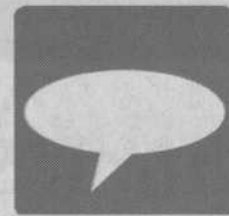




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Spring is near, but not to fear:

■ Ideas for when the weather turns warm

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With spring being less than a month away, the groundhog can't tell us to wait any longer. Everyone is preparing to put away the Uggs and pull out the flip-flops and the Prospectus has come up with a couple of activities that can help kick off the warm weather season.

Sleepy Creek Vineyard – Located just off of I-74 in Fairmount, Sleepy Creek Vineyard is a winery that offers people a chance to taste fine wines and enjoy beautiful scenery. Sleepy Creek offers a great chance to enjoy the day by taking a walk with that special someone, and can be a good time for friends to catch up and relax for the day. For more information visit <http://www.sleepycreekvineyards.com/>

Fishing - While most people don't enjoy bundling up and braving the ice for ice fishing, the warm weather draws out bait retailers and the fish are live and well, so it's the perfect time to think about going to buy some bait, dusting off the fishing poles and going out for a great day of fishing. If you're up for a road trip, Kickapoo State Park is a great place with plenty of spots to fish and they even have a chance for fishers to rent regular boats and paddle boats so you can hit the

water. If you are looking for something closer to town, try Kaufman Lake off of Springfield Ave.

Picnic - An all time classic, what better way than to enjoy the warm weather than with a picnic. If the ground is too soft to find a blanket, just find a park with a picnic table. Pack some sandwiches and chips and enjoy the day. Going to the park for a picnic can give everyone the chance to spend quality time together and tap into your inner kid by playing on the swings.

Allerton Park - Allerton Park is a beautiful park near Monticello with flower gardens and beautiful hiking structures. With gorgeous scenery, it is the perfect way to kick off the spring season and enjoy the great outdoors.

Catch - A great father-son, brother, sister, or friend-to-friend activity. Break out the old baseball glove and toss around a ball for old times sake and enjoy the refreshing spring air, while getting some light exercise.

Bike rides - There is no greater feeling than dusting off your bicycle and taking it out for the first ride of the spring. Some great bike paths run along Windsor Ave. and for a more scenic route, you can ride on paths near Fox Dr. or even Meadowbrook Park.



Some might even enjoy rides around campus, and if you happen to get tired, the MTD has your back.

Make Art - Head over to a park and bring along your easel or camera and capture some fine images. Let your mind wander and think of views from a different point of view to make your work more original. Afterwards, frame your work and gift it to friends and family for a cheap and thoughtful present.

Frisbee - Frisbee is fun, fast and exciting. You can play for hours if you have the right partner or you can even play with a large group. There are also many ultimate frisbee leagues around the area and on campus that you could join, too. Frisbee is a great way to enjoy the weather, get some exercise and just have fun.

Go outside! - Get off your butt, stop playing video games, take a break from studying, step outside for a few minutes and enjoy the fresh air! It will help relax the mind and soul and refresh you for your next five-hour gaming or studying session.

Whatever you end up doing, just make sure to enjoy the warm weather, the fresh air, and the sunny days ahead of us. You won't regret it!

Father of the Bride to elate audiences starting this week

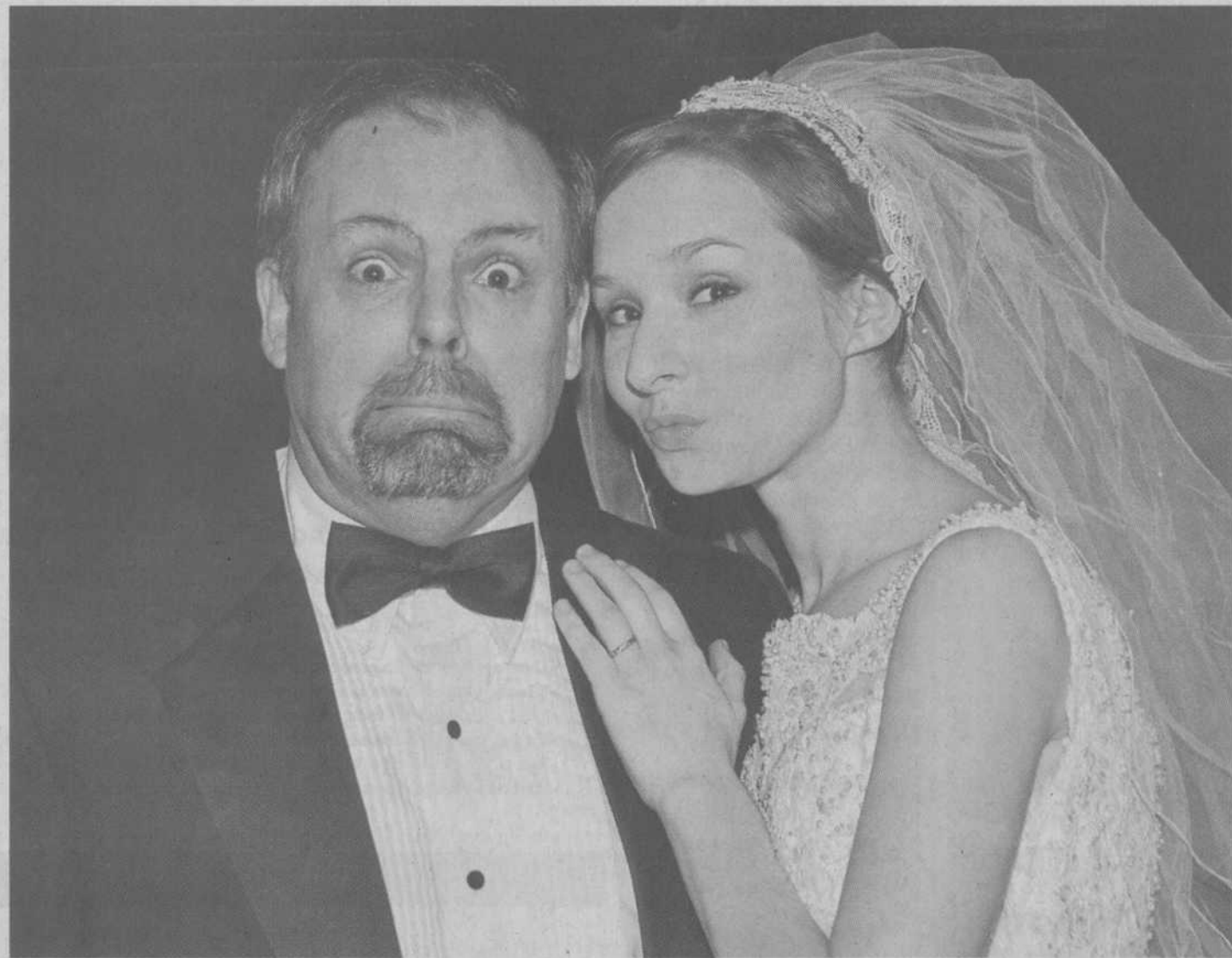
Merry THOMAS
Staff Writer

Looking to break out of winter's encumbering grasp? Prepare to be elated with lightheartedness March 3rd, as Parkland Theater's production of *Father of the Bride* by Caroline Francke starts this week.

The show itself, which first appeared on Broadway in the 1940's, is a comedy about a father who has a rather independent daughter who decides to get married. The father, who is unhappy about letting his daughter go, has to deal with the fact that wedding planners, florists, dress makers, and pretty much everyone and everything that goes with a wedding are invading his home. To make matters worse, the wedding plans keep getting bigger and more outrageous by the day, but they come with humorous results. The director of the show this year is Randi Collins Hard.

Hard, who is the director of the Educational Theatre program, as well as the Artistic Director at Parkland, has directed over 70 plays and musicals over the years, 40 of which have been done at Parkland. In doing all of these productions, it's easy to imagine that directing would become tiresome. Really, how many shows can you do before it gets repetitive? Hard doesn't look at it that way, she believes that directing can't possibly get old. "I love directing—it's quite literally my life," said Hard.

Hard chose *Father of the Bride* for several reasons, one reason being that it's a fantastic play with a great script. Another reason would be that



Father of the Bride premieres this week and will run March 3rd, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, and 13th at 7:30 pm, and March 14th at 3 pm. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, \$10 for youth. Courtesy of Randi Collins Hard.

the play has name recognition and people can appreciate a classic. It's also a family show, so people of all ages can enjoy it. Probably the most important reason why she chose the show is because it's a comedy, and she loves to direct comedies.

"It's more than that, though," she said, "people need relief from the dreags of winter—it's just a funny show."

The production itself is fairly large. There are 18 actors in the show, as well as a tech crew, and a beautiful set, modeled to look like a comfortable home. As for sponsorship, the whole show is receiving funding from Michelle's Bridal, and they've even helped with the wardrobe. Since the original show was done in the 40's, there have been some alterations in the

script, mostly because some of the phrases were a bit dated, so they made it more of a modern production.

The actors themselves vary, with about half of them being students and the other half community members. According to Hard, it's good to have a diverse cast, mainly because it adds to the performance. Overall though, there are more stu-

dents that are involved with the show than community members in total, and that's how it typically is for any show at Parkland as the majority of the backstage crew is students.

With a crew that size, it must be hard for everyone to get along, but Hard says that everyone gets along really well, which is good because it's important to have good chem-

istry with the people involved with the show. With such a good cast, the expectations of the show are rather high.

"We're already selling (tickets) well," said Hard, "everyone's really looking forward to the show, and the people involved with the show are ready to begin."

The show starts Wednesday, March 3, so be sure to check out *Father of the Bride* during its running. The show dates and times are March 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 pm, and March 14 at 3 pm. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, \$10 for youth, and for groups of 15 plus, tickets are \$8 per person. Opening night is "pay what you can" night, so you can pay anything from a penny to full ticket price (or even more if you like), and the 11th is half price night. If you attend Friday March 5th, be sure to stick around after the show for the talkback session with Randi Collins Hard and the cast, it's going to be really fun. All of this information can be found on Parkland's website—just look for the website of the *Bride's* press release.

If you're interested in getting involved with the drama program at Parkland, there are open auditions on Sunday, March 7th from 2 to 5 pm for All Out, the student production this year. All members of the community are encouraged to try out, so who knows, if you enjoyed *Father of the Bride* or any other Parkland productions, maybe you'll want to get into the performing arts yourself. See you at the show!

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Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

Lead Story

When Dexter Blanch's dog nearly died from complications during spay surgery, he decided to use the event as inspiration and recently brought to market a chastity belt to give pet owners more control of their animals' animal instincts. The Pet Anti-Breeding System harness is especially valuable to professional breeders who may want to keep a female out of one or more "heat cycles" without resorting to sterilization. So far, said Blanch, the belts have been proven effective, but he admitted to a San Francisco Chronicle reporter in February that horndog males pose severe tests by gnawing relentlessly at the leather straps that are crimping their style.

The Continuing Crisis
 The Importance of the Dictionary: When Donald Williams was publicly sworn in as a judge in Ulster County, N.Y., on Jan. 2, offices were closed, and no one could find a Bible. Since holy books are not legally required, Williams took the oath with his hand on a dictionary.

Merriam Webster's 10th edition dictionary is so influential that the Menifee Union School District in Southern California removed all copies from its elementary schools' shelves in January in response to a parent's complaint that the book contains a reference to "oral sex."

"Texting" While Driving Is Not the Problem: Briton Rachel Curtis, 23, was sentenced to 12 months in prison by Bristol Crown Court in October for leading police on a high-speed chase while injecting heroin. Authorities in Scottsboro, Ala., in December arrested a man after a high-speed chase during which he allegedly had methamphetamine cooking in the front seat.

Long-haul trucker Thomas Wallace was charged with manslaughter in Buffalo, N.Y., in January after his rig struck a parked car, killing the occupant, while Wallace was distracted watching pornography on his laptop computer.

Bright Ideas
 An official in Shijiazhuang, China, told Agence France Presse's new "women only" parking lot was designed to meet females' "strong sense of color, and different sense of distance." That is, the spaces are 3 feet wider than regular spaces and painted pink and purple. Also, attendants have been "trained" to "guide" women into parking spaces.

Lenoir County, N.C., sheriff's deputies raided a suspected marijuana farm in January and learned that the grow operation was all underground. The 60 live plants were being cultivated inside an abandoned school bus, which had been completely buried, using several backhoes, accessible by a

tunnel and with a garage built on top of it.

The Fragrance of Love
 First, farmer Dick Kleis of Zwingle in eastern Iowa, composing a birthday note to his wife, arranged more than 60 tons of manure in a pasture to spell out "Happy Birthday, Love You" in shorthand. Then, for Valentine's Day, farmer Bruce Andersland created a half-mile-wide, arrow-pierced heart from plowed manure at his farm near the town of Albert Lea, Minn. "Now I've got my valentine!" shouted wife Beth, when she first viewed the aerial image.

Oops!
 Helmut Kichmeier, 27, a hypnotist "trainee" who appears as Hannibal Helmutro in Britain's Circus of Horrors, accidentally hypnotized himself in January as he was practicing in front of a mirror. (Being in such a trance helps him swallow swords on stage.) His wife called Kichmeier's mentor, Dr. Ray Roberts, who, as a "voice of authority," was able to snap Kichmeier out of it over the phone.

Sometimes, Men Just Have to Prove Theirs Is Bigger
 A 31-year-old man was stabbed in St. Cloud, Minn., in January. He told police that he and another man were approaching each other on a sidewalk, and when neither man gave way, the other man stabbed him.

Scott Elder, 22, was charged with shooting a 24-year-old man in Savannah, Ga., in October after an escalating argument that started when one of the two strangers sent a text message to a wrong number. One comment led to another, and the men agreed to meet in a downtown parking lot to settle things.

Lankward Harrington, 25, was walking past a gardener working on lawn in Washington, D.C., in October 2006 when grass clippings blew onto his clothes. At his trial in October 2009, Harrington was convicted of murder for shooting the gardener four times in the face. Said Harrington, on the witness stand: "He got grass on me. [I] take pride in my appearance."

A News of the Weird Classic
 (April 2005)

Dr. Thomas Perls, director of the New England Centenarian Study at Boston University Medical School, told a conference in Brisbane, Australia, in March 2005 that he donates blood regularly, largely because he believes it will prolong his life. Women outlive males, Dr. Perls believes, mainly because they menstruate. Perls said iron loss inhibits the growth of free radicals that age cells. "I menstruate," he said, "every eight weeks."

Media use among kids

Young people spend an average of 7 hours and 38 minutes using entertainment media in a day. 'Media multitasking' means kids can pack 10 hours and 45 minutes worth of media content into that time.

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2:31

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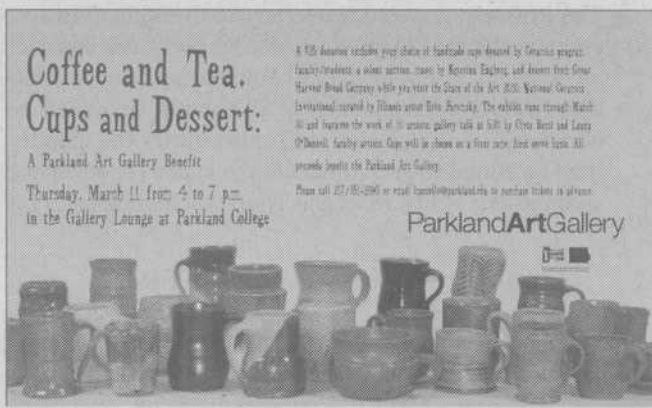
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Parkland Art Gallery Presents: Cup-a-palooza

Rachael JOHNS
Staff Writer

Have you noticed the displays in the D and C wings lately? Behind these displays are dozens of handcrafted cups. Do you like to start your day off with a tasty beverage? Well, your opportunity to own one of these unique artworks and drink in style is next Thursday during the second Annual Cup Benefit for the Parkland Art Gallery.

The Art Gallery will be hosting Cup-a-palooza, which will help benefit the Art Gallery. Cups donated by Parkland faculty and students will be sold; coffee, tea and dessert from Great Harvest Bread Company will be had and music by Kristina Engberg will be heard. The event will take place in the gallery lounge on March 11th from 4-7PM with the gallery talk beginning around 5:30. Tickets will be sold for \$25, and



included in the ticket price is a cup, refreshments and entertainment, all for a good cause.

"The cups are beautiful, (the benefit) is for a really good cause, and we're lucky to have such a great, wonderful gallery," said Parkland student Anora Johnson, who works in the Parkland Art Gallery.

She also pointed out that attending is a win-win scenario. "You not only can enjoy great dessert and a lovely cup, but are helping to bring art to the community," said Johnson,

who will be volunteering at the event.

"The first (benefit) went really well," said Chris Berti, a faculty artist, who will also be giving a gallery talk during the event, along with Laura O'Donnell. "It is a chance to own something that you can use that's made with good design, skill, and love," said Berti.

Cups will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis and all of the cups are donated creations by Parkland faculty and students. Come early for the

best choice to find your favorite to take home and enjoy.

Josh Fairbanks, Assistant Director for the Parkland Art Gallery, is organizing the event. He is a sculpture artist himself, and when asked why he became interested in making sculptures, he "liked the whole process of working with your hands" and the "transformation of materials," he said.

Fairbanks began as an Art Gallery monitor, and then became the Exhibition Coordinator before becoming Assistant Director. "The student shows are a great opportunity and the gallery is a great source of inspiration and an entertaining learning tool," he said.

When asked what would be on the menu, Fairbanks, who was a former employee of Great Harvest, expects cookies, scones and muffins, leaving an element of surprise for Benefit guests.

There will also be a silent action of various works including some artisan cups, according to Fairbanks.

Featured at the Gallery during the benefit will be State of the Art 2010: National Biennial Ceramics Invitational, the 12th of its kind here at Parkland. "Curated by Illinois artist Erin Furimsky, the exhibit runs through March 30 and features the work of 10 artists," according to the event poster.

The ongoing exhibit has had "tremendous feedback," according to Fairbanks.

In respect to artist Tim Kowalczyk's realistic and detailed work, "people can't believe that it's ceramic," said Fairbanks.

"On some level (this exhibit), involves a close examination of the frequently dismissed mundane objects that surround us all," said Furimsky. More information on the show can be found at www.parkland.edu/

gallery.

Benefit tickets are still available, and the goal is to sell 75, said Fairbanks. They can be purchased at the Art Gallery during business hours, the Fine and Applied Arts building (C-wing) office, or through Josh Fairbanks or Lisa Costello in office D026.

"Times are tight for the budget," said Fairbanks, "This is a good time to support the Arts." The Illinois Art Council helps support arts in Illinois and the Parkland Art Gallery, according to Fairbanks, but the gallery is looking for and also accepts private donations that help keep it a valuable community resource here.

What your \$25 ticket will get you is more than a one-of-a-kind cup but also an enriching experience. From this benefit event, 100% of the proceeds will go to support the Parkland Art Gallery. Hope to see you there!

Woman becomes victim of identity theft

Duaa ELDEIB
Chicago Tribune

JuWanda Harris spent the last year rising before the sun to work two jobs, using the money to support her brother and sister and help her parents with everything from gas bills to toothpaste.

She lived week to week but took solace in knowing her long hours at minimum-wage jobs would pay off once she received her tax refund. She has more money withheld than needed so she can get a hefty refund each spring. This year, she was set to collect \$5,100, money she was counting on to buy a car and pay back a loan.

But nine stolen digits changed everything.

When Harris tried to file her tax return, the Internal Revenue Service rejected it this month because someone else had already filed a return using her Social Security number. That's when she realized she had become a victim of identity theft. It's a scam that entails using stolen Social Security numbers to file phony returns and cash in before anyone realizes, authorities say.

"I feel like I'm being robbed," said Harris, 29, of Chicago's Englewood community. "I worked so hard. I needed that money."

After filing a police report and contacting authorities,

Harris may have to wait months before she sees a penny of the money owed to her. But first she has to prove her case.

Tax season can make identity thieves' hearts race. Experts say they swoop in quickly and quietly this time of year and the victims, like Harris, are oblivious to what has happened until they try to file their own returns.

Using stolen Social Security numbers, the thieves make up incomes and employee details to file returns, according to the IRS. As long as they file first, the IRS assumes the returns are legitimate until they hear from the victim.

Although the scam isn't new, fraud specialists say the rise in popularity of electronic filing and direct deposit is fueling the deception. Sending out the funds electronically makes the crime more anonymous, said Bill Kresse, director of St. Xavier University's Center for the Study of Fraud and Corruption.

"There is no picking up of a physical check or walking into a bank where they can be photographed," Kresse said.

The thieves can then transfer the money from bank to bank across the country, making it increasingly difficult to track, he added. Sometimes, thieves with access to returns change bank routing numbers, and the filers' refunds get sent to the thieves' accounts.

"This is high-level identity theft, which is done by a professional fraudster," Kresse said. "It's somebody who understands how to work the system."

Scammers get Social Security numbers in two ways: theft or trickery. Stealing a wallet that contains a Social Security number or stealing the number off documents, such as a credit card or insurance application, are among the easiest practices.

The IRS says identity thieves also trick people into handing over their information through e-mails promising fixed tax-refund amounts, fake Web sites offering free e-filing and even payment for filling out an online customer service survey. All are aimed at discovering personal information, which the scammers then use to file electronic tax returns.

What's more, Kresse said, people tend to let their guard down during tax season, perhaps the only time of year when every piece of information the financial pickpockets need is together in a purse or briefcase, or at the bottom of a desk drawer, in the anticipation of filing.

Identity thieves file bogus tax returns because it's quick, easy money, said Sgt. John Lucki of the Chicago Police Department's financial crimes unit.

A stolen tax refund may only be the beginning of Harris' identity theft troubles. This week Harris, who lives with her parents and brothers and sister, opened a letter thanking her for applying for a credit card.

"I've never even heard of that store," Harris said. "They're taking pieces of me, and I don't know how much more I can handle."

Kerry Lynn Hannigan, spokeswoman for the IRS' Criminal Investigation Division, said it is difficult to pinpoint just how many people use purloined Social Security numbers, but tracking them down is a priority.

In 2008, the IRS opened an Identity Protection Specialized Unit specifically to handle tax-related identity theft. The system is set up to raise red flags, she said, but some fraudulent claims make it through.

"We do know that the fraud is out there, and our special agents enforce (the laws)," Hannigan said.

Last year, a judge sentenced a downstate man to eight years in prison for attempting to collect more than \$1 million in unauthorized tax refunds after he e-filed 116 false returns using other people's names and Social Security numbers, the U.S. attorney's office said. In November, four New Jersey men were arrested in a scam involving the use of stolen identities to attempt to cash in on \$11.5 million in tax refunds, according to officials.

Earlier this month, East Chicago, Ind., police began fielding reports from people whose Social Security numbers were stolen and then used to file returns. All of them had been customers of the same H&R Block East Chicago location at one time, Lt. John Nava said.

"We got four reports right off the bat, and we assumed somebody was out there distribut-

ing or selling (the Social Security numbers) or using them," Nava said. "It could have been an inside job or it could have been somebody on a computer somewhere."

By last week, they had received more than 30 complaints and passed the investigation along to the IRS, Nava said.

Harris worries she was a victim of the same scam at a different H&R Block, just blocks from her home.

A spokeswoman for H&R Block, which confirmed Harris filed the return there, said that's not the case.

"It was likely filed before she walked through the door," said Kate O'Neill Rauber, who added the IRS notified employees within hours that a return with Harris' Social Security number had previously been filed. "Our records indicate the fraudulent return was not filed in our office or using our software."

Rauber said the company has offered to work with Harris and provide free identity theft protection, which includes an investigation team and assistance restoring her credit.

Harris, the oldest of four children, wonders why someone would steal from such a hardworking woman.

"Every time I'm working overtime or working late, I'm thinking about my family and my parents," Harris said. "I want to show my little brothers and sister what being a responsible adult is all about. It's about keeping a roof over your head and paying the bills."

Now that Harris has filed a police report, the next step is to try to resolve her case with the IRS and contact its Identity Protection Specialized Unit to complete an affidavit.

Harris said the ordeal has left her unable to sleep at night. She spends most of her time on the phone with any agency that will listen to her story.

"I just want to know what happened to me," she said, breaking down in tears.

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Radical idea lives on: Freedom for everyone

Lewis DIUGUID

McClatchy Newspapers

A lot of important details get left out of the history of the civil rights movement.

Angela Davis shared many of them recently during the Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Keynote Address at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Davis, an author, 1960s radical and retired professor, said the civil rights movement originally was called the freedom movement.

"Full citizenship does not by itself accomplish everything a person needs to be free," Davis said. Having civil rights, including the right to vote, is a pre-condition for freedom.

Black History Month is a time to show that freedom is more than civil rights. Freedom includes equal opportunity, access to good health care, stellar schools and good housing without the barriers of bigotry.

"Black people are still not free," Davis said. The freedom movement, she said, was "a continuation of the 19th century campaign to end slavery."

Davis asked people to think of Civil War-era leaders. Most people name Abraham Lincoln. Some remember Frederick Douglass, a former slave and



fiery abolitionist. But people often forget the workwomen did to end slavery and in the civil rights movement.

Those women include former slaves such as Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman and abolitionist Sojourner Truth. Women in the 20th century freedom movement included Rosa Parks and Jo Ann Robinson. Parks is credited with being the mother of the civil rights movement for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus in December 1955.

Robinson fueled the effort that followed, mimeographing thousands of flyers calling for a boycott of the buses used mostly by blacks. The women who joined her and Parks to birth the freedom movement were servants, maids, cooks, laundry women and other domestic workers. They bore the burden, but history forgets. "We have a skewed historical memory," Davis said.

King was assassinated, she said, because his vision of the freedom movement was becoming larger. He was about to launch a campaign for poor people and was pushing for economic freedom and worker freedoms. King also spoke out against Vietnam.

Davis said the freedom

movement today should include people respecting all species' right to live without industrialization forcing many of them into extinction. Freedom must include human rights for immigrants, people who've been in prison and lesbians and gays. Same-sex couples should be allowed to get married, and people should support them.

"Marriage is a civil right," Davis said. "Why shouldn't all people have the right to marry?"

"We have to be willing to open up our minds. We have to be willing to go places for freedom. What freedom movements do is enlarge the terrain of freedom."

Davis said the movement has to continue even after the joy over the election of Barack Obama as the first black U.S. president. She explained that "all struggles were struggles against the government, struggles against the state."

She said even though people were elated that Obama was elected, they must still "organize to create a movement to put pressure on him to do the right thing" because he now oversees the established order. Criticism can be support.

The freedom movement today also must include bringing troops home from the wars,

affordable health care and good public schools. Davis said many people knew that King said he had been to mountain-top.

"But he never told us what he saw on top of the mountain," she said. "He never told us what freedom really is."

She quoted former South African President Nelson Mandela, who wrote in his book, "Long Walk to Freedom": "I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended."

The journey for freedom in the U.S. also is far from over.

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Insurrectos! Yesterday's Taliban

David SILBEY

The Free Lance-Star

The war in Afghanistan feels foreign to Americans: a far distant land, a confusing and alien culture, and combat against a shadowy enemy. That feeling is mistaken. America has spent much of its history fighting wars like the one in Afghanistan. So much so, in fact, that Afghanistan would be familiar to an American in 1900, and conventional wars such as World War II would seem strange.

In fact, in many ways the United States was defined by wars like Afghanistan. America created itself in the 18th and 19th centuries in a series of small wars, waged by and against irregular forces in unconventional ways that pushed America's boundaries westward. These were mostly against Indian tribes, but were also against European powers like Spain and France and Britain. Some of the big wars we remember - the War of 1812 and the Mexican-American War - were less important to shaping the America we know than the small wars that we have forgotten.

Andrew Jackson might be most famous for his victory at New Orleans in 1815, but at least as important (though much more controversial) was his success in the First Seminole War later that decade, which won Florida for the United States and ended the Spanish presence on the eastern seaboard. The American Civil War, of course, was the most important war in American history, but it was the Indian Wars of the last part of the 19th century that created the western half of the United

States and formed the nation we recognize today.

Just as small wars shaped the United States, so too did they shape America's place in the world. This is now more evident than at the end of the 19th century. The big and remembered war then was the Spanish-American War. The people, events and ideas of that war are a common currency in the telling of American history: Remember the Maine! Yellow journalism. The Rough Riders at San Juan Hill. Teddy Roosevelt.

Yet while that struggle is remembered, it was a war that occurred as a result that had longer-lasting repercussions. As part of the peace treaty with Spain, America bought the Philippine Islands in the Pacific for \$20 million. We found ourselves embroiled in a war there against the Filipinos themselves, who resented being bought and sold.

That war would be familiar to veterans of Afghanistan. The Filipino revolutionaries, after a brief and unsuccessful conventional phase, resorted to the kind of insurgent tactics that the Taliban now uses. As in Afghanistan, the fractured and ferocious geography and climate in the Philippines were often as much of a challenge as was the combat. Mountains and jungles coexisted in equal profusion and were used by the insurgents for cover and refuge.

While the American forces in the Philippines did not have the helicopters and air support of the modern military, an American brown-water naval force offered much of the same mobility and firepower in the intricate maze of Philippine islands. It was, as is Afghani-

stan, a war of small units operating at long distances from each other. John J. Pershing, later commander of American forces in World War I, accompanied an Army unit that, for two weeks, chased an insurgent band through the jungles and over mountains, and they spent as much time interacting with the local Filipinos as they did fighting their enemy. Such a patrol was in no way unusual.

The American forces fighting in the Philippines were experienced at the kind of war that they faced. The American Army had spent much of the last part of the 19th century fighting a series of small wars against the American Indians in the continental west. Those small wars demanded the same kind of counterinsurgency skills that the Philippines did, and so American officers and soldiers found themselves in a familiar situation in the western Pacific. So too for Afghanistan: American forces there have a wealth of knowledge garnered in Iraq.

News of the Philippine War reached home almost as rapidly as does news from Afghanistan. It was an age of the telegraph and the mass-market newspaper. Both ensured that Americans were quickly informed of news from the islands. When Company C of the Ninth U.S. Infantry was ambushed and massacred at Balangiga on the island of Samar on Sept. 28, 1901, the news made the New York Times two days later, hardly slower than our same-day reporting on Afghanistan.

Both Afghanistan and the Philippines committed America to a new part of the world. Taking the Philippines made the United States a power in Asia for the first time, and

shifted the focus of the western United States from the east to the Pacific waters. In Afghanistan's case, it has been a growing and probably long-term presence in Central Asia, mixed in with young nations like Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan and Georgia, created in the aftermath of the Soviet Union's collapse, and jostling for position with such traditional regional powers as Pakistan and India.

Fifteen years ago, the Russian invasion of Chechnya brought nothing more from the United States than a ritual expression of concern. Two years ago, the Russian invasion of Georgia brought the arrival of a warship with supplies and a visit from Sen. John McCain.

If the wars are similar, are there lessons from the Philippines that might help us in Afghanistan? American commitment to the Philippines, and by extension the western Pacific, also brought the U.S. into potential conflict with

another rising power: Japan. In the Philippines, America sat astride Japanese communication lines to the raw materials of Indonesia (then the Dutch East Indies). That potential conflict with Japan became an actual one on Dec. 7, 1941, pitching the United States into World War II.

Our position in Afghanistan could bring us to a similar conflict with India, a country with growing ambitions. India's goal is to own the Indian Ocean region; our presence there prevents them from achieving that aim.

The next message is one of remembrance. After the Philippine War ended, America quickly forgot about it and its hard-earned lessons. As a result, Vietnam and then Iraq would come as a nasty shock to the nation. The United States must be careful that the knowledge gained in Afghanistan is not lost in the same way. The tuition for those lessons is in blood and death, a heavy price

to pay, especially if we rapidly throw that comprehension overboard.

Finally, the similarities between the Philippine-American War and the current conflict in Afghanistan should remind us of a time when the U.S. was more or less constantly at war in conflicts that never drew the all-encompassing attention of World War II. We may have returned to that era, one in which American forces are always involved in small wars around the globe.

The trickle of daily deaths - an IED here, a sniper there - will probably not grow to a roaring flood, but also may not really stop, a leaky faucet never quite repaired. American history has been dominated by war; so, too, may the American future be.

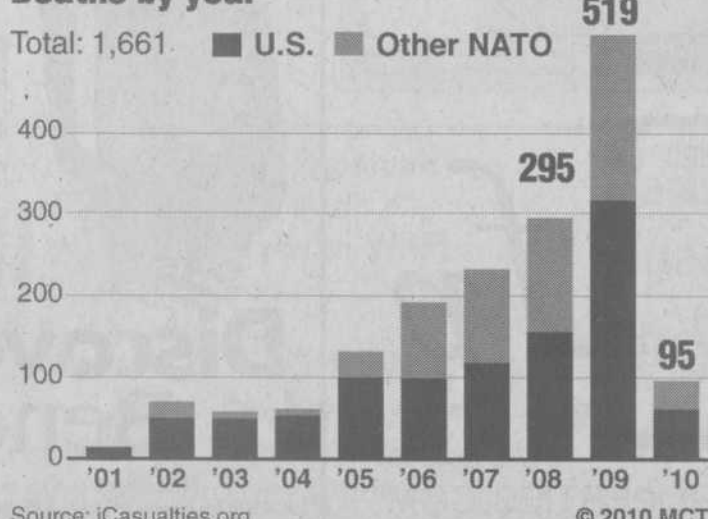
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Afghanistan death toll

The number of U.S. fatalities in Afghanistan is now more than 1,000.

Deaths by year



Top countries

Country	Deaths since 2001
U.S.	1,006
U.K.	263
Canada	140
France	40
Germany	34
Spain	28
Denmark	31
Italy	22
Netherlands	21
Poland	16
Australia	11

Ask MNN:

■ What's the difference between cellulose sponges and those other kitchen sponges?

Matt HICKMAN
Mother Nature Network

Q: I've noticed that each of my friends has preferred household cleaning paraphernalia that they can't live without - state-of-the-art vacuums, feather dusters, spray bottles of diluted white vinegar. Me? I'm a sponge kind of gal. I keep a well-stocked arsenal of sponges - there's a dedicated sponge-shelf in my pantry - for any kind of clean-up job around the house, not just the dishes. I like to mix it up when it comes to sponge purchasing ... sometimes I'll go for ones with scouring pads, anti-bacterial ones, ones that are a bit more festively colored than just the standard green/yellow.

Despite my sponge love, I've never really stopped to think about what sponges are made from. Knowing that sponges are bacteria magnets, I throw multiple not-necessarily dead sponge soldiers away each month. I've started to think that this probably isn't the most environmentally responsible action if they're made from plastic. I've heard that cellulose sponges are a good, green alternative to plastic-based ones. But aren't those synthetic, too? Is there some way I can prolong the life of a germie sponge without having to throw it away?

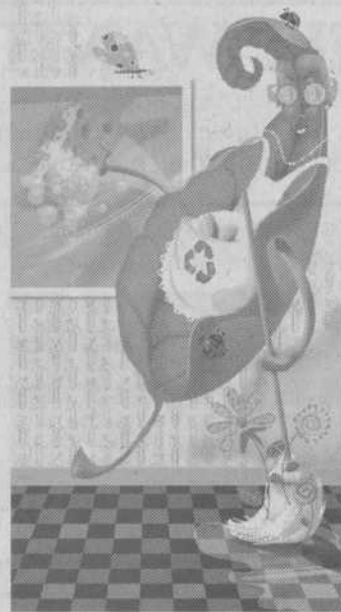
Talk to me ... I'm like a sponge,

- Dawn, Kew Gardens, N.Y.

Hey Dawn,
We all have our eco-weaknesses around the house (I really need to lay off the paper towels even if they're recycled-content) and I'd say going through a few sponges a month isn't the absolute worst green

household crime that you could commit. However, buying less environmentally dubious sponges and keeping them out of landfills a bit longer is a pretty painless fix.

First off, no matter what kind of sponge you end up buying, keep it around a bit longer by performing a little DIY germ slaughter. Just get wet it, squeeze out any excess water and zap it in the microwave for



a couple of minutes ... not too long or you'll have a flaming sponge on your hands. Throwing a sponge in the dishwasher or a pot of boiling water also can do the trick.

And, yep, sponges are often but not always made from one of Mother Nature's least favorite substances: oil-based, land-fill-clogging plastic. Let's say you toss one possibly germie plastic polyfoam sponge in the trash a week. It's no doubt a safe hygienic move but this means that a year's worth of sponges will be taking up land-fill space for upwards of 52,000 years. Your house may be spot-

less, but the mess you're making in landfills will never go away in your lifetime.

You also mention that you buy antibacterial sponges. Avoid 'em. Most have been treated with the antibacterial/antifungal agent triclosan (www.ewg.org/triclosan), an environmentally harmful pesticide that's been wreaking havoc on aquatic ecosystems for some time now.

This leaves us with cellulose sponges. Pure cellulose sponges are, unfortunately, not as prevalent as plastic ones - and probably a bit more pricey - but you should be able to find them with no real problem ... just make sure they're 100 percent cellulose with no polyester filling. Cellulose sponges are made from wood fibers and are though man-made, they're far more "green" than plastic ones since they biodegrade in landfills and go through a far less toxic manufacturing process. Some reliable manufacturers of biodegradable cellulose kitchen sponges I have on my radar are Full Circle (www.fullcirclehome.com/products.php?id=37&prod-num=8) and Twist (www.twistclean.com).

Pretty straightforward, eh? My closing advice that I'd hope to implant into your sponge-like and sponge-loving brain, Dawn: the next time the blue-green-tinged sponge aisle at the supermarket beckons (which sounds like frequently), keep in mind that you'll eventually be throwing away a pesticide-soaked piece of sponge-y plastic into a landfill for thousands of years. Opt for cellulose.

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Not just for jocks:

■ students turn to alternative exercise for fun fitness

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Working out and sports aren't just for jocks anymore. Students of all kinds on campuses around the U.S. and in other countries are trying out more unusual forms of exercise, from martial arts and yoga to ballroom dance and roller derby. In fact, about one in five college students said they participate in alternative fitness options, according to a September 2007 College Health Services, LLC survey.

"Do an activity that you really want to do, and then it'll never seem like a workout," Shanna Katz, a graduate of Colorado College, said.

"Alternative sports tend to be created by the students for the students, instead of being run on a super traditional schedule," said Shanna Katz, a graduate of Colorado College (CC) in Colorado Springs and a current student at Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania. "They also aren't as serious, so there is less of a 'this-sport-should-be-100%-of-your-life' attitude."

Katz spent three years playing innertube water polo at CC and has also played Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) and roller derby, as well as starting a ballroom dance club. "I loved inner-tube water polo because it was a great way to have fun and hang out with friends," she said. "Lots of people on our team weren't much good, and one player was even scared of water, but it didn't matter."

We did it for fun and encouraged people who might never play a sport "to get involved." Do It Yourself and Then Get Others to Join

"Traditional sports, whether intramural or unusual, often appeal to students with busy schedules or other interests, and offer a lower-key, more flexible way to fulfill college requirements while having fun and meeting new people. Many alternative sports and exercise clubs are started and run by students rather than by fitness professionals hired by the university or college. Want a ballroom dance club at your college? Start your own, like Katz did. When she found out about a ballroom dance club at the U.S. Air Force Academy, she reached out to students at CC and found quite a few who wanted to learn basic salsa, swing, Lindy, and tango.

Katz advises students interested in beginning their own clubs to get support. "Don't do it all by yourself," she said. After studying abroad in Germany for a semester, she found the ballroom dance club had fizzled. "In the beginning, the more leaders [you get], the better," said Katz. "Get administrative support. Use every resource you have!"

Still Aches and Pains
Alternative sports aren't necessarily safer than traditional team sports, however. "Like any physical activity, there's a risk of injury," said Dan Orlowitz, who is currently studying at the Tokyo School of the Japanese Language. Even a game as seemingly harmless as Dance Dance Revolution can have its pitfalls. After an injury, Orlowitz's doctor told him he should not continue playing DDR. "Participants should keep their limits in mind," said Orlowitz.

Katz, who has to be careful because of previous surgeries, agrees. "Make sure you check everything with your doctor, especially if you have had surgeries or any health issues. Alternative doesn't necessarily mean safe."

Students who participate in alternative sports and activities stress the importance of choosing a sport or activity because it's fun, not just to fulfill a requirement or because you really want to do, and then it'll never seem like a workout, just a bucket of fun," Katz said. Benefits Go Beyond a Better Body

The benefits of alternative forms of exercise (besides making you more fit) are many. Students often say they enjoy being able to meet new people, both from inside and outside



the college community. Alternative exercise programs can also be mentally challenging, relaxing, or an avenue for personal growth.

Christina Hawkes, a recent MIT graduate, says MIT's square dance club, Tech Squares, is a worry-free way to fulfill PE requirements as well as great socially. "It's a good combination of undergrads and older people, since a lot of alums stick around after they graduate," she said. "People are really good about integrating new class members and welcoming out-of-town visiting dancers."

Hawkes also enjoys the mental challenge: "The dances require you to quickly recognize and execute the moves so that every part of the square continues to fit together. It's kind of like collaborative dancing Tetris."

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Mental and spiritual enrichment are a common draw for Asian martial arts like karate, taekwon do, and kung fu. Nell Shamrell, a graduate of the University of Puget Sound (UPS) in Tacoma, Washington, says martial arts have made her a better person. "My own improvement was all I was encouraged to focus on, not on beating someone else," she said.

"This allowed me to excel in a way I never did in traditional sports. The self-confidence from seeing and experiencing my improvement has aided me through the rest of my life."

At UPS, Shamrell took a class in stage combat, a specialized technique in theater that creates the illusion of fighting. She ended up attending a regional conference on the subject and eventually becoming a teaching assistant for a stage combat class. In addition to enjoying stage combat itself, Shamrell found teaching other students to be very satisfying.

"Getting them to the level they need to be at, both technically and in terms of intensity, was sometimes very difficult and required different techniques for each individual," she said, "but the payoff of watching them excel was more than worth it." Other students participate in activities that have personal or cultural significance for them. Cho We Zen, a third-year law student at Cambridge University in England, is part of a lion dance troupe that follows the Crane Mountain style. Lion dance is a form of traditional Chinese

dance, where dancers and drummers use a lion costume to tell a story.

"I enjoy lion dance because it's a mix of a few different things: percussion, gymnastics, storytelling," Cho said.

"The routine for a lion dance performance is not set, but each move the lion performs is. So there's a set move to represent bowing, a set move that represents the lion getting drunk, a set move that is the lion throwing up, and so on. You can combine these together to make a story, and each performance usually tells a story. It's more than just a sport. It's a storytelling tradition; it's a celebration. There are rules that make you feel like part of a very long history."

Let Fun Be Your Guide

You can find an activity to suit almost any personality, even for people who don't enjoy competition or traditional team sports. Whether you prefer the contemplation of yoga, climbing a mountain with your friends, the elegance of ballroom dance, or the adrenaline of sparring in a dojo, there's an alternative sport waiting for you.

Getting Started

To get involved with an alternative fitness program, explore:

- Rec centers, which provide a variety of training and wellness programs.
- Student activities offices, which coordinate on-campus student groups and associations.
- Off-campus clubs, which bring together local people with similar interests.
- Your own initiative. You can build your own fitness group with people who share your enthusiasm for a specific activity.

Find Out More

Check out these groups devoted to alternative sports.

International Yoga Federation www.internationalyogafederation.net

Ultimate Players Association (for Ultimate Frisbee) www.upa.org

USA Ballroom Dance Association www.usabda.org

Women's Flat Track Derby Association www.wftda.com

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Prospectus Pick: Halo Legends

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For all those gamer nuts out there, this one is for you. *Halo Legends* is a series of 7 short episodes, each using different animation as well as different characters and moods to depict the Halo wars from different points of view. The Halo saga has captivated audiences since the first Halo release in November of 2001 and is still awing gamers with ODST, which was released in September of 2009, and Halo Reach, which will be coming out in 2010.

This movie comes in two options: original and special edition. If you are a die-hard fan, the extra \$10 will get you access to the bonus material such as an in-depth explanation of the Halo uni-

verse, the making of each episode, and a Halo encyclopedia. I consider myself to be a Halo buff, but the commentary was very informative and I learned a lot. The special edition is a must have for the major Halo nuts or if you want to understand everything about Halo. The special features really made this a good watch.

Every episode is kind of like a movie with a new and interesting style of animation. Most of the episodes have a more serious overtone but the episode entitled "Odd One Out" used a comedic approach. The artists who made this also worked on *Dragon Ball* (a Japanese animated television show which aired from 1984 to 1995).

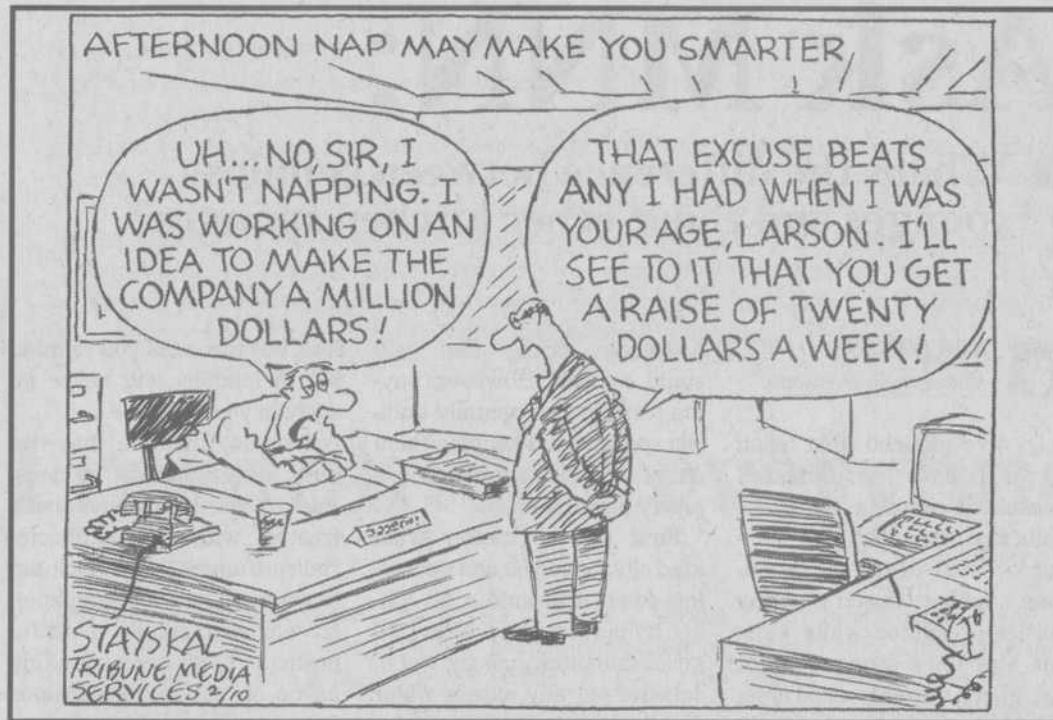
Apart from several award-winning games, the Halo universe also has a book series, a soundtrack, and graphic novels. This series of animated

short films was long overdue but provides much needed addition to the story line for the thriving Halo community.

For those who do not know about Halo do not fret—*Halo Legends* offers a summary of what happens in the video games as well as what lead up to the discovery of Halo. This movie offers the viewer multiple alternative story lines depicting individuals in the Halo wars and trials. They also feature other Spartans (genetically engineered super soldiers) other than Master Chief (the main character of Halo 1, 2 and 3).

This is just the beginning for Halo films. The Halo bandwagon is still going strong, and the future only brings more possibilities.





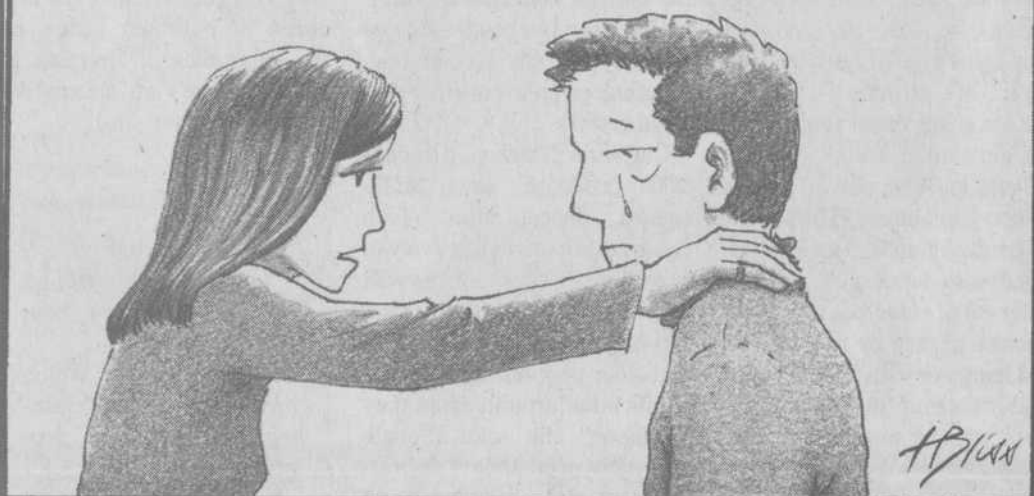
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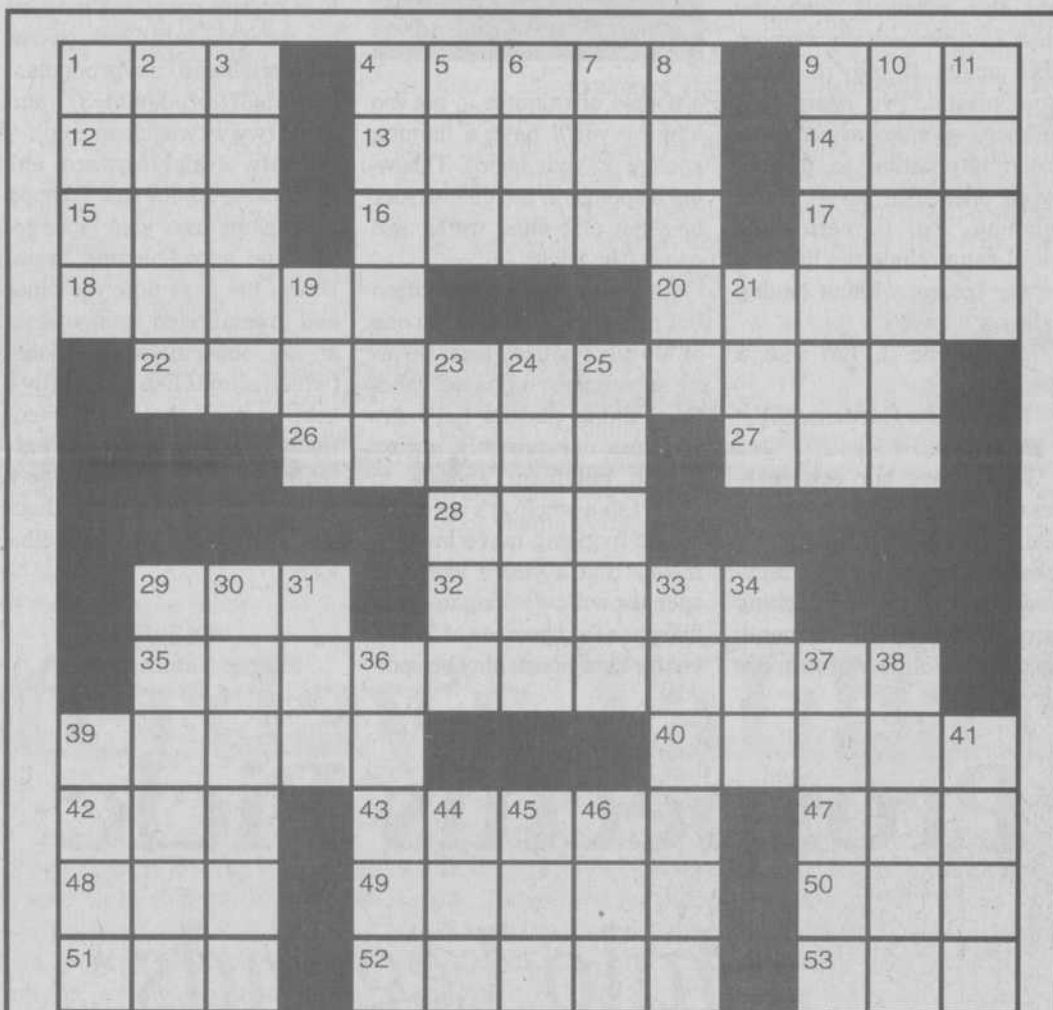
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Where is your Cobra Enthusiasm?

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There has been so much happening and so much hype about Parkland sports this year. The people who make Parkland sports what it is aren't just the players on the team; it's the people in the crowd, the student section, the cheerleaders and the dance team. This year's basketball season there have been more spectators watching the games than in the past 2 years. With Parkland sports gaining a lot of national attention, more people have been coming to sporting events to support the teams. "As a Parkland student and a fan of basketball, I enjoy being

loud while supporting classmate," said freshman student Jason Arch. Having the additional noise and support, the people of Parkland have truly given a home field advantage atmosphere for Parkland athletics. Here are the stats: The women's basketball team is 22-7 and 10-2 at home, men's basketball is 6-5 at home with a 12-15 record, the women's volleyball team was 9-0 at home with a 42-6 record and men's soccer was 4-3 at home and had a 9-7-2 record.

Though it is understandable that Parkland is in the outskirts of Champaign and it can be hard to get to the games sometimes, people still come to support the Cobras as best as they

can. Sophomore Danny Atchley is very enthusiastic about sports and enjoys cheering on the cobras. "It's great to see that we have a school that is actually competitive in sports, it makes watching it all-the better," said Atchley.

Champaign native, and high school senior Tyler Johnson of St. Thomas More explains his enthusiasm towards Parkland sports. "I am a huge fan of Parkland athletics, especially the soccer team. I come to as many games as I can and cheer on the team because I have friends on the team, but I also plan on coming to Parkland and hopefully being a part of the soccer team."

The cheerleading team

brings the electricity of the home field advantage. The cheerleaders get the crowd moving. Cheer captains Kayleigh Johnson and Maria Rojas do their best to help motivate the team and pump up the crowd. "It's a group effort, and when we do our stunts, we expect to do them perfectly," said Rojas. The team has 10 physically fit dedicated individuals that help the crowd stay loud. "The best part about it is when we pump up the crowd, because we are having fun doing it and the crowd is having fun cheering. It's a win-win situation," said Johnson.

The Parkland dance team performs during halftime at the Men's basketball games.

They also rotate in and out with the cheerleading team during timeouts. The dance team is a very dedicated group made up of committed individuals willing to balance school, work and dance all year round. The team goes to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee every summer for dance camp. There they learn how to dance in different styles and have different approaches to spice up their dances and even create new ones.

Though Parkland's athletics is not over with golf, baseball and softball all starting in March. There is still a lot of Parkland athletics to support and cheer on. This year there should be quite a crowd for the


all the spring sports at Parkland. This year's baseball team is riding the wave after winning the NJCAA World Series title last year, the golf team is coming back for more after an Elite 8 appearance in last year's national tournament and the softball team is coming back with a vengeance after having a 33-13 record last season.

The national spotlight for Parkland sports is rising, and with that, more and more fans will be cheering. It is a great year to be a Cobra. See you at a game soon!

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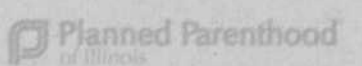
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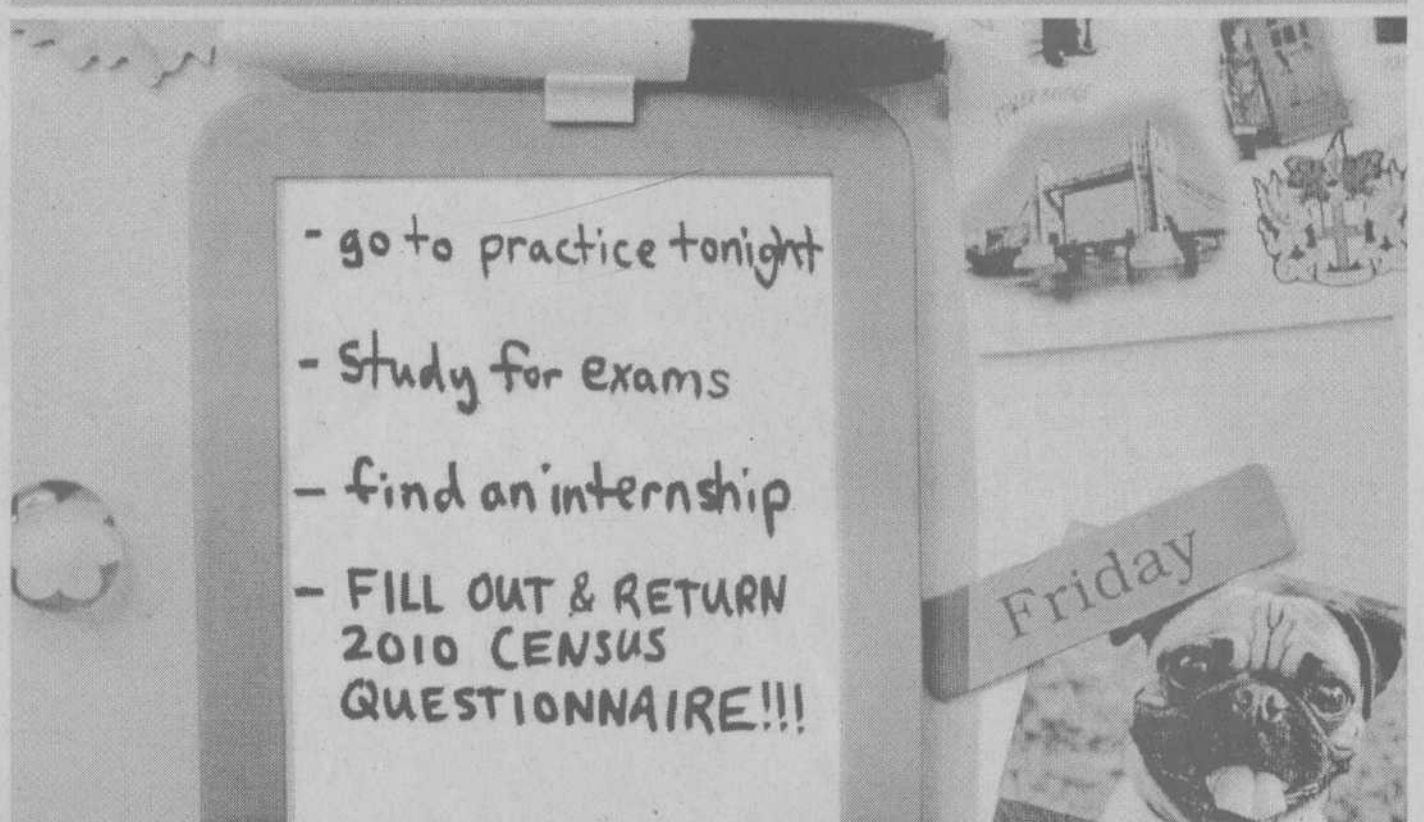
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JANUARY

Jan. 5, 1925: Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in the U.S.

Jan. 7, 1896: Fanny Farmer's first cookbook is published with standardized cooking measurements.

Jan. 8, 1977: Pauli Murray becomes the first female African American Episcopal priest.

Jan. 25, 1980: Mary Decker became the first woman to run a mile under 4½ minutes, coming in at 4:17.55.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4, 1987: The first National Women in Sports Day is celebrated.

Feb. 15, 1953: Tenley Albright becomes the first American woman to win a World Figure Skating championship.

Feb. 24, 1967: Jocelyn Bell Burnell makes the first discovery of a pulsar, a rapidly rotating neutron star.

Feb. 27, 1922: The U.S. Supreme Court upholds the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women's right to vote.

MARCH

March 4, 1917: Jeannette Rankin, R-Mont., becomes the first female member of Congress.

March 11, 1993: Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General.



Harriet Beecher Stowe

Beecher Stowe, is published. It becomes the best-selling book of the 19th century.

March 13, 1866: Susan Butcher wins the first of three straight, and four total, Iditarod dog sled races.

March 20, 1852: "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet

APRIL

April 7, 1805: Sacagawea begins work as an interpreter for Lewis and Clark on their expedition.

April 7, 1987: The National Museum of Women in the Arts opens in Washington, D.C. It's the first museum devoted to women artists.

April 19, 1977: Fifteen women in the House of Representatives form the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

April 28, 1993: The Ms. Foundation sponsors the first "Take Our Daughters to Work" day. In 2003, the day was changed to "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" day.

MAY

May 5, 1938: Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen presents results of her medical research identifying the disease cystic fibrosis.

May 8, 1914: President Woodrow Wilson signs a proclamation designating the second Sunday in

May as Mother's Day.

May 21, 1932:



Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to complete a solo transatlantic flight, flying 2,026 miles from Newfoundland to Ireland in just under 15 hours.

May 29, 1977: Janet Guthrie becomes the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500.

JUNE

June 9, 1949: Georgia Neese Clark is confirmed as the first woman treasurer of the United States.

June 10, 1963: Equal Pay Act is enacted prohibiting discrimination based on gender in the payment of wages

June 18, 1983: Dr. Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.

June 25, 1903: Madame Marie Curie announces her discovery of radium.



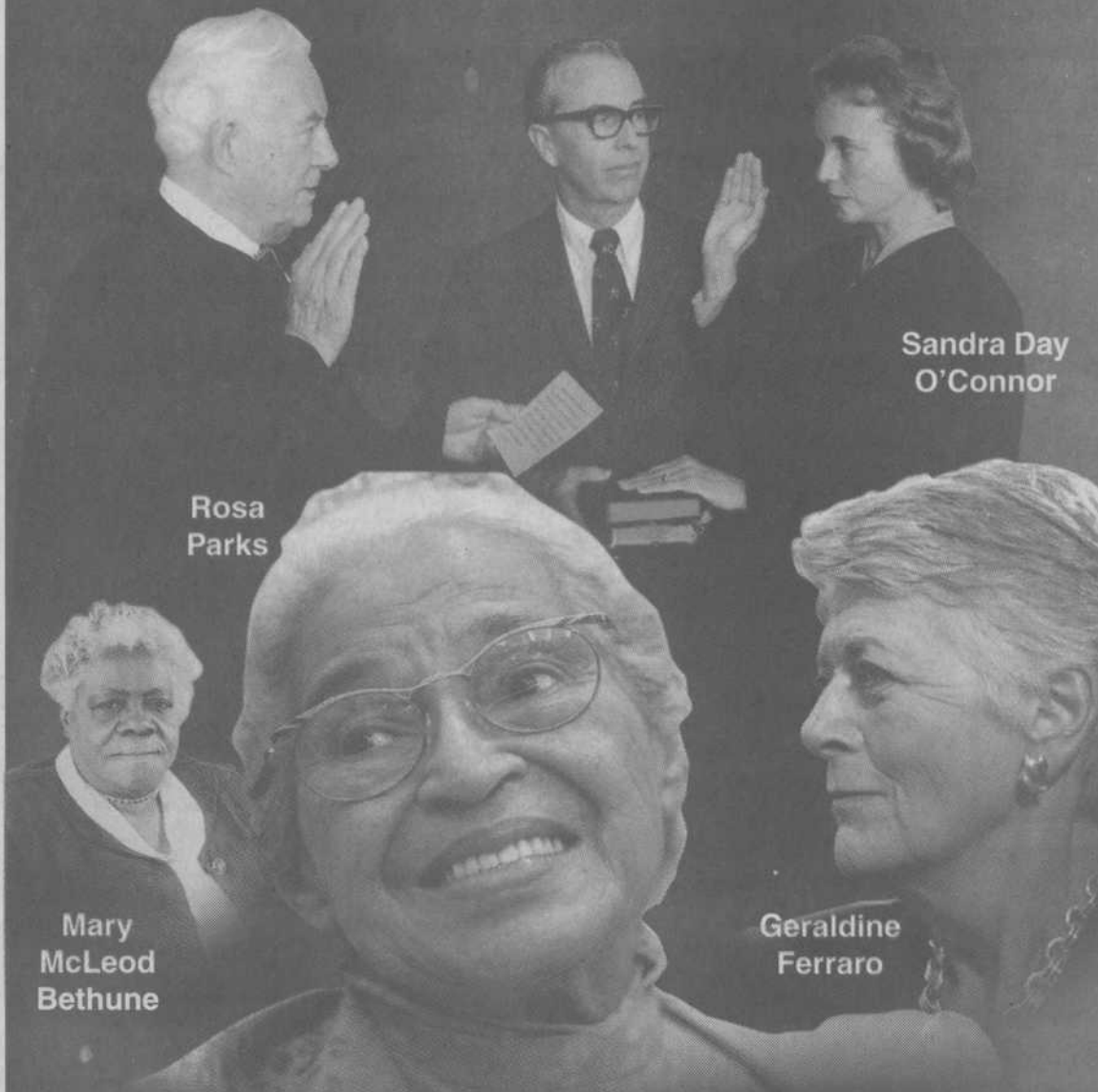
Celebrating
WOMEN
all year long

By Wendy Zang, McClatchy-Tribune

It wasn't until 1987 that Congress declared March Women's History Month, in celebration of women's contributions and achievements. The month was a step up from Women's History Week, which had been recognized, first in Sonoma, Calif., in the late 1970s, and then a few years later nationally.

While March provides some time to focus on female accomplishments, great women should be celebrated for more than 31 days.

Here's a look at some important dates in women's history to recognize all year long.



LEARN MORE

- Check out these sites to learn more about women in history:
- Library of Congress — www.womenshistorymonth.gov
 - The National Women's History Project — www.nwhp.org
 - The History Channel — www.history.com/content/womenhist
 - National Women's Hall of Fame — www.greatwomen.org/home.php
 - Department of Defense — www.defense.gov/specials/womenshistory
 - The Biography Channel — www.biography.com/womens-history

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JULY

July 2, 1979: The Susan B. Anthony dollar is released.

July 7, 1981: Sandra Day O'Connor is nominated as the first woman Supreme Court Justice.

July 12, 1984: Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y., is chosen as the first female to run for vice president. She joined Walter Mondale, D-Minn., on the Democratic Party ticket.

July 19-20, 1848: The Seneca Falls Convention, the country's first women's rights convention, is held in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

AUGUST

Aug. 9, 1995: Roberta Cooper Ramo becomes president of the American Bar Association. She is the first woman to hold that office.

Aug. 26, 1920: The 19th Amendment of the Constitution is ratified granting women the right to vote.

Aug. 26, 1970: Betty Friedan leads a nationwide protest called the Women's Strike for Equality in New York City on the 50th anniversary of women's suffrage.

Aug. 30, 1984: Judith A. Resnick joins the maiden flight of the space shuttle Discovery, becoming the second U.S. woman in space.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 12, 1910: In Los Angeles, Alice Stebbins Wells becomes the first woman police officer with arrest powers in U.S.

Sept. 20, 1973: Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in the battle of the sexes tennis match.

Sept. 26, 1973: American Baptist minister Capt. Lorraine Potter becomes the first woman U.S. Air Force chaplain.

Sept. 29, 1988: Stacy Allison becomes first U.S. woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.

OCTOBER

Oct. 4, 1976: ABC's Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news.

Oct. 4, 1993: Ruth Bader Ginsburg becomes second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Oct. 8, 1993: Toni Morrison wins the Nobel Prize for Literature; the first African American woman to do so.

Oct. 23, 1910: Blanche Stuart Scott becomes the first American woman pilot to make a public flight.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1, 1848: The New England Female Medical School opens becoming the first medical school for women. In 1874 it merges with Boston University and becomes one of the world's first coed medical schools.

Nov. 11, 1993: The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C., honoring the 265,000 women who voluntarily served during the Vietnam era.

Nov. 14, 1946: Emily Greene Balch, co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Nov. 28, 1881: The first organizational meeting is held for the predecessor group to the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

DECEMBER

Dec. 1, 1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus to a white person.

Dec. 5, 1935: Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women.

Dec. 7, 1941: Capt. Annie Fox becomes the first woman awarded the Purple Heart for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor.

Dec. 17, 1993: Judith Rodin becomes the first woman to head an Ivy League school, as president of the University of Pennsylvania.