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Unemployment creates new role, and pain, for community colleges

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On this Labor Day weekend, the unemployment rate is anchored near 10 percent, and experts of all stripes are trying to figure out how to create more jobs. There's consensus that community colleges help retrain workers for 21st century tasks and provide students the skills that employers increasingly seek, but funding for these vital institutions remains inadequate.

Higher education policy in the nation's capital focuses most on boosting four-year college graduation rates. However, not all jobs require a college degree, and community colleges increasingly have to choose between preparing students for the modern work force or teaching standard classroom courses toward four-year college education.

Evidence of these conflicting priorities abounds at Anne Arundel Community College, near Maryland's capital, Annapolis. Enrollment there, already more than 55,000, is growing at an annual clip of 5 percent or more, as more high school grads attend for two years in pursuit of an eventual four-year college degree.

Joining them are students eagerly seeking practical job-training skills.

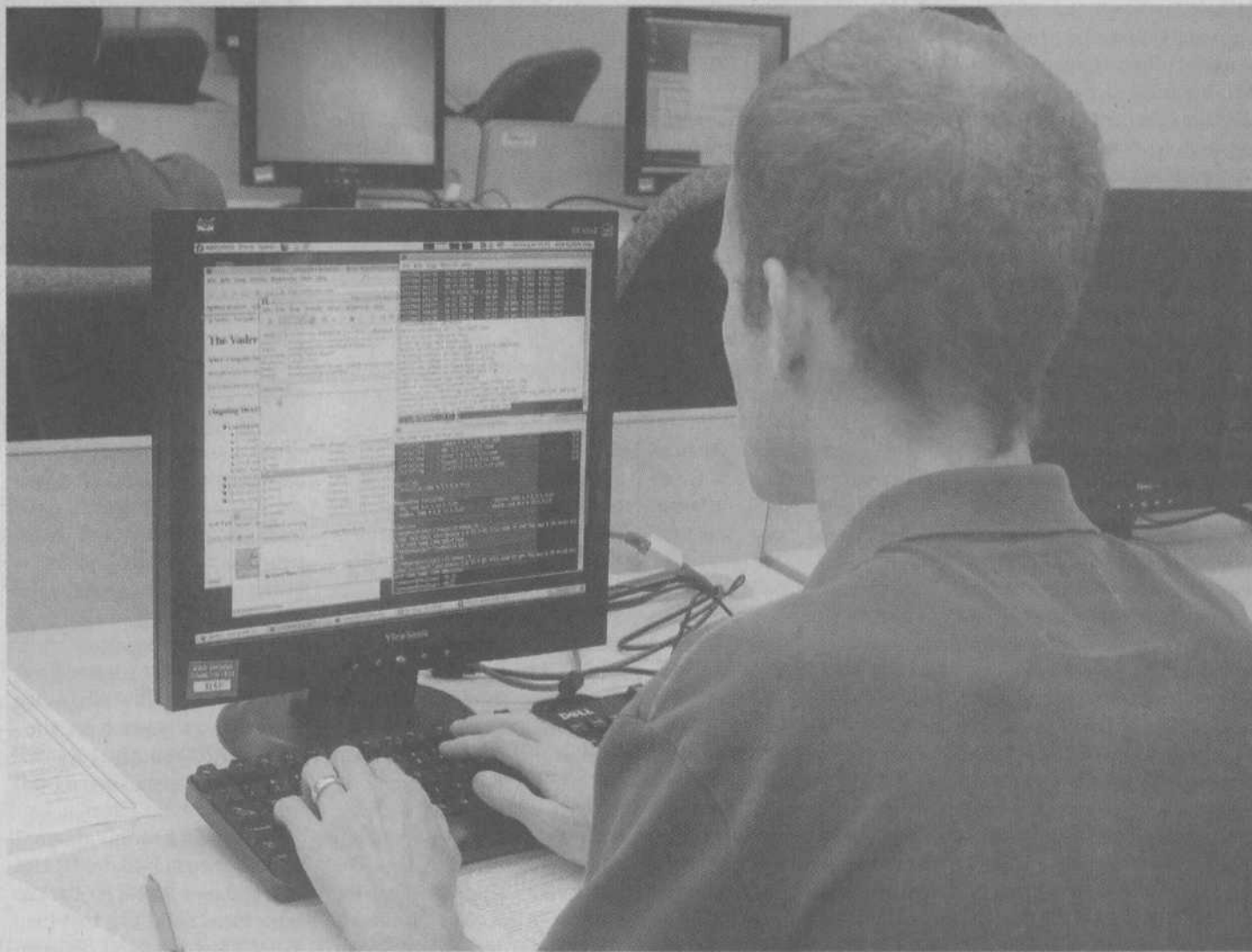
Lynetta Flack, 58, takes a professional baking class. After retiring from a long career in the Army, she obtained a culinary degree and became a chef, but now she's back for certification as a baker to make herself more marketable.

"You can never learn too much," she said.

Richard Fowler, 30, is taking night classes. When the economy soured, he lost his job as a radar integration and test engineer at defense contractor Northrop Grumman. Now he seeks certification to land a job as a computer network engineer.

"I've been to several job fairs, probably 10 in the last month or two. They don't really say, 'Hey, you don't have the certification so I can't hire you.' They kind of allude to that," he said.

Community colleges traditionally provided vocational training and prepared students for careers in food service or health care. Today, however, they're just as likely to provide training for everything from computer-aided architectural design to cyber-security and computer programming. Employers increasingly count on these colleges to cer-



Rick Fowler works at computer during night classes at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland, August 25, 2010, to get certified as a Cisco Certified Network Associate. He was a radar integration and test engineer before getting laid off by defense contractor Northrop Grumman and is upgrading his skills.

(Kevin G. Hall/MCT)

tify work skills.

"In the past we heard employers much more interested in soft skills, teaching employees things like customer service or supervision," said Laura Weidner, the dean of work force development at Anne Arundel. "Now, they want to know, 'Where's the certification in supervision or management?'"

Enrollment in two-year study programs at community colleges nationwide was up 17 percent last year, said George Boggs, president of the American Association of Community Colleges. Over five years, enrollment is up 30 percent.

However, as enrollment has risen, states haven't provided enough money to keep pace. In fact, state funding of community colleges is on the downswing. In 1980, 16 states footed the bill for 60 percent or more of their community college budgets. Last year, none did.

President Barack Obama's American Graduation Initiative, launched in July 2009, seeks to boost community college graduation by 5 million students by 2020. One trend may help that goal be reached: Many states have enrollment caps for four-year public universities. That's led to a surge in students trying to get two years at community colleges before transferring to a four-

year school. It's also muddled the mission of community colleges.

"The public discourse needs to be developing a highly trained, qualified work force, and the role community colleges can play in developing the work force needs to be put on the top of the agenda," said Janice Friedel, a professor of educational policy at California State University-Northridge.

Stephen Katsinas, director of the University of Alabama-Birmingham's Education Policy Center, conducts an annual national survey of community college funding.

Last year's survey found that 92 percent of state respondents thought that Obama's effort would require expanding community colleges. And 96 percent reported that funding for new facilities is a major need.

Martha Smith, the president of Anne Arundel Community College, knows this struggle for funds all too well.

"There's been recognition, at the national level, of the importance of community colleges, even across administrations," Smith said. She noted that President George W. Bush launched his community-based job training grants at her college in 2006. "There has been awareness, and some dollars

following that awareness of the need."

"Some dollars" is the telltale term.

Dedicated state and federal funding remains inadequate; much of the funding comes from one-time-only federal, state and private grants. Chasing grants ties up manpower, as schools constantly seek their renewal.

"Work force training is an unfunded mandate. There are no dedicated revenue streams for work force training programs," Katsinas said. "The unfunded mission has been to build sustainable communities, which directly ties to surveying and upgrading the skills of the work force. I agree very much with the idea that a dedicated revenue stream for the community work force training is needed."

Obama's American Graduation Initiative - announced at Macomb Community College in Michigan - envisioned \$12 billion in new spending over a decade. Last year only 5 percent of U.S. community college revenues came from the federal government, according to the American Association of Community Colleges.

The president also appointed Martha Kanter, a former chancellor of a Silicon Valley community college district, as his

undersecretary for higher education at the Department of Education. That's the highest DOE post ever for a community college leader.

Jill Biden, the vice president's wife, a community college professor in Northern Virginia, will head an administration summit on community college education later this year.

So far, however, politics has trumped policy when it comes to boosting federal funds for community colleges.

Democrats in Congress last year tried to attach Obama's proposed community college funding to the sweeping health care legislation. It was stripped out in the final push for passage, partly because of concerns over costs.

Lawmakers settled on a less ambitious measure, authorizing \$2 billion over four years for grants to community colleges through Labor Department programs to aid workers displaced by international trade.

Team Obama hopes to revive his whole \$12 billion program, in recognition that community colleges nationwide have such great needs.

"They're bursting at the seams and the resources they have available are half to a third per student of what

most public four-year colleges get. There's a huge mismatch between available resources and the need," said Hal Plotkin, a senior Education Department adviser.

In Maryland, Smith and her board of trustees didn't wait on Washington, launching their own Student Success 2020. Their plan seeks to boost graduation rates - and alternate sources of revenue.

Her college provides a good example of new possibilities for work force training. Its proximity to the National Security Agency led to a partnership for training cyber combatants, whose job it will be to defeat computer hackers and purveyors of malicious software.

"We will map course curricula to those new job titles... we're talking about a whole new work force that doesn't exist today," said Kelly Koerner, the dean of the School of Business, Computing & Technical Studies, home of the Cyber Center.

Industry isn't waiting either. The National Association of Manufacturers, through its Manufacturing Institute, last year began pushing for nationally recognized certification for skills learned at community colleges.

The NAM-Endorsed Manufacturing Skills Certification System is now being tested at a handful of community colleges in four states - North Carolina, Ohio, Washington and Texas. The association wants certification for standardized "stackable skills," training that isn't limited to a single job in a single industry, but rather teaches an array of skills.

"The evolution of manufacturing in virtually every sector of an advanced manufacturing enterprise... has changed the requirements - for higher levels of education and manufacturing skills," said Emily DeRocco, the president of the institute and a former assistant secretary of labor. "That's what really created the skills gap. Absent the recession, we had a skills gap."

She pointed to Caterpillar Inc.'s recent decision to locate a plant in Winston-Salem, N.C., in part because of a skilled work force coming out of the local community college.

"I think it's important that we recognize the important role that community colleges play, and have the potential to play," she said. "That's absolutely critical."

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Poll: Obama's appeal slides in Illinois

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CHICAGO - Enthusiasm for Barack Obama's presidency in his home state has cooled as Illinois voters have grown increasingly uneasy over stewardship of the sputtering economy, a new Tribune/WGN-TV poll has found.

A majority of the 600 Illinois registered voters surveyed still gave a positive review to Obama's performance as president - but it is barely a majority. In all, 51 percent said they approved of the job he has done as president while 39 percent disapproved.

Those are by no means terrible numbers for Obama and could even be viewed as robust compared with the results of several recent nationwide polls that show voters split down the middle over whether he is doing a good job or a bad one.

But everything's relative in politics, and Obama's ratings have been on a clear downward trajectory in a state that leans strongly Democratic. He netted 62 percent of the Illinois vote in 2008, and in a Tribune survey a year ago, he held an approval rating of 59 percent among state voters.

The latest poll, conducted Aug. 28 through Wednesday,



President Barack Obama is backed by members of his economic team as he speaks on a report on jobs and unemployment at the White House on Friday, September 3, 2010, in Washington, DC. Obama's approval rating has taken a dive in Illinois according to a recent poll.

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has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

It's not hard to see what's largely behind the drop in Obama's ratings.

Approval of Obama's handling of the economy and jobs has plummeted 16 percentage points from last year's survey, a sign that voters are increasingly inclined to see the stubbornly mushy economy as his problem instead of a legacy of President George W. Bush.

Statewide, 47 percent of voters now say they disapprove of Obama's handling of the economy, compared with 42 percent who approve. Not surprisingly, Democrats remain gung-ho

about Obama's economic leadership, while Republicans overwhelmingly think it stinks.

But the mood of independents, a critical voting bloc, also appears to have soured, with 54 percent saying they disapprove of the way Obama has managed economic matters while just 31 percent say they approve.

Among those self-proclaimed independents surveyed was Pat Reynolds, a retired school administrator from north suburban Northbrook, who likened her feelings about Obama to a seesaw.

"I think he is a very cou-

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Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

Updates

The Yaohnanen tribe on the South Pacific island of Tanna believe their true ancestral god is Britain's Prince Philip (based on photographs of him with the queen during a 1974 visit to Tanna's mother nation of Vanuatu) and believe he promised he would return for good on his 89th birthday (June 10, 2010). Although the prince has kept in touch, he failed to show up for the grand celebration, but fortunately, Scottish university student Marc Rayner was on the island, working as a volunteer teacher, and stepped in for the prince, which meant that he and not the duke of Edinburgh got to wear the "formal" ceremonial penis sheath appropriate for such special events.

Iconic female beauty in Mauritania (and in a few other African societies, as News of the Weird has reported) regards "rolling layers of fat" as the height of sexiness, according to a July dispatch by Marie Claire magazine, and professional force-feeders earn the equivalent of about \$200 each from parents for bulking up their young daughters in boot camps that sometimes serve animal fat as drinks and apply the cattle-thickening drug Oradexon. "The stomach flab should cascade; the thighs should overlap; and the neck should have thick ripples," said Aminetou Mint Elhacen, the feeding drill sergeant. Some girls rebel, but others embrace their new bodies. Said one, "When I realized the power I had over men, I started to enjoy being fat."

Though most victims seemed baffled or distressed by the behavior of Sherwin Shayegan, 27, another thought him "completely harmless." From time to time (allegedly dating to at least 2006), Shayegan befriends high-school male athletes, questions them as a reporter would, and finally, jumps on their backs and demands "piggyback" rides. No other overtures are made, and the principal complaint about Shayegan, after the shock wears off, seems to be his obnoxiousness. His latest arrest took place in May in Tualatin, Ore., near his earlier haunts in Washington state.

"It's springtime in Japan, and that means (two) things," wrote GlobalPost.com in March: penis festivals and vagina festivals. Held annually in several locations (for the last 1,500 years, some say), with the best-known taking place at Komaki City's Tagata shrine in March, they were initially spiritual — as prayers for procreation and crop fertility. However, they have grown into carnivals for tourists and children of all ages. Most Western visitors hardly believe what they're seeing: huge, parade-float-sized phalluses heavily-lifted through the street and giggling children brandishing toy penises and vaginas (to make offerings of them at local temples).

Recurring Themes

Another Pampered Pet: Gail Posner (the widow of legendary hostile-takeover executive Victor Posner) died in March in south Florida but left a will that endowed her beloved Chihuahua Conchita (and two other, less-loved dogs) a \$3 million trust fund plus the run of her \$8.3 million mansion for their remaining dog years. (After all, Conchita has a style to maintain, including a four-season wardrobe, diamond jewelry and full-time staff.) Mrs. Posner's only living child, Bret Carr, who admits he had issues with his mother, is challenging her \$26 million-plus will (that left him \$1 million), mostly

because, he said, Mrs. Posner's staff and bodyguards suspiciously wound up with the bulk of the riches on the pretense that they would be caring for Conchita.

More British Welfare Spongers: In May, the Daily Mail profiled the Houghtons of Crawley, West Sussex (Lee, 42, and Jane and their five youngest children), who live in free government housing and draw monthly benefits of the equivalent of about \$1,600, without doing a bit of work — because Lee has a "personality disorder" and daughter Chelsea, 16, has attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and needs a caretaker to help with her baby. The Houghtons admit that they spoil their kids at Christmas with lavish gifts, and the reporter noted the presence of four TVs, two Xboxes, three DVD players, mobile phones for everyone, and a computer and laptop. Lee is unpopular with his neighbors, who call the police on him frequently because of his drinking. Said Lee, "If people want to work, good for them. I would if I could...."

News of the Weird has been among those taunting the Scottish over the years for their culinary devotion to haggis (sheep's stomach, boiled, with liver, heart or lung, accompanied by oatmeal, suet, onions and various "spices"), but the Edinburgh chocolatier Nadia Ellingham recently answered — with "haggis chocolates," which are thankfully meat-free but contain the familiar haggis spices.

More Bad Multitaskers:

Driver Bryan Parslow, 19, injured himself and three passengers when he crashed into a tree near Wheatland, N.Y., in May. He was playing "hold your breath" with the others and passed out.

And in July, Lora Hunt, 49, was sentenced to 18 months in jail in the crash that killed a woman on a motorcycle in Lake County, Ill., in 2009. Hunt was so preoccupied painting her nails (polish was splashed all over the car's interior) that she never even moved to apply the brakes before the collision.

On the other hand, Amanda McBride, 29, is such an excellent multitasker that she was able to drive herself to the hospital in Bemidji, Minn., in May while giving birth. (Her husband was in the front seat but, seizure-prone, he does not drive.) The child emerged just as Amanda pulled into the hospital parking lot. "(H)e just slid out," she said. "It really wasn't bad at all."

One of the more famous cultural landmarks in Britain's South Tyneside is an 1890 toilet, "Westoe Netty," commemorated in a 1972 painting and which remained on display at the Beamish Museum. In March, it was relocated within the building because, as News of the Weird has reported about other museum-display toilets, a visitor could not resist using it. The toilet will be moved to a nonpublic part of the building and be hooked up to public plumbing.

Face Tattoos Still a Handicap for Criminals: Royce Spottedbird Jr., 23, apparently once thought it cool to have his name tattooed on his neck. However, when he was pulled over in a routine traffic stop in April in Butte, Mont., and feared a warrant might be out on him, he gave the officer a bogus name. When he could not explain what "Royce Spottedbird Jr." was doing on his neck, he was detained for obstruction of justice and eventually pleaded guilty. (And he was wrong about the warrant.)

Album Review: Ra Ra Riot's The Orchard

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A friend handed me the CD and had this to say about it:

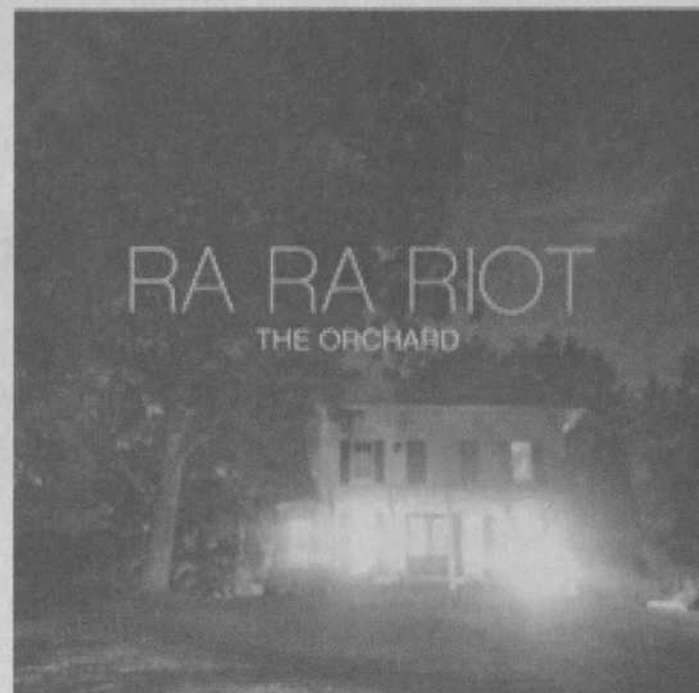
"It sucks and sounds nothing like their previous work."

That was all that I had to go off of with regards to Ra Ra Riot's new album, *The Orchard*. Quite frankly, that was terrifying. Here I was still reeling from the 2008 release of their dazzling album *The Rhumb Line* and now I'm told that their new material is crap? I was crushed.

Could it be true? Could new Ra Ra Riot indeed suck something fierce? It wouldn't be surprising, as this tends to happen to wildly popular debut bands and albums. They start out strong, but then fizzle with their follow-up musical efforts "cough, MGMT, cough".

Luckily, Syracuse locals Ra Ra Riot have produced yet another outstanding album with recording and mixing assistance from Death Cab for Cutie's Chris Walla. And Vampire Weekend's Rostam Batmanglij even chipped in to help with mixing a track, because why not? Batmanglij and RRA's lead vocalist Wes Miles routinely collaborate for their side project Discovery. But that's an entirely different story. Let's focus on the album.

The Orchard is classic Ra Ra Riot, blending Wes Miles' voice with the usual alt-rock

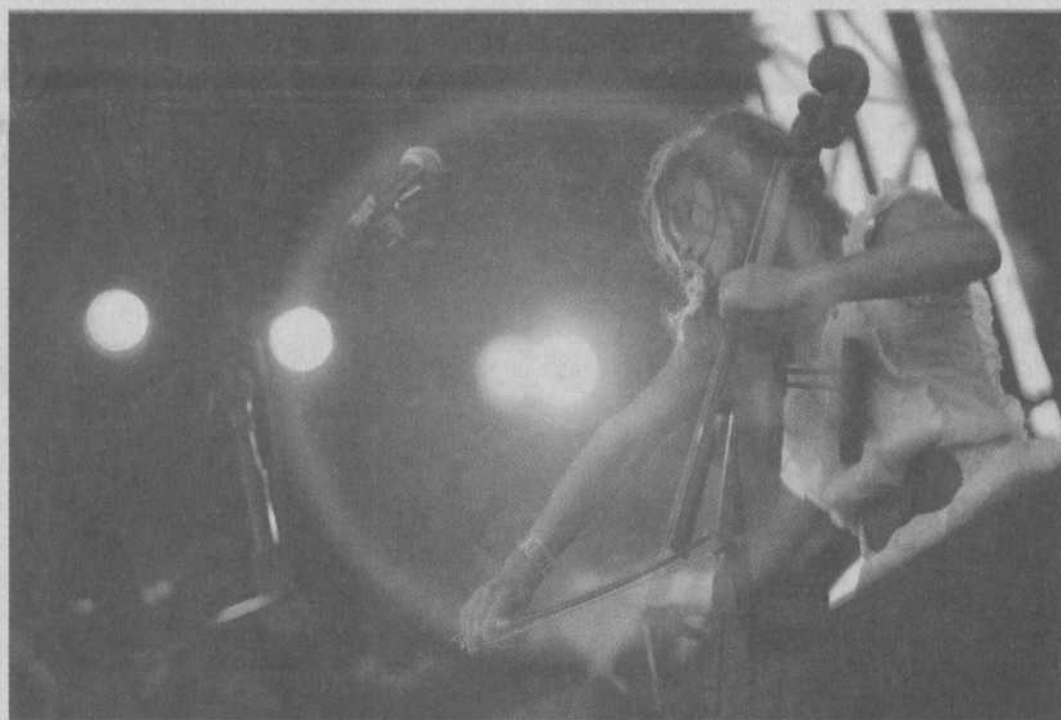


drum, bass and guitar, as well as the unique sound of classical string instruments like the cello and violin. At first listen, you think that the album is going to be slow paced, as the title track is very...well...slow. But the tempo definitely picks up with the faster tracks "Boy" and "Too Dramatic." And a nice surprise awaits listeners when they get to "You And I Know," because lead vocals come from cellist Alexandra Lawn.

I definitely like this album. I like that it sounds like old Ra Ra Riot and new Ra Ra Riot at the same time, and I like that they haven't lost anything between albums. *Pitchfork* (that popular, Chicago-based, online music magazine) gives *The Orchard* a 5.7 out of 10, but I

personally think they could've went a teensy bit higher. This is a great album and totally worth giving a listen to. If you need more convincing, you can always maneuver your way through the Interwebs to their site at www.rarariot.com or request their music on WPCD 88.7 The Wave.

For questions or comments about this article, music and 88.7 The Wave, email Patches@887thewave.com.



Members of Ra Ra Riot perform on the Chicago 2016 stage at Lollapalooza, August 9, 2009.

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Parkland teacher feature: Kim Pankau

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Kim Pankau, co-director of the dental hygiene program, has been teaching dental hygiene at Parkland since 1995, and she is still going strong. Throughout these fifteen years she has crafted a style of teaching that has sparked the minds of many students while at the same time putting smiles on faces.

"I certainly try to implement a lot of different teaching styles to meet all of the students' different learning styles," Pankau said. "This includes a variety of things, such as incorporating technology, providing hands-on approaches, using notes that students can write down, having group discussions... I could never just stand there and lecture every day. I like my class to be more informal and interactive."

While attending Tuscola High School, Pankau was inspired by her dentist Dana Maddix during routine visits. This led her to pursue a career in dental hygiene by attending Parkland. She graduated in 1985 and went on to work as a dental hygienist. Ten years later, while still a dental hygienist, she returned to Parkland to teach dental hygiene part time.

In the fall semester of 2008, she became a full time teacher.

"My job is basically to teach students dental theory and how to properly apply it in the clinic," Pankau said. "In our labs and clinic sessions our instructor to student ratio is one to five, so as a student you can't have a fear of having your personal space invaded. We're right there behind you looking over your shoulder."

However, teaching dental hygiene is only one of the many hats Pankau wears. To name a few others, she is the membership coordinator and an alternate delegate for the Illini Dental Hygiene component and an alternate delegate to the annual session of the Illinois Dental Hygienists Association. Along with these positions, she is also an American Heart Association CPR instructor. She has not only certified Parkland students and faculty, but also some community dental offices.

"I have also served on a couple of committees here at Parkland," Pankau added to the impressive list. "I was part of the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) task force for our health professions department. All of the health profession programs have HIPAA laws. Serving on this task force, I helped



Kim Pankau, Co-Director of the dental hygiene program, stated that her main goal in teaching is to constantly keep improving. Currently, she is working on a Masters degree in teacher leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield and always strives to become a better teacher. Photo By

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review all of the HIPAA policies for our whole health professions program."

Pankau states that her main goal in teaching is to constantly keep improving. Currently, she is working on a Masters degree in teacher leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield. She is always striving to become a better teacher.

"A personal challenge in teaching for me in a clinic or lab situation, especially with beginner students, is that you have to take yourself back to day one and put yourself in their shoes when they don't know anything yet, and have patience to watch someone develop their skills," Pankau said. "It takes patience to verbally explain what you want them to do without jumping in and doing it yourself."

On the lecture side of teaching, Pankau explained that the biggest challenge is to teach with a variety of different learning styles in mind. She attempts to successfully address everybody's learning style without leaving anyone out.

"If former students described me I hope they would say I am caring, fair, and patient," Pankau said, before jokingly throwing in: "And of course the best teacher they've ever had!"

If you're interested in learning more about the dental hygiene program at Parkland, Kim Pankau is the person to talk to. Just visit her office in room L-147 and I guarantee you'll get all of the information you need, as well as a friendly conversation.

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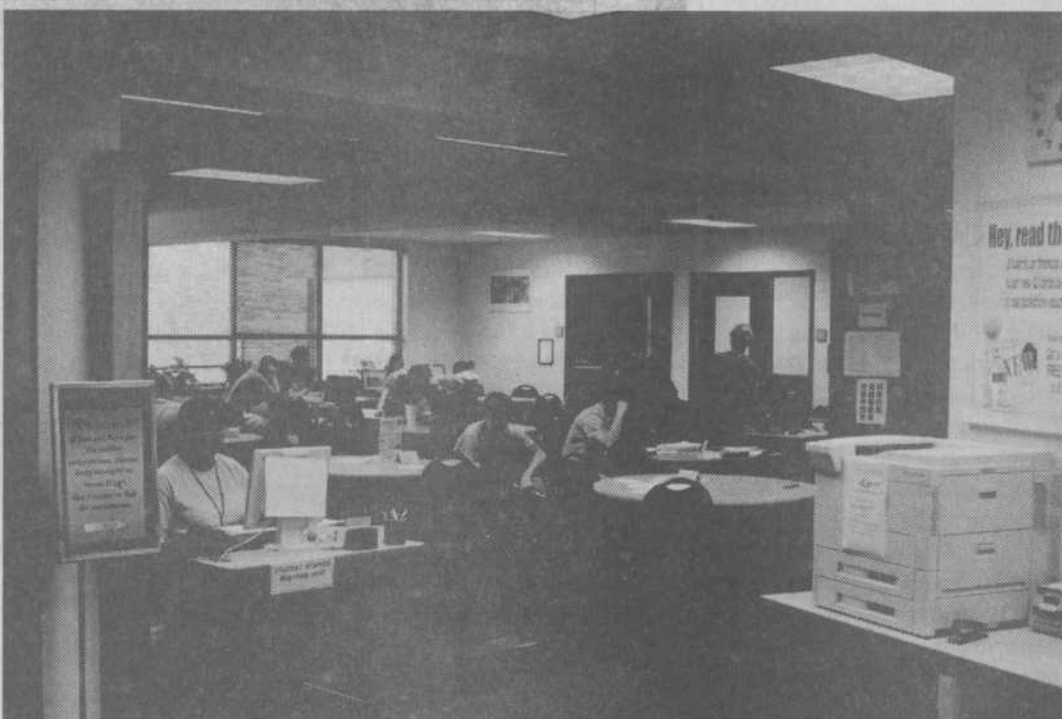
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Not to fear, help is here!

Kelley HEANEY
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As things begin to settle down, and you have found all of your classes, you probably have homework up to the ceiling. Your math class is beyond this world, your English class has a 50-page paper due in two weeks and you have to give an oral presentation next month in your Swahili class. Your instructor's office hours aren't matching up to your schedule and you don't want anyone to think you are an idiot, so what are you supposed to do? Where can you get help without paying tons of money for a tutor? Parkland has the answer to this problem in room D-120, the Center for Academic Success. In room D-120, help can be had and problems will be solved.

Peer Tutoring was started in 1993 by now retired faculty member, Dan Anderson. Today, Omar Adawi, a math professor at Parkland, serves as the tutoring coordinator. The facility was originally located next to the art gallery, where the Eastern Illinois Univer-



Peer Tutoring is a free, walk-in service where fellow students help you understand math, biology, physics, accounting, economics, business, chemistry, Spanish and much more.

sity office is currently. It later moved across from the bookstore, where the Public Safety is now situated. In 2002, with the growth of Parkland, the college decided to locate several of the help centers together,

creating a large, unique support center called the Cooperative Learning Center. Today, that has become the Center for Academic Success. Its departments include Peer Tutoring, the Writing Lab, Math Faculty

ness, chemistry, Spanish and much more. There are currently 14 tutors, with at least 2-3 available at all times. These tutors are selected based on their academic success and their willingness to help others. They are paid positions for student workers who have had their transcripts evaluated and attended 15 hours of training; some have been recommended by teachers, others have applied on their own.

The lab includes tables where several students can sit as a tutor explains a certain issue, and about 14 computers in addition to the connected writing lab. There are also several separate small rooms for study groups who can then close the door to allow for more conversing without disturbing others and still have access to a tutor if a question arises.

As Tutoring Coordinator, Omar Adawi, says that "the labs are most beneficial when used consistently and frequently, not just the night before a big test." With over 300 students using the facility, resulting in more than 20,000 visits last semester; sometimes 10-minute time limits are required on

the tutor's time. Knowing what help you need and not just "I don't get it" is definitely beneficial for all concerned. Professor Adawi says that a "student who visits the lab at least 8 times a semester, using his/her time wisely can definitely see a grade increase," and he has seen it improve as much as 15 percent.

Improved grades are really up to the student and how much effort is put into the learning process. Dawn Taylor, who earned her master's degree and is taking classes this semester for the nursing program, said that her chemistry II tutor was "very helpful," and that she was "really impressed with the facility," in the 3 days she has been using the lab, as was freshman Jaclyn Benekohal, who was using the center as a quiet chemistry I study area for the first time.

These two reflect the opinions of most of the students who have used the lab in the past. According to the CAS 2010 Annual Report, a survey conducted last semester revealed that 87% of repeat visitors agree or strongly agree that the tutoring helped their grade to improve. The surveys said that 57% of the repeat visitors came for help in math, with 33% visiting for physics help and 24% for help with chemistry.

The tutoring schedules are posted in the lab and on the website, informing students when help for a particular subject is available. Peer tutoring lab hours are Monday - Thursday 9-9, Friday 9-5 with math help also available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5-9.

Now that you know that help is available, use the lab. It may help to get those homework levels under control, if used in a wise and consistent manner. Don't forget that Peer tutoring is only one of the great help amenities in the Center for Academic Success; you may need to use another if this one isn't right for you.

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Opinions

Unemployment, and my new car

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I am embarrassed to be collecting unemployment. I am embarrassed about it because my husband has a good job. I am more embarrassed about it because I have a brand-new car. I feel like Ronald Reagan's "welfare queen driving a welfare Cadillac," but it's not like that. Really. We needed my job. We have two kids in college, and my job paid for our health insurance as well as my son's tuition. Now my unemployment barely covers our COBRA payment.

My old car, with 150,000 miles, is paid off, and I gave it to my daughter to get her to work and school. We tried all summer to share a car and take the bus, and it was hard. Not impossible - lots of people do it - but it was difficult, and this fall it will be tougher. She works in one town, goes to school in another, and we live in yet another. And I am looking hard for work. There are great deals on cars and the interest on a car loan is a lot less than on a student loan and I bought the most basic, no-frills model

I could find. But it's brand new. And a beautiful color. And I love it.

A friend just lost her job - the lousy job that barely covered her mortgage and didn't last long enough to get her unemployment - and I don't want to drive my new car over to commiserate with her. I actually thought about taking the old car and just not mentioning that I had bought a new one. She's the first person who would be happy for me, who would tell me life is too short and to enjoy it, but when I heard she'd lost her job I felt sick - about my new car. In all honesty, I bought the car and cried all the way home from the dealer.

When I lost my job, I let my one-day-every-other-week housekeeper go. The car payment would pay her salary, but I'm home now and I can clean my own house. I feel guilty about her and about the memberships to the Sierra Club and the ACLU and others that we've let lapse. But this is Los Angeles, and I have to drive wherever it's necessary for job possibilities and to the super-cheap grocery store miles

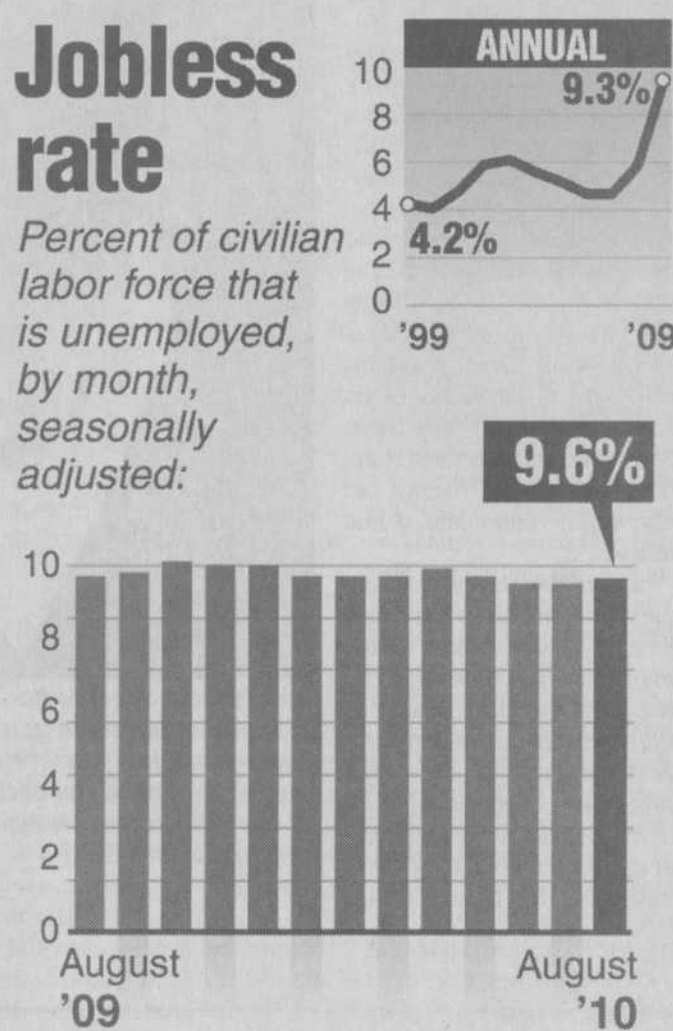
away and to my therapy group, which is actually free but very far from home.

Collecting unemployment is complicated for me. This is the first time I've ever done it. I've been entitled to it in the past but have never applied. I've just gotten another job as soon as I could. I always thought if I were able to work, and there was work to be had, then that's what I should do. My mother believed that the government owed us nothing except public school, traffic lights, police and a fire department. President Kennedy's admonishment, "Ask not what your country can do for you" etc. hung on the wall in her first-grade classroom all 25 years she taught.

But this time, I had a job with the state, and I was laid off because of budget cuts. I lost my job because of the state's bad management. This time, I feel I deserve some recompense. I wanted to keep working at that job. I put up with furloughs and pay cuts without complaining. I liked what I did. My immediate bosses liked me. I had great evaluations, and I've been given wonderful letters of recommendation. I

Jobless rate

Percent of civilian labor force that is unemployed, by month, seasonally adjusted:



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offered to take another pay cut and work fewer hours just to keep my health insurance. But the powers that be chose to lay me off, so now they can help me and my family until I find another job. They can help me buy a beautiful new car. In any case, unemployment doesn't last very long - not forever, like I thought my job would; not even until my kids are both out of school.

At least that's what I keep telling myself. I paid in all those years; it's my turn to get some back. "They owe me." That's what I chanted as I drove to a job interview today. That and "I have to find work."

If we're careful, if nothing goes wrong, we can afford it - all of it. Tuition (with my daughter's scholarship plus a loan). Health care. Our mortgage (if our tenant stays in the garage apartment). The basic bills (but we're not turning on the A/C no matter what!). And my car payment. I can afford to drive my wonderful new car, but I can't help being embarrassed by it.

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Reason for optimism in Mideast talks

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Israeli and Palestinian leaders are in Washington in an attempt to make peace - again. This summit marks the latest chapter in a story that began on the White House lawn 17 years ago when Israelis and Palestinians committed themselves to ending the conflict once and for all. Since then, every round has failed and bloodshed has continued. Against the backdrop of Tuesday's Palestinian terrorist attack that left four Israeli civilians dead, including a pregnant Israeli woman, why should these negotiations be different? Is there any reason for optimism?

Indeed, there is. For the first time in history, most Arab leaders view a Middle Eastern state other than Israel - Iran - as their major enemy. The Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is strong,

stable and deeply committed to resolving the conflict based on two states for two peoples, Israeli and Palestinian. In the West Bank, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is working to restore law, order and economic prosperity while similarly pledging to pursue the two-state solution. And President Barack Obama has placed achieving peace at the top of his foreign policy agenda. Never before, perhaps, have conditions been so conducive for a breakthrough. Still, daunting obstacles remain. Nearly half of the territory slated to become part of the future Palestinian state is controlled by Hamas, an Iranian-backed terrorist group dedicated to Israel's destruction. The Palestinian Authority, meanwhile, is insisting that Israel indefinitely freeze all construction in the West Bank Jewish communities. While little can be done at this stage to

neutralize the Hamas threat - the hope is that the people of Gaza will someday rid themselves of Hamas and opt for peace - the construction issue need not be a deal breaker. Adding a bedroom for a growing family should not disrupt the peace process.

The West Bank - or, as the Bible calls it, Judea and Samaria - was twice used as a staging ground for wars of annihilation against Israel, which captured the area in 1967. Sacred to the Jewish people for 3,000 years and vital to the defense of Israel's borders which were a mere eight miles wide prior to 1967, the West Bank became the home to hundreds of thousands of Israelis. With the start of the peace process in 1993, successive Israeli governments recognized the need to make painful sacrifices in these crucial territories while upholding the right of Israeli citizens to continue to build there. Palestinian

and Israeli leaders agreed that the final status of these settlements would be determined, along with Jerusalem, refugees, and borders, in the peace talks.

Since assuming office a year and a half ago, Prime Minister Netanyahu has made several gestures to the Palestinians to encourage them to return to the negotiating table. In addition to removing hundreds of checkpoints and facilitating the Palestinian economic boom, he refrained from building any new settlements, from acquiring new territory for existing ones, and from incentivizing Israelis to move to them. Finally, in a measure described as "unprecedented" by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Netanyahu froze all new construction within the settlements for a ten-month period.

The Palestinians are now threatening to quit the negotia-

tions unless Netanyahu extends the construction freeze. Israel, of course, is seeking specific goals in the talks, including the demilitarization of the Palestinian state and its recognition of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. Israel also wants the Palestinians to cease teaching their children that Israel has no right to exist and naming their public squares after terrorists. But we are not insisting that the Palestinians meet these objectives before the talks even begin. We appreciate, therefore, Secretary Clinton's call for "good faith" negotiations "without preconditions." Settlements have never been an obstacle to peace. Though Israelis account for 17 percent of the West Bank population they inhabit a mere 1.7 percent of the land. The existence of the settlements did not prevent Egypt and Jordan from making peace with Israel

or the Palestinians from negotiating with us for nearly two decades. All parties to negotiations understand that the large settlement clusters will, in any final status treaty, remain part of Israel.

As President Obama launches the direct Israeli-Palestinian talks, there is indeed reason for optimism - in spite of the obstacles. If the core issues are determined at the table rather than before the negotiations start, Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Abbas can move swiftly and confidently toward concluding an historic treaty. Though long overdue, but not too late, the peace we have yearned for may yet be achieved.

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"He's baaack": More Students Are Moving Back With Their Parents After Graduation

McClatchy-Tribune NEWS SERVICE

Parents nationwide are shipping freshmen off to college, and their minds are racing. Think of all the things that abruptly unoccupied bedroom could be used for now! A library, a study, an office, maybe a guest room. But don't reach just yet for that roll of lavender wallpaper to entomb the stuck-tight concert posters. There's a good chance your most frequent guest will be that kid of yours. Because multi-generational households - demographic jargon for "He's baaack!" - are becoming more common.

A couple of years ago we heard all about Peter Pan syndrome, the pop-psych term used to describe young adults stuck in adolescence. Peter Pans had problems accepting

responsibility and criticism, didn't fare well in the job market, and could normally be found playing Halo in the den. Then, the alleged culprit was over-protective parenting.

But with the unemployment rate hovering near 10 percent, it's just as likely that a lackluster job market - and not an idyllic childhood with way too much emphasis on self-esteem - is to blame for your son or daughter's untimely homecoming.

Slate reports that the situation has grown grim in Japan, where some young-to-middle-age adults chose to not report the deaths of their parents (one family secretly mummified Grandpa instead) in order to keep collecting the corpses' pension checks. For these sons and daughters, living with their parents was a necessity.

They entered the job mar-



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ket during the 1990s, a time of deflation in Japan known as "The Lost Decade." These workers are accordingly called

"The Lost Generation" or, more scornfully, "parasite singles." You can't parent an adolescent or 20-something today and not wonder whether a similar problem will manifest itself here. In your house.

Then again, "problem" may be the wrong word. Multi-generational homes used to be common in this country - often treasured for the bonds between Mama and her grandchildren down the hall. In 1940, nearly one-fourth of American homes were multi-generational, according to the Pew Research Center. And though that number declined until 1980, it has been on the rise ever since. In 2008, 49 million Americans, 16.1 percent of the population, lived in multi-generational homes. The recession boosted the number of these households by 2.6 million from

2007 to 2008, Pew found. To get a sense of 2009 and 2010, look up and down your street.

We won't judge those young people returning home - provided they aren't murdering their parents and hiding them under the floorboards for the Social Security checks. Economic research shows that people who enter the work force during a recession tend to make less money during their careers. These young folks had no say in when they were born, and now they may be paying their dues for many years. It's hard to begrudge them their childhood bedrooms while they scour the job market.

Those plans for the new office may have to be put on hold, sure, but this could be fun - a variation on "You can't take it with you, at least until you leave." Just remember,

parents, that free rent doesn't have to be free: Who'll clean the rain gutters in return for shelter and food? Who'll bathe Fido after he rolls in cold November mud? Who'll be up at 6 a.m., shoveling snow, so the neighbor kids can walk to school? And need we even mention who gets final say in disputes over what to watch on TV?

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Businesses see advantage in green buildings



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The Subway sandwich shop on Chicago's State Street may look like any other new restaurant, but its tile, crown molding and most wall coverings are made from recycled materials. In the bathroom, sensors control water flow, timers manage lights, and the toilet has a low-flow option. A smart air-conditioning system normalizes temperature between the bread ovens and the eating area.

A few blocks north at Macy's, the Starbucks cafe features LED lighting, manually operated hand meter faucets to conserve water and a wooden coffee bar with a plaque explaining it was salvaged from a fallen local tree.

The Dominick's grocery store reopening soon in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood has a "cool" roof, priority parking for low-emission vehicles, highly efficient meat and freezer cases, a bin for plastic bags that will be converted into deck materials and environmentally-friendly flooring secured with environmentally-friendly adhesive.

Restaurants, cafes and grocery stores, it seems, are in an all-out race to be green.

The Subway shop is the chain's first of its kind in a major city, and the Dominick's is the first of its Chicago grocery stores to have been rebuilt from the ground up with sustainability in mind. The store features high-tech, energy-saving equipment, such as heating and cooling systems tied into sensors that normalize temperatures from the bakery to the frozen-foods section. Starbucks, meanwhile, has vowed that all of its new, company-run stores will meet the U.S. Green Building Council's standard for environmentally-sustainable building design (LEED) by year-end.

A variety of factors have

encouraged green buildings. Subway and Dominick's, which is a division of Pleasanton, Calif.-based Safeway Inc., cite a slight improvement in the economy, and some cities, like Chicago, have streamlined the green permitting process.

But most important, stores almost need to go green to retain and grow their customer base, said Robert Passikoff, founder of Brand Keys, a consultancy that measures customer loyalty. He said consumer interest in a corporation's environmentalism is five times greater than it was a decade ago.

"It's one of those things you can't ignore," Passikoff said. Green buildings, he said, resonate with consumers even more than corporate pledges to recycle or purchase carbon offsets. All things being equal, the customer will choose the green company, or the milkshake from the green restaurant, he said.

From a business perspective, motivations for building green appear to be threefold: energy savings, customer goodwill and marketing.

Passikoff noted that going greener is just the first step.

"The issue isn't just doing it, but doing it believably and communicating it believably," he said. "Right now, if I told you BP is doing a heck of a job with the environment, would you believe me?"

A company's commitment to going greener, he said, "should be part of the entire brand equity approach," integrated into everything from advertising to public relations.

Savvy retailers such as Starbucks know this and believe it's a reason customers may pay more for their coffee. The chain also certifies free-trade coffees and touts its relationships with farmers in the world's coffee-growing regions. Its store-design strategy has become another extension of the same message.



Don Keppta, Dominick's president, poses for a portrait, August 25, 2010, in the freezer section of the new Dominick's grocery store under construction in Lincoln Square in Chicago, Illinois. The freezer section is lit by LED lights that use significantly less energy than regular lights.

(William DeShazer/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

Dominick's sees a link between going green and building goodwill.

"A lot of what we've done is based on requests from consumers," company President Don Keppta said during a recent tour of the store, which is slated to reopen Sept. 30. "Everyone is very conscious of the greening of the country."

For instance, in urban areas, the chain gets requests to help recycle, particularly plastic bags, and customers ask for a greater selection of reusable bags and expanded offerings of organics.

Keppta said that Dominick's also built a bioswale, which will filter storm runoff from the parking lot before it goes into the sewer.

A bioswale doesn't have a measurable return on investment, Keppta said, "but it's the right thing to do." Besides, since the more-efficient freezer cases save so much money, "it helps us pay for the things we want to do."

Dominick's has committed to step up its green projects, Keppta said, because the chasm between what customers want and what corporations can afford has narrowed: It has become cheaper and easier to build green.

"The technology is catching up with the wants of the consumer," he said. "Some things in the past would have been cost-prohibitive."

And with many technologies on their third or fourth iterations, the equipment has become more reliable and affordable.

"It's like an electric car," Keppta said. "They were there 10 years ago, but you didn't want to own one."

For instance, energy-management software that can monitor and control store equipment and operating systems, even down to a freezer door left open, has gotten cheaper and easier to use in the last decade.

Dominick's expects annual

energy savings of about 22 percent at the redone store and maintains that store outlays weren't significantly more than what would have been spent on a traditional store. That's partly due to Safeway spending several years searching out the right equipment and materials to save on cost.

But for some, building green remains expensive. Subway franchisee Murad Fazal said his State Street store cost about 45 percent more than a traditional Subway restaurant, yet he expects energy savings will offset the additional costs in about five years. Fazal's landlord is taking the building green and absorbed some of his costs.

"I think customers will appreciate it," Fazal said of being green.

Fazal also said customers are more aware of green technology. He and his business partner, Iqbal Ali, installed timers on bathroom lights to conserve electricity about 15 years ago,

but patrons confused them with light switches and occasionally broke them trying to turn out the lights. It was also hard to set the timers - deciding on the right amount of time to give someone in the bathroom - for fear of leaving them in the dark. The timer is now set for 12 minutes.

"We felt like this was the right time," Fazal said of opening a green location. He and Ali have 24 Subway restaurants, and he said they would definitely go green again. "Particularly if it's in partnership with a landlord," Ali said.

Going green can also lead to cashing in. Susan Gallagher, a Rockford franchisee who recently opened Subway's first eco-store in Illinois, said her build-out costs weren't higher than an average location because the landlord absorbed additional costs, including a geothermal heating and cooling system. So far, the shop's utility costs are down 40 percent to 60 percent on a square-foot basis. Another big plus: Sales are up about 30 percent.

There are number of contributing factors. The restaurant is in a more visible location, has updated decor and, like the other Subway chain stores, is serving breakfast. But Gallagher also credits some of the increase in traffic to goodwill generated from being in a green building.

"I think there are some customers who don't care, but there's a lot of them who really appreciate it," she said. "They come to my Subway just because outside of outstanding service and a great product, they enjoy the fact that they're eating in a LEED silver award Subway location ... and people do appreciate that."

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Prospectus Pick: Showtime



Janelle O'DEA
Staff Writer

Without Showtime, I wouldn't have a life. Some may think, "no, without Showtime, you *would* have a life." But when work and school have exhausted me, spending a night with Nancy Botwin or Dexter Morgan couldn't be more appetizing.

Showtime has mastered the art of suspense. The end of *Weeds* Season 3 leaves the audience with visions of the Botwin family's hometown burning to the ground, and that was three years ago. In the last aired *Dexter*, we see his obsession with fellow serial killer, Trinity, come back to haunt him because Trinity truly awakens Dexter Morgan's dark passenger, ending the show in a way Dexter himself couldn't dream in his own worst nightmare.

However, the suspense would be nothing without the wait. The last episode of *Weeds* Season 5 aired on August 31, 2009, and the first episode of Season 6 aired on August 16, 2010. That's almost a full year of wondering what's going to happen to the Botwin family, an especially intense year after

all of Nancy Botwin's endeavors with Esteban/Mexican drug lords.

Season 4 of *Dexter* ended at the beginning of December 2009, and begins again on September 26 of this year. It's not a full year, but still a long enough wait to make *Dexter* fans go crazy. If you're a fellow Dexter fanatic, you understand why waiting this long has been tortuous. We're all dying to find out how he got all of that blood cleaned up.

Weeds and *Dexter* both have potential to be addictive, and watching Showtime won't stop for you there, unless you control it. If you aren't careful, Showtime will take over your life. It's also the home of the widely appreciated *The L Word*, and no one can ever forget *Queer as Folk*.

Never heard of any of these shows? Never heard of Showtime? Equip yourself with season one of any Showtime show (available at Blockbuster, Family Video, other video rental stores, and with Netflix) and watch it over a long break from school or work. Trust me, you'll need plenty of time. It's almost like Lay's Potato Chips - you can't have just one.

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trying to stay the course," said Reynolds, who nonetheless frets about the cost of all the new programs Obama has signed off on. "All we hear about is budget deficits. So where is the money for these programs coming from?"

Retired electrician Joseph Salerno, of Niles, considered himself a lifelong Democrat, but no more. Salerno said he has been turned off by Obama's activism, including on health care and expensive stimulus spending. "He promised transparency," Salerno said. "And, nobody knows what they voted for."

The same things that bother Salerno about Obama have endeared him more to Yolanda King, of Chicago, who also considers herself an independent. She lauded Obama for trying to carry through on campaign pledges to broaden the availability of health care and reinvigorate the economy by priming the pump.

"That shows integrity, and I like it," said King, a teacher's assistant until a recent layoff.

As a candidate for the U.S. Senate in 2004 and then president in 2008, Obama exhibited a broad appeal to voters across a range of key demographics. That is beginning to fray, the survey suggested.

His popularity with black voters is as strong as ever, even though African-American households have suffered more than most in the economic downturn. An overwhelming 94 percent of blacks surveyed said they approved of the job Obama is doing as president, with just 5 percent expressing disapproval.

But among white voters, 45 percent now say they disapprove of the job Obama has done as opposed to 43 percent who approve. Last year, 52 percent of white voters supported him.

White suburban women, who came out strong for Obama in 2004 and 2008, now just barely give his job performance positive marks - 41 percent say they approve while 39 percent say they don't, and 20 percent said they couldn't venture an

opinion.

Some of the dismay is fed by disenchantment with show-case initiatives like health care and the economic stimulus package. Illinois voters, just like those across the nation, remain sharply divided over the wisdom of those far-reaching and expensive measures.

As passed, the new patient protections and broader coverage in the health care plan are to be implemented in stages over the next several years. Most of those surveyed favored at least some of the changes going into effect. Only 27 percent of Illinois voters polled said they thought the changes should be repealed outright.

Another 43 percent favored carrying out the plans in their entirety or with minor changes. And 20 percent said they wanted major changes to the package, a segment that could include both those who want to see it largely gutted and those who think it didn't go far enough in guaranteeing coverage for all.

Christian Szabo, a Repub-

lican from Schaumburg, has developed something of a personal gripe with Obama's activism. As the owner of automotive parts and service business, Szabo was particularly annoyed with the president's "cash for clunkers" program.

"Not only did it cost the government a lot of money, but it cost me business," Szabo said. "I have several customers who junked their cars and now no longer need service."

Robert Cohn, a Chicago Democrat and the owner of a Bucktown burglar alarm company, had a totally opposite take on the president.

"It's hard to pull out of a slump. He's turned it around and is making things better," Cohn said. "He's not ignoring the trouble. He's concerned with real people, he has a plan and he's working toward recovery."

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With Parkland College student enrollment up this year, there are many students in the hallways between classes. I want to remind everyone to be attentive of others and not block the hallways, library steps, handicap ramps, stairwells, and elevators. These areas are designed for students and staff to get around the college. The lounges are for studying, meeting with friends, standing, and sitting.

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 - 9 Bantam
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 - 27 "Oh, sure!"
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 - 43 Gasteyer of "SNL"
 - 44 Main call
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 - 47 In the habit of
 - 50 Big fan
 - 52 "And afterward?"
 - 56 Explosive solvent, as it was formerly called
 - 57 Some tiny rods and spheres
 - 58 Funny bit
 - 59 Versatile auxiliary wind-catcher

- DOWN**
- 1 Word with run or jump
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By Robert H. Wolfe

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Student Government



Megan Jillian LAW
Senator

For the past few weeks, the students in Parkland College have inspired me to become a student senator. When I first came to Parkland, I was unsure about my college experience. I didn't have a clear destination in mind. As I lingered around the campus, hesitating about what to do, I saw people lining up for class registration. I talked with one student in line, she greeted me with hospitality and told me she was a first year student as well. We later attended campus activities and social events together, which really helped me feel like part of the Parkland community. After hearing about the student government election, I was overwhelmed with desire to impact my fellow students the same way that this girl had impacted me. Because of this experience, my passion to give back to the community remains incessant.

As a student senator, my goal for the year is to really help the cosmopolitan aspect of Parkland's community shine through. I, myself, am an international student so I feel a special connection to students from many different backgrounds. I plan to take advantage of this connection with my fellow students in order to unify the student body. I can successfully and manage a variety of social events aimed at making all students feel like members of the same community by focusing these social events on celebrating the rich culture Parkland College has to offer. Since I'm a first year student, I would like to strengthen my leadership skills and learn how student life is managed, and because I plan on continuing to serve the students of Parkland throughout my second year, I feel that being elected to student government this year would afford me these opportunities, so I can better serve the community in the future.



CHRISTINE
Senator

Serving has been part of my life. I had been taking part in serving opportunities since 4 years ago. I served as a tourism and cultural ambassador of North Sumatra Province, Indonesia. I had exchanged and promoted mutual understanding through this position to China & Malaysia. Currently, I am Indonesia ambassador on One Young World Summit; London. I am also a member of the Leo Club where youth participate in voluntary projects.

I have broadened my horizons through my experiences, but I believed that is not sufficient enough, as I need to keep learning and doing more. I believe student government will be a platform for me to learn more about politics, and I hope to use this knowledge to better serve Parkland students.

I, personally, believe that communication and understanding are the most important keys in interpersonal life. These are the things that I'll uphold during my term as a senator. I specifically would like to promote student involvement in voluntary projects and extracurricular activities. This is one of the ways where we can mingle with more people and again, understand each other, eliminate stereotypes, be open minded and for sure build friendships.

I'll make the most out of me with my newsbroadcasting and psychology background. I'll represent a diverse student population & your aspiration at Parkland college. In fact, I come from a very diverse country. Last but not least, being humble, I hope that you could vote for me if you think I am qualified. Hope you have a great year in Parkland College. Good Luck.

dent government of some type from grade school through high school. I have the experience in collaboration that is necessary to accomplish any kind of goal or issue raised at Parkland College. I am very open-minded and always willing to listen and act on any type of issue that is important to my fellow students. It is also extremely important that the students of Parkland feel comfortable with their government to the point that they are willing to share their ideas with us. Whether you are on student government or not, it is up to Parkland College as a whole to better our experience here and give back to our community. If elected, I pledge to the utmost of my ability to fight for the ideas proposed and issues raised by my fellow students. My idea is to run for office at Parkland College to better your experience here and my ideas, like yours, will not go unheard.



Nick FISHER
Senator

The only way for there to be flexibility and a strong relationship between us students and this college we attend is a fully functional student government. By electing me as a student senator, you are taking the first step in achieving this goal. My goal as a student senator is to listen to my peers at Parkland College and express their ideas and issues to the leaders of the student government, and we can then work together to achieve the needs of our fellow students. I also believe in community service and will push for our government to give back to the community. I have served on a



Joey HACKLER
Senator

Heading into YMCA Youth and Government, our first year delegation from a tiny town on the Illinois prairie was just happy to be a part of the experience. We didn't even have the required number of Senators and House members, but we were just excited to sit in the actual chambers of the Illinois General Assembly. But personally, I wasn't just satisfied with showing up; I wanted to get something done. So, as a senator, I and my fellow delegate member who was a Representative, went in with the bill I authored determined to get it passed. So with no allies and no long standing delegation tradition we got my bill passed in both houses with first priority and signed by the Governor on the first day. Now, as students of Parkland you want your Senator representing you to be able to listen and present your ideas so that they will be implemented. With no connections and a Parkland newcomer, I come in as just and "Average Joe" looking to fight for you just as I have a shown I can. I won't bring with me a long extensive list of qualifications, just the promise of "Real Listenin'. Straight Talk." So please if you value honesty, hard work, and discipline vote for your "Average Joe", Joey Hackler.



Dedi IRWAN
Senator

Life is the field of responsibility, the more we learn, the more we know and then the more the responsibility we are going to have. However, the more the responsibility we do, the better our capacity will be. Since I was in high school it is around eight years ago- I have been actively involving in some organizations. The objective of mine doing it is to make myself become a good person for others because the chore of my life is how useful I am for others. However, eight years learning would not be enough for me, I want to keep learning until the day I can not do it again. That is why I join this election to be a Senator, I want to build my own capacity and to be more useful for others.



Ibrahim ELNAHAS
Senator

Dear all

I am honored to have the opportunity to introduce myself to you for student government election.

My name is Ibrahim ELnahas. I am international student here from Egypt. I graduated June 2007 from the faculty of law in Egypt I served as a volunteer election worker since four years ago in my college. I am here in the Parkland College for studying Geographic information system. Thanks for Fulbright scholarship for this opportunity

I have some ideas about serving in students government on one hand I want to serve students by Trying to solve their problems and try to make contact with all the students. On the second hand I want to make relationships between students here in Parkland College and students in another Community College.

In the end I welcome all comments and suggestion



John WILLIAMS
Vice-President

I am John Williams and I want to be your Vice-President. I have been senator and wish to keep serving the Parkland Students. So vote John Williams if you want strong leadership.

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Fall's spectacular colors are all in the eye — and camera — of the beholder

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Capturing autumn on film is an art form — an art form anyone can enjoy. The novice can buy a disposable camera and go wild in the woods. The serious photographer could pay huge amounts for equipment, spend hours printing and create sophisticated landscapes.

The point is, it's what you have going on in your head that counts.

With that in mind, here are a few hints that might help make your fall photographic excursions fulfilling.

Timing is everything

Of course, peak season is your best bet for great photographs. (Keep in mind that leaves peak earlier in mountainous areas.)

But stay open to off times, too. Even early in the season you might come across one brilliantly colored tree in a mass of green. Or late in the season, you might come away with a wonderful picture of a mass of fallen leaves with bare tree trunks rising out of them.

The time of day is also important. The best light is early morning or late afternoon. In the morning you might encounter fog in low-lying areas, which will add to the mood of your photos. Evening has the advantage of sunsets, which might add color to the foliage.

Get out of the car

You won't be satisfied with drive-by photos. Stop the car, get out and walk around.

Take a hike through the woods or around a cemetery. Experience the day, and you'll see the fall color from a new perspective.

Break the rules

Who says you always have to hold the camera steady?

■ Jiggling the camera at a slow shutter speed might blend the colors with pleasing results.

■ Using a flash in the daylight might give the leaves an extra sparkle.

■ Experiment with shooting into the sun. The colors are sometimes more intense in backlit leaves, especially with a dark background. Probably the best results will come when the sun is streaming in at an angle from behind so the colors glow and the edges are rimmed in light.

The point is to experiment. Not all the pictures will turn out, but you'll hit on some happy accidents.

Try a different point of view

Don't just point and shoot.

Try looking up through the branches, try climbing the tree and looking down, try lying on the ground. Try anything different, and you might get surprising results.

Use a close-up lens or close-up filters and zero in on a tiny portion of a colorful leaf.

Leaves don't have to be in trees to make great pictures. Look in puddles on the black pavement, and you might come away with some interesting abstract pictures.

Be a composer

Make use of nature's patterns and abstract designs.

Find a center of interest. Maybe you could focus on one barren, gnarled tree rising out of a sea of low-growing colorful shrubs.

Perhaps a barn in the foreground or a boat floating on a pond is your center of interest.

Remember that less is more. You don't have to include everything in each picture.

The important thing is to go with your instincts. If the picture makes you feel good, you must be doing something right.

Think symbolically

Do you have a theme or statement you want to make with your picture? Is there something about the process of changing leaves that could be a metaphor for the cycle of life?

Perhaps a single leaf dangling from a barren branch symbolizes isolation or loneliness.

There is no limit to the possibilities. Make it as ponderous or frivolous as you like. They're your pictures.

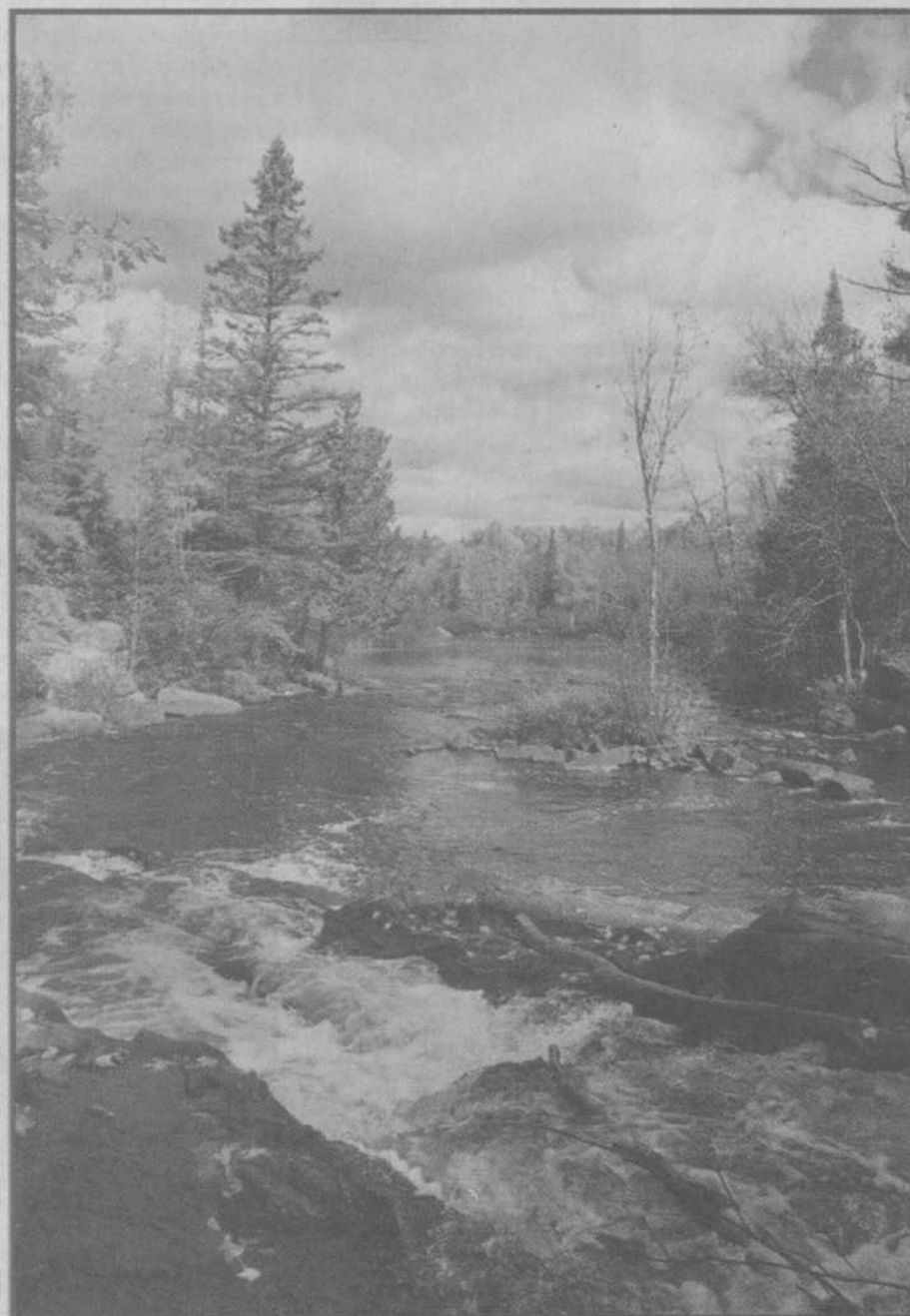
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Make use of nature's patterns (right): Color is captured on film as you snap shots of the scenic twists in Wisconsin's Popple River. Zero in (below): A few fallen leaves on a rainy day highlight the contrast between the bright green grass and the rust and gold leaves.



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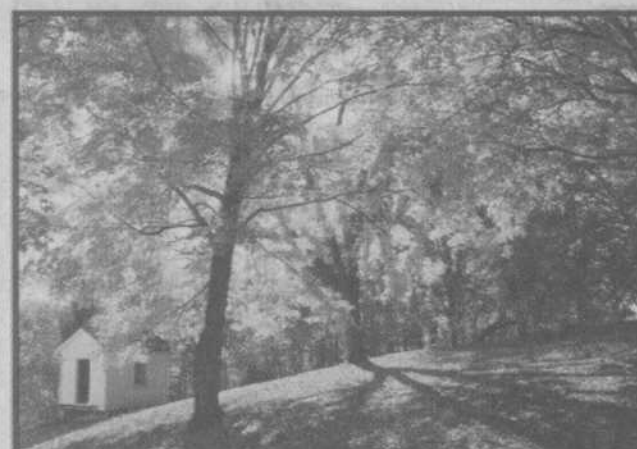


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Look for a center of interest: A rustic farmhouse provides a quaint focus for the colorful fall foliage surrounding this farm near Stowe, Vt.



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Shoot into the sun: Early morning light streams through the yellow leaves of maple trees at Boonesborough State Park in Madison County, Ky.

COLOR CHANGE IS A CHEMICAL THING

Most people incorrectly assume that leaves change because the weather gets cold, says Tom Kimmerer, a University of Kentucky forestry expert.

What actually happens as trees downsize themselves for the winter is much more complex.

As the season changes, the longer nights and shorter days signal trees to begin withdrawing nutrients from leaves. As autumn sets in, leaves turn colors and fall from trees. The chlorophyll that gives leaves their green color (and is necessary for the photosynthesis that converts sunlight into plant food) begins to break down.

A tree's calendar

■ **Spring/summer:** Leaves use energy from sunlight to combine water and carbon dioxide into glucose, which the tree uses for energy and growth. Chlorophyll, a green-colored chemical, makes it happen.

■ **Late summer:** As days get shorter and nights get colder, there is not enough sunlight for photosynthesis. Energy production slows and chlorophyll production in the leaves stops.

■ **Early autumn:** As the chlorophyll fades, other pigments begin to show through. They are always present but are hidden during summer by chlorophyll's green color.

Why trees turn different colors

As the green fades, carotenoids that have been there all along begin to show through with yellows.

Species of trees turn different colors in the fall because they have different chemicals that become visible as their green chlorophyll fades.

■ **Brown:** Produced by Tannin, one of the leaf's waste products.

■ **Red and purple:** Produced by anthocyanins, which aren't present in all leaves. In some, they are manufactured when cells break down in the leaves and sunlight reacts with glucose (sugars).

■ **Yellow:** Produced by xanthophyll, a pigment.

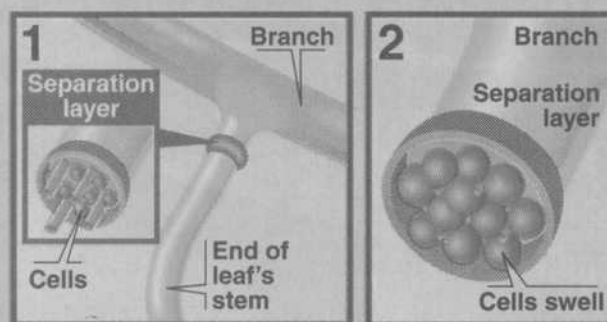
■ **Orange:** Produced by carotene, a pigment. Orange is often made by a combination of the factors that produce yellows and reds.

■ **Fiery red and bronze:** Produced by anthocyanins combined with carotene.

Because reds are more dependent on sunlight, Kimmerer said, leaves on trees such as maples often are yellow on bottom branches and red on top.

Why leaves fall

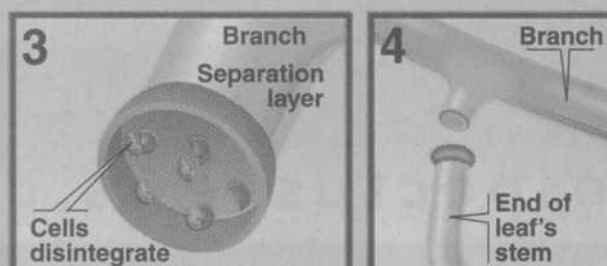
The process that stops chlorophyll production also makes a tree drop its leaves.



At the end of each leaf stem is a separation layer of cells.

Small tubes pass through this layer, carrying water to the leaf and glucose back to the tree.

In the fall, the cells of the separation layer swell and cut off these tubes.



As the layer forms a seal between the leaf and the tree, cells in the top of the separation layer disintegrate.

The weakened leaf falls from or is blown from the tree.

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