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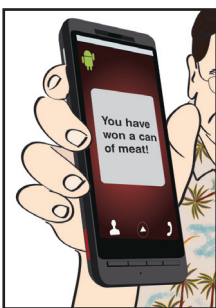


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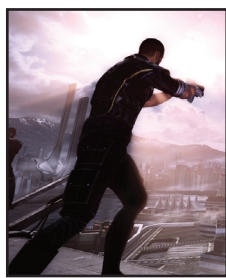
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Food For Thought looks to satisfy students



Photo by Chanelle Stokes/Prospectus News

Parkland student grabs a bite to eat in between classes from Food for Thought, Parkland's new food service vendor.

PN Spencer Brown
Staff Writer

With Food for Thought becoming the new food service provider at Parkland, the college is encouraging students to really think about their next meal, literally. After several years of service from Chartwells, the college decided it was time for a change.

A formal bid process

was conducted to decide Chartwells' successor. The pool of possible replacements consisted of five companies. In the end, Food For Thought stood alone as the new head of Parkland's food services.

"They really found us," Russ Benson said. Benson is the company's vice president, and as he will tell you, it was a match made in heaven.

"It is important to find

an opportunity and finding someone whose mission matches our mission so we can forge a partnership with the same goals in mind. We don't want to dilute our brand or modify our brand to win a piece of business," Benson said.

For these reasons, his company has been welcomed to the Parkland community.

It appears that Parkland

has done its research and was successful in finding a great addition. The students, however, are not necessarily aware of Food For Thought and the manner they conduct business.

Food For Thought is a woman owned, minority owned, food service company that has been in business for the past 29 years. Based out of Lincolnwood, Ill., they

have multiple partnerships. In addition to five higher education partnerships, the company also has food service ventures with law firms and museums.

Benson made a mention of the company's mission, a topic upon which he later elaborated.

"Our brand mantra is delicious food and gracious

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Robert Easter named President at scandalized Urbana-Champaign

Jodi S. Cohen and Alexandra Chachkevitch
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - For Friday, the last day of spring break at the University of Illinois, Robert Easter had put just one task on his calendar: "Work in Garden."

That was before he was named the university's president last week. Instead of planting seeds or mowing his six acres of farmland, on Friday he was preparing to lead a university that has lost two presidents in a row to scandals.

Still, by the end of the day, he hoped to be driving the lawn mower. "It's where I do my best thinking. I think about issues I'm dealing with," he said. "I stick a notebook in my pocket, and people probably wonder why I stop to write in a book."

Easter, 64, left the farmland of Texas nearly 40 years ago for the cornfields of Illinois, arriving at the University of Illinois as a young doctoral student with an interest in studying pigs - more specifically, swine nutrition. He has never left, and a longtime colleague jokes that he's had every job at U. of I. except for maintenance worker and head basketball coach.

"We are pretty sure we can get him to do both before he's finished," said Urbana-Champaign campus spokeswoman Robin Kaler.

"And he would be awesome at both of those, I'm sure."

Perhaps most importantly, he's popular with the faculty, which led the campaign against departing President Michael Hogan. They cite Easter's honesty, his scholarly prowess and the fact that he brings 5-gallon buckets of fruits and vegetables from his garden to work in the summer.

A memory book presented to him when he retired in the fall, after serving as interim chancellor for two years, was titled "In Praise of the Genuine."

He gets those accolades even though he doesn't shy away from controversy, most recently leading a large-scale cost-cutting review of the Urbana-Champaign campus that led to downsizing and even axing some departments and positions while he was chancellor from 2009 to 2011.

"I don't think Bob's chief attractive characteristic is the fact that he is well known or a nice guy or gets along with others. All of that is true, but the really attractive thing about Bob is his track record around (the review process)," U. of I. board Chairman Christopher Kennedy said Friday. "To do that without everybody fighting each other is phenomenal."

Easter said he learned about management and diplomacy from his father, a foreman on a cattle farm. "He was a person who was able to manage people well and work with people,"



Photo by Ben Woloszyn/Chicago Tribune/MCT

Robert Easter, the new president of the University of Illinois, is seen at the Champaign-Urbana campus on Friday, March 23, 2012 in Urbana, Illinois. Former university president Michael Hogan resigned the day before.

Easter said. "Everything I know, I learned from watching him."

Easter grew up in a small agricultural community of about 700 people near the Mexican border, with 20 people in his high school class. He rode a yellow school bus to a community college 20 miles away because that's what his family could afford, then transferred to Texas A&M for his undergraduate degree.

He comes from a family of farmers, and while helping take care of pigs, he developed

an interest in animal nutrition. While in graduate school at Texas A&M, he met a U. of I. faculty member in town for a seminar who encouraged Easter to get his doctorate at U. of I. After a brief stint in the Army, Easter moved to Illinois with his wife, Cheryl, who was a biology instructor and lab technician at Texas A&M.

They raised three children, Brian, Johanna and Aaron, who died earlier this year in a snowboarding accident in Colorado.

Easter said he got off

to a rough start in Illinois' doctorate program in 1973 when he took his first exam in biochemistry. He wouldn't reveal the grade he got.

"I remember exactly how I did, and I'm not about to tell you," he said, laughing.

It certainly didn't impede his career.

Over the next nearly four decades, Easter was a faculty member, department head, dean, interim provost and interim chancellor. He became

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Ronald Reagan cheated on an eye exam to join the cavalry reserves in the 1930's.

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News

Defending the hoodie: Garment no reason to stereotype, students say

Denisa R. Superville
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. - Sean O'Reilly was 16 when his mother gave him the talk that most black parents give their teenage sons.

"Don't put your hands in your pocket a lot. People will think you have a gun," O'Reilly, now 17 and a senior at Teaneck High School in northern New Jersey, remembered his mother telling him. "Don't walk around with stuff in your pockets. People will think you stole something."

The subject of hooded sweat shirts - or hoodies - didn't come up, he said. But the death of an unarmed Florida teen, Trayvon Martin, who was wearing a hoodie when he was shot by a neighborhood-watch volunteer last month, has elevated the hoodie to a rallying symbol and made it a target of criticism.

Supporters of Martin have taken to staging "hoodie marches," calling for the arrest of the neighborhood-watch volunteer, George Zimmerman. The television personality Geraldo Rivera triggered a firestorm last week when he said Martin's hoodie was as much responsible for his death as Zimmerman, 28. Rivera's subsequent apology, posted Monday on Twitter, has not quelled the controversy.

Hoodie-wearers - a group that transcends race and age - interviewed in Teaneck and Paterson, N.J., this week said they wear the garments because they are warm, comfortable and lighter than bulky winter jackets. They also are relatively cheap - \$20 at Target, for example, or \$59.50 at Aeropostale.



Jonathan Montalvo of Teaneck, New Jersey, wears a hoodie while standing on Cedar Lane, March 26, 2012.

"It's cold as hell," said Kary Rivera, 15, an Eastside High School student who wore a light gray hoodie as she walked with friends on Seeley Street in Paterson.

Hoodies are like uniforms to her peers, she said. "If you go into my closet, all you would see are hoodies - in every color."

Isaac Rappoport, 17, a Teaneck High School student who wears hoodies "almost every day," said Rivera's comments amounted to profiling.

"Somebody's style is completely unrelated to their

character," Rappoport said. "It's a very common piece of clothing for young people, and to just stereotype every single young person who wears a hoodie is basically stereotyping every single young person as a hoodlum, and it's just not true."

Destiny Hernandez, 15, a student at Eastside High School, said a hoodie says one thing about its wearer.

"It says that they are cold," she said.

Gloria J. Browne-Marshall, who teaches courses in constitutional law, and race and the law at the John Jay

College of Criminal Justice in New York City, said the entire discussion of what Martin was wearing is irrational and shameful and that the discussion was a way to avoid confronting the country's chronic problem with race relations.

"This young man is gone, and I think it's horrible, absolutely horrible, to blame a hoodie - a hoodie put on his head because it's raining - as the reason why someone could be excused for killing him," she said. "Have we lost our minds? It's irrational to me. It's completely irrational."

Zimmerman, through his lawyer, has said Martin attacked him and that he shot the teenager in self-defense.

Addressing Martin's death on "Fox and Friends," Rivera described Zimmerman as "overzealous" and said he should be prosecuted.

He added: "You have to recognize that this whole stylizing yourself as a gangsta, you're going to be a gangsta-wannabe, well people are going to perceive you as a menace."

Many hoodie wearers criticized Rivera for stereotyping them, but some acknowledged that a stigma

exists.

Keion Jones, 18, who graduated from Eastside last year, said pedestrians grow apprehensive when they are approached by someone wearing a hooded sweatshirt.

"You don't know what to expect," Jones said. "You think you're going to be robbed. It's not a racial thing. Anybody could wear a hoodie, but as long as it's dark outside and you are wearing a hoodie, anybody would think that you are a suspect. It's not fair, but that's just what happens."

Jimmy Javier, 22, of Paterson, N.J., said he should not be branded a suspect based on his clothing.

"I don't think there is a reason for me to get shot at all because of what I am wearing," said Javier, who was wearing a black hooded sweat shirt with an Adidas logo on the chest. "I wear a hoodie all the time, so am I putting myself in the same position that that kid was in?"

LeAnne Smith, a Teaneck High School student, said the controversy would not stop her from wearing hoodies, a staple of her wardrobe.

Smith, who was wearing a blue hooded sweat shirt in Martin's memory as she walked to a bus stop on Cedar Lane on Monday, said people should not judge others by what they wear.

"They should be more open-minded and see me beyond the clothing, and the outer appearance," she said. "Get to know the person before you judge."

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Major: Mass Communication

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James Henslick
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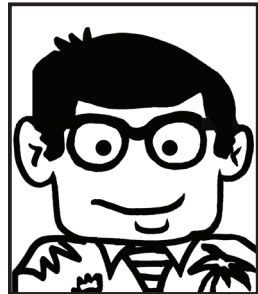
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Lifestyle

How to handle spam text messages

Buster Bytes
Tech Columnist



You have won a free iPad! Check your credit score for free! Someone has done a background check on you, found out who! Your computer has a virus, fix it now! 4 foods that kill fat and 7 food chemicals that cause it!

We are growing accustomed to seeing these sorts of messages in our email inboxes. They are annoying and are sometimes even harmful to our computers. They do not, however, directly cost us money unless we fall for the scam.

When we start receiving these messages via text on our mobile phones, however, they can cost us real money.

Some people do not pay for unlimited text message packages. These folks many times can't afford to pay the extra money for unlimited texting and try to make do without it. Some of them may even be billed for each text message individually.

The five or ten cents many providers charge per text message may not seem like a lot of money, but it adds up quickly. If someone without text messaging services on their plan were to receive even just 10 spam texts each day, by the end of the month their bill would have increased by \$15 to \$30!

Fortunately there are some steps we can take to lessen these unwanted messages, if not prevent them completely.

The first thing you can do to fight against these unwanted text messages is to refuse to give out your mobile phone number.

This may seem obvious, but many times a company will insist that they need it. Places such as the local video store may refuse to rent you movies unless they have your phone number in their records.

Chain restaurants may ask for the number to use in providing you with discounts, free food or other rewards. Many times these are actually really good deals.

In situations like these, you're really better off signing up with a home phone number if you still have one. Or, you

could sign up for a free Google Voice or very inexpensive Skype number that can forward to your mobile phone.

Many phones will even allow you to make calls or texts for free with the Google Voice or Skype number through an app on your smart phone, saving your mobile minutes or texts.

Another less obvious method of preventing spammers from getting your phone number is to refrain from texting numbers you don't know.

Television commercials and websites entreat you to just text 48457 and the starving Martians on Venus will get 42 free meals or something else

just as heartwarming. They fail to mention that they're going to charge your phone for those 42 meals and then sell your cell phone number to others that want to use it for the same purpose.

Don't opt-in for texting when signing up for anything and don't try to opt-out from these texts either. Just text the word STOP to 87654 to stop receiving these messages, they'll tell you.

DON'T DO IT! This is how they find out for certain that your phone number is real. They have computers set up to send these texts out to random numbers until someone

responds.

Once you have sent a message asking them to stop, they might do just that. You won't receive any more of their messages for cheap Viagra or bell fat pills. But now that they know that your number is real, they will sell it to anyone willing to pay.

In addition to these steps, you can also have your phone number added to the National Do Not Call Registry. It is easy to register your phone number on the list. All you have to do is visit <https://www.donotcall.gov> and enter your phone number and an email address.

None of these methods will

prevent all unwanted text messages. If you accidentally gave your car insurance company, cable provider, dentist or favorite restaurant permission, they can still text you.

If you do follow these tips and use good sense when deciding where and when to share your mobile number, you should be able to avoid most of these annoying messages. If messages still get through, you should report them by either forwarding them to spam@uce.gov or by filing a complaint with the FTC by visiting <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>.

For more information about the National Do Not Call Registry you can visit their site at <https://www.donotcall.gov> or the Federal Trade Commission's informational site located at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt107.shtm>.

More information about your rights regarding unwanted email and text messages can be found on the Federal Communications Commission website located at <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/spam-unwanted-text-messages-and-email> or at <http://onguardonline.gov/articles/0038-spam>.



Four ways to reduce spam texts

1. Never give out your phone number
2. Don't text numbers you don't know
3. Never opt-in or opt-out of text spams
4. Sign up for the Do Not Call Registry

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Prospectus News

A good pay phone is hard to find

Jay Levin
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. - The pay phone - that quaint-looking device with a receiver and a slot for coins - is fast disappearing. Or were you too busy staring at your Droid to have noticed?

Don't look for a pay phone on Route 4. None of the highway's 22 gas stations has one.

Don't feed quarters into any of the five phones in the entryway of Hackensack's Coach House diner. They've been disconnected.

Don't count on phoning home from the North Bergen terminus of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail. The pay phone's been removed from its stand.

It doesn't take a genius to identify the culprit: cellphones.

Verizon Communications recently sold off its public telephone business, a move that has further reduced the number of pay phones and frustrated people who rely on them.

Time was when pay phones were a dime a dozen. In 1975, when all pay phones in the region were operated by New Jersey Bell, The Record identified a phone booth at an Exxon station on the Palisades Interstate Parkway as Bergen County's busiest public phone. On average, 93 calls were made from it a day.

Today, the station is a Sunoco and

there's no phone.

If there's a pay phone today that's used 93 times a day, Michael Maccaro would like to know.

Maccaro owns Bethlene Enterprises, a Wayne, N.J.-based property management firm that owns pay phones in northern New Jersey, mostly in urban areas. He says he no longer looks at the call reports for his 65 sites.

"I can't get out of this business soon enough," grouched Maccaro, who used to have 1,400 phones.

One of his phones is outside the 7-Eleven on Teaneck Road in Teaneck, N.J. It handled 22 calls during one seven-day span in January - three a day, on average.

The number of pay phones nationally has dropped from a peak of 2.2 million in 2000 to perhaps 400,000 today, according to the American Public Communications Council, which represents 800 independent pay-phone owners. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that pay phones are vanishing at the rate of 10 percent a year.

Willard Nichols, the trade group's president, says pay phones "are primarily used by the lower-income portion of society - that stands to reason." He adds that roughly half of calls do not involve coins, such as those made with a prepaid calling card.

America's first coin-operated telephone was installed in 1889 in a Hartford, Conn., bank. A tinkerer named William Gray invented it after begging to use someone's telephone to summon a doctor for his wife, according to Sheldon Hochheiser, archivist and institutional historian at the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) History Center, based at Rutgers University.

By 1902, there were 81,000 pay phones in the U.S., mostly at drugstores and train stations. The number kept rising until cellphones "ended up in everybody's pocket," said the 60-year-old Hochheiser, who can't remember when he last used a pay phone. Not that he's sentimental about it.

"New technologies evolve and appear and sometimes they complement older technologies and sometimes they replace older technologies," he said. "What hasn't changed is the need for people to stay in touch."

But don't bury the pay phone just yet. Wireless also is the reason some people consider this poster child for obsolescence necessary.

After all, cellphone batteries die. Rechargers go missing. Cellphone service is spotty in some places. Calls drop. And not everyone has a cellphone.

Sentra Bowers, a home health aide



Photo by Leslie Barbaro/The Record/MCT

Dave McClelland, of Guttenberg, strolls along Bergenline Avenue at the North Bergen-Guttenberg border, January 25, 2012, with his cellphone to his ear.

from Paterson, N.J., says she uses public phones when she exceeds her wireless plan's limit on minutes. She just wishes there weren't so many broken ones in her hometown.

"The earpiece is off and half the wires are out," she complained.

You can find pay phones in the lobbies of major hotels and in shopping centers.

Willowbrook Mall in Wayne has five. Westfield Garden State Plaza in Paramus has three.

There are five pay phones - four operable - at the New Jersey Turnpike's Vince Lombardi service plaza in Ridgefield, but not in the main building. Instead, they're in the truckers' lounge. Garden State Parkway drivers aren't as lucky. There's no pay phone at the Montvale service plaza.

The Hackensack bus terminal has two pay phones and the Secaucus

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Those without religious affiliation aren't necessarily rejecting God

Philip Clayton
Los Angeles Times

"The Rise of the Nones" is one of 10 trends changing American life, according to Time magazine's March 12 cover story. That's because the "nones" - those who mark "none" on surveys that ask them to identify their religious affiliation - are the fastest-growing religious group in the United States.

Not surprisingly, the increase in the unaffiliated comes at the expense of America's mainstream religions, which means that Christianity is taking the biggest hit. Mainstream Protestant churches have lost more than a third of their members since 1960. Evangelical churches are also feeling the pinch; Southern Baptists are hurting. Various surveys illuminate this trend: About 75 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 now consider themselves "spiritual but not religious." Furthermore, all traditional forms of Christian practice have sharply declined from previous decades (including church attendance, Bible study and prayer), and doubts are much sharper regarding traditional Christian beliefs.

Although a recent bumper crop of pundits likes to proclaim that we'd all be better off with no religion, I suspect that the majority of us believe that religion, in spite of its flaws, offers individuals the inspiration to be better people and to create a better nation. Seminary and church leaders, in particular, are highly motivated to staunch the decline. Unfortunately, many of them believe that what's really needed is a return to the "faith of our fathers," stricter adherence to creeds and (this is America, after all) better marketing methods.

I advocate a radically different solution: the Emerging Church. It's a movement based on understanding the reasons

for mainstream religion's dramatic decline: improved scientific understanding, changing social norms, an increasingly pluralistic religious culture and more freedom to doubt and question - a freedom that until the last three centuries was mostly absent or suppressed and that is still resisted, sometimes violently, in much of the world today.

In my experience, the ones are not rejecting God. They are rejecting doctrinal requirements that they no longer find believable, along with the rigid structures of many organized religions. For that reason, the rise of the ones may well be a new kind of spiritual awakening, one in which doubters are welcome.

In the Christian tradition, for example, the Emerging Church invites participation from all who find themselves attracted to the teachings, actions and person of Jesus. It isn't crucial that members call themselves Christians, or that they believe Bible stories literally (rather than metaphorically), or even that they are believers rather than agnostics and atheists. As long as people want to sincerely engage with the teachings of Jesus and with the communities that seek to live by those values - "Do

The lapsed faithful, exhausted refugees from mainline faiths, former evangelicals, frustrated Catholics and seekers with no background at all in organized religion are creating (in Weiner's beautiful phrase) "a religious space that celebrates doubt, encourages experimentation and allows one to utter the word God without embarrassment."

The leaders of the movement share a common fascination with the radical teachings of Jesus, but the communities they form vary widely. Meeting sites range from homes to pubs to parks to churches to convention centers. These groups aren't rigidly hierarchical either; their leaders are more often hosts and conveners than preachers and teachers of doctrine.

Examples of these new institutions include Ikon, a group of mostly 20-somethings that meets in a bar in Belfast, Northern Ireland; Journey, a Dallas church that convenes in pubs, restaurants and a center for the mentally disabled; and Solomon's Porch, a community in Minneapolis that has working groups for the arts, education and outreach. Some mainline churches are joining the Emerging Church movement.

In Southern California, All Saints, an Episcopal church in Pasadena, offers traditional Sunday services in its beautiful cathedral but also has myriad groups engaged in social justice and compassion programs throughout the community, as well as weekly forums where a wide range of views, including those of atheists and representatives of other faiths, are vigorously discussed.

No matter their size or structure, communities like these offer a vital connection to the infinite grace and compassion of what I'll call the ultimate reality that binds us all - however that reality is understood (or doubted) by each of their members.

Emerging Christians

"Invent not a new religion but, rather, a new way of being religious."

- Eric Weiner, Jewish author

unto others as you would have them do unto you," "Love your neighbor," "Blessed are the peacemakers" - they are welcome.

Given that there are already almost 10,000 religions in the world, Jewish author Eric Weiner writes that we need to "invent not a new religion but, rather, a new way of being religious." As the dean of a theology school, I see the Emerging Church attracting an incredible diversity of people into new and experimental kinds of religious community.

Religion quiz

On average, Americans correctly answered 16 of 32 religious knowledge questions ranging from history to scripture.

Average number of correct answers out of 32, by group

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| Atheist/Agnostic | 20.9 |
| Jewish | 20.5 |
| Mormon | 20.3 |
| White evangelical Protestant | 17.6 |
| White Catholic | 16.0 |
| White mainline Protestant | 15.8 |
| Nothing in particular | 15.2 |
| Black Protestant | 13.4 |
| Hispanic Catholic | 11.6 |

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don't have a monopoly on spirituality for the ones, however. L.A.'s East Side Jews often meet for discussion, comedy nights or outreach projects. Although they bill themselves as "an irreverent, non-denominational collective for Jews with confused identities," their events usually have a spiritual thread as well. In one meeting the group invited Jewish and Muslim comedians, and professors from Claremont Lincoln University, the inter-religious consortium I work with, to take questions from the membership and their invited Muslim guests. The discussion ranged from hilarious to deeply spiritual,

and participants were clearly moved.

I see an immense yearning for these kinds of communities in America. If religious leaders can quit idolizing doctrinal purity and instead create a place for people who doubt and question as well as those who believe, I believe faith in America will have a vital future. And these new models for "church" will be better equipped to work collaboratively with all Americans, no matter what their religion.

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Letter to the editor

So Parkland opened their new cafeteria service today called "Food for Thought." As expected, it's just as bad as the old Cartwell's who occupied that spot previously. \$4.99 for a turkey and cheese lunch meat sandwich, almost \$2.00 for a 20oz bottle of soda, and around \$3.00 for yogurt/fruit cup. In addition to the sky high prices, I personally waited in line only to witness the line cooks cooking the "made to order" stuff, (ie. burgers, and chicken tenders, both of which will run you about \$4.00 without fries or a drink) WITHOUT GLOVES, BARE HANDED! Now, because I was hungry, I decided to look the other way and pretend not to see it. However, when I witnessed one of the cooks scratch the back of his head, underneath his hairnet/cap, I

could take no more. I walked out and bought a bag of chips in a vending machine. NOT ONLY ARE THESE PEOPLE RIPPING OFF POOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH OVER INFLATED PRICES, THEY ARE BEING PIGS ABOUT IT! Parkland College should be ashamed of themselves for letting this go on! Instead of making things easier on students, they do the exact opposite. Charge us upwards of \$8.00 for a burger, fries, and drink, then make us watch the cooks slap our food together, bare handed, with the occasional scratching of the head. This is just what I witnessed in the 5 minutes I was in line. God only knows what else goes on when they think people are not watching.

- Matthew Memishee



Employers asking for passwords is wrong

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Silicon Widgets Inc. doesn't want to hire a new VP for marketing who's all over YouTube with hilarious videos lampooning the uselessness of Widgets. We get that. So in addition to reference calls and record checks, HR departments would be crazy not to add a vigorous Internet search to check on what's out there for all the world to see.

But asking candidates for passwords to sites such as Facebook? No way. That's just wrong. The newly surfaced practice is an invasion of privacy and an invitation to all sorts of mischief by employers who have shown, just by asking, that they lack respect for employees.

Nobody is more appalled than Facebook, which has been trying to offer more privacy options. It sent out a reminder of its terms of use over the weekend, but company policies don't carry enough legal weight to stop this. And no website privacy system or

instruction does any good if users are compelled to give up their passwords. It's like giving prospective employers a key to your house, or at least your Post Office box.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, is writing a bill to stop the practice, which he sees as an "unreasonable invasion of privacy for people seeking work." California Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer should be out there with him. Two states are preparing legislation, but the practice crosses state lines.

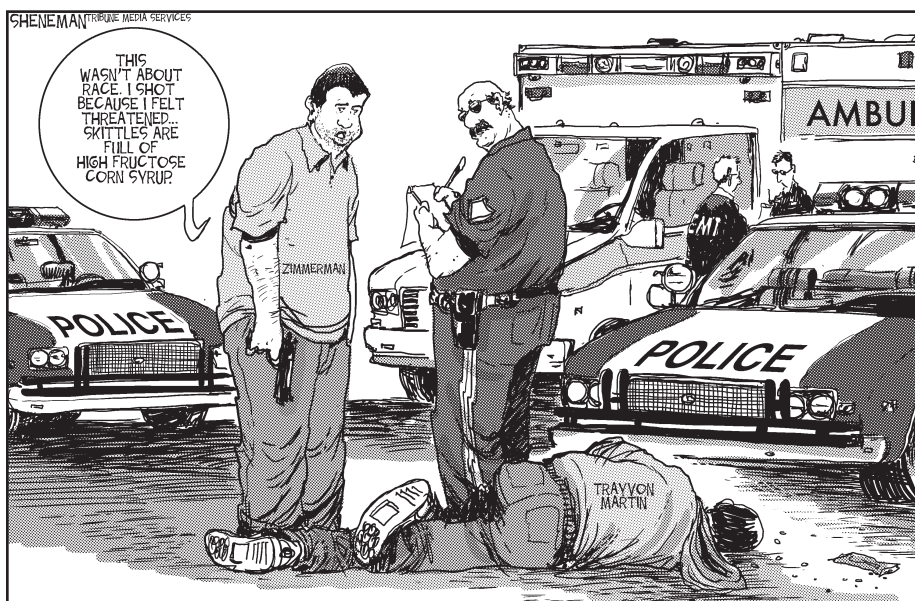
It's really a case of employment law needing to catch up with the Internet age. Passwords give employers access to information they're prohibited from asking about, from relationships to political views. The laws also should apply to schools and universities. They'd never demand to open a student's paper mail.

On Monday the Federal Trade Commission came out with new standards for Internet privacy. Among

other things, they will require clearer information on how consumers can achieve the level of privacy they want. People have been clamoring for more protection. It's a measure of their frustration that when Facebook sent out a reminder of its privacy policy over the weekend in response to this flap, it sparked outrage in Germany and some other quarters because people thought the company was springing something nefarious.

Nothing on the Internet is guaranteed, or perhaps even likely, to be private forever, even if you're sure you only showed those racy pictures to your closest 500 friends on Facebook, Google+ or the next new social media sensation due out in about five minutes. Students will learn that the hard way when, a decade or two from now, those provocative pictures or drunken rants that seemed so funny at the time resurface at high school or college reunions, in a search

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an internationally renowned expert in pig nutrition and discovered better diets for the animals.

He has lectured in 30 countries on swine nutrition, including regular visits to Latin America and China, and has co-written a textbook on swine management that is used in China. He recently accompanied Gov. Pat Quinn on a visit there.

His academic interests also have broadened. He says he has "become more of an agriculturalist than a pig guy," including studying how to produce food in a more sustainable way.

One of his students, Nathalie Trottier, who is now a professor of animal nutrition at Michigan State University, said Easter has been a father figure.

"Bob has a way of bringing out the best in people," said Trottier, who was one

"He's been a shining example as someone who is committed to the university and brings great expertise."

- Doris Christopher, alumna

of Easter's postdoctorate students for about four years. "He made me the person that I am today because of how much he trusted me."

With white hair and wire-rimmed glasses, the genteel Easter says he operates with an open-door policy and a listening ear. While he knows the Urbana-Champaign campus inside and out, he will now have to learn about the campuses in Chicago and Springfield, as well as the hospital system, all of which he will oversee.

He has agreed to work as president for at least two years to create an atmosphere of stability after years of uncertainty, including an admissions scandal that ousted one president and a faculty revolt that pushed out another.

He will be paid \$450,000 a year - \$200,000 less than his predecessor - an amount he says is "appropriate."

Easter retired from the university in the fall after a new chancellor was named. He planned to become an emeritus professor in animal sciences and teach a course on pork production.

In the 40-page celebration book that students, faculty and other administrators prepared for Easter's retirement in October, they included photos and handwritten notes and thanked him for making the university a better place.

One comment was particularly prescient: "It's hard to picture you ever truly retired."

Easter will begin his new role when Hogan steps down July 1 after two years, becoming the university's fifth president in seven years.

Easter isn't going to move into the university president's home, though he said he will stay there when playing host to guests.

He prefers to stay at his farmhouse in Mahomet, 15 miles away, surrounded by fruit trees and a quarter-acre garden that he can tend after work and on the weekends.

He recently planted the season's first crops - turnips, carrots, mustard greens and spinach. He grows pumpkins for his five grandchildren, who live nearby. Corn and green beans are for his wife.

Every year he tries growing something new. This year it's Virginia peanuts. "I want to see if they grow in Illinois," he said.

As president, he may not have as much time to work on his land. But when he's cutting the grass, he'll probably have lots of material to fill his notebooks.

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-Doris Christopher, a U. of I. alumna and donor, and founder of the Pampered Chef company

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FOOD

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hospitality. Our mission is to serve high quality food from scratch sourced locally," he said.

In conversations with Benson, the word local was a theme and defines the company's approach to business.

"We try to buy 25 percent of our goods and services from local Illinois based farms or other purveyors," Benson said. "Supporting our own community is really what sustainability means to us."

The local theme also proved dominant when making employment decisions.

"In the spirit of supporting local, we hired all folks local," Benson said. "They're all brand new to the company."

Food For Thought wants to bring a brand new energy along with this makeover. One of the goals is to significantly elevate the food program.

"Our food quality, our service quality, our standards will far exceed what was here prior," Benson said.

A huge component of raising the quality of food is the attention to health.

"We understand that what was important to the student base was a healthier approach

to food," Benson said.

Part of the change is the calorie count that is listed after each item on the menu.

"We want to over communicate to our customers," Benson said. "The calorie count, that's important. People want to watch what they eat. People love it."

Another addition the company has added to Parkland's food services is a Food Symbol 101 Chart.

"We thought it was a different approach to come up with an icon system," Benson said.

The chart lists symbols that tell which items have gluten and starch for example. These symbols are scattered throughout the food service area on different products for informative purposes.

This is especially useful if a student needs to avoid a specific ingredient for any purpose such as an allergy.

Food For Thought's next commitment was to a higher quality of service. Students are now presented with the opportunity to have their food served as fresh as possible.

"We want to cook as much as we can from scratch. Cook as much as we can to order," Benson said.

This is opposed to the system Chartwells used. Chartwells cooked as much as they could

to fill up the trays in the lunch area.

Food cooked to order compared to picking up food precooked could be considered a positive. However, there is a down side to this process.

"Speed of service is important," Benson said. "But we need to understand if the customer is willing to wait in line for three to five minutes to have something freshly made to order. We're hoping that's the case here."

It is a situation that will be monitored over time.

Food For Thought has promised standards that will far exceed the former food service provider for Parkland. A focus has been placed on pricing. Their current prices are noticeably lower than Chartwells.

"We do a market basket where we survey the local community and the local restaurants and see what the price points are," Benson said. "We know who our competition is. We do an attentive analysis of what our competitors are charging and do our best to either be at that or in some cases try to be lower than that."

These competitive prices can be seen at both of the food service venues available in Parkland. Gulliver's Cafe, located near the flag lounge

and computer lab, is stocked full of hot entrees, a salad bar, veggies, burgers, snacks and various other items.

Crust, which can be found across from the bookstore, has still different options. Here, the student can find numerous pizza and hot sandwich items.


Gulliver's and Crust have a variety of food selections. One cause for concern may be the accessibility of these options.

Crust's hours of operations are 10 a.m to 6 p.m. while Gulliver's is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We don't see a demand to keep Gulliver's open longer than 2pm," Benson said. "We understand that's a change. The point is we still have options open 11 hours a day. It's just a matter of people reconfirming."

Food For Thought is here to make a change. Judging by the demeanor with which the company conducted itself from the corporate bosses to the employees, it can be assumed they are dedicated to the task at hand. The goal is to make sure Food for Thought is not an afterthought.

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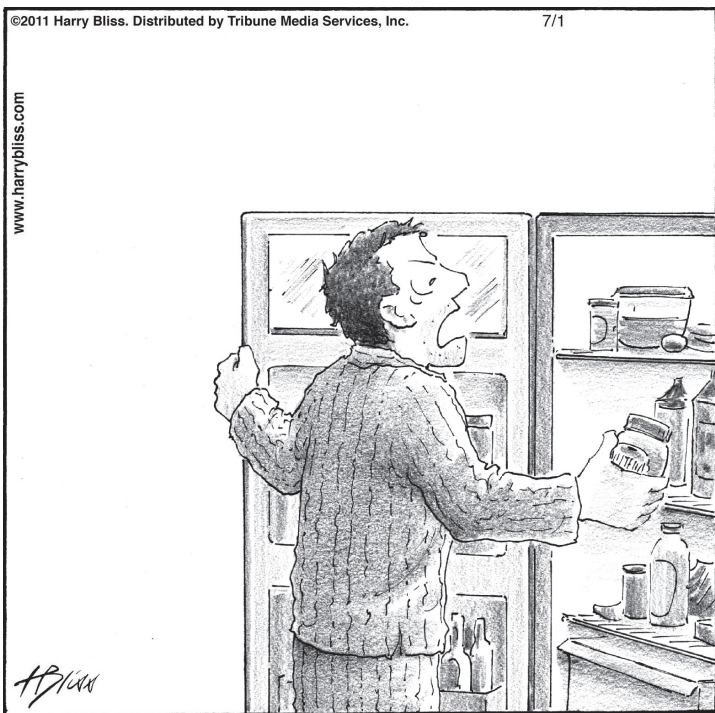
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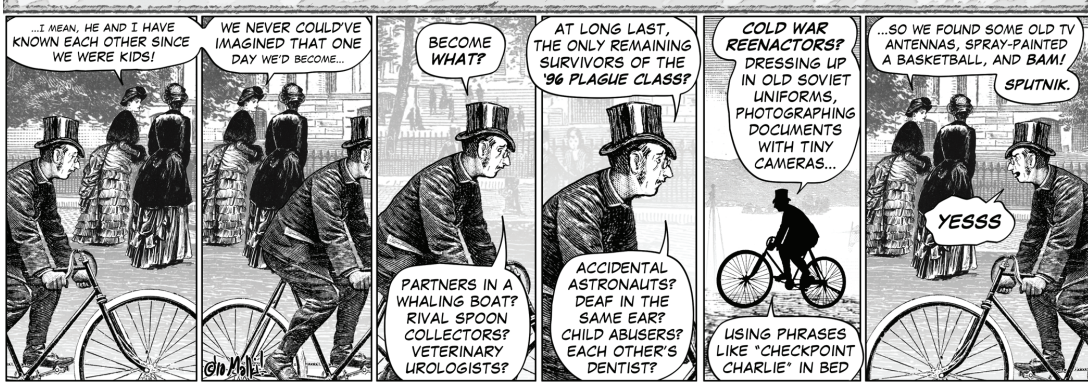
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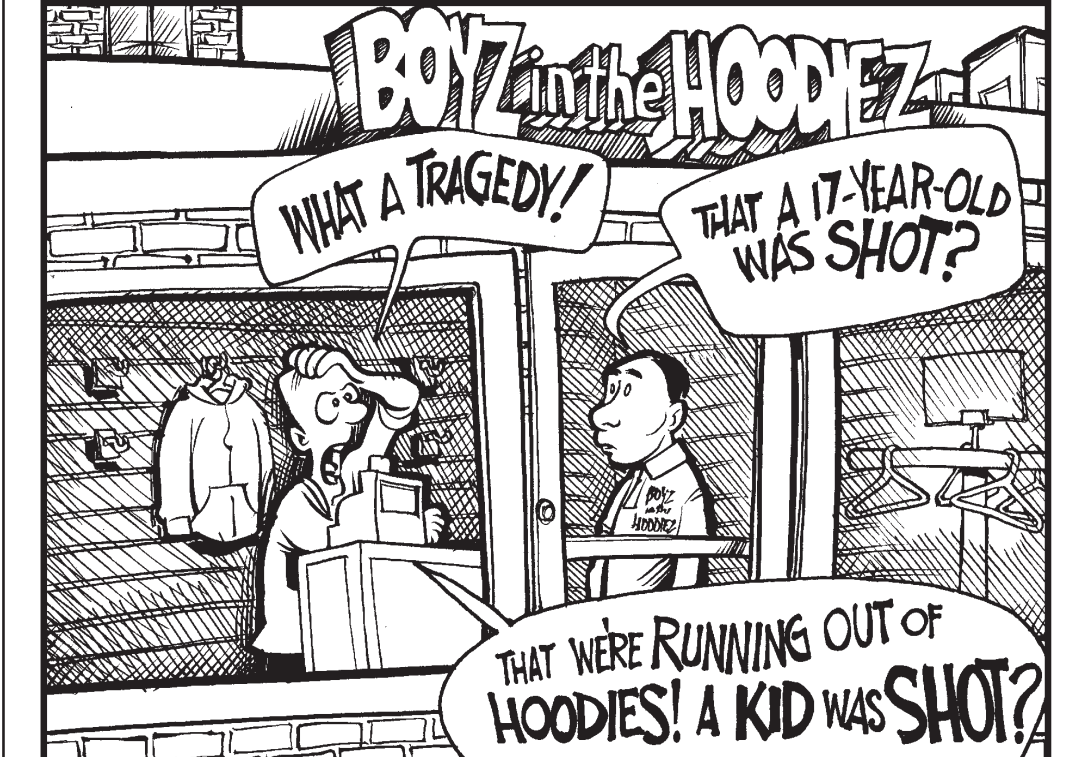
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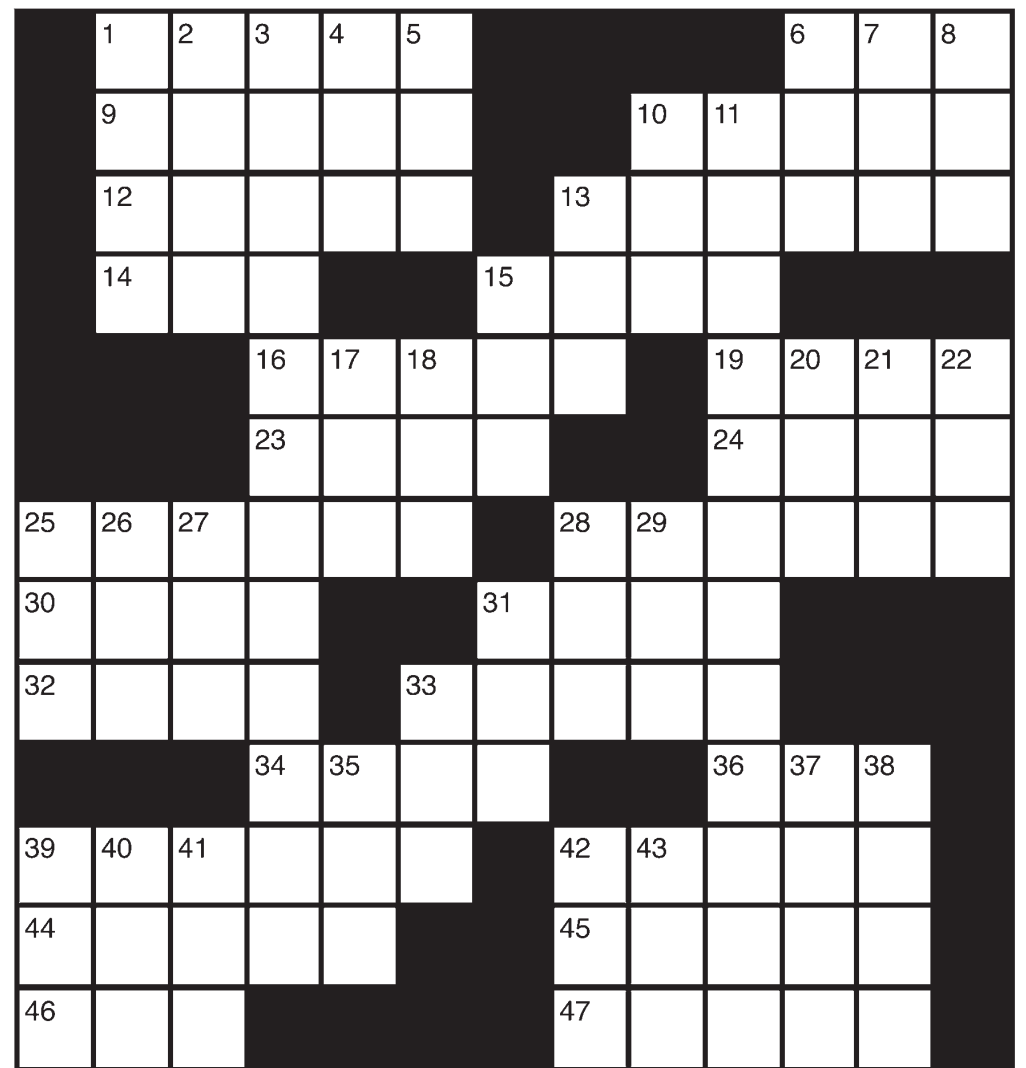
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The TV Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews



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ACROSS

- 1 "___ Days"; Ron Howard series
- 6 "___ Vegas"
- 9 Spine-chilling
- 10 Archie's wife
- 12 Moran and Gray
- 13 Facial hair for Johnny Depp, at times
- 14 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 15 Country music singer Loretta ___
- 16 ___ Zimbalist, Jr.
- 19 Tiny amount
- 23 "___ Man"; movie for Gwyneth Paltrow and Robert Downey, Jr.
- 24 News journalist Sevareid
- 25 "A ___ in the Sun"; Sidney Poitier film
- 28 Game show panelist ___ Francis
- 30 "___ Trek: Voyager"
- 31 "The ___ Wife"
- 32 Singer ___ Tennille
- 33 Burke of "Designing Women"
- 34 "True ___"; Matt Damon movie
- 36 World's second-largest bird
- 39 Bea of "The Golden Girls"
- 42 Farrell and Wallace

- 44 "___ 66"; old Martin Milner series
- 45 "Hearts ___"; John Ritter/Markie Post sitcom
- 46 Ear of corn
- 47 ___ Earl Jones

DOWN

- 1 Pay attention to
- 2 Prefix for space or dynamics
- 3 "The ___"; TV game show
- 4 "___ Up Girl"; Betty Grable film
- 5 "___, Dear"
- 6 Ignited
- 7 "I can't believe I ___ the whole thing!"
- 8 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- 10 Long, long time
- 11 Actor on "Hawaii Five-0"
- 13 Building for P. E. classes
- 15 Goodman of "Dancing with the Stars"
- 17 Day of the week: abbr.
- 18 Actor Rifkin
- 20 Unrefined mineral
- 21 "Rin ___ Tin"
- 22 "___ Ventura: Pet Detective"; movie for Jim Carrey
- 25 Followers of OPQ
- 26 From ___ Z; the whole gamut
- 27 Actor McKellen
- 28 Large Internet serv. provider
- 29 Go bad
- 31 "___ Smart"
- 33 Hitchcock or Scorsese: abbr.
- 35 Actress McClanahan
- 37 French mother
- 38 Does drugs
- 39 "Joan of ___"; Ingrid Bergman film
- 40 Little friend of Winnie the Pooh
- 41 "Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a ___"
- 42 Title for Hot Lips Houlihan: abbr.
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Sports

Cobras Baseball shakes off tough early schedule

Mark Roughton
Sports Writer

This year's non-conference schedule was one of the tougher ones that Parkland has had in recent years, which the Cobras learned right from the start. First game nerves got to the Cobras in an 8-0 loss in the March 2 opener against Iowa Central.

Head Coach Matt Kennedy noticed it immediately. "We were nervous, we kind of throw out everything we had been working on from an approach standpoint," he said. "We didn't do anything right."

Facing three more ranked opponents that weekend, the Cobras finished the opening USA Kickoff Classic with a 1-4 record. The lone win came against a very talented No. 8 Lackawanna, Pa. team when the Cobras' bats came alive early and often, resulting in a 13-5 victory.

It didn't take long for the Cobras to get back on the right path, though. The next week they returned to their winning ways by topping Jefferson College 14-3 and really getting rid of all the frustrations of the previous weekend.

"I thought we played well the Jeff. Co. series, better than we did in Millington," Kennedy said, referring to Jefferson College and Millington, Tenn.

Three days later they won their home opener over Illinois Valley and had momentum on their side moving into their spring trip to Myrtle Beach.

The Cobras played 6 games in 4 days on their trip to South Carolina going 4-2 and steadily improving their play.

"At Myrtle Beach I thought we played better every game," Kennedy said. The highlight of the trip was winning four in a row following close losses against familiar opponents Iowa Central and Lackawanna. When all the dust was settled from the early season trips the Cobras were sitting at 7-8.

They extended that winning

streak by four more games as they outplayed Illinois Central in a four game weekend series sweep, improving to 11-9 overall, and 4-0 in conference

out many different lineups searching for the guys that will play the best together.

"The first 8-10 games of the year you're always playing a

has been. Freshman lefty Jason Ziegler out of Mahomet-Seymour has not allowed a run in four appearances covering fourteen innings.

"He throws strikes, he challenges hitters and does everything we want him to do out of the bullpen," Kennedy said.

"We expected him to be good, and he has

own against Division 1 No. 5 ranked Wabash Valley, going seven innings while allowing just one run in a 4-3 loss.

Sophomore right-hander Brad Reedy from Effingham is finally getting to throw after recovering from an injury which plagued his first season. He has made four appearances and allowed just three runs in six innings.

On the offensive side, the Cobra mainstays Jeff Limbaugh, Westley Minton, Joey Migliaccio, and Jake Pewitt have been consistent so far. Newcomer Kieston Greene has

emergence of sophomore catcher Bobby Burns. In his first year as the every day starter he has compiled a .400 average and leads the team in runs scored.

Freshman Adam Casson from Pontiac has hit very well off the bench contributing two doubles, and a homer to go with a .364 average in his nine games played. The success of newcomers Casson and Burns is not surprising to Kennedy.

"It's nothing that we didn't think they were capable of doing, but maybe doing it a little bit earlier than we thought," he said.

Despite the early season struggles, this group of Cobras is still aiming high, as they should be. They rattled off 8 in a row before the loss to Wabash but know that all the pieces are there.

"The pitching, the defense, and the way we swing the bat and everything is there, it's just a matter of let's put it all together and that's a process," Kennedy said. "That's what our guys have to understand."

They seem to be getting a hang of it now a month into the season and it's shown through their overall success. The Cobras sit at 13-11, 6-2 in M-WAC conference as they get set to battle with Spoon River over a four game series this weekend and look to continue their winning ways as conference season is now underway.



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play.

The streak ended this past weekend as the Cobras split both the home and away double headers with the Lincoln Land Loggers. A no hitter thrown in game 1 by Bo Weir highlighted the weekend.

"He's been great for us. He's going to continue to get better all year," Kennedy said about Weir. "That's why he's our number 1."

Weir's command of pitches and timely use of a great breaking ball has been the key to his success despite struggling in his first few starts of the year. Against ICC, the Cobras pounded out 44 hits and 33 runs in the four games.

"We can hit as a team, I really think this team offensively is very good," Kennedy said.

Throughout the entire early portion of this season the coaching staff has tried

different lineup it seems like. Trying to find the right fit, the right group of guys that play well together you know," Kennedy said.

The coach believes that they are starting to figure it out, which makes it easier for the team to exist cohesively. "I think we've got that core of guys that we like and trust, and now it's just a matter of finding their niche," he said.

The depth of the pitching staff was expected to be one of the strengths of this year's Cobra team and it certainly

been." Sophomore right hander Josh Witt, University of Indianapolis signee made his first start and held his

swung the bat well as expected hitting .309.

One of the keys to the Cobra attack this year has been the

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Entertainment

Mass Effect 3 Review



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Mass Effect 3 is the final game in the Mass Effect trilogy and the series has come quite a long way since the first installment.

The game starts out with the reapers, a race of sentient space ships that have been hibernating in dark space for years, arriving at earth and beginning their long awaited cycle of destruction against all advanced organic life.

Commander Shepard, a familiar face from previous games, is once again put in command of the Normandy to try to get the other races within the galaxy to join forces with the humans and fight off the reapers.

The game starts you out in a seemingly helpless position, with the reapers using reanimated dead humans and other species to do their fighting for them. These enemies are ground soldiers and you have to fight through hordes of them on the planets, which they have invaded.

Every casualty in the game is a loss for you, but a gain for the reapers, who receive another undead soldier and even more of an advantage in their fight against organic life.

The reapers aren't the only enemies you have to worry about. There is also the human

extremist group known as Cerberus who will do anything to make humanity superior to the other races in the galaxy. Then the odds stay against you for the entire game.

Now the gameplay is a lot like the previous games. The battle system hasn't been revamped much; you still get your tech and biotic abilities.

You can completely customize your character's progression as it levels up. Depending on which class you have chosen, you can upgrade stats and improve the reload time for abilities, your shield life, or improve the amount of damage you do with abilities and weapons.

For the most part everything still works. Parkland student Jacob Hopkons had this to say about the game, "I thought the gameplay was overall improved but the cover system was still wonky."

The graphics have also been redone for Mass Effect 3. The characters in my opinion look more realistic than they had in previous games.

Characters from different races like the Asari or Krogan look more realistic and their facial features are more believable. The game also adds a lighting effect similar to the lens flare you'd see in a J. J. Abrams film.

This lighting effect gives the game even more of a science-

fiction epic feel. Not everyone likes the changes, though.

"The graphics looked worse in my opinion than the graphics of Mass Effect 2," Hopkons said. "It just looked a bit dirtier on the screen to me."

The music of the game is of the same quality as it has always been in past games. And the new tracks added to the score really set the mood of all the set pieces in the story. When things seem helpless the music takes a soft dip, which is occasionally overpowered by the sound that the reapers make.

The game takes you from system to system within the galaxy trying to unite the races from previous games who have conflicts that are centuries of years old. It gets very frustrating seeing the leaders of these races refusing to cooperate in a time where extinction of all of their races seems imminent.

As you slowly unite these races to help you fight against the reapers, the sense of helplessness starts to be overcome by all that you are accomplishing.

Several conflicts and story arcs that were began in the first two games are resolved in this one. It feels great to see what you have done in the first two games culminate in this one.

The storytelling is very well

done, as is the voice acting that portrays the story. It's honestly one of the best stories I have ever experienced in a game, and I felt quite a bit emotionally attached to these characters.

It was genuinely sad to see certain ones killed off because of choices I had made. The great thing is that I can play through the previous games again and make different choices and have a completely different story to enjoy.

I personally did most things paragon meaning I made the "good guy choices" but I am genuinely curious to see how the games would have played

out if I went for a full renegade play throughout.

And this is what brings us to the ultimate disappointment of Mass Effect 3: the ending. I will try not to spoil too much but the ending pretty much goes against everything else that is great about this franchise.

It gives you three choices, which result in three different endings, and these endings throw away everything you had done throughout the franchise.

No matter what choices you've made throughout the series, the ending still only gives you these three choices.

And the three choices aren't even vastly different endings; in fact they are almost identical except for very few details.

I wasn't alone in thinking this to be a slap in the face. "The ending didn't follow the promise of multiple endings," Hopkons said. "You were only given three choices and it made it so your previous choices didn't matter."

I would rate the game 8.5 on a scale of 10, because it was overall a great game even though there were some little problems and the issue with the endings hurt its score.



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PHONES

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Junction rail station has two dozen. Those are among the 380 pay phones at NJ Transit sites statewide. The number has dropped from 890 in recent years because of "lack of usage," transit agency spokesman John Durso Jr. said.

"Lack of usage" is an understatement. Travels through Fort Lee, Teaneck, North Bergen, Hackensack, Secaucus and Paterson found just one person talking on a pay phone.

Robinson Gomez, owner of the Market Street Grocery in Paterson, says the phone outside his bodega gets used, mostly by people who have prepaid cards for calls to the Dominican Republic.

"I'm positive because the company gives me a check every month. I get a

percentage," he said.

Verizon Communications - the last Ma Bell spinoff in the pay-phone business - used to be New Jersey's largest operator of public phones. The regional telecom giant, citing declining pay-phone revenue, agreed last fall to sell nearly all of its remaining 50,000 phones to Pacific Telemanagement Services of San Ramon, Calif.

Thomas Keane, chief executive of Pacific Telemanagement, said he hopes to keep a lot of the old Verizon phones in place. Decisions are made in consultation with property owners hosting the phones.

Keane calls pay phones "our version of buggy whips" and wants them to remain part of the landscape.

He insists they're relevant - a service to consumers, especially those living paycheck to paycheck.

"And I think the acoustics are much better than with

a cellphone," he said, "so pay phones are better for conference calls."

Keane says the orphaned and vandalized phones at street and commercial locations give all pay phones a bad rap. "It doesn't help," he said. "It makes people think they can't find one."

It also doesn't help that an entire generation hears "pay phone" and asks, "Huh?"

"I've never had the opportunity to use one," 20-year-old college student Dave McClelland said, strolling along Bergenline Avenue at the North Bergen-Guttenberg border with a cellphone pressed to his ear. "The situation never arose because there's always something else in the palm of my hand."

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by the boss or, God forbid, on their own kids' computers. Ah, for olden days, when young people vented their innermost thoughts to their friends one at a time on the phone, which was attached to the wall for some reason.

Employers or schools Googling an applicant is fine. If anybody can see the candidate's

sidesplitting Widget videos, then they're fair game. But asking for passwords to private sites is wrong and should be prohibited.

Even then, it will be generally wise to not post anything online that might cost you a job or relationship in the future. Particularly since today's kids are the job recruiters of tomorrow, and they'll know just where to look.

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