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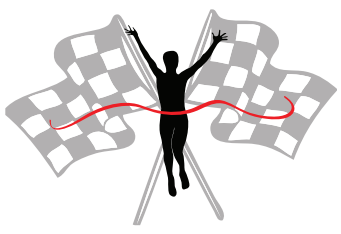
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# A comprehensive guide to finals

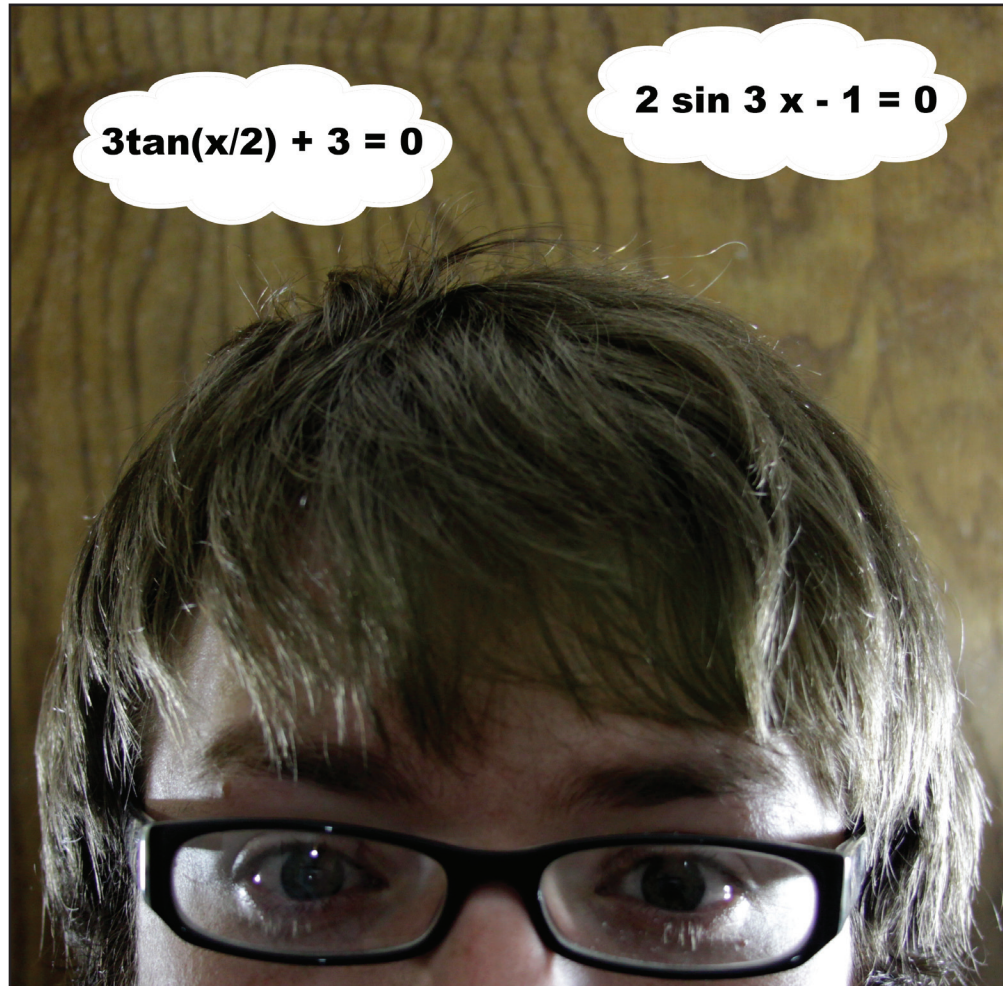
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Finals are fast approaching, and every moment is becoming more and more valuable. Students are saying that simply devoting time to studying sometimes just isn't enough to get a good grade. Studying is more than just sitting with a bunch of books and flipping pages. There are varying methods, strategies, and approaches to make the most out of your studying.

Many people like to work on the third floor of the library, because of the quiet atmosphere provided. However, this isn't necessarily the best approach for all students. For instance, Parkland student, Lexy Jackson, claims that she focuses best with background noise. However, she realizes that groups can be distracting, so Jackson recommends putting music or TV in the background as an ideal study method.

Reviewing is, without a doubt, a necessary ingredient in the recipe of an effective study session. What is the best way to review? A majority of students claim that they read over their notes and flash cards. There are also a handful of students who practice improved methods of reviewing.

Another student, Brittney Carter suggests taking advantage of not only visual senses, but also auditory senses as well when looking over notes. Carter described her typical review session. "When I go over and read notes, I talk out loud," she said. Similar to Carter, Parkland student, Jordan Slade, reviews notes with a 'hands on' approach. Slade's method of reviewing is to rewrite his notes instead of solely reading over them. Agreeing with Slade is the website Learning To Learn, which is devoted to helping students study. "It can be a good idea to rewrite



When studying, make sure that you are focused, make studying fun, and use tools such as acronyms to make the material less daunting.

Photo by Levi Norman/Prospectus News

[your notes] in a neat form of full sentences. This can be used as a revision aid," offered a tip from the site.

In a recent survey, 78% of students reported

that they study more by "crash-course memorizing" than reviewing over an extended period of time. The most common way to memorize is to read over the material again and again. None-

theless, more ideal methods of memorizing do exist. For example, one could create a game out of the material. Student Vagdevi Guthikonda says, "My instructor does [make games out of studying], so I don't have to worry... They are effective." Some great games that students are using as study aids are matching, if they are alone, and trivia, when in groups.

Another fun tool to help with memorization is the acronym. Acronyms are when words or phrases are created in order to memorize other words or phrases. For example, many students remember the order of operations by the 'word' PEMDAS, and the most common way of remembering the definitions of trigonometric equations is the phrase Soh-Cah-Toa. Every single student who was surveyed said that they have at one time successfully used a mnemonic device, such as an acronym, to memorize something quickly. While students find acronyms effective, many have difficulty creating them. It is best when acronyms are personal, because they are easier to memorize that way. However, there are online generators, such as AcronymCreator.net, that can provide many suggestions, allowing students to choose an acronym that best suits their personality.

The next time you sit down to study, make it worth your time. Ensure that you are focused. You might find that reading material aloud once has the same effect as reading the same material silently two or three times. Try to keep studying fun; make a game out of it and invite your friends, so that you all benefit. And last but not least, use tools such as acronyms to make the material less daunting. When it comes to studying, quality can prove to be just as important as quantity.

More study tips on P. 3

## Hospital, volunteer trip inspires many

### Students, faculty and staff travel to Memphis, build "Healing Garden"

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In early April, the Horticulture Program held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Banquet, which included a presentation of this year's alternative spring break trip to Memphis, TN. 40 volunteers, including students, faculty and staff from Parkland, constructed a healing garden in front of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. While the construction of the garden itself was a great accomplishment, the idea behind the trip was even more inspiring.

The trip was based on a former patient and current Parkland student, Jeremiah Godby's dream of building a place of solace and refuge for patients and their families, something he did not have at that time. This garden was his way of thanking the hospital for saving his life when, as a child, he developed a rare form of leukemia.

Many of the children patients at the hospital have lost their hair to chemotherapy. They wear medical masks to help their weakened immune systems fight off other diseases. However, "the hospital breathes a breath of hope and of turning hope into reality," said Tracy Woodcock, a student who volunteered on the

trip. "It's one of the happiest places I've ever seen."

Creating the child shaped healing garden, took the volunteers a combined 1400 hours that week "[The garden] symbolizes the journey of the child, not the destination, because not all arrive at the desired destination," said Landscape Design and Horticulture Program Director, Kaizad Irani, who designed the project with Godby. Also included in the garden, and scattered throughout the plants, are memorials for the children who lost their battles.

Activities Program Manager, John Eby, was enlisted to help with fundraising for the project. He was able to raise \$16,000 of the needed \$125,000 with various fundraisers throughout Parkland. Change jars at Gulliver's and Mama Leone's, enabled Parkland students to nickel and dime their way to the completion of Godby's dream. Other donations from various sources helped meet the project's goal.

The donations were spent on shrubs and flowers, mountains of mulch, and about 600 paving stones to form a walkway through the garden. Patients painted stones with brightly colored hearts, rainbows and volunteers. Inspiring messages



Volunteers pose in front of the newly built "Hope Garden," located at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Courtesy of St. Jude Children's Hospital.

"I've done thousands of designs, but this will be one of the most special I've ever done."

-Kaizad Irani  
Project Designer and Horticulture Program Director

were also included such as "Heroes come in all sizes," and "love makes us stronger."

Lainey McNichol and Karissa Francis, students who also volunteered on the trip, agree that a key memory of the event was of watching the children and their families paint the stones in the garden. "I had a sense of giving back that I have never experienced before," said McNichol.

Lois Sjoken, another Landscape Design student said, "It gave me a feeling of total satisfaction when we were done. It was hard to choke back the emotion. Everyone has to walk past it on their way to and from

the parking area."

The garden was officially opened on Friday, March 25, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Using large, bright red scissors, and fighting tears, Godby cut the ribbon, turning his dream into a reality.

"I've done thousands of designs," Irani said of the experience. "But this will be one of the most special I've ever done."

Originally named the Possibility Place during planning, St. Jude staff and patients have now renamed it the Hope Garden as that is what it has provided for patients and volunteers alike.

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## Fact or Fiction?



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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

## Lead Story

A tank and several armored vehicles with dozens of SWAT officers and a bomb robot rolled into a generally quiet Phoenix neighborhood on March 21, startling the residents. Knocking down a wall, deputies raided the home of Jesus Llovera, who was "suspected" of running a cockfighting business, and, indeed, 115 chickens were found inside, but Llovera was alone and unarmed, and his only previous connection to cockfights was a misdemeanor conviction in 2010 for attending one. "We're going to err on the side of caution," said Sgt. Jesse Spurgin. Adding to neighbors' amazement was the almost-fanciful sight – riding in the tank – of actor Steven Seagal, who had brought his "Lawman" reality TV show to Phoenix. [KPHO-TV (Phoenix), 3-21-2011]

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Product Giveaways:

New sign-ups for higher-end Dish satellite TV systems at

the Radio Shack in Hamilton, Mont., also receive free Hi-Point .380 pistols or 20-gauge shotguns (after passing a background check, paid for by the store). The owner said his business has tripled since introducing the premium in October. [Billings Gazette, 3-25-2011]

Bobblehead dolls may be popular baseball giveaways, but as part of the local "Green Sports Alliance" demonstrating concern for the environment, the Seattle Mariners announced in March that for several games this season, fans would get free bags of compost (made from food and other items discarded at Mariners games). [Seattle Times, 3-21-2011]

It started as a class project at Brown University, but after a launch party on March 19 (and a sold-out first run of 500), Julie Sygiel's Sexy Period menstrual-leak-fighting panties are on sale (\$32 to \$44, depending on the style – "cheeky," "hipster" or "bikini"). Sygiel said "sexy" is less to suggest sensuality than to help women cope with the time of the month when they feel "not at (their) best. We want to banish that moment." [Brown Daily Herald, 3-22-2011]

**A Chinese Capitalist's Learning Curve:** In the early hours of the destruction at Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant in March, rumors abounded that millions of people might need iodine products to fight off radiation. A restaurateur named Guo in Wuhan, China, seeing the price of iodized table salt rise dramatically, cleverly cornered a market with 4 1/2 tons of it, trucked to his home, where it filled half the rooms. According to a March 25 China Daily report, the price has returned to pre-Fukushima levels – much less than what Guo paid, and he can neither return the salt (lacking documentation) nor sell nor transport it (lacking the proper licenses). [China Daily 3-25-2011]

**Medical Marvels:** Supatra Sasuphan, 11, of Bangkok, was recently noted as the world's hairiest girl by the Guinness Book of World Records for her wolf-like facial hair as one of only 50 people in history to be recorded with hypertrichosis. Though she has of course been teased and taunted at school, she told a reporter in February that the Guinness Book recognition has actually increased her popularity at Ratchabopit school.

[Daily Mail (London), 2-28-2011]

According to a team of University of Montreal psychologists, a 23-year-old man, "Mathieu," is the first documented case of a person wholly unable to feel a musical beat or to move in time with it. The scientists report for an upcoming journal article that Mathieu sings in tune but merely flails with his body, bouncing up and down much more randomly than do people who are merely poor dancers. [Science News, 3-26-11]

**Scientists Just Wanna Have Fun:** A team of whimsical researchers at the University of Osaka (Japan) Graduate School of "Frontier Biosciences" has produced a strain of mice prone to "miscopying" DNA – making them susceptible to developing sometimes-unexpected mutations, such as their recently born mouse that tweets like a bird. Lead researcher Arikuni Uchimura told London's Daily Mail that he had expected to produce, instead, a mouse with an odd shape, but the "singing mouse" emerged. Previously, the team produced a mouse with dachshund-like short limbs. [Daily Mail, 12-10-2010]

**What Federal Cutbacks?** In March, DailyCaller.com, combing federal government job announcements, found more than 1,000 in Washington, D.C., including a Facebook manager for the Interior Department (\$115,000 annually), a student internship at the Housing Finance Agency (\$48,000) (the same salary as being offered by the Pentagon for mailroom clerks), and managers of equal-opportunity employment programs at the Peace Corps (\$155,000) and the Transportation Department (almost \$180,000). [DailyCaller.com, 3-23-2011]

**Least Competent Criminals Clever, But Didn't Think It All the Way Through:**

Daryl Davis, 30, was arrested in Springfield, Pa., in March and charged with stealing a pickup truck off of a dealer's lot. According to police, Davis had carefully forged an owner's credential for the truck at another dealership and obtained a "duplicate" key, allowing him to drive the truck off the second dealer's lot. However, when he made the original bogus credential, he had used his own name and photograph and was easily tracked down. [Daily Delco, 3-22-2011]



# 88.7 WPCD.FM

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## Pygmalion looking bigger, better than ever

### - First round of artists announced



There was much to be said about part one of the Pygmalion Music Festival concert series last Thursday, although the biggest buzz actually wasn't about the show itself, which featured greats The New Pornographers and The Walkmen. During the show the first round of artists for this year's Pygmalion Music Festival was announced, sparking a stream of excitement for music fans of all ages.

"We're arrived at the beginning of the Pygmalion Music Festival season, and we're proud to be able to announce the first round of artists performing at this year's edition," announced the festival's website. Most notably, two big names have been announced as headliners for the 7th year of the festival. The first of which is Austin, TX's Explosions in the Sky, who rarely make an appearance east of

the Mississippi, but will do so twice while taking part in Pitchfork Music Festival, as well as Pygmalion. The other surprise was C-U's very own, Braid, who proved to be one of the most influential acts in original emo music to date. The band will be reuniting to record new tracks and make a guest appearance at the festival.

Former Parkland student Greg Clow had this to say on Facebook about the news, "it would be awesome if Xiu Xiu, Japandroids, Braid, and Explosions in the Sky were coming to Champaign sometime soon...OH



Explosions in the Sky were named one of the headlining acts of this year's Pygmalion Music Festival last Thursday

Photo by Nick Simonite

WAIT!"

Other acts that have been announced include Toro y Moi, Deerhoof, Japandroids, Xiu Xiu, STRFKR, The Hood Internet, Asobi Seksu, Owen, Viva Voce, Jessica Lea Mayfield, Ivan and Alysha, Grave Babies, The Parson Red Heads, Unknown Mortal Orchestra, Ava Luna, Mansions on the Moon, Adam Arcuragi, Why I Like Robins, Only Children, Brass Bed, Common Loon, Elsinore, Take Care, That's No Moon, Roberta Sparrow, An Evening with your Mother, The Fresh Kills, The Dirty Feathers, Iron Tigers, The Leadership, Withershins, and Grandkids.

This is only the first wave of announcements for the festival, so stay tuned for the latest information, as both Prospectus News and 88.7 WPCD.FM will be providing non-stop coverage of this year's Pygmalion Music Festival.

Brian King of the band Japandroids performs at Pygmalion Music Festival last year. Japandroids are one of many bands that have been confirmed for this year's event.

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# Cram Time

## Tips on how to finish out the semester (the right way)



### Productivity and how to do it

**Kelley HEANEY**  
Staff Writer

It seems that every student has a study habit that works best for them. Some listen to soothing music while others repeatedly read the material. Still others think that last minute cramming or pulling all nighters is the best way to study. Productive studying is not something that comes naturally to many students. There are many studies agreeing that beginning the day before a big test is not the best time to start. Still there are a few things that, if started now, may help with the approaching finals season.

Evelyn Brown, Academic Development Specialist at Parkland, says that hope is not lost for students who have not yet begun to study. She suggests, though, that starting now would be beneficial for most students. While there are different learning styles, all need to create a plan for when and how to study.

The beginning of the plan should be to determine the type of test to study for. Some classes have comprehensive tests covering material throughout the entire term. Others just cover the latest material covered in class. Be sure to double check exam dates. Unless there are special circumstances, all tests should

be conducted during the week of finals which is May 9-13.

Brown says that the next step in the plan should be to get out a calendar and establish which days to study certain subjects. "Count the days. Decide what to do each day at certain times. Create a routine, if possible, but there must be a plan," she said. This can help with organization and keep studying a little less stressful.

Brown also suggested that determining what time of day is best for individual productivity is a key element. Some students don't function well during the early morning hours. If this is not a productive time, don't try to study then. Find the time that works best.

Determining the best individual learning style is also an important step. Visual students learn better with aids such as flash cards, pictures, and graphs. Verbal students learn best hearing the material repeated. One student even shot a basketball while going through material in his head. Whichever method you prefer is up to you.

After spending several days reviewing the material, it was suggested to practice the test situation by generating the material without looking at the book or notes. "When you are looking at the book/notes you are singing with the radio,"

said Brown. "The test is the stage with no music or teleprompter."

A good night's sleep the night before the test is also essential. Studies have proven that functioning with a lack of sleep has many negative side effects including impaired attention span, reasoning and problem solving, as well as not being able to retain information. Taking an important test while in this condition could be disastrous.

Another important aspect is eating a nutritious meal before the test. Grabbing a donut or bagel while running out the door isn't what is needed to stimulate brain activity. In the article *What Is Good Brain Food?*, posted on The Psychology Today website, Hara Estroff Marano wrote, "It's possible to boost alertness, memory and stress resistance by supplying food components that are precursors of important brain neurotransmitters. One of them is choline, the fat-like B vitamin found in eggs."

As finals draw ever closer, students should set their plans and determine study styles. Review material in conjunction with the needs of the test, and take care of basic human needs. These will all combine to put the student in the best possible condition for the exam. Good luck!

### Top 5 places not to study for finals

**David BUSBOOM**  
Staff Writer

Welcome to the beginning of the end of another semester. Now is when the frantic study marathons begin. These late night cram sessions can be frantic, giving students an ineffective and sometimes even dangerous method of preparation. These are the top five places, both on and off the Parkland campus, where one should definitely not study.

#### 1. GREEN STREET CAFÉ

For the student with a hankering for hookah, Green Street Café is the perfect place to be. It is also right next to Jimmy Johns and D.P. Dough, which makes it even more of a hotspot. However, while it is a nice place to sit down and relax for hours at a time, it is not a very study-friendly environment.

The Café's dim atmospheric lighting, television set, and jukebox are distracting enough, even when the place is relatively vacant, but during its peak hours the place is usually quite crowded and things can get rather loud—not to mention the almost intoxicating fog of smoke from the customers' hookahs. Green Street Café seems a place better suited for post-final celebrations rather than pre-final cram sessions.

"I'd be basically too focused on smoking hookah," said Parkland student Kevin Runyan. "There's usually a TV playing, and later in the night it does tend to get a bit loud."

#### 2. THE "NOOK"

The "Nook" is the relatively small lounge area in Parkland between the Art Gallery Lounge and the Bookstore, across the hall from Mama Leone's. It has also been referred to as the "Magic Lounge" and other similar nicknames due to the not-uncommon habit of its usual occupants to play *Magic: The Gathering* and other card and/or tabletop games there. While the people there are not unpleasant, the Nook is not a good place to go if one is trying to get some study time in. This is due mostly to the sheer number of people there; it is a somewhat small area, and there can be up to a dozen students socializing there at any given time. Consequently, the little lounge quickly becomes crowded and noisy—not necessarily a good studying environment.

"It is loud and too many things are

going on. The distractions are just too much... I actually prefer studying at home," responds Parkland student Tony Ham when asked if he would study there.

#### 3. IN THE CAR

While this may seem like something of a no-brainer, some students actually do try to squeeze in some studying while on the go—even while in the driver's seat. As a passenger, studying in the car is comparable to studying on the school bus in junior high—while it may work for a few people, it is usually difficult to concentrate due to the disrupting motion and noise, and the average car ride will not provide enough time for any real studying. These same drawbacks apply to studying drivers, but of course with the added risk of a horrifying car wreck.

#### 4. THE ART GALLERY LOUNGE AND THE FLAG LOUNGE

The Art Gallery Lounge and the Flag Lounge are certainly roomy enough to provide study space for many students, but that does not necessarily make them reliable study areas. Both lounges are very high-traffic areas, and are frequently commandeered to be used as space for fundraisers, blood drives, and other on-campus events. In addition to that, both areas tend to get rather crowded sometimes, and are especially noisy.

"People here are extremely loud," said Parkland student Wesley Stites about the Art Gallery Lounge. "Music is generally being played, cards are being played—it can get out of control doing that—and it's kind of an echo chamber over here, too."

#### 5. MARKETPLACE MALL

The Marketplace Mall—or any mall, for that matter—is probably not anyone's first choice of venue for a productive study session, but it does happen. Although the comfortable couches in the scattered rest areas may look inviting and the food court may seem a convenient place to have supper while studying, malls are generally so crowded and loud that any real concentration would be rendered impossible.

It is recommended that you avoid all five of these places while studying if you want a chance to ace your final exams. Studying at home or at any of Parkland's designated study areas will probably yield a better result.

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## How to retain information over the summer

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The summer is a period of time where students' academic careers either slow down or stop completely. This can pose as a major problem in terms of being able to remember useful information learned during the semester.

"[Retaining information] is important for any courses that would draw upon previous knowledge," said Parkland student Kristen Stiger. "Biology classes, especially if you take continuation courses like Anatomy and Physiology 101 and 102, usually draw upon things you learned the last semester. So it can be disorienting if you don't retain that information." So how do you do it?

The best way to keep particular information fresh in your mind is to apply it in real-life situations. One good exercise for retaining writing skills is to try creative writing when there is free time. It's a fun way to keep writing skills sharp throughout the summer lull. Or if a student wishes to apply concrete writing skills, setting up a blog would be a great resource. The student could practice maintaining a deadline while exercising writing skills.

A quick way of keeping material on the brain is by using little bits of it to impress friends. For example, astronomy students can trace out constellations in the sky while Psychology students can apply theories in an attempt to explain certain behavior. However, finding methods of using knowledge for certain subjects such as Biology or Calculus can be very difficult or nearly impossible.

In terms of these classes which rely heavily on rote memorization, many students admit that they return to a brand new semester without remembering much from their prerequisite course the previous semester. For a majority of students, information such as equations learned in Algebra serves no day-to-day purpose outside of the classroom. So what can students

do to keep math knowledge fresh in the mind over the summer break?

"As much as students will hate to hear it, the best way to retain math information is to consistently study it. Even if you're not in a math class over the summer," offered Wayne Clark, a Mathematics instructor at Parkland. "Whether you kept your textbook or you go online, you need to actually practice it; even if it's just once a week so you have something to build off of once the fall semester starts. Retention comes from repetition."

In a situation where a student must refer back to old knowledge, one Parkland student offers great advice. "I keep a lot of my notes and tests just in case if I need to go back and look at a section that is important," said Toan Tang. "That usually comes in handy." Since there is old material readily available, it is easy for a student to reassess anything essential that may have been forgotten.

A big problem is that it is common for students to take the break as a complete departure from academics. While this may sound incredibly appealing as this stressful semester is nearing a close, it leads to a loss of information and skills. One tip to staying in an academic frame of mind is to read whatever may be appealing, whether it be novels, biographies, or academic journals. If reading seems too boring, watch credible documentaries on subjects of interest. If it helps, jot down notes along with the activity. It is possible that topic that was learned over the break may be useful in a new class next fall, so you will already be one step ahead.

Taking the time to keep up the academic mindset and review previous knowledge over the summer will ultimately lead to a better education. While the break can serve as a great opportunity to take a rest from class, it can also be a great amount of time to absorb everything you've just learned. Try not to study too hard this summer!

# Opinions

## Opposing views: The death of Osama Bin Laden

### Time to rejoice

McClatchy-Tribune NEWS SERVICE

Finally, after a nearly decade-long intensive manhunt involving the best minds in U.S. military and intelligence circles, Americans were able to cheer Sunday night - loudly and with full unity - the fact that the world's No. 1 terrorist will terrorize no longer. Osama bin Laden is dead.

"Justice has been done," President Barack Obama told the nation as hundreds of celebrants gathered outside the White House to cheer and sing patriotic songs. Around America and the rest of the world, the news was a literal showstopper as networks interrupted programming to go live with what Obama termed "the most momentous achievement yet" in the international effort to fight al-Qaida.

This victory doesn't end al-Qaida's reign of terror, but it is a victory nonetheless.

Bin Laden's trail of bloodshed didn't just take the lives of 3,000 victims of the 9/11 attacks. He created a grisly path of destruction and death across Africa, Europe, the

Arabian Peninsula and eastern Asia. His death will undoubtedly be greeted with particular satisfaction by the family members and friends of those who perished when hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon outside Washington, and in a field in rural Pennsylvania.

The retaliatory invasion that brought down the Taliban government in Afghanistan gave the United States brief satisfaction that it had wrought some kind of justice for the attacks. But bin Laden's ability to evade capture and continue taunting the United States with recorded messages from his hideouts was a constant irritant to the country. It was particularly galling for the administration of former President George W. Bush, which worked hard to pursue bin Laden.

This is a time to rejoice. It is also a time to redouble efforts because the long war will continue. But its founder and leader will kill no more.

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### Death of one man won't rid world of extremism

McClatchy-Tribune NEWS SERVICE

The death of Osama bin Laden means the end of an evil man, not the demise of the evil ideas that drove him.

His twisted version of Islam still infects the hearts and minds of extremists around the globe. They see terrorism as a legitimate tool to further their political and religious ends because they pledge allegiance to bin Laden's contorted thinking, paranoid dreams and dangerous theology.

So any relief Americans feel about the death of bin Laden - and there is great relief - must be tempered by the realization that his ideas live on, at least for now.

It's hard to know just why bin Laden ran so far amok. He grew up as a member of a rich and powerful family in Saudi Arabia. That family and the Saudi government have disowned him.

But 15 of the 19 Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers were Saudis. That showed that bin Laden's brand of religious nonsense achieved considerable popularity in his homeland.

Bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network has suffered several body blows since U.S. and allied troops drove its protectors, the Taliban, out of Afghanistan, starting in late 2001.

Early in 2003, for instance, Western forces captured such bin Laden allies as Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, who planned the 9-11 attacks at bin Laden's behest. Mohammed's arrest provided information about bin Laden and the rest of his religious thugs.

But al-Qaida is not dead. It has established cells, operatives and allies in dozens of countries and it continues to pursue its vile visions.

It's not yet clear who will emerge as the network's new leader, but whoever it is certainly will be committed to the grisly goal bin Laden outlined in his 1998 religious ruling, "Kill Americans Everywhere."

Bin Laden's ability to escape for so long after the 9-11 attacks shows that his network of supporters and sympathizers has been wide. The bad news is they now may have a new martyr to inspire them.

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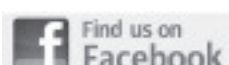
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# Features

## Bonus Stage!

The official gaming column  
of the Prospectus

### Playstation Network: Compromised!

**Jake GODIN**  
Video Game Columnist

Welcome to the final issue of Bonus Stage! What a busy semester it has been in gaming news. The 3DS was announced and subsequently released, Sony has showcased their NGP powerhouse, the conflict between shipped/sold is still rearing its ugly head (Sony claimed to have “sold” 8 million Move controllers), and Nintendo has just very recently announced their next generation console, Project Café (or Steam). E3 lies on the horizon, coming in June, but what’s going on right now?

Well, unless you’ve been living under a rock for the past week and a half, then you’ve undoubtedly heard that Playstation Network (PSN) and Qriocity have been down, preventing players from playing any games online on their PS3s like recently released SOCOM 4 or Portal 2. This article will provide you with information on most everything that has happened from when PSN went down to now.

#### What happened?

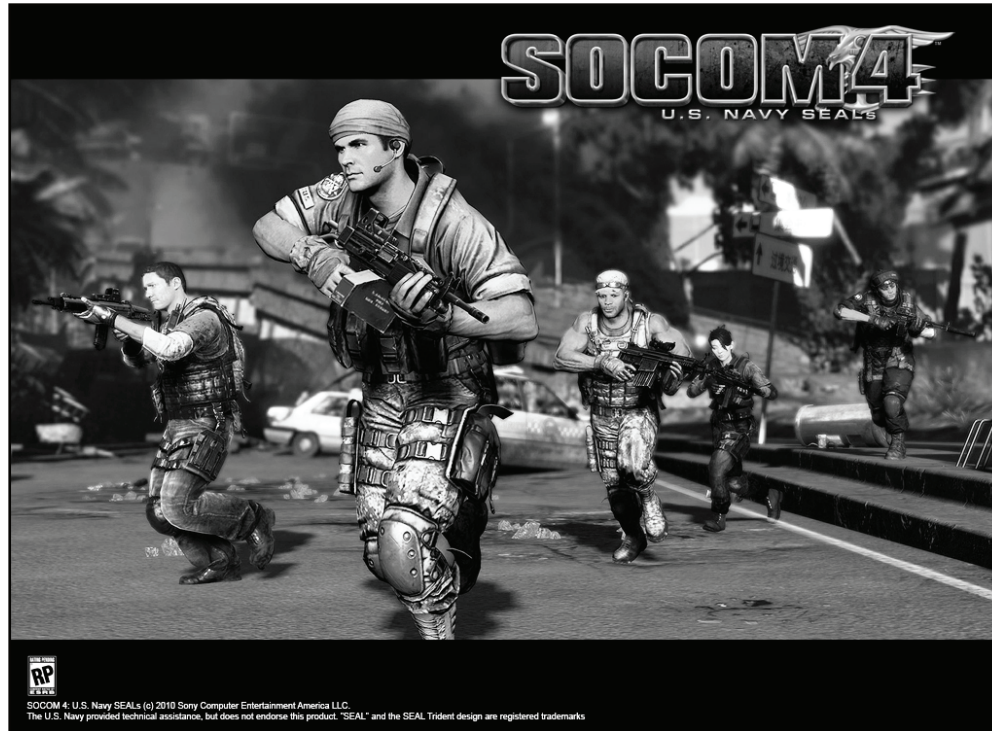
Playstation Network was essentially hacked, and around 100 million users accounts were jeopardized.

Some even suspected that it was a group of hackers aptly named Anonymous. According to a post on Playstation Blog by Patrick Seybold, Sony had discovered that “certain PlayStation Network and Qriocity service user account information was compromised in connection with an illegal and unauthorized intrusion into our network.” Because of this, Sony essentially “unplugged” PSN and Qriocity in order to prevent the intrusion from compromising customers’ private information any further. This cut off all of the PS3’s online functionality. If you don’t own a PS3 and own an Xbox 360 instead, just think of it as if they “turned off” Xbox Live.

#### When did PSN go down?

Sony has stated that they started suspecting problems with the “illegal and unauthorized intrusion” between April 17 and April 19. Playstation Network went down sometime around April 19 or April 20 and has been down since. On Monday, the company announced that nearly 25 million additional user accounts might have compromised.

Sony did a pretty bad job at handling this whole situation though, because no one, not even big gaming sites like IGN or Game Informer, knew what was going on for far too long. Not until April 26 did anyone finally find out through a post on Playstation Blog informing everyone what was going on. Problem was, this was six days after the whole thing started, giving the



SOCOM 4, which was released on April 19 and has a heavy multiplayer component, is just one of the games effected by Sony’s PSN outage.

intruder(s) plenty of time to get as much personal information as they possibly could. Bad Sony. Bad.

#### What information is at risk?

In the same blog post as mentioned earlier, Seybold stated that Sony believed that the intruder(s) obtained customers’ name, street address, country, email, birth date, PlayStation Network/Qriocity password and login, and handle/PSN online ID information. The blog post also said that Sony could not rule out the possibility that customers’ credit card information was secure, and suggested that folks “remain vigilant” and to keep an eye on their account statements/credit reports. They then provided some links to various credit tracking services that you could check your credit report with.

#### What can I do to make sure my information is secure?

Even though Sony hasn’t directly stated that credit card information has been stolen (yet) it’s still probably a good idea to check out your credit report at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) if you’re at all worried about fraud. This would also only be for users who have Playstation Plus or have actually bought something through PSN, since otherwise you wouldn’t have been required to give them your credit card information. Something else that may be not-

so-obvious would be to remain wary of any strange emails you may get. If your email address is out there, you can easily be sent some false email with fake links to viruses and malicious software.

#### When will PSN be back up?

It has been inferred from posts on the Playstation Blog that PSN may be up sometime this week, but Sony stresses that it won’t be up until they are completely sure on network security.

#### Will customers receive anything for having to deal with this downtime?

Sony has started up a complementary offering and “Welcome Back” appreciation program in which users will have access to free downloadable content, a free 30-day trial of the Playstation Plus premium service (current members will receive 30 days of free service), and Qriocity subscribers will receive 30 days of free Music Unlimited service.

While that’s not a bad deal, it seems like not everyone is as patient as Sony would like to believe though, seeing as how there has already been a class action

lawsuit filed against Sony. According to IGN, the Rothken Law Firm in California filed the suit on April 27 for the reason of Sony failing to “take reasonable care to protect, encrypt, and secure the private and sensitive data.” It was only a matter of time before this happened, and I’m sure the outcome will not be in Sony’s favor.

That’s pretty much all of the information that I’ve been able to scoop up off the internet on this thing. Following it has been interesting, and I feel bad for Sony since they will undoubtedly be hit very hard financially. I do not think that they handled it in the best way though. According to the Playstation Blog, the reason they took so long to notify everyone of this ordeal was because they had to investigate it to its full extent, which apparently took six days. I’m not sure about you, but if I were a PSN customer, I would have at least liked to know there was a possible problem instead of simply dead air. Hopefully Sony will learn something from this about dealing with a crisis.

If you’d like to say anything before I’m gone (literally, I’ll be transferring to Mizzou next semester) or if you’d like further tips on staying safe with your credit card information, just let me know at [ProspectusBonusStage@gmail.com](mailto:ProspectusBonusStage@gmail.com)! I’ll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have or point you to any online references! If you don’t like emails and prefer shorter messages, feel free to contact me at my Twitter account @JakeGodin.

## Green Roof project now complete

**Kelley HEANEY**  
Staff Writer

The Parkland College Library has received a face-lift. Hardy plants placed on the outdoor deck of the library’s west side will help with storm water management and will also reduce high energy costs.

It is all part of a pilot program under consideration for future building designs at Parkland College.

Several factors lead to the library’s participation in the project. Primarily, it had a deck that was in need of repair and stabilization. A green, sustainable solution was suggested by

Parkland administration since the area had good sunlight and also had space available for informative materials on the system and easy accessibility through a door in the library.

Library personnel worked in conjunction with Parkland’s Sustainability Committee on the project. Library Director, Anna Marie Watkin, said the project was a great idea especially since the department has participated in other green programs in the past.

LiveRoof sells the green roof system, which was set up by area certified live roof installers Nogle and Black Roofing of Urbana, IL. Late last week, the contractors placed a waterproof membrane over the deck’s roofing material to help prevent moisture and rot. Paving blocks were placed as walkways around an edge and through the middle in a plus sign pattern. The remaining membrane was then covered with modules in which the plants were grown in a green house at LiveRoof, using a special soil. According to the company’s website, this soil is “designed to last indefinitely and to not substantially shrink over time.” It is also especially formulated to the climate in which it is used. The resulting



vegetation reduces hot temperatures on the roof, cutting high summer energy costs and green house emissions on the campus. Photo by Levi Norman/Prospectus News

reduces hot temperatures on the roof, cutting high summer energy costs and green house emissions on the campus.

The vegetation used is a very hardy, low growing plant called sedum, or stonewort, which requires little care from gardeners and attracts wildlife such as butterflies. The National Gardening Association’s website describes it as having “fleshy, succulent leaves,” which will help it to withstand both dry and wet weather conditions.

The green roof project is also to become a teaching tool for sustainability concepts, such as storm water run-off control. The Sustainability Committee’s original plans included Parkland students constructing the project, but professional installation of the warranty was required for the project to be effective. However, the CIT 135 Construction Practices and Sustainability class will be creating a poster campaign over the summer to increase school awareness of the project’s benefits. They, along with the horticulture program students, will eventually use the area as a learning lab for the study of storm water management among other things. For now, college groundskeepers will tend the area and decorative items may also be added at a later date.

Not only will this project have positive impacts on the Parkland curriculum, it will add a beauty and unique focal point to the library. The plants will provide a place that encourages wildlife, such as butterflies and birds that may also be incorporated into future Parkland studies. If successful the project may be expanded sometime in the future.

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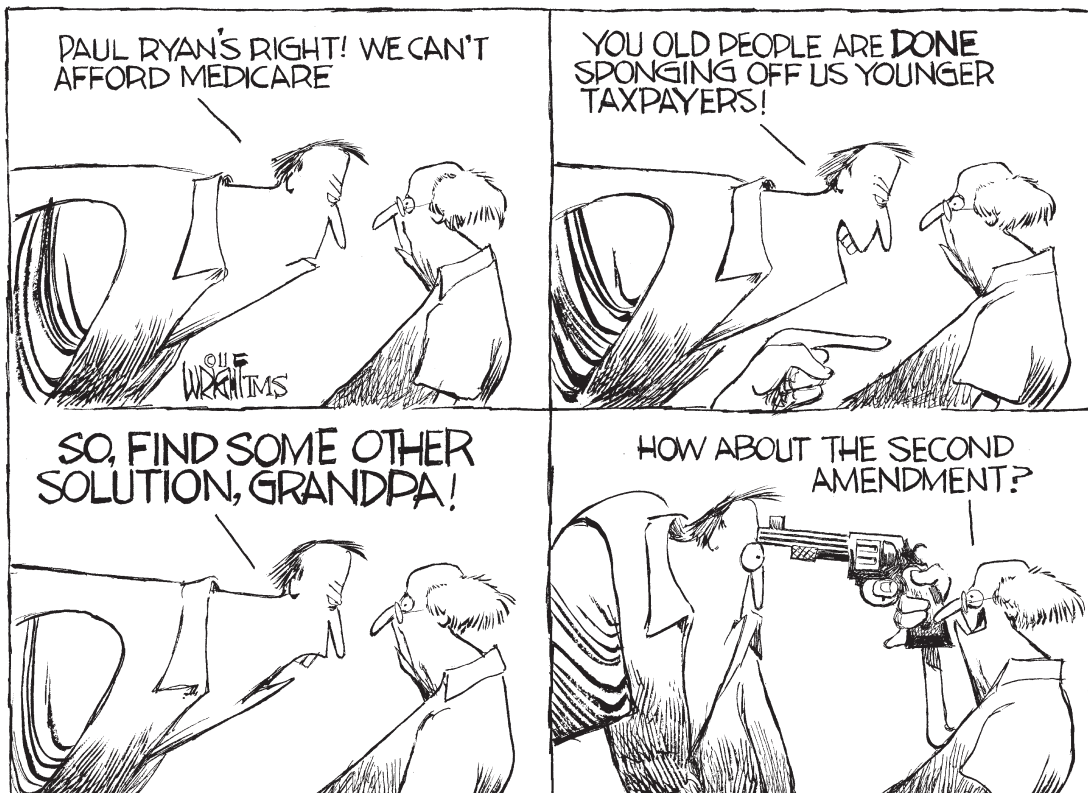


The Parkland College Alcohol Awareness Day was a success thanks to you! Congratulations to Tanisha Allen who won the Apple iPod! The Flag Lounge was filled with students attempting to complete field sobriety tests while wearing the “drunk goggles”, using the DUI simulator, and obtaining great information from local businesses and organizations.

Summer is quickly approaching and most people are anticipating it. I want to congratulate all the students graduating from Parkland College this semester and wish you luck wherever you go.

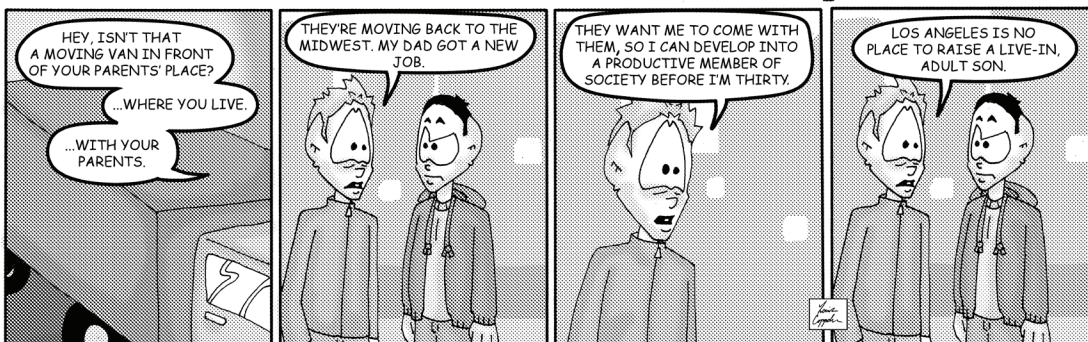
During your summer break always keep safety in mind. Think before your actions especially while you are at the pool, beach, riding your bicycle, or driving on vacation. While driving, remember that summer is the prime season for road construction. There are many distractions during the summer months so stay alert while driving.

Enjoy your summer and the Parkland College Police Department will see you next semester.

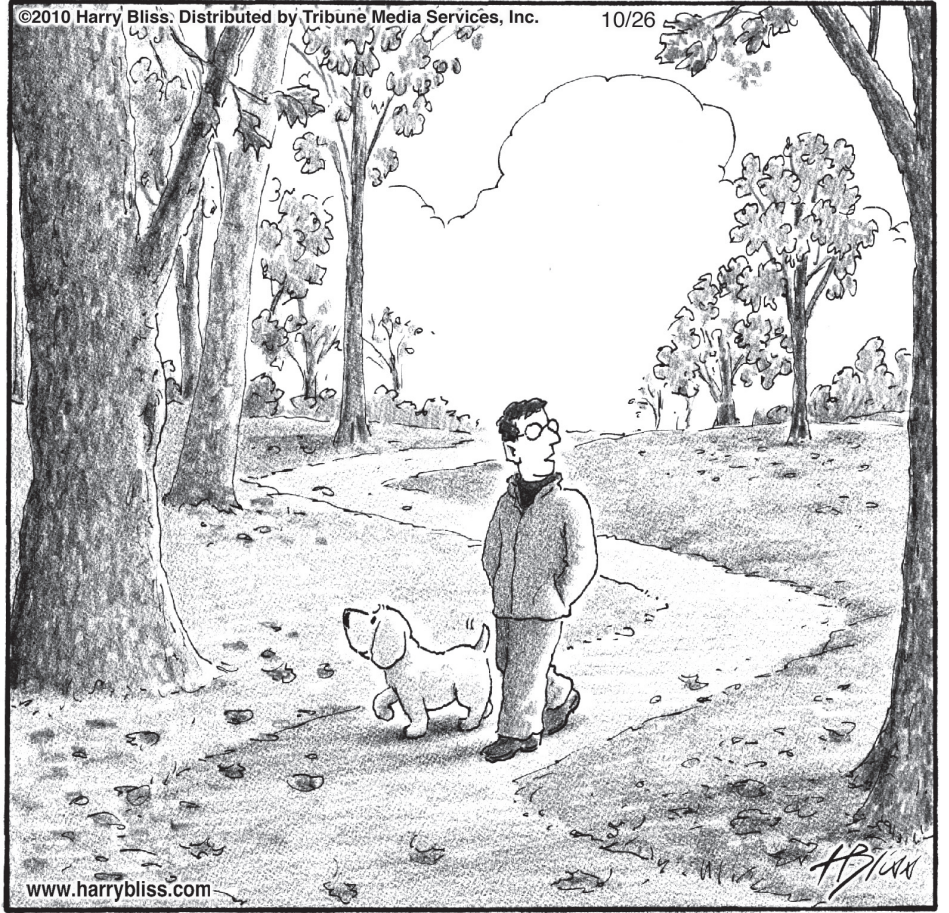
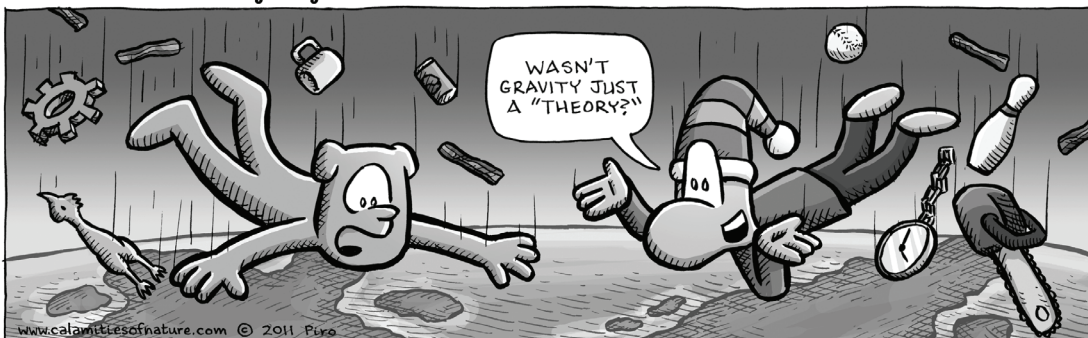


DREAM NATION

by LOUIS COPPOLA



Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro



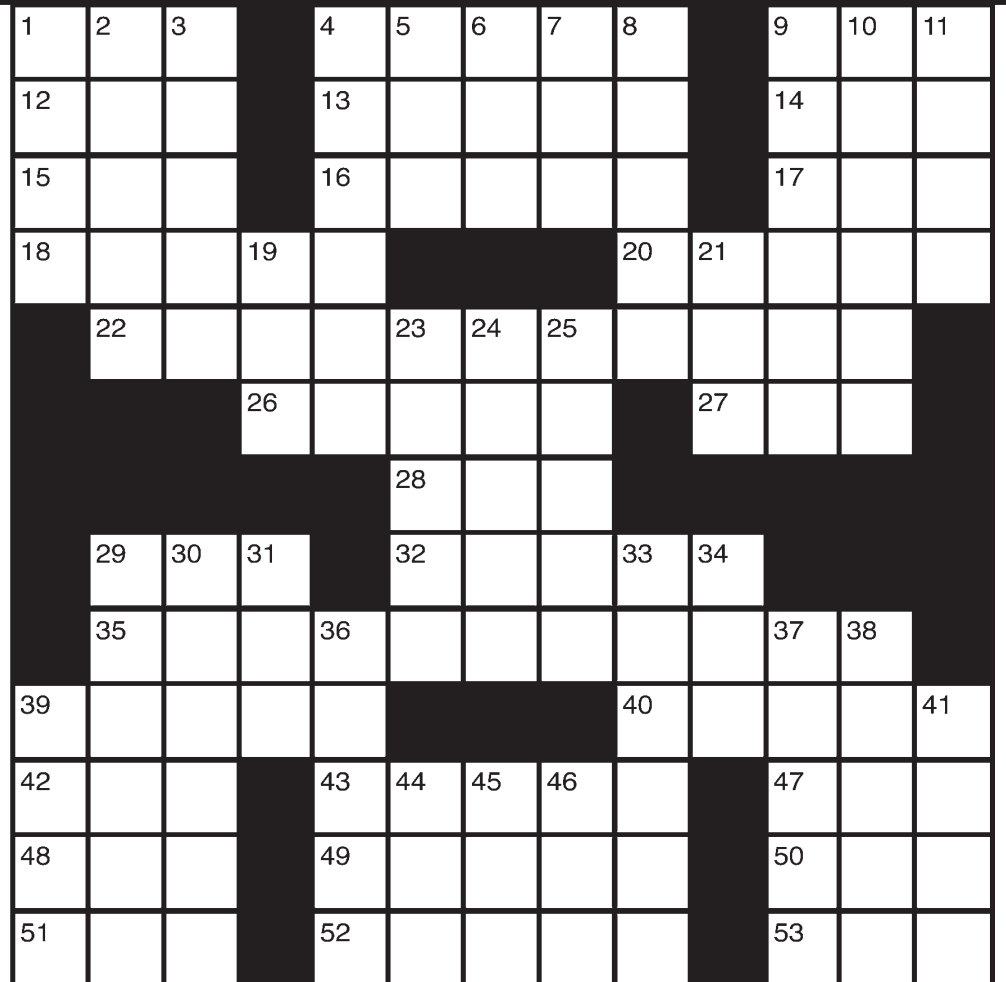
“It's times like this I wish I had a tail to wag.”

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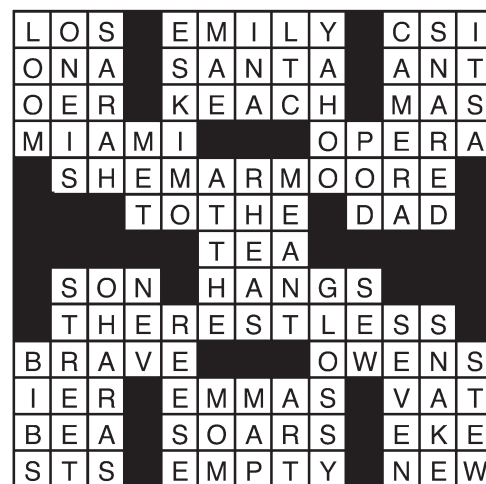
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- 1 Hope or Barker
- 4 “\_\_ My Way”; Bing Crosby film
- 9 Baseball’s \_\_ Ripken
- 12 Miner’s discovery
- 13 \_\_ Williams; Patsy’s portrayer on “Happy Days”
- 14 Mr. Onassis, for short
- 15 Chicago Bulls’ league: abbr.
- 16 Old western about a swordsman
- 17 Nixon’s monogram
- 18 Recess in a wall
- 20 “Perry \_\_”
- 22 Reality series hosted by Chris Harrison
- 26 “The Mary Tyler \_\_ Show”
- 27 “\_\_ Given Sunday”; movie for Al Pacino and Dennis Quaid
- 28 “\_\_ Tin Tin”
- 29 Official envoy’s title: abbr.
- 32 Hatcher and Garr
- 35 Star of the series “Chuck”
- 39 Joe \_\_ of “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman”
- 40 Singer Frankie \_\_
- 42 Sitcom about an alien

### DOWN

- 1 Capital of old West Germany
- 2 Planet’s circular path
- 3 “China \_\_”; Dana Delany series
- 4 “The \_\_”; movie for Glenn Ford and Debbie Reynolds
- 5 Yoko \_\_
- 6 Tel Aviv’s nation: abbr.
- 7 Neither’s partner
- 8 Small folklore creature
- 9 Former late night host Johnny
- 10 Place where weapons are stored
- 11 Actor Rex \_\_ of “CSI: Miami”
- 19 Skirt’s edge
- 21 Apple pie \_\_ mode
- 23 Largest artery
- 24 News correspondent Catherine Fonda or Ford
- 29 Colorful spring flower
- 30 “A \_\_ All Seasons”
- 31 A, \_\_, E, F...
- 33 “\_\_ Away”; drama series for Sam Waterston
- 34 “Voyage to the Bottom of the \_\_”
- 36 Hula-\_\_; plastic toys twirled around the waist
- 37 “My Cousin \_\_”; Joe Pesci movie
- 38 Fading \_\_ out; intermittently losing consciousness
- 39 “Arsenic and Old \_\_”
- 41 “\_\_ Wide Shut”; Tom Cruise film
- 44 Suffix for press or depart
- 45 \_\_ man; unanimously
- 46 “The \_\_ and the Pussycat”; Barbra Streisand movie

### Solution to Last Week’s Puzzle



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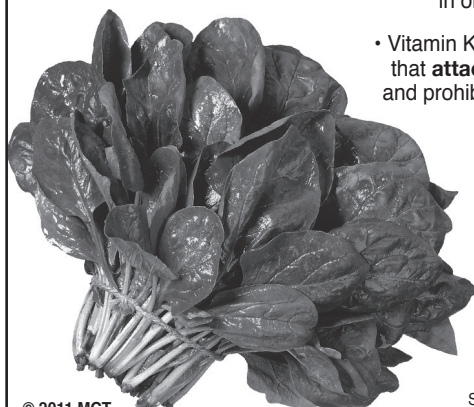
• One cup of fresh spinach provides 200 percent of the daily value of vitamin K (more than 1,000 percent in one cup of boiled spinach)

• Vitamin K helps stimulate proteins that attach calcium inside bones and prohibits the activation of cells that break down bones

• Spinach may prevent eye problems, such as macular degeneration

• Unlike other green vegetables, spinach helps decrease the risk of advanced (stages III or IV) prostate cancer

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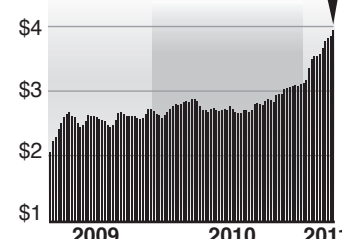
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# Sports



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## Paving the road to Nationals - Cobras softball gearing up for the big event

**Markus RODGERS**  
Sports Writer

The women's softball ball team has had an up and down year. After a slow start in Florida (4-8), the Cobras eventually mounted a streak of 19 consecutive victories. Led by a balanced attack of hitting, pitching, and fielding, the Cobras look ready to make a strong run at nationals.

Head Coach Chuck Clutts spoke with confidence when referring to his team. Compared to past years he admitted that the start was "pretty rough" but taking into consideration the competition the Cobras faced, it will undoubtedly help in preparation for nationals. "Now we know [opponents'] strengths and weaknesses," said first basemen Elizabeth Sprague.

The overall talent on this team is right up there with any we've seen in recent years. Shortstop Sarah Gray, a returning First Team All-American,

looks to be on pace to win the award once again. Gray is batting a staggering .490 and leading the team in hits (74) and runs (64). Gray has committed to UIS and looks to pick up where she will leave off after her successful two year career.

Joining Gray at UIS is teammate Sam Inman. Inman, center fielder for the Cobras, has team highs in homeruns (6) and RBIs (48), while contributing a solid .414 batting average. Sarah Frerichs has also added more sophomore leadership to the plate this year, batting .376 with 16 RBIs.

The freshmen this year have stepped right in and contributed at the plate this year. Sprague is batting .339, Macy Shupe is batting .324 with 2 homeruns, Sierra Redmon is batting .351 and Brittany Einick is batting .326 with 144 plate appearances.

Of course the offense isn't winning games by themselves; the pitch-

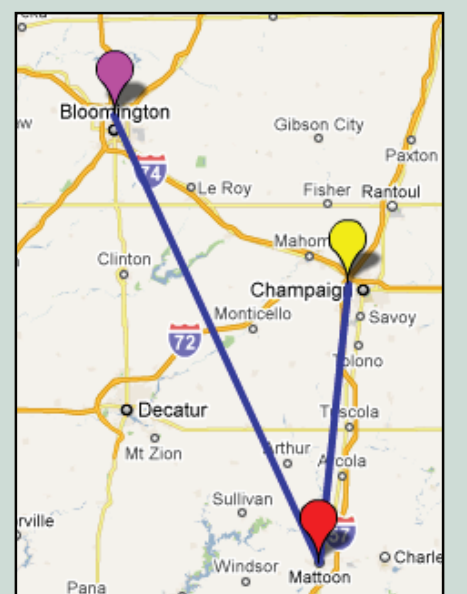
ing staff has shined this year as well. Ace Jenna Harshbarger, has gone 10-6 this season with a 2.90 ERA. She is the only pitcher on staff to accumulate more than 100 IP this point in the season. She also leads the club in strikeouts, mounting 78 Ks in her time on the mound. Kelsi Hoey has been similarly efficient; going 11-6 with 70 Ks and has even mounted two no hitters. Arguably the most impressive showing this year from a numbers standpoint is Shelby Lust, who is still undefeated. Lust has gone 6-0 with an ERA under 2.00.

The Cobras currently rank #10, falling from #3 after suffering losses handed out by Heartland College. This not only knocked Parkland back in the national standings, but placed the Cobras in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the M-WAC conference. This turmoil hasn't affected the

unity of the team one bit. "These kids get along tremendously," Clutts stated. "They work hard and they're a lot of fun to coach."

The road to Nationals will begin on Thursday for the Cobras as they battle for first in the M-WAC tournament in Mattoon.

The team has a good feel for one another and looks ready to make the sacrifices necessary to be champions. The Cobras have been one functioning unit until now, and one more tournament of teamwork could solidify their places as champions.



The Cobras will travel to Mattoon, IL May 5-7 for the M-WAC tournament and will then head to Normal, IL May 19-21 for the Nationals.

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DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

# The world responds

Global leaders remark on what Osama bin Laden's death means for the fight against terrorism

“ Though bin Laden is dead, al-Qaida is not. The terrorists almost certainly will attempt to avenge him, and we must — and will — remain vigilant and resolute. But we have struck a heavy blow against the enemy. The only leader they have ever known, whose hateful vision gave rise to their atrocities, is no more. The supposedly uncatchable one has been caught and killed. And we will not rest until every last one of them has been delivered to justice.”

— CIA Director Leon E. Panetta, in a statement to agency employees

“ This momentous achievement marks a victory for America, for people who seek peace around the world, and for all those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11, 2001. The fight against terror goes on, but tonight America has sent an unmistakable message: No matter how long it takes, justice will be done.”

— Former President George W. Bush, in a statement Sunday night

“ Innocent people, most of them Muslims, were targeted in markets and mosques, in subway stations and on airplanes, each attack motivated by a violent ideology that holds no value for human life or regard for human dignity. I know that nothing can make up for the loss of the victims or fill the voids they left, but I hope their families can now find some comfort in the fact that justice has been served. ... At a time when the people across the Middle East and North Africa are rejecting the extremist narratives and charting a path of peaceful progress, based on universal rights and aspirations, there is no better rebuke to al-Qaida and its heinous ideology.”

— Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

“ Osama bin Laden was responsible for the worst terrorist atrocities the world has seen — for 9/11 and for so many attacks, which have cost thousands of lives, many of them British. It is a great success that he has been found and will no longer be able to pursue his campaign of global terror. ... It is also a time too to thank all those who work round the clock to keep us safe from terrorism. Their work will continue. I congratulate President Obama and those responsible for carrying out this operation.”

— British Prime Minister David Cameron

“ The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that foreign countries now have no excuse for military buildup in the region to fight terrorism.”

— Islamic Republic of Iran Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast

“ I hope the death of Osama Bin Laden will mean the end of terrorism.”

— Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai

“ It doesn't mean that this is the end of all terrorism and all dangers.”

— Israeli President Shimon Peres



“ I commend all those people behind the successful tracking down and killing of Osama bin Laden. His killing is an act of justice to those Kenyans who lost their lives and the many more who suffered injuries.”

— Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki

“ It is a historic development and victorious milestone in the global war against the forces of terrorism. The world must not let down its united effort to overcome terrorism and eliminate the safe havens and sanctuaries that have been provided to terrorists in our own neighborhood. The struggle must continue unabated.”

— India's External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna, alluding to the presence of several terror groups in Pakistan, such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba, which masterminded the 2008 Mumbai terror attack.

“ Despite the difference in opinions and agenda between us and them, we condemn the assassination of a Muslim and Arab warrior and we pray to God that his soul rests in peace.”

— Ismail Haniyeh, prime minister for the Hamas government in the Gaza Strip

“ The Iraqi government is feeling greatly relieved over the killing of Osama bin Laden, who was the planner and director behind the killing of many Iraqis and destroying the country.”

— Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh

“ With bin Laden's death, one of the reasons for which violence has been practiced in the world has been removed. It is time for Obama to pull out of Afghanistan and Iraq and end the occupation of U.S. and Western forces around the world that have for so long harmed Muslim countries.”

— Essam al-Erian, a member of The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood

“ Bin Laden's acts robbed us freedom to talk and move around. He turned us into targets at home and suspects in every foreign country we traveled to.”

— Mohammad al-Mansouri in the United Arab Emirates



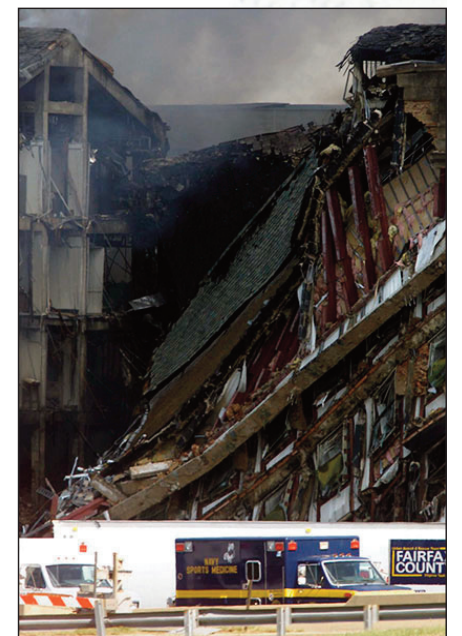
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## BIN LADEN TIMELINE

Events in the life of the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks:

- 1957** Born in Saudi Arabia
- 1979** Goes to Pakistan to meet CIA-funded anti-Soviet Afghan guerrillas
- 1984** Opens base in Peshawar, Pakistan, for Arabs arriving to fight Soviets
- 1986** Develops Afghan camps; helps build CIA-funded tunnel complex near Khost, Afghanistan
- 1988** Forms al-Qaida to overthrow corrupt Muslim governments with Egyptian Islamic Jihad and other militant Muslims
- 1989** Returns to Saudi Arabia after Soviets leave Afghanistan
- 1990** Works in family construction business; criticizes Saudi government for inviting U.S. troops to expel Iraq from Kuwait
- 1991** Expelled from Saudi Arabia for anti-government activities; goes to Afghanistan briefly, then Sudan
- 1992** Bombing of hotel used by U.S. troops in Yemen; two Yemenis trained in Afghanistan arrested
- 1993** Car bomb at N.Y. World Trade Center kills six; 18 U.S. troops in Somalia killed; Somalis trained by bin Laden supporters suspected
- 1994** Saudi Arabia revokes bin Laden's citizenship, seizes much of his property
- 1995** Bombing of Saudi National Guard station in Riyadh kills five Americans, two Indians
- 1996** At U.S. request, Sudan expels bin Laden, who moves to Afghanistan; car bomb kills 19 at U.S. military housing in Saudi Arabia; Taliban rebels financed by bin Laden control Afghanistan
- 1997** U.S.-Saudi commandos recruit Afghans and Pakistanis to capture bin Laden; plot later called off
- 1998** Bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania kill 220 people; U.S. missiles attack al-Qaida headquarters in Afghanistan
- 1999** U.S. presses Taliban to turn over bin Laden; he is moved to secret location

- 2000** Bombing of U.S. destroyer Cole in Aden, Yemen, kills 17 sailors
- 2001** Four bin Laden followers convicted in U.S. embassy bombings



CHUCK KENNEDY/MCT

Damage to the Pentagon following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

- Sept. 11, 2001** Hijackers fly jetliners into World Trade Center and Pentagon; U.S., U.K. and anti-Taliban Afghans mount air and land attacks on al-Qaida and Taliban
- Dec. 22, 2001** Shoe bomber Richard Reid, a British-born follower of bin Laden, tries unsuccessfully to blow up a Paris-to-Miami flight
- 2002-03** Broadcast of video-, audiotapes of person who purportedly is bin Laden; Feb. 2003 message urges Muslims to attack
- 2004** For three days in March, U.S. and Afghan forces pound mountain caves in Tora Bora in search of bin Laden, but fail
- 2009** Accuses President Barack Obama of planting seeds of "revenge and hatred toward America" in the Muslim world
- 2010** Purportedly claims responsibility for Dec. 25, 2009, attempted bombing of a U.S. plane
- May 1, 2011** Killed by U.S. forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan

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People gather outside of the White House as President Barack Obama announces the death of Osama bin Laden during a televised statement late Sunday evening.

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