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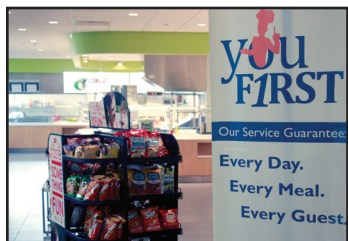
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Parkland student Darrel Simpson stands outside, enjoying the fall weather. The changing leaves mark the transition into winter and the added bright colors can provide a sense of relief for students overwhelmed by homework and the stress of midterms.

Parkland working to head off campus violence

Matthew Moss
Staff Writer

The spate of shootings in recent years, most recently at Umpqua Community College in Oregon, has sparked much debate from both sides of the political aisle on the importance and role of security on school campuses.

Parkland's administration has taken a decisive stance on the matter, choosing to deploy as much as they sensibly can to head off and respond to violence on campus.

A combination of preventive and reactionary measures are in place at Parkland to dissuade violent crime, with particular emphasis on shooting deterrence and response.

“We do our best here at public safety to make Parkland as safe as possible. We’re always vigilant, we’re always there.”

William Colbrook
Chief of Police, Parkland College

The first barrier against violent crime is the Behavioral Intervention Team, headed by Michael Trame, vice president of student services, and Marietta Turner, dean of students. The focus of the organization is to assist students who are dealing with a variety of issues ranging from mental disorders to violent behavior, such as threats against Parkland.

“The more we can help and assist them, the better the chance of success they have here at Parkland,” Trame said.

The team has met every two weeks since its establishment six years ago. It is a cross-institutional organization that works in cooperation with area medical and police agencies to make itself as effective as possible in helping students and keeping the campus safe.

Turner says Parkland's BIT may be unique in that it meets regularly. She says some campuses' BIT analogues may only meet in special circumstances.

Anyone who is concerned about the well-being of a student or faculty member at Parkland can file a “person of concern” report with the BIT. This form can be filled out online and anonymously.

“We are very serious about looking at any situation that is sent to us,” Turner said. “This is about care and concern for the entire community.”

While prevention of violent crimes is a principal focus of public safety initiatives, the college is in no way lax in its ability to respond to a threat, says William Colbrook, chief of campus police.

“We do not want to present a soft target to gun violence, or any violence,” Colbrook said.

The campus police is a 24-hour, year-round service whose officers are trained to meet the standards put in place by the Illinois Law

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New RN bridge program for paramedics the first of its kind in the state

Sarah Powers
Staff Writer

It will now be a little easier for paramedics to train to be registered nurses at Parkland College.

On Sept. 11, the Parkland College nursing program announced approval by the Illinois Board of Nursing for a new paramedic RN bridge program, which will be the first of its kind in the state of Illinois.

Set to launch next spring 2016, this three-semester program (one semester less than the Associates Degree Nursing program's usual four) will acknowledge the rigorous training required to practice first response medicine and start students in classes without having to re-learn basic principles.

“We have had several paramedics go through the nursing program in the past, but they were often frustrated that the education and experience they had acquired couldn't be taken into consideration and a shorter program offered,” said Michele Spading, assistant dean of nursing and faculty affairs.

This program will expand previous skills and experience, streamlining the way to becoming a registered nurse. Beyond acute phase medical services, students will learn to support patients with different care needs using nurse procedures.

The success of Parkland's already existing bridge program for practical nurses seeking to become registered nurses inspired faculty to extend the bridge as well as an increasing demand for other medically trained professionals wanting to take the next step in their careers.

“We heard from many paramedics that they were ready to take the next step in their health care career pathway to become registered nurses,” said Diane Cousert, Parkland's assistant dean of nursing and faculty affairs, in an earlier press release. “The BON (Board of Nursing) agreed that there is a need for [paramedics] to take that next step without starting from the beginning.”

While most students enter the program with the goal of advancing to



Photo by Kenneisha Hoskins | Parkland Nursing
Nursing students Mirjana Miles, Elizabeth Alison, Lisa Harrison and Shiiling Sze Tho practice feeling for veins to start IV's with instructor Stephanie Manuel.

registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing, and eventually a master's degree, the reality of real life often leaves many students stuck in step one with their LPN or EMT certificate, working to support themselves and gain experience in a job, not the classroom.

Deb Buchor, an instructor in the RN program, and Joanne Heck, nursing department program director, recognized the need for

students who need to work as well as go to school to have a program that allows them the space they need to further their education alongside other responsibilities of life.

“The program is a great way for working students, single moms and people who want to take the journey of getting a nursing degree a little slower, one step at a time,” Heck said.

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LIFESTYLE

Many students want more options in the cafeteria



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Parkland College's Café has many different food options to choose from, including chips and soda to healthier options such as salad, yogurt or fresh-cooked food. Some students still feel that the options are not enough, and would like to see a larger selection of healthy, cost-friendly foods.

Scott Barnes
Staff Writer

Part of being a good student and maintaining a high GPA is living a healthy lifestyle, which includes eating a healthy diet. Many students turn to the cafeteria at Parkland to provide them with at least one meal per day.

In an informal poll conducted by Prospectus staff members, 33 out of 50 students questioned expressed discontent with Parkland's cafeteria. Amongst their complaints were high food prices and the lack of healthy food options.

Kristopher Rhoads is a Parkland student majoring in criminal justice. He explained that the food options available serve as a means for students to get through the day, rather than to fulfill the nutritional needs they may have.

"My thoughts are that Parkland pretty much offers snacks, or 'gap' food, until you can go get yourself some food," Rhoads said.

The cafeteria does offer yogurt parfaits, wraps, sub sandwiches and salads as well

33 of 50

students at Parkland expressed discontent with café food options

as full course meals but, for some students, these options are not enough. Another complaint students expressed is the lack of gluten free food options. Some students suffer from gluten intolerance or celiac disease and are unable to consume many of the food options offered at the cafeteria.

Many students are struggling to make ends meet and, even with financial aid, they cannot afford to spend copious amounts of money on food.

Alex Pryde-Wate is studying law at Parkland. He explained that he is happy with the food the cafeteria serves but not the cost. He described the food as "good quality, but pricey."

Erin Sheahan is a Parkland student working towards a



Photo by Billi Jo Hart | The Prospectus

Choices like yogurt and granola cups are one of the many options Parkland's Café offers.

career in animation. She also expressed concern about the high prices that students have to pay for meals.

"The thing is people go into college knowing that things aren't going to be cheap, but as a college student, you don't

have loads of money to spend. I think that's one of the main problems," Sheahan said.

For many students, eating healthy is not a lifestyle they choose to adopt and they expressed an apathetic view on the food choices available

on campus.

For the students who do care about the nutritional value of the food they eat, the cafeteria will be posting nutritional facts starting in the spring semester of 2016.

Monument to honor King planned for Georgia's Stone Mountain

Associated Press

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — Planning is under way to place a Liberty Bell replica atop Stone Mountain near Atlanta as a memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. that recalls a famous line from his "I Have a Dream" speech, officials say.

The planned tribute to the late civil rights activist would broaden the story told by the Georgia state park, long home to a giant carving of former Confederate president Jefferson Davis and Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, said Bill Stephens, chief executive of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association.

"Two years ago, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's speech, a small group of Georgia's civil rights leaders met atop the mountain to ring a bell," Stephens said in an email to journalists. "This began thought and discussions which evolved into the present concept of a Freedom Bell."

The Atlanta Journal-



Photo by John Bazemore | AP Photo

In this Tuesday, June 23, 2015, file photo, a youngster plays on a rock in front of the carving on Stone Mountain, in Stone Mountain, Ga. The carving depicts confederates Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson. Planning is underway to place a replica of the Liberty Bell atop Stone Mountain as a memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. that recalls a famous line from his "I Have a Dream" speech, officials say.

Constitution first reported in Sunday's editions that an elevated tower with a replica of the bell would recall a line from King's 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech: "Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain

of Georgia." The bell would sound from the mountain top, though when or how often hasn't been determined, the newspaper reported.

Because King's 1963 speech is copyrighted, permission

of King's heirs would be required. Stephens said the planning was just beginning and many details remain to be worked out.

"Discussions have taken place with the King family

and are taking place now," Stephens told The Journal-Constitution. "Their initial reaction is very favorable. But we haven't completed those discussions yet."

The King monument would not replace any of the current monuments, which would remain, Stephens told the AP.

Calls to the King Center were not immediately returned Monday.

Stone Mountain has a divisive history. The Ku Klux Klan once held notorious cross-burnings on the mountain. And a display of Confederate flags near its base has drawn renewed criticism after the mass shooting in June that claimed nine lives at an historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Some critics have suggested in recent years that the enormous Confederate carving, larger than a football field with the Southern generals astride their horses, should be sand-blasted away. The carving was completed in 1972, more than 50 years after work began.

NEWS

Students return to Oregon college after shooting



Photo by Beth Nakamura | The Oregonian via AP

Tony Terra, student body president, walks with Rita Cavin, Interim Umpqua Community College President, left, and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, right, speak at Umpqua Community College, Monday, Oct. 12, 2015, in Roseburg, Ore. Monday was the first day back to campus for students since the deadliest shooting in state history on Oct. 1.

Associated Press

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) Hundreds of people lined the road leading to the Oregon community college where a gunman killed nine people, holding signs reading "UCC Strong" as students returned Monday to the scene of the deadliest shooting in state history.

The Umpqua Community College campus in the small town of Roseburg reopened last week, but students are heading back to class for the first time since the Oct. 1 shooting, which also wounded nine people.

Residents waving American flags and signs greeted students driving into campus. Volunteers and dogs came to offer comfort, and tissues were available in every classroom. State troopers and sheriff's deputies patrolled the grounds.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown joined interim college President Rita Cavin and student body president Tony Terra in welcoming students who returned for morning

classes.

"There was a lot of hugs and a lot of tears," the governor told reporters. "We are here to help students rebuild their lives."

The gunman, Christopher Harper-Mercer, 26, shot his victims in a classroom in Snyder Hall before exchanging fire with police and then killing himself. Administrators have not started talking about what will happen to Snyder Hall, which is still closed, Cavin said.

It's also too soon to say how security at the college might change, she said. Campus police are not armed in this conservative town where residents commonly own and carry guns.

The shooting has led to calls for more gun restrictions to reduce the bloodshed, while others here and across the country contend that the answer is more people being armed.

The campus was closed to the media for much of the day. Despite that, many students skipped class

Monday because they didn't want to confront reporters, Cavin said.

"We're hoping they understand this level of press activity is going to diminish really quickly, and it will feel safer to come back," Cavin said. "Some of them are just holding back and waiting for the campus to look like the campus they left."

Supporters started lining the street before dawn. Workers from AAA Sweep, a Roseburg parking-lot sweeping company, arrived at 5:30 a.m., even though some of them didn't get off work until 2 a.m.

"UCC touches everybody in this community in some way," company owner Carl Bird told The Register-Guard newspaper. "You've got displaced workers that come here, you've got kids out of high school coming here, I've hired people from here."

"And they all put back in the community when they graduate," he said. "So it's just something that I felt we should support."



Photo by John Locher | AP Photo

A man holds up a sign for free hugs at Umpqua Community College, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, in Roseburg, Ore. The campus reopened on a limited basis for faculty and students for the first time since armed suspect Chris Harper-Mercer killed multiple people and wounded several others on Thursday before taking his own life at Snyder Hall.

Interstate 95 reopening in South Carolina after record flood

Bruce Smith

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Authorities reopened a key southbound stretch of Interstate 95 through South Carolina on Monday, more than a week after an historic storm dumped as much as 2 feet of rain that shut off the main East Coast highway from Miami to Maine.

The state Transportation Department said Monday that 13 miles of southbound lanes were open again to traffic and that the northbound lanes were expected to reopen late Monday or early Tuesday.

The busy interstate had been closed for more than a week, causing delays while crews checked 13 bridges crossing streams and swamps in the middle part of the state.

The department says crews spent about 4,000 man hours repairing the spans while divers also checked on the repairs.

The closing forced drivers to take an almost 170-mile detour to the state capitol of Columbia instead of the normal 75-mile drive along the interstate from Interstate 26 to Interstate 20.

In recent days the detour



Photo by Jeffrey Collins | AP Photo

U.S. Highway 521 is covered with water on Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, in Manning, S.C. The road is the main link into town, but three other highways are also impassible, making the city of 4,000 a virtual island. After a week of steady rain, the showers tapered off Monday and an inundated South Carolina turned to surveying a road system shredded by the historic flooding.

has resulted in traffic delays on another interstate southeast of Columbia, the state capital city flooded in many parts by the days of rain.

While the interstate is reopening, parts of about 225 state roads remained closed Monday morning because of recent flooding. In additional

almost 100 bridges are closed either because of flooding or so they can be checked for damage.

The Transportation Department also said that, beginning Monday, it will begin removing debris from four counties. Crews planned to be out in Georgetown and Horry counties on the coast

and in Lexington, Richland and Sumter counties in the Midlands near the state capitol of Columbia.

Charleston officials also announced that crews would be out Monday cleaning up storm debris.

Rain-swollen rivers in eastern South Carolina are finally beginning to recede.

The National Weather Service reports that the Waccamaw River at Conway was at 15.9 feet on Monday, down from 16.2 feet over the weekend. But still there is major flooding in the area where flood stage is 11 feet.

The Santee River near Jamestown is at about 21 feet, down a foot from over the weekend. There is still moderate flooding in the area where flood stage is 10 feet.

And in Orangeburg, the north fork of the Edisto River is back down to 8 feet. That's flood stage in the area. But with weekend rains, that river is expected to rise again, cresting at over 9 feet by Thursday, causing minor flooding.

In Columbia, the city continues the laborious process of repairing its water system where the storm breached a canal that holds the city's water supply.

On Sunday, the city lifted a boil water advisory for water customers in some of the city's northern and northwestern suburbs. City officials hope the advisory can be lifted for all the systems 375,000 customers in the next week or so.

OPINION

In Review: A Photographer's Life of Love and War

Peter Floess
Staff Writer

In her memoir, "It's What I Do: A Photographer's Life of Love and War," Lynsey Addario shows that her career and life are examples of how life is unpredictable. In April of 2000, she was a freelance photographer for the Associated Press living in New Delhi, India. Her reporter roommate suggested that she travel to Afghanistan to cover the lives of women under the Taliban because there were very few female journalists covering that issue.

Addario went to Afghanistan a few times before September 11, 2001. After September 11, Addario became one of the most respected photographers of the war in Afghanistan because "few photographers had worked in Afghanistan under the Taliban, as I had."

Since then she has covered most of the major conflicts of the 21st Century. Parkland photography instructor Craig McMonigal who teaches a History of Photography course, thinks that Addario's "composition and choice of subject are noteworthy, and her images do stand above most images done by similar photographers."

According to McMonigal, "News photographers often have little or no time to look for the image they want;

they just begin shooting and keep shooting in the hopes of getting a newsworthy image."

McMonigal noted there are situations where subjects are posing, such as human interest images or environmental portraits. However, the images selected for news media are decided by an editor. "Often images are sent directly to the editor without the photographer even able to see them once they have shot them. Editors use a variety of criteria in selecting an image. Newsworthiness is certainly top of the list, and that may even supersede quality, exposure and composition. Any image that has all of the above will stand out and have a better chance of being selected for publication," McMonigal said.

Some examples of the process of news photography in "It's What I Do" are during the Battle of Fallujah during the Iraq War. Addario writes that she "had once filed under fire in Fallujah from beneath the protection of a Humvee." Addario also remembers her photos of injured soldiers from Fallujah being treated in Germany, being censored by *Life* magazine for being too "real for the American public."

Many of Addario's most well-known photos are editorial. According to McMonigal, editorial photos are photos that are not taken "spur of the

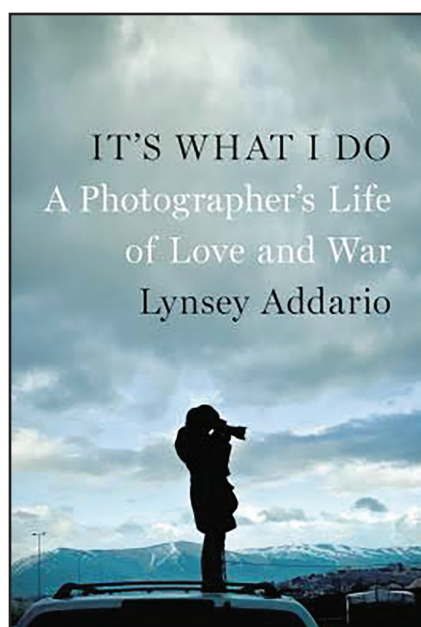


Photo courtesy of Lynsey Addario

moment." Addario seems to call her editorial photos that she mentions in her books, "documentary" photos.

Editorial photos are taken over a longer period of time than news photography. The editorial photos taken by Addario often involved her need to build a level of trust with her subjects. An example of this process was in 1999, the AP asked Addario to do a photo-essay of a transgender prostitute community in New York City.

According to her, the community was "seemingly impenetrable" and suspicious of outsiders. It took several weeks of work to make the community comfortable with her presence for her to find possible subjects. After that she had to spend every weekend for five months with her subjects. According to Addario, "as I gained their trust, my photographs became more intimate."

"It's What I Do" is a very readable book. Addario is not very verbose in her writing and the book has many examples of her photography. Not only is her professional life interesting, her personal life is unusual. Addario's husband is from one of the prominent families of Liechtenstein. I believe she is pretty honest about her worldview, whether the reader agrees with her or not. After Addario became more established she became interested in making more artistic, abstract pictures. Fine-art prints of some of her photos have sold for several thousand dollars. Addario justifies the sale of these photos; she needs the money to continue photographing.

She believes that "trying to convey beauty in war was a technique to try to prevent the reader from looking away or turning the page in response to something horrible. I wanted them to linger, to ask questions," she said.

Obama: Clinton made mistake; security not endangered

Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's use of a private email server to conduct government business when she served as secretary of state was a mistake but didn't endanger national security, President Barack Obama said during an interview airing Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes."

Obama said public officials

have to be more sensitive about how they handle information and personal data. Yet he also said the criticism of Clinton has been "ginned up" because of politics.

"I think she'd be the first to acknowledge that maybe she could have handled the original decision better and the disclosures more quickly," Obama said.

Obama downplayed the threat to national security,

and when it was pointed out that his administration has prosecuted people for having classified material on their private computers, the president said he didn't get the impression there was an intent to "hide something or to squirrel away information." He also said he was not initially aware of her use of the private email server.

There are still questions being raised about the security of that system.

Senate investigators recently discovered that Clinton's private server was subjected to unspecified hacking attempts in 2013 from China, South Korea and Germany.

The FBI is still examining her system, and that review could reveal evidence, if any, of unauthorized intrusions into her server or any attempts to siphon off her data.

Clinton has yet to answer

specific questions about the security protections in her unusual email setup, which ran out of her New York home and not in a professional data center during her time as secretary of state.

Obama also weighed in on the 2016 presidential elections. The president called current GOP front-runner Donald Trump "the classic reality TV character" and a

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SAFETY

Enforcement Training and Standards Board. In addition, two officers, including Colbrook, have undergone special weapons and tactics training, giving the force valuable insight on tactical law enforcement operations.

The force also undergoes active shooter training during spring break each year, closing the campus and utilizing different wings of the school to give officers a first-person perspective on the tactical challenges presented by each wing, Colbrook says.

Parkland College made the decision years ago to transition the security force to a police department. Carrying a sidearm comes

with becoming a police department, Colbrook said.

Parkland police also have access to semi-automatic rifles, which gives them the capability to counter any sort of threat posed by an armed assailant. However, Colbrook says the pistols officers carry are more than enough to protect the campus and its visitors.

"We believe that we carry a sidearm that is fully capable of protecting ourselves ... and stopping the threat," Colbrook said.

Colbrook does not think metal detectors or being searched upon entering the school is a necessary precaution at this point and the administration has not discussed the topic as of yet. He says that Parkland is secure enough from threats without entry searches.

"We do our best here at public safety to make Parkland as safe as possible," Colbrook said. "We're always vigilant, we're always there."

Parkland's police officers work closely with area crisis response units, such as the University of Illinois police force and the county SWAT team, to boost its own preparedness in handling violent crime.

In adherence with the Cleary Act, Parkland's crime statistics are a matter of public knowledge and available for viewing on the Parkland College website. Go to the "College Resources" heading and click on "Campus Police."

A link to this year's crime statistics, as well as those from previous years, can be found on this page.

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BRIDGE

When those students feel they are ready, the bridge program will be waiting to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Wade Hales and Mary Butzow, faculty members in Parkland's EMS-Paramedic program, have been working closely with Buchor, Heck and other nursing faculty members to design a solid program structure and education entry requirements.

While this program may be the first of its kind in this state, other colleges and universities have recognized the student need for a more specialized curriculum. University of Arkansas at

Little Rock, Hutchinson Community College in Kansas, Mesa Community College in Arizona, Pensacola State College in Florida, and Lorain County Community College in Ohio are all leading the way in helping paramedics take the next step in their career paths.

The application deadline for the Paramedic to RN Bridge program closes Nov. 1. For more information about this program, contact Michele Spading, assistant dean of student affairs for the nursing program, at mspading@parkland.edu.

For more information about certificates and degree options for paramedics, visit the department website: <http://www.parkland.edu/academics/departments/health/ems/>.

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CLINTON

"great publicity-seeker."

"He is tapped into something that exists in the Republican Party that's real," Obama said. "I think there is genuine anti-immigrant sentiment in the large portion of at least Republican primary voters. I don't think it's uniform."

On Trump's election prospects, Obama said: "I don't think he'll end up being president of the United States."

Obama would not say if he wants his vice president, Joe Biden, to get into the presidential race. Many expect Biden to make his decision soon.

"If you're sitting right next to the president in every meeting and, you know,

wrestling with these issues, I'm sure that for him, he's saying to himself, "I could do a really good job."

When the president was asked if he believed he could win a third term if he were allowed to run again, he had a simple reply: "Yes."

Obama also discussed his views on Syria during the interview. The administration said Friday it is abandoning a failed Pentagon effort to build a new ground force of moderate rebels and overhauling its approach to instead partner with established rebel groups. The change also reflects growing concern in Obama's administration that Russia's intervention has complicated the Syrian battlefield and given new life to President Bashar Assad.

Obama said he was "skeptical from the get-go" about the notion of creating

an army of moderate forces within Syria. "My goal has been to try to test the proposition, can we be able to train and equip a moderate opposition that's willing to fight ISIL? And what we've learned is that as long as Assad remains in power, it is very difficult to get those folks to focus their attention on ISIL," Obama said.

Obama said part of the strategy behind the administration's efforts was to "try different things." He added that "in a situation that is as volatile and with as many players as there are inside of Syria, there aren't any silver bullets."

While the Pentagon is abandoning its effort to train rebels, a CIA program that since 2013 has trained some 10,000 rebels to fight Assad's forces is ongoing.

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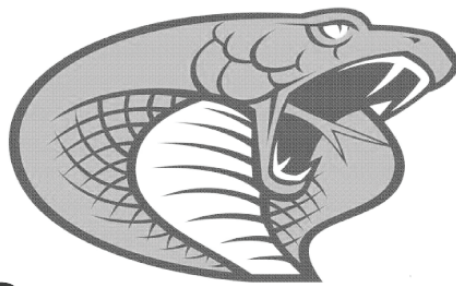
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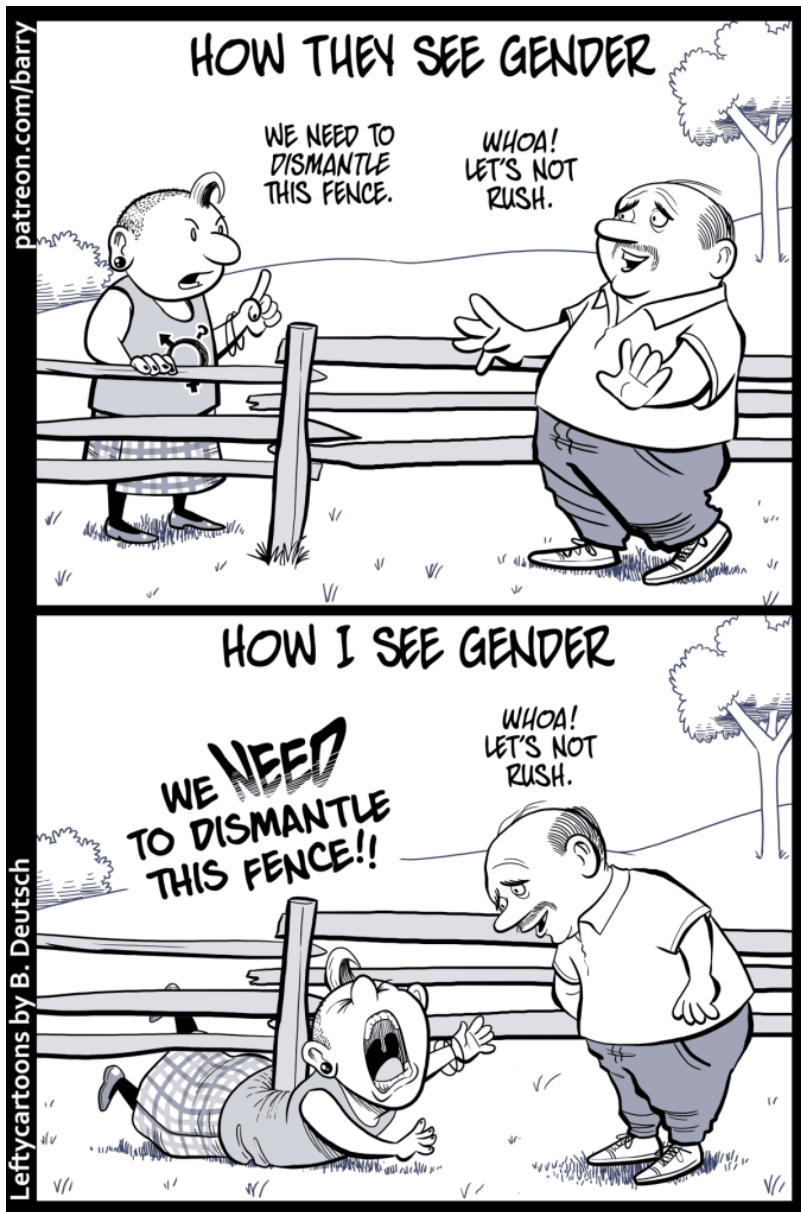
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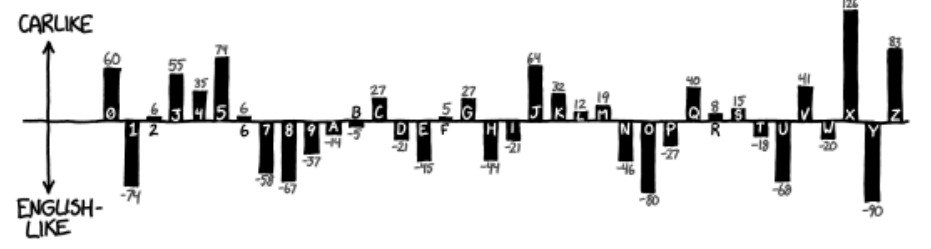
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LETTER AND NUMBER SCORES BASED ON RELATIVE FREQUENCY IN CAR MODEL NAMES

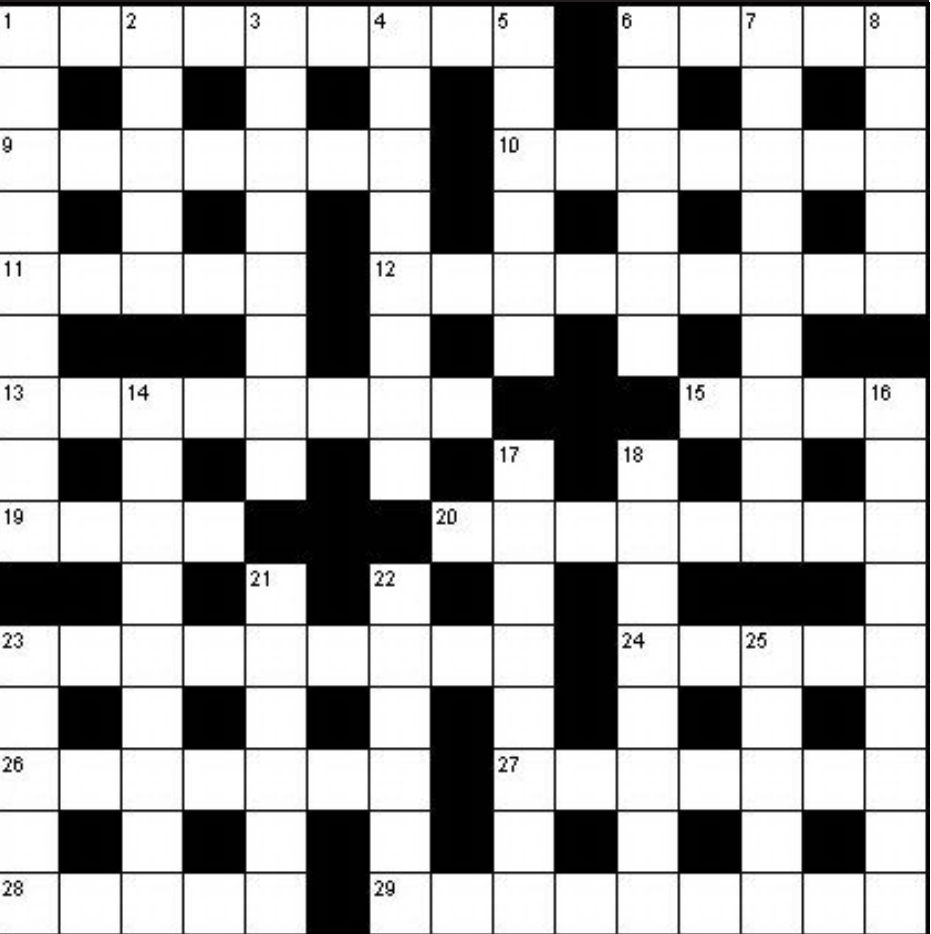


BASED ON THESE SCORES, HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR CAR COMPANIES: (WITH AVERAGE LETTER SCORES)

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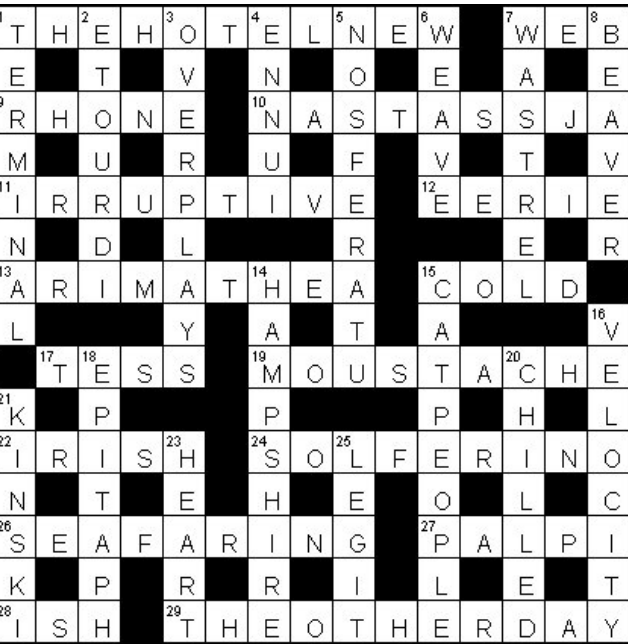
(solve for the answers below)



- ACROSS**
- 1 Upper class deservin' to get the chop - that's not changed (9)
 - 6 Originally Arthurian errant knight, resident of 6 dn (5)
 - 9 Some writing that stands out (7)
 - 10 Hermione, leaving island with bag, stupidly makes a bloomer (7)
 - 11 Hearty desire to take on the unknown (5)
 - 12 Strep performs with bad actor in "The Greatcoat" (9)
 - 13 State airline gets capital backing (8)
 - 15 Chief of 6 ac's is silent? (4)
 - 19 Heartless trick by Venetian magistrate (4)
 - 20 One fool to fool around endlessly - describes old Secondary system (8)
 - 23 Unseats from steed with horn blast (9)
 - 24 Not any sun on the 7th of March? (5)
 - 26 Day boy takes on head of school for a thrill (7)
 - 27 Some chapter ministers' final destinations (7)
 - 28 Invest with bear right away (5)
 - 29 Drinking den where the conversation flowed? (9)

- DOWN**
- 1 A French mistress isn't at all liked (9)
 - 2 Kings and Queens having no love for old coins (5)
 - 3 One of 15's attendants who went for a noted ride (8)
 - 4 15's transport provided by Northern Irish, after mistake involving English (8)
 - 5 Obligation involving a bit of effort gives rise to contention (6)
 - 6 One draws up by home of 15 and 6 ac's (6)
 - 7 Sources of heat in Heaven and Hell under which you won't bum (9)
 - 8 Region in which King Alfred the First hid in a tree (5)
 - 14 See 22
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Last week's answers



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FEATURE

That New York twang: Nashville calls on Big Apple schools



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In this Oct. 5, 2015 photo, Liz Rose, center, a Grammy-award winning country music songwriter from Nashville, rehearses a song with students at Pelham Gardens Middle School in the Bronx borough of New York. Rose is working with the students through a program funded by the Country Music Association Foundation, which provides a curriculum for teachers to develop language skills through the art of songwriting.

William Mathis
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — As the Bronx middle schoolers harmonized in their auditorium and plucked out basic chords on ukuleles and guitars, in walked their music instructor, Liz Rose — a Grammy-award winning country songwriter from Nashville.

Rose has penned tracks for some of the biggest names in the business, including Taylor Swift. But on this recent fall day, she helped 19 students write an original tune called “Everybody’s Perfect.”

“Y’all are awesome,” Rose said as she approached the stage. “Y’all made me cry.”

Country music and New York City don’t go hand in glove; the city has only one country radio station, which came on the air two years ago after a 17-year drought. Nonetheless, Music City musicians are partnering with a nonprofit that is providing music education in New York City schools to help boost it as a core subject.

The students at Pelham Gardens Middle School in the Bronx are among 500 students in 15 schools around the city to participate; they receive 10 lessons on how to write lyrics, and one class in each school has a videoconference session with a musician in Nashville.

The Nashville-New York connection is made through the Country Music Association Foundation, which began in 2006 to help fund music education programs in Nashville and is branching out across the country.

In recent years, it has donated to the New York-based nonprofit Education Through Music, which helps provide music education to all students in 50 low-income elementary and middle schools in all five city boroughs. It also works with Words & Music, based out of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, which provides a curriculum for both music and language arts teachers to develop language skills

through the art of songwriting. The Country Music Association Foundation wanted to bring the two together, and the program was born.

Rose, who won a Grammy with Swift for best country song in 2010 for “White Horse,” first met her students over Skype. Rose helped them write the lyrics for the song, which they performed this past week at All for the Hall, a benefit concert for education programs at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum at the Best Buy Theater in Times Square. Students shared the stage with Brad Paisley, Paul Simon and Carrie Underwood.

For many of the New York kids, country music was unfamiliar territory.

Corey Stuckey, 12, said he has been inspired to write songs in the past by hip-hop and R&B artists such as R. Kelly and Ludacris. But now he is opening up to country, too.

“I like country music because of the tone of it,” the seventh-grader said. “It’s

kind of like reggae, but it’s different because it’s more calming.”

Rose said she applied the same techniques she uses when collaborating with professionals. She had the students shout out whatever was on their minds, and they said things like, older kids are tall, ice cream and hallways. She quickly jotted down everything they said and then started to place the words together like puzzle pieces.

“It’s not different for whoever you’re writing with. It’s about getting them to talk,” she said. “And then I would ask them questions and put a line together.”

Ultimately they wrote: “Everybody’s Perfect,” an homage to the difficulties of life at a new school.

Moesha Masters, 11, helped come up with the inspiration for the title.

“I moved a lot and it was hard making friends,” she said. “And I realized I’m not perfect. But after I looked at that I realized everyone’s perfect in other ways.”

“Ice cream, money

and MetroCards and full backpacks and school is hard!” the students sang. With an upbeat, catchy melody, the students’ song emulated more the contemporary pop-country of Taylor Swift than the old-country twang.

Peter Pauliks, director of programs for Education through Music, urged the students at the rehearsal to enunciate every word so that a diverse audience would understand the song’s message.

“In Nashville, I don’t think they even have MetroCards,” he reminded them.

Kyle Young, chief executive officer of the Country Music Hall of Fame, says he was moved when he saw the students from the Bronx onstage at All for the Hall, dressed in their blue school uniforms under T-shirts for Words & Music and Education Through Music.

“This is why we go to work every day,” he said. “It’s not about the genre, it’s about giving kids an opportunity to express themselves and create.”

Obama gives Kanye West some tips for his presidential run

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — If you’re going to run for president, Kanye West, you might as well listen to someone who’s been there and done that.

“I do have some advice for him,” President Barack Obama said during a West Coast fundraiser featuring an appearance by the rapper. “Just some stuff that I’ve picked up on the way.”

When West appeared on the MTV Video Music Awards last month, he announced that he would run for president in 2020.

Obama’s Tip No. 1 could have been aimed at reality TV star turned presidential candidate Donald Trump — and maybe a few others in the crowded GOP field.

“First of all, you’ve got to spend a lot of time dealing with some strange characters who behave like they’re on a reality TV show,” Obama said. “So you’ve just to be cool with that.”

Tip No. 2 referenced West’s fifth studio album. “Saying that you have a ‘Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy’ — that’s what’s known as ‘off-message’ in politics,” Obama said. “You can’t say something like that. There are a lot of people who have lost their congressional seats saying things like that.”

Tip No. 3 hit the Chicago-raised West close to home. “Do you really think that this country is going to elect a black guy from the South Side of Chicago with a funny name to be president of the United States?” Obama asked. “That is crazy. That’s crazy!”

Obama, aka POTUS, also joked that West has his own nickname for the person in the White House — Peezy (that’s someone who is really, really cool).

West also is thinking about running for speaker of the House, Obama cracked.

“Couldn’t get any stranger,” he said.



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SPORTS

Injuries just another challenge for Cobra baseball team

Adam Vilmin
Staff Writer

It's the moment no baseball player wants to be in. They have been playing through pain, but the doctor says surgery and eight to 10 months of rehab. Their baseball season is over and instead of playing, their time will be spent stretching and waiting to throw again.

Reliever Conner Gremer found his first season setback a year after "feeling wrong last February." After attempting to rehabilitate it during the spring, he found himself needing rotator cuff surgery.

"Hearing that you're going to have surgery and your season is coming to an end, it's totally just negative thoughts running through your mind," Gremer said.

But injuries are a reality for many baseball athletes.

"We have guys that end up injured their first year and red shirting is always mentally tough," said John Gobels, the Parkland pitching coach. "We try and spin that into a positive, where they are just delaying their start of their college career, and not losing a year of playing."

Gremer and Goebels had a relationship from Goebels' coaching in the junior leagues that Gremer played in, and both think that, along with Parkland's more tight knit style of program, has made the process less worrisome.

"I think if I had been in a four year program, there might have been a bigger



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Parkland athlete Conner Gremer practices his throwing technique during a practice on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.

chance of getting let go by the team," Gremer said.

"It's good for us, especially with a guy like Gremer, in that there's no question for me about knowing where he will be at [skill wise] when the rehab is over," Goebels said. "There aren't any questions about what point we're trying to wait for them to get to when the process is over, or if it's even possible."

Dealing with injury or bad mechanics is an everyday

concern for Goebels.

"When a guy is mechanically bad at the plate, he just doesn't get hits. When a guy is throwing poorly, he can get badly injured," Goebels said.

Being vigilant is the first defense the team has against injury.

"That's why we're tracking velocities out during their outings. When you have guys hitting 88-89 then all of sudden dropping to 81-82 and their arm slot is different, we have

to notice the red flags. It's not always an injury, but you know you need to be feeling it out and talking to the kid to find out if it's something that just needs rest or if we should be having the doctor take a look," Goebels said.

Goebels also has the role of guiding a rehabbing player through the healing process. Gremer, for instance, has just come back to the point that he's beginning to throw his fastball off of the mound.

"It's mostly just me and Goebels listening to my arm," Gremer said. "If I was scheduled for a bullpen, throw it and feel good the next day, we might add in some light toss the next day. If it's sore, we might skip the next scheduled work out."

"They'll come back and have very strict throwing regimens," Goebels said. "The biggest thing I'll tell these guys going through it, mentally you can't think, 'That was a good day, that was a bad day,' You just have to do it."

The mental aspect can be the most difficult aspect of the rehab process. It can be alienating and frustrating to be disconnected from the team for so long. Goebel said he will have the guys "dragging the field, mound maintenance, running the music or umpiring the fall games."

"Anything to help keep them busy, since that's a lot for a guy to go through," he said.

Ultimately, once the injury is healed, the player can come out better for it.

"The biggest thing I noticed after the guys get hurt is they get a little more responsible for taking care of themselves. They can look at the big picture, because for them, that picture got a little smaller for a while. It's good to see that for their careers going forward and hopefully when they go on as adults," said head coach Dave Garcia.

Records: Illini athletics part of \$1.5M vehicle program

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — An open records request has found that 57 University of Illinois athletics employees, including coaches, administrators and wives, are part of a program in which car dealers provide them use of \$1.5 million worth of vehicles.

Thirty-three dealers are part of the Fighting Illini Wheels program, The (Champaign) News-Gazette reported (<http://bit.ly/1LJwOYR>).

Athletics officials can drive the cars for personal and business use but have to pay for gas and maintenance. The athletics department pays for insurance and registration and the benefit is taxable.

Men's basketball coach John Groce drives a 2015 BMW X5 worth more than \$68,000. Athletic Director Mike Thomas has a 2014 Hyundai Equus worth \$55,000. Interim football coach Bill Cubit has a 2014 Chevrolet Traverse worth

about \$22,600.

"It's a perk of the position," athletics department spokesman Kent Brown said. "It's a benefit for staff members who do a lot of driving. It gives dealers the ability to support the program in a unique way."

Six other officials at the University of Illinois campus have take-home privileges for vehicles, which can only be used for business purposes. University spokesman Tom Hardy said those six officials

are senior administrators who "travel occasionally, if not frequently, between all three of the campuses and other parts of the state." President Timothy Killeen doesn't get a vehicle but he can request one from the university motor pool.

The Fighting Illini Wheels program considers the vehicles donations, and in return give dealerships Illini sporting event tickets and advertising through the athletic department, Brown

said.

Most dealers donate new vehicles and either put a mileage or months used limit on the cars, letting dealers resell them when they're turned in.

Groce's BMW came from Honda/BMW of Champaign manager Ben Quattrone in Champaign.

"It's a benefit to me because he's an ambassador of the product," Quattrone said. "He wouldn't drive the car if it's not what he liked."

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