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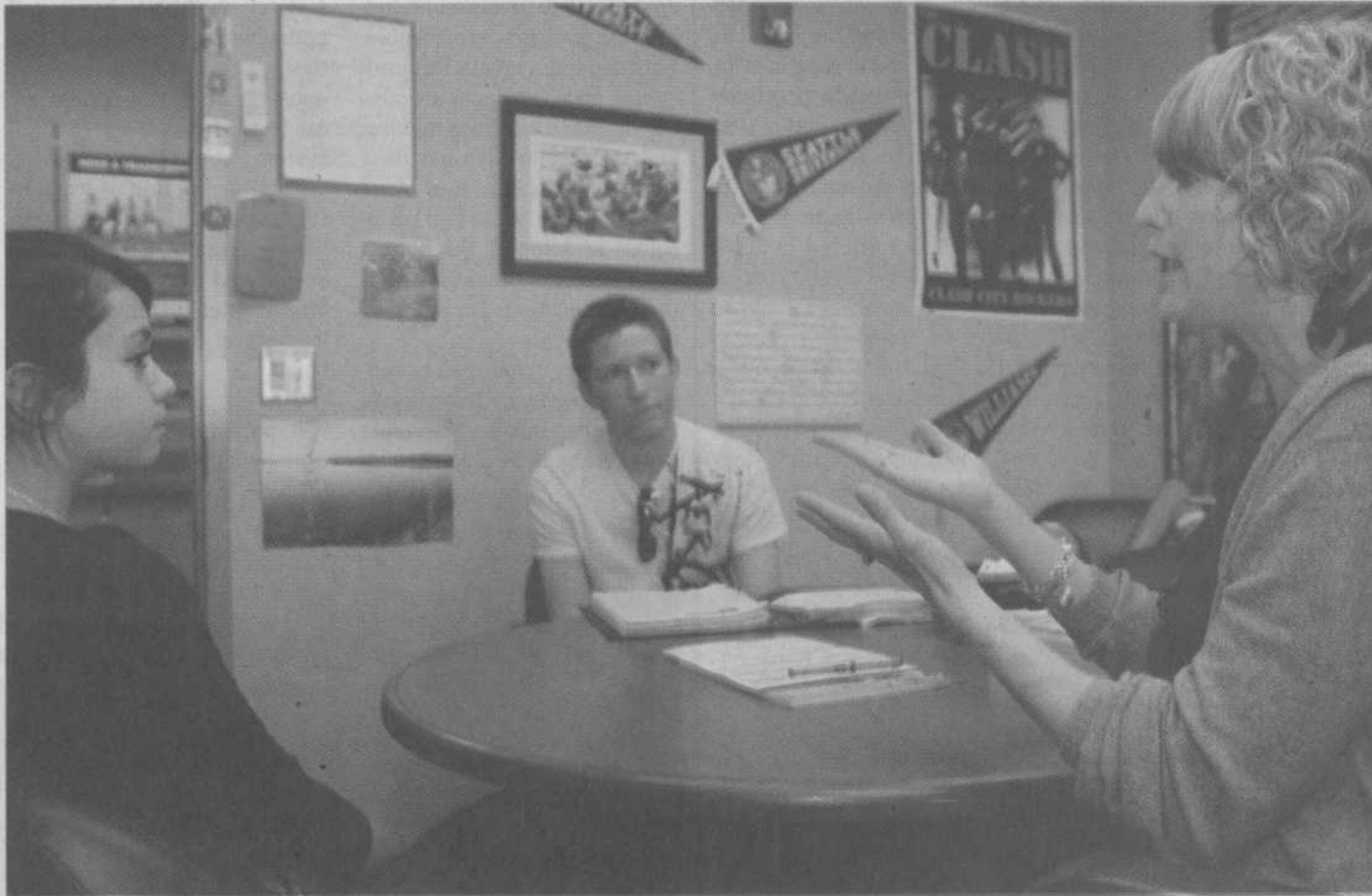
Federal Work Study program funds exhausted for spring semester

Sean HERMANN
Publications Manager

Funds for Parkland's Federal Work Study (FWS) program are now depleted said Financial Aid and Veteran Services Director Tim Wendt in an interview this past Friday. The last of the funds were used up on Saturday, April 10th and FWS employees are to be paid out of department budgets from now until July 1st when allocations for the program for the 2010-11 fiscal year will be received.

A combination of both the increase in minimum wage and an increase in the number of FWS workers played a large part in the depletion. While the FWS program provides a great opportunity for students in need, it does have some obstacles to overcome. "The allocations we receive are not adjusted for the minimum wage increase," said Wendt. "Community Colleges are out of luck on the whole deal and Universities get most of the money."

FWS provides a great opportunity for many students. Students who are a part of FWS depend on the program to help pay for living expenses and make it through this rough economic time. Students participating in the program develop great professional experience, maintain high retention rates



Students receive the bad news about the lack of Federal Work Study funds for the remainder of the semester.

(Allen J. Schaben/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

and tend to do better off in school.

The unfortunate turn of events has caused hardship on not only the FWS workers but the departments that they work in as well. Many departments have had to reduce worker

hours and even cut employees in many cases. Some departments that have cut their workers have found out that they cannot function properly without the extra help and have even had to rehire a number of workers to stay afloat in their

workload.

Tammy Coon, a full-time student at Parkland, a mother of four and a FWS employee has felt the hard effects of the funds depletion. "It definitely makes things a little tighter," said Coon, who was let go from

the Health Professions department this month. Fortunately, Coon was held on to in the Office of Student Life despite an overall reduction in hours. Coon believes that more could have been done to prepare for the shortfall. "I thought it was

really last minute," she said. "Many of the departments didn't know about the (deficit) enough in advance to make adjustments." While a reduction in hours may have set back the deficit, the real problem still remains.

Unfortunately the exhaustion of FWS funds is starting to become a trend. Last year, funds were continually used up until their depletion in June, leaving one month unfunded from by the budget. However, Wendt is doing everything he can to make sure this doesn't happen again, despite another looming minimum wage increase in July. "We are looking to have a bigger award amount for workers next year due to a decrease in the total number of employees," said Wendt.

Wendt, among many others, is unhappy with the way those in Washington are handling the issue at hand. "Politicians about make me sick," he said. "If they walked in a student's shoes, they could see how hard some students have it." With issues such as the health care bill and countless other dilemmas, many smaller problems, such as FWS allocations, have been overlooked. Despite the turmoil, Parkland is remaining optimistic and hoping for the best for their students and faculty.

Is Parkland prepared to assist the disabled in case of an emergency?

Merry THOMAS
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 31st a fire alarm went off, causing an immediate evacuation of Parkland. For most part the evacuation process is simple: you just walk outside of the building and you're safe. However, for those who have disabilities that prevent them from doing so, the situation can become a bit more complicated.

This was the case for Brock Bush, a sophomore at Parkland majoring in computer networking, who has cerebral palsy. According to cerebralpalsy.org, cerebral palsy is a broad term used to describe a group of chronic movement disorders that can lead to a lack of muscle control. Bush has to use a wheelchair to get around, so in order to get to the different levels of Parkland, he has to use an elevator. In the event of a fire however, elevators can't be used, so that makes it a lot harder for people with disabilities to get out of the building.

Because of this problem, Parkland used an evacuation chair to aid students down the stairs for the first time ever. An evacuation chair allows people with disabilities to safely go down a flight of stairs in the event of an emergency, and it also prevents any potential injury for those who are helping in the process. It works by strapping the person being helped into the chair and then officials can safely move them down the stairs.

Matthew Kopmann, Parkland's College Relations Officer, was on the scene at the time of the incident and helped with getting Bush down from the second floor of the B wing.

"We've done in service training with the chair before," said Kopmann. "We trained with other officers, putting the officers in the chair and doing test

runs, so we knew what to do when the time came."

When the fire alarm went off, Bush immediately went to the area of rescue assistance to wait for help. The rescue areas are all marked and easily identified, so these places are checked in the event of something such as a fire.

Bush, though confident in the people working at public safety, admitted that he was nervous about the idea at first. He waited about four minutes before the public safety officers found him, and then they helped him down the stairs. When asked how he felt the situation was handled, Bush said, "The people that helped me knew what they were doing—they told me how to get in it and they weren't freaking out. It was the first time using it, so they were doing the best they could."

Both Koppman and Bush agreed that everything went as smoothly as could have. Bush was a little nervous about the time it took to get down from the second floor and admitted that it took a little longer than he'd like, but he understood that they couldn't work any faster under the conditions. All in all, the event proved beneficial in more ways than one. Not only did they get someone down the stairs safely, they managed to make it a learning experience as well.

"For officially using it the first time, it came naturally. We definitely feel more prepared for next time," said Kopmann.

Bush also felt that it was a job well done, though if he were to experience the situation again he wouldn't want to deal with the chair at all.

"When faced with a life or death situation, I'm a light enough guy, so I think that I'd rather be carried next time," he said.

Surge in campus hate crimes challenges notion of a post-racial America

Tim BARKER
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It's tempting to think of college campuses as islands of enlightenment, places where students embrace new ideas, people and cultures without the specter of hate hanging overhead.

Tempting. But it's not always the case, as demonstrated by events on campuses across the nation in recent months.

There were cotton balls scattered outside the black cultural center at University of Missouri-Columbia. There have been racial slurs and a threat of lynching at St. Louis University. There was a swastika scrawled on a bathroom wall near a Jewish studies center at the University of Miami. There were death threats against black students left on a bathroom wall at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio. And a white fraternity sparked an uproar at the University of California San Diego, when it sponsored a ghetto-themed "Compton Cookout" to mock Black History Month.

To be sure, such events have always been part of the American landscape. But campus and diversity experts say they've seen a surge in the past year, poking yet another hole in what increasingly appears to be the myth of a post-racial America.

"I guarantee that any given campus in the nation will have small incidents like these in a given year," said Darnell Cole, an associate professor of education at the University of Southern California who studies diversity issues.

But Cole and others see a correlation between a rise in campus hate crimes and the increasingly nasty exchanges taking place among our nation's politicians and leaders - on both sides of the political

spectrum. It would be naive, they say, to not expect that discord to show up on campuses.

The nation's first black presidency, he said, has simply pro-

vided "kindling for the fire."

It's difficult to know just how much hate crime is occurring on college campuses. Justice Department data suggest that 12 percent of hate crimes occur on either college or school campuses. The numbers aren't broken down to show how much of it happens at universities. And experts say many instances of

racial or sexual slurs are never reported.

Even so, they say incidents reported in the news and through their own professional

A search for examples need go no further than St. Louis University, which has witnessed a series of incidents in recent months. Racial slurs have been found scrawled on walls or shouted at black students. A student in early February reported being threatened with lynching during a confrontation with another student. And a cross belonging to a support group for gays and lesbians was stolen.

University investigations have resulted in punishments handed down in two incidents, but officials say privacy laws restrict how much they can say.

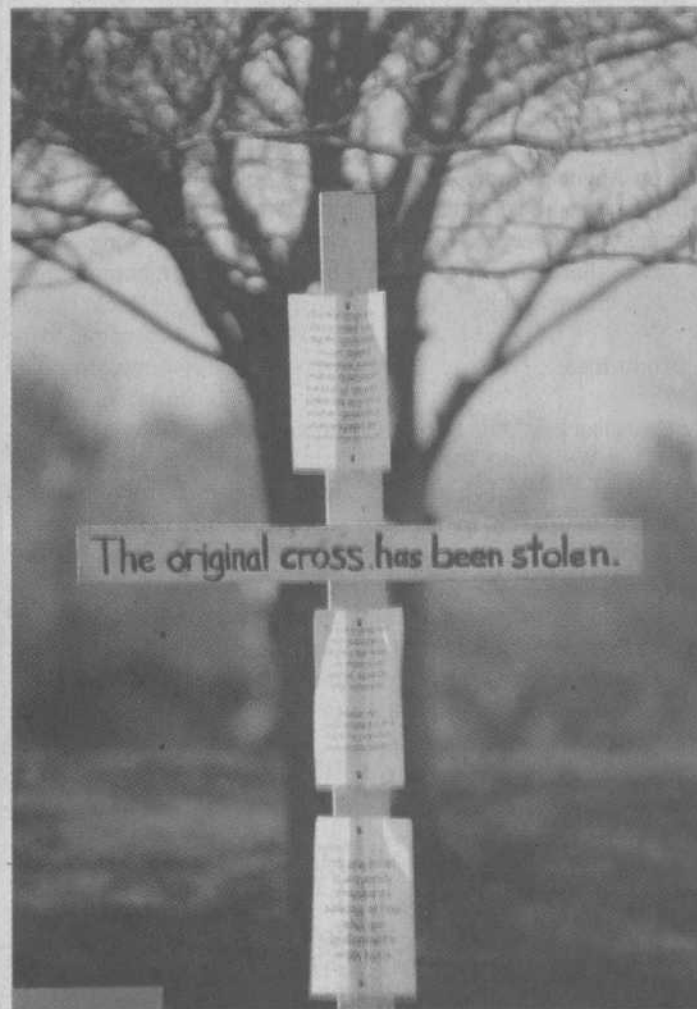
"All I can tell you is that two of the students who were involved are no longer enrolled at the university," said Kent Porterfield, the university's vice president for student development.

Of course, not every incident with racial overtones rises to the level of hate crime. But even the lesser transgressions can cause hurt feelings and, for some students, doubts about their future on the campus.

Such was the case for Erin Whitley, a freshman at SLU who learned earlier this year of a Facebook group for members of her dorm floor. Among the discussion threads on the social networking site was a post about things overheard on the floor: "There's nothing I hate more than black people," it said.

The comment was later deleted. And several people involved apologized to her in writing. But the damage was done: "I thought we were all really close. But then to see their true feelings, it made me feel really uncomfortable."

In some ways, racial or hate-driven episodes can push a campus closer together. At



The stations of the cross, each cross created by different student organizations, surround the quad at St. Louis University. The original cross for the Rainbow Alliance was stolen in one of many examples of a surge in hate acts on U.S. college campuses.

(Stephanie S. Cordle/St. Louis Post-Dispatch/MCT)

organizations point to a pattern.

"At least anecdotally, there seems to have been an increase. But we don't know for certain because reporting is so bad," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino.

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Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

Lead Story

Lax on Perverts: In February, the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners relicensed Scott Fredin even though he is still registered as a sex offender following a 2003 conviction for fondling two female patients during "examinations." Released from jail in 2006, he had re-applied to the board, which then found him "rehabilitated." He agreed to several restrictions on his office practice, but the board declined to order him to disclose his crime to patients. (And in March, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners finally expelled Dr. David Livingston, whom it had licensed in 1992 despite knowledge of his sex-crime-related expulsions in two states and his being labeled a "violent sex offender" by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.)

The Continuing Crisis

Ralph Conone, 68, was arrested in Columbus, Ohio, in March after witnesses identified him as the man who several times had walked up behind young children, punched them on the head when their parents weren't looking, and walked away as if nothing had happened. According to police, Conone confessed that he had been punching children in public since January because he liked the "excitement" of getting away with something.

Police who were called to a home in Charleroi, Pa., in February arrested Linda Newstrom, 49, for allegedly swinging a baseball bat (reportedly, a genuine Louisville Slugger) at her 21-year-old son, Jeffrey, because he had come home drunk. (She whiffed on the first two swings but connected on the third.) Newstrom told police, "I brought him into this world, and I'll take him out of this world."

In February, the parents of Deepak Kumar, 7, of Belhari in India's Bihar state, sought financial help for surgery to remove the parasitic twin joined at the hip with the now-eight-limbed boy. (His father told an Agence France-Presse reporter that he rejected suggestions that Deepak remain as is so that villagers could worship him as a deity.)

Bright Ideas

Supervisors at the Department for Work and Pensions in Carlisle, England, issued a directive in March to short-handed staff on how to ease their telephone workload during the busy midday period. Workers were told to pick up the ringing phone, recite a message as if an answering machine ("Due to the high volume of inquiries we are cur-

rently experiencing, we are unable to take your call. Please call back later.") and immediately hang up.

More Texas Justice

Despite Texas' severe pro-conviction history, one man actually received a full pardon in February. Tim Cole had been convicted of rape in 1986, though relentlessly proclaiming his innocence, and a 1996 confession to the crime by another man did not move officials to re-investigate. When a DNA result (ordered in 2008) confirmed the 1996 confession, Cole's innocence could no longer be ignored. In March 2010, Gov. Rick Perry issued a full pardon, but Cole could not enjoy it. He had died in prison in 1999 after wrongfully serving 13 years, the last three despite the fact that the actual rapist had already tried to turn himself in.

Least Competent Criminals

Not Much of a Challenge for Cops:

William Edmunds, 32, was charged with DUI in March when his car weaved up to the guard gate at the loading dock for the Montgomery County, N.Y., jail, and he asked if this was the Canadian border crossing at Niagara Falls (more than 250 miles away).

Travis Neeley, 19, was arrested in Lake City, Fla., in March for burglarizing a car, caught red-handed by the owner, who used the remote control to lock Neeley inside. Neeley tried several times to unlock a door and exit, but each time, the owner relocked it before Neeley could get out, and he finally gave up and waited for police.

A News of the Weird Classic (May 2004)

In 1990, News of the Weird reported on a "cargo cult" on Tanna, one of South Sea islands comprising the republic of Vanuatu. "Cargo" comes from the cults' belief that the food and supplies that Americans brought to World War II military staging areas arrived by divine guidance, and they continued to worship the empty cargo containers long after the war was over, hoping their prayers would restock them. In May 2004, according to a report in the Sydney Morning Herald, violence broke out on Tanna when breakaway Christians, calling the cargo business nonsense, fought with supporters of "John Frum," the iconic American who symbolizes continued worship of cargo lockers. About 25 people were hospitalized, and police had to be dispatched from Vanuatu's capital of Vila.

Fantastic, fun and not too far away: The top five summer music festivals you need to see

Tara MOON CHRISTOPHER
Music Columnist

As summer quickly approaches, students are faced with another great stretch of epic music festivals and mind-blowing concert experiences. With around a month left until school ends, students are also easing into a carefree mindset and starting to plan out their summers. Luckily, they don't have to travel far to find themselves at some of the hottest music events - Illinois is one of the best locations for summer music festivals.

However, if you wish to venture further away from home, there are many incredible states that will be able to bring

nor will those who attend hear anything more pleasurable.

From July 16 through July 18, Illinois is blessed with the greatness that is Pitchfork Music Festival. Taking place in Union Park, Chicago, this festival is close to home and undoubtedly fantastic. With this year's lineup, there is no question of if you should go. Modest Mouse, LCD Sound-system, and Pavement top off a fantastic mix of wonderful musicians, including the likes of Big Boi, Broken Social Scene, and Surfer blood. The largest plus of this particular festival is that it is close to home.

On July 18 another festival will be hitting Chicago, this time being a touring act. Tak-

place from July 22 to July 25, country lovers from all over the globe can unite in their very own heaven of musical bliss. This year, Country Thunder presents you with the cowboy hat wearing, boot sporting, Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Miranda Lambert, and many more. This festival is perfect for a good time in the sun, hanging out with friends, and enjoying the devious antics of this year's hosts, Williams and Ree.

As one of the larger festivals, Lollapalooza is known for having a wide range of musical genres and just for being a great time. This year Lollapalooza will be taking place at the end of the season from August 6 through the 8 in Grant Park,



Fans cheer on their favorite act at Lollapalooza in Chicago. Lollapalooza, among many others, is a must-see festival this summer. (Abel Uribe/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

you a little piece of musical heaven. I know it may be overwhelming for first-timers and even a bit hectic for those who know the scene. That's why I'm providing you with the five best summer music fests in America!

For those who have become bored with the routine of Champaign, there is a grand adventure awaiting you in Manchester, Tennessee. Over a four-day period, on a 700-acre farm, Bonnaroo is greeting the summer season with a lineup that makes other festivals fume with jealousy. On June 10, 12, and 13, every great from every genre is taking the stage. Bonnaroo has gone to great lengths to make sure that everyone's music taste is greatly satisfied. From The Dave Matthews Band to Stevie Wonder, Tenaious D to Jay-Z, Norah Jones to The Gossip - this lineup is unbelievable. Never once have I seen anything quite like it,

ing over the United States, Lilith Fair is back and larger than ever. Founded by Sarah McLachlan, this festival is strictly female artists only. Males are more than welcome to attend as females prove once again that they can rock. As an interesting take on the music industry, Lilith Fair will surprise you and steal your heart. Cat Power, Colbie Caillat, Indigo Girls, Gossip, Kelly Clarkson, Mary J. Blige, Metric, Tegan and Sara, and even Selena Gomez will be taking the stage, along with many other beautiful female musicians. Close to home or wherever your summer may take you, this festival is the best of the best.

If you happen to be a country music fan, there is a festival for you to the north. In Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, Country Thunder reigns supreme and conquers the hearts of many adoring fans. Taking

Chicago. The lineup consists of 91 bands and musical acts including Lady Gaga, Soundgarden, MGMT, Cypress Hill, Stars, and Matt and Kim. This festival is fit for anyone's taste in music weather you like pop, rap, hip-hop, indie, rock, gypsy-punk or any other possible genre out there. It is a festival that unites the audience and is a perfect way to end only the most incredible of summers.

As a final word to the wise, festivals are addicting. You will spend money, you can face every weather element known to man, but you will be in a world unlike any other. You will face the difficult problem of choosing which band you want to see, and which ones you will have to miss. You might cry, you may scream, but you will definitely smile. And when it's all said and done you'll know that it was more than worth it. Enjoy!

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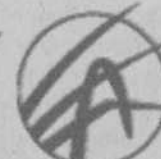
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Parkland Event: Typeface documentary premier

Rachael JOHNS
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what people did before computers? When it comes to making presentations, posters and other prints without digital aid, what was the traditional world of analog graphics like? Presented by Kartemquin Films, Justine Nagan's documentary, *TYPEFACE*, explores the world of graphics before the digital age. "TYPEFACE makes wood type and letterpress artistry look cool, even sexy," according to Turner Classic Movies.

Winner of the Best Documentary Award at the 2009 Flyway Film Festival, hosting its premier here at Parkland is a great opportunity.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Parkland — particularly for our students and the community," said Parkland Art Gallery Director, Lisa Costello, of this upcoming event.

There will be a distinguished

panel for this premier, including the director herself.

"It sounds sweet; I would attend," said Parkland student Abby Mbuvi.

The film focuses on the Hamilton Wood Type Museum in Two Rivers, WI, which personifies cultural preservation, rural re-birth and the lineage of American graphic design, according to the event website which can be found at <http://gds.parkland.edu/typeface/>. Watch trailer and read more about this independent film documentary online.

Costello said that this premier event for *TYPEFACE* was a collaboration between the Art Gallery and the Graphic Design department at Parkland. CUDO is also a presenter of this film. She explained that Paul Young, the program director for the Graphic Design department, was influential in bringing *TYPEFACE* to Parkland for its premier. He saw this as a great opportunity for students to get involved in the community.

Costello said that by combining education and entertainment with fundraising events such as these help pay for artists to come to the gallery, shipping costs and receptions.

"It's important to channel (fundraising events) back into what we do," said Costello.

Sponsors for this event include: That's Rentertainment, Dean's Graphics, Parasol Records, Luna, The Great Impasta, Surface 51 and Electric Pictures. All proceeds go to support the Parkland Art Gallery.

Director Justine Nagan will be at the Parkland Theater for the premier of her new film *TYPEFACE* on Wednesday, April 21. The doors open at 6:30PM, and showing starts at 7PM, and after there will be a Q and A with the director. Admission is \$5 for the general public, \$3 for Parkland students and CUDO members and all proceeds go to benefit the Parkland Art Gallery. Hope to see you there!

Earth Week celebrations: What to know about upcoming events

Merry THOMAS
Staff Writer

Earth Day is coming up—are you planning on doing anything to benefit mother Earth? In honor of Earth Day's fortieth anniversary Parkland is hosting a weeklong celebration beginning the 18th of April and ending on the 24th. The celebration is an assortment of activities specifically geared towards making Parkland a more sustainable environment.

Earth Week coordinator, Marsha Reardon was hand-picked to head the festivities. AmeriCorps, an organization that works with individuals to place them in a non-profit organization, placed her at Parkland. The idea for Earth Week was proposed last year and funding was raised immediately. Reardon was approached by the Sustainable Campus Committee to head the project, and she readily accepted.

"We want to let the community know that Parklands doing its part to make good choices," said Reardon. "There is going to be a lot of fun activities. We're trying to educate people about being more environmentally friendly. We're not trying

to educate anyone's views, just to educate them in green matters."

The goals of Earth Week are to create awareness of the environment to help encourage students to come together for a good cause.

Earth Week is operating on a fairly large scale, with many people, committees and groups coming together to do their part.

Earth Week will focus on different areas of sustainability each day, including trash and recycling on Monday, prairies and ecosystems on Tuesday, energy and transportation on Wednesday, food and sustainability on Thursday, the Green Business Expo on Friday, and the week will end with a day-long Earth Week battle of the bands.

The battle of the bands will be a big hit with students but is by no means the most important event taking place.

"(The battle of the bands) (is) going to be a good way to wrap up the week," said Reardon. "There will be eight bands playing that day, all of which have really different sounds, so it'll be interesting. So Many Dynamos will be headlining the show, so there's a lot to look forward with that."

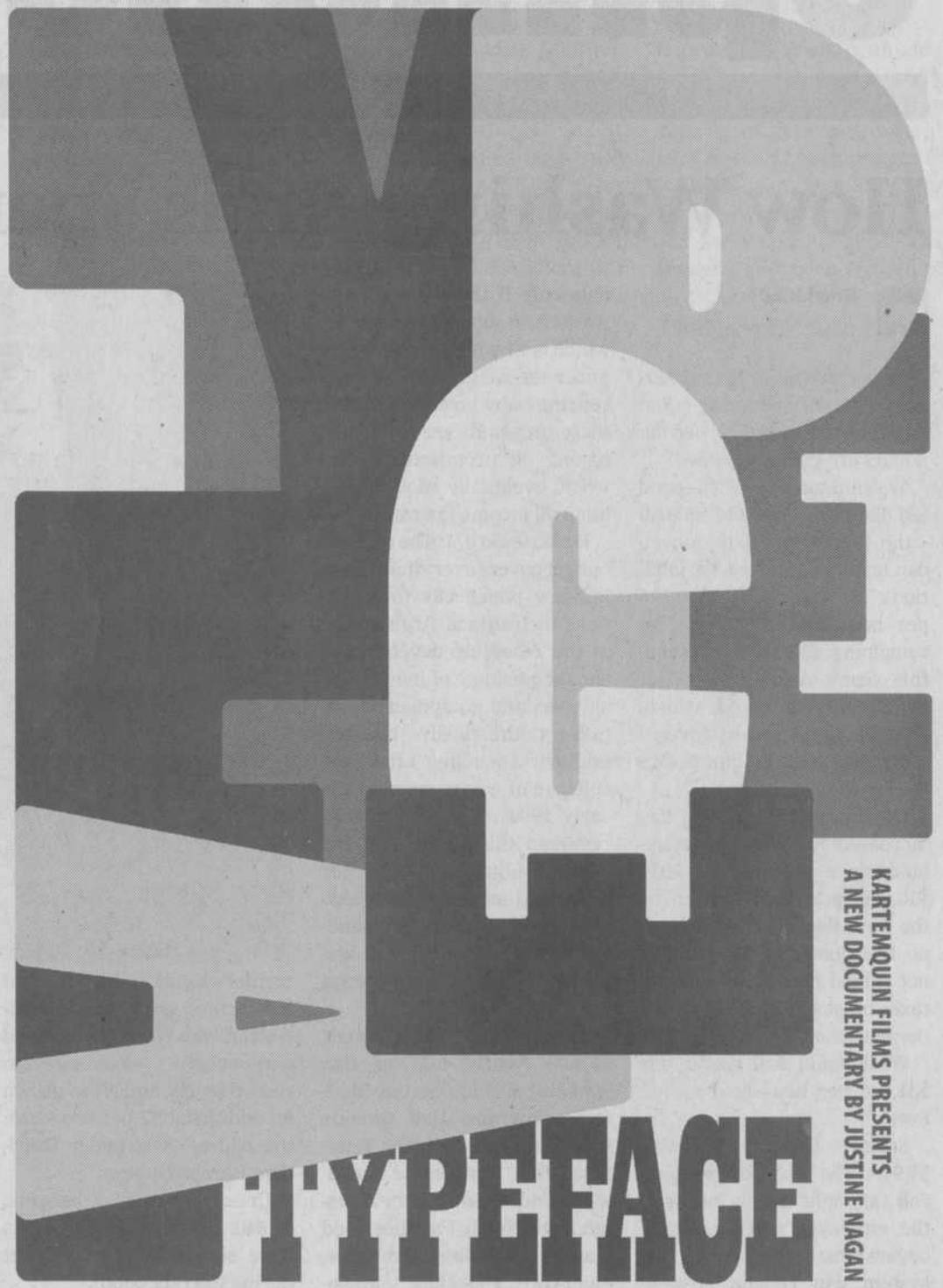
To help put together some-

thing as big as Earth Week, it's necessary to have volunteers. What's to be expected of the volunteers? Well, bring messy cloths because the work that needs to be done isn't neat. There will be beautification projects, including the general sprucing up of the grounds of Parkland, a prairie restoration project, which will involve a prairie burning to create more fertile ground, and so much more.

There's still a very strong need for volunteers. Anyone is welcome to volunteer for Earth Week, especially those who have some sort of connection with Parkland. Volunteers will be provided with all the necessary tools, so all you have to do in order to participate is bring yourself—and a willingness to work of course.

With all of the work that's going into this project, it's the

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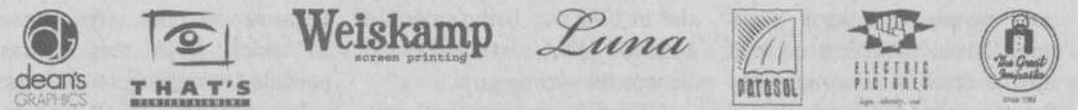
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How Washington is spending your taxes in 2010

Brian RIEDL
The Heritage Foundation

Taxpayers filing their 1040s are likely wondering just where all their hard-earned tax dollars are going, anyway.

Washington will spend \$31,406 per household in 2010 - the highest level in American history (adjusted for inflation). It will collect \$18,276 per household in taxes. The remaining \$13,130 represents this year's staggering budget deficit per household, which, along with all prior government debt, will be dumped in the laps of our children.

Government spending has increased by \$5,000 per household since 2008, and nearly \$10,000 per household over the past decade. Yet there is no free lunch: If spending is not reined in, then eventually taxes must also rise by \$10,000 per household.

Washington will spend this \$31,406 per household as follows:

Social Security/Medicare: \$9,949. The 15.3-percent payroll tax, split evenly between the employer and employee, covers most of these costs. This system can remain sustain-

able only if there are enough workers to support all retirees, which is why it risks collapsing under the weight of 77 million retiring baby boomers. Unless these programs are reformed, paying all promised benefits would eventually require doubling all income tax rates.

Defense: \$6,071. The defense budget covers everything from military paychecks to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan to the research, development and acquisition of new technologies and equipment. Lawmakers drastically reduced military spending after the collapse of communism in the early 1990s. The 9/11 attacks reversed this trend, and the inflation-adjusted \$2,472 per household increase since 2000 has returned military spending closer to its historical levels (but still lower than during previous wars).

Anti-poverty programs: \$5,466. Nearly half of this spending subsidizes state Medicaid programs that provide health services to poor families. Other low-income spending includes: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, food stamps, housing subsidies, child-care subsidies, Supple-



mental Security Income and low-income tax credits. President George W. Bush increased anti-poverty spending to record levels, and it has grown an additional 32 percent since the end of 2008 under President Barack Obama.

Unemployment benefits: \$1,640. Unemployment costs have surged by 411 percent during the recession.

Interest on the federal debt: \$1,585. The federal government owes \$13 trillion in public debt. It owes \$9 trillion to debt bond owners, and the rest to other federal agencies (mostly to repay the Social Security trust fund, which lawmakers raided annually before the program went into deficit in 2010). Record-low interest rates have recently held down these costs.

However, the national debt is set to double by 2020, which will combine with higher interest rates to raise annual interest costs to nearly \$6,000 per household.

Veterans' benefits: \$1,052. The federal government provides income and health benefits to war veterans. Spending is up 83 percent since 2000.

Federal employee retirement benefits: \$1,018. This spending funds the retirement and disability benefits of federal employees, including the military.

Education: \$914. Education spending is primarily a state and local function; 9 percent of the total comes from Washington. The federal education budget has leaped 125 percent since 2000. Most federal dollars are spent on low-income school districts, special education and college student financial aid.

Highways/mass transit: \$613. Most highway and mass-transit spending is financed by the 18.4 cent per-gallon federal gas tax. Washington subtracts an administrative cost and sends this money back to the states with numerous strings attached.

Health research/regulation: \$550. This spending is up 50 percent since 2001, and much of this growth is concentrated in the National Institute of Health. The category also includes the Food and Drug Administration and dozens of grant programs for health providers.

Mortgage Credit: \$470. While most of the bank bailouts occurred last year, the bailouts of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the rest of the housing market continue.

The programs listed above cover \$29,328 per household. The remaining \$2,078 is allocated to all other federal programs, including justice, international affairs, natural resources, the environment, regional development, farm subsidies, social services, space exploration, air transportation and energy.

Taxpayers - and the next generation that will be paying nearly half of the bill - must decide for themselves if they're getting their money's worth.

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Wrong man convicted even though 'everybody did their best'

Linda P. CAMPBELL
McClatchy Newspapers

Soon after he opened a church-based office to help poor people with legal problems, Brooks Harrington took up the case of a woman who faced jail for not paying child support. She was indignant and unemployed and hadn't received the hearing to which the Constitution entitled her.

Harrington challenged the entire process by which his client could be sentenced to jail and persuaded the judge to drop the contempt conviction.

A lawyer and ordained Methodist minister, Harrington applies the same thoroughness and tenacity to representing clients who can't pay that he used while becoming one of the most successful defense lawyers in North Texas.

Now representing battered women and children, he

believes he's answered his calling.

But in December came shattering news: A man Harrington helped send to prison for murder in 1982 was being released because DNA testing showed he was the wrong guy.

A Washington jury had convicted Donald Eugene Gates of shooting and raping Georgetown University student Catherine Schilling in Rock Creek Park, not far from the Kennedy Center.

As an assistant U.S. attorney, Harrington prosecuted Gates and had been certain a dangerous man was kept from harming other women.

But he was wrong.

That left him sick and sleepless: What red flags had he missed? What would happen to Gates, who had been homeless 28 years ago? Where was the real killer? Were other convictions flawed?

And there was the sobering reality that "You can do your best and the system still fails."

Texas' criminal justice system has taken a beating because of case after case in which DNA testing has revealed wrongful convictions.

In response, state leaders have explored ways to boost accuracy, such as monitoring crime labs better, recording interrogations and improving eyewitness identification procedures.

But it isn't just Texas that needs self-examination. It doesn't take callousness or wrongdoing to cause injustice; even good people doing their jobs in good faith can make mistakes.

Harrington, a former Marine from Fort Worth, spent five years in the U.S. attorney's office, handling some of the toughest cases. He visited neighborhoods where tourists don't go and the only hopeful voices came from black churches.

He still sees the scene of a couple's murder-suicide, where a 3-year-old sat crying

so hard no sound came out and the dead man's blood dripped through the floor, puddling next to a mattress where two toddlers slept.

He knew the system didn't always work. In 1981, he did the legwork to free a man wrongly charged with rape based on mistaken identity. The charge was dismissed the day of the trial.

In Gates' case, the prosecution relied on several pieces of evidence.

An FBI analyst testified that Gates' hair matched one found on the victim. Harrington said the defense team's analyst didn't dispute the match, just the odds that it was Gates' hair. A paid informant said Gates had confessed. Harrington said he "pushed the informant hard" to test the validity of his story.

"The more time I spent with him, the less I liked him and the more I believed him," he said.

The jury also heard another woman in the park not long before Schilling was killed.

Gates maintained he didn't

commit the murder but lost his appeals.

Harrington, meanwhile, came back to Fort Worth in 1983. He quit private law practice in 1990, opened five years co-pastoring a church in a low-income neighborhood, then took up medical malpractice defense. In 2006, he started the Methodist Justice Ministry at First United Methodist Church Fort Worth.

He wasn't aware that in 1997, a Justice Department report raised questions about the FBI analyst's testimony in a case involving a federal judge. The credibility of the analyst's work in Gates' case wasn't reviewed by the U.S. attorney's office for years.

A public defender sought more DNA testing for Gates in 2008, and today's sophisticated tests determined he didn't match the specimens found on Schilling.

In a letter the day before Christmas, Harrington told Gates he was sorry, included his phone number and enclosed a money order.

Gates wrote back, "I forgave

you long ago and now consider you my friend."

Harrington called that "the greatest gift I've ever received."

Gates is entitled to compensation from the government, but it's not yet clear how much.

He's living in Tennessee, though he recently told Harrington he can't find work and is feeling stressed.


There are many pressures on those within the criminal justice system: to protect the public, get convictions, move the sheer volume of cases. Mistakes are inevitable. But they can't be taken lightly.

"Everybody did their best, and we convicted the wrong guy, and that's terrifying," Harrington said.

"The mindset has to be one of fear and humility: Fear of convicting the wrong guy and humility about your own judgment."

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Prospectus Pick: Meeting People is Easy

Rachael JOHNS
Staff Writer

If you like Radiohead, you'll love watching *Meeting People is Easy*. It took seeing them perform live for me to realize what an inspiringly intense and moving band they are, and this documentary gives you a deeper look into that. It's not something

a popular band: the media, business, creativity, isolation, and the rat race. "Avoid peril. Hand hold on the wheel. YOU ARE A TARGET MARKET"

With an amazing soundtrack, you can read into the documentary as much as you would like. I found it an interesting and curiously different perspective than what you might see

and white cinematography. It is super chill in the face of popular mania, with interviewers picking Radiohead's brains and asking for answers to questions such as "what is music to you?"

Traveling between live concerts, international tours, video shootings, meetings with the media and creating

Meeting people is easy.
A film by grant gee about radiohead.



to expect a big plot from, but there is definitely a message and some interesting interviews and footage from behind the scenes; it runs almost more like a raw music video than a documentary.

This film was made in 1998, around the time Radiohead's album *OK Computer* came out and made its mark in the music industry. A film by Grant Lee, the cover sums up the social commentary in the 95 minutes of unglamored reality of what it is to be

on some "Making the Band" reality show on TV. The industrial imagery complements the emotive isolation of the band, and how hard it is to keep up with all of the attention of being a public icon. There is a scene with one of the band members rollerblading in an empty venue. This captures the surreal vibe of the film.

In a digital-age setting, with the band bombarded by their own success, you're washed away by the saturated colors, grainy images and black

new songs, there is a sense of exhaustion and overwhelming isolation depicted in the documentary. It's intriguing, depressing and beautiful all at the same time.

Meant for audiences ages 15 and up, and epilepsy sufferers cautioned from viewing, if you enjoy Radiohead or simply music of the 90's and want to see a different, raw view of the business, take a study break and watch *Meeting People is Easy*.

Give a Hand: Help a Student in Need

Spencer SHAAK
Albright College

Don't just be a passive bystander. Here's how to recognize when a fellow student needs help and how you can best reach out.

Jamie, a student at the Uni-

versity of Idaho in Moscow, has a friend who lost her mother to cancer over the past year. The friend went into a depressive state, and Jamie wanted to help. "What I have done mostly is just be there to support her as a friend and let her know that if she ever needs anything that I am there for her," says Jamie.

Students polled said their peers are facing many different problems, including drug use, overeating, anorexia, and being in abusive relationships.

is priming a friend with alcohol to take advantage sexually, you can step in and make sure your friend gets home safely," says Karen Moses, director of wellness and health promotion at Arizona State University in Tempe. "If you notice someone has been injured or



of five students said they currently know someone who may need help with a serious issue. Jamie, a student at the University of Idaho in Moscow, has a friend who lost her mother to cancer over the past year. The friend went into a depressive state, and Jamie wanted to help. "What I have done mostly is just be there to support her as a friend and let her know that if she ever needs anything that I am there for her," says Jamie. "Also, I have tried to get her to talk about it, if she seems like she has something on her mind. Other times I have helped her get her mind on other things. She may not always want my help, but I can still be there for her in case she wants my support."

Of 1,209 college students polled across the U.S. and Canada by Student Health 101, almost eight in ten said they have tried to help someone with a serious problem. One

About two-thirds of students surveyed said they know someone who has an alcohol problem, and 70% said they know someone dealing with depression.

Getting Over Hurdles to Help

Many students recognize that it can be hard to reach out and help others. Seven out of ten polled said they sometimes feel intrusive, while others said it's hard to take the time, or they feel like it's none of their business. However, many said that small actions can go a long way. For example, simply telling a friend he or she shouldn't drive home drunk, have the extra drink, or go home with someone who had too much to drink can make a big difference in that friend's life.

"When you notice someone

is being verbally abused by someone they love, you can express your concern and support, while helping them seek counseling."

Several students mentioned that a key to helping is often just letting a person know you're there to listen and won't judge their behavior. Moses adds, though, that students often need to go beyond listening and take action. Sometimes that means recommending professional counseling help, which is often available on your campus.

Recognizing When to Step In While sometimes it's easy to see the signs that someone needs help because they are obviously despondent, drinking too much, etc., other times the signs aren't so clear.

George Cook, a sophomore

Do birds help curb global warming?

Pat BRENNAN
The Orange County Register

The early bird catches the worm - and, one UC Irvine scientist says, might also help reduce the effects of global warming.

In a new study published in a scientific journal this week, ecologist and lead author Kai-len Mooney shows that birds, bats and lizards consume enough insects to reduce the damage they cause to plants and promote plant growth - by 14 percent on average.

"The goal was to understand how natural communities work, and the role of top predators in shaping and affecting communities of insects," Mooney said.

The study itself, a "meta-analysis" of 63 previous studies involving 113 experiments, looked only at how plant growth is affected by removing birds and other animals that prey on insects. But the implications for climate change are clear, Mooney said.

"Anytime a plant is growing,

it's taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and turning it into tissues," he said.

Humanity's release of carbon dioxide, along with other greenhouse gases, is believed by climate scientists to be driving the sharp warming trend seen in global temperatures.

The more carbon stored by plants, the less in the atmosphere. That could help slow down the rise in temperatures.

Although the estimate is not part of the study, Mooney said the rate of increased carbon capture could parallel the amount of increased plant growth promoted by birds and other insect predators.

"From the fact that there are predators protecting plants, and increasing the growth rate by approximately 14 percent, it's a rough approximation to say it is increasing carbon capture in natural ecosystems on something on the order of 14 percent also," he said.

Mooney and his co-authors spent four years combing through every study they could find that involved keep-

ing birds, bats or lizards away from plants to see if there was an effect on plant growth-rates.

That includes experiments Mooney himself did as a graduate student in the pine forests of Colorado.

Mooney built cages around pine trees to keep birds out, then tracked insect populations and tree growth for three years.

"We found that, in a nutshell, birds increased the growth rate of pine trees by about a third," he said.

But while a number of such experiments had been done, no one had yet pulled them all together for an overall analysis.

One of his most important findings, he said, was that the effects of insect predators on plant growth showed wide variation depending on type of habitat - trees or shrubs, for example - as well as latitude, with strong differences between tropical and temperate zones.

He also found that the growth-promoting effect held up even though the birds, bats

and lizards were feeding not only on insects but other insect predators, such as spiders.

"It wasn't clear how strong that would be," he said. "Maybe it would turn out to be a wash."

But he found plant growth was enhanced by about the same amount, even when consumption of other insect predators was taken into account.

The study also has implications for wildlife conservation, he said. Bird populations are declining in many places because of loss of habitat. And great care must be taken when growing new forests to capture carbon dioxide, he said, so that "at the same time we're trying on one end to increase carbon capture by planting new forests, we're not losing populations of these predators, and maybe sliding backward in that regard," he said.

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in a quick manner, impressing the firemen who arrived at the scene. No injuries were reported and little to no damage was done after the incident.



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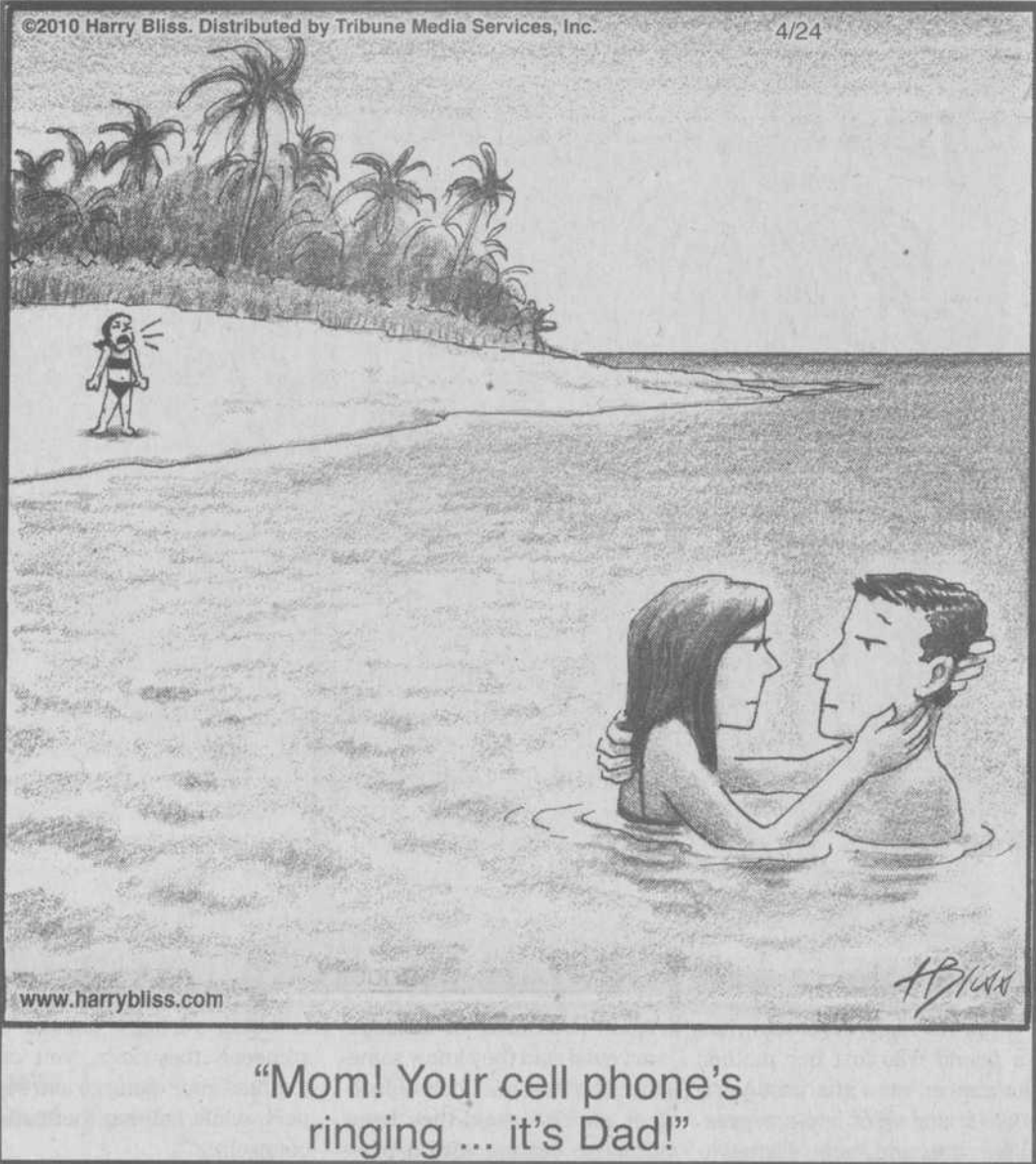
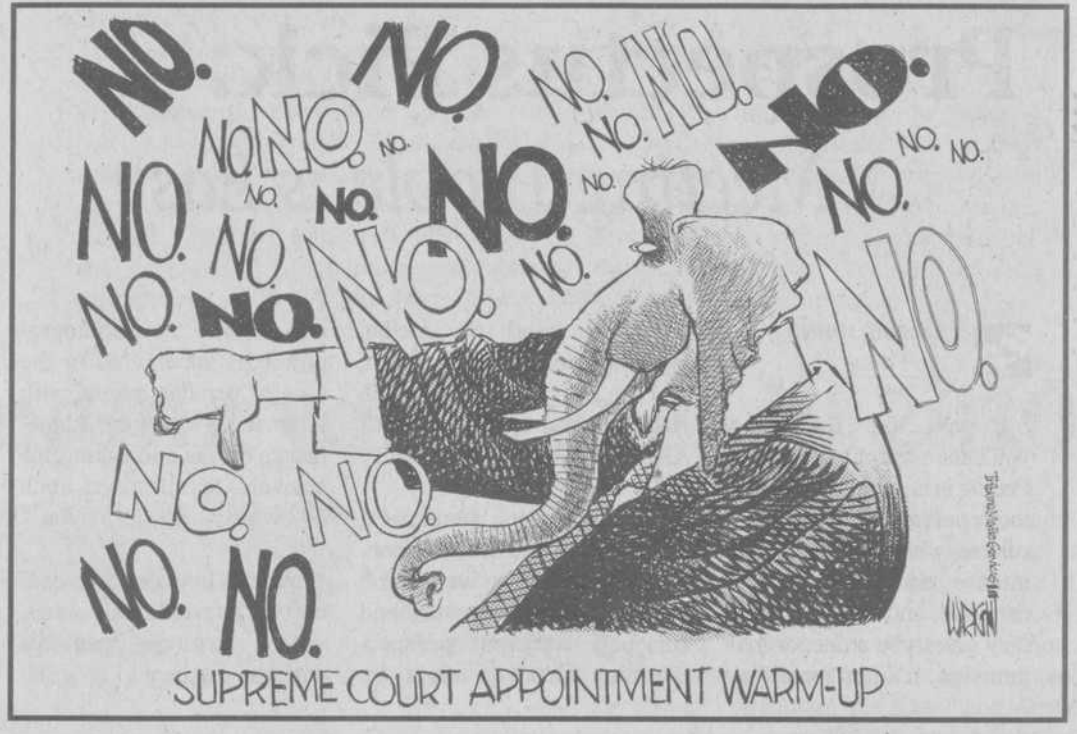
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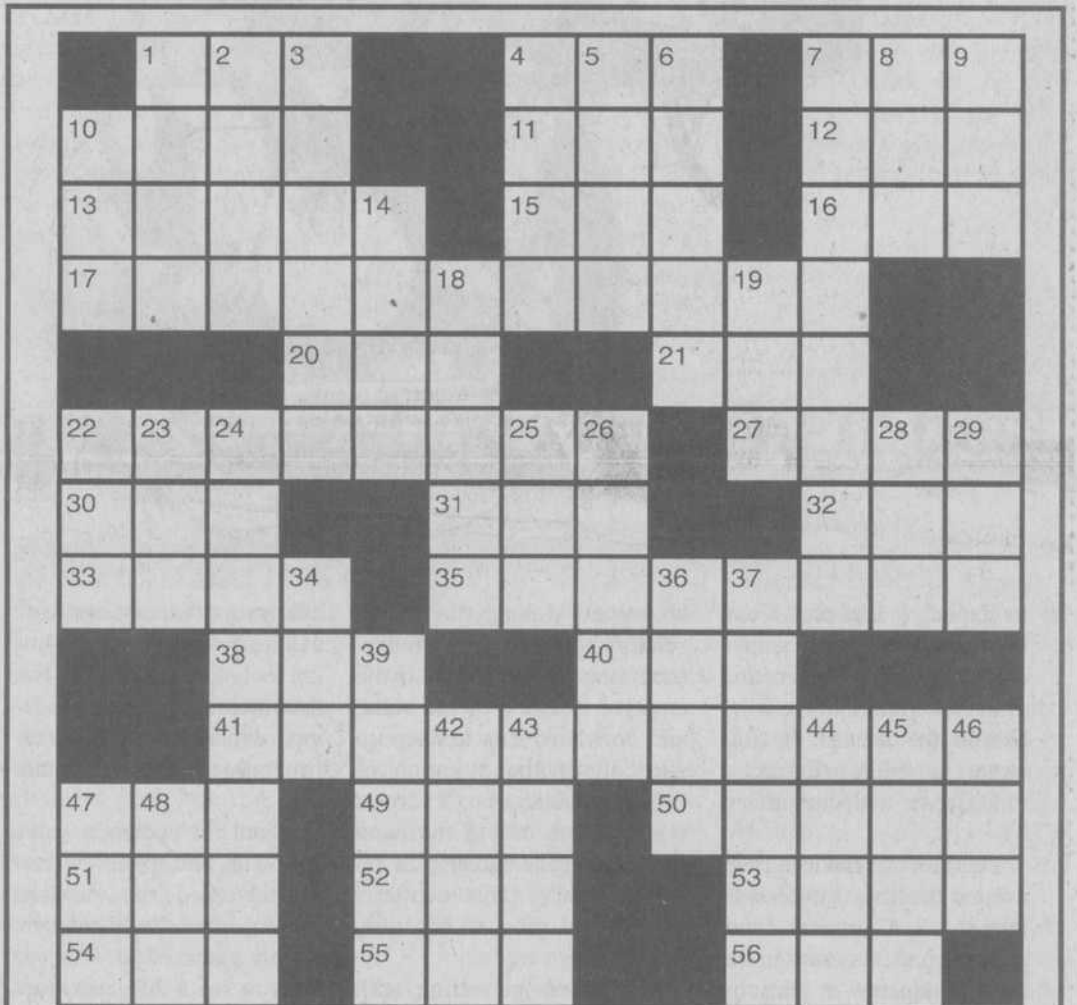
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Faculty, staff and students involved in sports

Shagun PRADHAN
Staff Writer

Coaching and refereeing can take a lot of dedication. Coaches spend a lot of time with their athletes, helping them become as successful as possible. Parkland serves as home to many

their busy schedules and serve their time for sports.

Thomas Ayala, Humanities Professor, is also a referee. He is certified by the U.S. Soccer Confederation and officiates everything from youth to professional soccer games. Ayala has been playing soccer

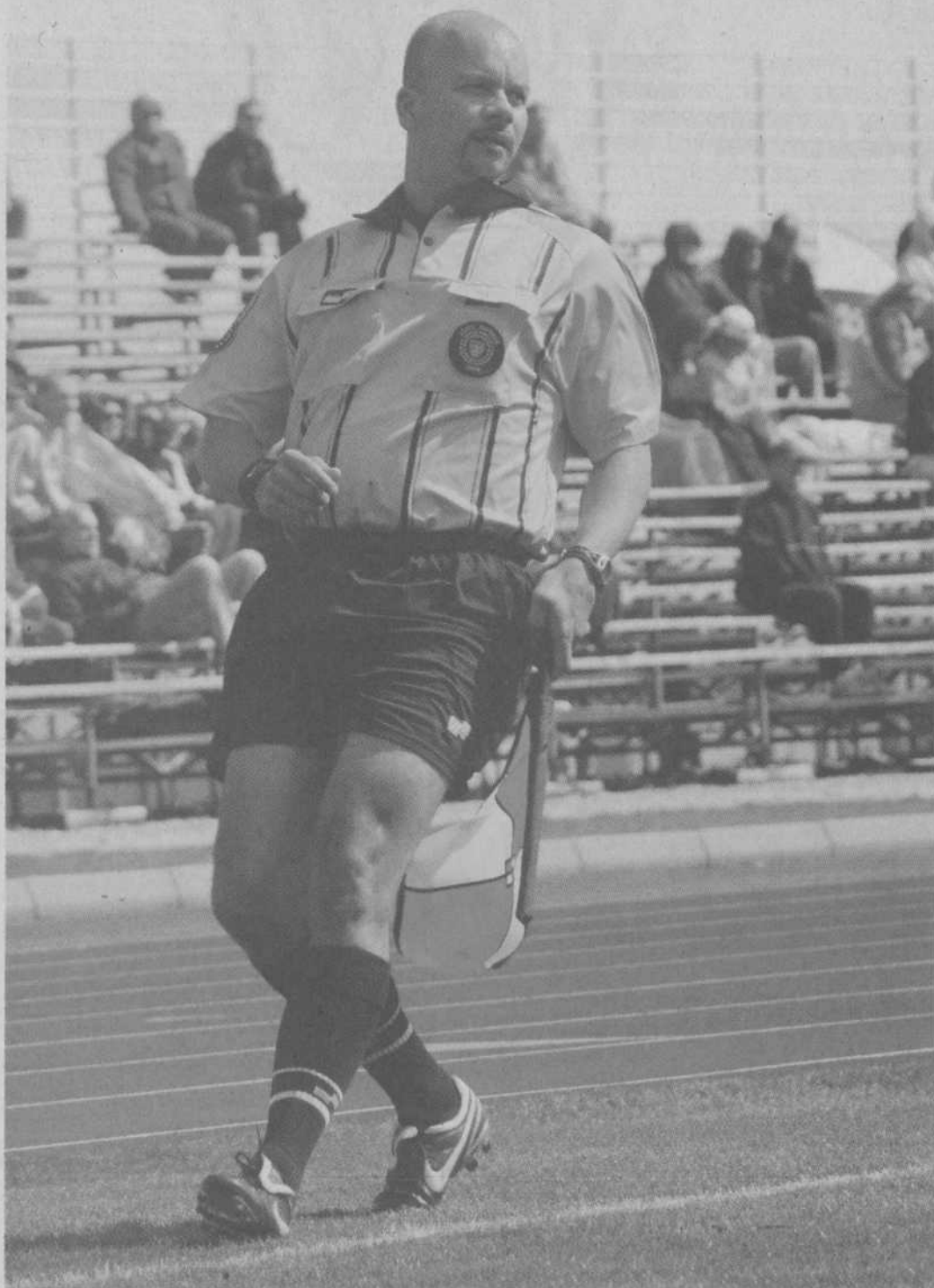
a great way to be a part of the sport and get paid. The pressure put on the referees is very high that is why I like it so much, I have more fun under pressure," said Ayala. "It also taught me how to manage my time and because of that, I am a better teacher."

Parkland, is also the girl's track coach at Atwood-Hammond high school, forty miles south of campus.

"I've been running since 6th grade and when I was asked to be an assistant coach, I gladly accepted," said Griffin. "I want to help runners succeed in the sport I am so passionate about." Griffin still runs 5 to 10 miles every day. "It helps reduce my stress and keeps me healthy," she said. Mid-way through Griffin's first season, she already thinks that coaching is one of the best decisions she has ever made. "Passing on knowledge of the sport to younger kids and witnessing their success is the greatest accomplishment. People who are willing to help others and share their knowledge of a sport should consider coaching," she said.

Most coaches usually had a history with the sport they are coaching, but not in professor Robert Belton's case. The reason he started coaching was because of his kids. "When my son started playing ice hockey, I stepped in to be the coach and when my daughter started playing softball I started coaching softball," said Belton, who enjoys helping people and seeing his athletes grow. "What makes coaching so special is when you see a child that thinks they can't do something, and helping that child accomplish whatever challenge they had," he said. Belton has put coaching as a priority in his schedule and is changing kids' lives by changing his own. "When coaching, I learn just as much with the kids. Every day is something new and the experience is indescribable, simply the best feeling," he said.

Parkland students and teachers that are involved in sports have a lot on their plates. Managing their time with a social life and even another job is a weight load, but like any good coach will say "If you really want it badly, you will go after it at one hundred percent," and that they do. It is these people who dedicate their time to athletics among many other things that are changing the world to a better place.



Professor Thomas Ayala refereeing a Chicago Red Star and U of I soccer match this past weekend.

Photo by Shagun PRADHAN/Prospectus

referees and coaches that are also teachers and students at Parkland. They have put the books down to take time out of

for 20 years and officiating for 10 years. "I started officiating in college to make some extra money. I thought it would be

For most students, being involved in sports when in college can be like a part time job. Kayla Griffin, a student at

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at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, says students should be alert to the clues that a friend or fellow student is in need of help. "First off, the student's habits change," says Cook. "Then a sense of struggle is apparent, and his or her emotions may be anywhere. It is clear at this point that someone needs help."

"You can really make a difference in someone's life," says Moses. "Don't just be a bystander—get involved."

To take an active role and help a troubled person or prevent a dangerous situation, Moses recommends keeping these tips in mind:

- Watch for problem situations—if someone is in harm's way, speak up, and do something to prevent it.

- Call 911 for assistance if someone is in danger—err on the side of caution.

- Intervene with safety in mind—yours and the person in need.

- Stay involved or nearby until the situation resolves or help arrives.

- Feel good about getting involved.

Signs That Someone Needs Help

Mentalhelp.net says to look for these changes in behavior in friends and peers—they may be signs that a person needs help:

- hyperactivity

- reclusiveness
- repeated lateness or absence
- poor work/academic performance
- bizarre or lame excuses
- uncharacteristic mood or personality changes

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heart.

"My main concern is that people get information and do the practices not only here, but at home as well. I want them to make good decisions about what they're doing, and this should help," said Reardon.

If you're interested in what Earth Week is all about or if you would like to volunteer, log onto Parkland's website

and there is a link to the Earth Week website. There you can find more information about the events themselves as well as how to get involved.

When was the last time you did anything for the Earth? Has it been awhile? Well, alleviate your conscience and join the Earth Week cause. See you there!

CRIME

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SLU, for example, students and administrators have rallied in support of the targeted groups with town hall meetings, gatherings, diversity forums and a "We Are All Billikens" campaign, asking students to sign a diversity pledge and wear a wristband.

The university's president, the Rev. Lawrence Biondi, issued a campus-wide e-mail in early February condemning hateful speech and acts of intolerance.

And while some find reason for hope in the community's reaction, many say they know there is only so much that can be done to influence long-held prejudices.

"I wouldn't say they are really changing anyone's views," said Michael Harriss, student government association president at St. Louis University. "We don't expect them to pick up a wristband and suddenly feel enlightened."

Still, some students want more from administrators. Officials recently received a form-letter e-mail from more than 120 students with a list of demands, including: the establishment of a 24-hour hot line to assist students who've been threatened; a campus-wide e-mail alert system to let everyone know when an incident has occurred and a requirement that all students take a social justice class.

"They hear us, but I don't see any action taking place," said Ono Oghre-Ikanone, president of the Black Student Alliance.

Porterfield said administrators are reviewing the demands

and that many of many will be addressed. But he urged students: "Sometimes the process takes longer than some people would like it to."

One of the most frustrating aspects of these incidents, from a college administrator's viewpoint, is the fact that colleges are composed of students with a wide range of backgrounds.

"Sometimes people think of college campuses as these isolated and protected environments, when in fact they are a microcosm of our broader society," said Roger Worthington, the chief diversity officer at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Columbia campus had its own brush with racism in the early-morning hours of Feb. 26, when two white students scattered cotton balls outside the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. The students were arrested and suspended.

"We were all embarrassed that this would happen on our campus."

Lori Brown, associate professor of sociology at North Carolina's Meredith College, said campus dynamics are further complicated by students of different backgrounds not always understanding one another and how painful their actions might be.

"I do think a lot of white America doesn't understand that you can't play around with things like 'lynching,'" Brown said. "There's just no humor in that."

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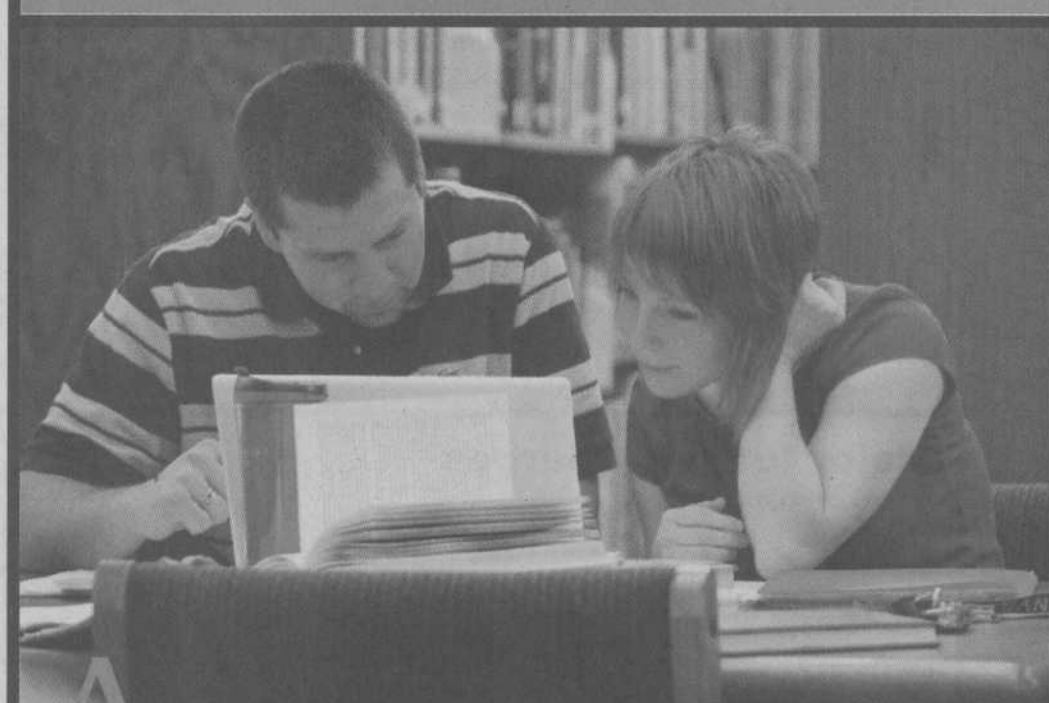
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Outlining how the recently passed health care bill will impact Americans

By **KIM GEIGER**
Chicago Tribune

The yearlong push to overhaul the nation's health care system reached a legislative peak March 23, when Obama signed the bill into law.

Passage of the legislation is considered one of the most historic domestic policy achievements since the creation of Medicare 45 years ago.

The House held its final votes March 21 on a two-bill package containing the Senate bill that passed on Christmas Eve and a separate bill of changes, called a budget reconciliation bill, which was drafted by House Democratic leadership to "improve" the Senate bill. To avoid casting a recorded vote on the Senate bill, which many House Democrats dislike, the members of that chamber had considered voting only on the "fix" bill. If the fix bill had passed, the Senate bill would have been deemed

What starts now

- Six months after the bill was signed into law, insurers must allow children up to age 26 to remain covered under their parents' plans.
- Effective in September, insurers will be banned from placing lifetime limits on coverage and from rescinding coverage.
- Also in September, denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions also will be banned. But insurers will not be required to cover adults with pre-existing conditions until 2014.

What will impact everyone

- Eliminates pre-existing condition exclusions so you can no longer be denied coverage.
- Ends lifetime limits on benefits.
- Bans rescission — when an insurer cancels your coverage even if you've kept your policy current.

approved by the House and ready for President Barack Obama's signature. But March 20, House Democrats decided to vote directly on the Senate bill, as well as the fix bill.

The fix bill was then sent to

Obama's desk by both the Senate and the House.

Here's a detailed look at what this combined package will mean for you, depending on your income, age, job status and current insurance:



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Other changes under the bill

Are you now insured?

You buy your own insurance or you get it through your employer.

If your employer provides insurance, you should be able to keep it, but you should be aware of the ...

'Cadillac' plan tax

- Under this Senate proposal, you could see your plan taxed at a rate of 40 percent for every dollar that exceeds \$10,200 for a yearly individual premium and \$27,500 for a yearly family premium.
- The tax would have applied starting in 2013 under previous versions of the bill, but the date was pushed back to 2018 after protest from labor unions.
- Taxes would be paid by insurers or plan administrators, but some say the cost will be passed on to consumers.

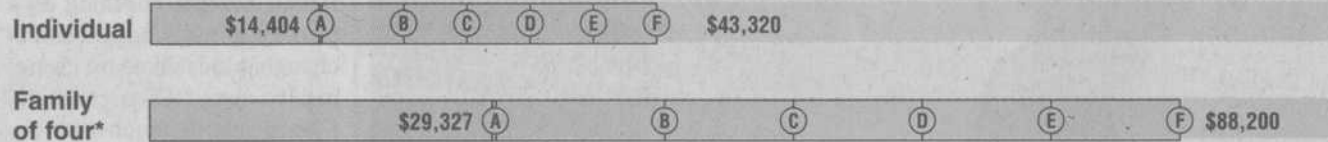
If your employer offers health insurance but does not pay at least 60 percent of the cost, or if the cost exceeds 9.5 percent of your income, you may qualify to buy **subsidized insurance** on an exchange, a marketplace where consumers can compare and buy insurance policies.

If you currently buy your own insurance, you would likely go to the exchange to buy a policy. Depending on your income, you may qualify for help to pay your premium.

Are you now uninsured?

You don't have insurance because you're self-employed or unemployed and can't afford to buy insurance or can't qualify, or because your employer doesn't offer it.

Your income level



Medicaid

If you are an individual who makes less than \$14,404, or if you have a family of four with income less than \$29,327, you would qualify for Medicaid by 2014.

Estimated number of people who would be newly eligible for Medicaid (including children who would join the Children's Health Insurance Program): **15 million**

* Based on a family of four with a 50-year-old head of household

Subsidies

If you are an individual who makes between \$14,404 and \$43,320, or if you have a family of four with income between \$29,327 and \$88,200, you would qualify for government subsidies to help you buy insurance.

Estimated number of people this could affect: **25 million**

Individual Income	You pay	Family income	You pay
A. \$14,512	\$444	\$29,547	\$904
B. \$21,660	\$1,365	\$44,100	\$2,778
C. \$27,075	\$2,180	\$55,125	\$4,438
D. \$32,490	\$2,637-\$3,087	\$66,150	\$6,284
E. \$37,905	\$2,637-\$3,601	\$77,175	\$7,332
F. \$43,320	\$2,637-\$4,115	\$88,200	\$8,379

Because of a practice called age rating, individuals who are closer to 19 should expect to pay the lower number listed in the ranges above, while individuals who are closer to 64 should expect to pay the higher number.

If you make more than \$43,320/\$88,200 and your employer doesn't offer you health insurance, you can buy a policy on the exchange but will not be eligible for a subsidy. Individuals would likely see yearly premium costs of \$2,637 — \$7,911 and a family of four would pay \$7,108 — \$21,325, depending on the age of the policy holders.

Estimated number of people this could affect: **5 million**

Are you on Medicare?

You are a senior citizen on Medicare or are reaching Medicare age and want to make sure your benefits will be there when you need them.

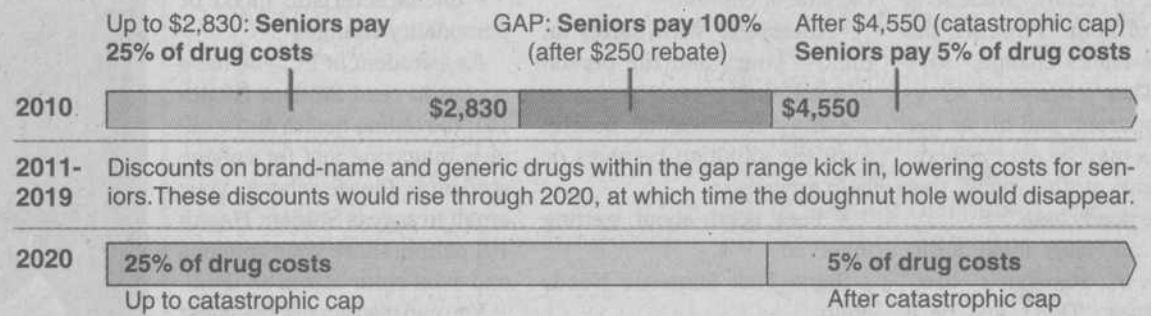
Medicare Advantage

These are private insurance alternatives funded through Medicare that typically offer more generous benefits than standard Medicare.

The bill would change the payment rates for these plans, which some people say could limit the availability of the plans.

Fixing the Medicare 'doughnut hole'

A coverage gap in the Medicare Part D drug plan forces enrollees to pay 100 percent of the cost of prescriptions after they consume a certain yearly amount but before they reach the catastrophic coverage limit. By 2020, that gap will be closed.



Major funding sources

With expected yield totals for 2010-19

Individuals

Yearly penalties of as much as \$695 or 2.5 percent of income per adult who doesn't carry insurance, with some exceptions

Yield

\$17 billion

Increase in the Medicare payroll tax from 1.45 percent to 2.35 percent for individuals/couples making more than \$200,000/\$250,000 and a 3.8 percent tax on unearned income for higher-income taxpayers

\$210 billion

Large employers (at least 50 full-time employees)

Employers that don't offer health benefits and that have at least one employee who receives subsidized insurance will be charged a \$2,000-per-employee fee. If the employer offers coverage but employee(s) instead purchase subsidized insurance, the fee is \$3,000 for each employee receiving a subsidy, or \$750 for each employee in the company, whichever amount is smaller.

\$52 billion

Industry

Yearly fees on pharmaceutical companies (\$27 billion), health insurers (\$60 billion) and medical device-makers (\$20 billion)

\$107 billion

Cadillac plan tax (see description above)

\$32 billion

Hospitals that are currently reimbursed for unpaid care they provide to low income patients would have payments reduced as more people become insured

\$14 billion

Reduced spending in medicare

Savings in Medicare Advantage program \$130 billion

\$130 billion

Health care timeline

- **March 5, 2009:** President Barack Obama holds health care summit at White House.
- **Spring 2009:** Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus holds a series of "stakeholder" meetings with groups representing doctors, insurers, hospitals, drug-makers and consumer groups.
- **Nov. 7, 2009:** House passes its health care bill.
- **Dec. 24, 2009:** Senate passes its health care bill.
- **Jan. 19, 2010:** Republican Scott Brown wins election for the late Sen. Edward Kennedy's seat, putting Democrats one vote short of a filibuster-proof Senate.
- **Feb. 22:** Obama releases his \$940 billion blueprint for health care reform.
- **Feb. 25:** Obama and congressional leaders hold health care summit to discuss differences.
- **March 21:** House passes Senate bill and reconciliation bill.
- **March 23:** Obama signs the health care bill into law.

■ **Cost (over 10 years):**
\$940 billion

■ **Net effect on deficit (over 10 years):**
\$138 billion reduction

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