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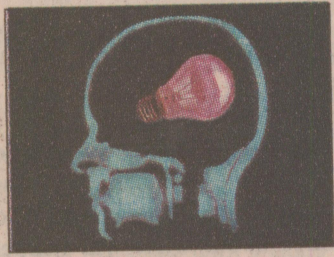
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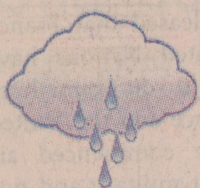
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Budget deal a win, but also a warning

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WASHINGTON — House Speaker John Boehner and congressional Republicans wrung a significant victory out of this weekend's budget deal: They decisively shifted the focus in Washington away from spending and toward austerity, slashing government more steeply than expected and redeeming a pledge to voters in last year's election.

President Barack Obama, by stepping in late to avoid a government shutdown, dodged a potentially devastating blow to his standing. That's likely to preserve political gains he's achieved since the midterm elections with independent voters who want government to work and don't favor the deeply conservative Republican social agenda.

Democratic priorities were set back in the agreement to cut about \$38 billion from this year's budget, with many details yet to emerge. Obama, in his Saturday media address, hailed "the biggest annual spending cut in history" while acknowledging the cost: He had "to give ground" on important issues, he said, and accept "painful" cuts.

The president likened the compromise to his centrist-minded deal with Republicans in December, which disappointed many on the left by preserving huge tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans. That bargain was packed with additional stimulus, in the form of a payroll tax cut; this one symbolized the end of the Obama stimulus era.

But the tortuous wrangling over funding the government for less than six months offered little hope for easy resolution to the next — and far more consequential — fight: Lifting the debt ceiling to keep the U.S. government from eventually defaulting on its obligations.

Boehner, R-Ohio, who emerged as the biggest winner in the initial round, strengthened his hand by wresting ever-larger concessions from the administration.

"Any time you can get significant cuts in a Democratic budget, in a government two-thirds controlled by Democrats, it's a pretty significant victory," said Whit Ayres, a Republican pollster.

At the same time, Boehner faces continued unrest on his

right flank. Leaders in both parties say the country faces financial disaster if Washington fails to raise the debt limit. But many Republican lawmakers say they won't vote to increase it without major budget concessions.

"Tea party"-backed conservatives decided not to shut down the government over abortion and environmental regulation this time.

But they also indicated that they were giving ground on the skirmish over 2011 spending in order to push for much more drastic cuts in the upcoming 2012 budget and debt-limit battles. And some will renew their calls to alter government policies on abortion, environment and health care.

House Budget Chairman Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., unveiled an ambitious, and politically risky, spending blueprint last week that includes a sweeping overhaul of Medicare and Medicaid. Republicans will use it to appeal to voters worried about the budget deficit, while Democrats are warning that it would severely damage the social safety net and fall disproportionately on poor and working-class Americans.

Republican Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, a possible tea party presidential candidate, said she opposed this weekend's budget deal because it failed to cut spending more deeply and allowed federal dollars to keep flowing to Planned Parenthood and implementation of the new health care law — two of the GOP policy "riders" that Republicans gave up in negotiations.

More than two dozen Republican conservatives — and a larger number of liberal Democrats — also registered their opposition in a House roll-call vote early Saturday. The Senate approved the initial part of the deal in a voice vote, with at least one shout of "no" clearly audible. Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, a tea party favorite, attacked the agreement for not doing more to reduce the budget deficit.

Obama signed a stopgap bill Saturday that will allow time to work out details of federal spending between now and Sept. 30, when the 2011 fiscal year ends. That measure will go before lawmakers midweek.

Democratic liberals weren't mollified by Obama's success in blocking Republicans from using the budget to push conservative social initiatives.



Katie Meek, 2, of Huntington, enjoys the summer-like weather at Harris Riverfront Park on Sunday.

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"The American people have been told the agreement contains both 'historic' and 'painful' cuts. The question will be: Painful for whom?" said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., one of 42 Democrats who voted "no." "Poor and middle-class families have already received more than their fair share of pain in this economy while the wealthy and special interests have paid no price."

Maya MacGuineas, a prominent deficit hawk, said Republicans had dramatically changed Washington's budget debate over the past month and improved the chances of putting longer-term fiscal restraints in place.

"Now we're talking about real spending cuts, and I give them a tremendous amount of credit for that," said MacGuineas, president of the Bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

A White House aide called the agreement the "first real test" of the new, divided government in Washington. But MacGuineas was sharply critical of the way the deal was reached, after weeks of political posturing and a closing burst of deal-making and brinkmanship.

A repeat in this spring's fight over the debt ceiling could trigger drastic economic consequences, she said. Administration officials say the country will hit the \$14.29 trillion debt limit next month. Unless the limit is lifted, the Treasury Department is unable to borrow or perform other functions.

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A pair of Canadian geese play near the flooded banks of Harris Riverfront Park on Sunday. The Ohio River was at 36.98 feet Sunday afternoon according to the United States Geological Survey web site, approximately 10 feet higher than measurements taken Monday, April 4.



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Republicans say they'll seek further cuts in debt-ceiling debate

BY DAVID GOLDSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — House Republicans, fresh from their showdown with Democrats over cuts in the current federal budget, promised Sunday to take an even tougher stand on spending next month when Congress will be asked to increase the amount of money the government is allowed to borrow.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia and Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, warned that the GOP won't approve raising the debt ceiling unless that increase is accompanied by both spending cuts and budget priorities.

Raising the debt ceiling is critical because without a higher limit, the government would not be able to borrow money to cover its expenses — including money needed to pay off earlier debt that has come due.

How to cut government spending is likely to dominate national politics through the 2012 elections, with the focus now turning to both the battle over the debt ceiling and the federal budget for fiscal 2012.

President Barack Obama will weigh in on that fight this week, White House senior adviser David Plouffe said on NBC's Meet the Press.

There was "no way" House Republicans would support an increase in the debt ceiling without "guaranteed steps to

ensure that the spending doesn't get out of control again," Cantor said during on "Fox News Sunday."

Ryan, appearing on NBC, said, "We believe accompanying any debt ceiling (increase), you need real fiscal reforms, real spending cuts and real spending controls going forward."

Plouffe said the president would begin to explain "his approach to long-term deficit reduction later this week." In a separate appearance on Fox, Plouffe praised Friday's agreement, which prevented the government from shutting down for lack of spending authorization.

"Our leaders came together," he said. "This is what Americans are screaming at the top of their lungs for. ... Compromise is not a dirty word."

Both parties claimed victory in the fight over the 2011 budget. With \$38 billion in spending cuts through September, Republicans won more than half of the \$61 billion they wanted, but Democrats avoided GOP-backed policy changes, including eliminating spending for Planned Parenthood, that they said were ideologically driven.

Plouffe warned that any effort by Republicans not to raise the \$14.25 trillion debt ceiling would have dire economic consequences.

Without a higher limit, the U.S. could default on payments owed on previous debt, which would damage the nation's creditworthiness and raise the cost of borrowing for the government and private business alike.

"We should not be playing brinkmanship with the full

faith and credit of the U.S.," Plouffe said.

A fight, however, seemed certain, with the debt ceiling becoming a Republican bargaining chip for more spending cuts and other changes.

Ryan called for "real caps on spending ... so we can take the pressure off the debt."

He also defended a 10-year spending plan that he introduced last week, which calls for \$6 trillion in spending cuts. The House is expected to take it up later this week.

Ryan would turn Medicaid, a health insurance program for the poor, into block grants and leave spending decisions up to the states. He said that governors have asked for more control over the program.

His most controversial proposal, however, would turn Medicare, into a voucher system through which seniors could buy private health insurance.

That change would over time result in higher premiums for the elderly, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Ryan said his plan "personalizes Medicare," enabling it to operate much like the program's prescription drug benefit, which offers competition among plans and gives subscribers choices.

Critics say the plan would put an unfair burden on low- and moderate-income taxpayers.

Ryan said that the "goal is to repair the safety net and make it sustainable."

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Society chooses fun over information

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In an admittedly funny but nonetheless childish move, the National Republican Senatorial Committee released a parody video of President Barack Obama's bid for reelection in the 2012 race. In the few days since it was posted, the video has garnered more than 688,000 views, with more to come by the time this is published. Obama's real campaign launch video, on the other hand, has

only racked up 168,000 views as of press time. Some people have been interpreting this as indicative of the number of Obama's opponents versus the number of his supporters. Others see it as a lack of energy on the part of Obama's campaign. We, however, see it differently. The number of views the parody video has says more about our entertainment-oriented culture than it does about Obama's campaign.

Just a few weeks ago, everyone watched as Rebecca Black's atrocious "Friday" racked up tens of millions of views in a span of days.

But that video did not go viral because of how much everyone loved it. Instead, it went viral for the exact opposite reason — people found it hilariously entertaining because of how downright awful it was. This tends to be how many people operate these days. People spend far less time investing themselves in what they sincerely care about on emotional or intellectual levels, instead devoting their time and energy to things, which are quick, cheap, and mindlessly entertaining. As a culture, we have, in many ways, chosen hilarity over sincerity. The common

thought process for a view of the parody video probably went something like this: "Yeah, sure, I like Obama and all, so I probably know what his video is going to be all about. Let me see this joke one. It might be funny."

Another factor, which we hate to admit, is probably the length of the videos. The parody video is about half the length of the real one, and it is a lot easier to watch because it isn't supposed to be taken seriously. It is meant only to impart a few laughs in about a minute, and then the show's over. This makes it more likely that more people will watch it and that

those people will watch it multiple times.

The disparity in video views is not something anyone should really be taking seriously. It most likely says absolutely nothing of substance about what will happen to the Obama campaign in the upcoming race. What it does represent, though, is what we like as a culture. But perhaps a little more sincerity and care about what's really important wouldn't hurt.

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Teen "sexting" scandal shows dangers of technological era

The fad of sexting among minors can be destructive for young lives. For Margarite, a young girl from Washington, a naked picture she sent to her boyfriend Isaiah would come to have massive consequences. After the two broke up, Isaiah sent the picture to a former friend of Margarite. That friend disseminated the photo to as many students as possible. The former friend and another girl who helped in distributing the photo were charged with the dissemination of child pornography—a Class C Felony—and ended up pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of telephone harassment for their crimes. This event raises serious questions about the implications of technology on social lives.

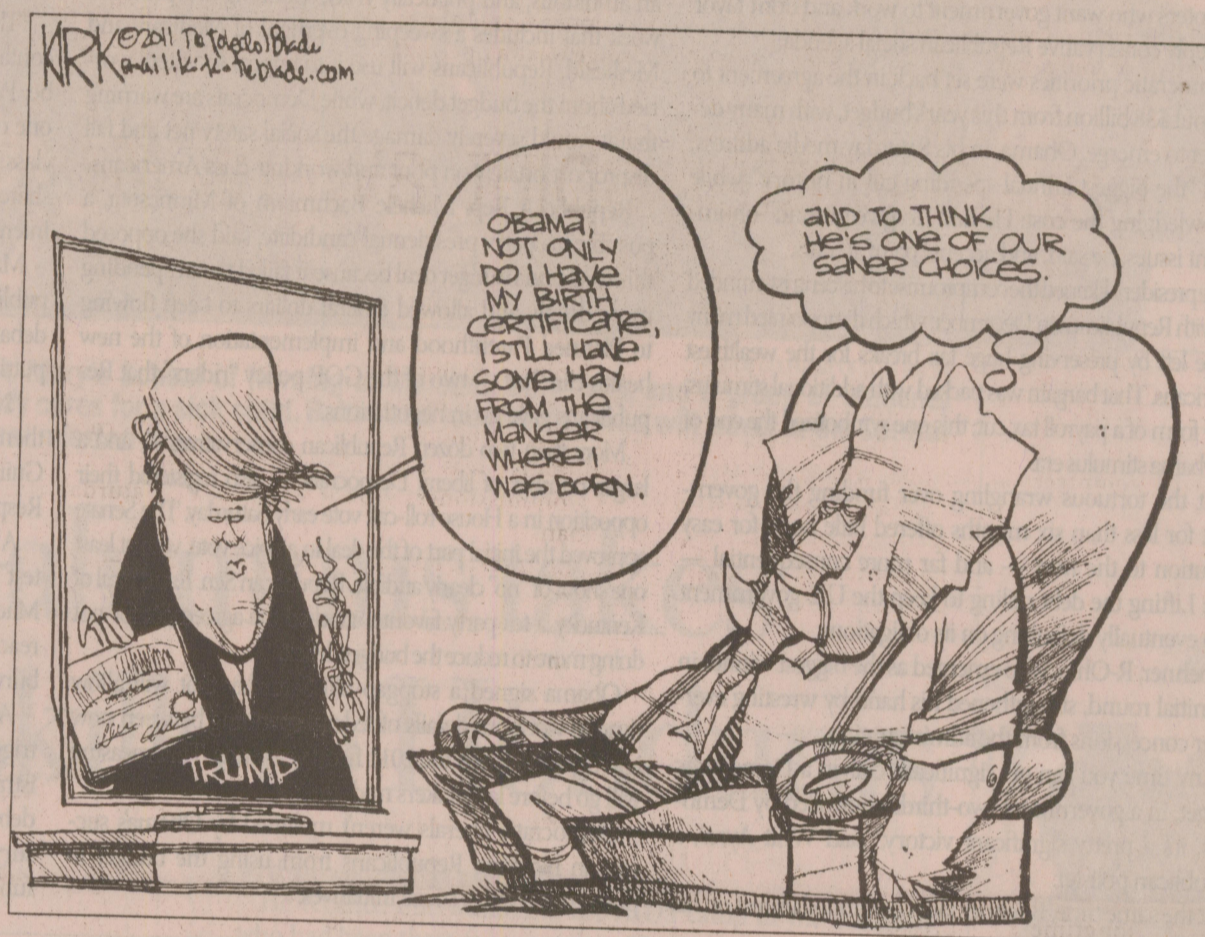
The actual act of sexting is not illegal, nor would I argue that it should be. For the more prudish among us, the idea of people sending naked pictures to each other over cell phones may seem disgusting; nevertheless, at the end of the day we live in a country that respects the rights of consenting adults to send provocative photos to each other.

The issue, however, becomes more complicated when the question of sexting by minors is brought up. That is especially true in a case such as Margarite's, where the picture ended up being used as a way to disparage and defame her. The three teens who sent out the picture deserved to be punished for what they did, as the picture still continues to haunt Margarite a year later. She tried transferring schools, but the story of the picture was soon discovered by students there. She decided to transfer back to her original school, where she still had friends.

It is a scary fact to consider that our social lives and actions are now available for others to see in a way that would not have even been imaginable 20 years ago. A simple status update about marijuana is there forever. A tagged photo on Facebook of a wild night can be seen by anyone if the proper precautions are not taken. A naked picture sent to a romantic interest can end up tearing your entire life apart.

Cases such as Margarite's will not stop irresponsible behavior in the new technological era in which we have found ourselves. They do however serve as a grim reminder of what can happen when we make one silly decision. Our lives are now under a microscope and any decision that is made digitally can serve to haunt our real selves for years to come.

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High-five to France for military intervention

Before sitting down to write this column, I went online to check the latest news from Africa. I was going to write a column arguing passionately, and, I hope, convincingly, about the need for Western intervention in the African country of Cote d'Ivoire.

So, you can rightly assume that I was both surprised and delighted to read on the New York Times website that the United Nations and France have begun military strikes against the forces of former president Laurent Gbagbo.

Former president Gbagbo lost his campaign to remain president of Cote d'Ivoire, a former French colony, last November. The election, certified by several international agencies as fair and honest, awarded the presidency of this cocoa-rich nation to Alassane Ouattara. Unfortunately, Gbagbo refused to accept his loss, and held on to power. Since then, the situation in Cote d'Ivoire has only deteriorated.

Negotiations floundered, Ouattara set up his own government in his U.N.-protected hotel room, and, eventually, armed fighting began between forces loyal to each side.

Cote d'Ivoire descended into violence between pro-Ouattara supporters in the largely Muslim north and pro-Gbagbo supporters in the largely Christian south.

This violence culminated recently in the massacre of 1000 civilians in the town of Duekoue, a dangerous step towards genocide.

So I am pleased that France and the United Nations have stepped in to do something about it. France and the United Nations have commenced air strikes against military and political targets in Cote d'Ivoire. I am glad that someone in the Western world realized they had a duty to do so.

Yes, I said a duty. Much of the wealth and power on which this country sits and uses to mold so much of the world into the shapes we find.

I hope, but do not expect, that we might see a greater response from the Western world toward the prevention of genocide and violence around the world, especially toward countries to which we owe so very much.

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(TOP) Ellis Bailey, 2003 graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing at Marshall University, and a group of students build a house in Honduras. (RIGHT) Bailey cares for a sick child. Bailey and his wife Vanessa will travel to the Central American country in August on a medical mission trip.

Marshall alumnus takes nursing skills to Honduras

BY ASHLEY MANNON
THE PARTHENON

Taking time off from work and paying to go on a trip is nothing unusual for a registered nurse at St. Mary's Medical Center to do on occasion.

But for Ellis Bailey, 2003 graduate of Marshall University and the St. Mary's School of Nursing, an upcoming trip will be anything but a typical vacation. His wife, Vanessa, and their two daughters are not joining him for long, lazy days by the pool. Bailey, along with 15 other St. Mary's employees, is joining members of area churches on a medical mission trip to Honduras in August 2011. Two physicians and 14 nurses make up the group that Bailey said hopes to bring comfort to the people of Honduras both spiritually and physically. Having the ability to do both of these things is what Bailey said he is most looking forward to.

"Not only will we be able to minister to people on a one-on-one basis in the spiritual sense," Bailey said, "but now also in the physical sense using the medical expertise that we have gained. We're hoping just to give people some comfort. We're not going to be doing any major medical treatment, but we are hoping to be able to help with the scrapes, maybe help people who have some infections with antibiotic treatment."

Bailey said although the group will not be performing any major procedures they still want to do what they can to help those who may need a larger-scale surgery than the group can provide.

"We're also raising money to take on the trip," Bailey said. "We're hoping that while we're there we can help some children pay for their surgeries that they're waiting in hospitals for. Because in that area, unless you have the money to pay for surgeries, they're not going to do the surgery."

Bailey said his inspiration for going on mission trips comes from his daughters, Courtney and Chelsea. Courtney is an RN and a graduate of Marshall and Chelsea is currently attending Marshall majoring in criminal justice. They go on mission trips regularly with the family's church, Highlawn Baptist Church.

"Their involvement in going on mission trips is what got me wanting to do the mission trip through the church," Bailey said.

Bailey said while the church takes in-state mission trips each year they have also gone to Canada and a few other countries in recent years. His first trip was to the Bahamas in 2007 when he had the opportunity to join his daughters on a trip as a chaperone.

Bailey said a group of youth from the church went to the Bahamas to work with a Haitian refugee camp. He said they helped to repair the camp's facilities and did Bible studies with the people there. There was also an AIDS camp that the group visited as part of their trip.

"There used to be a leprosy camp there on the island," Bailey said. "Since that's no longer an issue they've changed it into an AIDS camp. We visited there to work in the camp and to minister to the people who are in the camp."

Bailey said on the trip to the Bahamas, he learned that while people visit these countries to make a difference to the people there, they are often the ones who come back changed.

"You think you're going to give them something," Bailey said. "But what you take back from these trips is something you'll never forget in your lifetime. They give from their heart more

so than we could ever imagine."

He recalled one woman at the AIDS camp in the Bahamas who had been there for more than 20 years.

"I still think of her today and sometimes I could just cry thinking of this lady," Bailey said. "She had very few visitors, but when you go in to visit her she's just praising the Lord for what very little she has, in a room that's probably no bigger than my office."

"She was so thankful for just what she had," Bailey said. "It really puts things in perspective that material things are not everything."

Bailey said his first mission trip was more church-related while the upcoming one will be based on both church and medical needs. Despite this he said there is something else he is most looking forward to about the trip in August.

"If you've been on a mission trip, what you look forward to the most is working with the little kids," Bailey said. "Most of them just need love on when you go into those third-world countries like that. They will break your heart."

An orphanage is located nearby where the St. Mary's group will be in Honduras. Bailey said the group plans to visit the children in the orphanage.

"We'll work with them on a spiritual basis, give them some love and attention," Bailey said. "I think that's going to be an awesome part of the trip."

Bailey said because of his past experience with a mission trip, he was excited to have the chance to go on the medical mission trip.

Smith came up with the idea for the trip, working in conjunction with Scott Bowling of Jeremiah 38 Ministries to plan a trip for the two groups.

"I started recruiting people who wanted to go then called Scott and had him come and talk to me so we could decide if we wanted to go with Jeremiah 38," Smith said. "Scott and the group have met a few times and everyone really clicked."

"When Mary Ellen presented me with the opportunity last year, when they were talking about doing a mission trip, they didn't know where to or anything at the time," Bailey said. "At that point I was very agreeable to go. When she told me about the Honduras mission trip, I signed right up."

Smith said Bailey will be a great asset to the medical team in Honduras.

"He was one of the first to sign on for the trip," Smith said. "Ellis is a patient-centered, caring nurse. He's a good leader."

Bailey said the group is working on several fundraising efforts to have money to help with children's surgeries and to also buy medical supplies for the trip. He said they had a successful pancake breakfast fundraiser at Max and Erma's in Pullman Square and are currently working on a golf scramble for May 7 at Diamond Links Golf Club in Catlettsburg, Ky. Bailey said the group may have another pancake breakfast in a couple months at O'Charley's and some group members may have a jewelry sale to raise money. The group is also open to taking donations toward the trip.

Bailey said all of the money collected in fundraising will go directly toward the efforts of the mission trip because the St. Mary's employees who are going are paying their own travel expenses.

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