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# Student creates signature image for Boneyard Arts Festival

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What is the one thing that sculptors, weavers, painters, photographers, musicians, actors, dancers, poets, and performers alike all look forward to during the year? The Boneyard Arts Festival, of course!

Last weekend marked the 8<sup>th</sup> annual celebration that took over not only the Champaign-Urbana area, but also surrounding areas, including Dewey, Rantoul, and Sidney.

Earlier this year, many students were already preparing by creating unique and interesting works of art. Over 75 entries were submitted to be Boneyard's 2011 signature image contest, yet only one was selected. The winning piece, which was featured on various billboards, maps, postcards, and the official Boneyard website, was created by Parkland student, Sophie McMahan.

McMahan, in her 4<sup>th</sup> semester at Parkland, is a diligent artist, currently taking only art classes. She shines with talent and has great insight to what it takes to succeed as an artist. "Work incred-

ibly hard... try and have a thick skin. It's inevitable that you will run into a lot of rejection, but you just have to not take that personally and move forward," advised McMahan.

McMahan has a story that could be an inspiration to any and all students. While many people think that you have to do something all of your life in order to do well, McMahan demonstrates otherwise. She drew as a child, but lost interest throughout her high school years. However, she later found inspiration again through alternative comic books, similar to graphic novels. Now, she is pursuing her dream again with full confidence.

McMahan is observant and seizes the opportunities as they come across them. The contest to be the signature artist for Boneyard 2011, for an example, was



Parkland student Sophie McMahan holds up a few pieces of her work, which were featured in this year's Boneyard Arts Festival this past weekend. One piece of McMahan's work was selected as the signature image of the festival.

Photo by Ashley Melloncamp/Prospectus News

an opportunity that presented itself in the hallways of Parkland College. McMahan, who had no previous experience with Boneyard Arts Festival, found a flier for the competition on one of the school bulletin boards.

"I figured it would be stiff competition, so I really didn't expect to

win...I figured I'd just enter and see what happens," said McMahan.

She came across an opportunity, and seized it; that is what led to her suc-

cess. McMahan wasn't afraid of losing. Her example is one that many students can learn and gain courage from in order to start taking advantage of opportunities themselves.

"Champaign-Urbana is a very art oriented town, and there are lots of incredible artists around," said McMahan. The town is flooded with talent, just as was demonstrated last weekend at the festival and has been annually for almost an entire decade.

While the festival is now over, and other opportunities, such as Parkland's 2011 IMAGES Student Art Magazine have already passed, there is no reason become discouraged. Start preparing for next year.

The Boneyard website is a great place for artists to get in contact with venues. There is a section for venues that have listed themselves as looking for artists and regularly showcase work throughout the year.

There are opportunities around for all types of artists, experience levels, and age groups. Seize the small opportunities that present themselves as you walk down the hallway, and don't be afraid to go for the gold.

## Tax day delay

Why the deadline for filing federal taxes is April 18 this year.

### The standard

If the traditional tax day of April 15 falls on the weekend, the deadline is moved to Monday

### This year

- Emancipation Day, a legal holiday only in the District of Columbia, will be observed on April 15, a day earlier than normal, since April 16 falls on a Saturday
- A federal statute says tax filings are impacted nationwide, so this year's deadline is Monday

### Next occurrence

The next year Emancipation Day could affect deadlines is 2012

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## No space? No problem! Gardening tips for students



Living in an apartment doesn't necessarily mean a garden is out of the question. There are many options for a person who would like to grow their own plants, both in their home and in the community.

Photo by Levi Norman/Prospectus News

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The idea of spring conjures up many different images for most people. Birds, flowers, and green grass are some that often come to mind. But for some people it inspires peaceful images of mud, plants, rocks and weed pulling. Gardeners themselves say that working in the garden satisfies a nurturing aspect in them, but others claim it is the satisfaction producing something beautiful. So, is a college student doomed to be unhappy because they usually live in an apartment with little or no outdoor space in which to plant growing things? Recent investigations have revealed that a garden does not have to be on a large plot of land, or even outside.

How does one plant a garden if there is a lack of outdoor space? Easy, plant one inside! An inside garden can consist of a small container that looks great sitting on a bookcase or a table in the apartment. The clear, glass container could be mirrored and have dirt, rocks and small plants or perhaps a

variety of cacti. Stores such as Prairie Gardens have a great variety of indoor gardens and terrariums, small plants, and decorations for your garden. Their website even lists directions for making a terrarium or indoor container garden.

A possibility for someone who does have a small amount of outdoor space is to create a hanging garden or a larger container garden. Purchase medium or large flowerpots and plant flowers or vegetables in a sunny spot. Match the containers or use plain ones that can then be painted or decorated. Create themes with the containers, or get creative and use things around the house such as an old pair of galoshes, a bucket or large bowl.

Decide what is to be planted in the container. There can be themes to this, too. Lowes suggests planting a Pizza Garden with tomato, bell pepper, and oregano, all in one or two containers. Give each plant space and make sure the container drains well. Plant the plants in an attractive manner, perhaps with the taller ones in the center.

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## Where even cell phones aren't safe

**Brian BENNETT**  
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Mohammed Maskati's cell phone was his lifeline to fellow human rights activists in strife-torn Bahrain. So when his line went dead in mid-March, he checked with the local phone company. His account, they told him, had been canceled.

Even worse, Maskati said, he discovered that Bahraini authorities used records of his calls, plus texts and emails sent from his phone, as a secret road map to crack down on his network of pro-democracy advocates.

Nor did the harassment stop when Maskati got a new phone and number. He soon received anonymous death threats. Then, in a predawn raid Saturday, armed men in masks and black uniforms forced their way into his home. They bound and beat him and, in an act of humiliation, shaved half of his head.

"The government is monitoring emails and calls and everything," Maskati, who is president of the Bahrain Youth Society for Human Rights, said in a phone interview from the capital, Manama. "They are especially monitoring those who are doing political reform."

Twitter feeds and Facebook pages have accelerated the pace at which protesters have amassed supporters to demand regime change in countries across the Middle East and North Africa. But in a growing number of cases, local intelligence and security agencies have begun tracing those electronic trails to arrest or intimidate protest leaders and supporters.

More than 40 governments now restrict access to the Internet, and many use cyber-tools to spy on political opponents, according to the State Department's annual report

on human rights, which was released Friday.

"Some censored websites for political reasons," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters. "And in a number of countries, democracy and human rights activists and independent bloggers found their emails hacked or their computers infected with spyware that reported back on their every keystroke. Digital activists have been tortured so they would reveal their passwords and implicate their colleagues."

It's one reason the State Department is seeking to augment a little-known program to help people in authoritarian regimes protect their online identities, email, cellphones and other private communications from bugging and censors.

Since 2008, the so-called Internet freedom initiative has brought more than 5,000 political activists to more than 100 training sessions in such countries as Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq. Trainees are taught to use encrypted Internet tunnels, some developed with U.S. government funding, that hide a user's location and identity.

Attendees also are told how to install and use publicly available encryption software to protect text messages on their cellphones.

The trainers show how government monitors can use the global positioning chip in a cellphone to track the user's movements. They have promoted software designed to hide the identities of cellphone users and have shown Web surfers how to get around Internet firewalls erected to restrict access to certain websites.

When asked if there are counter-terrorism concerns that these techniques might fall into the wrong hands, officials said the lessons only focus on publicly available technology-

and organized terrorist groups are already familiar with these methods.

How well the program works is unclear. The State Department does not release internal monitoring reports in order to protect the organizations and activists involved, an official said. But many governments still have been able to keep up.

Maskati joined the classes held in Beirut in January. He has since taken precautions on his home computer to encrypt emails and Internet activity. He also learned to electronically sweep his laptop for spyware designed to secretly transmit copies of his files and contacts to government snoops.

But Maskati said many political activists in Bahrain find the encryption techniques burdensome, and the applications to protect cellphone contacts and encrypt text messages are difficult to install and use. And all Maskati's training could not

prevent Saturday's raid on his house.

"Most activists don't understand security," said Scott Carpenter, a former deputy assistant secretary of State for Middle East policy. "We should be putting more information and more tools out there."

That may soon happen. The State Department has spent only \$20 million of the \$50 million that Congress has authorized for the program since 2008. The department is reviewing proposals for how best to spend the remainder.

Some lawmakers, including Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., and Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-Va., are considering whether to reallocate the next round of funding. They want more spent on technology to help Web users in China, Iran and other closed societies circumvent digital firewalls and gain access to U.S.-funded pro-

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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

Lead Story

Gen. Than Shwe of Myanmar, leader of Asia's most authoritarian regime, made a rare public appearance in February but dressed in a women's sarong. Most likely, according to a report on AOL News, he was challenging the country's increasingly successful "panty protests" in which females opposed to the regime toss their underwear at the leaders or onto government property to, according to superstition, weaken the oppressors. (Men wear sarongs, too, in Myanmar, but the general's sarong was uniquely of a design worn by women.) An Internet site run by the protesters urges sympathetic women worldwide to "post, deliver or fling" panties at any Burmese embassy. [AOL News, 3-1-2011]

The Continuing Crisis

The "F State's" Legislature at Work:

Florida Senate Bill 1246, introduced in February, would make it a first-degree felony to take a picture of any farmland, even from the side of the road, without written permission of the land's owner. (The bill is perhaps an overenthusiastic attempt to pre-empt campaigns by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.) [Florida Tribune (Tallahassee), 2-23-2011]

Though Florida faces a serious budget shortfall, another Senate bill, 1846, would authorize the state to borrow money for golf courses and resorts in at least five state parks and would require that the courses be designed by golf legend Jack Nicklaus' firm. (Update: SB1846 was too excessive even for Florida and was withdrawn.) [Orlando Sentinel, 3-12-2011]

No Sense of Shame:

New Orleans clothing designer Cree McCree, an ardent environmentalist, ordinarily would never work with animal fur, but the Louisiana state pest, the nutria (swamp rat), is culled in abundance by hunters, who leave the carcasses where they fall. Calling its soft-brown coat "guilt-free fur that belongs on the runway instead of at the bottom of the bayou," McCree has encouraged a small industry of local designers to create nutria fashions -- and in November went big-time with a New York City show ("Nutria-palooza"). Now, according to a November New York Times report, designers Billy Reid and Oscar de la Renta are sampling nutria's "righteous fur." [New York Times, 11-18-2011]

Bright Ideas

In late 2010, a Georgia utility contractor discovered an elaborate "Internet-controlled network of web-accessible cameras" and three shotguns aimed into a food-garden plot on a Georgia Power Company right of way (as reported by the Augusta Chronicle in January). The Georgia Wildlife

Resources Division and U.S. Homeland Security took a look, but by then, the structure had been moved. (Homeland Security speculated that the set-up was to keep feral hogs away from the food stock.) [Augusta Chronicle, 1-14-2011]

Principal Angela Jennings of Rock Chapel Elementary School in Lithonia, Ga., resigned after an investigation revealed that she had temporarily unenrolled 13 students last year for the sole purpose of keeping them from annual statewide tests because she feared their scores would drag down her school's performance. (When the test was over, Jennings re-enrolled them.) The resignation, effective in June, was revealed in February by Atlanta's WSB-TV. [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 2-3-2011]

Artists Adam Zaretsky and Tony Allard told AOL News in February of their plans to create "bio-art" based on an epoxy-preserved "glob" of feces excreted by the counter-culture novelist William S. Burroughs (who died in 1997). The pair would isolate Burroughs' DNA, make copies, soak them in gold dust, and, with a laboratory "gene gun," shoot the mixture into blood, feces and semen to create "living bio-art." (Zaretsky was less certain when asked what was actually being produced, suggesting that they may call their work a "living cut-up literary device" or just a mutant sculpture. Zaretsky is a Ph.D. candidate at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Allard is a college professor in San Diego.) [AOL News, 2-11-2011]

Yikes!

Questionable Redemption: For two philanthropic gifts totaling \$105,000, Jim Massen, 80, a retired television repairman and farmer in Windsor, Ontario, has perhaps salvaged his good name, overcoming a 1990 guilty plea (and one-year jail sentence) for molesting three teenage boys. The gifts, acknowledged in February, mean that a scoreboard clock, an administrative office, the street leading to the complex, and a walking trail will all be named for him. [Windsor Star-Ottawa Citizen, 2-9-2011]



Josh GRUBE  
Staff Writer

Save up your money, music enthusiasts; Record Store Day is this weekend! Created in 2007 to promote independent record stores, Record Store Day is an international holiday where artists and labels celebrate small businesses by releasing material exclusive to independent record stores. Countless fans will run to their favorite indie stores this Saturday, April 16 to pick up that limited edition 7" single they've been craving.

"This is the one day that all of the independently owned record stores come together with artists to celebrate the art of music," reads Record Store Day's official website. "Special vinyl and CD releases and various promotional products are made exclusively for the day and hundreds of artists in the United States and in various countries across the globe make special appearances and performances." Stores participating in Champaign County include Exile On Main Street in Champaign, Parasol Records in Urbana, and Any Frequency in Monticello.

To further celebrate this occasion, local stores Exile On Main Street and Parasol Records have both booked Record Store Day full of in-store performances. Playing at Exile On Main Street are DJ Mertz, Kilborn Alley Blues Band, DJ Legtwo, Common Loon, The Palace Flophouse, The Fresh Kills, Ezra Furman and the Harpoons, Elsinore, Delta Kings, The Dirty Feathers, DJ Belly, Kirkwood West, Withershins, Take Care, DJ Bozak, and Mingram. Playing at Parasol Records are New Ruins, Withershins, Grandkids, Leadership, You & Yourn, Evil Tents, Anna Karenina/Anna Karina, The Fresh Kills, The Palace Flophouse and Panel Van.

The list of exclusive releases for this year's Record Store Day is massive. Although this is to support the independent music world, there are also household names such as Rush and AC/DC coming out with material for the occasion. The list contains a multitude of releases by 88.7 favorites, including A Day To Remember, Anberlin, Beady Eye, Between The Buried And Me, Black Angels, Blitzen Trapper, Built To Spill, Caribou, Cults, Daft Punk, Death Cab For Cutie, Fleet Foxes, Flogging Molly, Foo Fighters, Gorillaz, Jimmy Eat World, Kings of Leon, Manchester Orchestra, Matt & Kim, Mumford and Sons, Of Montreal, Owen, Peter Bjorn and John, Rise Against, The Decemberists, The Dodos, and The Flaming Lips. Some artists have even joined forces to release split singles, such as Red Hot Chili Peppers with The Ramones and Xiu Xiu with Deerhoof. However, due to the limited quantities of these releases, it is possible that customers may not find some of the products in their local record stores.

For a full list of releases and more information on the holiday see Record Store Day's official website at [www.recordstoreday.com](http://www.recordstoreday.com). Good luck record hunting!

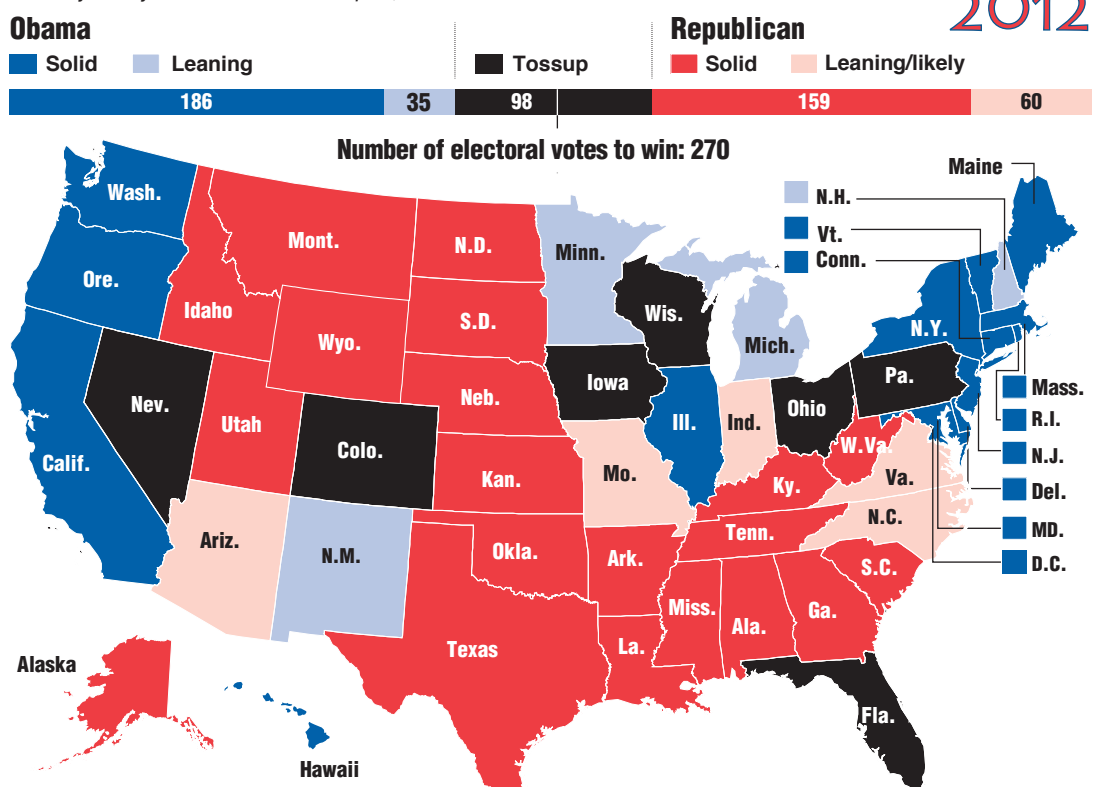


Exile on Main Street is one of a handful of local record shops taking part in Record Store Day 2011. Not only will they feature special releases, but they will also be hosting a daylong show featuring local acts such as Common Loon, The Fresh Kills, Elsinore, Take Care and many more.

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## An early look at 2012

President Barack Obama faces a challenging electoral map for the 2012 presidential election, as analyzed by the Cook Political Report; 270 electoral votes are needed to win:



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# Fungus sweeps across the country, killing bats

**Louis SAHAGUN**  
*Los Angeles Times*

More than 100 hibernating bats hang from the vaulted ceiling of a chilly gallery in central New Mexico's Fort Stanton Cave, seemingly unaware of the lights from helmet lanterns sweeping over their garçoye-like faces.

The mood is heavy with anxiety as biologists Marikay Ramsey and Debbie Buecher search for signs of white-nose syndrome, a novel, infectious and lethal cold-loving fungus that digests the skin and wings of hibernating bats and smudges their muzzles with a powdery white growth.

"These bats look fine, which is a relief," U.S. Bureau of Land Management endangered animal specialist Ramsey said as she prepared to log the humidity and temperature of the cave in a hand-held computer. "But we still worry that the disease could hit New Mexico this winter or the next. If that happens, we may have to close every cave and abandoned mine in the state."

Biologists across the nation are facing a similarly grim scenario. Since it was discovered in New York four years ago, the fungus has swept across 17 states as far west as Oklahoma, killing a million bats. A majority of the dead were little brown bats, which have lost an estimated 20 percent of their population in the northeastern



Jeff Hawkins, a biologist for Copperhead Environmental Consulting, looks for any signs of the very infectious white-nose syndrome on a bat.

(David Stephenson/Lexington Herald-Leader/MCT)

United States over the last four years. The fungus seems to prefer the 25 species of hibernating bats, but each of the 45 species of bats in the United States and Canada may be susceptible to white-nose syndrome.

Geomyces destructans was first documented in 2007 in New York's Howe Caverns, a commercial attraction visited by thousands of tourists from around the world each year. As the disease began to spread, researchers learned that a similar fungal growth had long been seen on the faces and wings of hibernating bats in Europe.

Now scientists are scrambling to figure out whether the fungus was introduced by a bat or a caver from Europe. If it is from Europe, they wonder, has the fungus killed bats there

or have they adapted to living with the pathogen? Or did the fungus already live in North America but recently mutate to become the virulent wildlife disease?

"It is unbelievably sad and disheartening, and we can't seem to move fast enough to get ahead of it," said U.S. Geological Survey wildlife biologist LeAnn White. "We may be looking at phenomenal losses across the country with unknown ecological consequences."

Bats have always existed at close to the numbers seen prior to the arrival of white-nose syndrome, feasting on such night-flying insects as mosquitoes, which transmit West Nile virus, and agricultural pests damaging to cotton and corn crops. They also

pollinate plants, including the saguaro cactus. "We don't know what will happen if they disappear," said USGS biologist Paul Cryan. A recent study published in Science estimates that the value of pest control provided by bats each year is at least \$3.7 billion nationwide.

As the syndrome continues to spread westward along migratory flyways, Thomas Kunz and Jonathan Reichard of Boston University's Center for Ecology and Conservation Biology have urged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the little brown bat, one of the most common mammals in the United States, as endangered.

The listing would provide the greatest legal protections - on both public and private lands - for the chocolate-colored, mouse-sized insectivore, which, the biologists are virtually certain, is facing regional extirpation in the northeastern United States within 15 years.

Greg Turner, an endangered animal specialist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, knows the sickening feeling of discovering hundreds of carcasses of these nocturnal animals in caves he has monitored for decades. "There are a million bats in Pennsylvania alone, and half of them are dead," he said. "I'd be surprised if the disease hasn't taken up half the nation by the end of this winter."

Hibernation, Turner pointed out, is essential for the survival

of individual bats during a portion of the year when there are no insects to eat. It is also why the disease has been so successful. During hibernation, a bat's body temperature drops to the ideal range for growth of the fungus.

"A mammalian fungus would be expected to have a restriction for cold growth because mammals require warmth, but that's where the novelty of this fungus comes in," said Carol Meteyer, a pathologist with the geological survey's National Wildlife Health Center. "It occurs in caves and requires cold temperatures, and when a bat hibernates, it becomes the temperature of its environ-

ment."

And because a bat's immune system is suppressed during hibernation, its body does not fight off the fungus.

"So when I look at bat tissue under the microscope," said Meteyer, "there are no signs of inflammatory response to defend the body from the infection. The body is not recognizing it as foreign."

Scientists have considered using fungicides, but studies have shown they could kill other microbes in caves, perhaps setting off a chain of unintended consequences. Another option, placing heaters in caves, would disrupt bat hibernation, those studies found.

**Deadly syndrome**

The white-nose syndrome that is killing hundreds of thousands of brown bats is quickly spreading in the northeastern U.S. and Canada.

**Confirmed cases**

**White fungus**

**First detected Feb. 2006**

**Important creatures**

- One bat eats more than 3,000 insects in one night
- Pollinates about 600 to 1,000 plant species
- Bats save U.S. agricultural industry at least \$3 billion a year in pest control

**Early risers**

- Fungus wakes bats from winter hibernation before there are enough insects to keep them from starving

Found on nose, wings, ears, tail

Source: New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Bat Conservation International  
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## Spammers target Facebook

**Pete CAREY**  
*San Jose Mercury News*

Interested in a free iPad like the one your Facebook friend got by filling out a survey? Curious about that "friend" request from someone you don't know? Don't bite - or click. They're spam, or worse.

Such attacks have long been common with email. Now social media are the new targets, and Facebook - with 500 million users - is the biggest target of them all.

"It's a spammer's dream," said Kurt Roemer, chief security strategist for Citrix Systems. "You have all your friends, business connections, who you do banking with, who you travel with - all kinds of aspects of your life. Facebook has a great reputation, but this one thing's dragging them down."

Facebook says fighting spam is "a top priority" and has a large team of investigators working on it. The company has sued spammers successfully, winning \$2 billion in judgments, and has added new security features, along with advice for users on how to protect against spam.

The spammers make money by driving people to sites that pay them for clicks. "Ninety-nine percent of this is financially driven," Keyani said.

The assaults on Facebook users have a common denominator, said Kevin Haley of Symantec, a major Internet security company. "It really begins with tricking a user into helping. If I can get you, then I can get all your friends, and then I can get all their friends."

Phishing uses fake messages to direct users to sites for

knockoff products, or to pages that can capture your computer and turn it into an automaton that floods your friends with spam. Users can also be tricked into downloading malware onto their computer. The malware is activated when a user innocently clicks on a button on a scam Web page. Then it sends friends of the user messages, directing them to a website that infects their computer.

A technique called "like-jacking" tricks users into "liking" a page when they visit it. The "Like" button on Facebook lets a user share content with friends. When users click the button, the content shows up on their home page and can show up on friends' news feeds.

If you click on the alleged video of the whale hitting the building, you instantly spam all your friends, said Jeremy Gin, chief executive officer of SiteJabber.com, a San Francisco online consumer protection site.

One Internet worm hijacks your Facebook account, sends messages to your friends and harvests their accounts and passwords.

Carol Hoover, executive director of the Eyak Preservation Council in Alaska, may have been a victim.

"Somehow they became a friend of mine, stole my profile, my picture, emailed a lot of my friends in waves," she said. The fake Carol Hoover would chat with her friends, saying things like - "Did you win your \$50,000 dollars yet?" "Have you heard from the Obama administration?" Their English is bad, they drop words," Hoover said.

She complained, and the imposter was removed.

"There's an aspect of it that's frightening," she said. "But I really enjoy Facebook. It's a huge social networking tool."

While the amount of spam has grown, Facebook's Keyani said the number of actual attacks in which a Facebook account or computer is taken over by spammers is less than one percent of the social network's 500 million users.

Keyani said he's "really proud" of the fact that there is far less spam and danger of malicious attack on Facebook than on Internet email. "Our response time to a threat is very fast, within minutes," he said.

Facebook has developed a couple of spam and malware detection systems to protect users. One, called "linkshim," evaluates websites associated with spam attacks. A user who is about to click on one is directed to a warning page. Another, called "roadblock," looks for unusual activity from users, like massive email blasts. If a malware infection is detected, McAfee security software cleans up their account and logs them back on.

But the best anti-spam tool is user awareness.

"First review privacy settings," said Roemer of Citrix. "If you let anybody find you, anybody's going to find you. When it gets into friends of friends, anything can happen."

Beyond that, be careful what you download, and check out Facebook's security pages.

"Education on what you should and shouldn't install on your machine solves 99 percent of this," Keyani said.

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## GROW

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Living in an apartment doesn't necessarily mean a larger garden is out of the question. The Urbana Park District has area in two of their parks that can be rented, tilled and cultivated for whatever legal plant a person would like to grow. There are plots in Meadowbrook Park on Windsor Road. According to the Park District website, "We provide water, wheelbarrows and hoses. You supply your own tools, seeds and labor." Learn the details by visiting the Anita Purves Nature Center website. There are also rentable garden plots available at Victory Park. Call the Phillips Recreation Center at 367-1544 for more information.

For the general beginning gardener, there are many ways to learn not only new ideas but how to get the garden to actually produce what was planted.

The U of I Extension Office offers inexpensive, educational seminars such as the one at 1 p.m. on April 26 entitled *Summer Vegetable Garden*. This is a teleconference seminar with a horticulture expert present.

Perhaps planting a garden just isn't going to work. Many students just don't have that green thumb or the time, but still enjoy plants. The Champaign area is full of gardens both public and private. To see some of the private spots, the Champaign Master Gardeners will be having their annual Garden Walk June 25. "Guests will be treated to a variety of gardens ranging from therapeutic to educational, secluded retreats to wide open vistas, from new to well established, and formal to eclectic." For more information, please contact Julie Steele at 217.333.7672 or at jsteel@illinois.edu.

There are also many public gardens that permit visitors and have paths to wander down.

The Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden in the Champaign County Forest Preserve's Lake of the Wood's Park in Mahomet is always a great place to relax with several paved paths, a waterfall and coy pond, as well as a raised container garden designed to include handicapped people in the garden experience. The U of I Arboretum also has several opportunities with the gardens at the Japan House, the Idea Garden and the Noel Welcome Garden. The Park Districts of both towns list their parks, giving locations and directions to them.

Spring provides many occasions for getting out of the house after winter, but gardening can open the door to not only exercise, but also better nutrition, lower grocery bills and a chance to make friends. Happiness is not something that just happens, it has to be worked for, sometimes with blisters or a dirty pair of pants.

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grams from Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia.

Michael Horowitz, a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, a Washington-based think tank, said the State Department should pay for known technology to protect Internet users rather than provide seed

money to develop new systems.

"Rather than peddling around with mini-grants and a phony so-called venture capital strategy, we could really make history," he said.

Clinton has argued that a one-size-fits-all approach is too narrow, however.

"We support multiple tools, so if repressive governments figure out how to target one,


others are available," she told students at George Washington University in February.

Clinton said the U.S. must help pro-democracy advocates around the world stay "one step ahead of the censors, the hackers and the thugs who beat them up or imprison them for what they say online."

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# Opinions

## Teaching: A very noble profession

 **Susan STRAIGHT**  
*Los Angeles Times*

At a time when teachers and their unions are under fire across the nation, my eldest daughter just had a much-anticipated interview with Teach for America. She will graduate from college in May and hopes to be a teacher in the fall.

She was worried that I'd be disappointed she didn't feel a desire for graduate school.

But I was thrilled. Since graduating from college in 1984, I've taught GED courses, English as a second language, composition at a city college and now writing and literature at a public university. I have loved every year, and I don't think there's a more important profession.

Think about it: We aren't legally mandated to spend as much time with any other kind of person as we are with teachers. An American who graduates from high school has been taught by more than 20 teachers and has spent more than 10,000 hours in their company. It's no wonder almost everyone

has a story about a teacher who changed his or her life.

Still, with all the contempt and anger being hurled at teachers right now, it's alarming to be sending a daughter into the crossfire, especially when new teachers are the first to be threatened with pink slips.

The growing scorn for public school teachers is at every level of education. Teachers are blamed for bad test results, for disrespectful students, for failing schools. They are thought to be lazy, draining public coffers with their monthly salaries and pension benefits (although they actually contribute to their pensions like everyone else).

Last fall, a video posted by blogger Shannyn Moore showed Sarah Palin and her daughter Willow confronting a woman protesting during the filming of Palin's reality TV series on a fishing dock in Homer, Alaska. When Palin asks the woman about her profession, she replies that she is a teacher, and Palin and Willow, who is of high school age, exchange knowing looks. Palin

turns back to the woman. "Oh - a teacher," she says, her voice oozing condescension.

This kind of conservative contempt for public school teachers began decades ago with white flight (remember the private schools that sprang up in churches and homes during integration in the 1970s?), and it continues today. In Southern California, it can be seen in the flight of so many families to religious schools - not just the traditional Roman Catholic schools but numerous new church-affiliated facilities. I've been told by parents of students who attend private religious schools that public schools are beyond redemption, and they resent their tax dollars subsidizing poor-quality education.

Meanwhile, parents often consider their kids' teachers as mere service providers. Last fall I met a teacher at an exclusive private school on New York's Upper East Side who told me parents pressure her to ignore bad behavior, missed assignments and cheating, in the belief that nothing is more important than their

children's success. One of my best friends, a second-grade teacher at the public elementary school I attended, told me about a student who consistently returns math work undone. "I don't do math," he said. "My mom says I don't have to." My friend explained: "The state says you have to do math." But the child was adamant: "My mom says I don't."

A teacher at my youngest daughter's public high school told me parents often call and email to protest assignments. My child just "isn't feeling Dickens," one said. "He needs to be reading something he can relate to."

At the very moment my daughter hopes to become a teacher, Detroit is talking about closing half its public schools. In Rhode Island, teachers are being laid off wholesale. California has issued thousands of pink slips.

All over the world, people sacrifice to send their children to school. Afghan girls are threatened yet still walk to school; Chinese children are sent to schools in faraway cities by parents desperate to

give them better lives; Kenyan students study by kerosene lamp in one-room schools built by grateful parents.

Here, access to a free education is an essential part of the American dream. I was sent to kindergarten at 4 by my mother, a Swiss immigrant. She taught me to read when I was 3, worried that the school wouldn't admit me unless I was already literate. I went daily to a kind teacher who let me read advanced books in the corner. I remember her hair, her lips when her mouth moved, and her fingernails. Decades later, she remembers me, and says I told her stories.

I believe it. Because teachers are often therapists, friends, mentors, coaches, sometimes providers of food and school supplies or holders of secrets. And in that way, they are some of the most important people in children's lives.

And sometimes, despite all the disrespect that's out there, teachers are appreciated. Last week, I got an email from a Cambodian-American student from San Bernardino, Calif., who now teaches English in

South Korea; she was writing to say thank you.

My students, many of them first-generation immigrants, have brought me gifts and invited me to their weddings and New Year celebrations. I have gotten calls of thanks from their parents. And sometimes they have called me not by my name, but by the most reverent word they could summon: Teacher.

I try to imagine my daughter in a classroom this fall, looking out at the faces of children who are thinking of numbers and letters and secrets. I remember the woman who taught me to form the alphabet, the man who taught me long division. I remember my sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. Wolf, playing Cat Stevens songs on the guitar. And I wonder about the children who may one day remember my daughter's teaching, and in what ways she may have changed their lives.

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## Empower the FCC to protect Internet access

 **McClatchy-Tribune NEWS SERVICE**

Even the Federal Communications Commission's timid assertion of rights and protections for consumers on the Internet continues to inspire the wrath of Republicans.

The U.S. House of Representatives cleared the way for a resolution disapproving of the FCC's net-neutrality guidelines adopted in December. Debate and a vote on the resolution, a formal device used by Congress to block actions taken by federal agencies, is pending.

The target: net-neutrality rules that require owners of the Internet's infrastructure to treat all content equally. Even with expected House approval, the resolution should not clear the Democratic Senate, and it is still subject to a presidential veto.

The White House on Monday threatened just such an action, as it raised concerns about a threat to innovation on the Internet and consumer abuses without net-neutrality rules.

Oregon congressman Greg Walden proposed the rule-blocking resolution. News

accounts quoted the Republican chair of the Communications Subcommittee as saying the FCC's Open Internet Order would prohibit religious organizations from creating specialized services.

Earlier this month, a lawyer for Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports, said they hear from consumers, small businesses, religious organizations and civil-rights groups that open Internet rules are critical to protecting equal access.

The House is primed to go after FCC rules that should be stronger, not weaker. Broadband providers must not be able to invent tiered rates and tinker with speed and delivery to the detriment of broadband customers.

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## Taking a shot at providing a Libya-endgame strategy

 **Trudy RUBIN**  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

The only person who has spoken with clarity about the endgame in Libya is the mother of Eman al-Obeidi. Obeidi is the brave Libyan law student who burst into a Tripoli hotel to tell Western journalists she'd been gang-raped by government goons; she was promptly dragged screaming out of the hotel by secret police. A government spokesman said she was a whore and would be charged with slander.

Obeidi's mother, interviewed by CNN in the eastern town of Tobruk, said of Moammar Gadhafi: "If I were to see his face before me, I'd strangle him. I'd like to drive to Tripoli and cut his head off."

Unfortunately, no one else involved in the current Libyan conflict has been that direct.

Enough hot air has been flowing over the airwaves about Libya to make a substantial contribution to global warming. Yet, Americans are rightly confused about the Libya story.

Are we involved in another war, or a brief humanitarian intervention? Should we have gone in sooner, alone, with our allies, or not at all?

Does the Libya move herald a new Obama military doctrine, or prove he can't exercise power? Do we or don't we want to get rid of Gadhafi? If so, how?

President Obama's Libya speech Monday night didn't clear up the confusion. Republican presidential hopefuls were even more befuddled in their critiques.

So let me take a shot at providing a reality check.

The Libyan intervention (as Obama did clarify) was an exceptional act - a response to a unique humanitarian crisis. It does not mean we will intervene every time foreign civilians are at great risk.

Obama tried to avoid getting

sucked into the Libyan conflict, which is far less crucial to U.S. concerns than rebellions in Yemen, Bahrain, and Syria, and political developments in Egypt. But, unlike in those countries, a huge international news corps was present in Libya; it would have documented Gadhafi's massacre of civilians in Benghazi as U.S. ships stood by.

Obama was cornered into a move he knew would be bad policy. Had he waited for congressional authorization, Benghazi might have fallen.

Some Republicans, like Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney, insist Obama should have gone in sooner, and solo. "We look to America to be the leader of the world," says Romney. And Sarah Palin says our military should "strike hard, hit hard, not allow Gadhafi to be left standing, and then get out." Hmm. That's just the way the Bush administration imagined its invasion of Iraq.

Unilateral U.S. intervention in Libya would have been a disaster, placing the onus for the outcome on America's shoulders. It would have revived the Arab narrative of U.S. colonial intervention. Those who tout it fail to realize how America's status in the Mideast has plummeted over the last decade.

The postwar chaos in Iraq under George W. Bush and the failure to godfather an Israeli-Palestinian peace after both Bush and Obama pledged to do so have left U.S. credibility in tatters.

The Bush doctrine of top-down democracy promotion was discredited by its violent results in Iraq, and by the fact that Bush dropped it when the going got messy. After democratic elections led to a Hamas takeover of Gaza, the Bush team dropped its support for democracy activists in Egypt.

Moreover, American interests in Saudi oil, fighting terrorists, and curbing Iran will

make it impossible to follow identical policies throughout the region. The administration is pushing for peaceful, democratic transitions in Bahrain, Yemen, and Syria, but if rulers fail to listen, we can't go in with guns.

But back to Libya. Clarity is most lacking over what to do in the future. Obama was correct to turn over the lead to a NATO-Arab coalition and to rule out use of American ground troops. But can he align this limited military investment with his stated political aim of getting rid of Gadhafi? If the dictator stays, the NATO no-fly zone will have to continue indefinitely. Such a stalemate cannot be sustained.

The administration hopes for an internal coup in Tripoli, provoked by sanctions, bomb strikes, and pressure on Gadhafi to accept exile. It might work; the Libyan foreign minister just defected to Britain. But if the dictator holds on, more will be needed.

Will air strikes slack off now that NATO is taking over military command, enabling Gadhafi to defeat the rebels? Obama has authorized the CIA to aid the rebels (agents are already in the country), but he has made no decision on sending arms.

Will the Brits, French, or Egyptians provide the heavy weapons and training the rebels desperately need, no matter how uncertain we are of the rebels' makeup? Will we recognize a rebel government? These questions must be answered soon.

A long-running stalemate in Libya is not an option - and not just because Eman al-Obeidi and other Libyans deserve justice. Obama needs to return his attention to managing fallout from other, far more crucial, rebellions in the Middle East.

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# Features

## A how-to guide on Avoiding Scams and Fraud



**David BUSBOOM**  
Staff Writer

A Parkland student recently purchased a car from another college student claiming to need money to pay off tuition. The student, Roger Eaton, registered the car in Illinois and had an officer and the DMV check the VIN number. "They both said it was fine," says Eaton. It naturally came as a shock, then, when the car Mr. and Mrs. Eaton had purchased was towed away from their driveway three weeks later after being reported stolen.

"What the cop told me was that a man was selling his car on [Craigslist]," says Eaton. "When he went to meet the potential buyer it was a big [man] who held him up at gunpoint. The [man] stole the car and the title but the man was left unharmed." The Eatons got none of their money back. They—along with the initial seller of the car on Craigslist—

were the unfortunate victims of a scam.

While staying safe from scam artists' schemes may seem tricky to some, what it really comes down to is using good common sense. Craigslist has an entire page devoted to common-sense methods for sidestepping scams. According to Craigslist, the first and most important rule to follow is to deal locally with people one can meet in person; following this one rule can help one avoid up to ninety-nine percent of all scam attempts on Craigslist. Furthermore, never wire funds via Western Union or any other wire service, as anyone who asks for this to be done is likely a would-be scammer. Also, never give out financial information such as a bank account number or a social security number. Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow services, and know that only a scammer will "guarantee" a transaction. Do not rent hous-



Yadira and Albert Briseno wanted to make some extra money but fell victim to an online, work-at-home job scam. The Federal Trade Commission says Penbrook Productions stole \$7.6 million from consumers.

(Brian van der Brug/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

ing without seeing the interior, as in all likelihood that housing unit is not actually for rent; similarly, do not purchase expensive items without seeing them first. Anyone inquiring from far away or in another country is likely a scam artist—as is anyone who refuses or claims to be unable to meet

face-to-face before consummating a transaction—and one should never submit to credit checks or background checks for a job or for housing until one has met the interviewer, landlord, or agent in person.

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (or "IC3" for short) has an exhaustive list of

preventive tips for those afraid of falling victim to fraud, with categories including auction fraud, credit card fraud, escrow services fraud, identity theft, Internet extortion, investment fraud, pyramid schemes, and many others. For example, before bidding in an online auction, one should contact the seller with any questions one may have and review the seller's feedback. Before providing a credit card number online one should always ensure that the site is secure and trustworthy, and keep in mind that if any opportunities appear too good to be true, they probably are. In addition to tips such as these, the IC3 also provides a detailed description of each fraud category so one knows exactly what to watch out for.

Of course, when commencing transactions via networks such as Craigslist, it is also important to take safety precautions when meeting some-

one in person, especially for the first time. One should always insist on a public meeting place (such as a restaurant or a café), and remember to never invite strangers into one's home, especially when high-value items are being bought or sold. Again, Craigslist offers a list of safety tips such as these, as well as links to other Internet resources for information about personal safety online.

Anyone made victim to fraud or scam attempts should notify the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov), or the Federal Trade Commission, either online or via the toll free hotline: 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357). Of course, if defrauded after meeting in person, contacting the local police department would be the best action to take. Following these tips will help you to avoid scams and fraud in the future.

## Bonus Stage!

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### Meeting Roger Wolfson of Bungie



**Jake GODIN**  
Video Game Columnist

Last week I mentioned that I had time to sit down with a Bungie dev and get a word in with him about that whole "Bungie MMO" speculation thing. Well, here's my experience of what happened...

One day about a month ago, I received word from my brother that a developer who works at Bungie, the creators of the Halo and one of my childhood favorites, the Marathon series, would be on the University of Illinois's campus for a day. He was doing a talk with some interested students at the Siebel Center during the Engineering Open House (EOH) event. I had no idea what he was going to talk about, but I knew I had to go. It's not every day that a developer from one of the leading game companies comes all the way to Illinois.

Unprepared, excited, and a bit nervous, I stopped by the Siebel Center the next day and awkwardly stumbled into the room in which he was having his talk. The room looked like some sort of work or lounge area with a large table in the middle littered with junk food, gadgets, and laptop computers decal'd with Android and Ubuntu stickers. There was a rather large computer rig on one wall, which, from what I could tell, looked like it was a custom built arcade machine. C++ and Java books were cushioned in a bookcase in the back of the room. I was in the domain of the computer science major. The backbone of not only the games industry but also any computer related industry.

I like to think of myself as computer savvy, but I know I'm not computer science savvy, at least not with what these guys were talking about. Coding and server speak is out of my league, so when I was surrounded by a couple dozen CIS majors in there, I was a tad



Photo courtesy of Roger Wolfson

intimidated. I fixated my attention on the Bungie employee though. As I came in, he was describing what he does at Bungie and what all it entailed. His name is Roger Wolfson and he is the Server Software Development Lead at Bungie. What he does, in a nutshell, is work on the systems that create and track statistics for online play in Bungie's games.

He made a joke about heat maps in Halo 3, something I did understand and which, surprisingly, some of the other guys in the room didn't. The rest of the talk took about half an hour and as soon as everyone started to disperse, I made my move to get some questions from Wolfson.

My first question was why he was actually at the University of Illinois. Having missed the first few minutes of his talk and not even knowing he was coming until the day before, I was unaware as to what exactly he was doing here. He had essentially come to scout out potential talent for Bungie by observing the EOH booths and talk to people to see if they were interested in working at Bungie. I then found out he was a U of I Math Computer Science alumnus and was dropped into Bungie after interning and working at Microsoft.

Of course, there were others in the room who had questions for Wolfson as well, so from

where he worked and what it was like. Bungie has about sixty or seventy engineers who all work closely together. Having everyone together helps spur new ideas by simply walking over to someone else's desk. Wolfson also interacts a lot with the designers at Bungie with them saying that they do a lot of "sitting around, planning out the features and what exactly it means to implement who." We had a few laughs over stories of Wolfson's time here in Illinois after that and I had decided to take my leave after more students came up to ask computer science-y questions.

All and all, it was an interesting experience meeting Wolfson at the University of Illinois. I thought I'd be talking to a guy that took part in actually creating what we saw in the Halo series, but wound up talking to a guy who orchestrated what we don't usually see, or what we overlook while playing the Halo series. Turns out, the stuff is just as important to the gameplay value as anything else and relies heavily on engineers like Wolfson. Keep that in mind next time you play a game like Halo and see all your awesome (or not-so-awesome) stats after each match.

If there's anything you want to discuss about my time with Mr. Wolfson, just let me know at [ProspectusBonusStage@gmail.com](mailto:ProspectusBonusStage@gmail.com). If you don't like emails and prefer shorter messages, feel free to contact me at my Twitter account @JakeGodin.

there our conversation transitioned from Bungie's contract with Activision, to what he does at Bungie, and then to a bunch of Xbox 360 console technical mumbo jumbo that I didn't quite understand. During that maze of a discussion between him and two other fellows though, I did pick up on some speculation on mobile apps that really piqued my interest. Wolfson mentioned how big of a market there is for mobile and how nice it'd be to let people take their game experience with them wherever they go. There was no mention that Bungie was actually working on any mobile apps but Wolfson did seem to suggest that it wouldn't be too much of a stretch to imagine one day seeing a mobile stats tracking app for Halo or something like of that sort.

Once we were done discussing the realm of mobile apps, talk fell into questions about

## Sprint to take lead in mobile-payment technology



**Scott CANON**  
McClatchy Newspapers

Will that be cash, credit, debit or, um, phone?

Sprint Nextel Corp. confirmed Tuesday that it expects to leapfrog its competitors with plans to roll out technology this year to let consumers check out at registers with their smartphones.

For the Overland Park, Kan.-based wireless carrier, that capability could be a seductive way to lure new customers eager to use their phones like credit cards. It also creates a new way for Sprint to make money by playing a part in electronic purchases.

Sprint is working with phone makers and payment networks to bring to market what the industry calls "near-field communication." New phones will hit the market later this year with the technology built in.

That technology, called NFC capability, allows consumers to pay for coffee or a cab ride by tapping or waving their cellphones close to an electronic reader. The gadgetry is ubiquitous in tech-savvy Japan and is used for parking meters and transit rides in some European cities, but has yet to deploy in the United States.

Competitors Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile are working together with banker Barclays on a competing technology called Isis. In that system - which may not emerge for another year or more - the wireless companies would pocket a fraction of each transaction. Customers would pay off the purchases with their monthly cellphone bills.

Sprint was originally a part of that group and broke away. Instead, it looks to draw in extra cash by selling targeted ads and coupons that would show up on customers' phones. And rather than stack the charges onto a customer's monthly cell bill, the charges would be forwarded to a credit or debit card.

"We're going to be using the capabilities that already exist," said Jennifer Walsh, a Sprint spokeswoman.

Still, the idea of phones as credit cards is far from reality.

Today, just 150,000 merchants have the devices needed to accept payments from the sort of chips planned for cellphones and already packaged in some credit cards. By comparison, more than 6 million stores can handle credit card transactions.

And the move to more electronic checkouts sets the stage for a possible turf battle among traditional credit card companies, the cell carriers and merchants.

Under the Sprint model, credit card companies would still play a key role and be able to collect a fee with every transaction. Under the competing Isis plan, there's at least a possibility that merchants and cellphone companies could sidestep Discover, Visa and the rest - possibly by managing accounts consumers would set up directly with merchants.

"The future of mobile payments is still taking shape, and we don't know how it's going to turn out," said Timm Bechter, a Waddell & Reed analyst of both the wireless and financial transaction industries.

First, he said, it's unclear whether consumers will see a dramatic advantage of using their phones rather than their credit cards. Second, the merchants will have to see a pay-off as well.

Bechter said some stores will be tempted because the cellphone transactions could be quicker than swiping and signing a credit card receipt, or even its electronic screen equivalent. That could speed service during busy times and make room for more sales. And the phones might dovetail more easily with loyalty programs.

Finally, he said, the merchants will be especially interested if the new technology allows them to avoid the fees they now pay for processing credit card purchases.

"But it's already pretty easy for consumers to use a credit card," he said. "So the merchant might have to give them some incentive to do things another way."

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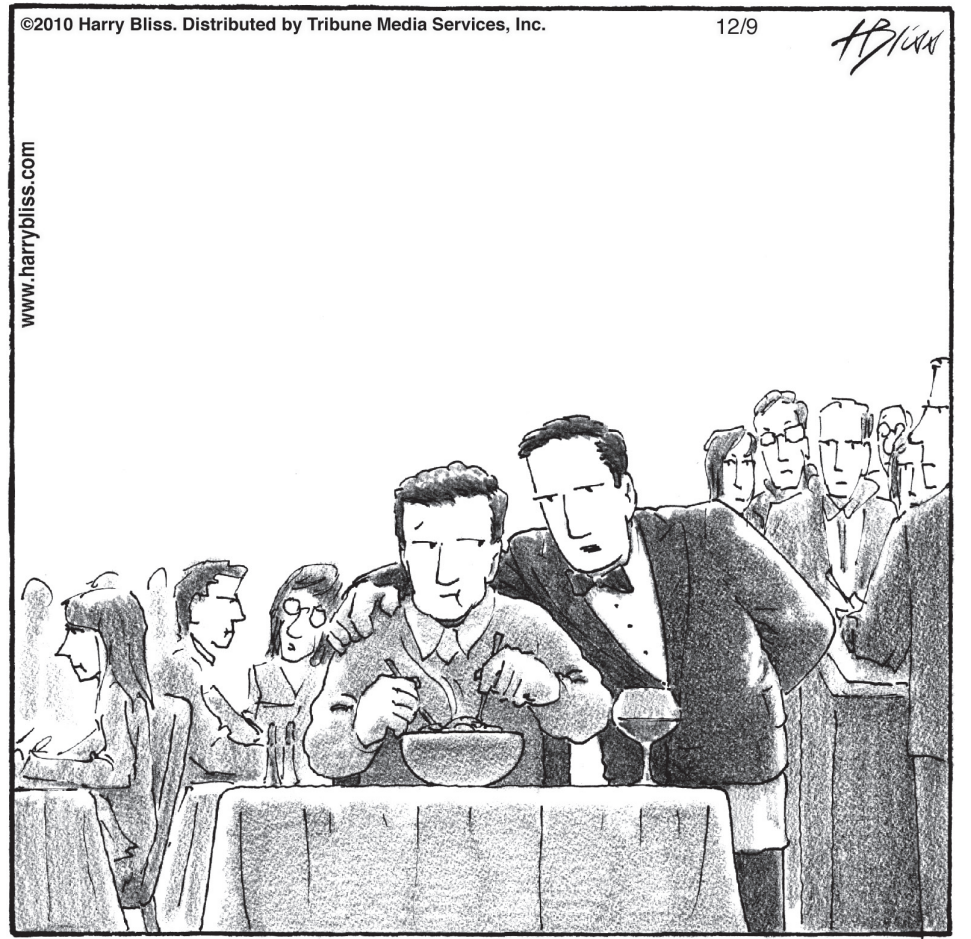
### Officer Matthew Kopmann



April is Alcohol Awareness Month. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of alcohol abuse and encourage people to make healthy, safe choices. Alcohol Awareness Month began in 1987 and is sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. A primary focus of Alcohol Awareness Month over the years has been Underage Drinking and the devastating effects it can have on our youth.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, young adults aged 18 to 22 enrolled full-time in college were more likely than their peers not enrolled full-time to use alcohol in the past month, binge drink, or drink heavily. Past-month alcohol use was reported by 66.4% of full-time college students compared with 54.1% of persons aged 18 to 22 who were not enrolled full-time. Binge and heavy-use rates for college students were 45.5 and 19.0%, respectively, compared with 38.4 and 13.3%, respectively, for 18- to 22-year-olds not enrolled full time in college.

To commemorate the month the Parkland College Police Department is hosting an Alcohol Awareness Day on Wednesday April 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information will be sent out, but if you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Officer Kopmann at (217) 351-2369 or MKopmann@parkland.edu



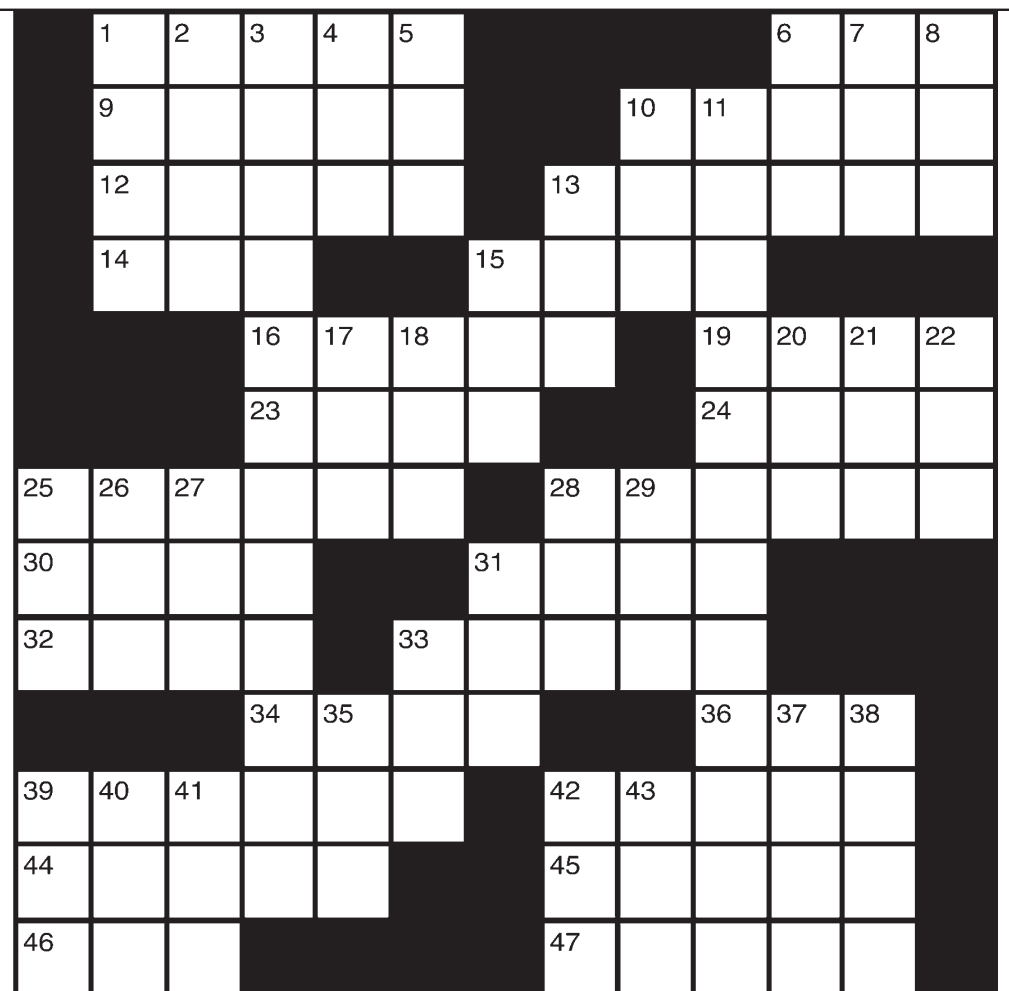
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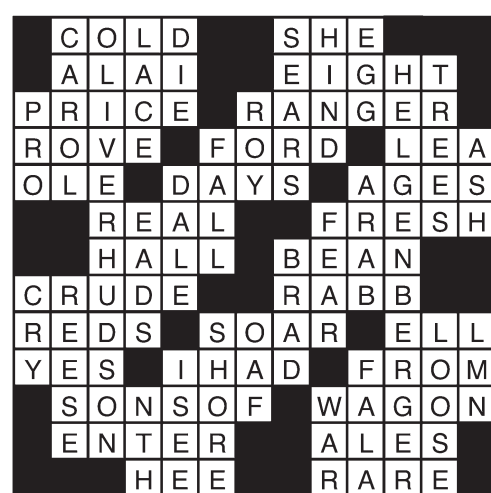
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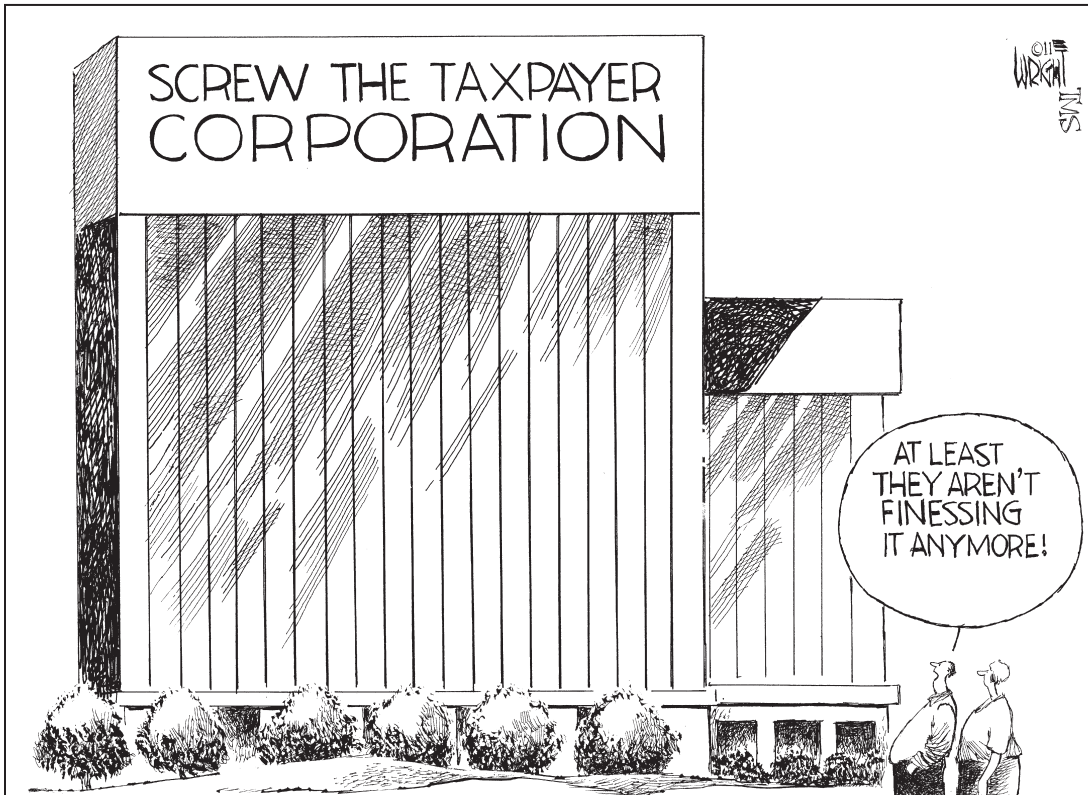
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### Solution to Last Week’s Puzzle



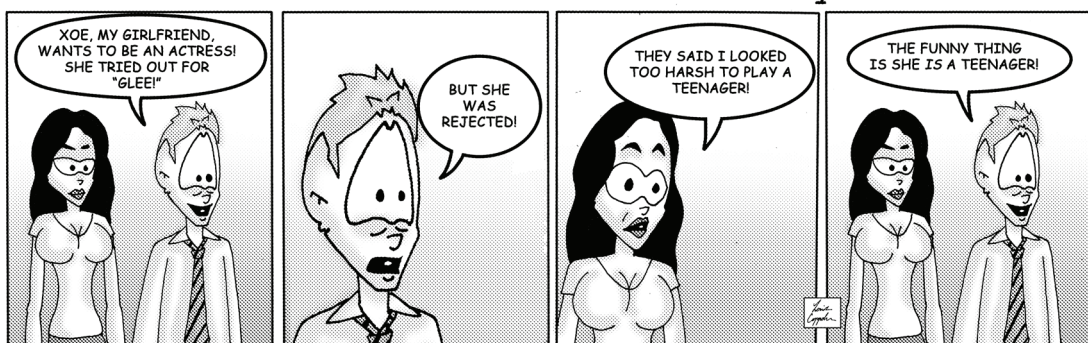
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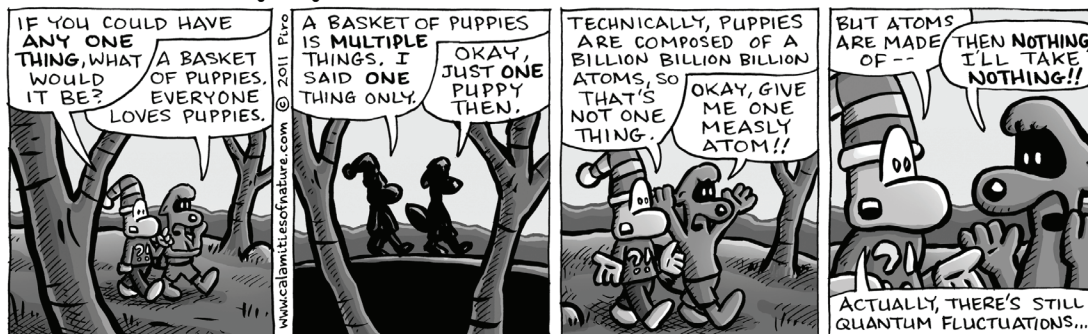


### DREAM NATION

by LOUIS COPPOLA




### Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro



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**Answer:**  
Fiction!

Actually, it never appears in the Constitution.

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Question/Answer by Bruce Walker, History Professor

### Healthy Living

## Variations on a classic

Bruschetta, an Italian appetizer, can be nutritious as well as tasty.

### Bread and more

- From the Italian “bruscare,” or “to roast over coals,” traditional bruschetta is made by rubbing day-old bread with garlic, drizzling it with extra-virgin olive oil and baking it in a wood-fired oven
- Today’s home cooks usually toast the bread under a broiler
- Healthy additions can include fresh tomatoes, red peppers or other vegetables, chopped avocado, beans or mozzarella cheese, topped with basil

Source: The Food Network, MCT Photo Service  
Graphic: Pat Carr



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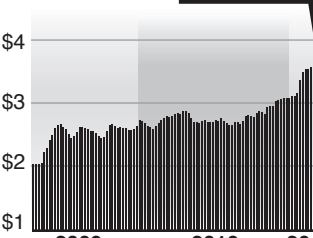
### Pump prices

U.S. weekly average retail price for one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline:

Since last week: **11¢**

Week ending April 11, 2011: **\$3.79**

### Two-year trend



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# Sports

## Parkland Women's Basketball: Making a Habit of Success

**Markus RODGERS**  
Sports Writer

After another successful season there are no more questions whether or not Parkland has become a powerhouse in women's DII basketball; consistently yielding top talent and making Nationals in 3 out of the past 4 years, which speaks for itself.

"I never thought we would have responded so well having no returning starters," said All-American guard Hannah Ohl. "Plus we lost Tenia (Singleton) 2 days before the season started." Singleton was the projected point guard, and was sidelined with a torn ACL. Singleton was known for her clutch shot making and defensive abilities; many felt losing her would put the team at a major disadvantage. Even this proved to be no problem for the Cobras as they started the season 3-1 and never looked back.

After an early loss to Blackhawk College, the Cobras mounted 8 straight wins and would not slide below a 75% winning percentage for the

remainder of the season. Pima Community College, who went on to finish second in the 2010-2011 National Tournament, brought their winning streak to an end. The Cobras never flustered, but learned from their mistakes and mounted a season high 22 straight victories before falling to the National champions, Monroe College.

The women's basketball team was propelled by a balanced attack all season long. The Cobras were headed by Ohl, who finished the season as the Cobras leading scorer on the season with 11.7 points per game. Ohl raised her game to an exceptional level after she was informed that she must switch positions and take over the point guard duties and never missed a beat as she nearly doubled her points per game average from her freshman year, grabbed more than twice as many boards, and raised her assists and steals numbers as well. This remarkable improvement



Next year, Brittney Burgess (24) and the Cobras will look to bring home the National title to Parkland.

Photo by Sean Hermann/Prospectus News

of output named her M-WAC Player of the Year, First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Region, an All-Tournament selection at nationals, and last, but not least, All American recognition.

Sophomores Lauren Taylor and Amanda Boyd saw a con-

sistent starting roll this season. They were joined by freshmen Ana Deters and Brittney Burgess, who proved to be quite dynamic acquisitions for the Cobras. Deters made an immediate impact on the glass, snagging 5.6 which lead the team. The team also got great bench

contribution, especially on the defensive side of the ball. April Barnett came off the bench to contribute 2.4 steals a game and Nichole Schadding controlled the middle by averaging 1.2 rejections a game.

During a number of impressive win streaks, the Cobras had some very noticeable wins, including toppling the #1 team at the time, Kankakee, in overtime on Valentine's Day. These key wins were complimented by overall outscoring their opponents on the year by over 21 points per game. After setting a high standard last year, the Cobras went above and beyond setting a school record for wins with 34.

"We get a lot of the credit," says guard Lauren Taylor, "but Coach (Redeker) puts us in a great position to succeed. We are hardly ever in a situation that we haven't practiced, so

it's always that much easier to execute." Head Coach, Karrie Redeker has made an immediate impact after joining the Cobras. In her four years she has made the national tournament 3 times; producing 4th, 6th and 3rd place finishes. All of the players on her 2009-2010 roster have either returned or went on to play basketball at the next level. She expects to have a respectable number in that category again this year.

The growing accomplishments of the team have turned heads all over the nation, starting with our own. We can expect this trend to continue as promising young players are already being recruited for next year's run. The question is no longer if the cobras have what it takes to make it to nationals; now the question is when will the cobras cap off their run with a first place finish? If you ask anyone who's involved with this up and coming program, they all agree that next year is the year.

## Golf Team wins M-WAC title

**Rod LOVETT**  
Athletic Director

Parkland College wins its fourth consecutive Mid-West Athletic Conference golf title by defeating Illinois Central College by two strokes, Saturday, at Lick Creek Golf Course. Illinois Central started the day six strokes behind Parkland and actually grabbed a one stroke lead with just two players from ICC and Parkland left to finish No. 18. The defending champs managed a birdie-par finish, respectively, while ICC could do no better than a double-bogey, par finish by its two respective players on 18.

Parkland had a 54-hole total of 933. ICC finished at 935.

ICC had Saturday's best round with a 310. Paced by a second-round 69, Lewis & Clark's Devlin Keenoy was the individual champion with a three round total of 223, four better than ICC's Andrew Wuethrich.

First Team All-Conference Second Team All-Conference Devlin Keenoy (Lewis & Clark) Colin Ahlvers (Lewis & Clark) Andrew Wuethrich (ICC) Britt Bothast (ICC) Matt Hart (P) Bryan Ideus (P) Lewis Martin (P) Daniel Weiler (Lewis & Clark) Jimmy Roling (ICC) Jeremy Rolf (Lincoln) Evin Faught (Lincoln) Coach of the Year: Zach McNabney (Parkland)

## Parkland Softball sweeps weekend increases winning streak to 9

**Rod LOVETT**  
Athletic Director

The Parkland Softball team used a weekend sweep of Lincoln and Danville to propel themselves to within a game of first in the M-WAC race. PC (22-12 10-2) finds themselves just a game behind league leading Heartland and a game ahead of Lincoln Land. The Cobras, who have now won nine straight, got the weekend off to the right start by winning a pair of non-conference games over Robert Morris.

Friday:

**Game 1:**  
PC 10 Robert Morris 1

Shelby Lust (4-0) allowed just four hits and struck out six to

earn the win. Sam Inman paced the 12-hit Cobra attack hitting her 5th home of the year and driving in a pair. Sierra Redmon added three hits while Elizabeth Sprague added a pair. Sarah Gray, Macy Shupe, and Brittany Einck all drove in two runs. Sarah Gray stolen 2nd and 3rd after hitting a lead off single giving her 72 career stolen bases, a new PC record. Korie Shawver 2003-2004 held the previous record of 71.

**Game 2:**  
PC 8 Robert Morris 0

Behind the solid pitching of Amy Simpson (3-2), PC picked up the win to complete the sweep. PC had 11 hits in the game, 6 of which went for extra bases. Brittany Einck hit her first college home run while Gray, Shupe, and Sprague each had two hits apiece.

**Game 3:**  
PC 9 Lincoln College 1

Kelsi Hoey (7-5) tossed a four-hitter, walking none and striking out 5. Einck put the Cobras on top early, hitting her 2nd home run in as many games. PC broke the game open scoring three times in the 3rd and ended the game with a four-run 5th. Sarah

Frerichs had 3 hits while Macy Shupe, Aubrey Welch, and Sarah Gray all had two.

**Game 4:**  
PC 8 Lincoln College 2

Strong pitching continued for PC as Jenna Harshbarger (6-5) allowed just five hits and struck out 7. PC scored three early but led just 3-2 headed to the sixth before scoring five times over the final two innings. Gray had 3 hits and scored three times, Elizabeth Sprague had 3 hits and 2 RBI, Macy Shupe 2 hits and 3 RBI, and Sam Inman and Sierra Redmon two hits each.

**Game 5:**  
Parkland 4 Danville Area 1

Kelsi Hoey (8-5) struck out five allowing just one run on four hits to the Jaguars. PC scored in the first as Sarah Gray walked, stole 2nd, and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Two outs later, Sam Inman stroked a single up the middle to put PC on top 1-0. The score remained the same until the 5th when Sprague singled and scored on a triple into the corner by Sarah Frerichs. After the Jags cut the margin in half, PC scored two insurance runs in their final at-bat. Macy Shupe delivered the

big hit, a two-run single scoring Gray and Sierra Redmon.

**Game 6:**  
Parkland 3 Danville 2

Jenna Harshbarger ran the streak of strong pitching performances to six as the sophomore improved to (7-5) striking out eight. Once again, PC jumped out early as Gray singled and promptly stole 2nd and 3rd before scoring on another Inman single. PC added another run in the second as Erika Fitzgerald singled and raced home on a double by Redmon. DACC scored solo runs in the 2nd and 6th before PC would win the game in the 7th. Brittany Einck stroked a two-strike double over the left fielders head to start the inning. She then stole third and scored the game winner on Inman's single to left. Harshbarger retired the Jaguars in order in the bottom of the inning to wrap up the win.

After a much deserved day off Monday, the Cobras will now start a streak of 12 games in 6 days. Five of the six dates will be at the Cobra Pit.

Thurs. @ Spoon River 2:00  
Fri. Kankakee (H) 2:30  
Sat. Lewis and Clark (H) 1:00  
Sunday John Wood (H) 12:00

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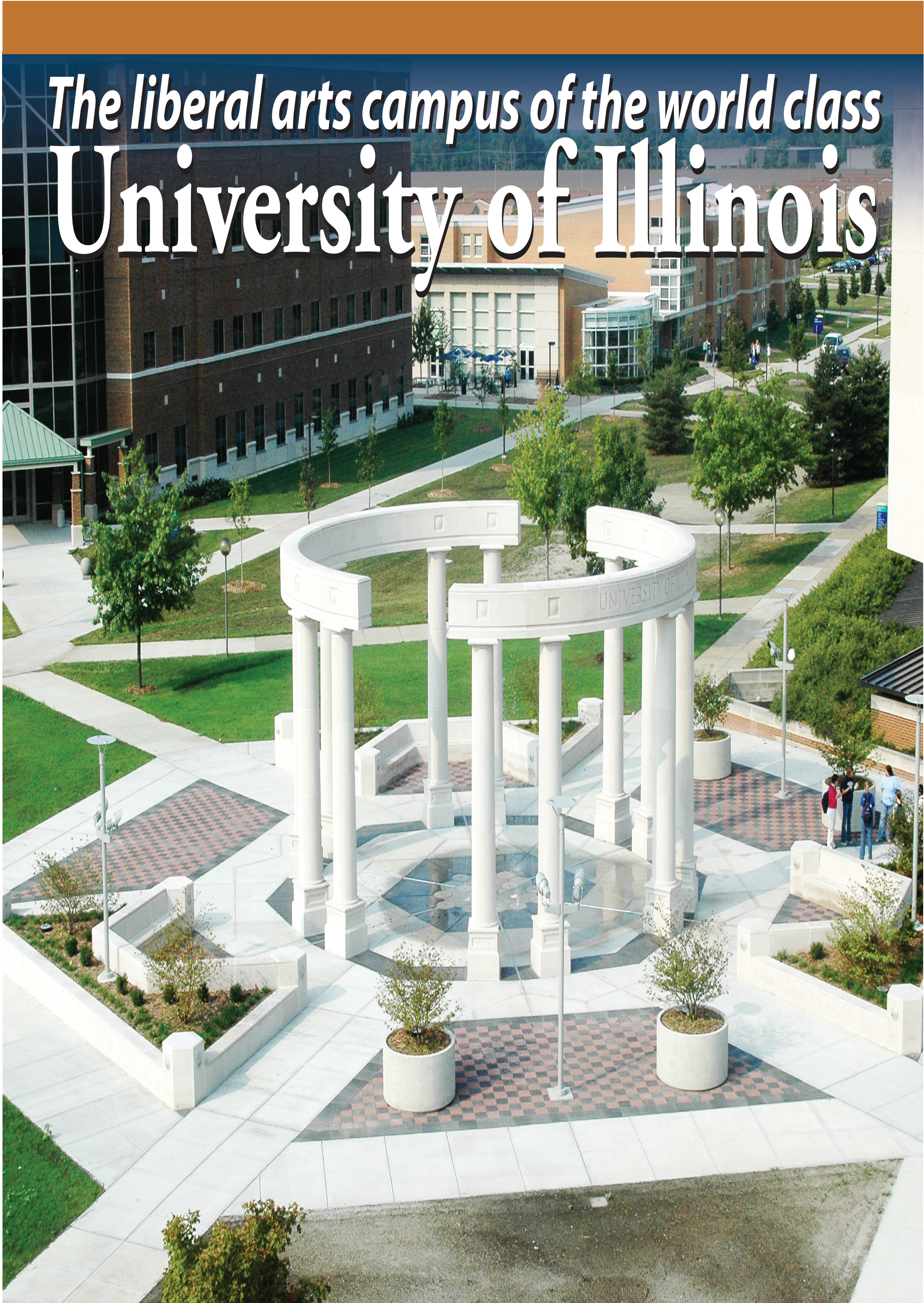
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