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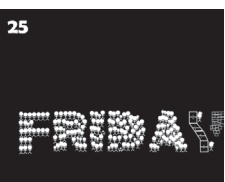
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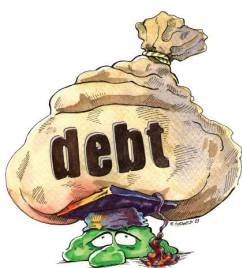
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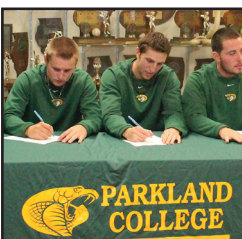
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How to give back this Thanksgiving



Left to Right: Shelby Immke (sophomore), Laura Decker (sophomore), and Kelcy Knauth (freshmen) of Parkland hold items that can be donated to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank.

PN Josh Grube
Staff Writer

Because of the extravagant celebration involving delicious feasts, football and parades, the real message of Thanksgiving Day can become hidden. In order to keep this spirit alive many people give thanks for their lives by finding ways to help those less fortunate. Students, staff and faculty members of Parkland College took that approach this year by participating in the Food for Families drive last month.

This year was the 25th anniversary for Food For Families, a food drive organized annually by the Eastern Illinois Foodbank to help fight hunger in the community. The foodbank distributes food to charitable programs such as soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and food pantries.

The drive ran from Oct. 17-28. During this time, many schools and offices became involved by collecting food and money donations to pass along to the organization. "Each year, we distribute millions of

pounds of food across our network of more than 200 such programs," states the Eastern Illinois Foodbank website. "Together, we're working to create a hunger-free eastern Illinois."

To assist the drive, Parkland advertises the event extensively and places the Eastern Illinois Foodbank's food donation drop-off boxes in high-traffic areas of the campus. Due to the growing success of the drive, the college has been able to expand its reach this year by adding boxes to off-

campus locations.

John Eby, the Activities Program Manager at Parkland, works to bring the charity event to the college every year. "It's really been something that Parkland has committed itself to. It feels important to be involved in it," Eby said. "It's the idea of actually putting something in somebody's hands. You can visualize providing a meal for someone."

Although the Food For Families drive is over for this year, donations for the East-

ern Illinois Foodbank are still accepted. There are also volunteer options available at the food bank for those interested in getting involved. For more information on the organization, see their website at <http://www.eifoodbank.org>.

For those interested in giving back to the local community, there is always a need for dedicated volunteers. However, sometimes finding the right volunteer work can be difficult. To help generous peo-

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The evolution of Thanksgiving



Photo by Chanelle Stokes/Prospectus News

Thanksgiving Day is a day to give thanks to the things that you are most thankful for in your life. Why do we replace the real meaning of thanksgiving with football?

PN Morgan Bernier
Assistant Editor

What does the Thanksgiving holiday mean to you? How does that differ from what it meant to your parents and grandparents? Most holidays have evolved as society and lifestyles have changed, and Thanksgiving is one of the best examples of this phenomena.

Thanksgiving probably originated from the celebrations many ancient cultures had at the end of harvest time. These celebrations happened everywhere from Egypt to Rome, and involved thanking their gods for a bountiful harvest and providing food for the year. The celebrations were

also found in more recent cultures, including the Native Americans before Europeans "discovered" the land.

However, even more recently, Thanksgiving has taken the shape that most Americans are familiar with. The day was first declared a national holiday in 1863. According to history.com, Lincoln declared "at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to 'commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife' and to 'heal the wounds of the nation.'" Lincoln set this holiday on the last Thursday of

November.

As evidenced by this history, Thanksgiving had become something very different from the original religious celebration of the harvest long before most people alive today can remember. Today, however, it is even more unrecognizable.

In modern time, most people view Thanksgiving as a time to get together with family, to be grateful for the good things in life and to watch football. When asked how these new traditions compare to the traditions held by the parents and grandparents, Parkland students had a variety of responses.

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Veterans Day observed at Parkland



Photo by Chanlle Stokes/Prospectus News

Veterans of Parkland march as they give recognition to veterans who have served the United States during a recognition ceremony in the flag lounge on Friday, Nov. 11, 2011.

PN Josh Grube
Staff Writer

This past Friday, in commemoration of Veteran's Day, students, staff and faculty gathered in the flag lounge at 10:55 a.m. for a brief ceremony to honor the United States Armed Forces. The observance was planned by the Student Veterans Association at Parkland.

The event began with the posting of the National Colors by the University of Illinois ROTC. After this Color Guard presentation, the audience was welcomed by Student Veterans Association at Parkland Co-Advisor Ronnie Turner-Winston.

Turner-Winston turned over the microphone to Jose Gomez, Parkland student and

President of the association. Gomez then helped honor the veterans at the observance by calling them to stand up and receive applause.

Tim Wendt, Director of Financial Aid & Veterans Services, then spoke of the importance of providing financial aid for veterans attending college after returning to civilian life. He stated that education is the key to economic success, and can help save America from its current financial situation.

Gomez returned to make closing remarks and give a moment of silence while "Taps" was played by Nathaniel Banks. After the moment of silence, the University of Illinois ROTC returned to retire the Colors, concluding the ceremony.

News

Black Friday changes more than just prices

 **Alisha Kirkley**
Staff Writer

Every year, on the third Thursday of November, people all over the country get together to enjoy food and the company of friends and family. After dinner, many conspire plans for the following day. Known as Black Friday, the Friday following Thanksgiving is the one day of the year when millions of Americans wake up at the crack of dawn to hunt for deals. Many go to bed early the night before, others stay up all night. For those who go, it's the start of the holiday shopping season. How did the term Black Friday come to be? The name originated in the 1970s, when businesses referred to the day they started turning a profit as "being in the black."

To find out how this affects Parkland students, several were asked what they expected from the day. Ashley Bass, who works in a restaurant which is open Black Friday said, "We get really busy at work and my mom always gets my shopping done for me... so that's nice." Some restaurants even offer Black Friday deals on gift cards, hoping to drive sales past the holidays.

Retail and large discount department stores are not the only ones enjoying an increase in sales; grocery stores anticipate higher volume as well. Brooke Kupferschmid works in a grocery store and said that it gets very busy during Black Friday.

Parkland students Hannah Thomas, Ana Fieno and Samantha Stunkard, all participate in Black Friday. Thomas loves getting normally expensive items for a fraction of the

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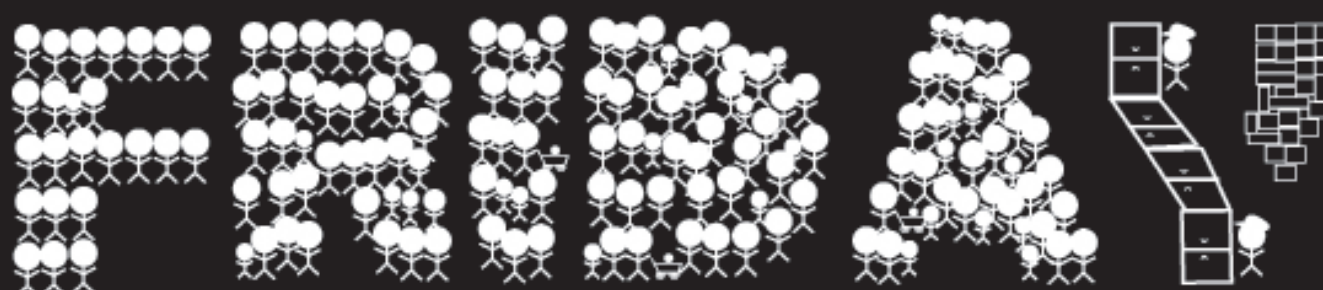


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Black Friday, November 25, is a fun event that marks the start of the Christmas holiday shopping season, but it can also be dangerous with the amount of people that attend wanting the same items.

price. Stunkard stands outside of the stores at four in the morning, waiting for the doors to open, and Fieno just enjoys shopping.

Those who do take part in rising early, anticipating the moment when the doors first open should be aware that many accidents have occurred over the years due to customer violence. On Black Friday, there are

hundreds of people in the store competing for their share of the discounted items. To help things run more smoothly while in line, shoppers should try to be patient and consider how hard the cashiers work. They have no control over the long lines, so it does not do any good to complain to them.

There are also many people who

choose to stay home during the event. Robert Humphrey says it's too complicated to get any shopping done or even to get to Champaign. Justin Klett doesn't involve himself in the occasion and says, "It doesn't really affect me, I just stay home to avoid the unnecessary violence." Like Klett, many people now avoid Black Friday due to a bad past experience.

This shopping frenzy affects not only stores in the community, but websites as well. Cyber Monday is the Monday immediately after Black Friday. Cyber Monday is one of the biggest online shopping events of the year, when websites such as Amazon and Apple give large discounts on merchandise.

If you happen to participate in Black Friday, here are a few tips to stay safe and have a good time:

Plan your arrival to the store(s) and get there as early as possible. If you can beat even the smallest bit of crowd, you can increase your chance of getting into the store without unpleasant incidents.

Dress appropriately. If you'll be standing in line for more than a few minutes (which people most likely will), dressing warm will prevent you from developing a cold and wearing comfortable clothes and shoes will help to avoid sore feet and aches.

Shop with a list and bring the ads. You will be more focused with a list of items than you would be trying to search around for ideas. When going to stores that offer to match prices, ads come in handy.


When shopping on Black Friday, have fun, be safe, and be patient in line and with the cashier. Stores cannot control how long lines are, but they do the best they can to keep them moving. Try to avoid accidents as much as possible, and enjoy the start of the holiday shopping season.

Four-year schools courting community college graduates



Barbara Haddock Taylor/Baltimore Sun/MCT

Quinn Stewart, 20, pictured Oct. 20, 2011, in Columbia, Maryland, is currently attending Howard County Community College and will soon transfer to Towson University to study international relations.

 **Joe Burris**
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE - When Luke Fisher of Westminster, Md., graduated from high school five years ago, he had doubts that he could excel at a four-year school. He turned down an offer to attend Towson University and opted instead for Carroll Community College.

Fisher would become editor of the campus newspaper and a peer mentor for first-year college students. He is set to graduate this spring with an associate's degree, and plans now to pursue his bachelor's degree. He's found a couple of area schools - including the University of Maryland and Hood College - that appear particularly eager to have him.

"Their transfer advisers went above and beyond trying to get me to visit their campuses," Fisher said.

He's confident that such attention will lead to acceptance - and he's not alone. Increasingly, four-year col-

leges are setting their sights on the growing talent pool at community colleges, as those schools have become attractive, less-expensive options for students during the economic downturn.

More students are using two-year schools to bolster their credentials - and statistics show they are more likely to transfer to four-year programs.

Nationally, community college enrollment has increased by more than 20 percent over the last three years, according to the American Association of Community Colleges.

In Maryland, 9,702 students transferred from the state's two-year schools to its four-year schools during the academic year that ended in 2009, according to the state Higher Education Commission. That's up from 7,902 students four years earlier - a 23 percent increase.

"We have some very ambitious statewide goals for college completion," said Danette

Howard, the state's interim secretary for higher education. She pointed to Gov. Martin O'Malley's goal that at least 55 percent of the state's residents between ages 25 and 64 will hold at least one college degree by 2025.

"To meet that goal we have to serve our transfer student population."

Students who have attended two-year institutions say their experiences have defied expectations about college life.

"Most of my friends, more than 30, go to community colleges. I never would have thought that coming out of high school," said Howard Community College student Quinn Stewart of Baltimore, who will transfer to Towson after graduating this fall.

Stewart considered a West Coast arts college while in high school, but decided to enroll at HCC as an international studies major while taking math and science courses that she

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Lifestyle

The history behind Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

cu Kelley Heaney
Community Columnist

What do you get when you have 800 clowns, 1600 cheerleaders and 50 million viewers? The 85 annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, of course. Watching the parade on Thanksgiving morning is a tradition for countless families, although many no longer get up early to watch it.

Getting up early is a requirement for helping with the parade and many of the 4,000 volunteers arrive at the starting point before 4 a.m. Over 3.5 million spectators line the streets of New York City, and more than 50 million TV viewers tune in to watch the 8,000 parade participants. There are also live internet feeds as more than 27 floats, 15 giant character balloons, and 11 marching bands lead Santa Claus to Macy's Department Store, according to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade website.

Parkland Library Technical Services Assistant Lisa Brantley says that she enjoys watching the parade on TV although it isn't really a tradition in her family. "It is the beginning of the Christmas season, and I enjoy seeing Santa Claus every year," she said. She continued to say that she also enjoys the music and the bands.

Music was not part of the original "Christmas Parade," which began in 1924 to promote holiday sales at Macy's department store in New York City. At the time, department stores were very competitive, trying to top one another with marketing stunts and promotions in order to drive sales. When one store introduced a live Santa Claus suddenly all the stores had to have one. When Gimble's Department Store started a parade, many other stores followed suit.

Parkland student, D.J. Judy said, "I know it sounds silly, but it helps me get in the Christmas mood. Every



Photo by MCT

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been around since 1924 and, with nearly 54 million viewers; it has become an American tradition.

year we watch the parade and football." Another Parkland student, Mallorely Pivovar, said that she would watch it if the TV was already on but made no special effort to get up early for it.

While Macy's is not the oldest continuous parade, it is the most well-known. The first Macy's parade, called the Macy's Christmas Parade, was full of costumed employees who marched five miles to the store with horse drawn floats and animals that were borrowed from the Central Park Zoo.

There have been few changes to

the parade since the first one. Zoo animals are no longer used and the route was reduced to 2.5 miles in the late 1940's to make it easier for television crews. The biggest change occurred when the parade was suspended for the WWII years of 1942-1944 due to rubber and helium shortages. The department store instead donated their 650 pounds of rubber balloons to the military.

The large balloons appeared early in the parade's history and from the beginning there have been problems with them. The balloons made their first appearance in 1927 with a popu-

lar cartoon character called Felix the Cat. At the end of the parade the balloon was let go with the anticipation that it would float for a few days and then come down somewhere. Instead, it exploded before it cleared the city and hurt several people. The following years saw revised balloons with safety valves and address labels for people to return the balloon in order to receive a reward. More people were hurt trying to return the balloons and many of the balloons were ruined in the process.

Today, the parade has 15 giant character balloons, some larger

than a 6-story building. Each balloon requires 50-60 people with special equipment and training to handle it, especially in bad weather. Handlers must use padded gloves because holding the handle attached to the balloon would become unbearably uncomfortable before the end of the parade, according to <http://attractionsmagazine.com>. Because of several recent accidents, parade rules have also changed to prohibit balloons if the winds are over 34 mph.

Floats present their own set of difficulties. Transporting the floats from the New Jersey building site to the parade route the night before the parade requires using the Lincoln Tunnel, a mile-and-a-half-long highway running under the Hudson River, which connects NY to NJ. In order to fit through the tunnel, each float has to be designed so that it can be compacted or folded from average dimensions of approximately 24 feet wide by 40 feet high to 8 feet wide by 12.5 feet high.

All parade floats are created and built by Macy's Parade Studios. The studio employs fifty people year round, who not only prepare for the parade, but also create other Macy store event items such as the huge Christmas tree for use in San Francisco.

After 43 years in Hoboken, NJ, Macy's studio will soon be moving to a new facility in Moonachie, NJ. The new facility contains nearly 72,000 square feet, nearly doubling the size of the 40,000 square foot current facility and includes a ceiling crane for lifting heavy scenery and characters to the floats.

This new facility ensures that the parade intends to continue to be a mainstay in the homes of Americans on Thanksgiving days for years to come, continuing the tradition for more families to enjoy.

Campus Technology plans to improve Wi-Fi

cu Buster Bytes
Tech Columnist



Have you been having difficulty logging in to Parkland's Wi-Fi connection from your laptop, smartphone or other device? When you do get on, is your connection slow? Do you have trouble downloading or streaming video? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are not alone.

A great many people here at the college, both faculty and students alike, seem to be having the same problems.

Recently, the Department of Campus Technology sent out an email, asking students to complete a survey. "The rapid growth of Wireless devices (laptops, tablets, smart phones) has placed a strain on the Wi-Fi network at Parkland and we are evaluating the options to take to improve the service," the email said. It also included an email address for students with more questions. Buster was just such a student, so he decided to go right to the source and email Doug Brooks, Associate Director of Network Support Services for the Department of Campus Technology. Brooks was happy to meet and discuss the state of Parkland College's current Wi-Fi situation.

According to Brooks, the Wi-Fi system is, in fact, having difficulties. He explained that these problems have arisen due to two factors. The first factor is that the bandwidth at Parkland is currently limited to 100 Mbs. "In computer networks, bandwidth

is often used as a synonym for data transfer rate - the amount of data that can be carried from one point to another in a given time period (usually a second). This kind of bandwidth is usually expressed in bits (of data) per second (bps). Occasionally, it's expressed as bytes per second (Bps). A modem that works at 57,600 bps has twice the bandwidth of a modem that

subscriber's home bandwidth. When you consider the number of people sharing this data access, it becomes clear that this is insufficient. Fortunately, Brooks states that the college is currently in the process of increasing this amount by a factor of fifty percent. He says that the college has already increased the bandwidth by 50 Mbs this year, and in the next two

use at home. It's simply the device which enables other devices to connect to a network and access information on the internet. If you have a smartphone, you're probably familiar with access points. With all of the students at the college who use laptops, tablet computers, smartphones and other devices, the number of access points in the school is just

department will use the results from the recent survey to determine how best to best allocate the devices to address the areas of greatest need. How quickly this occurs depends on a number of factors such as the prices of the vendors bids and the amount of assets which the college board is able to make available for the upgrade.

In explaining the current situation, the difficulties currently faced by the Department of Campus Technology, and the steps they are taking to correct it, Brooks said, "The amount of devices being used to connect to the Wi-Fi network has increased at a rate which we weren't prepared for. Both the Department of Campus Technology and Parkland College do see this as a huge priority, and we are actively working to resolve the issue."

The good news is that the increase in bandwidth in the next several weeks will show some improvement over the network, and once the number of access points is increased, we'll see even better results.



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works at 28,800 bps. In general, a link with a high bandwidth is one that may be able to carry enough information to sustain the succession of images in a video presentation," according to <http://searchenterprisewan.com>

A hundred megabits per second may seem like a lot until you realize that this rate is about five times that of an average Comcast internet serv-

ice, will do so again, raising the total bandwidth to 150 Mbs. This should improve the slow download times and alleviate difficulty streaming video on the network.

The second factor, according to Brooks, is the number of Wi-Fi access points available on campus. To explain what an access point is, one type is the wireless router you may

not enough. The more devices connect to an access point, the less bandwidth each device receives, slowing the connection, or even dropping it in some cases. Brooks says that the good news for Parkland students is that the college is currently in the process of accepting vendor proposals for an increase in the number of wireless access points. The



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A sensible solution to student loan debt

Richard Lee Colvin
Los Angeles Times

The college class of 2010 now has a dubious distinction. Its graduates who had student loans owed a record-high average of \$25,250, up 5.2 percent from the previous year, according to a new report from the Project on Student Debt, a nonprofit advocacy group.

Last month, President Obama announced a plan to make it a little easier for 1.6 million college graduates to repay their government loans, recognizing the drag that \$1 trillion in student debt is placing on the economy.

In the early 1990s, most college students did not need to take out loans. But in 2009-10, 56 percent of full-time undergraduates at public colleges were borrowers. At private nonprofit schools, 65 percent had loans. For the first time in our history, student loan debt has exceeded credit card debt. One reason is that over the last 25 years, tuition has risen four times faster than the Consumer Price Index.

In California, public universities enacted the highest average tuition increase, 21 percent, of any state last year, according to the College Board. With states putting up less money to subsidize higher education, more of the cost burden has shifted to students.

The federal government is trying to accommodate the demand, pouring \$104 billion into loans last year. At the same time, students are becoming less able to repay. The percentage of borrowers defaulting (and thus ruining their credit) rose 25 percent last year.

High debt loads affect career choices and cause many graduates to defer getting married, buying homes and having children.

Starting with next year's graduating class, Obama wants to reduce payments to 10 percent of discretionary income for graduates who apply to the government's income-based repayment plan. That is an immediate reduction from the 15 percent that is in effect today. But that only accelerates the phase-in of repayment terms that would have gone into effect in 2014 anyway. Under Obama's plan, after 20

years of payments, the rest of the loan, if any is still unpaid, would be forgiven. Today, graduates are expected to pay for a maximum of 25 years. The administration also is offering minor changes in repayment terms for those who graduated earlier.

This is welcome. But it doesn't go far enough. The president should be talking about the effect of student

loan debt on the economy as he campaigns for his jobs agenda. Even more important, he should take advantage of the pressure from the Occupy Wall Street protests

for relief on this debt and send Congress legislation that offers a much bolder, sys-

tematically withheld from the borrowers' paychecks by their employers and would be managed by the IRS, just as income taxes are collected. As in the president's proposal,

10% of a borrower's earnings would go toward their student loans. The more they earn, the faster they would repay their debt. Such a system would not only help graduates manage their student loans, it would save the government

types, limits and interest rates. Once students graduate, they face an equally baffling range of repayment options that involve various private sector "servicers" such as Sallie Mae. The income-based repayment option that Obama wants to accelerate was a step in the right direction. But it requires borrowers to apply every year and write one or more checks every month. Only 450,000 of 36 million borrowers take advantage of that program.

In contrast, income-contingent loans would be universal and automatic. Everyone who took out a student loan would be put into the program and, because their loans would be tied to their Social Security numbers, the repayments would come out of their paychecks, just as their income, Social Security and Medicaid taxes are withheld.

Australia and Britain have had great success with their income-contingent loan programs. In Britain, more than 98 percent of loans are repaid.

This idea is not entirely foreign to the United States. Child support payments are routinely withheld by the IRS. Two decades ago Rep. Tom Petri, R-Wis., remarked in a congressional hearing that an income-contingent loan repayment system would be "far simpler for schools and the government to administer, far simpler for students at application, and more manageable and supremely flexible during repayment, at the same time virtually eliminating the default problem and saving immense amounts of money."

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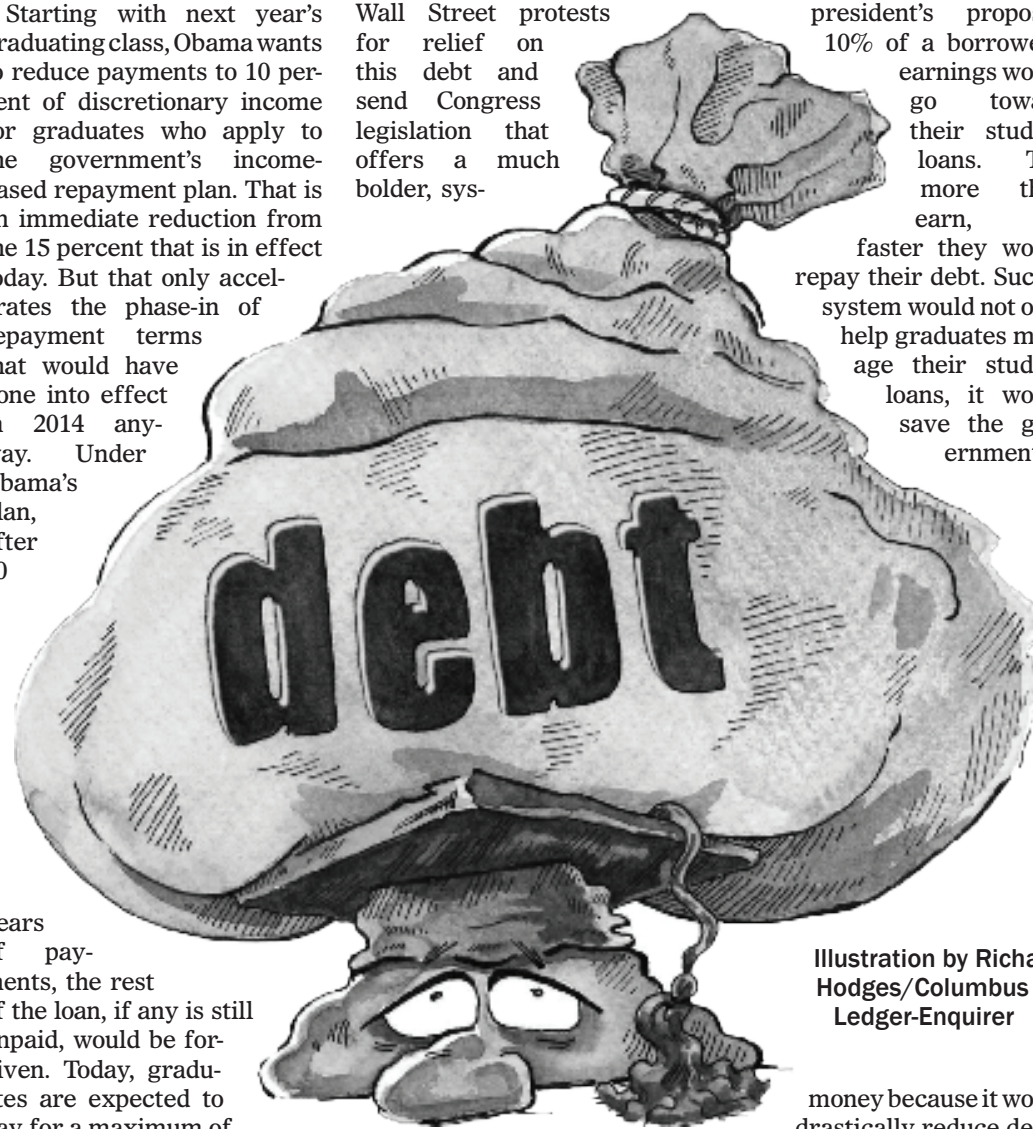


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money because it would drastically reduce delinquencies and be far easier and less expensive to administer.

Right now when students need to borrow, they and their parents have to navigate a maze of financing options and an alphanumeric soup of loan

temic and long-term solution: income-contingent loan repayment.

Under such a proposal, loans would be offered at a single interest rate for all borrowers; payments would be auto-

Backgrounder on 'net neutrality' policy

Jon Healey
Los Angeles Times

The Senate is expected to decide as early as Wednesday whether to throw out the Federal Communication Commission's "net neutrality" rules before they go into effect Nov. 20. The stakes are high for the phone and cable companies that sell Internet access services, as well as the companies that offer content and services through the Internet.

To get a grip on the issue, it's important to understand what prompted the FCC to act and what it's actually done. First, however, let's cover the basics.

What is "net neutrality"?

It's a requirement that Internet service providers not block or interfere with their customers' efforts to use the websites, applications and devices of their choice, provided that they're not breaking the law. That means giving equal treatment to the data sent and received by similar websites and services.

Say my neighbor and I sign up for the same broadband service from Time Warner Cable, and I'm on Facebook one evening while he's searching for bargains on eBay. The principle of net neutrality calls for Warner to send me data from Facebook no faster or slower than it sends data from eBay to my neighbor's computer. The same would be true if both of

us happened to be streaming videos or downloading e-books. And if I want to use an Internet phone service that competes with Warner's, the cable company can't stop me or sabotage the service.

That sounds like the way the Internet operates today.

That's right. ISPs may give priority to time-sensitive traffic, such as Internet phone services or video streams, over data that isn't disrupted by the occasional delay. But they don't offer websites the chance to buy their way to the head of the data line. When there's too much traffic on an ISP's network, competing services suffer equally.

So what prompted regulators to act?

In the early days of broadband, top executives at some ISPs - notably AT&T, SBC and BellSouth (before they all merged under the AT&T brand) - said they wanted to make Internet calling services and popular websites pay extra to reach the ISPs' customers. As then-SBC Chief Executive Ed Whitacre infamously told Business Week in November 2005, "(W)e and the cable companies have made an investment, and for a Google or Yahoo or Vonage or anybody to expect to use these pipes free is nuts." Because Google, Yahoo and Vonage were already paying to connect their servers to the Internet, Whitacre was essentially calling on them to pay twice.

The FCC's first response was rhetorical. In 2004, its Republican chairman, Michael Powell, gave a speech calling on broadband providers to preserve consumers' freedom to visit the websites, run the applications and connect with the devices of their choice, as well as to know how much bandwidth they're actually getting from their ISP. The following year the commission adopted a policy statement enshrining the four consumer freedoms outlined by Powell as "principles."

So what's the problem?

As it turns out, the policy statement wasn't worth the paper it was printed on. In 2007, Comcast was discovered to be surreptitiously interfering with some uploads, prompting a complaint to the FCC. The commission, led by Republican Kevin Martin, fined Comcast and ordered it to be honest and forthcoming about how it managed its network.

Last year a federal court overruled the FCC, saying the commission had not proved that it had the authority to enforce its neutrality policy. By that time, however, the commission had already started developing formal rules built around Powell's four freedoms, with a somewhat different statutory foundation. Martin's successor as chairman, Democrat Julius Genachowski, added two new principles to the list: that ISPs not play favorites with the traffic on their networks, and that they disclose the techniques they use to reduce congestion.

In December, a sharply divided commission adopted a compromise set of rules that most of the major phone and cable companies publicly supported.

And those rules are? They boil down to three basic requirements. ISPs can't block legal sites, applications, services or devices. They must disclose how they manage their networks. And they can't discriminate "unreasonably" as they transmit data to and from lawful sites and services. But the rules don't specify what unreasonable discrimination would be, leaving that to be decided by the commission in response to complaints

from consumers and Web-based companies. Most of the rules don't apply to mobile broadband networks, leaving them free to prioritize traffic and block any service or application, except for those that compete with their phone services.

So now what's the problem?

Critics of the rules say they still interfere unnecessarily with ISPs' ability to ease congestion and develop new revenue streams. Meeting the ever-growing demand for bandwidth is expensive, and if ISPs can't charge content and service providers, they'll raise prices. Some also argue that the uncertainty caused by the rules will deter investment in broadband pipes.

Supporters counter that technological advances are steadily lowering the cost of supplying bandwidth. If ISPs are allowed to charge sites or services to deliver their data - for instance, by creating "fast lanes" on their networks that take priority over other traffic - startups, innovators and noncommercial users will have trouble competing with major brands, Hollywood studios and other deep-pocketed interests.

In essence, the debate boils down to a question of what freedom online is most worth preserving: the freedom from regulation, or the freedom from interference by ISPs.

Where does the situation stand?

Congressional Republicans, who've made it a priority to repeal regulations adopted by the Obama administration, are trying to overturn the FCC's action through a legislative technique known as a resolution of disapproval. The House passed such a resolution in April on a largely party-line vote; the Senate is next. However, even if it attracts enough Democratic votes to pass, it's likely to be vetoed by President Obama, who advocated net neutrality in his 2008 campaign.

A more significant challenge to the rules will come in court, where they are under attack from both flanks. Verizon and MetroPCS, which sells prepaid cellphone service, have sued to block the rules, arguing that the FCC exceeded its legal authority. Liberal advocacy group Free Press has sued too, claiming the exemption for mobile networks was arbitrary and capricious. So even if the rules get past Congress, as expected, they could be thrown out by a federal judge.

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needed. She plans to continue her major at Towson.

School officials have eased the way by strengthening agreements on transferring credits from two- to four-year programs.

"There are more students going to community colleges, and we are now accepting more of those students," said Freeman A. Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He and other four-year college officials say their schools are offering more financial assistance to community college students - particularly those who have excelled in two-year programs.

The University of Maryland-Baltimore County also offers discounts to community college graduates.

"The students who are best have completed their (Associate of Arts) degree," Hrabowski said. "They have a sense of completion. They understand a great deal about college-level teaching and responsibilities of college students, and they are typically quite mature."

Samantha Solovieff of Annapolis is slated to graduate from Anne Arundel Community College in December. She is waiting to learn if she's been accepted to a four-year school.

The former student association president has her sights on the University of Maryland-College Park. She says she came away from meetings

with representatives from that school believing that they were impressed with her leadership experience.

"I definitely feel wanted at Maryland; I pretty much feel like I'm expected to get in," Solovieff said. "There's no question of it, because of how much they've been involved with (AACC). I'm not bragging or anything, but I feel like as an institution they want me, and that's a nice feeling to have."

Local community colleges say more four-year schools are sending representatives to their transfer days, at which students are given information and help moving from one school to the next.

Sixty institutions attended a recent transfer day at Howard Community College.

Dorothy Plantz, the school's interim director of admission and advising, said that while four-year universities once sent a single representative to such events, many now are sending representatives from each of their schools.

Some students say representatives from four-year schools now are more visible on campus year round.

"I see a representative at least three times a week," said Harford Community College student Nick Greives. "They're in our student center at the very top floor, so it's a very high-traffic area. Towson's always here. I've seen two branches from UMUC, Salisbury. They're just excited to have our students with them because they know that we're ready to go."

LOAN

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Back then, the IRS was just moving to electronic processing of tax payments and wasn't interested in taking on the new challenge of collecting on student loans. Now, however, the technological barriers are gone and, with the large increases in student debt burden, the political climate for reform is ripe.

There is a moral hazard, however. Income-contingent loans could encourage money-hungry colleges to boost tuition even further, so Congress should also provide incentives to colleges to keep costs down. Loans awarded by colleges that didn't keep tuition hikes

within limits could be barred from the income-contingent loan program, which could drive students away.

At a recent congressional hearing, Republicans and Democrats alike expressed great concern over student debt load and default rates. Petri, still a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, proposed revisiting his 2-decades-old income-contingent loan idea.

Obama's proposal is certainly a step in the right direction, but we need Congress to go further. With nearly \$1 trillion in student debt on the line, the country can't afford not to act.

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Healthy Living

Fiber in a glass

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Fiber count

Fiber in 1 cup of fruits commonly used in smoothies ...	
Berries	6
Peaches	6
Banana	3
... in 1/4 cup of nuts ...	
Almonds	4
Pecans	3
... and in 2 tablespoons of seeds	
Flaxseeds	6

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CHANGE

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"My grandparents have a big family dinner," Parkland student Sarah Ward said. "I prefer to have a quiet dinner with friends." A possibly unforeseen benefit of having a smaller Thanksgiving dinner is the money you will be saving. According to an article on CNBC published on Nov. 10, 2011, the cost of a Thanksgiving dinner will increase by 13 percent. The article says that the biggest increase is that Turkey will cost an estimated 25 cents more per pound than last year.

Other Parkland students also look at cost effectiveness of having a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. One such student,

Byron Holmes, says that he does a cheap Turkey dinner, while his parents have a big meal, that's almost a feast. Something that most people associate with Thanksgiving is leftovers. However, with the new, economically savvy Thanksgiving trend, months of leftovers may be a thing of the past.

Parkland students Mark Rozinsky and Ashley Barkstall said that their traditions from each generation have not changed. These two students follow the traditions of their families, and there are many reasons that one would uphold these practices. For some students, it is a reminder of home and an opportunity to spend time with family members who may live far away.

Another reason to continue Thanksgiving traditions would be to stay grounded,

and to remember where you came from. As a college student, it is easy to get caught up in classes, jobs, and a social life. However, to most students, family is still an important part of life and holidays are a convenient way to express this importance.

Thanksgiving, especially, is the perfect opportunity to be grateful for the people in life that love you, for the support received from friends and family and to watch football. As American traditions change with the culture, there are some things that stay the same.

So, on turkey day this year, whether you are at work, with friends, with family or anywhere else, remember that traditions come and go and that the most important part is to do something that matters to you.

Notice to Students and Faculty Regarding FINAL EXAMINATIONS

A final exam is expected in each credit course at Parkland College. Final exams for all full-semester and second-half-semester courses will be given during final exam week (December 12 - 16) according to the official published schedule. These final exams are **not to be given early** (during regular class periods). Final exams for all other courses (those ending earlier) will be given at the last regularly scheduled class meeting.

All requests from faculty to alter scheduled final exam times or dates must be reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and the Vice President for Academic Services.

In courses where a final exam is not appropriate, as determined by the Department Chair, an educational alternative scheduled during the week of final exams is expected.

Students: These official College guidelines were established to more fully ensure that you receive the full set of instructional class periods for which you paid and to which you are entitled; and that you have the appropriate amount of time to prepare adequately for your final exams. If your final exam is given earlier than scheduled, please contact the Department Chair or the Vice President for Academic Services (351-2542, Room A117).

Three final exams scheduled on the same day may be considered a conflict. Conflicts may be resolved by arrangement with the faculty of these courses.

Questions or concerns about these guidelines should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Services.

GIVE

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ple find ways to help, cuvolunteer.org was created. The website compiles a list of various volunteer opportunities in the Champaign-Urbana area and is full of helpful information about each event. The site also lists local volunteer organizations and has a feature for creating a volunteer account which can be used to sign up for events on the website.

"Cuvolunteer.org is a partnership between the United Way of Champaign County, the University of Illinois Office of Public Engagement, Office for Math, Science, and Technology Education, and Office of Volunteer Programs, and a few members of the general public interested in making volunteering easier in our local community," states the website. The site also said that it was created due to the difficulty

many people have finding volunteer work to get involved in.

The wide variety of volunteer opportunities is listed on their website located at <http://cuvolunteer.org>, and there is something available for everyone. The activities range from labor intensive, such as helping with the removal of dead trees, to something more social, such as working as a hostess for a weekly senior citizen coffee shop.

If you are not able to help out at this time, keep in mind you can still take this holiday to give back to your own family. If your family is planning a Thanksgiving dinner, offer to help prepare the feast, help cover the cost, or even just help with the dishes. If your family does not actively celebrate the occasion, you can try to bring everyone together by organizing something small. All it takes to make a difference is one helping hand.

Poverty snapshot

Percentage of U.S. residents in poverty in 2010 by two government measures:

(Figures are rounded)


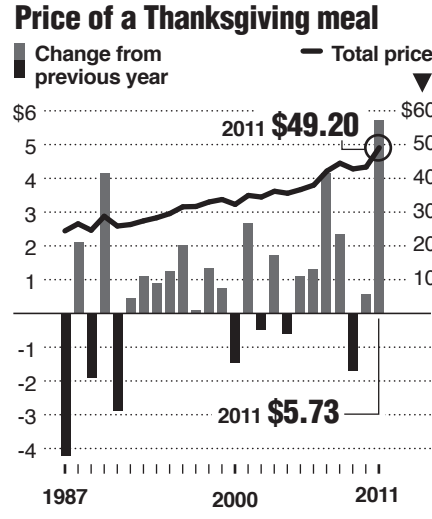
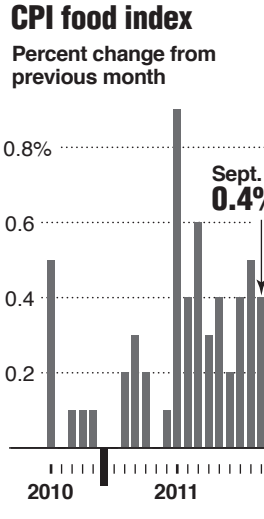



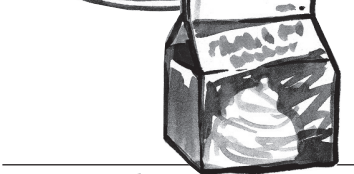
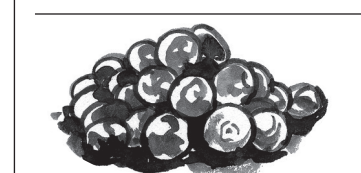




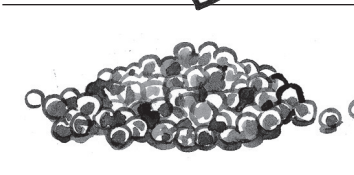
Poverty rate	Official measure	Supplemental measure	Percentage point difference	
Rates by	All U.S. residents	15.2%	16	+0.8
Age	0-17 years	22.5	18.2	-4.3
	18-64	13.7	15.2	+1.6
	65+	9	15.9	+6.9
Race and ethnicity	Non-Hispanic white	10	11.1	+1.1
	Black	27.5	25.4	-2.1
	Asian	12.1	16.7	+4.6
	Hispanic	26.7	28.2	+1.5
Nativity	Native born	14.5	14.7	+0.2
	Foreign born	20	25.5	+5.6
	Naturalized citizen	11.4	16.8	+5.5
	Non-citizen	26.7	32.4	+5.6
Region	Northeast	12.9	14.5	+1.7
	Midwest	14	13.1	-0.9
	South	17	16.3	-0.6
	West	15.4	19.4	+4.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Graphic: Michael Hogue, Dallas Morning News

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Cost of the feast goes up

It will cost you, on average, 13 percent more to feed family and friends a traditional meal this Thanksgiving.

	16-pound turkey 2010 price \$17.66 2011 price \$21.57 \$3.91		Price of a Thanksgiving meal Change from previous year Total price 2011 \$49.20 2011 \$5.73		CPI food index Percent change from previous month Sept. 0.4%
	Milk, 1-gallon whole 2010 price \$3.24 2011 price \$3.66 \$.42		Pumpkin pie mix, 30 oz. 2010 price \$2.62 2011 price \$3.03 \$.41		Sweet potatoes, 3 pounds 2010 price \$3.19 2011 price \$3.26 \$.07
	Whipping cream, 1/2 pint 2010 price \$1.70 2011 price \$1.96 \$.26		Pie shells (2) 2010 price \$2.46 2011 price \$2.52 \$.06		Miscellaneous ingredients 2010 price \$3.22 2011 price \$3.10 -\$.12
	Cubed stuffing, 14 oz. 2010 price \$2.64 2011 price \$2.88 \$.24		Green peas, 1 pound 2010 price \$1.44 2011 price \$1.68 \$.24		1-pound relish tray (carrots and celery) 2010 price \$.77 2011 price \$.76 -\$.01
	Rolls, 12 2010 price \$2.12 2011 price \$2.30 \$.18				

Total 2010: \$43.47 2011: \$49.20 \$5.73 or up 13 percent

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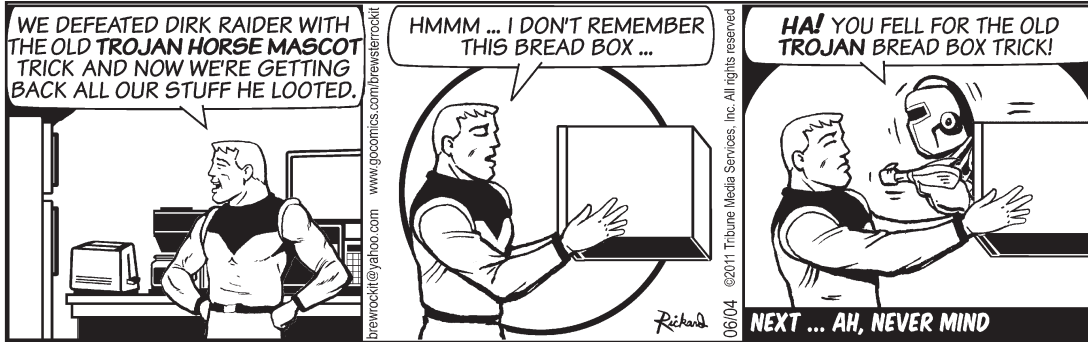
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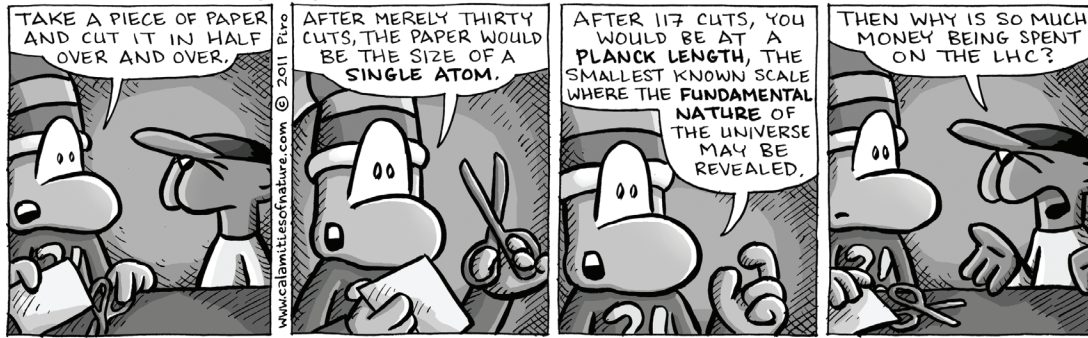
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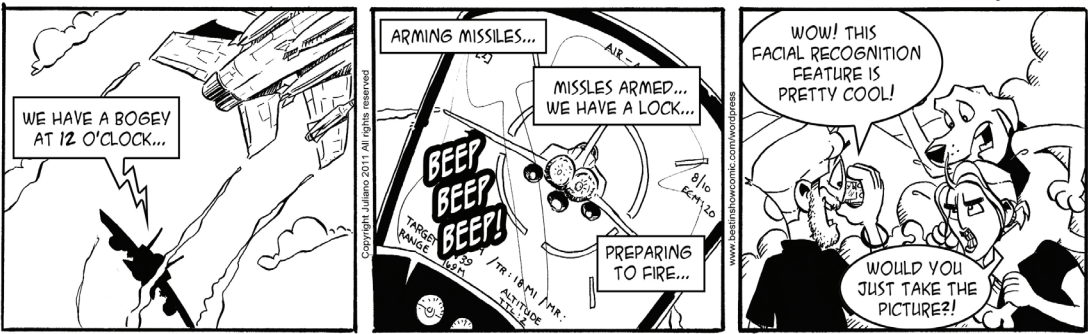
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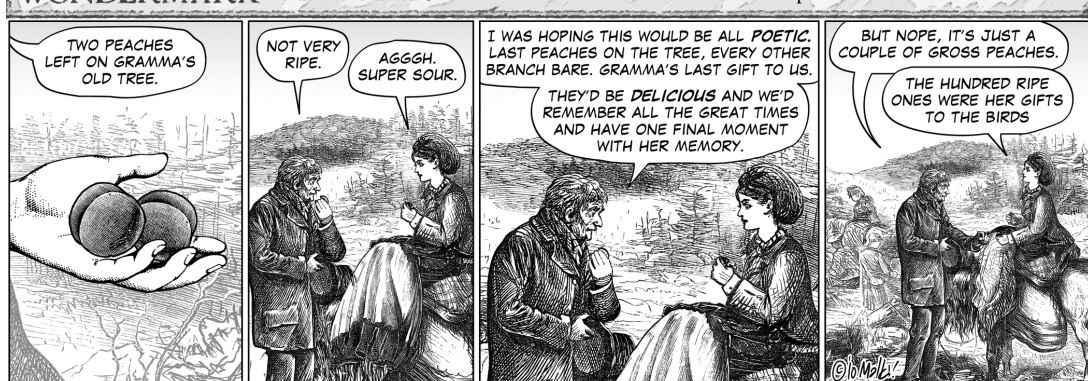


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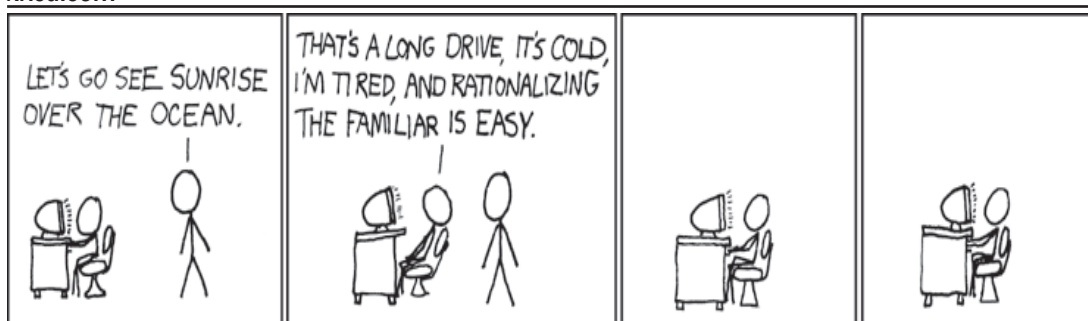


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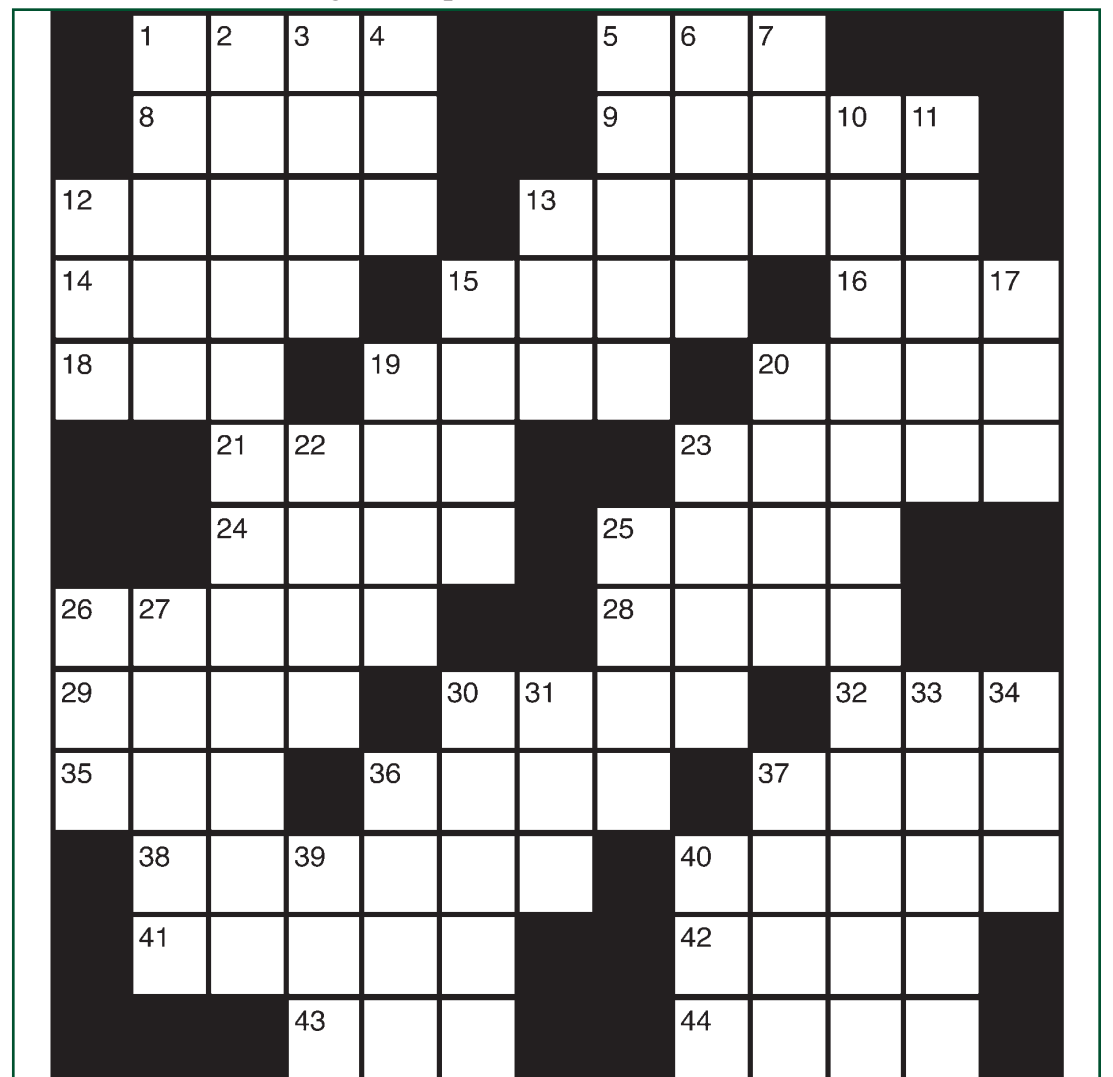
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The TV Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews



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- 1 "___ Boss"
- 5 "The ___ News Bears"
- 8 Actress Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 9 Some Middle East rulers' titles
- 12 "NCIS: ___ Criminal Investigative Service"
- 13 Ladd or Tieg
- 14 Takes advantage of
- 15 Actor Alda
- 16 Internet service provider for many
- 18 "The ___ Commandments"; classic film for Charlton Heston
- 19 Incite
- 20 Aware of the shenanigans of
- 21 "A ___ of Two Cities"
- 23 Actress Spacek
- 24 Thurman's namesakes
- 25 Nat King ___
- 26 "The Price Is Right" host
- 28 Bonet of "The Cosby Show"
- 29 Tavern orders
- 30 Cain's brother
- 32 "___ Evening News with Katie Couric"

- 35 "... the season to be jolly..."
- 36 Dutch cheese
- 37 "One ___ Hill"
- 38 Tim of "The Carol Burnett Show"
- 40 Clark Gable's "Gone with the Wind" role
- 41 ___ Zimbalist, Jr.
- 42 "Born in ___ L. A."; movie for Cheech Marin
- 43 Beast of burden
- 44 Perry Mason or Ben Matlock: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Stop
- 2 "The New ___ Old Christine"
- 3 Optima, Sedona and Sorento
- 4 Sushi bar offering
- 5 "The Joy ___ Show"
- 6 Sitcom for Sherman Hemsley
- 7 Hitchcock or Scorsese: abbr.
- 10 Host of "American Idol"
- 11 Narrow openings
- 12 Eccentric person
- 13 Actor ___ Gulager
- 15 "Planet of the ___"
- 17 Actress Myrna ___
- 19 Kill
- 20 Lubricates
- 22 Last name for Ed and his singing brothers
- 23 Dirt
- 25 Red Skelton's Kadiddlehopper
- 26 "___ on a Hot Tin Roof"
- 27 Linda Lavin sitcom
- 30 Actor Don of "Get Smart"
- 31 Wisconsin's Green ___ Packers
- 33 Wilma Flintstone's neighbor
- 34 "Ready, ___, go!"
- 36 Mothers of lambs
- 37 "___ '70s Show"
- 39 Org. concerned with gun owners' rights
- 40 Actor Stephen ___

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Sports

Cobra baseball players sign national letters of intent

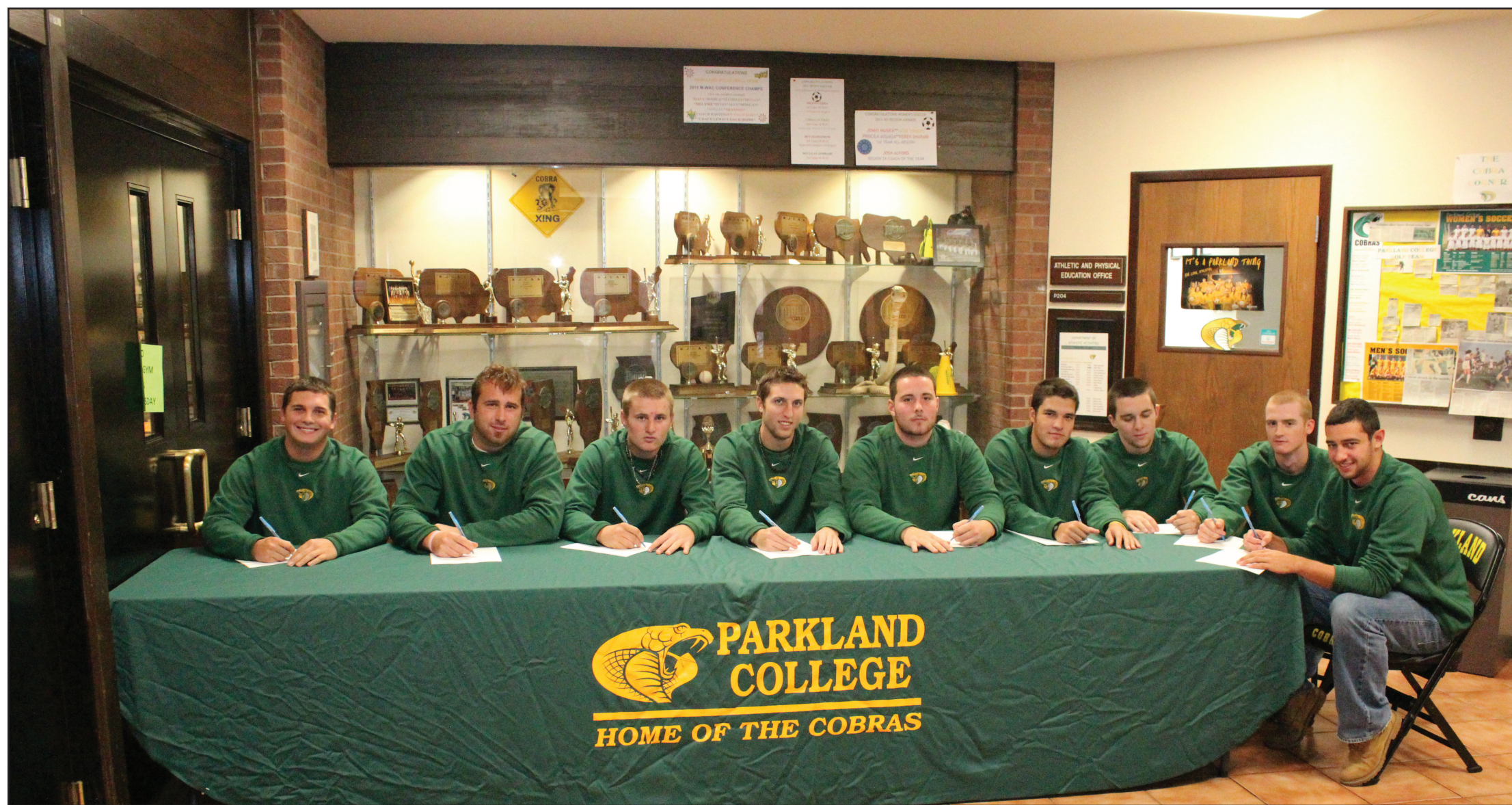


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The nine Cobras that signed to NCAA Division I and II schools at the Dodds Athletic Xenter on Nov. 8, 2011 from (left to right) Josh Witt (University of Indianapolis), Brian Krolikowski (Austin Peay State University), Wes Minton (Central Missouri), Jeff Limbaugh (Wright State University), Bo Weir (Central Missouri), Clay Manering (Ball State University), Zack Hall (Austin Peay State University), Tom Hooker (King College) and Brad Reedy (Saint Joseph's College).

Mark Roughton
Sports Writer

The Parkland Cobras baseball program and head coach Matt Kennedy are beginning to grow accustomed to seeing their players move on. This past week twelve players signed national letters of intent to continue their playing careers at four year schools next year.

Head Coach Matt Kennedy takes great pride in helping his players move on. "For me, its satisfying to see those guys move on and to help in that process," Kennedy said. Kennedy

is also confident that his seven other unsigned sophomores will find places to play as they are also receiving interest from other schools.

The group consists of seven Cobra pitchers and five key position players who are headed to NCAA Division I and II schools. Left-handed pitcher Zach Hall will be attending Austin Peay State. Hall made nine starts and recorded a solid 6-1 record. Joining him at Austin Peay State is right-hander Brian Krolikowski, who started seven games, compiling a 2-1 record in thirty

five innings pitched.

Four players have committed to King College in Bristol, Tenn. Third basemen Landon Wietekamp, who batted for .363 with four homers and 19 RBI; center-fielder Jake Pewitt who averaged .331 with 27 RBI; outfielder Tom Hooker who batted .300 while committing no errors; and right-hander Mark Hode; who appeared in five games and threw four innings for the Cobras.

Shortstop Wes Minton and left-handed pitcher Bo Weir are headed to Central Missouri next fall. Minton received

NJCAA First Team All-America honors after hitting .420 with six homers and 61 RBIs. Weir made 10 starts and led the team in strikeouts with seventy three while posting a 3-2 record.

The remaining four have taken separate career paths. Left-hander Clay Manering, who made eight starts last spring and compiled a 4-1 record is headed to Ball State University. First basemen Jeff Limbaugh, who batted .397 with 49 RBI will move on to Wright State University. Right-hander Josh Witt, who made 13

appearances last season while recording a 4-1 record has chosen the University of Indianapolis. Another right-handed pitcher, Brad Reedy is attending Saint Joseph's College next fall. Reedy, limited by a foot injury last year, looks to be a key contributor to the talented Cobra pitching staff this year.

Finding the right combination of on-field success, strong academic performance, and the ability to move athletes on to the next level is huge in the Parkland Athletic programs. Advancing players on to the next level is very important to

athletic director Rod Lovett, who said, "It's something we do stress and it's something we have all of our coaches put emphasis on. That has been one of Matt's strengths." It is an indication of this strength and the effectiveness of the baseball program as a whole that 12 baseball players have made it official in the early signing period.

Paterno's biography

Born Dec. 21, 1926, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Family Married college sweetheart, Suzanne Pohland; five children, all graduates of Penn State

1946-49 Played quarterback and cornerback at Brown University

1950-65 Assistant coach, Penn State

1966 Named Penn State's 14th head coach

1968 AFCA Coach of the Year; again in 1978, 1982, 1986, 2005

1986 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year

2007 Inducted into College Football Hall of Fame

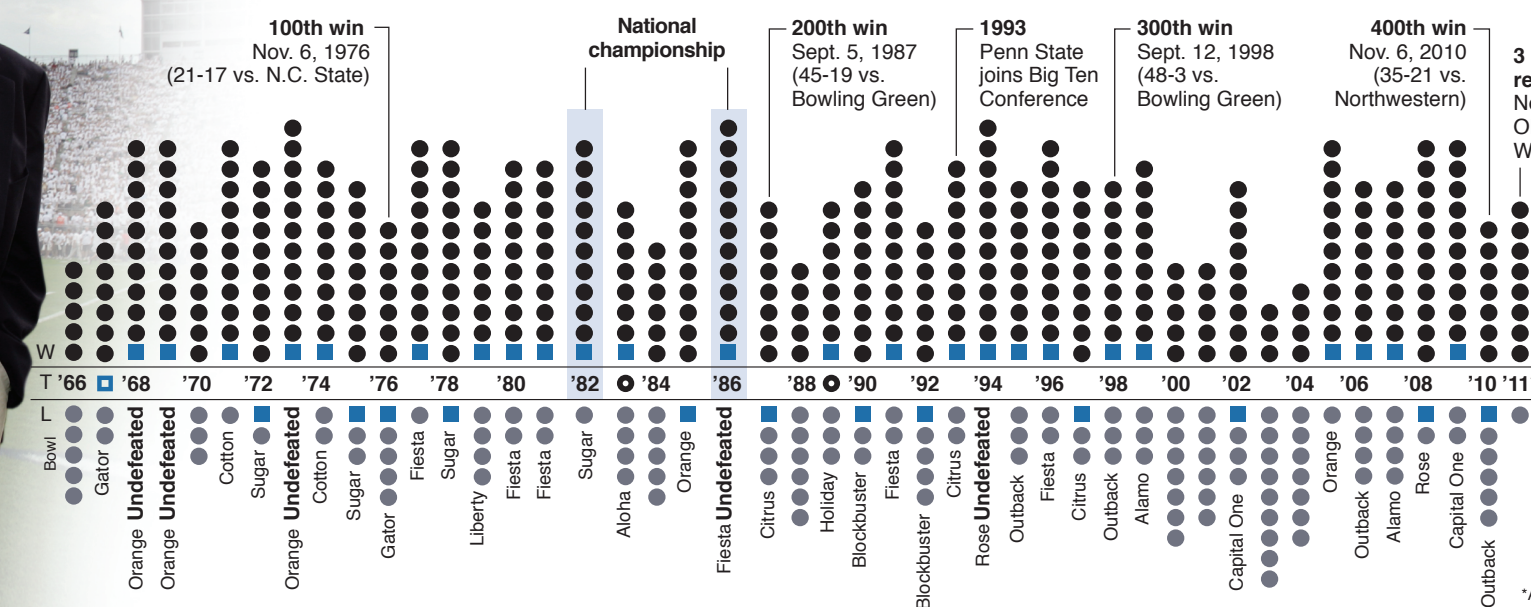
2011 Becomes winningest head coach in Division I college football with 409 wins

Nov. 9 Paterno is fired by the university's board of trustees



Paterno's career ends

● Wins (409) ● Losses (136) ■ Bowl appearances (24-12-1) ■ Tie in bowl game (1) ● Tie games (2) Big Ten Championships ('94, '05, and '08)



Penn State's football program, rocked by a sex abuse scandal involving former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky, now sees its 84-year-old coach fired after 62 seasons with the Nittany Lions, 46 of those as head coach.

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Entertainment

Video-game review: 'Battlefield 3'

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"Battlefield 3"

- Reviewed for: Xbox 360 & Playstation 3
- Also available for: Windows PC
- From: DICE/EA
- ESRB Rating: Mature (blood, intense violence, strong language)
- Price: \$60

No use wasting time being cordial: "Battlefield 3's" single-player campaign is a bummer. Military first-person shooters have increasingly valued flash over substance since "Call of Duty" dumbed it down and became the market leader, and the less said about "BF3's" me-too attempt - too many restrictive corridors, quick-time events, gimmicky diversionary missions that imitate instead of innovate, and stiflingly controlled scenarios that allow the psychic enemy A.I. to absolutely brutalize you if you dare attempt to ignore the continuous interface prompts and flex some creativity - the better. It's technically polished but imaginatively bankrupt, and DICE - which proved it could construct good single-player campaigns with the "Battlefield: Bad Company" offshoots - should know better.

Fortunately, buying a "Battlefield" game for the campaign is like watching the Super Bowl to see the Black Eyed Peas. The multiplayer is the reason we're here, and all the things the campaign condemns - the freedom to roam, to strategize, to fly that jet



DICE/EA/Courtesy of fortyseven communications/MCT

Either by covering the terrain on foot, or with conventional troop-moving equipment, the "Battlefield 3" experience is visually crisp and lifelike.

instead of simply sit in the gunner seat - are the things multiplayer lays at your feet.

First things first, a caveat: "BF3's" console multiplayer suffers a steep drop from its PC counterpart. It's limited to 24 players (two teams of up to 12 or four squads of up to four) instead of 64, and out of necessity, the larger maps have been pulled in a touch to prevent the slimmed-down armies from feeling too spread out.

Additionally, while the game remains plenty nice to look at when installed to the console hard drive, it doesn't look nearly as sharp as those jaw-

dropping demos you may have seen of the PC edition. Xbox and PS3 hardware simply isn't capable. Combine that with player counts and match types (team deathmatch, territorial control, attack versus defend) you've seen before, and "BF3" isn't the game-changer all the pre-release hype suggested it would be - especially with this being the third full-featured console "Battlefield" game to appear since 2008.

Demoralized yet? Don't be: In spite of all the unfortunate news you just read - and assuming EA works out the server connection issues that

continue to creep up as of this publication - there remains much to like about "BF3's" online skirmishes.

In short, the ingredients with which "Battlefield" made its name remain intact. Even in scaled-back form, "BF3's" maps are large enough to accommodate numerous attack strategies. If you want to commandeer a plane, tank or chopper, you can. If you want to ride shotgun and man the cannons, you can. And if you'd prefer to just hoof it on the ground, you obviously can. The usual classes (Assault, Recon, Support, Engineer) apply, and

if close-quarters combat isn't your specialty, the maps (and all-inclusive experience points system) allow you to contribute by providing cover fire, medical support or assistance with completing territorial objectives while allies cover you. All is for naught if you and your teammates fend for yourselves instead of strategize, but it isn't the game's fault if you don't use its tools to their fullest capacity.

As is "Battlefield" custom by now, "BF3" is polished in every technical regard. Control is terrifically responsive, the sound is incredible, and - provided

you accept the hardware's limitations - its representations of New York, Paris, Sarajevo and places in between strike an impressive balance between scope and detail.

Assuming those server issues dissipate, "BF3's" interface is similarly satisfactory. Everything's where you want it to be, and the addition of Battlefield - a variant of EA's Autolog social network adapted to "Battlefield" - is good news if you regularly play with people on your friends list.

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