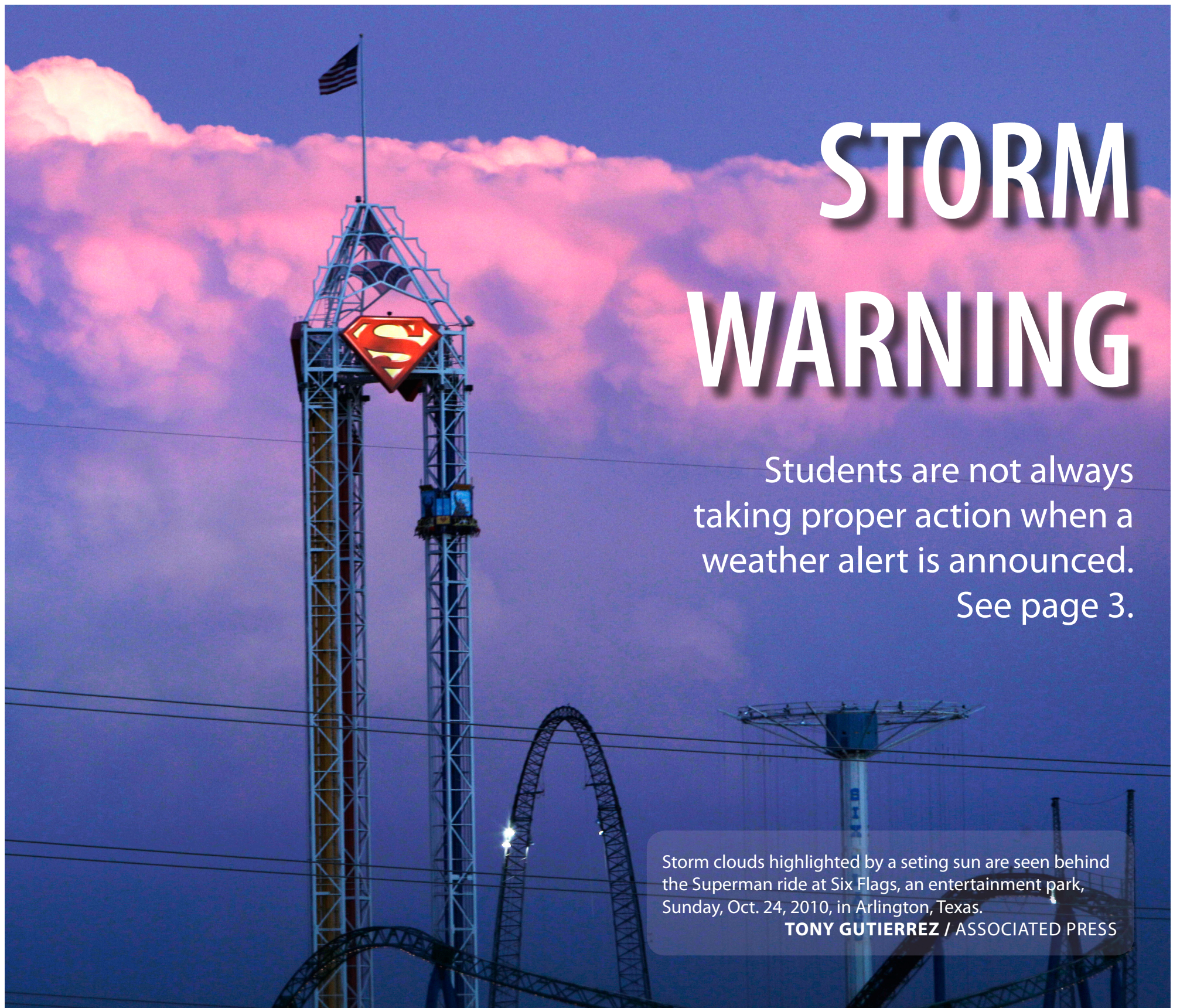




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CAMPUS

University police receive new vehicles

By Josh Davis

News Now

With any new car comes a period of showing it off, but the TCU Police say they are just on patrol when they drive through campus in their new 2010 Chevrolet Tahoes.

The university purchased three of the SUVs in May to replace three of the department's 2007 Dodge Durangos, as they do every two years. TCU Police Sergeant Al Allcon said the change came after Dodge discontinued the 2010 Durango model.

The new Tahoes have their advantages though, he said.

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Al Allcon

TCU Police Sergeant

"We like the height and size of the vehicle so that we can patrol the parking lots and be able to see," Allcon said. "We can also use the storage space you have behind the seats for the things we move around campus, [like] signs and barricades."

Police did not say whether the extra room came at a price.

Allcon said the Physical Plant purchased the vehicles, but facilities services director Joe Laster declined to give those figures to the *Skiff*. The



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One of the TCU Police force's current Chevy Tahoes parked behind the police station while not in use.

Kelley Blue Book website lists the manufacturers' suggested retail price of the cars at \$38,230, and Allcon said the police spent \$1,600 modifying the SUVs for their use.

Allcon said members of the TCU Police Department looked at several vehicles of different sizes and varieties, including the Ford Edge and Dodge Journey, to provide feedback to the Physical Plant. The 2010 Edge had a Kelly Blue Book MSRP of \$28,195, while the 2010 Journey was listed at \$21,165.

The larger Tahoes were a more comfortable fit for patrol officers who spend hours each day behind the wheel, Allcon said.

"We have a couple of our officers who are quite large, and we felt some of the smaller vehicles would be cramped for them," Allcon said.

TCU Police Officer Dale Connor said cramping wasn't an issue for him but the Durango seats were. He's just happy he no longer has to carry a blanket to sit on in the deeper Durango seats. He said he also supported the Chevrolet brand.

Allcon said not everything on the vehicles was new. The police department recycled the radios and light bars from the Durangos, and the graphics on the sides of the patrol cars are also very similar, aside from an updated font on the Tahoes.

The new cars are a great fit all around, Allcon said.

"We had to come up with a new vehicle that we thought would meet the needs we have here on the campus," Allcon said. "For the most part, I think the officers are very happy with the Tahoes."

GREEK

Personal connection can help in job search

By Christa Acuna

Staff Reporter

To senior Bobby Senter, Greek life has offered more than just a community of brothers.

Senter, a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, said he got an internship at Citigroup through a fraternity brother who had connections with the company.

While job positions are limited, especially in the current economy, the networking that comes along with the Greek system can help students get over that hump, he said.

Brad Hancock, director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said Greek organizations give members a network that can help them with ideas for a business, finding people to join them in it or finding funding for the business.

"Most entrepreneurs and even job seekers are using their networks that they've developed to help them, whether it's launching a business or finding employment," Hancock said. "Fraternities and sororities are part of any student's network."

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Nancy Stockton, administrative assistant for Fraternity and Sorority Life, said about 40 percent of the student body was in a Greek organization last year.

Senter said the connections build upon themselves. He got his current job at Merrill Lynch through connections he made at his previous job at Citigroup, he said.

"Joining a fraternity helped out in meeting new people," Senter said. "But the majority of jobs my friends have gotten have been through a fraternity and through people they've met through their fraternity."

Logan LaPosta, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and a senior finance major, said his fraternity offered contacts and networks that helped his business gain exposure outside of just the university community.

Greek organizations can be the ideal network for young entrepreneurs seeking to make their way into the business world, he said.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Coordinator Gaius George said the leadership skills Greek members develop would help improve the skills of members starting their own business or improving their business.

"I think that anything one can gain from being a member of these organizations is something that they will definitely put to use later in life," he said.

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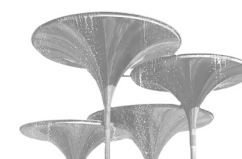
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WEATHER

Some take no action during storm alert

By Alex Collins

Staff Reporter

Unusual weather could prompt students to pay more attention to weather statements, but a lack of clarity in those statements might prevent students from understanding what they mean, according to research from a doctoral student at Michigan State University.

Researcher Bob Drost said people do not take enough action during severe storm warnings. Drost found that only 63 percent of people understood that a warning is the most severe type of statement issued by the National Weather Service, according to Softpedia.com.

Bill Bunting, Meteorologist-In-Charge at the National Weather Service in Fort Worth/Dallas Weather Forecast Office, said the National Weather Service makes a constant effort to make people aware of the meanings of their statements. The employees at the weather service have completed outreach projects to make people aware of the meanings of the statements they issue and the dangers that can occur if safety precautions are not followed, he said.

"If a warning is issued for your area, you really should stop and take immediate action to see if you are in a path of a storm and then get to a place of shelter before it arrives."

Bill Bunting

National Weather Service Meteorologist-In-Charge

There is a difference between a watch and a warning, Bunting said. A watch indicates that weather conditions are favorable for the tornado or thunderstorm to occur and can last for several hours. Warnings, on the other hand, mean that the tornado or thunderstorm has been seen or is occurring somewhere in the region. Warnings last for only about 30 to 60 minutes.

"If a warning is issued for your area, you really should stop and take immediate action to see if you are in a path of a storm and then get to a place of shelter before it arrives," Bunting said.

Diana Combs, a junior graphic design major, said she would not react to storm warnings unless she heard a siren indicating a storm nearby.

Without something as drastic as a siren, she said she would not react to storm threats she received from television updates.

"It doesn't really affect me," she said.

Austin Grinder, junior political science major, said he receives of weather updates on television or through an application on his cell phone.

Grinder said he would not take safety precautions for storms when he sees updates.

"I really don't feel like we get that bad of weather in Texas," he said.

Still, Bunting said the possibility of tornados and dangerous weather exists during any month of the year, even though peak tornado season for Texas is in the spring.

"Ultimately what we hope that people will do after they go through that process of confirming that threat to them is they will activate their own severe weather plan," he said.

Students can take precautions as simple as avoiding windows, seeking shelter or getting out of the path of the storm if possible, Bunting said.

Weather alerts

Watch: Weather conditions are favorable for the tornado or thunder storm to occur, but where and when it will occur is still uncertain. Watches can be in effect for several hours.

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CAMPUS

Program offers chance to show gratitude

By Kayla Travis

Staff Reporter

Students don't have to wait until the end of the semester for Student Perception of Teaching evaluations to show appreciation for their professors thanks to the Thank a Teacher for Teaching Excellence program.

Romana Hughes, associate director for teaching excellence of the William H. Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence, which sponsors the program, said the program is a way to let instructors know that students thank them for providing quality education.

"There are all kinds of reasons students want to thank their teachers. Usually it has to do with making a difference in their life, their class or taking time to work with them."

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Associate director for Teaching Excellence for the William H. Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence

"There are all kinds of reasons students want to thank their teachers," she said. "Usually it has to do with making a difference in their life, their class or taking time to work with them."

Hughes said that the Thank a Teacher for Teaching Excellence program, which she said started in 2006,

The screenshot shows the 'Thank a Teacher for Teaching Excellence' form on the TCU Koehler Center website. The form is titled 'Thank a Teacher for Teaching Excellence Teacher Appreciation & Recognition Form'. It includes instructions for users to fill out the form and click 'Submit' to have their letter of appreciation sent to an instructor. The form contains several input fields: 'Your Name', 'Your Email Address', 'Instructor you wish to thank' (with sub-fields for 'Instructor's First Name' and 'Instructor's Last Name'), 'Instructor's Department' (a dropdown menu), 'Instructor's E-Mail Address', 'The title of the course the instructor taught:', and 'The semester/year of the course the'. There is also a 'GO' button at the top right of the form area.

received great feedback from faculty members, and the center had already received over 150 responses from students as of Wednesday.

"[Teachers] enjoy it, and they really like to know that they have made a difference," Hughes said.

Students can fill out a thank you note online, and the note will be sent to the instructor's e-mail.

"The faculty currently gets a copy of the responses, even if it is anonymous," she said. "We get a copy of it, and at the end of this run of Thank a Teacher, we compile a report that we send to the deans, the chancellor and the provost so they can see and share in the won-

derful responses from students."

Drew Dahlstrom, a senior strategic communications major, said he planned to fill out a thank you note even though he hadn't had the time to do it yet.

Senior film-TV-digital media major Jill Cox said the program was a good idea and was beneficial to teachers.

"Teachers have their evaluations, but other than that they don't really have any other opportunity to get personal thanks for what they do," she said.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Students should follow weather updates, alerts

During a thunderstorm, I pay close attention to any weather updates that appear on my browser or my phone. Even knowing that there could potentially be a tornado within a 50-mile radius freaks me out. I am quite fearful of wind-powered death machines traveling at 50 mph — because that's what I see when I think of tornadoes. But rationally speaking, other people are normal and don't overreact as much as I do.

I was quite surprised to discover that according to an official at the National Weather Service, only about 63 percent of people understand the severity of weather warnings. I understand that everyone, especially students, is quite busy, but it's important to be aware the possibility of 40 mph winds that could make your trip home that much more annoying, or if there's lightning that may or may not interrupt your evening jog. Although events like these are rare and it's easier to believe that things don't happen like that in Texas, in hindsight sometimes a quick weather update can make all the difference.

So frantically checking up on weather updates, watches and warnings are part of my everyday life. Now, realistically, I don't expect others to be as "attentive" as me. What would be nice is for people to realize that it's better to be informed and prepared for a swirling funnel of death, than waiting for the weather to surprise you.

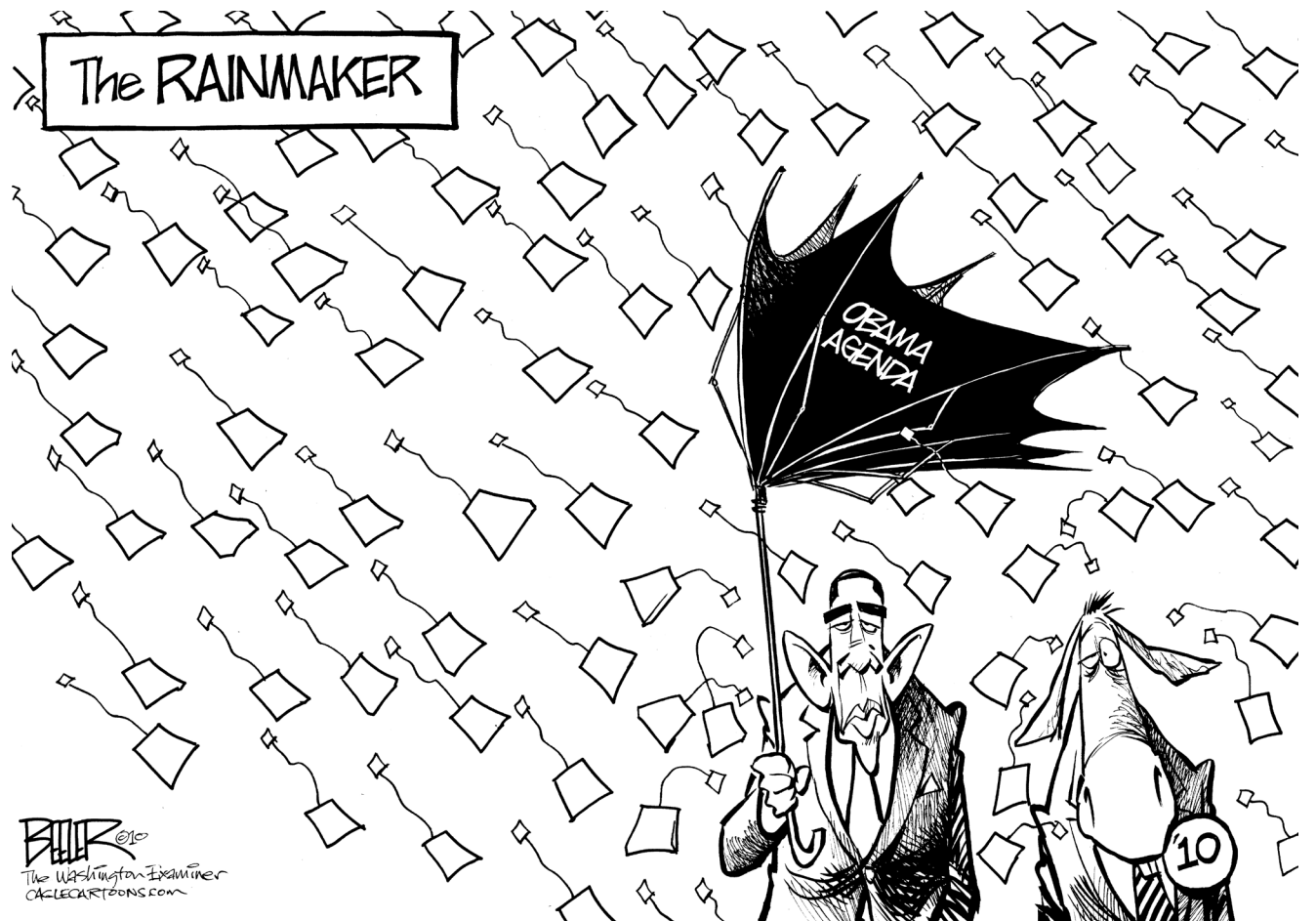
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Saving can add to economy's momentum



Pearce Edwards

From the time political philosopher John Locke described the right of any citizen to their own property, the value of personal savings became a central instinct in the minds of any raised in a democratic system. The United States is no different. Therefore, data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis showing a consistently high level of personal savings since the middle of 2008 ought to offer encouragement in the midst of economic trouble.

But what do these savings figures really mean? What significance do the numbers have in a recession? Why is it critical for Americans to save? Investigating a common-sense practice such as savings reveals some unexpected answers.

First, it is important to note that personal savings is not the same as total na-

tional savings. Due to government deficit spending, the total national savings rate actually declined over the period in which personal savings increased.

Next, the necessity of saving deserves attention. Low savings rates before the recession were an indicator, though not necessarily a direct cause, of the coming problem. Homebuyers, driven by a high demand for new and larger houses, took out risky mortgages provided to them by a blend of government and private agencies. Lacking proper credit history to take out home loans, the buyers soon languished in debt, then defaulted on their mortgages.

A greater consideration of savings by American consumers and homebuyers could have averted the explosion of risky loans that helped drive the housing bubble. Saving more now and ensuring sufficient personal means to pay off loans will prevent similar credit problems in the future.

Yet there is not a direct relationship between savings and economic health. The need for consumer spending is central in the United States economy. Anywhere from two-thirds to 70 percent of the national economy is attributable to

consumer spending.

Furthermore, strong savings cannot exist in all economic sectors simultaneously. An economy in which all sectors save at a high rate becomes self-defeating, as no entity is interested in taking out loans from banks that savings funds themselves provide. Then the economy stalls without the proper flow of savings and loans.

In the recession, therefore, two conflicting forces exist on the consumer. On one hand is the need to save and not incur vulnerability to debt. On the other is the need to propel economic growth and investment. The savings rate now is perhaps even too high.

There is hope for this dilemma. The government should raise its savings rates as the private sector regains momentum, meaning renewed economic growth. Stronger economic growth will lead to greater consumer spending as buyers are less psychologically inclined to hoard their wealth. A healthy balance can result, truly upholding the long-run value of each citizen's personal property.

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PERSPECTIVES

Polite behavior a rarity for some



Tori Bell

I have been wondering since coming to college if relationships have always been so screwed up or if is this a new facet of our generation.

Recently, the country has drawn its attention to the suicides of teens and college students, especially those who said they were homosexual. The main cause for these events is said to be bullying, but I think it goes deeper than that. Even before this trend was sparked in the media, I noticed something that disturbed me.

We come to this university of more than 8,000 students and want to make friends and find people to connect with. What I keep seeing is people acting friendly to someone's face, then turning around to bad-mouth that person as soon as they leave the room. This seems normal to some, but I find it an unnecessary and completely unappealing quality.

Often others chime in to this verbal abuse just to remain in the circle. Why? What is the point of staying friends with someone who probably talks about you when you're not around?

I've seen another form of brutality as well. It's that person who is just plain in-your-face rude. They won't hesitate to gut someone from the front, all because they don't particularly like them.

If a person doesn't really truly like another, why pretend to be friends? Why be mean? Why are there only the extreme options?

What about being polite and just not spending time with that person? This way, they learn the truth in a completely drama-free manner.

Some people know they are the butt of all the ridicule, but continue to offer themselves up for torment. Be a friend to yourself. Don't put up with that.

We don't realize how deep an effect our actions can have on others. So if you don't have anything nice to say, please, do not say anything. The world has enough problems without even more negativity.

Tori Bell is a freshman photography major from Dallas.

Leaders should rise above fear



Jordan Rubio

The War on Terror will come to define our generation. It will do so much like World War II and the Cold War defined previous generations. It will define our values, the way we think, our worldviews and most importantly, the way we view national security. It has already defined the way we look at our political candidates and what we expect from them.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, political candidates and elected officials have accused their opponents of being lax on national security or being soft on terrorism. We expect our leaders to be vigilant in protecting us from terrorist attacks and look to them to see what idea or plan of action they have that will keep America secure. These new views that have been formed because of the War on Terror have caused us to highly value toughness, a quality in our political candidates that was important before but now is prized beyond belief.

The previous administration proved how much it valued toughness when it came to protecting the United States from terrorists. It strongly believed that perceived weakness invited attacks on American soil, so it set out to protect the American public by acting tough.

I have not yet seen a tougher or manlier action taken by the president than when President George W. Bush landed on the USS Abraham Lincoln to declare all major combat operations in Iraq ended in 2003. This action, along with tough talk, signaled to terrorists that America's leaders would not give in to them just because of their attacks and assured the American public that this country's leaders would protect them from terrorists.

From that time, both elected officials and candidates have set out to assure the American people that they will protect the country from terrorists, much in the same way a tough father will protect his child. But for all this posturing and these tough words, very little attention has been paid to who has actually thwarted the last few attempted terrorist attacks, which would be the American public.

Even though normal citizens have thwarted certain attempts, from the Christmas bomber to the attempted attack on Times Square, all that is heard is what "tough-guy" politicians are going to do to protect us from anything like that happening again.

We live in an age where there will always be a threat of terrorist attacks. It is simply a reality in this world we now live in. No leader can fully protect us from them, no matter how tough they act or what measures they take. Ultimately it is up to us normal citizens to be watchful but not fearful.

We need a leader to contend with this threat not by acting tough but by rising above this fear. I keep thinking about who the leader was during the most difficult period in our nation's history in the last century.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was not physically impressive. His only military experience came from a desk job, and he never said he would protect America. Instead he put his faith in the American public and gave it the tools it needed to defeat fascism and the excesses of perverted capitalism. Americans built the better part of the 20th century on a polio-addled aristocrat's back because he had the faith in them and gave them the tools they needed to accomplish this destiny.

We need a leader now more than ever who will put his or her faith in the American public and give us the necessary tools so we can safeguard our liberties and freedoms.

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POLITICS

Republicans reap rewards of midterm fight



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In this Tuesday photo, Pennsylvania Gov.-elect Republican Tom Corbett announces his election win in Pittsburgh.

By Michael Rubinkam

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — From Pennsylvania to Arkansas, New Hampshire to Ohio, the electorate turned over incumbents Tuesday like a gardener turns over earth. Republicans reaped an impressive harvest nationwide, but in some places their sweep reversed balances of power where Democratic roots run deep.

The GOP's reward: Governing a fickle, angry electorate in a time of busted state budgets and high anxiety about jobs and joblessness. And for voters in states that flipped from Democratic to Republican control, what they sought — change — is definitely in store.

In Ohio and Wisconsin, high-speed rail projects may be scuttled. In Pennsylvania, privatization of the state li-

quor stores is back on the table. In the Democratic stronghold of Minnesota, long-dormant GOP proposals to establish racetrack gambling, require a photo ID for voting and amend the state Constitution to ban gay marriage may find new life. And everywhere, Republicans promised to focus on the economy.

Eating breakfast at a diner near Allentown, Pa., voter Eric Heiselman sounded almost giddy as he described the backlash against Democrats and President Barack Obama.

"I liked Mr. Obama's prediction of change. We didn't get the change we want, so we're changing again," Heiselman said Wednesday morning. "Which is a good thing. It's what America is all about."

The GOP seized control of about a dozen statehouses Tuesday night, including double upsets in four states in which they wrested both Senate and House legislative chambers from the Democrats.

Republicans nationwide promised to wield their newfound power to restrain the size and scope of government and jolt the economy — and said they understand that voters will hold them responsible if they fail to deliver.

"They've given us a second chance, so we better get it right this time," veteran Republican Rep. Joseph Pitts of Pennsylvania said Wednesday.

The GOP did especially well in Pennsylvania, winning a hotly contested U.S. Senate race, picking up five congressional seats and reclaiming the governor's mansion and the state House from Democrats in their

biggest electoral victory since 1994.

Republicans were jubilant — "Now Pennsylvania's a red state," party boss Rob Gleason declared — but they will face the same challenges that confounded their Democratic predecessors.

"I liked Mr. Obama's prediction of change. We didn't get the change we want, so we're changing again. Which is a good thing. It's what America is all about,"

Eric Heiselman
Republican voter

Incoming Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett has promised to close a projected \$5 billion budget shortfall without raising taxes or fees, but didn't tell voters how he will do it or what spending cuts he will propose.

Republican leaders in the Pennsylvania House have discussed proposals to cut business regulations, slash the size of the Legislature, and fold the oft-maligned Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission — where political patronage jobs abound — into the Department of Transportation.

Perhaps the biggest electoral surprise came in Minnesota, where Republicans took control of both legislative chambers for the first time since 1972 and ousted House Transportation Committee Chairman Jim Oberstar, a 36-year incumbent and dean of the state's congressional delegation.



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Space shuttle Discovery on launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Wednesday.

NASA

Shuttle launch delayed

By Marcia Dunn

Associated Press

NASA will try Thursday to launch space shuttle Discovery on its final voyage, although stormy weather could force yet another delay.

Mission managers met Wednesday afternoon and into the evening to discuss an electrical problem that forced the latest postponement. They concluded the circuit breaker trouble no longer exists and the shuttle is safe to fly.

But forecasters warned there is an 80 percent chance that thunderstorms will keep Discovery on the pad. Liftoff is scheduled for 3:29 p.m.

The decision came as dark storm clouds rolled over the launch site in Florida, putting some launch preparations on hold.

Managers will reconvene before daybreak to assess the weather, before loading the shuttle's fuel tank.

"If the forecast tomorrow morning is still as bad as it is today, there's a chance" that Thursday's launch attempt will be called off, mission management team chairman Mike Moses said Wednesday night. "It's too early to make that call right now."

Discovery's flight to the International Space Station was first stalled by gas leaks last week. Then a problem cropped up Tuesday with a computerized controller for one of the main engines. At this point, the mission is running three days late.

The space agency has until Sunday to launch Discovery. Otherwise, it will have to wait until December because of sun angles.

Engineers traced the electrical trouble to a circuit breaker that apparently failed to make solid contact. That caused the backup computerized controller to be sluggish and experience a slight voltage drop.

Moses said a bit of residue likely was the culprit, and repeatedly pushing the circuit breaker in and out knocked it off.

"While we don't completely understand the failure ... everybody was comfortable with the residual risk left, that it was an acceptable one to take ... and we're good to fly," said Moses.

Aboard Discovery for its 39th and final voyage will be a crew of six veteran astronauts as well as thousands of pounds of supplies, including a humanoid robot.

Discovery has carried 180 individuals into orbit over its 26-year career, and logged nearly 150 million miles and more than 5,600 orbits of Earth. It is NASA's oldest surviving shuttle and fleet leader, and will be the first to be prepared for museum retirement.

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Obama, Boehner debate role of new house majority

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A chastened President Barack Obama signaled a new willingness to yield to Republican demands on tax cuts and jettisoned a key energy priority on Wednesday, less than 24 hours after he and fellow Democrats absorbed election losses so severe he called them a shellacking.

But he bluntly swept aside any talk of repeal of his signature health care law — right after the House Speaker-in-waiting, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, vowed Republicans would do everything they could to wipe the legislation off the books.

Boehner, a 60-year-old veteran of two decades in Congress, spoke at what amounted to his national debut as head of an incoming conservative majority that will include long-experienced lawmakers and tea party-backed political newcomers alike. He declared, “Our new majority will be the voice of the American people as they expressed it so clearly yesterday.”

Separately, the Federal Reserve announced new steps designed to further lower interest rates on loans and lead to more job creation, using powers denied mere politicians.

Taken together, the fast-paced series of events confirmed the primacy of the economy as an issue in a country with 9.6 percent unemployment, record home foreclosures and disappointingly slow growth.

In purely political terms, they also underscored a dramatic overnight power realignment after two years of grinding partisanship in Congress followed by a coarse and costly campaign.

For all the uncertainty they loosed, there was little that was ambiguous about the election results. House Republicans picked up 60 seats to capture a majority and led for five more, ending a four-year span in which Nancy Pelosi served as the first female speaker in history.

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Barack Obama
President

The GOP picked up at least six seats in the Senate in races reflecting both the peril and the potential of a tea party movement that emerged during the campaign. Tea party favorites were elected to Senate seats in Florida, Kentucky and Utah, but they lost in Nevada, Delaware and Colorado — at a time when Republican victories in all three would have created a 50-50 tie.

Speaking to reporters in the Capitol, Boehner said he and fellow Republicans hope the president “will continue to be willing to work with us” on the priorities of creating jobs and cutting spending.

But, he added, “We’re going to continue to renew our efforts for a smaller, less costly and more accountable government here in Washington, D.C.”

Obama struck similar themes at his own news conference a few hours later, saying he was eager to sit down with the leaders of both political parties “and figure out how we can move forward together.” He added,

“It won’t be easy,” noting the parties differ profoundly in key areas.

Sounding more conciliatory than in the past, the president said he was open to compromise with Republicans on their demand for an extension of all of the Bush-era tax cuts due to expire on Jan. 1, including those that apply to upper-income earners.

“My goal is to make sure we don’t have a huge spike in taxes for middle-class families,” he said. He omitted mention of his campaign-long insistence that tax cuts be permitted to expire on upper-income families. The issue produced pre-election skirmishes in Congress and frequent disagreement during the campaign.

Obama also virtually abandoned legislation, hopelessly stalled in the Senate, that includes economic incentives to reduce carbon emissions from power plants, vehicles and other sources.

“I’m going to be looking for other means of addressing this problem,” he said. “Cap and trade was just one way of skinning the cat.”

Republicans have long slammed the bill as a “national energy tax” and jobs killer, and numerous Democrats sought to emphasize their opposition to the measure during their own re-election races.

Boehner, too, was asked about the expiring tax cuts, and he replied simply that he continues to believe they should all be extended.

Questions about the health care law elicited far more forceful answers from both men.

“I believe that the health care bill that was enacted by the current Congress will kill jobs in America, ruin the best health care system in the world and bankrupt our country. That



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House speaker-in-waiting Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, left, accompanied by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., on Capitol Hill.

means that we have to do everything we can to try to repeal this bill, and replace it with commonsense reforms that will bring down the cost of health insurance,” Boehner said. Earlier, he had called it a “monstrosity.”

Obama would hear none of it.

“I think we’d be misreading the election if we thought that the American people want to see us for the next two years re-litigate arguments that we had over the last two years,” he said.

He added he was willing to listen to Republican ideas for improving the system.

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PROPOSITION 19

Marijuana activists begin 2012 campaign after legalization bid is defeated

By Ivan Moreno
Associated Press

Colorado marijuana activists, undaunted by California's failure to legalize the drug, said Wednesday they are launching two separate campaigns to legalize pot for adults in 2012.

The pot groups announced their intentions even as voters in more than two dozen Colorado municipalities decided Tuesday to ban medical marijuana centers. But advocates who want to legalize the drug see hope in Colorado, one of 14 states where medical marijuana is legal, and where Denver voters approved an ordinance making pot possession the "lowest law enforcement priority."

"Colorado is ready," said Mason Tvert, the

head of Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation, which was behind the Denver ordinance a few years ago. Tvert's SAFER and Sensible Colorado said Wednesday they would work together to let voters decide whether to make marijuana legal for adults 21 years and older and regulate the drug like alcohol.

Laura Kriho, outreach coordinator for the Cannabis Therapy Institute, the other group launching a campaign Wednesday called Legalize2012.com, said they wanted to make their announcement Wednesday to time it with whatever result came out of California. Residents there rejected the legalization effort by a vote of 54 to 46 percent.

Kriho said her group wants to start its campaign now even though it won't be until early

2012 that they begin collection signatures to put the question to voters later that year.

"We're fighting about 70 years of government propaganda and reefer madness," she said.

Colorado is considered one of the easiest — and most inexpensive states — for groups to put ballot questions to voters. Groups need only 76,047 signatures from the state's 3.2 million registered voters to propose a ballot question, and all the signatures can come from one geographic area.

"Getting it on the ballot is not the trick," said Sam Kamin, an associate professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Brian Vicente, executive director of Sensible Colorado, said he hopes the three groups working on the two legalization efforts can become

one campaign.

Vicente's group on Wednesday was tracking how the medical marijuana industry fared in municipalities where voters were asked to tax the drug or ban the sale of medical marijuana. He said as many as 29 municipalities chose to ban medical marijuana centers, including Aurora, Colorado's third-largest city. Vicente said Aurora did not currently have any dispensaries.

"That's a major blow for (medical marijuana) patients in those communities," Vicente said. "It also means that Aurora is not going to benefit from tax or job creation in their community."

Medical marijuana advocates say most of the businesses and medical marijuana patients are along the Front Range in the Denver metro area and Boulder.

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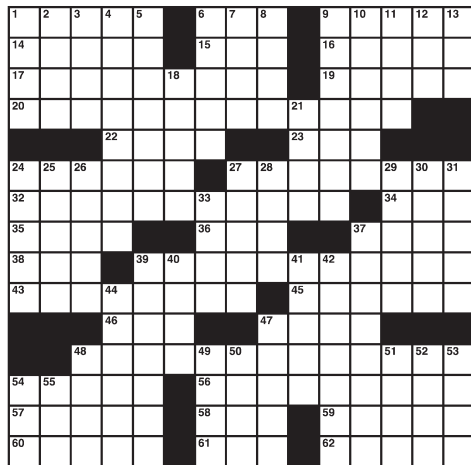
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By Allan E. Parrish

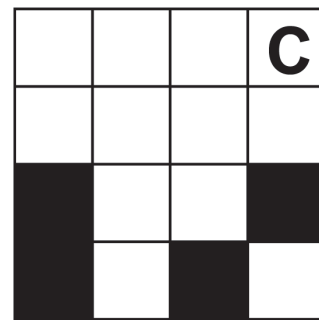
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Sample



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Wednesday's Solution



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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

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Wednesday's Solution

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'THE HOBBIT'

Movie still on despite bankruptcy

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

Hollywood studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc., the home of James Bond, filed for bankruptcy protection on Wednesday in a plan that had the backing of its lenders and put funding of its half of "The Hobbit" back on track.

The "prepackaged" bankruptcy plan, more than a year in the making, should go quickly. MGM is to restructure and be managed by the co-CEOs of Spyglass Entertainment.

MGM lenders will trade about \$4 billion in debt for stock in the new company, valued at around \$2 billion.

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn was involved in the run-up to the filing, first backing a rival takeover attempt by Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., then throwing his weight behind Spyglass last week.

The company said in a statement that "certain immaterial modifications" convinced Icahn, a holder of a significant amount of MGM debt, to back the plan. Debt holders such as Icahn, Anchorage Advisors and Highland Capital Management are now set to take over the studio and equity owners such as Sony Corp. and Comcast Corp. will have their stakes wiped out.

The changes included allowing Icahn to appoint one member of the nine-member board, on which Spyglass' co-CEOs Gary Barber and Roger Birnbaum would also get one seat each.

The modified deal excludes 15 films from the Spyglass movie library such as "Seabiscuit." As a result, the stake of Spyglass's co-CEOs in MGM will fall from the

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Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

originally proposed 4.7 percent to significantly less, said a person familiar with the matter, who was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity. Instead, future projects that Spyglass is developing will be included in the merger, the person said.

"I am pleased that we were able to obtain an agreement to make changes to the MGM prepackaged plan that allows me to support it and enables the company to avoid a potentially costly and disruptive bankruptcy process," Icahn said in a statement.

In the bankruptcy court filings, MGM sought approval to spend up to \$125 million from its accounts on operations over the next 15 weeks.

REMEMBRANCE

'Fiddler on the Roof' composer dies at 81

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

Jerry Bock, who composed the music to some of the most memorable shows in Broadway history, including the melodies for "Fiorello!" and "Fiddler on the Roof," has died. He was 81.

Richard M. Ticktin, Bock's attorney and family friend, said the composer died Wednesday morning at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, N.Y., of heart failure.

Together with lyricist Sheldon Harnick, Bock wrote the powerful score to "Fiddler on the Roof," one of the most successful productions in the history of the American musical theater, having an initial run of eight years. It earned the two men Tony Awards in 1965.

"He was wonderful to work with," said Harnick, who collaborated with Bock for 13 years. "I think in all of the years that we worked together, I only remember one or two arguments — and those were at the beginning of the collaboration when we were still feeling each other out. Once we got past that, he was wonderful to work with."

Bock had recently spoken at a memorial service for "Fiddler" playwright Joseph Stein, who died Oct. 24. "So now two of the three creators of 'Fiddler on the Roof' have passed away within three weeks of each other," said Ticktin.

Bock and Harnick first hit success for the music and lyrics to "Fiorello!" which earned them each Tonys and a rare Pulitzer Prize in 1960. In addition, Bock was nominated for Tonys in 1967 for "The Apple Tree" and in 1971 for "The Rothschilds." He won an Emmy Award this year for helping pen a children's song.

"The world will remember him as a gentle human being with great talent who was a collaborator in musical theater. Jerry believed that the essence of musical theater was the collaboration — working with your colleagues, trying to make a unified whole out of disparate parts," Ticktin said.

Born Jerrold Lewis Bock in New Haven, Conn., Bock was the son of a traveling salesman father and a mother who played the piano by ear. The young composer took up the piano at age 9, but admitted he was often impatient with formal lessons and preferred to improvise.

At the University of Wisconsin he found his first collaborator, Larry Holofcener, a fellow student who became his lyricist. The two collaborated on the Broadway musical "Mr. Wonderful" in 1956, a vehicle for Sammy Davis Jr., who was making his Broadway debut. Bock's second complete score for the Broadway theater was "The Body Beautiful" in 1958.

Associated Press writer Verena Dobnik contributed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL

Ivory Coast election goes to runoff

By Marco Chown Oved
and Todd Pitman
Associated Press

President Laurent Gbagbo will face Ivory Coast's main opposition leader in a runoff later this month to decide this volatile West African nation's next leader, according to final results announced Thursday by the electoral commission.

The figures put Gbagbo in first place with just over 38 percent of Sunday's vote — well short of the 50 percent needed to avoid a second round.

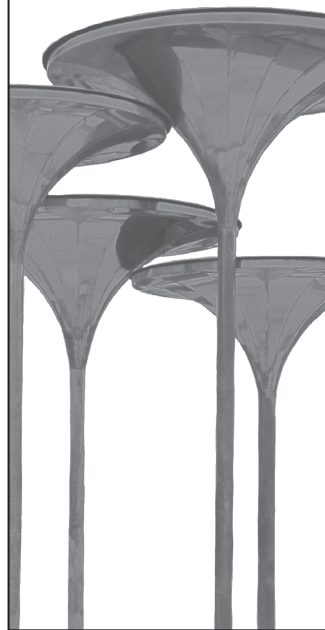
Opposition leader Alassane Ouattara, who is wildly popular in the formerly rebel-held north, had about 32 percent, according to an Associated Press tabulation.

The party of ex-president Henri Konan Bedie, however, called for a recount, accusing the electoral commission of publishing false results in a "clear desire" to rig the poll.

Bedie, who was toppled in 1999 during the nation's first coup, had 25 percent of the vote, according to the results.

The poll was the first here since civil war split the world's biggest cocoa producer in two, leaving rebels in control of the north. The country officially reunited in a 2007 peace deal, but deep tensions remain and many fear violence could erupt if results are disputed. In New York, the U.N. Security Council urged all candidates to remain committed "to a democratic, peaceful and transparent completion of the electoral process" and accept the outcome.

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ANALYSIS

Moss needs attitude adjustment



Judge Howell

Who needs to man up this week?
Randy Moss.

Moss, a seven-time pro-bowler, is on the verge of being moved to his third NFL team this season. Moss started the 2010 season as a member of the New England Patriots and was traded to the Minnesota Vikings four weeks into the season. The Patriots were inclined to trade him after he made negative comments towards the coaching staff. Earlier this week, he was released from the Minnesota Vikings. Again, his departure came after getting into an argument.

My message to Moss is to man up. If you don't change your attitude quickly, you will either be riding the bench or out of a job completely.

This isn't the first time we have seen something like this happen. When Moss ran himself out of Minnesota the first time because of his own poor play, he complained about the coaches and gave up on numerous plays. Revisit his exit from the Oakland Raiders: after just three seasons of poor play, Moss com-

plained about the coaches and was traded away.

His fate is still up in the air, but I'm sure he's wishing he is back in Foxborough playing for the league best 6-1 Patriots. Now after numerous debacles, he could end up anywhere from the Buffalo Bills to the St. Louis Rams, two of the worst teams in the league this season. If he doesn't get his act together soon, he could be forced into early retirement by a lack of job offers. It's hard to imagine that a player of his caliber can be forced out of a job, but it's becoming more and more likely of a reality.

The worst part for Moss is that his on-field performance has been lacking this season. In his three seasons with the Patriots, Moss averaged 1,255 yards, 83 receptions and 15 touchdowns per season. This year in the first half of the season, Moss has a mere 313 yards, 22 receptions and five touchdowns.

My message to Moss is to man up. If you don't change your attitude quickly, you will either be riding the bench or out of a job completely. Sure, you have amazing talent. But coaches today are becoming less and less tolerant of disgruntled players and your job options will be very limited. You could end up being on a team like the Buffalo Bills: very small market, coldest place on earth and the worst team in the NFL. So man up, don't chase away your fans and your last shot to win a championship.

Judge Howell is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Plano.

ANALYSIS

Non-AQ teams gaining respect, foothold in BCS standings



Madison Pelletier

For the first time in Bowl Championship Series history, three non-automatic qualifying teams are ranked in the top five of the BCS poll, but the thought is already being considered to move a lower-ranked powerhouse school above a higher-ranked non-automatic qualifying school.

Having a top five with three teams from non-automatic qualifying conferences should be a sign that these schools deserve to play in top bowl games. Non-automatic qualifying schools are performing in the computer systems as good as, and in some cases better, than the schools from qualifying conferences.

It has been the norm for the 13 years that the BCS has existed that teams in the automatic qualifying conferences play in the championship game, even if they have a worse record than a school from a non-AQ conference.

The Mountain West Conference, a non-automatic qualifying conference, is the only conference that currently has two teams ranked in the top five. This should be a sign that there are high-performing teams lingering in these non-automatic qualifying conferences.

Discussion regarding the national championship game has rolled past three of the undefeated teams in the nation, Boise State University, TCU and the University of Utah, and has begun looking at one-loss schools that have a chance to come back and play for the national title.

The past few years, non-automatic qualifying schools have proved the system wrong by defeating power conference teams in bowl games. In the 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Boise State defeated the University of Oklahoma in overtime, 43-42. In 2009 Utah proved its quality after defeating the University of Alabama 31-17 in the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

Time and time again non-automatic qualifying teams have proved that they can compete with power conferences, but these

schools still have to prove that they deserve to have a spot in BCS bowl games.

In the past five games, the TCU defense has allowed only 16 points, while the other top five teams allowed an average of 95 points. How well does a team have to play to prove that they can perform with the automatic qualifying teams?

If any of the non-automatic qualifying teams remain undefeated then they deserve the same opportunity to fight for the national title as the schools from qualifying conferences.

This weekend, ESPN's College GameDay will be on scene in Salt Lake City to watch the TCU vs. Utah rivalry unfold firsthand. The presence of GameDay not only means that the game is expected to be heated, but gives national exposure to two teams that are very commonly put behind the scenes. Each week, millions of faces watch Lee Corso as he tops his head with his pick for the game, but what does this mean to viewers?

Viewers should be watching two ranked teams battle each other in a game that would put the winner in contention for the national title. But in the BCS system it is very likely that a one-loss powerhouse will take the place of the undefeated Cinderella team from a non-automatic qualifying conference.

As the season comes to a close all schools from qualifying and non-automatic qualifying conferences should be taken into consideration as contenders to the BCS national championship game, because the non-automatic qualifying schools could prove the nation wrong and defeat the qualifying conference powerhouses.

Madison Pelletier is a junior broadcast journalism major from Keller.

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MLB

Rangers discuss updated contracts

By Stephen Hawkins

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers plan to talk Thursday with manager Ron Washington about an expected new contract.

Nolan Ryan, the team's president and part-owner, says he doesn't see any issues with new deals for Washington or general manager Jon Daniels.

Washington's contract only went through this season, when the Rangers won the American League pennant before losing the World Series in five games to the San Francisco Giants. Daniels' contract goes through next season.

Ryan also said Wednesday that the Rangers haven't yet gotten into any negotiations with ace left-hander Cliff Lee. Ryan says he doesn't think Lee contract situation will "be over in a short period of time."

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BASKETBALL

Transgender player postpones surgery to remain on team



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Kye Allums, a female-to-male transgender member of the George Washington women's college basketball team, speaks to the media in Washington, on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

By Joseph White

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kye Allums can't have the surgery, can't start taking testosterone — not as long as he wants to keep playing basketball for the George Washington women's basketball team.

But he can change his name. He can ask people to stop calling him a woman. He can show off his mohawk, face a dozen cameras at the Smith Center after a practice and declare: "Yes, I

am a male on a female team."

So, for now, part of the dream is deferred for another. Allums is choosing basketball, a 21-year-old transgender player starting his junior season on the Colonials' roster.

"It is hard," Allums said, "because I would love for everything to happen right now. But, to those who wait, good things come. So I'm waiting and just focusing on basketball and school, and it's going to come. As long as I think like that, it doesn't seem like a hard thing."

Allums' story first surfaced Monday on outsports.com, which reported that Allums "will

be the first publicly transgender person" to play NCAA Division I college basketball. By Wednesday, the interest had reached the point that the university had to hold a media day just for the player formerly known as Kay-Kay Allums, giving him a chance to address the many questions that come with such a unique status.

Allums says his plan was not to come out now and just finish his GW basketball career first.

But plans change.

"It got too tough. It got too tough to not be me," Allums said. "People would call me a girl and say, 'she' and refer to me as someone I knew I wasn't."

In high school in suburban Minneapolis, Allums decided he was perhaps a lesbian, but the transgender thoughts were triggered when his mother, during a testy back-and-forth, texted him the message: "Who do you think you are, young lady?"

Maybe, Allums felt, he wasn't a young lady after all.

"Before that, I was one of those people who would look down upon 'trans' or whatever," Allums said. "And I was like, 'How could you feel like that?' But when my mom sent me that text message, and I was like, 'Wow, I'm one of those weird people I was talking about.' And I actually looked it up, looked more into it, and that was just me."

Allums talked about the "two boxes" of male and female, and how he feels he belongs in the box marked "male." He started telling teammates and coach Mike Bozeman, but telling mom was the hard one.

"I wrote her an e-mail explaining everything," Allums said. "I took me 15 minutes to write it, and it took me about five hours to send it."

It took about two days for Allums' mother to deal with the news, but Allums said he's received

nothing but support from both her biological family and her GW family. He's been part of the team's locker room bond for two years, averaging 6.2 points in 37 games, and Bozeman and team captain Ivy Aviona said that won't change.

"My initial reaction was that I support Kye to make that decision," Bozeman said. "I'm a basketball coach, that's what I do. My players are a basketball family, and I just immediately felt I needed to support Kye in any way possible — as I would any other student-athlete under my watch."

NCAA rules say "a female who wants to be socially identified as a male but has not undergone hormone treatments or surgery may compete on a women's team." NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson said it is left up to the school to determine an athlete's gender designation.

Allums considered having his surgery and treatments now — and then playing on a man's team.

"I thought about it," Allums said. "That wasn't really my goal. Maybe for somebody else."

Allums shrugged his shoulders while answering many questions, looking relaxed and comfortable with his decision to go public. He knows he'll be a lightning rod for taunts by opposing fans — but he also knows he can be a role model.

"I wanted to set an example for other people who are afraid to be themselves," Allums said.

Allums knows there are stereotypes associated with women who play sports, and that he could be reinforcing those stereotypes. He was already getting taunts in high school and college before telling people he was transgender. It just so happens that George Washington opens its season Nov. 13 against Green Bay in a tournament at Minneapolis. While much of the focus will be on Allums' homecoming, the coach is ready to move on and talk basketball.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Michigan NCAA ruling to be announced Thursday

By Larry Lage

AP Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan's wait for an NCAA decision is over.

The NCAA ruling in a case against college football's winningest team will be released Thursday, according to a person with knowledge of the governing body's final decision.

The person, who spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday on condition of anonymity because no one is permitted to comment on the case until NCAA announces its ruling, says the school is "very happy" with the final outcome.

The NCAA accused Michigan of five major rules violations related to exceeding practice and workout time in the wake of a Detroit Free Press report last year. The report led to investigations by both the school and the NCAA.

The school accepted responsibility for four of the allegations, but Michigan vigorously challenged a charge that coach Rich Rodriguez failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance with NCAA rules during an August hearing in Seattle.

Michigan announced in May that its self-imposed sanctions included probation for two years and reducing training time by 130 hours over two years — doubling the amount of time the Wolverines exceeded NCAA rules.



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Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez looks at the scoreboard during the fourth quarter of a 41-31 loss to Penn State in an NCAA college football game in State College, Pa., Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010.

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TCU running back Ed Wesley (34) is brought down by Air Force's Chris Miller (3) with help from teammates in the second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, in Fort Worth, Texas. Wesley had a career-high 209 yards and two touchdowns in the 38-7 TCU win.

Local businesses, campus highlighting game

By Whitney Gipson
Staff Reporter

Though the Horned Frogs are traveling to Utah this weekend, fans won't have to travel far to cheer on the team.

Nearby restaurants plan to offer a host of specials watch parties for Frog fans this weekend, and the game will even be

broadcast in residence halls through a special negotiation with the university's cable provider.

An on-campus organized watch party is being hosted by HyperFrogs in 1873, student activities adviser Brad Thompson wrote in an e-mail. Sodexo will provide free chips, salsa and tie-dying outside 1873 before and during the game.

Off-campus hot spots like Buffalo Broth-

ers, the Aardvark, Old Rip's and the Pour House, near west 7th street, will show the game and provide game day specials.

Buffalo Brothers daytime manager Christi Harbour said the restaurant offers \$3 "horny shots" and pulled pork specials on game days.

Old Rip's daytime manager said his restaurant will show the game and offer a buffet during the game.

While the university does not receive the CBS college sports network on analog televisions, negotiations with the university cable provider made it possible for the university to receive the channel for game day purposes, telecommunication coordinator Patti Sellers said.

Sellers said the university will receive CBS college sports network for this weekend's game only against Utah on channel 50.