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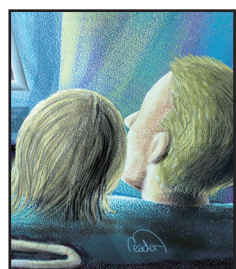
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# Committee formed to address issue of plagiarism

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While it isn't clear whether or not more students are committing plagiarism or more cases are being detected, it is clear that Parkland views this trend as a major problem. In the hopes of addressing the apparent increase in cases of cheating and plagiarism, the college has formed a committee called the Academic Integrity Affirmation Study Group.

Pam Lau, Dean of Academic Services and member of the group, described the reasoning behind its formation. "I would receive reports of dishonesty, and I would receive a lot of these reports. We would have discussions on these reports. The question was asked 'Are instructors aware of these dishonest acts?'"

The committee was formed in the fall of 2011, and every academic department is represented among its members. Student government has also elected a student representative for the group. Their discussions shifted their focus from the negative approach of finding ways to catch cheaters to a positive one which encourages and supports honest students.

"Students have rights, but we want students to be responsible for their own learning," Lau said. "Higher education is about more than just expanding our intellectual selves. It's about learning to live up to principles of honesty and integrity."

In her role as the Dean of Academic Services, Lau maintains a database which records every reported case of academic dishonesty. She also plays a crucial role in the appeal process for getting names stricken from the database and violations overturned.

When a case of cheating or plagiarism is confirmed by faculty, the following process occurs. First, the faculty member fills out an academic

documentation concerning the plagiarism to the Dean of Academic Services and the student's name is entered into

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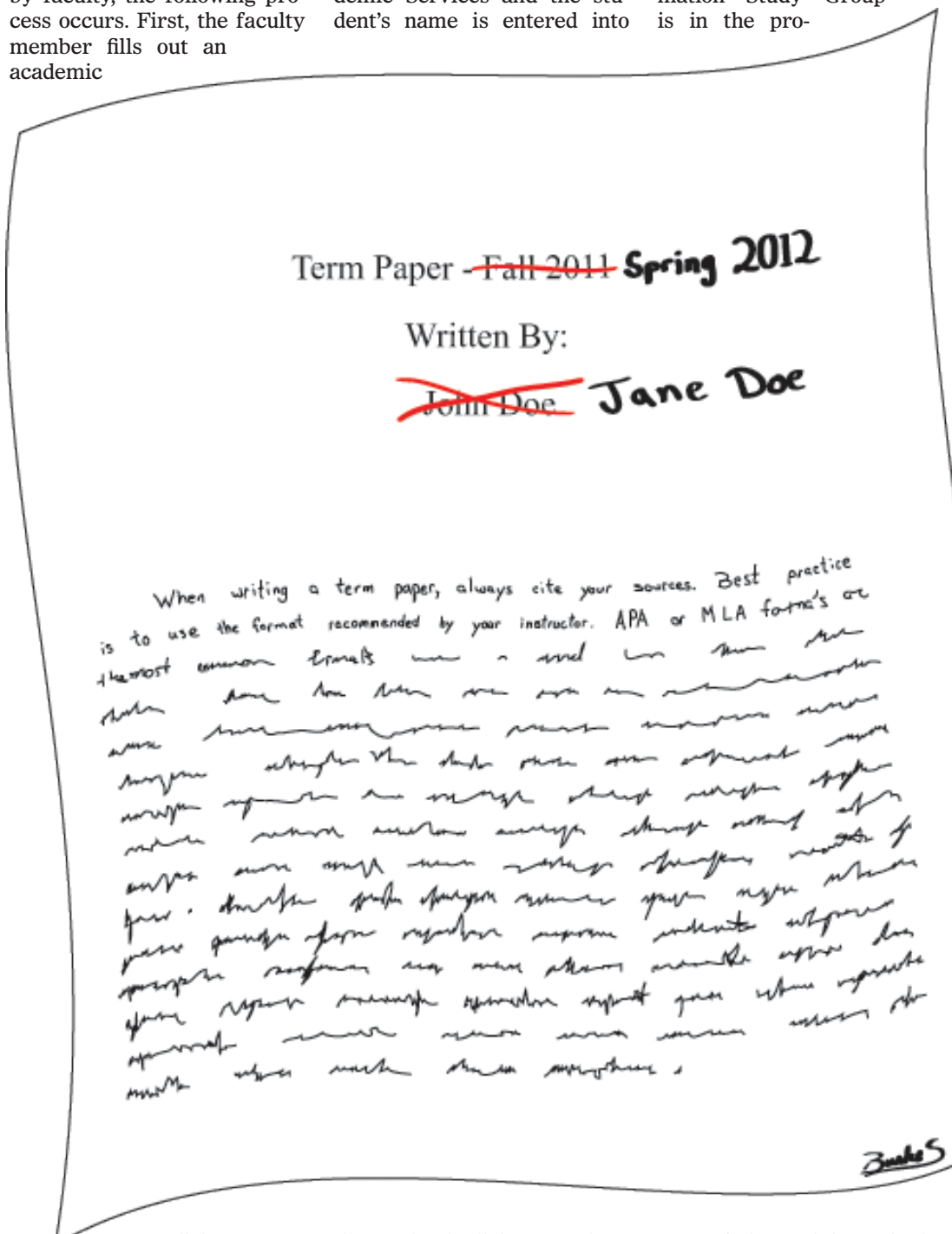
impact on the student body, assignment. Instructors would decide on an individual basis, from class to class and assignment to assignment, whether or not to require their students to write the affirmation.

The group also hopes to bring about active discussion between students and faculty about the issue of plagiarism. "One of the things I hope is that having such a statement will generate discussion in classes. Many teachers will discuss it," Lau said. "Instructors will be able to set the standard and say 'This is what I expect.' For students to be turning in a paper, and writing out the affirmation on paper, will have a psychological effect on the students."

"Literature on this topic tells us that academic honesty affirmations can be one important part of building a campus culture of academic integrity," according to the co-chair of the group, who wishes to remain anonymous. "Campuses with cultures of academic honesty do have lower rates of student-reported cheating than those without."

One thing that the group does not wish is for students to report the dishonesty of their fellows. "We do not encourage students to 'snitch,' and most students do not feel comfortable reporting incidents anyways," Lau said. Instead, the committee hopes that when students are asked to let another copy their work, they will simply decide against it.

With the initiation of the committee and efforts from students, faculty and staff alike, the college hopes to cut down on reports of plagiarism and academic dishonesty on campus.



dishonesty form, and privately informs the student responsible of the violation. Then, in accordance with the course's syllabus, a penalty is imposed. The teacher then sends the

the academic dishonesty database. Students found to be at fault then have multiple opportunities to appeal the decision of the chairpersons overseeing their cases.

In an effort to have a positive

process of determining whether or not Parkland should adopt an optional academic honesty affirmation. Such an affirmation would, in effect, ask students to give their word in writing that they didn't cheat on an

# Resources for students, families in need

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While one might think that a college student's biggest fear comes from passing classes, grades will often take a back seat to a more basic need, such as food. Many students have never lived on their own before, and even for those that have, it can be difficult to earn enough to pay for bills and groceries, and all while attending classes. Thankfully, there are resources from the government, local charities and local companies that can help.

One of these many resources is the Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Link program. S.N.A.P. is a government based program that assists low income people and families in putting healthy foods in their home. There are many factors that play a role in determining if a person or family is eligible to receive S.N.A.P. Students must be of ages 18 to 50 and registered as at least half the course load of a full time student at an institute of higher education to be eligible for S.N.A.P. benefits.

"An institute of higher education is defined as a business, technical, trade or vocational school that normally requires a high school diploma or the equivalent for enrollment in the course of study; or regular courses or a college or university that offers degree programs," according to illinoislegaladvocate.org.

Some non-citizens are eligible to receive SNAP benefits, too, but it is a slim list that has strict guidelines.

There are many other factors that are considered in receiving SNAP. For more information on how to apply, visit [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us) or

[www.illinoislegaladvocate.org](http://www.illinoislegaladvocate.org) and search for SNAP.

For students who may need assistance in academics, Parkland provides assistance for students that plan to transfer to a four year college or university through the TRiO program. TRiO is a program devoted to supplying opportunities for academic improvement and personal enrichment.

Students that can join are Parkland students who are enrolled full-time with the goal of graduating or transferring and who demonstrates academic need for support services as determined by placement scores.

In addition, the student must meet any one of the following criteria for eligibility; the student must be a first-generation

college student (neither parent/guardian graduated from a 4 year college), demonstrate financial need according to federal income guidelines (Pell Grant eligibility), or have a documented disability (registered with Office of Disability Services at Parkland College).

Shannon Reynolds, 20, is in her second semester in the TRiO program. "The meetings with my TRiO Advisor have definitely helped me the most," she said. "They are very encouraging and want what's best for you." Reynolds was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, too, and said that, "it will go a long way." She also noted that TRiO is part of the reason she was able to earn straight A's last semester.

Reynolds said that her advice to other Parkland students would be to apply for the program. "They may give you the boost that you need to help give you a better college experience," she said. Reynolds hopes to graduate in May and has plans to transfer to Illinois Southern University.

To apply for TRiO, a person can pick up an application at the TRiO/SSS office (A244), contact the TRiO/SSS Office and request an application (353-2267), or log in to [my.parkland.edu/stuservices/trio](http://my.parkland.edu/stuservices/trio) to print out an application. The program is only funded to serve 180 students per academic year. Therefore, admittance into the program is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Many students struggle to get by on a regular basis. It is important for those who do struggle to reach out for help to the appropriate authorities. There are many programs that

# New policies to affect nursing program applicants

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Beginning in the spring semester of 2013, Parkland College's nursing program will require all new applicants to be Certified Nursing Assistants.

Although it is not uncommon for students who want to become nurses to first be a CNA, it has not, in the past, been mandatory. However, any applicants who wish to apply for the 2013 spring semester must have their certification by Oct. 1, 2012, which is the scoring deadline for the nursing program. Anyone who is not able to prove that they are a CNA will not be considered for entry into the nursing program.

Many current nursing students are not directly opposed to the idea. Chris Bookland, a nursing student at Parkland, said that, by first being CNAs, "students will have a good idea of what they're getting into." Nursing is not an easy profession, and while many young adults see it as a stable job with a relatively high income, they forget that it is also one of the most physically and emotionally demanding jobs out there.

A group of three nursing students, who wish to remain anonymous, all agree that requiring applicants to be CNAs is a good idea. However, they also pointed out that they were glad to have already been accepted into the program. Parkland student Belinda Goldsmith also believes that, "it's a good idea," to require potential nursing students to

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# News

## Homework help is good business

**Jay Price**  
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RALEIGH, N.C. - Helping students with their homework, it turns out, can be big business.

That's how Advanced Instructional Systems has quietly become one of N.C. State University's largest and fastest-growing spinoffs.

Now the company is making plans to build on its basic online service, using information it learns about each student from answers they get wrong to create a form of instant, customized tutoring that's available around the clock.

The company, which offers an online assignment and testing service for university and high school students called WebAssign, was started by a small group of academics on campus in the late 1990s. The university holds rights to part of the underlying computer coding and company trademark and licenses those to the company, which is owned by a handful of its employees.

AIS moved from the main campus onto the public-private Centennial Campus in 2003 with just a dozen employees, said John S. Risley, a physics professor and the company's chief executive. It has grown to nearly 150 employees now - many of them with science, math and engineering degrees - and in the year that just ended passed two milestones: its 5 millionth student user and one billionth answer processed for homework assignments, tests and practice problems.

In any given semester now, more than half a million students are using WebAssign.

It has grown so much that in December, Risley and the company's other owners felt it was time to appoint a board of directors, he said.

"When you are a startup and you grow quickly, it becomes clear you need the help and experience," Risley said.

If the company ever goes



Photo by Corey Lowenstein/Raleigh News & Observer/MCT  
Development team members Chris Kershaw, left, and Robert Johnson work with instructor Todd Wright on WebAssign, an online assignment and testing service for university and high school students on January 5, 2012, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

public, NCSU would get a share of the money raised, but that may not happen, at least not any time soon.

In the tech world, many private companies seem to be aimed at going public from the minute they're founded, but Risley said there aren't any plans for that. He said the owners are interested in education and like the direction the company's going.

For now, institutions sign up for WebAssign, and course instructors control the assignments. The company plans to begin marketing directly to students and to offer them an enhanced service that verges on using artificial intelligence to craft an online tutor. The company can have access to hundreds or even thousands

of answers for a given student, Risley said, and can sift and monitor that data to tailor their learning.

Analyzing several questions students get wrong in a physics class, for example, can show whether they're getting an answer wrong because they don't understand the concept or they have a deficiency in a specific math skill. If they happened to have used WebAssign for, say, an algebra class a semester earlier, that would further expand the information that the system has for analyzing what they know and what they need to work on. The company's current service gets solid reviews from the instructors who use it in their classes.

"They got in fairly early, I

think, and as a consequence developed what is probably the most mature system for online homework of this type that's available," said David Pengra, a senior lecturer at the University of Washington's physics department, where he oversees graduate assistants who teach up to 50 sections of introductory undergraduate physics labs.

His department uses WebAssign for lectures and labs for the course. Pengra said the department started using it in the labs about two years ago, just in time to help with a sharp budget cut from the state. It let them cut the 400 hours of graduate assistant time by about one-third just when they badly needed the savings to preserve teach-

ing quality. Most of the saved labor was in that most mind-numbing aspect of teaching: grading assignments.

At Penn State, the company's service is used in seven large physics classes with a total of 3,500 students. It freed the 60 or so graduate teaching assistants to do substantially more teaching because they no longer have to grade a couple million homework answers each semester, said John Hopkins, a senior instructor.

It also allowed the university to boost the staffing of a nighttime learning lab where students can come for help from one or two graduate assistants to eight or nine, all without additional cost. "And that lab gets used a lot," he said.

Students benefit, too, he said,

because they get instant feedback on their answers and, the way instructor there configure WebAssign, can try five more times for a diminishing amount of credit. That instant feedback makes it easier for students to know whether they have grasped a concept or not, he said.

"That's really important, because they know whether they've made a mistake immediately, instead of having to turn in the assignment and wait a few days or more to get it back," he said. "You can imagine how important that might be if they have an exam on the material the next day."

Given graduate assistants' lack of experience, the instructors said, reducing their role in grading yields results that are more reliable.

Part of the system's strength is that it relies on an approach that gives instructors flexibility in which textbooks they use and how they can formulate assignment questions, Pengra said. Some competitors are tied to a specific publisher and only offer a single text for a given class.

AIS includes 26 job openings. In particular it has been a boon for those with math, engineering, computer science and science degrees.

University officials declined to say what the company pays in licensing fees, but the total from all start-ups is about \$5.1 million a year. The fees, while obviously welcome, aren't the university's goal for startups, said Kelly B. Sexton, an assistant director in the office of technology transfer. The main point is jobs.

NCSU's startups have created more than 6,900 jobs, including 3,100 in North Carolina, she said. That's up from 3,071 total jobs, including about 2,500 in the state, in 2009.

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## U.S. teen pregnancy rate remains highest in developed world



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**Shari Roan**  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Teen pregnancy rates in the United States have fallen in recent years, but the country still has a higher rate than any other developed country, according to data released Thursday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Battles over how to best prevent teen pregnancy may be to blame for the continued high rate in the United States. Abstinence-only programs are favored in some areas while education and improved access to contraception are supported in others. The most recent controversy stemmed from the federal government's refusal in December to allow emergency contraceptive pills to be sold over-the-counter to girls age 16 and younger.

The new data, taken from a survey conducted in 19 states from 2004 to 2008, underscore the problems with access to contraception and education

on how to use contraceptives effectively, the report states. Half of the teen girls age 15 to 19 who became pregnant were not using any method of birth control. Among those, 31 percent said they didn't think they could get pregnant at the time.

Pregnancy occurred among 21 percent of the teens who said they were using a highly effective contraceptive, which the study authors said suggests inconsistent use. Almost one-quarter of the teens relied on condoms for protection. Thirteen percent said they had trouble getting birth control.

Almost one-quarter said their partners did not want them to use contraception while 22 percent said they didn't mind if they got pregnant.

About 400,000 American girls age 15 to 19 give birth each year. The report appears in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

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## Homelessness drops, but advocates still worry

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WASHINGTON - Despite the economic downturn, the rate of homelessness across the United States decreased 1 percent from 2009 to 2011, according to a report that the National Alliance to End Homelessness released earlier this week.

But at a news conference Wednesday in Washington to discuss the report, officials who advocate for the homeless said they were still concerned about the future, as the slashing of the government's budget has resulted in a decline in federal dollars for the poor.

"This is just the beginning of another year of people sinking deeper and deeper into poverty," Rep. Gwen Moore, D-Wis., said Wednesday at the National Press Club. Moore has sponsored legislation to reauthorize a federal assistance program to fight homelessness.

In these tough economic times, housing has become too expensive for many, said Pete Witte, a National Alliance to End Homelessness research associate. Nearly 6.2 million Americans spent more than 50 percent of their incomes to pay rent in 2010, according to the State of Homelessness in America 2012 report.

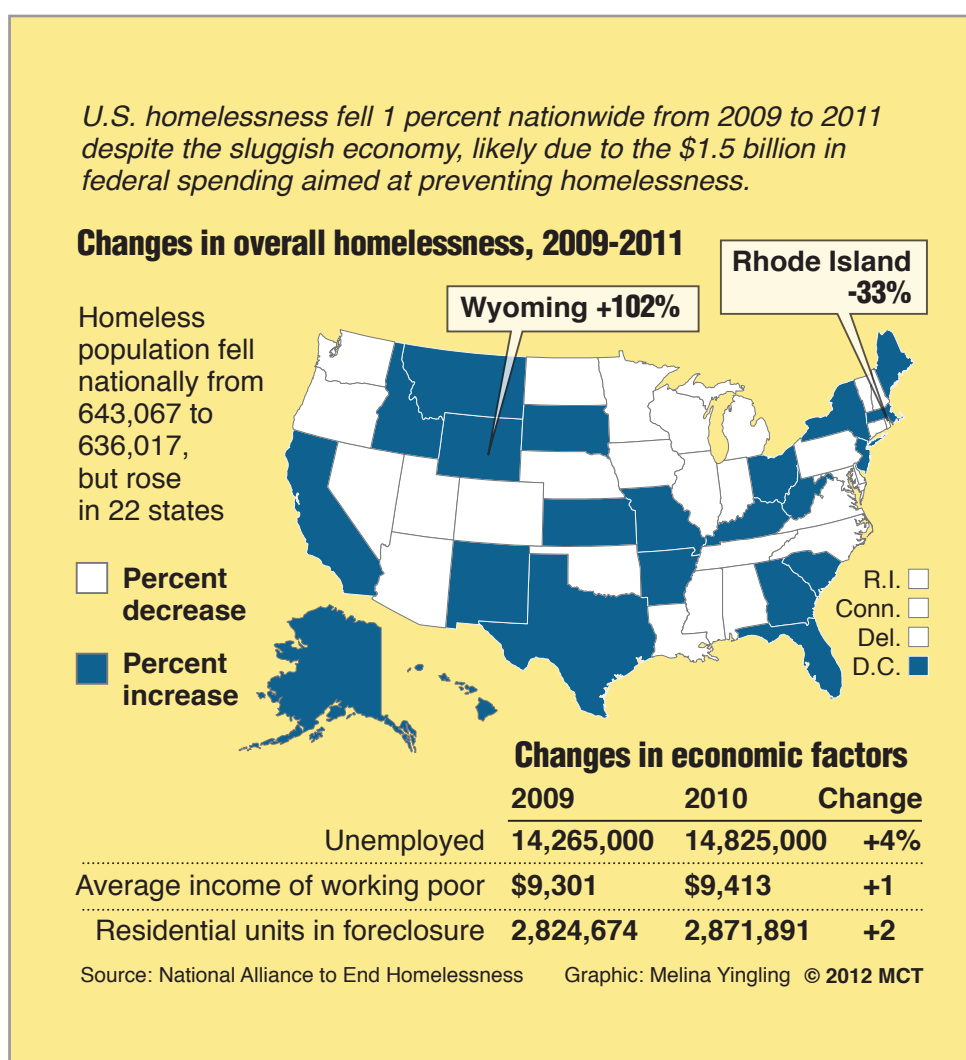
The alliance used data from the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Justice, Labor and Commerce, and from the private real estate group RealtyTrac. It may not be exact, said Nan Roman, the alliance's president and chief executive officer, as it relied on community counts.

In 2011, about 636,017 people lived without permanent homes, down from 643,067 in 2009, according to HUD, although homelessness increased in 24 states and the District of Columbia.

The study says that housing assistance programs that contributed to last year's overall decline in homelessness should be used as a blueprint for coming years.

"The homeless system has been proactive in figuring out what works better and adopting that," Roman said.

The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, a \$1.5 billion



federal response to the recession, provided an innovative approach to helping Americans get back on their feet, she said. The program provides counseling services and money to eligible participants to prevent homelessness or help them find permanent homes quickly.

While grant money for the program runs out next fall, Roman said the needs of the most vulnerable should be a high priority and Congress should continue to couple permanent housing with supportive services.

As unemployment remained high from 2009 to 2011, families were more likely to "double up," Roman said. The prevalence of more than one family living together

increased 53 percent from 2005 to 2010, according to the report, and shared living rose in 37 states.

Such doubling up is "a gateway to homelessness," Roman said.

Eradicating homelessness starts with ending stereotypes and fostering conversation, Moore said.

"We've got to start saying, 'Poverty is not a bad word.' We've got to talk about it," she said. "This is us. This is any one of us who misses a paycheck."

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# Lifestyle

## His mission: Give young men vision

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Detroit Free Press

DETROIT - Edmund Lewis never gave any thought to going to college.

Growing up, his grades were mediocre. Mostly, he hung out with friends, acting as if he didn't care about anything. He ran track for his high school team in rural North Carolina.

That's what young black boys did, he thought, never having had a father figure to talk with about what he could and should - aspire to do.

Then one day during his senior year, a man who volunteered at his school stopped him and asked about his plans after high school.

"I don't know, and I don't care," was Lewis' response.

But he did care, and the man, Gregory Lee, knew it.

Lee told Lewis that he ought to go to college. And Lee went further: He helped Lewis fill out applications and apply for scholarships and paid the application fees.

"He basically took away every reason I had for saying no," Lewis said.

Four years later, Lewis graduated with honors from North Carolina Central University. In 2009, he received a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

Since then, Lewis moved to Detroit and vowed to pay Lee back by giving back - following in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He works as a community support specialist, coordinating services and programs through the Brightmoor Alliance, on Detroit's west side.

Since last year, he has spent



Edmund Lewis, 25, from right, talks with students at Detroit Community High School in Detroit, Michigan, Jan. 11, 2012. Lewis encourages young African American men to pursue a college education.

hours volunteering at Community High School.

He recently formalized his volunteer efforts by creating a nonprofit called Minority Males for Higher Education. The intent of the initiative is to ensure that young black men have all the resources they need to get into college and be successful once there.

"There were so many things I didn't know, that can make you uncomfortable in a professional setting," Lewis said.

The group will teach young men such things as dressing for success and dining eti-

quette. In addition to visiting college campuses, the young men will attend plays and other programs to broaden their experiences.

The need is great. In Detroit, only 7 percent of black men ages 25 and older have a bachelor's degree or higher, according to 2010 U.S. Census data. But Lewis didn't need statistics to know the need.

"When I got to college, I realized I was one of a very select group of black males to go," he said.

Being there made him hunger for a better life.

"You can't envision anything else if you don't see anything else," Lewis said.

During college, he went on a civil rights tour that took him to the Edmund Pettis Bridge, the site of the attack on people marching peacefully for civil rights from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala. One of the marches was led by King.

Lewis began to see getting an education not as a personal feat but as a community necessity - a way to not only say thank you to Lee, but to men and women before him who had sacrificed to create oppor-

tunities for him and others.

During his college years, he began volunteering and joining and becoming a leader in such organizations as 100 Black Men and Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

His grades and community service work earned him a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan and led to a fellowship from the Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation. The fellowship included an internship that introduced him to Brightmoor neighborhood in Detroit and Community High School.

He also volunteers at the school.

"He's up here so much, it's almost like he's on staff," said principal Aaron Williams. "He mentors our young people, helps them with college applications. He has even attended our parent-teacher conferences. He has a tremendous heart for young people. He and I share the same passion for helping young men, in particular. We know that keeping them on track in terms of getting an education can take them away from a life of crime. There's an unspoken culture that says all we do is rob, steal and kill. We know that's not true."

The youngsters he works with expressed appreciation during a meeting at which he measured them for dress shirts and gave away coats and ties donated by members of his fraternity.

Aaqi Peterson, 18, a senior, plans to go to North Carolina Central, just as Lewis did.

"His whole speech moves me to try harder and go farther," said Peterson, who wants to study business and music.

Emmanuel Whitley, 16, a junior, said Lewis built up his self-confidence.

"I didn't believe in myself," Whitley said. "Now I work harder in school, and I want to be a computer engineer."

Khari Greene, 17, also a senior, said the men can relate to Lewis because his background is similar to theirs. "It's just good for a man who doesn't even know us to start talking to us and saying he'll help us get to where we want to be."

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## SOPA, PIPA shelved after protests

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Tech Columnist



Both SOPA and PIPA were postponed indefinitely on January 20 in the wake of the largest online protest in history. Website blackouts by online-encyclopedia giant Wikipedia and other sites led to hundreds of thousands of emails to members of Congress. Search engine leader Google posted a petition in protest which received 4.5 million signatures according to Google's report to The Los Angeles Times. In addition, the White House Blog confirms over 100,000 signatures on two petitions calling for the protection of internet openness and innovation.

SOPA, an abbreviation for the Stop Online Piracy Act, was being presented in the House of Representatives, and PIPA, the Protect IP Act, covers the same issues in the Senate. The two bills are aimed at combating internet piracy of intellectual property. Most of those protesting agree with these goals, but believe that the wording of these bills is too broad.

Wikipedia explains their concerns by saying, "SOPA and PIPA would put the burden on website owners to police user-contributed material and call for the unnecessary blocking of entire sites. Small sites won't have sufficient resources to defend themselves. Big media companies may seek to cut off funding sources for their foreign competitors, even if copyright isn't being infringed. Some foreign sites would be prevented from showing up in major search engines. And SOPA and PIPA

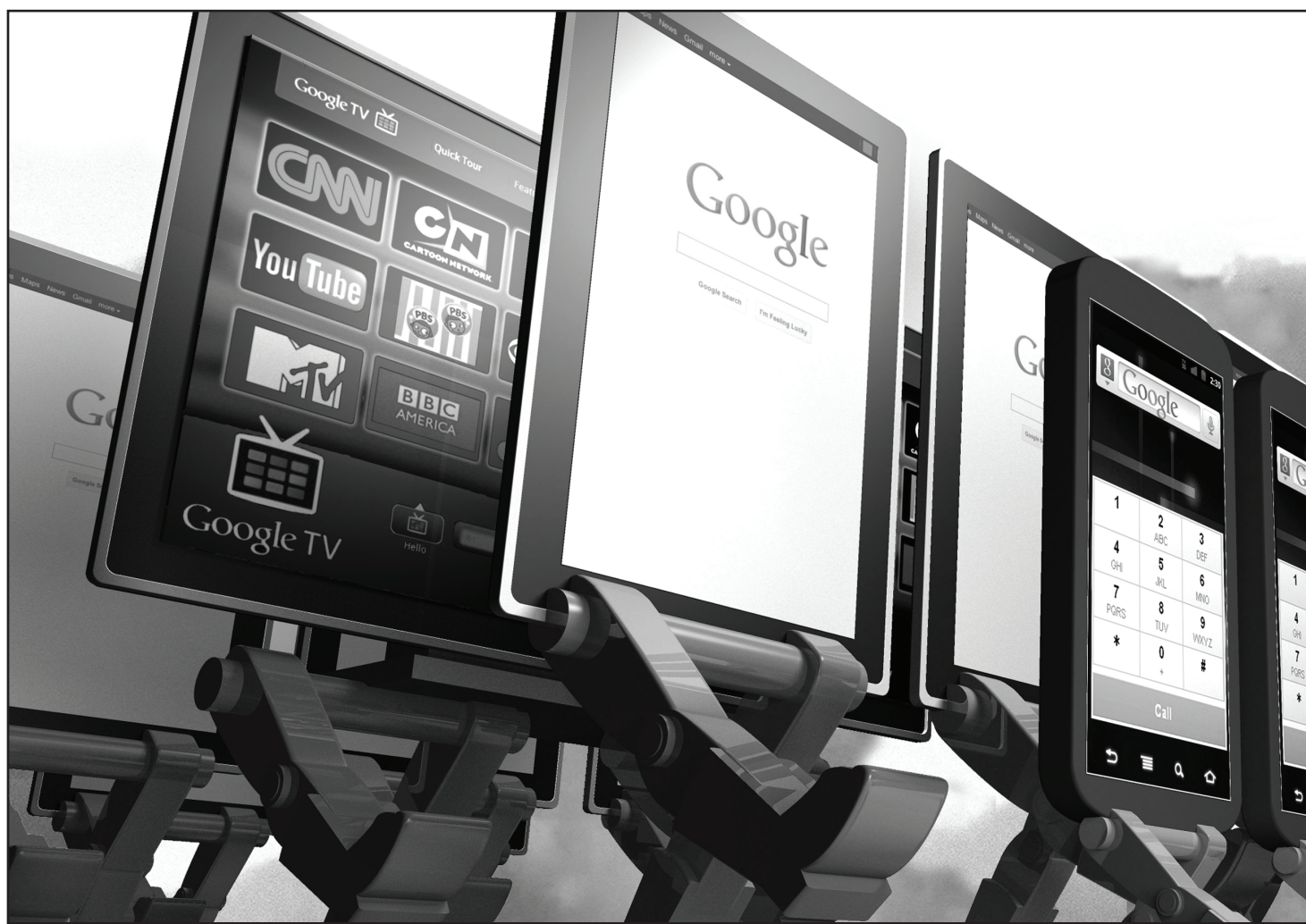


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build a framework for future restrictions and suppression." The positions expressed by Wikipedia were echoed on other websites that joined the protest.

In calling for signatures for its petition, Google stated, "fighting online piracy is important. The most effective way to shut down pirate websites is through targeted legislation that cuts off their funding. There's no need to make American social networks, blogs and search engines censor the Internet or undermine the existing laws that have enabled the Web to thrive, creating millions of U.S. jobs." By providing an alternative to the current laws, Google attempts to provide a compromise between the supporters and detractors.

Those opposed to this legislation believe that these bills, as written, may have unacceptable consequences, such as censorship and prosecution

without sufficient burden of proof. Many also disagree with proposed legislation which effectively punishes American companies for the actions of websites administered in other countries. The bills raised enough concern that their opposition be known, and the White House and members of both the Senate and House of Representatives responded.

A White House statement released on their website stated, "while we believe that online piracy by foreign websites is a serious problem that requires a serious legislative response, we will not support legislation that reduces freedom of expression, increases cybersecurity risk, or undermines the dynamic, innovative global Internet." It would seem that the protests successfully raised awareness and expressed the seriousness of their goals.

According to technology

news website Ars Technica, 19 Senators have withdrawn their support of PIPA since last Wednesday, including seven who initially co-sponsored the bill. Sen. Roy Blount (R. Mo.), who posted the following statement to Twitter this Thursday, "I strongly oppose sanctioning Americans' right to free speech in any medium, including over the internet. We can find a solution that will protect lawful content. But this bill is flawed & that's why I'm withdrawing my support," was among these seven.

In an email, Illinois' Senator Mark Kirk had this to say, "I stand with those who stand for freedom in opposing PIPA in its current form. Freedom of speech is an inalienable right granted to each and every American, and the Internet has become the primary tool with which we utilize this right. The Internet empowers Americans

to learn, create, innovate, and express their views. While we should protect American intellectual property, consumer safety and human rights, we should do so in a manner that specifically targets criminal activity. The extreme measures taken in PIPA not only stifle First Amendment rights but also hamper innovation on the Internet."

In the House, Representative Lamar Smith, author of the Stop Online Privacy Act, has withdrawn the bill from consideration. According to the International Business Times, Smith explained his decision by stating, "I have heard from the critics and I take seriously their concerns regarding proposed legislation to address the problem of online piracy. It is clear that we need to

revisit the approach on how best to address the problem of foreign thieves that steal and sell American inventions and products."

Statements such as these indicate that the White House, and both the Senate and the House of Representatives remain determined in their efforts to combat copyright violation and online piracy. While few disagree with these goals, we can expect that Americans and the online community in particular will remain vigilant and outspoken in their analysis of future legislation proposed on this matter.

In a time when more and more people are becoming dissatisfied with the current system, joining in protests with activists groups such as "Occupy Wall Street" and other such groups, many are encouraged that voices of everyday Americans can still combine to make a difference on important matters such as these.

The number of sources for more information on SOPA and PIPA are too numerous to mention here. A simple internet search of either term will get you all the information you need. After doing so, if you wish to make your opinion heard, you can contact your representatives through letters, email or telephone calls. To find out who represents your area, visit <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:CongressLookup> and enter your zip code.

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# Opinions

## Consensus needed on Web piracy

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

While much of the nation's capital has been engrossed in the debate over unemployment, taxes and spending, lobbyists representing a huge swath of the U.S. economy have been battling over proposals to combat foreign websites dedicated to piracy. The Senate plans to take up its version soon, despite the lack of consensus about how to rein in pirate sites without censoring legitimate speech or stifling innovation. That would be a mistake.

The bills - the PROTECT IP Act in the Senate, the Stop Online Piracy Act in the House - would authorize the Justice Department to obtain court orders against foreign piracy hotbeds. Those orders would compel Internet service providers and search engines to deter users from accessing those sites, while requiring payment processors and advertising networks to stop servicing them. The bills would also enable copyright and trademark owners to seek similar court orders against alleged piracy hotbeds regardless of where they were located.

The lead sponsors of the two bills announced last week that they were dropping or watering down the provision requiring Internet providers to block access to offending sites. The concession came in response to a chorus of objections from top online security experts, who argued that it would fragment the way traffic is directed online and undermine efforts to deter fraud and other cyber crimes. The White House joined in that chorus Saturday, saying the bills "pose a real risk to cyber security and yet leave



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contraband goods and services accessible online." The administration went further, warning lawmakers against unleashing "unjustified" lawsuits that could slow the growth of startups and innovators.

Supporters of the legislation, including entertainment companies and businesses whose brands are counterfeited online, need to acknowledge the near-futility of trying to hide a site on the Internet,

either by seizing their domain names or excluding results from search engines. They also should recognize the suspicions raised among tech companies by the original version of the House bill, which seemed to put U.S. websites at greater risk of being held liable for their users' infringements.

Meanwhile, opponents of the legislation - which include tech companies, social con-

servatives and civil libertarians - need to acknowledge the threat from foreign sites that make their living off copyright infringement. The Center for Democracy and Technology, a centrist tech-advocacy group, has argued for a streamlined version of the legislation focused on cutting off foreign sites' sales and advertising revenue. That may not be the complete answer, but it's a sensible first step that would mini-

mize the potential for squelching legitimate innovation online. The various factions should work toward an agreement on that kind of approach rather than having the Senate try to ram through something that is still bitterly opposed by so much of the tech industry.

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## American movie industry's box-office blues

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Americans bought 50 million fewer movie tickets in 2011 than the year before, continuing a downward slide for Hollywood that began in 2003. The anemic ticket sales - the lowest total in 16 years - more than offset yet another increase in average ticket prices, causing box-office revenue to fall for the second consecutive year. The numbers have some industry watchers wringing their hands, but they're not a portent of doom for the film industry. They're just a sign that movie fans have adapted to new technologies faster than the studios have.

Analysts offered several explanations for the disappointing box-office numbers, citing high ticket and concession prices, increased competition from video games (such as "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3," which generated more than \$1 billion in sales in a little over two weeks) and an underwhelming and unoriginal slate of movies. But then, when the seven biggest hits were all sequels, it's easy to see why studios put the big dollars behind familiar fare.

A more interesting observation came from the Los Angeles Times' Ben Fritz and Amy Kaufman, who noted a trend that's developed over the last several years. Major studio releases often had strong opening weekends, then faded rapidly. That suggests that avid filmgoers may still be flocking to the multiplex for new releases, but casual fans - those who wait to hear what their friends recommend - aren't. Meanwhile, as the population ages, the percent-

age of young (and presumably more impulsive) ticket buyers has plummeted.

New technologies in the living room, such as digital video recorders and large flat-screen TVs, have helped train consumers to wait to watch the programming they're interested in until they can do it on their own terms. This shift toward on-demand viewing has been supported by the spread of extremely high-speed Internet connections, which have enabled services such as Netflix's movie streams. Industry figures through September show that on-demand and discount home-viewing options are growing rapidly in popularity.

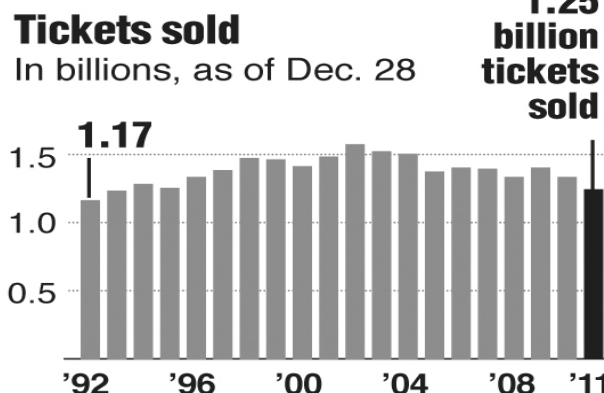
Some independent movie studios and producers have responded by embracing on-demand services, even to the point of offering titles on demand while they're still playing in theaters. The major Hollywood studios haven't been so bold; they can't afford to alienate the theater chains that play a crucial role in launching and promoting the hugely expensive "tent pole" films that bring in the largest chunks of the studios' revenue.

Nevertheless, this year's box-office numbers fit into a pattern that's consistent across all forms of entertainment. Technology is enabling consumers to be more choosy, and they're willing to sacrifice timeliness for value. Studios and theater chains can cling to the hope that the coming year's sequels, reboots and book adaptations will be bigger hits than last year's, but the trend lines spell trouble for the status quo.

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### Going to the movies

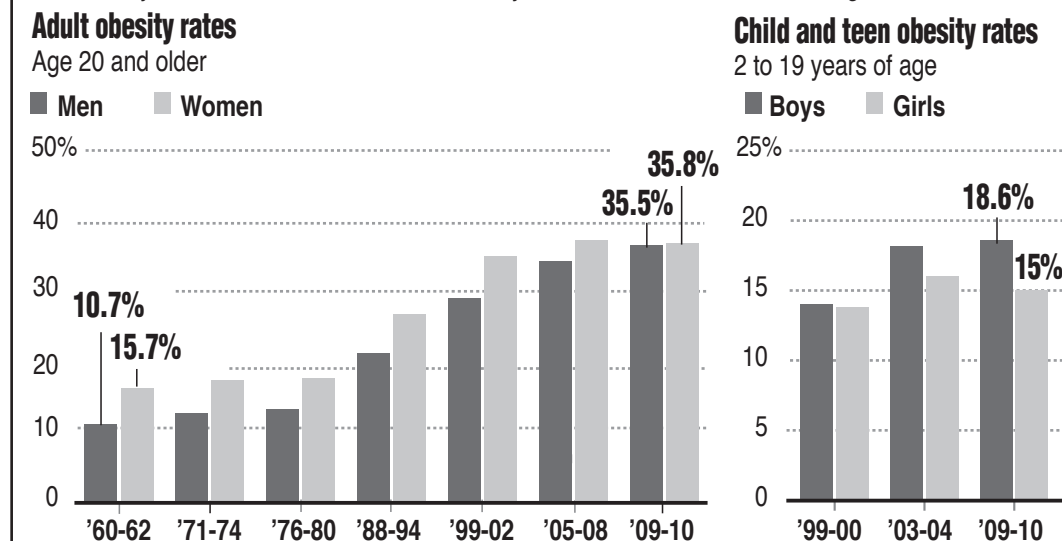
Attendance at the movies in 2011 is at its lowest mark since 1992.



Source: Box Office Mojo  
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### Tracking a health problem

U.S. obesity rates have climbed for men and boys and stabilized for women and girls.



NOTE: Obesity is defined in children and teens as being at/above the 95th percentile of body mass index for age growth charts.  
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# What's your opinion?

## Nursing program applicants must now complete CNA training

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**Amanda Loudermillk**  
Age: 20  
"I think it's a good idea since its not hard to get, even before you start college."



**Eleazar Ruiz**  
Age: 18  
"I agree with the rule because it's good for them to be more well rounded in the nursing area and be prepared."



**Evan Jones**  
Age: 20  
"I think it is a good idea since training is a definite must have."



**Holly Sosamon**  
Age: 19  
"Yes, so they are prepared in all medical situations!"



**Ramsey Gill**  
Age: 29  
"I think it is a good idea. Health care is not a joke , for my knowledge it is limited on the subject."



**Zach McGinty**  
Age: 19  
"Its melodious."

### CNA

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be CNAs.

In terms of the affect the new regulations will have on the nursing program, the general consensus is that applications will be fewer. Bookland said, "Applications will decrease because the students can go elsewhere." Parkland has always had a reputation of a prestigious nursing program with a discerning admis-

sions policy. However, many nursing students seemed to look down upon the process of becoming a CNA.

With such varied reactions to the new policy, it will be interesting to see how the nursing program is affected next spring. For more information on this policy, visit the Health Professions department in the L wing of Parkland College. The Health Professions department office is located in L244 on campus.

### TRIO

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exist to help students. These programs are put in place to help the students achieve goals towards a better and brighter future, whether it is higher education or simply being able to afford food.



### Healthy Living

#### Sugar count

The glycemic index (GI) ranks carbohydrates according to how they affect blood sugar and insulin.

#### The numbers

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#### Higher number, faster rise

GI for average portion of some foods

Banana	52
Oreo cookie	64
White bread	70
Baked potato	85

Source: Harvard Health Publications, Nutrition Data Graphic: Pat Carr

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(No. of polls averaged)	
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Clinton (23)	47.5%
G.H.W. Bush (40)	69.5%
Reagan (22)	44.9%
Carter (24)	37.4%
Nixon (13)	49.6%
Kennedy (12)	61.8%
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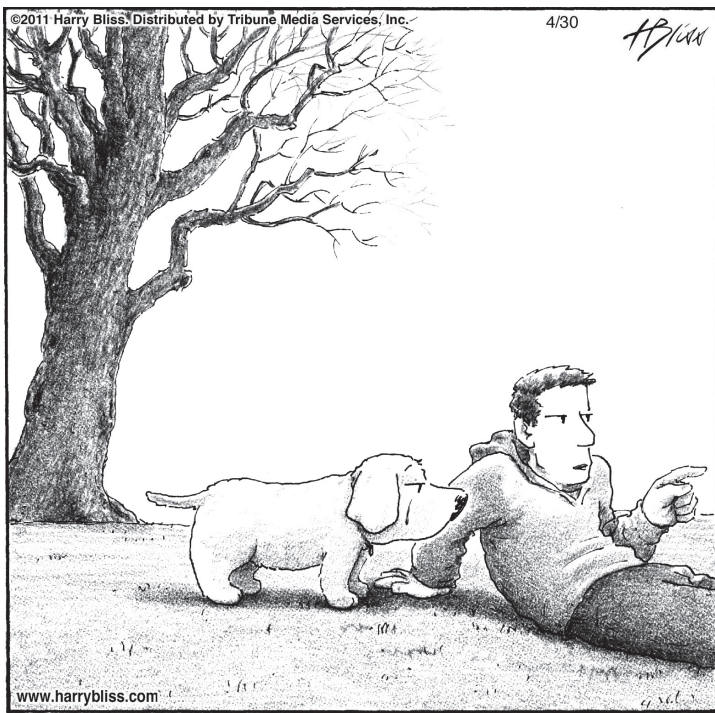
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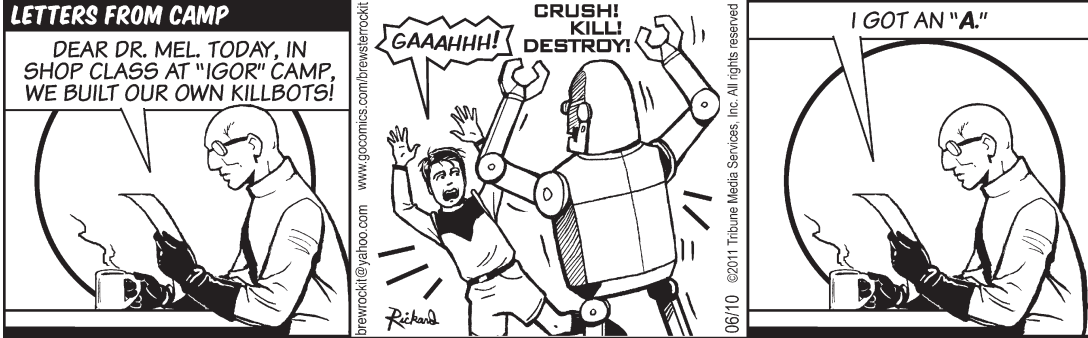
"Even Castles made of sand, fall into the sea, eventually."  
- Jimi Hendrix

## Sudoku (hard)

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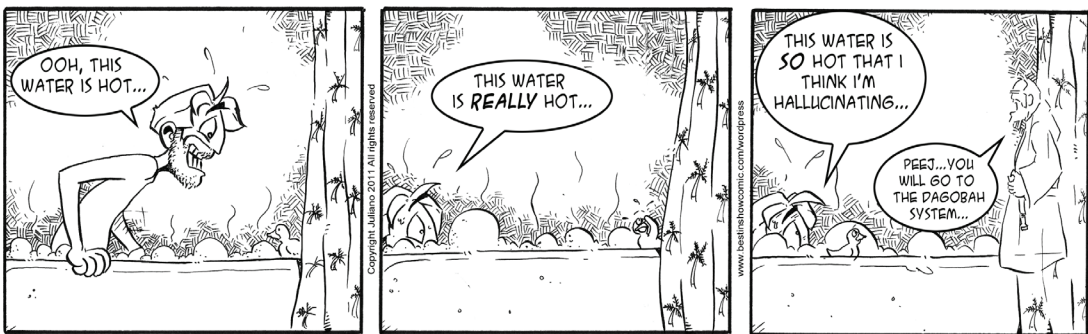
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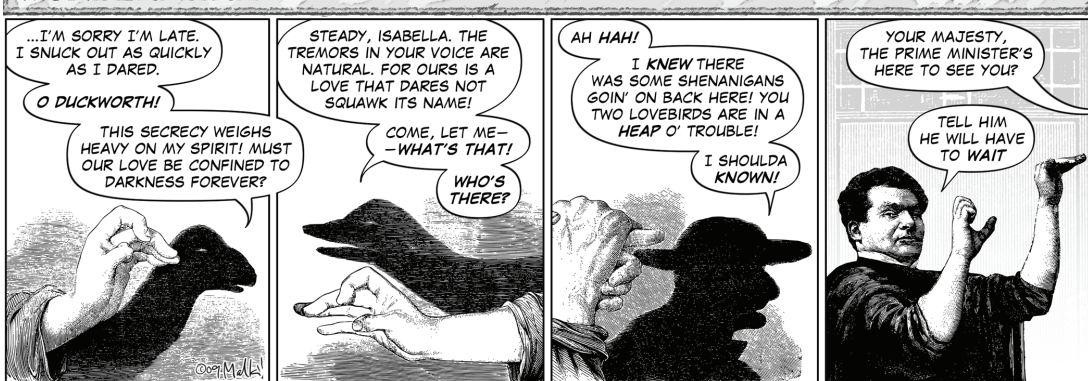
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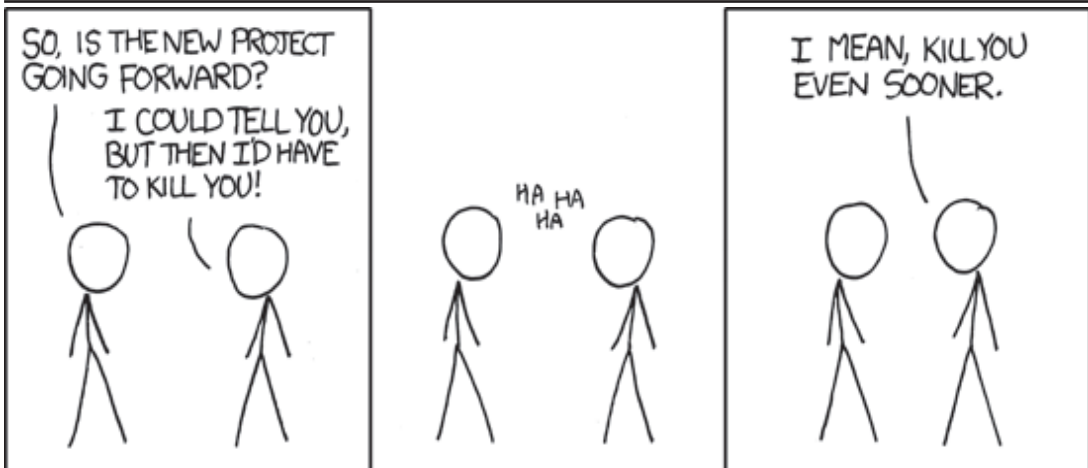
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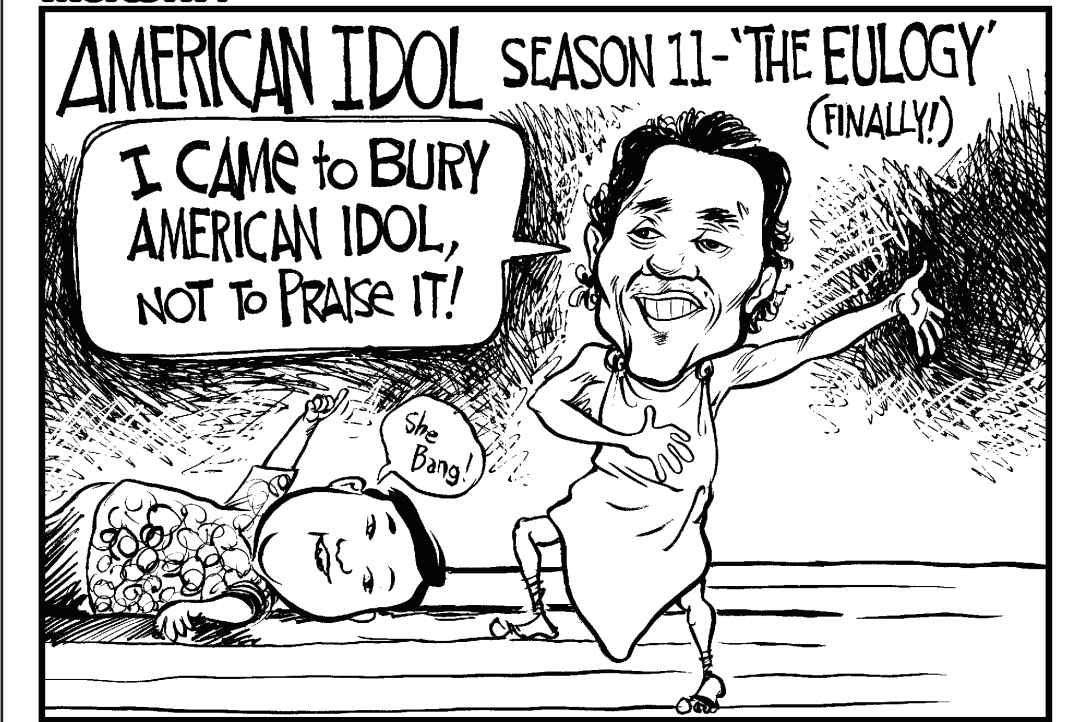


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## The TV Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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### ACROSS

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- 5 "\_\_\_": NY
- 8 "The \_\_\_ Boat"; series for Gavin MacLeod
- 9 Actor Tom \_\_\_
- 12 Liquid
- 13 Wild canine
- 14 Neckwear items for Don Ho
- 15 "\_\_\_ & Mindy"
- 16 "America's Next \_\_\_ Model"
- 18 Yiddish laments
- 19 Late-night host Jay
- 20 Cried
- 21 "Let's Make a \_\_\_"
- 23 Becomes furious
- 24 Steiger and Serling
- 25 Actor Scott \_\_\_
- 26 General tendency
- 28 \_\_\_ up; misbehaves
- 29 Rogers and Clark
- 30 Actress Tierney
- 32 "Voyage to the Bottom of the \_\_\_"
- 35 Alien who visited the Tanner family
- 36 Rugged cliff

- 37 Throw stones at
- 38 Jerry Van Dyke's character on "Coach"
- 40 Actress Reese
- 41 "What I Did on My Summer Vacation," for example
- 42 Nastase of tennis
- 43 Asner and Sullivan
- 44 Actor Sean \_\_\_

### DOWN

- 1 Actress Kirstie
- 2 Julia \_\_\_
- 3 Car rental company
- 4 "\_\_\_ and Stacey"
- 5 Flashy actress from Spain who's famous for her "Cuchi-cuchi!"
- 6 Paper bag
- 7 Pen contents
- 10 Mother of twins and sextuplets
- 11 Skier's hillside
- 12 Role for Polly Holliday
- 13 Actor Voight
- 15 Tillis and Blanc
- 17 Half-qts.
- 19 Cheryl \_\_\_ of "Charlie's Angels"
- 20 Bide one's time
- 22 Long, long time periods
- 23 "The Amazing \_\_\_"
- 25 "The Big \_\_\_ Theory"
- 26 "The flowers that bloom in the spring, \_\_\_"
- 27 Esther of "Good Times"
- 30 "\_\_\_ Anatomy"
- 31 Hearing organ
- 33 Oscar-winning actress \_\_\_ Burstyn
- 34 "One Day \_\_\_ Time"
- 36 Actor \_\_\_ Everett
- 37 Outstanding Brazilian soccer player
- 39 Mao \_\_\_-tung
- 40 Short swim

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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# Sports

## The Cobras walk-on connection

**Spencer Brown**  
Sports Writer

After a tough start to the season, the Parkland Cobras men's basketball team has improved to a record of 12-8. The team is refocused and ready to accomplish great things, and energetic walk-on Geordy Mulumba has been one of the biggest factors in this turnaround. His contributions have not gone unnoticed by another former walk-on, head coach Nate Mast.

Mulumba, a transfer student from Brussels, Belgium, immediately faced challenges because of the language barrier. With this being his first year in the states, the transition from speaking French to English had to be made almost immediately. This was admittedly something he was nervous about entering tryouts among other things. "I wasn't in the gym and didn't make the tryouts in Belgium," Mulumba said. Despite those odds, the 6'7 forward impressed the coaching staff by earning a spot on the team.

Mast, a rather impressive walk-on player in his playing days, was a member of the Illinois Fighting Illini men's basketball team from 1997-2000. Mast, like Mulumba, was not recruited. "I may have got a letter or two, but no school offers, no visits," he said. He did not let this deter him. "I decided I would go to U of I as a student and do everything I could to walk-on." His determination earned Mast a scholarship in the spring semester of 1999, quite the achievement for an un-recruited walk-on.

Mulumba and Mast, though



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Head coach Nate Mast, former walk-on at the University of Illinois, and current Parkland walk-on Geordy Mulumba share an unmistakable bond.

coming from two completely different backgrounds, share similar characteristics. "He didn't expect anything to happen but to have an opportunity. He practices full speed every day," Mast says of Mulumba.

"He wants to learn. It makes me respect him even more."

That earned respect is something Mast knows well. "That first year (at the University of Illinois) there were a lot of seniors, so I tried to play as

hard as I can to prove people wrong," said Mast of his playing days. "I earned respect because I went hard every day."

The similar work ethic provided a similar reaction in both

of the athletes careers. "By my second year I earned a scholarship and even started four games. I felt like a teammate," Mast said.

When Mulumba was asked how his teammates received

him, he replied, "they feel like brothers, like family."

Mast's walk-on experience has had a great influence on his life. Being a walk-on places a person in an underdog role; a role Mast fully embraces. "It's very true about how I go about my life, how I parent, how I coach," he explained. "I like challenges. That's why I schedule hard." It's a message he wants to pass on to his players. "In this world, there's adversity. You have to fight, scratch, and claw."

Mulumba is one of those players who is currently fighting, scratching and clawing, making an appearance in every game this season and even starting a few of those games. Mulumba is averaging 6.0 ppg and 4.2 rpg and is looking to bring his contributions, energy and hard work to the Cobras lineup for the rest of the season.

Both Mast and Mulumba are very grateful of the opportunity given to them. Mulumba has used this as a tool to acclimate himself to the American game and culture. "It's my first year in the states, it's a new experience," he said. "I'm meeting new people and new athletes. I'm having a really good time." Mast shared similar sentiments as an Illini. "I got to travel to countries and states I never would have. I got to play on big stages I never would have like March Madness. I am very thankful."

This walk-on connection, along with the rest of the Cobras, hope to keep the wins coming as conference play gets under way.

## Cobras Baseball signs 15 new players

**Mark Roughton**  
Sports Writer

The Parkland Cobras baseball program has enjoyed its fair share of successes over the last four years under head coach Matt Kennedy, amassing a total of 143 wins, while sending 50 players on to the next level. One of the main ingredients to their success has been the exceptional job done in recruiting athletes. The program has seen myriad great players become Cobras throughout Kennedy's tenure, as he has put together another great incoming class, with fifteen high school baseball players having signed letters of intent to continue their baseball careers at Parkland this coming fall.

This impressive class includes seven pitchers and eight position players. The seven standout pitchers consist of six right-handers: Cody Heisserer of Scott City, Mo.; Jake Saile from Mark, Ill.; Alex Lesiak from Tinley Park, Ill.; Kyle Weller from Pleasant Plains, Ill.; Jake Weber from Ft. Wayne, Ind. and Nick Mason of Cincinnati, Ohio, while the lone lefty is Caleb Leach of Pontiac, Ill.

"Pitching is key for us, because we always lose seven to 10 pitchers every year," Kennedy said. "That's the number one priority and we feel like we've got some good ones coming in next year." Each of these athletes were standout players at the high school level and will have the opportunity to contribute immediately next year, as the Cobras lose seven pitchers at the end of this season.

The other half of the incoming 2012 class includes eight position players. The infielders are: Aaron Bossi of St. Louis, Mo.; Daryle Taube of Bradford, Ontario, Canada; Mitch Trieglauff from Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Jackson Martin of Listowel, Ontario, Canada; Marvin Campos-Castillo from Bronx, N.Y., and Ramon Valdez of Chestermere, Alberta, Canada. Outfielders include Chase Armstrong of Lexington, Ky. and Angus Bills from South Australia, Australia.

Infielders were an especially important part of this year's recruiting haul for Kennedy. "Our whole starting infield, we lose. So, we have to replace those guys," Kennedy said, noting that they are all graduating sophomores this year. There are great infielders still on the current roster that will get first crack at the open jobs in the fall, but there will certainly be depth at the infield spots for the Cobras in the future.

Kennedy asserts that good recruiting starts with filling the holes of certain positions left open in the roster by graduating players. "Everything we lose, that's what we try to bring in," Kennedy explained. If that is accomplished, the overall depth of the team will be strong thus enabling the team to set up the best possible lineup on game day. Another thing the coaching staff, which includes assistants Evan DePotter and Tyler Rogers, emphasizes is the pitch they give to convince recruits to come to Parkland. They have taken advantage of the positive exposure gained by send-

ing twelve current players to the next level for next year, Kennedy said. "It helps a lot, and it's definitely a recruiting tool for us."

He admits that Parkland is a beneficiary of many Division I caliber players that don't get great offers from those bigger schools and want to take their talents to Parkland to play right away on a much better scholarship offer.

"Here, they have an opportunity to come in and pitch or play right away," Kennedy explains. "They're going to be seen by a lot of schools as we have that reputation of people coming in and watching our guys and liking our guys, and then they are moving on after a year or two here. We do sell that a lot."

Another factor that has contributed to the successful recruiting haul has been the tireless work spent traveling and scouting each player by the coaching staff. "We work a lot, were on the road constantly," Kennedy stated. "We're watching tournaments and games all day, just trying to bear down on kids and find the right fit for the style of baseball we want to play." The entire coaching staff is gone four to five days a week over the summer to assist with recruiting and it's a never-ending process from season to season.

Using a relentless recruiting effort, combined with the ability to sell players on the merits of Parkland baseball, it appears that Kennedy and his staff have blended the two aspects of recruiting together seamlessly.

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**Todd Martens**  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Rapper Dr. Dre will close the 2012 edition of the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival, to be held for the first time over two consecutive weeks in mid-April. Headliners for the multi-weekend, six-day affair include rock acts the Black Keys, Radiohead and the Shins, as well hip-hop and dance acts Snoop Dogg, the Swedish House Mafia and Kaskadee, among others.

The festival will host a number of artists on the reunion circuit. Brit-pop band Pulp, hardcore Swedish punk band Refused, Mike Watt's post-Minutemen band FIREHOSE and experimental Texas rockers At the Drive-In are among those on the comeback trail.

Sunday night headliner Dr.

Dre is something of a revival act himself. Though he's stayed in the public eye via his branding efforts and production work, the Compton, Calif.-raised artist has not released an album since 1999 and has spent much of the last decade working on his long-rumored "Detox."

Coachella, run by AEG-owned concert promoter Goldenvoice, will be held over two consecutive weekends, the first on April 13-15 and the second on April 20-22. Each weekend is a separate ticket, priced at \$285 and on sale Friday. Paul Tollett, who heads Goldenvoice and has organized the festival since its 1999 inception, said last year that the expansion was in

reaction to the increased demand for tickets.

"The thought of this selling out super quick, and the only people who get to go are the people who bought the first minute or bought tickets for more than they sold for, that didn't seem great to us," Tollett said. "We didn't want to go with more people and ruin the experience. We can't add another night show, and we didn't want to add another

city or raise the ticket price. So we decided to add another weekend."

The lineup was unveiled Monday on the Goldenvoice and Coachella Facebook pages. Tickets were initially sold for the 2012 festival nearly a year in advance of the event. In previous years, tickets were not sold until the lineup had been revealed, and were sold via Ticketmaster. Tickets were once again priced at \$269, not including service fees. Coachella will close with Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg on the two Sunday evenings, while rock acts will get top billing the other nights. The Black Keys will anchor a Friday that will also feature singer-songwriter Cat Power, reggae legend Jimmy Cliff and psychedelic electronic act M83. Radiohead will close the festival's Saturday evenings, with indie star Bon Iver and reclusive rocker Jeff Mangum also on the bill.

Coachella is coming off its second-consecutive sell-out year, hosting approximately 90,000 people per day. The event, held at the Empire Polo Grounds in Indio, Calif., is considered the unofficial kickoff to the summer festival season.

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## Reality TV: deliveries, fashion and comic books

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The ultra-tan crew of "Jersey Shore" is already fist-pumping, Ben Flajnik has, by now, gotten back in the reality dating game as the newest "Bachelor." And celebrities have been switching spouses on "Celebrity Wife Swap." But if your DVR has not yet reached its reality show limit, here's a look at some new reality offerings networks are rolling out later in the season.

"Shipping Wars": A&E has already made us wish we had the patience to make a life out of scouring repossessed storage units for riches. Now the cable network presents "Shipping Wars," which follows six independent shippers who've found that mega bucks can be made transporting items that traditional carriers won't consider transferring - kittens, a hot dog stand, a Civil War cannon. Premiered Jan. 10.

"ReModeled": The CW, home of "America's Next Top Model" (yes, it's still on) once again, looks to the fashion world for a new reality hit. In "ReModeled," modeling

industry vet Paul Fisher aims to bring noble changes to the industry by banding together hundreds of small agencies in a new venture called the Network. Premieres Jan. 17.

"Comic Book Men": The network that has built its brand of original programming on critically acclaimed scripted series such as "Mad Men" and "Breaking Bad" will soon see if its golden touch can work in the reality world. AMC's first foray into the genre - which includes four shows that will roll out over the course of the year - leads off with "Comic Book Men." The show is set in filmmaker Kevin Smith's comic shop, Jay and Silent Bob's Secret Stash, and will tackle the world of fanboy culture. If "Pawn Stars," "American Pickers" and Smith's "Clerks" had a geek menage a trois, "Comic Book Men" would be the resulting offspring. Premieres Feb. 12, paired with the midseason return of "The Walking Dead."

"Fashion Star": NBC's sister network Bravo is no stranger to the fashion world, with at least five reality series dedicated to the lives or liveli-

hoods of the stylish crowd. Now NBC is taking a stab at the trend with its series "Fashion Star," which has contestants competing for a multimillion-dollar contract to launch their own brands. And what would a mentor panel be without big names? Jessica Simpson - whose reality venture on MTV's "Newlyweds" helped her parlay her celebrity into fashion world success - and Nicole Richie will serve as mentors. The show's producers include former NBC executive Ben Silverman, and Dan Cutforth and Jane Lipsitz of Magical Elves, original producers of "Project Runway." Premieres March 13.

"Interior Therapy With Jeff Lewis": He's Bravo's resident neurotic (and borderline manic) home remodeler and now Mr. "Flipping Out" is healing people? In "Interior Therapy," the obsessive-compulsive TV star, along with his trusted (and verbally abused) assistant Jenni, moves into someone's home for the better part of five days and redesigns the space while also diagnosing the homeowners' personal problems. And our favorite

back-talking maid, Zoila, is tagging along for the ride. Premieres in March.

"Shannen Says": Dylan McKay was so 1994. Shannen Doherty - no longer the blunt-banged, thespian-wannabe that she was on "Beverly Hills, 90210" - is getting married ... again. And she has documented her journey down the aisle to photographer Kurt Iswarienko in an eight-part series for WE TV. We're just glad to see the former "Charmed" star's current TV presence will no longer be limited to commercials promoting online education classes. But rather than enlisting the wedding planning expertise of her former costar Tori "Donna Martin Graduates!" Spelling, she'll seek the guidance of WE's resident wedding planner, David Tuter ("My Fair Wedding"). Premieres in the spring.

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