operations in Afghanistan.

That perception, one Pentagon adviser said, has convinced Pakistan's military, which is key to preventing Taliban sympathizers from infiltrating Afghanistan — to continue to press for a political settlement instead of military action.

"This administration now understands that it cannot shift Pakistani approaches to safeguarding its interests in Afghanistan with this date being perceived as a walk-away date," the adviser said.

Last week's midterm elections also have eased pressure on the Obama administration to begin an early withdrawal. Earlier this year, some Democrats in

Congress pressed to cut off funding for Afghanistan operations. With Republicans in control of the House of Representatives beginning in January, however, there will be less push for a drawdown. The incoming House Armed Services chairman, Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., told Reuters last week that he opposed setting the date.

On Tuesday, a White House official who spoke with reporters in a conference call arranged to discuss the December review, said the administration might withdraw some troops next July and may hand some communities over to Afghan authorities. But he said a withdrawal from Afghanistan could take "years," depending on the capability of the Afghan national security forces.

He also said the December review would measure progress in eight areas, though he declined to specify what those are. Congress will get a report by early next year, but Army Gen. David Petraeus, the commander of U.S.-led international forces in Afghanistan, will not testify.

"This is designed to be an inside-the-administration perspective," he said, adding it will "set the policymaking calendar" for the Obama administration's first six months of next year.

De-emphasizing deadlines also allows the administration greater flexibility in responding to conditions in Afghanistan, officials said.

While the Taliban are facing increasing coalition airstrikes, they have no driving incentive to negotiate with an unpopular government. Officials here quietly worry that while they, too, are seeing some drops in violence and the Taliban's hold in pockets of Afghanistan, those limited improvements aren't leading to better governance.

A U.N. report issued in August showed that civilian casualties rose 31 percent during the first half of the year compared with the previous year; 76 percent were caused by the Taliban, it said. So far, more than 400 U.S. troops have been killed this year.

Many officials here privately worry that talk of a withdrawal without results will cost the military credibility, with Americans and Afghans alike.

"What we ultimately need in Afghanistan is good governance," said one senior military officer. "Right now there is a gap" between security gains and governance.

Christopher Preble, the director for foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank in Washington, said he's not surprised that the scope of the December review has narrowed and that Obama administration officials are no longer highlighting the July 2011 date.

"The very players who were arguing so strenuously for a deepening of our involvement in Afghanistan a year ago are unlikely to now declare that their earlier recommendations were faulty," he said.

(McClatchy Newspapers correspondent Warren P. Strobel and Jonathan S. Landay contributed to this report.)

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by power forward Paul Millsap for a career-high performance in the Utah Jazz's 116-114 overtime win over the Miami Heat.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

NBA

Cavaliers 93, Nets 91
Nuggets 113, Pacers 144
Jazz 116, Heat 114 (OT)
Knicks 80, Bucks 107
Clippers 82, Hornets 101
Pistons 78, Trail Blazers 100
Timberwolves, Lakers — late

NCAA FB

Toledo 30, Northern Illinois 65

NHL

Hurricanes 7, Oilers 1
Maple Leafs 0, Lightning 4
Canucks 0, Canadiens 2
Thrashers 3, Senators 5
Capitals 5, Rangers 3
Flames 4, Avalanche 2
Ducks, Sharks — late

Quick Pitch

Basketball season, studying upon us

November, November, how fickle thou art.

While I've been hoping for a bit of snow the past couple of weeks, I find these

random warm late autumn days to be a pretty sweet deal in the midst of intramural soccer tournaments, school studies and the onset of basketball season.

Much has happened this fall semester here at Marshall University in the way of sports — the women's soccer program made history by entering the Conference USA tournament for the first time since the program's establishment at Marshall. Doc Holliday and his team seem to be turning things around on the football field, entering into what I wouldn't be afraid to call a potential win-streak, and with the arrival of new head basketball coach Tom Herrion to the men's basketball program — things are looking up.

Ah, yes. That reminds me — Friday will be the first basketball game of the year for Marshall's men's program against West Virginia Tech. Considering we'll get to cheer our Thundering Herd Saturday afternoon as well in Edwards Stadium, I think Friday would be a prime time to get to the Cam Henderson Center and check out some hoops.

I suppose the biggest thing that has happened here at Marshall in this time is the simple evolution of our studying habits. I've seen it a lot since mid-terms, and I'm pretty impressed. A lot more kids are heading to the library (Drinko, not Morrow. That place gives me the creeps). It's without question a serious undertaking. I've been talking with some people who are taking more than 18 credits this semester, and are looking to take 15 or more in the spring.

That's good! Let's keep at that — because regardless of whether these teams

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Brandon Anicich
COLUMNIST

Eight Herd men's soccer players on All C-USA teams

HERDZONE.COM

Marshall University men's soccer goalkeeper Daniel Withrow has been named the 2010 Conference USA Defender of the Year along with seven Thundering Herd male soccer players who made the rosters of the 2010 C-USA All-Conference USA teams.

After earning the 2009 Conference USA Freshman of the Year and a spot on the Second-Team All-Conference USA list, Withrow bettered his accolades as a sophomore, receiving Defensive Player of the Year and made his way onto First-Team All-Conference.

A native of Rochester Hills, Mich., Withrow played every minute in net for the Herd in 2010. He registered 65 saves, while allowing 20 goals in 18 matches for a 1.04 goals against average.

Junior defender Jordan Hilgefort earned Second-Team All-Conference USA for his outstanding play at outside back throughout the season. Hilgefort finished the season tied for the most goals on the team with four and was a shut-down defender against every opponents top striker.

Forward Tom Jackson, midfielder Sammy Boateng and defender Kendall Sutton all received Third-Team All-Conference USA.

Jackson, a sophomore, led the team in points as he tallied three goals and five assists. Boateng posted eight assists in 2010, which is tied for third in Marshall history for assists in the a season. The senior leaves the Thundering Herd tied for sixth all-time in career assists with 16.

Sutton received third-team recognition for the second-consecutive year. The senior started 37 straight games dating back to the end of his sophomore year and was a key factor in the Herd outscoring its opponents 31-20 in 2010.

Rounding out conference accolades are freshmen Travis Brent and Anthony Virgara on the C-USA All-Freshmen Team. Brent and Virgara appeared in all 18 contests for the Herd. Brent started 15 matches while scoring two goals and registering one assist. Virgara started six matches, netted two goals and had two assists.



Senior defender Kendall Sutton (12) and junior Jordan Hilgefort chase the ball in the Thundering Herd's final home game, a 4-1 win over No. 18 South Carolina on Oct. 23, at Sam Hood Field.

Packers' Collins receives fine for hit on Cowboys' Williams

BY GARY D'AMATO
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL
(MCT)

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers safety Nick Collins delivered a big hit on Dallas Cowboys receiver Roy Williams on Sunday night.

Less than 24 hours later, the NFL delivered a big hit to Collins' wallet.

Collins was fined \$50,000 by the league on Monday for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Williams in the third quarter of the Packers' 45-7 victory. Collins was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct on the play.

The safety appeared to be throwing a shoulder into Williams' back after running over from the middle of the field to offer support along the sideline. He dived at Williams, but instead of going face-up into him lowered his head and shoulder. His helmet collided with Williams' helmet.

The fine was issued by Ray Anderson, NFL executive vice president of football operations, who informed Collins that "Further offenses will result in an escalation of fines up to and including suspension."

According to Packers defensive coordinator Dom Capers, it's a fine line between a good, aggressive hit and one that is potentially dangerous.

"That target changes sometimes a little bit," Capers said. "When you're out there going full speed and that target changes a little bit, sometimes you might end up two or three inches from where you aimed to begin with."

"But we respect what the league is trying to do. We're going to try to always coach our guys to play within the rules. They make evaluations on those things and you have to go with their evaluation."

The fine comes just a short while after Collins

was verbally reprimanded by the NFL for throwing his mouthpiece into the stands at Soldier Field earlier this season. Collins said a fan spit on him and hurled racial epithets before he threw the mouthpiece.

Return engagement: Rookie cornerback Sam Shields has taken over the kick return duties for the injured Pat Lee (ankle).

The speedy Shields had just one return against the Cowboys, but it went for 49 yards. He fielded the second-half kickoff six yards deep in the end zone and brought it out to the Packers' 43.

It was the longest return by a Packers player on his first career attempt since Paul Coffman posted a 52-yarder against San Francisco on Oct. 18, 1981.

Asked if Shields had won the job, Packers coach Mike McCarthy said, "I would say so. He definitely has a chance to

be a big-time returner for us, so we'll stay the course with him."

Shields had problems fielding the ball earlier this season and the coaches went with Jordy Nelson and then Lee on kick returns. Both will still be in the mix if Shields' problem returns.

"Catching the ball is a fine-motor skill, and a lot of extra time was spent doing that with Sam, especially this week when we felt he was going to have the opportunity to do it," McCarthy said. "It's a tribute to Sam and the special teams coaches."

Injury update: Ryan Pickett was the only player who suffered a significant injury Sunday. The veteran defensive end re-aggravated the sprained ankle that had kept him out of two of the previous three games.

He went down on the second-quarter play on

which linebacker Clay Matthews stoned Cowboys running back Marion Barber for a 3-yard loss. Pickett didn't get up for about a minute, then limped off the field and didn't return.

"His availability will be evaluated for Minnesota, but we don't feel that it was any worse than the initial injury," McCarthy said.

Goose eggs: One week after blanking the New York Jets, 9-0, the Packers' defense came close to a second consecutive shutout.

The Cowboys scored their only touchdown with 16 seconds left in the second quarter, when receiver Dez Bryant beat Shields on a fade route and quarterback Jon Kitna got rid of the ball just before being smashed by Matthews.

"I feel bad that we gave up that touchdown," Capers said. "It would have been outstanding to be

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Mauer wins third career Rawlings Gold Glove Award, second Twin catcher to receive honor



Minnesota's Joe Mauer hits a three-run homer in the seventh inning against the Kansas City Royals in Kansas City on July 26.

BY JOE CHRISTENSEN
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)
(MCT)

Twins catcher Joe Mauer won his third Rawlings Gold Glove Award on Tuesday, when the American League winners at each position were announced.

According to Baseball-Reference.com, Mauer threw out 26 percent of his opposing baserunners, down from a career-high 53 percent in 2007, but he committed just three errors and had four passed balls. Mauer had a career-high nine passed balls in 2009.

Mauer was the Twins' only Gold Glove recipient this year. Second baseman Orlando Hudson, who won four Gold Gloves in the National League,

missed a chance as the AL award at second base went to the Yankees' Robinson Cano.

Mauer, who also won the award in 2008 and 2009, is the fourth Twins player to win at least three Gold Gloves. Pitcher Jim Kaat won 11, center fielder Torii Hunter seven, center fielder Kirby Puckett six and third baseman Gary Gaetti four.

Earl Battey is the only other Twins catcher to win the award — in 1961 and 1962.

"It's a tremendous honor for Joe, and he deserves it," said Twins General Manager Bill Smith.

The other American League winners were: Mark Buehrle (pitcher), Mark Teixeira (first base), Evan Longoria (third base), Derek Jeter (shortstop) and outfielders Carl Crawford, Franklin Gutierrez and Ichiro Suzuki.

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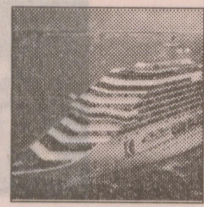
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Carnival president Gerry Cahill, on the ship stranded with 4500 people after catching fire off the Mexican coast

THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

A lesson in Facebook etiquette

As social networking grows in popularity, the need for behavioral norms also increases

Have you ever been "friend requested" by your roommate's ex's cousin and felt unsure if you should click "confirm"?

Technology sometimes advances faster than our social norms and customs can keep up with. Facebook is one example: although the social networking site is now a nearly ubiquitous form of interaction, social etiquette has

not yet crossed the divide onto the internet

First off: friend requests. The only way to build your online social network and the bane of many a Facebook user's existence. One thing most students agree with is to not friend request anyone you have never met in person. The only exceptions we've found include friends or family of

people you know very well and are planning on meeting in the near future. However, you might not.

The reason to not request anyone you don't know in person is as a human being, your mind will project your views and ideas onto them.

Status updates are another Facebook utility that requires some constraint. Many users appear to forget that what they write appears to everyone in their friends network, or maybe they just really don't care. Regardless

of your personal indiscretion, the majority of people do not want a up close and personal, detailed play-by-play of your life. Another common and flagrant transgression is the repeated use of song lyrics as an update.

We feel that the occasional song lyric update may be acceptable, but doing it consistently might show a lack of creativity or expose that you as consistently listening to bad music, perhaps something much worse.

If we were to make a food

pyramid of an ideal way to spend time on Facebook, stalking would be at the top—use it sparingly.

We know everyone does it, but wouldn't those hours spent stalking your ex's new girlfriend or your more-successful-than-you grade school best friend be better spent elsewhere?

We hope this advice will inform your future Facebook decisions.

Happy social networking!
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DELANEY MCLEMORE
REDEFINING THE F WORD

Refusing to not be heard

I could spend every column I write focusing on rape facts, figures, perspectives and stories. It would be so easy to narrow my focus to violence against women and ignore the good things that are going on at Marshall.



DELANEY MCLEMORE
COLUMNIST

Last week ushered in a jolly ray of sunshine, at least as jolly as anything related to rape can be. I was so excited to see fliers throughout campus advertising a presentation about women's advocates.

Dr. Whitney Douglas presented on behalf of the women's studies department, which really made it better.

Professor Douglas is a member of the English department and one of my favorite people on Marshall's campus. Last year, she participated in the Marshall production of "The Vagina Monologues" as the narrator, and I had a blast working with her in the show.

I am fully aware of the amazing groups on campus that speak out against rape and domestic violence. The Women's Studies Student Association meets every Thursday in the student center and does presentations throughout the year, including "The Vagina Monologues" and "A Walk in Her Shoes," a chance for male students, faculty and community members to wear heels, walk through campus and show their support for women to speak out against rape and violence.

I do not feel as though these presentations are accomplishing what they want. Let me be perfectly clear: the audiences at these events are the expected feminists that already know dangers facing women. No efforts are being made to reach beyond that group.

Finally, however, I was present for a discussion in which there were women and men of different origins, backgrounds and studies, and everyone was interested in the conversation happening right now on Marshall's campus. I was so happy to see professors I love, such as Treftz, Diener, Peckham and Chrol engaged with students and sharing opinions. Even if I didn't hear from them, they were there. They were listening.

We want to change things. We want to create a world where we don't have to worry about walking down the street by yourself and fearing rape, violence or even scarring disrespect. Thank you to Professor Douglas, the women's studies department and to everyone in that room. I am so excited to be a part of this group that wants to talk and refuses to not be heard.

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YOUR THOUGHTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students have the power to change food choices on campus

Though the article covering the screening of "Food Inc." touched on a lot of important topics brought to light by the film, something very important was left out. After the screening of the film, the audience was allowed to question a panel made up of several Marshall professors from different fields; a very interesting discussion ensued. The students at Marshall are concerned with the food they are eating. Students who live on and off campus rely on the food provided by Sodexo, especially students living in the dorm, like myself, who get all their meals in the cafeteria or the

student center. Usually, we unconsciously just pick up a plate of food that looks interesting and resign ourselves to whatever is offered. However, we do not know what is in our food or where it comes from. We need to ask Sodexo what they are serving us so we can make educated decisions about what we put into our bodies.

I am not a vegetarian, but I eat a very low meat diet. Though the selections have gotten a little better since my freshman year, they are not very extensive. It is hard to find an appetizing meal that does not include meat when dining in the cafeteria. Sodexo could also serve local fruits, vegetables and meat. This would not only be healthier for the consumer, but also promote the local economy. I know that there

are regulations Sodexo and Marshall University must follow, but what exactly are those regulations? We need to ask questions and take responsibility for the food we are eating. We cannot just sit back and allow ourselves to blindly eat whatever is on the plate in front of us.

In "Food Inc.," Walmart customers started petitioning Walmart for organic food, and by doing so they changed the kind of products that Walmart sells. We have the same power. We are paying to be at Marshall. We are the voice of this institution. We can revolutionize things on this campus. All we need to do is ask.

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Getting back to yes we can

Immediately following the mid-term elections, newspaper headlines from around the world told the tale of an American president embarrassingly "defeated" and "apologetic" of his presidency thus far.

From titles such as "No We Can't" in the Kuwait Times to "Obama Admits He Needs 'to Do a Better Job' After Election Beating" in the London Guardian, to pouting faces of Obama on front pages from Brazil to China, the international media has cast Obama as a chastised president of remorseful policies.

Sadly, Obama sealed his own fate, particularly in the midterms, by allowing the media, Republicans and even some democrats to spin his hard-fought achievements against him.

It's a mystery to me how easily the country has rendered Obama the most effective progressive since Franklin Roosevelt who managed the largest economic disaster since the 1930s while passing healthcare reform, financial reform, winding down the war in Iraq, engaging with the Muslim World, significantly expanding Pell grants for low-income college students, appointing more openly gay officials than any other president, creating more private sector jobs than during the Bush years, signing a new START Treaty with Russia, increasing fuel economy standards and repealing restrictions on embryonic stem cell research, as a delinquent, incompetent president out of touch with America's problems.

And yet, much of this portrayal I fault with Obama's recent demeanor. Instead of touting his impressive record, Obama took a defeatist line after the midterms and promised that in the future he would simply try to "do a better job."

Now that's an Obama we haven't seen before.

And yet unfortunately, it's an Obama of whom we will probably see more and more. In his Op-Ed in the New York Times Friday, Obama wrote about his upcoming trip to Asia that surprised me in one line. He wrote: "If we can, we'll be able to complete an agreement that supports jobs and prosperity in America."

If we can?

What happened to yes we can? Obama needs to pull together in the wake of his party's bloody mid-term results to regain the confidence in his policies and penchant to radiate hope that propelled him to office in the first place.

Otherwise, Republicans and Democrats alike will simply be battling it out in Congress, conducting phony investigations and bickering about power, while attempting to fix American problems, "if they can."

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able to get back-to-back shutouts. That doesn't happen every often, but we were in position to do it.

"We came with pressure and as a coach you look back and say, 'I wish we'd come out and doubled (Bryant) on that snap.' We were a step away from hitting the quarterback

and possibly knocking the ball out. He just got the ball out of his hands.

"But to be in that position is an indication that we've made some strides on defense."

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are winning or losing, the majority of us are here for an education, and that's something we should be fighting for as hard as our teams are fighting out there on the field.

So from me to you, keep up the good work Marshall, and let's finish strong.

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Fee

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or justifiable issue appears to exist," Kopp said in the e-mail. "Part-time students do receive appreciable value for their pro-rated fee, some more than others, but access throughout the semester will require payment of the full fee in accordance with the bond covenants."

Murphy said he responded to the e-mail and met with Kopp earlier this week.

"We discussed information about an inquiry from the faculty senate for him to come talk to them," Murphy said. "They wanted more information about the issue with the fee, and we agreed on a compromise that I think would be beneficial to students. It may not be exactly what we wanted, but any time you are working with someone else, sometimes you have to compromise."

No final agreement has been made, and this is just a starting point to creating a solution, Murphy said.

The SGA's original proposal suggested for the fee to be divided into a certain amount of usage for students based on the amount of credit hours they take.

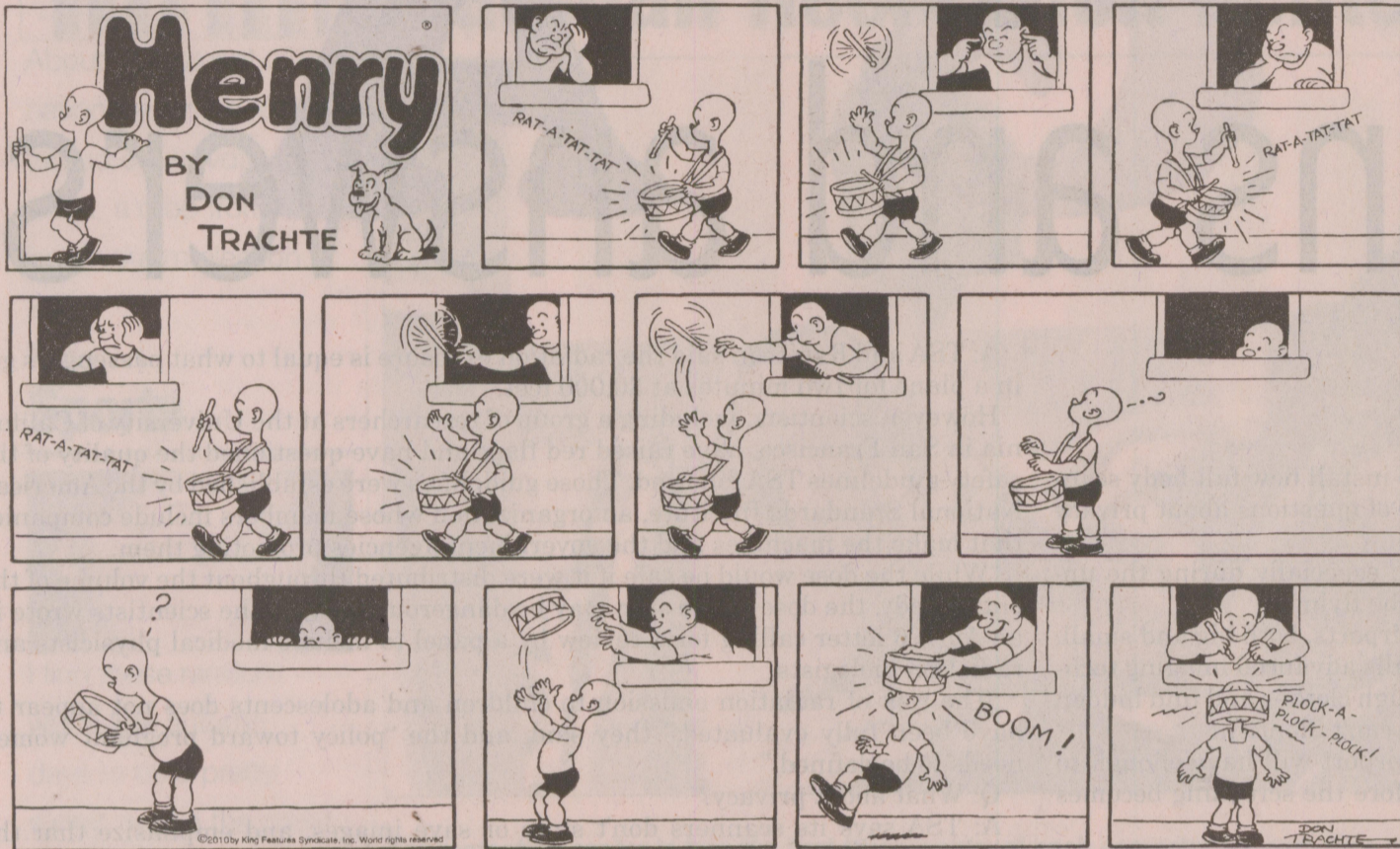
Currently, part-time students are charged a \$6 entry fee that does not go toward the total fee of \$194 each semester.

Kopp and Murphy met on Monday to work on a solution for the fee.

"The two things we talked about were making the remainder of the fee covered by financial aid and the \$6 goes toward the remainder of their balance," Murphy said. "Students have to pay that initial fee before they gain full access, but they have an option to take out a loan to pay their remaining balance. I think it is beneficial that the students will not pay cash out of their pocket each time they go, and it provides them with a payment plan."

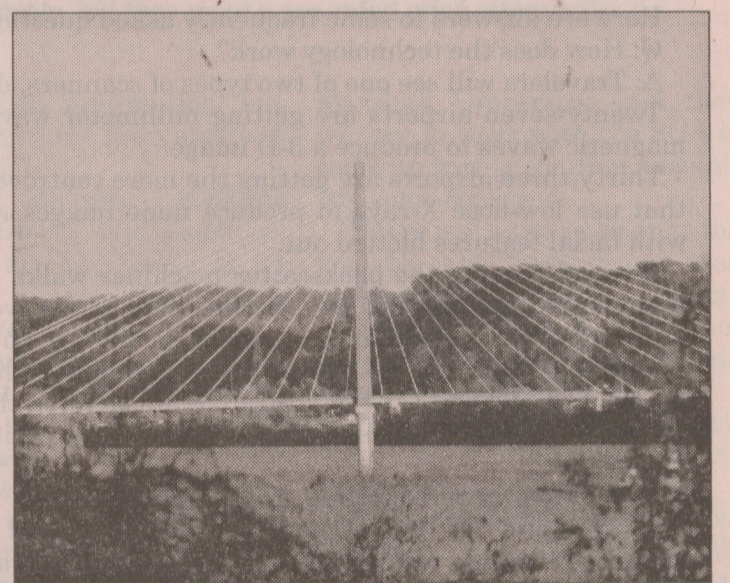
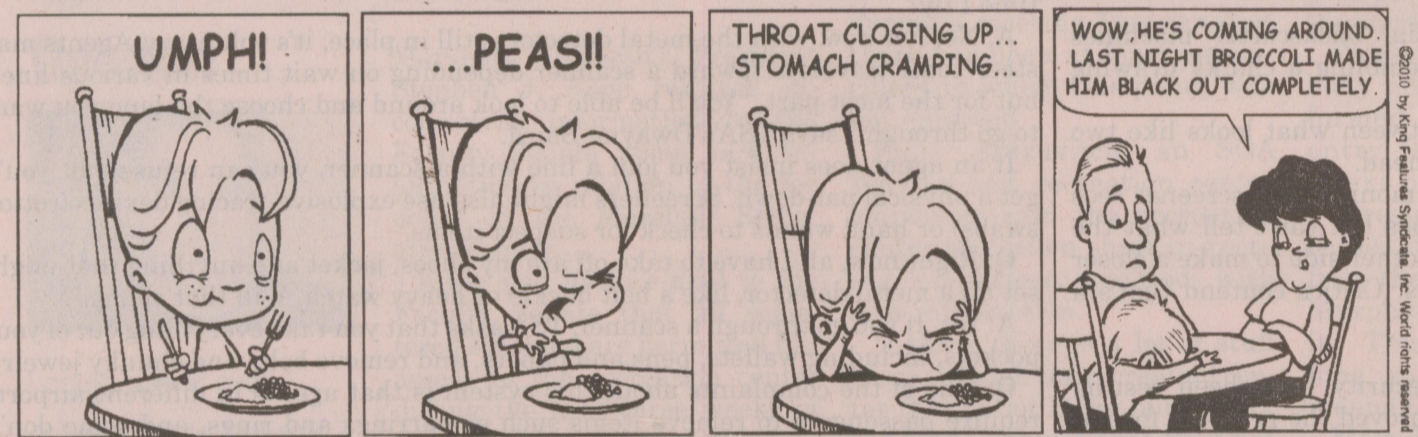
Turner said the new fee policy will have to be in compliance with the recreation center before a final decision is made.

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Amber Waves

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conservatives tilt in favor of federal laws that limit lawsuits against companies.

Alito also questioned whether consumers — as opposed to their lawyers — benefit from lawsuits.

"Why are they (the Conceptions) better off with class adjudication?" he asked at one point.

Under the AT&T contract, consumers can obtain as much as \$7,500 from an arbitrator if the company fails to satisfy their claims. It is not clear they could obtain as much for themselves in a class-action suit, Alito said. Critics of class-action suits say these cases often yield large fees for the lawyers, but relatively little for the huge number of individual plaintiffs.

Both sides in the case heard Tuesday say the court's eventual ruling could be far-reaching. AT&T said it would be a "death knell" for arbitration if purchasers have a right to join with millions of others in a class-action claim. On the other side, consumer advocates and civil rights lawyers say customers and employees will suffer if they cannot join with others to sue when they are cheated or discriminated against by a large corporation.

The justices are likely to rule in several months.

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and 3 percent Asian American. In the country as a whole, among voters 30 and older, 80 percent of voters were white, 10 percent black, 7 percent Latino and 1 percent Asian-American.

Seven percent of young voters said they were gay, lesbian or bisexual, compared with 4 percent of all voters.

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Airport body scanners: Questions and answers

BY CAROL PUCCI
THE SEATTLE TIMES
(MCT)

The Transportation Security Administration's plan to install new full-body scanners at U.S. airport security checkpoints is raising lots of questions about privacy and health issues.

Add to those the potential for hassles and confusion, especially during the upcoming holidays, when record numbers of families will be flying.

TSA plans to have 450 scanners installed in 50 U.S. airports, both big and small, this year, and 500 more next year, performing what it calls advanced imaging technology. The screening allows security agents to see through clothes and find hidden objects, such as plastic explosives, that metal detectors can't identify.

Not all airports will get scanners this year, and no airport will have enough to replace all the metal detectors, so it will be a while before the screening becomes routine for most passengers.

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions.

Q: How does the technology work?

A: Travelers will see one of two types of scanners, depending on the airport.

Twenty-seven airports are getting millimeter wave machines that use electromagnetic waves to produce a 3-D image.

Thirty-three airports are getting the more controversial "backscatter" machines that use low-dose X-rays to produce nude images resembling a chalky drawing with facial features blotted out.

A traveler using the backscatter machines walks between what looks like two large boxes, and stands 5 to 7 seconds with hands overhead.

An inspector in another room views the picture on a monitor. If a screener sees something suspicious — the scanners can detect shapes but can't tell what the objects actually are — he or she radios an agent on the other side to make a closer inspection. The scanners can't see inside body cavities. Critics contend that's a major flaw.

Q: Why are airports getting these scanners now?

A: TSA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have been testing advanced imaging technology since 2007. Congress approved the program for nationwide rollout after a man attempted to bring down an Amsterdam-to-Detroit flight last Christmas by detonating explosives hidden in his underwear.

TSA says the scanners will provide a needed extra layer of security, but some experts question whether they would have caught the material.

Testimony by ex-Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff held sway with lawmakers but was later questioned after CNN reported that Rapiscan, the California company that makes the backscatter machines as well as cargo and baggage screening systems, was a client of Chertoff's private security company.

Rapiscan's parent company, OSI Systems, owns Spacelabs Healthcare in Issaquah.

Q: How much will this cost?

A: The machines cost \$130,000-\$170,000 each, paid for with federal stimulus funds. Estimates are the government will spend \$234 million to \$300 million overall on as many as 1,800 scanners by 2014.

Q: What are the health risks?

A: TSA and Rapiscan said the radiation exposure is equal to what passengers get in a plane for two minutes at 30,000 feet.

However, scientists, including a group of researchers at the University of California in San Francisco, have raised red flags and have questioned the quality of the safety guidelines TSA followed. Those guidelines were established by the American National Standards Institute, an organization whose members include companies that make the machines and the government agencies promoting them.

"While the dose would be safe if it were distributed throughout the volume of the entire body, the dose to the skin may be dangerously high," the scientists wrote in an April 6 letter calling for a review by a panel to include medical physicists and radiation biologists.

"The risk of radiation emission to children and adolescents does not appear to have been fully evaluated," they said, and the "policy toward pregnant women needs to be defined."

Q: What about privacy?

A: TSA says its scanners don't store or save images, and emphasize that the screeners looking at the images never see passengers in person. But the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, D.C., equates the technology to a "digital strip search," and has filed a suit to block use of the scanners.

Q: So what are the alternatives? Do I have to submit to a full-body scan the next time I fly?

A: No. For now, with the metal detectors still in place, it's voluntary. Agents may steer some travelers toward a scanner depending on wait times in various lines, but for the most part, "You'll be able to look around and choose the lane you want to go through," says TSA's Dwayne Baird.

If an agent does insist you join a line with a scanner, you can refuse, but you'll get a physical pat-down. Screeners might also use explosive-tracing devices (cotton swabs) or hand wands to check for suspect items.

Q: Right now, all I have to take off are my shoes, jacket and anything that might set off a metal detector, like a belt buckle or heavy watch. Will that change?

A: Yes. If you go through a scanner, TSA asks that you take everything out of your pockets, including wallets, pens and papers, and remove belts and chunky jewelry.

Q: One of the complaints about this system is that agents in different airports require passengers to remove items such as earrings and rings, and some don't. Are the rules spelled out?

A: Not yet. TSA's website (www.tsa.gov) includes a section called "How to get through the line faster," but it only includes guidelines for walking through metal detectors.

Q: I don't want to be separated from my wallet while I'm standing inside a scanner. What should I do?

A: TSA recommends putting valuables in your carry-on rather than in the plastic bins.

I recommend locking your carry-on. Police at Newark's Liberty airport recently charged a security-screening supervisor with stealing as much as \$700 a day from travelers' bags as they passed through his checkpoint.

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