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By Briana Stodden



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Eyes to the sky in C-U parks

- By JESSE WOODRUM Staff Writer

The Planetarium and the Champaign-Urbana AstronomicalSociety(CUAS) will be hosting sky watching events from spring through fall throughout the community in celebration of the International Year of Astronomy, CUAS, a branch of the Champaign Park District founded in 1986, will bring telescopes to parks throughout CU to offer a free look at the night sky. The Park Tour will begin in late March and run through Late September.

The International Year of Astronomy (IYA) was declared in July 2003 by the United Nations to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first recorded observations through a telescope by Galileo Galilei, the famous Italian astronomer, mathematician, physicist and philosopher credited with making major improvements in the telescope. The holiday also coincides with the 400th anniversary of the publication of Johannes Kepler's Astronomia Nova-a groundbreaking work that included Kepler's laws of planetary motion and the first scientific effort to prove that the Earth and planets rotate the sun.

The goal of the holiday's creators and participants is to get the whole world to look at the night sky through a telescope. The global scheme was laid out by the International Astronomical Union a Paris-Based association of professional doctorate-level astronomers and



David Leake and the Staerkel Planetarium are considering purchasing 100 inexpensive "Galileoscopes" to be sold to the public in concordance with the International Year of Astronomy. The Champaign-Urbana Astronomical Society (CUAS) will be hosting local nighttime park tours, celebrating the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first recorded observation through a telescope.

omers worldwide are participating. The CUAS activities are not even listed on the IYA website.

David Leake, coordinator of the Parkland Planetarium and CUAS founding member admits that the Park Tour will suffer somewhat from the effects of urban light. However, he says observers will be able to see some objects in in 1991. the night sky and CUAS will be using the events on the tour to promote events at their observatory. The group is invit- the Galileoscope to coincide

ing the public to join them at their private observatory near Sadorus, IL. The observatory houses a 16-inch telescope topped by a rotating dome to limit light interference. The 95 year-old dome began its life on the U of I campus and eventually was transported, by volunteer labor, to its current site give observers access to deep eight miles southwest of town

The International Astronomical Union is has developed an inexpensive telescope named

with the year long holiday. The scope is available online for \$15 plus shipping and David Leake says the college is contemplating a bulk purchase of 100 telescopes to be sold at the Planetarium. Rob Klinger, Parkland astronomy professor, says the basic refracting scope will not space objects and phenomena but will be great for looking at things within our solar system and even other parts of our Milky Way galaxy. What Levi Norman/Prospectus

scope" will be "good for [viewing] the planets, definitely the moon." The moon and its craters are a favorite of terrestrial amateur astronomers. Klinger says many of the objects in the catalog of 18th century French astronomer Charles Messier, galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae, are popular subjects because of their accessibility and visual intrigue.

The CUAS Park Tour kicks off at 8 pm March 30 at Douglas Park at 512 E. Grove St. in

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to come and learn more about their place in the universe.

The C.U.A.S.

International Year

of Astronomy Park

Tour in C-U

March 30, 8-10 p.m. @ Douglass, Champaign April 2, 8-10 p.m. @ Crestview, Urbana April 6, 8-10 p.m. @ Prairie, Urbana April 21, 8:30-10:30 p.m.@ Eisner, Champaign April 28, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Blair, Urbana April 30, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Robeson, Champaign May 4, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Morrissey, Champaign May 17, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Hessel, Champaign May 26, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Cherry Hills, Champaign May 28, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook, Urbana August 26, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Anita Purves, Urbana August 27, 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Lohmann, Urbana September 22, 8-10 p.m. @ Clark, Champaign September 24, 8-10 p.m. @ Garden Hills, Champaign September 28, 8-10 p.m. @ Centennial, Champaign

Getting up to par with Cobra golf Man who killed pastor planned attack

By AARON PARTRIDGE AND SEAN HERMANN Staff Writers

Have you heard much about the Parkland golf team? Well, neither have we. We were able

there are many advantages of golfing for Parkland, one major contributing factor is that it's less expensive than most four year schools, and athletes can get two years of education for the price of one. In these eco-

Those not officially on the scorecard are allowed to compete as individuals and work on their game. McNabnev said that he is not concerned with a player's finish and that he just likes his players to play well as

By NICHOLAS J. PISTOR

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

day as a "death day." Mudge said that indicates the attack TROY, Ill.-An Illinois proswas planned, but he and the ecutor charged a Troy man for police are still struggling to murder after he walked into a determine a motive.

Winters' Bible, which burst into confetti. About 150 parishioners were watching when the gunman began shooting.

Then, Sedlacek shot the pastor the chest. Winters died a short time later. Sedlacek then



Last fall's successful PC golf team. This year coach McNabney has great optimism for his golfers. Playing golf for a community college can help ensure that all athletes have a chance to work on their game, unlike four year institutions.

Photo courtesy of PC Athletic department

to go in depth with Parkland's nomic times, financing an edugolf coach and alumnus golfer Zachary McNabney, who explained what Parkland golf is all about.

First of all, you may be wondering where these golfers come from, and why they would want to play in Central Illinois.

"(There are) good golfers everywhere," said McNabney, who prefers to do his recruiting within a 100-mile radius of Champaign-Urbana.

McNabney believes that

cation can be quite difficult.

Additonally, golf programs at any school have limited scholarships, so unless you have the cash to spare, Parkland is a great option. Being at a community college also offers athletes a better chance at showcasing their skills.

"We can give the kids an opportunity to play," said McNabney. "We are able to bring extra kids along to play in tournaments so they can compete as individuals."

individuals.

The top performer on the Cobra's golf team is sophomore standout, Michael Davan, from Bismark-Henning High. Davan works with Neil Moore from the Danville Country Club and has put in some outstanding rounds of golf for Parkland.

You may also be wondering how you go about coaching the sport of golf.

"Coaching is all about strategy," said McNabney. "Course management is key. The play-

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church Sunday morning and gunned down a pastor as he gave a sermon.

Terry Joe Sedlacek of Troy, Ill., has been charged with murder and aggravated battery involving the slaving of Rev. Fred Winters, according to Madison County court documents. He is being held without bond, even though he is in a St. Louis hospital for self-inflicted knife wounds.

Madison County State's Attorney William Mudge said after charging Sedlacek, inves-

Illinois State Police Capt. Mark Bramlett said detectives haven't found a connection yet between Sedlacek and the pastor, except Sedlacek had friends among the church's large congregation.

Sedlacek is accused of killing Winters at the First Baptist Church in Maryville, Ill.

About 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Winters was giving a sermon when a gunman walked up to the pastor in the church. Sedlacek pulled a .45-caliber firearm and shot at Winters. The bullet hit

pulled out a knife and cut himself, and two parishioners tackled him to the ground. The two parishioners were injured, one seriously. One of the parishioners is still hospitalized this morning, along with Sedlacek.

Sedlacek had three magazines of ammunition with him at the church. Mudge said that, if a perfect shot, it was enough to kill about 30 people.

Sedlacek and the seriously injured parishioner-Terry Bullard, 39, of Troy-were

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Mourners stand in front of the First Baptist Church in Maryville, Illinois, after the fatal shooting of the church pastor on Sunday, March 8, 2009.

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Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

LEAD STORY

University of California researchers, on a Pentagon contract, announced in January success at rigging a live flower beetle with electrodes and a radio receiver to enable scientists to control the insect's flight remotely. Pulses sent to the bug's muscles or optic lobes can command it to take off, turn left or right, or hover, according to a report in MIT Technology Review, and the insect's "large" size (up to a whopping four inches in length) would enable it to also carry a camera, giving the beetle military uses such as surveillance or search and rescue. The researchers admired the native flight-control ability of the beetle so much that they abandoned developing robot beetles (which required trying to mimic nature).

Why They Go Postal

An official of the National Association of Letter Carriers in Buffalo, N.Y., said in February that it would challenge the Postal Service's threatened suspension of a carrier who was using sidewalks to get from house to house this winter instead of walking across ice-packed, deep-snow-drift yards. Cutting across yards is required by Postal Service rules in order to speed up deliveries.

Scenes of the Surreal

(1) Allahmanamjad Barbel, 21, sought help in February at the police station in Barnstable, Mass., after his sister playfully put handcuffs on him at a birthday party and couldn't get them off. Police removed them and then, after running his name through the computer, discovered several outstanding warrants and immediately re-cuffed him. (2) Doctoral student Daniel Bennett filed lawsuit against Britain's a

Leeds University in February because custodians had mistakenly thrown out research that he had been working with for the last seven years. Bennett is studying the rare Butaan lizard of the Philippines and over the years, to examine its diet, had painstakingly sifted through jungle dirt to gather over 70 pounds of its feces, which Bennett believes is worth far more than the (\$720) Leeds has offered him.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

-A coin-operated self-service dog-washing machine ("self" meaning the dog's owner, not the dog) has been introduced in a half-dozen carwashes in the United States recently, at \$10 for 10 minutes, according to a January report on one such franchise in Stuart, Fla. The "K9000" is a 3-foothigh, walk-in shower area (or push-in, for reluctant dogs) with an open top, has six separate wash cycles, conditioner and flea-and-tick options, and adjustable water pressure and dryer settings.

Mannerspielplatz -At ("Men's Playground") near Kassel, Germany, testosteronefueled office workers can get in touch with their "inner ditchdigger" (according to a January Wired magazine report) and frolic all day long on 29-ton backhoes, 32-ton front-end loaders, jackhammers and various other big, loud vehicles for an admission fee of about \$280 a day. At the Men's Playground, the owner said, "We fulfill men's dreams."

Weird Biology *

-"Reproduction is no fun if you're a squid," said a biologist at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, referring especially to the deepsea squid. Finding a mate a mile down in pitch-darkness is hard enough, but the combination of males that are smaller

ered and females whose reception of sperm involves being stabbed makes the insemination process especially traumatic. Sperm deposits can be extensive and burdensome to the female and are delivered by the reckless slashing of the skin by the male. In fact, according to a December report in Germany's Der Spiegel, in the darkness the male sometimes misses the female altogether and inseminates himself.

-Princeton University scientists, reporting in January on research in Peru, said they observed aggressive, carnivorous behavior for the first time among dung beetles, which decapitated and ate millipedes. Dung beetles were not known previously to be fussy eaters (except for a 2006 study in which they seemed to prefer horse dung to camel dung or sheep dung).

Leading Economic Indicators

-People With Too Much Money: At Tokyo's first fish auction of 2009 in January, the upscale Kyubey restaurant and the more moderate Itamae Sushi dining chain jointly purchased a single, 280-pound bluefin tuna for the equivalent of about \$104,000. Kyubey said it would cut its half into slivers priced at about \$22 each, while the popular Itamae planned to offer tinier, more affordable slivers

-In Hong Kong, according to a February Wall Street Journal report, when a feng shui master speaks on the economy, investors listen closely (especially in view of the mess quantitative analysis has made of things). Alion Yeo, an expert on the Chinese system of beliefs in stars, geography and the location of objects, and whose popular finance seminars attract high-end investors, told a group of about 170 recently that 2009 would be dismal

and fearful of being overpow- because the U.S. economy is now in the hands of a president and a secretary of the Treasurv who were both born in a Year of the Ox (1961), of which 2009 is another (and which has already started frighteningly with both a solar eclipse and a lunar eclipse).

> -Some laid-off workers may be desperate to exhibit their work skills at any available job, but February news reports highlighted two government bureaucrats who draw \$250,000 a year between them yet have been prevented from doing a stitch of work for, in one case, six years, and in the other, 18 months. Randall Hinton is nominally the chief of investigations for the New York State Insurance Fund but was ostracized by his supervisors in 2002 and has taken home his \$93,000 a year for zero work ever since. U.S. Labor Department official Bob Whitmore earns \$150,000 but has had no work to do since July 2007 due to a clash with his supervisors.

Fine Points of the Law

(1) Drug-trafficking is a capital offense in Malaysia, and it appeared that one man would go down after being spotted by a police officer with the key to a large drug locker. However, the man has an identical twin brother who was not charged, and in February, Kuala Lumpur High Court Judge Zaharah Ibrahim ruled that because it was impossible to know which one had been seen with the key, both had to go free. (2) Jeffrey Boyle was convicted in 2006 of setting eight fires during the time he was a lieutenant in the Chicago Fire Department and is serving a six-year sentence, but in January, he filed a lawsuit against the department demanding his pension, of about \$50,000 a year, on the grounds that he was off duty during the time he set the fires

Least Competent Criminals

Recurring Themes: (1) In February, David Hampton, 23, was charged in Charlotte County, Fla., with robbing a BP gas station and became the latest such robber to run out of gas in his getaway car even though minutes earlier, obviously, he had been present at a gas station. (2) In Marseille, France, in January, a 21-yearold man became the latest bank burglar with an ambitious plan and a mediocre sense of direction, as he drilled through the outside wall of a branch of Banque Populaire but missed the room with the safe deposit boxes and wound up instead in a restroom. [WWSB-TV (Sarasota), 2-9-09] [Reuters, 2-1-09]

A News of the Weird Classic (February 1996)

A pre-trial hearing was scheduled in February 1996 in Lamar, Mo., on Joyce Lehr's lawsuit against the county for injuries suffered in a 1993 fall in the icy, unplowed parking lot of the local high school. The Carthage Press reported that Lehr claimed damage to nearly every part of her body. According to her lawsuit: "All the bones, organs, muscles, tendons, tissues, nerves, veins, arteries, ligaments ... discs, cartilages, and the joints of her body were fractured, broken, ruptured, punctured, compressed, dislocated, separated, bruised, contused, narrowed, abraded, lacerated, burned, cut, torn, wrenched, swollen, strained, sprained, inflamed and infected."

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Student stumbles across tragedy, indifference at Unofficial

By PATRICK WOOD Assistant Editor

Parkland student Josh Kanosky, 20, made his way to Unofficial at around 1 p.m. after he got out of class on Friday. He and several of his friends migrated from house party to house party and were only on campus for about an hour.

"We wanted to avoid the mass of police," Kanosky said.

During that hour on campus, Kanosky did not drink. He did, however, witness a disturbing sight while walking past the Station 211 bar on Green Street, when a highly intoxicated man stumbled out.

"I don't know if he came out of Station, but he was around there, and he fell down a couple of times. It seemed comical at the time," said Kanosky.

The man's actions didn't stay comical for long.

"He walked across the street, fell, and cracked his head open on the sidewalk and started bleeding everywhere. Then it got not so funny because people were just walking by, letting him bleed everywhere, not really caring about it," said Kanosky.

Kanosky and his friends, appalled at the complete lack of aid given to the drunken man, quickly crossed the street

to do what they could. A member of the group was a volunteer firefighter and assessed how injured the man was.

"We ran over to help him and one of my friends took his shirt off to put on the back of his head to stop the bleeding. Another friend called the ambulance, and another one

kept his cell phone out to make

sure this guy looked at it and

ing to climb from one apartment balcony to another.

Equally upsetting was an unidentified pair of photographers that happened upon the scene and began snapping pictures of the bleeding man. Kanosky and one of his friends quickly put a halt to that.



Patrick Wood/Prospectus

"They were trying to take pictures and we didn't feel that was right at all. There was two guys and I ended up screaming at them, 'You wouldn't like to have pictures of yourself on the ground bleeding if it was you!'. Me and another one of

three stories up while attempt- a physical altercation about that," said Kanosky.

Kanosky never found out what happened to the man that he helped, as he did not have any form of identification on him. Soon after the man was taken away in an ambulance, Kanosky's Unofficial St. Patrick's Day came to an end.

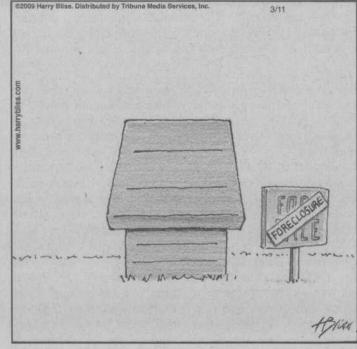
"This is my third Unofficial and after seeing that, it kind of wizens you up, because right after that I was like, 'Let's just get out of here and go home'," he said.

What bothered Kanosky the most was the fact that so many people walked by without helping the bleeding man on the sidewalk. He estimated that before they crossed the street to help the man, at least fifteen to twenty people had already walked by.

"What really startled me was the people just walking by," said Kanosky. "There's this dude laying on the ground, dying maybe, there's a pool of blood coming out from underneath this guy's head, and people just keep walking by."

Kanosky also said that when the man fell several times in front of the bar, the bouncer shuffled him along and out of the way of the bar entrance. The lack of compassion for this man was what Kanosky couldn't understand. So the question is, can the cost of Unofficial St. Patrick's Day be calculated in the form of tickets and citations, or should it be calculated in how much we care about a stranger in need of help?





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didn't close his eyes and pass out," said Kanosky. "It must have been the same time that other guy fell off the balcony, because the EMT asked if it was him," he said, referring to another man that fell from my friends almost got into

"Uggs? No, she didn't, girl"

By CASSANDRA CUNNINGHAM Staff Writer

As winter is drawing to a close and warmer days are being seen more frequently, stores are starting to ship out their winter lines and bring in clothes for spring. So don't be late on the wardrobe change! It's time to revamp the closet and ditch some of last season's trends. Out with the old, in with the new, Prospectus has spring fashion, just for you!

Scarves/Bandanas

"Gucci bandana, Gucci, Gucci bandana."

The song made popular by rapper Gucci Mane has helped scarves and bandanas find their way into the fashion world. Stores like Hot Topic have put out new lines of scarves ranging from long, skinny wool scarves to ? feet by 4 feet checkered square scarves. They come in every size, shape and color, so they are perfect to pair with any outfit.

As for the bandanas, looking like a bandit is in style! Tying it around the neck or throwing it in the back pocket of a pair of jeans is a great finishing touch for any look.

Rain Boots

Don't let a rainy day put a damper on style! Keep feet

when the rains come with a the crowd. Go right on ahead new pair of rain boots. With and pair purple jeans with a everything from polka dots to solid bright colors, rain boots are a sure fire way to make a statement this spring. Whether it's splashing in the puddles or walking to class, rain boots are definitely in style. Pairing them with a pair of tucked in skinny jeans and a plain white t-shirt is an easy way to get them some attention. Another great idea is to buy an umbrella to match. Rainy days beware; fashion for that day is here!

Flannel

Who says farmers can't make a fashion statement!? Flannel print is large and in charge in the fashion world. Old Navy, Pac Sun and even Forever 21 are sporting the latest trend this season. No one has to be out in the barn to pull off this look. Flannel print is popping up on shorts, tight quarter sleeve shirts for girls and on its tradition long sleeved button up shirt for men. It's perfect for a lazy day or a night out at the bars. It pairs well with denim Uggs hibernate until next winjeans and cut off denim minis for the ladies.

Bold is Beautiful

Forget neutrals and blending in with the crowd, spring has sprung and it's time to bring out those bright colors. Don't

comfortable and dry this spring be afraid to stand apart from bright neon green tee. As long as confidence is put on over the outfit, everyone is going to want to wear it!

> Spring "No she didn'ts" Super-Ripped Jeans

No matter what Abercrombie is putting out on their racks, it's time to throw the ripped jeans in the garbage where they belong. One or two holes is okay for the "wear-andtear" look but do not put money into jeans that don't even have a pocket to hold them because they are so torn up. The whole point of jeans is to cover your legs, so ladies and gentlemen, get rid of the pants that are showing entire thighs, knees and butt cheeks.

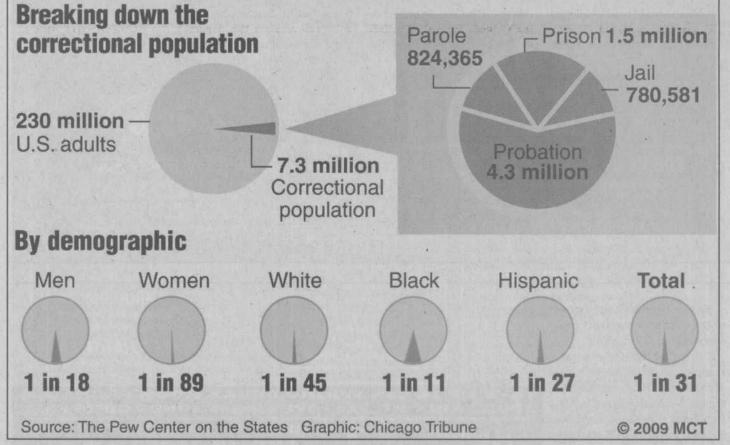
Ugg Boots

It's also time to get rid of Ugg Boots. While they kept feet warm, cozy and stylish in the winter, they aren't going to work the same way this spring. Find an empty space deep down in the closet and let those ter. There is no point in keeping legs and feet hotter than the temperature outside just to be cute.

"Oh, no she didn't, girl!" Okay, so the weather in Illinois is weird, but spring is definitely encroaching on winter's turf, and it's time to think about what to do this year. First and foremost, when it's warm, it's time to put those Uggs back in their hibernation hole. Anthony Burkert/Prospectus

Who's in U.S. correctional system

The Pew Center on the States reports 1 in 31 U.S. adults are under criminal justice supervision-at a cost of more than \$50 billion annually.



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treated at nearby Anderson hospital and then airlifted to a St. Louis hospital for surgery. Keith Melton, 51, of Troy-the second parishioner who tackled Sedlacek-was treated and released.

Madison County Coroner Steve Nonn said this morning an autopsy showed Winters was shot through the heart and died just seconds later.

Why exactly Sedlacek vated him to do that," Bramlett said.

Winters became senior pastor of the church 22 years ago, when the church had just 32 parishioners. At last count, the massive church near Anderson Hospital had about 1,200 members.

State police investigators and forensic teams are sifting through evidence found at the church, Sedlacek's Jeep Wrangler and at his home in Troy. Anyone with information about the attack or Sedlacek is asked gunned down Winters is still to call Illinois State Police Spea mystery to police, Bramlett cial Agent James Walker at 618-346-3765. A disaster cleaning company is at the church this morning, and visitors are stopping by to leave memorials to the slain pastor.

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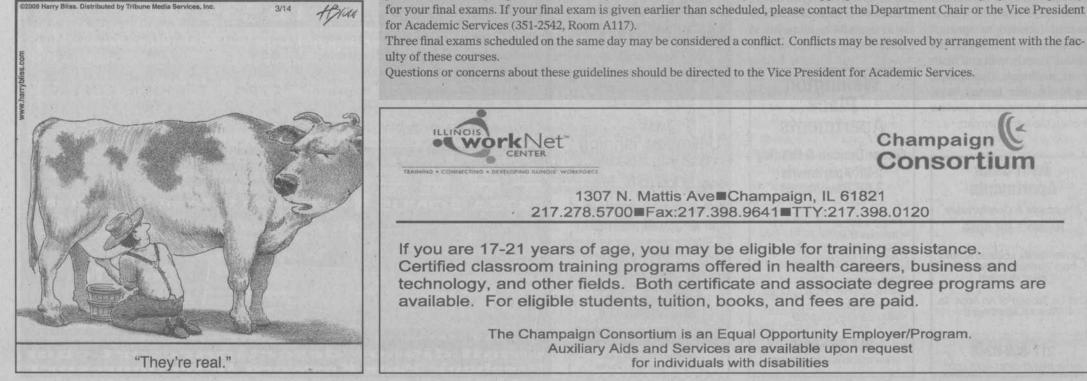
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planning trips to Mexico. Winona State students received an e-mail last week informing them of the travel alert and urging them to be safe.

"Not all students are necessarily aware of these kinds of things," said Connie Gores, vice president of student life and development, who sent the

note. "If it helps even one person become aware of the situation and think a little differently about their time there, it's worth it."

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Notice to Students and Faculty Regarding FINAL EXAMINATIONS

the Vice President for Academic Services.

ing the week of final exams is expected.

ularly scheduled class meeting.

said this morning. Detectives are out talking to neighbors and those who know Sedlacek to look for a connection. Sedlacek knew at least a few of the parishioners at the First Baptist Church, Bramlett said.

"We're still talking to friends and family members and trying to figure that out," Bramlett said. "Some people he knew went to that church, but we're not real sure why he chose that church, that pastor.

"Hopefully, after we get out and talk to people, it will become clearer as to what moti-

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courses will be given during final exam week (May 11-15) according to the official published schedule. These final exams are not to

be given early (during regular class periods). Final exams for all other courses (those ending earlier) will be given at the last reg-

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Work for Disney for college credit? What?

By NADA YOUSSEF

"Hi my name Jessica, I'm 21 years old, and I just graduated from Parkland College. Now could you hire me?"

Getting a job is not as easy as getting a college degree. The interviewing process is one of the main factors that determine if you will get the job or not. The interviewing process is your war zone. This is your one and only chance to give it all you have got to show your interviewer that you have got everything it takes to make it to the top and that you totally and utterly deserve this job.

The checklist for things to let you pass your interview with flying colors is as follows:

-Be yourself! -Show off your personality and confidence.

-Don't say "umm," chew gum, or avoid eye contact.

-Showcase your work expe-

rience.

If you don't do any of the above, chances are your interview might not go as successfully as you hoped for.

The best way to work your way through the checklist and prepare yourself for the toughening workforce in a cutthroat economy is through an internship.

But really, what is an internship? It's an opportunity to undergo a supervised practical training, whether it is in your intended major or not. Internships can benefit you in a number of ways, but overall can give you a real-life, practical experience of how to work.

Interested yet? One of the top internship programs in the country is the University of Dreams. This program offers over 750 types of internships from Tokyo, Japan to Los Angeles, California.

"This appealed to me because it is not your typical boring

internship. It's actually fun," said Edward Cotton, a student at Parkland.

Edward is a psychology major at Parkland who will be interning through the University of Dreams this summer in Los Angeles, California. The company he will be working for is a non-profit organization called Kaboom. There, he will be helping build parks for kids in underprivileged neighborhoods.

"This is extremely important to me because employers like to see that you did something other than just school. It's one thing to learn, but experience is one thing you just can't get in a class room," said Cotton.

The University of Dreams doesn't just provide you with a guaranteed internship. For about \$6000, it also comes with a lot of perks, too. You get two meals a day, housing in the best dorms (Cotton was housed at UCLA), transportation, and trips every weekend to such places as Disneyworld and Catalina Island. If you just can't afford this internship, don't worry, financial aid is provided in most cases.

To apply or find out more about the University of Dreams go to http://www.summerinternships.com/.

Another fun internship program that you might want to think about is the Disney College program. This program takes place in either Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida or Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

"Either way, you get to be near Mickey Mouse!" said Kelli Marriott, PC student.

Marriott is majoring in hospitality at Parkland. She got accepted into the program and will be interning this June to early January. She will be working as a quick service cart employee, going through inventory and selling Disney

merchandise.

"I'm just so excited! This is like a dream come true," said Marriott.

The internship works like this: You work at Disney as a service clerk or an attractions worker, etc. and get paid at minimum wage. You can also choose to take some of their Disney classes that they offer about hospitality, leadership, and how to speak in public.

"This internship is an opportunity to look at different aspects of your field. No matter what your field is, you can make it a magical experience if you're really serious about where you are going," said Mariott.

Housing costs about \$75-\$100 a week, depending on the size of house you choose to live in. You don't necessarily have to live at the Disney apartments – you can choose to live somewhere else. Transportation is free and the classes you may choose to take are free also.

Parkland also offers college credit for certain majors that choose to go to this program.

"I want to have the job people envy. You will build up your resume. This will be the first thing employers will see. You will meet peoplé, even friends for life. You get to learn somebody's different culture. Overall, it is just a magical experience," said Marriott.

To find out more information about this program or to apply, go to http://www.wdwcollegeprogram.com/sap/its/mimes/ zh_wdwcp/index.html.

Interning is an important part of your career. You can gain friendships, work experience, and even confidence out of these experiences. Get your feet wet. Try local internships to get yourself started and see how you like the experience. It might even be worth your while!

Wireless security vulnerabilities to watch for

Retailers have to make sure customer information is safe when it travels over wireless networks. Here are some potential weak points that thieves could exploit:

Obvious names for wireless access points

Some stores will give their wireless access points names, or SSIDs, that give away their identity; a hacker who is scanning traffic can easily spot which access points belong to a retailer or other business with valuable information, such as credit card numbers

2 Outdated wireless network encryption methods

A hacker can use software to detect what level of encryption a wireless network uses; WEP, or Wired Equivalent Privacy, is a standard that can be broken into in 90 seconds, according to analysts; locating businesses on WEP networks is a way hackers identify easy prey

3 Default network passwords

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Sometimes a store sets up a closed wireless network with a password but doesn't change it from the manufacturer-set default; the defaults are usually easy to guess, and a hacker can try to access the network with his or her own device

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GOLF

ers that win tournaments are the players that manage their game the best."

What McNabney does – as far as coaching is concerned – is watch players' course management and picks up on player tendencies. He then sits down with the student and focuses on the tendencies and offers advice for improvement.

"Most of the kids have been playing for awhile now and work with their own golf coaches, so all I can really do is offer my advice and experience to them," said McNabney.

Last fall, Parkland won two tournaments and finished no less than fourth in the six fall tournaments. Now, the team is "looking forward to spring," and has been practicing at The Legend, a newly built golf facility in southwest Champaign, which also has heated bays, allowing the team to practice through the harsh winter.

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217-359-0248 www.manchester-apts.com The team's first spring tournament is March 19-21 in Goose Pond, Alabama, which also serves as this year's location for nationals, which McNabney hopes to be a part of. The tournaments consist of three rounds and most of them are against teams in Parkland's region. One tournament the Cobras will be competing in consists of both junior college and four-year college programs in which McNabney hopes the team "can gain some

good experience in." The Cobras have been practicing hard and will go into six straight weekends of golf after this month.

McNabney has high hopes for the future. "We have a good team, they are good to coach and we are having a fun time. I would love to make it to nationals, as it would be more fun in a team setting."

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If you have any questions or comments about sports at Parkland, please e-mail Sean Hermann at shermann1@stu. parkland.edu





Obama, stem cells, and science

WASHINGTON-President Barack Obama made his most forceful break yet from his predecessor's controversial scientific agenda Monday, opening the door to a major expansion of governmentfunded research on embryonic stem cells, and ordering federal agencies to strengthen the role of science in their decision-making.

By JIM TANKERSLEY

Tribune Washington Bureau

The twin announcements marked a clear departure from former President Bush's approach to science, which had caused a rift between that administration and a large segment of the nation's research community. Many complained scientific data had been ignored or skewed as the Bush administration set policy on climate change, oil and gas drilling and other aspects of environmental and health policy.

In particular, Bush's limitations on federal funding for embryonic stem cell experiments had become a touchstone for the anger among many scientists, as well as among advocates for patients who hope the It also disregards the values of research can lead to cures for a millions of American taxpaywide range of diseases.

Obama, speaking to an audience of scientists and patients in the East Room of the White House, acknowledged many people "strongly oppose" the research, which destroys human embryos, but his choice was to "vigorously support scientists" in the field.

"The majority of Americans from across the political spectrum and from all backgrounds

sensus that we should pursue this research," the president said before signing an executive order lifting Bush's limitations on the research. The order gives federal officials 120 days to issue new guidelines that will make a far wider range of experiments eligible for federal funding.

Congressional Republicans and anti-abortion groups on Monday disputed the merits of embryonic stem cell research, saying recent breakthroughs on developing similar cells through alternative methods render it unnecessary.

"Today's action is about forcing taxpayers to fund ethically troublesome-and unprovenresearch that destroys life," Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., the House Republican whip, said in a statement.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, chairman of a panel of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called Obama's stem cell order "morally wrong, because it encourages the destruction of innocent human life, treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested. ers who oppose research that requires taking human life."

In addition, Obama signed a second executive order he said was aimed at "restoring scientific integrity to government decision-making," a comment aimed sharply at Bush.

The order directs his administration to develop guidelines "to ensure that in this new administration we base our public policies on the soundest

and beliefs have come to a con-science, that we appoint sci-Officer at the Association of entific advisers based on their credentials and experience, not their politics or ideology." The two orders align Obama

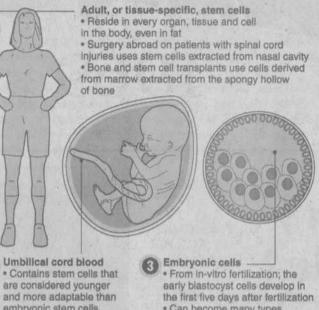
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Understanding stem cells

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Source: Free Press research

clearly with the scientists who had accused the Bush administration of placing political concerns over scientific data in its environmental and health-care policy making. Many chafed at an administration they charged ignored critical evidence about endangered species and scrubbed evidence from government reports of man-made global war.

"They feel a breath of fresh air is blowing," said Tony Mazzaschi, interim Chief Science

 Can become many types of adult cells; have potential as therapy for wide range of problems @ 2009 MCT Graphic: Detroit Free Press, F.S. Fluker, Pat An

In 2004, 60 prominent scientists accused the administration of "misrepresenting and suppressing scientific knowledge for political purposes."

Last fall, the Interior Department's inspector general issued a report detailing how one administrator intervened in at least 13 decisions under the Endangered Species Act.

The Bush administration angered others with its support for abstinence education, despite evidence such pro-

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limiting teenage sexual activity.

Bush also made a number of highly controversial appointments to key scientific advisory panels, including a Christian activist who had called AIDS a "gay plague," whom Bush tapped for the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/ AIDS. That move was unsuccessful.

The administration was also forced to backtrack in 2002 after a public outcry over a government Web site that discussed possible links between abortion and breast cancer. The National Cancer Institute updated its Web site to reflect the scientific consensus there was no such link.

Still, Bush's policies had a chilling effect on many researchers, said Myron Genel, an emeritus professor at the Yale University School of Medicine and head of Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering.

"There was a strong sense that people who were very thoughtful who had different views were really precluded from being involved," he said.

Mazzaschi said scientists seeking research funding would avoid such politically sensitive subjects as sexually transmitted disease. Others did not conduct stem cell research because they felt it might harm their careers. "People had to be very careful," he said.

On the campaign trail last year, Obama relentlessly criticized the Bush administration's science record. And by selecting people like Nobel

grams were unsuccessful in Prize winning physicist Steven Chu for Energy Secretary, Obama already had indicated his desire to break with the past.

> Many scientists now expect that in addition to more federal support for stem cell research, the new administration will move quickly on other fronts. including public health and the environmental regulation.

At the same time, the new administration's science policy will not resolve a range of knotty political disputes over health care, energy and environmental policy.

Even within the scientific community, debates are raging about issues such as endangered species. Last week, for example, the Obama administration sided with federal scientists-and drew objections from many environmentalists-when it backed a Bushera decision to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list in the Upper Midwest and much of the West.

"The case of wolves is a case where the science is very onesided and very clear," said Andrew Wetzler, who heads the endangered species project of the Natural Resources Defense Council.. "It doesn't mean that there isn't science on the other side, but (the science is) very biased toward the opinion that the wolves have not recovered."

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Is spring break in Mexico still safe? **By KERRI** lent attacks in cities and doz-WESTENBERG

MINNEAPOLIS-Staci Lee

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

ens of U.S. citizens have been kidnapped, according to the alert, many are still strolling the sands south of the border,



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Smith has spent four months and \$1,300 planning her spring break in Cancun. Still, a recent U.S. State Department travel alert had her thinking twice.

After reading about the violence plaguing parts of Mexico, the University of Minnesota sophomore concluded "it's really bad there and you shouldn't go." But she and her 18 friends plan to go, anyway.

"I read that the main problems are alcohol and the club scene-which pretty much sums up my spring break," she said. "At the same time, the likelihood that it would happen to me is so low."

The group plans to be careful, stay in well-traveled areas and "use the buddy system," she said. "But I'm worried. How bad is it? Can I go and be safe?"

Thousands of students who help make Mexico one of the most popular late-winter destinations are asking the same questions. On Feb. 20, the State Department issued a travel alert, warning that while millions of Americans travel to Mexico without incident, "violence in the country has increased recently" and has moved beyond the U.S. border region to other parts of the country.

The alert prompted Winona State University to send a warning to its students, and the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., moved one of its "alternative spring break" trips from one side of the border to the other.

More than 100,000 American teens and young adults go to Mexico for spring break each year, according to the State Department.

Although bystanders have been injured or killed in vio-

trouble-free. 'I DIDN'T FEEL A SENSE OF DANGER'

Kit Wilson had been snorkeling and sunbathing for three days in Akumal, on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, when the State Department issued its alert. She hadn't heard about it but had gotten her own kind of warning when she and four friends traveled the coast from Cancun to the beach house they had rented: Police were funneling cars off the freeway for searches. When the group from Minneapolis arrived at the rental house, the caretakers told them to lock the doors and that a guard would be on duty each night.

"I assumed the guards were to ward off robbers," said Wilson, who has been to Mexico five times in the past 12 years. This year, she went for a run every morning from the beach house, which was surrounded by resorts, and spent several evenings in Akumal.

"I didn't feel a sense of danger in any way," she said.

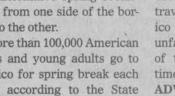
The State Department issues alerts "to disseminate information about short-term conditions ... that pose imminent risks to the security of U.S. citizens." Its more serious travel warnings describe conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable.

"The greatest increase in violence has occurred near the U.S. border," the alert continues. "However, U.S. citizens traveling throughout Mexico should exercise caution in unfamiliar areas and be aware of their surroundings at all times."

ADVICE FROM COLLEGES

Several colleges are deciding how to advise students

See Spring Break on page 3





Kenneth Armstrong: South Vietnam , An Endless Circle ?

Is South Vietnam an endless circle? Parkland Students will experience on the scene observations by Kenneth S. Armstrong, a perceptive observe as well as an articulate entertainer and an experienced speaker on this intriguing subject. He will speak to Parkland students Tuesday, April 22 in the Jefferson Auditorium at 8 P.M.

From coup to coup, ambush to ambush, crisis to crisis, a seemingly endingless circle of confusion abounds -- in morals, aims, social relations. In his presentation, Armstrong will shed light on a colorful and vital area in crisis. During his three extensive assignments he spent many months in every corner of South Viet Nam, He has been up to the front lines in helicopters roaring over the deathfilled rice paddies. He has met the Vietnamese people in cities and hamlets, interviewed their leaders, faced the crossbows of the primitive Montagnards, and experienced communist gunfire.

Only through deeper knowledge of the people, their history, religion and customs can one understand the events in this chaotic region. No other American lecturer has covered Souh Viet Nam so thoroughly.

Kenneth Armstrong has a wide background in world affairs. A graduate of the University of Michigan, he became director of News and Public Affairs for Cleveland's WJW-TV. During the past three years he has spent over a year in Southeast Asia, observing, reporting and producing documentary films, Prior to 1961 he concentrated on the satellite countries and the Soviet Union. His published reports have been featured in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. A preceptive observer. he is also an articulate, entertaining and experienced speaker. His lectures are notable for providing information in depth on the people, problems, and countries of Southeast Asia, as related to one another, and to the rest of the world.



KENNETH S. ARMSTRONG

All Parkland College students are cordially invited to attend these lectures. All students will be admitted by student I.D. card. Friends of the College and student guests shall be admitted if there is adequate space. Parkland College believes these lectures will be an educational and entertainment highlight which no student should miss.





by Karen Krone

Dear Minerva

I want to go to school, I really do want to be somebody. I just couldn't pull the grades though. I got all Fs, all I needed was one A to let me stay in school. Well I got it, on my draft card. I don't want to go kill anyone and I don't want to be killed. Why are we in Vietnam anyway?

Terre

by BOB KING

GI's Survive To Get Home

"The American GI in Viet Nam is fighting for survival so he can end his tour of duty", Kenneth Armstrong told his audience at Jefferson Auditorium, on April 22nd.

Armstrong replied to random questions adequately after a personally produced 40 minute movie concerning Viet Nam. A documentary was delivered live by Armstrong while the movie was shown, which proved to enhance the informative nature of the film.

Armstrong prefaced the film by stating that his purpose, as a re-

Russia - China Issue For Next Convocation

No two world powers appear as enigmatic as Rusia and China. During the last few years there has been a heated if not serious ideological conflict between the two countries, and in recent border disputes it seems that the two may be moving the fight from the political stage to the battle field.

Ralphael Green, an authority on Asia will present a lecture and film on the struggle between Russia and China 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Jefferson Auditorium.

Raphael Green, formerly of the University of Minnesota has traveled extensively in China, Mongolia and Russia. He was on the White House Staff, and participated in a reparations survey of Manchuria and North Korea. He has seen more of Russia than most Russians, and has produced film documentaries on Russia, Siberia, and Outer Mongolia.

porter, was to inform the public and not to oppose or propose. The film was shot and produced by Armstrong in Viet Nam during the past summer and has been shown on lecture tours across the country. The essence of the movie was the activities of the GI's in relation to the Vietnamese people and the conflict. The movie illuminated the darkened picture most Americans have of the Vietnamese people and their life style. Armstrong's study was somewhat narrowed because he had to move with the troops, however it was none the less informative.

Among the questions posed were: What is the sentiment of the GI's concerning the campus war protests?; and Do the GI's feelings toward the war change because they are able to see the atrocious acts of the Viet Cong and the deplorable living conditions of the people?

Armstrong observed that most GI's are "indignant" about the protests since their unanswered questions about the rationale of the war were quickly answered upon arrival in Viet Nam, The unfamiliarity of the GI with the poverty and disease which exist everywhere in Viet Nam is probably most responsible for the change of heart which GI's experience. He also noted that most GI's accept the war and their cause to justify their own position.

Armstrong told the attentive audience that the GI's strive for survival because they know they will be going home again. He closed the presentation with a statement of hope for a speedy end to the horrible VietNam conflict.

THE WEEK

"The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country. Russia is threatening us with her might. And the republic is in danger. Yes, danger from within and without. We need law and order! Yes, without law and order our nation cannot survive . . . elect us and we shall restore law and order."

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Dear G. I.

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Yes everyone wants peace, but till then kill, kill, kill.

Dear Minerva:

We are a group of guys who have recently got an apartment. We never realized all the friends we had. Every hour of every day people are here. Kids who don't make it home by curfew shack up here for the night. All our furniture has cigarette burns. One radio, 2 watches, 3 pair of pants and one Ricky Nelson album is missing. We are the target for every pot party, beer party and love-in scheduled for each weekend. How can we discourage these kids.

Used

Dear Used:

I'll have to think this one over for a while, meantime what's your address?

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A Parkland literary magazine will be published Spring Quarter. Those wanting to contribute to the magazine (writers, art students, anyone interested) should contact Steve Pauley immediately.

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NCAA tourney picks



Here's a look at the conference tournaments that begin Wednesday:

Atlantic 10 Conference WHEN: Wednesday-Saturday

WHERE: Atlantic City, N.J. FINAL TV: ESPN2, 6 p.m. EDT

FORMAT: The top 12 teams qualify. The top four seeds get byes into the second round. **REGULAR-SEASON**

CHAMP: Xavier

PROJECTED NCAA BIDS: 2-3.

THE BUZZ: Xavier and Dayton are NCAA locks. Can Rhode Island or Temple play their way into the field of 65? Xavier won the regular-season title by a game over Dayton, Rhode Island and Temple, but the tiebreaker drops Temple into the No. 4 seed. That would mean a semifinal matchup with Xavier, which beat the Owls in their only regular-season meeting. But beating Xavier would be a huge boost for the Owls' long-shot at-large hopes. Rhode Island needs to get to the tournament final to have an at-large shot; that likely would mean a semifinal victory over Dayton-a team the Rams beat by one at home in overtime in their only regular-season meeting. As for sleepers, sixth-seeded Richmond and eighth-seeded La Salle come in having won six of their past eight. In those streaks, Richmond beat Xavier and La Salle downed Temple.

THE PICK: Xavier

Big 12 Conference WHEN: Wednesday-Satur-

WHERE: Oklahoma City FINAL TV: ESPN, 6 p.m. FORMAT: All league teams qualify. The top four seeds get

byes into the second round. **REGULAR-SEASON** CHAMP: Kansas

PROJECTED NCAA BIDS: 5-7.

THE BUZZ: Kansas won the regular-season title by a game over Oklahoma, which lost twice while star big man [db] Blake Griffin[/db] was sidelined by a concussion. One of those losses was at home to the Jayhawks. Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma are NCAA locks, while Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma State look good for bids. The only way Texas will sweat on Selection Sunday is if it loses to 12th-seeded Colorado in the first round. Actually, the same probably goes for A&M - which plays 11thseeded Texas Tech in the first round - and Oklahoma State which plays 10th-seeded Iowa State in the first round. Fourthseeded Kansas State still has some work to do. If the Wildcats can get to the tournament final - and beat Texas and Kansas along the way - they have a shot at an at-large bid. K-State won at Texas in overtime but was swept by KU this season. THE PICK: Oklahoma

Big West Conference WHEN: Wednesday-Saturday

WHERE: Anaheim, Calif. FINAL TV: ESPN2, 11:55 p.m.

FORMAT: The top eight teams qualify. The top two seeds get byes into the semifinals. The Nos. 3 and 4 seeds get byes into the second round. The No. 5 seed plays the No. 8 and the No. 6 plays the No. 7 in the first round. REGULAR-SEASON CHAMP: Cal State Northridge PROJECTED NCAA BIDS: 1.

THE BUZZ: Northridge won the regular-season title by a game over Pacific and Long Beach State. The Matadors split with Long Beach State but were swept by Pacific. Long Beach, in turn, swept Pacific, but Long Beach hasn't won two games in a row since mid-January. A sleeper is fourth-seeded UC Santa Barbara; the Gauchos have won seven of their past eight, including home wins over Long Beach State and Pacific. But UCSB has won just twice away from home in conference play. Seventh-seeded Cal State Fullerton, which won the tournament last season, has the league's best player in guard [db]Josh Akognon[/db], but the Titans have lost six of their past eight.

THE PICK: Cal State 3-4. Northridge

Conference USA

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WHEN: Wednesday-Satur-WHERE: Memphis, Tenn. FINAL TV: CBS, 11:30 a.m.

FORMAT: All league teams qualify. The top four seeds get byes into the second round. **REGULAR-SEASON**

CHAMP: Memphis PROJECTED NCAA BIDS:

1-2. THE BUZZ: Memphis is an NCAA lock, and the only way the league gets two bids is if someone else wins the tournament. The Tigers have won 58 consecutive C-USA games, and that streak almost certainly will grow to 61 in this tournament. Four of their 16 league games this season were decided by single digits and State, which is its quarterfinal all four were on the road - but Memphis is the tourney host. Second-seeded Tulsa comes in having won 10 of 12 - but the Golden Hurricane lost by 26 in the regular season at Memphis. The question, then, would not be whether Memphis wins this tournament, but rather does any opponent lose by fewer than 10 points?

THE PICK: Memphis

Mountain West Conference WHEN: Wednesday-Saturday

WHERE: Las Vegas FINAL TV: Versus, 7 p.m. FORMAT: All league teams qualify. The Nos. 8 and 9 seeds meet in a sort of play-in game. **REGULAR-SEASON** CHAMP: BYU, New Mexico and Utah tied for the regular-

season title. BYU won the tiebreaker to be the No. 1 seed. PROJECTED NCAA BIDS:

THE BUZZ: This should be one of the most entertaining conference tournaments. BYU and second-seeded Utah are NCAA locks. Third-seeded New Mexico and fourth-seeded San Diego State have at-large hopes, while fifth-seeded UNLV likely needs to win the tournament to get an NCAA bid. New Mexico and San Diego State need to win at least once to keep their at-large hopes alive, and likely need to get to the final to feel good about their atlarge chances. A trump card for UNLV is that it is the tournament host. The Runnin' Rebels are 15-2 at home this season, including 7-1 in league play. UNLV also owns a season sweep of BYU, which could be its semifinal opponent. But UNLV was swept by San Diego

opponent. BYU has won nine of its past 10, including wins over New Mexico, San Diego State and Utah. New Mexico comes in having won eight of nine, including wins over Utah, UNLV and San Diego State. Utah has won nine of its past 11, including wins over BYU, New Mexico, San Diego State and UNLV. Like we said, this is going to be fun. The San **Diego State-UNLV** quarterfinal is huge.

THE PICK: UNLV

Pacific-10 Conference WHEN: Wednesday-Saturday

WHERE: Los Angeles FINAL TV: CBS, 6 p.m. FORMAT: All league teams

qualify. The top six seeds get byes into the second round. **REGULAR-SEASON**

CHAMP: Washington PROJECTED NCAA BIDS:

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THE BUZZ: Washington won the regular-season title by a game over UCLA. Those two plus Arizona State and California are NCAA locks. Arizona looks OK, but the Wildcats sure could ease their worries if they can beat archrival Arizona State in a quarterfinal. Arizona State swept Arizona for the second season in a row, as the Sun Devils were able to control the tempo against the Wildcats in both meetings. If the Sun Devils make it 3-0 vs. the Wildcats this season, Arizona will be pulling for every other bubble team in the nation to lose, then biting its collective fingernails on Selection Sunday. USC could play itself into the at-large discussion if it can get to the tournament final. UCLA and Washington, especially, are playing

for seeding. If Washington wins the tournament, it likely would end up as a No. 3 seed. If the Bruins win it, they're looking at a No. 4 seed.

THE PICK: UCLA

Southwestern Athletic Conference

WHEN: Wednesday-Saturday

WHERE: Birmingham, Ala. FINAL TV: ESPNU, 9 p.m. FORMAT: The top eight teams qualify. **REGULAR-SEASON**

CHAMP: Alabama State

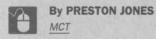
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THE BUZZ: Alabama State won the regular-season title by a game over Jackson State. Only three of the league's 10 teams had overall winning records and six of them finished with single-digit win totals. In addition, league members won just five non-conference games against Division I opponents. Alabama State comes in having won 10 of 11; Jackson State-which played its first 14 games away from home-has won 11 of 12, including a home victory over Alabama State. Third-seeded Prairie View looks to be the only other team with a legitimate chance to win the tournament. The Panthers have won seven of their past nine and split with Jackson State this season.

THE PICK: Alabama State

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SXSW festival appears to be playing above the economic static



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[Prospectus News editor's note: We are sending a team down to Texas to cover this year's music portion of the now-infamous South by Southwest Festival. We will bring you in depth band coverage April 8. 2009.]

Despite the almost-hourly economic doom and gloom, the subject line of a recent e-mail blast from the press office at South by Southwest-that huge multiday film/interactive/ music confab that hits Austin every March-provided a cheery ray of light: "Off Key Economy Won't Hit Sour Notes at SXSW Music 2009."

It's not only the music portion of SXSW staying in tune-the film and interactive portions get under way this week, with a full slate of movies, speakers and panel discussions kicking off Friday-with the music portion firing up March 18. Event organizers say that external turmoil notwithstanding, SXSW is actually weathering the storm and, in some cases, doing better than expected.

The SXSW music festival and conference is entering its 23rd year, firmly established as one of the premier events on the industry calendar, a place where unknowns can be catapulted into the spotlight, bands on the verge can break big and veterans can enjoy a valedictory lap. It's spring break-attendees often describe SXSW as a "working vacation" with straight faces-mixed with business meetings, panel discussions and lots of late-night barbecue and beer.

But as people continue grappling with miseries inflicted

homes and slashed jobs, there we're certainly not immune is scarcely an industry in America untouched by the current recession, including the music, film and technology sectors. Given that ongoing turbulence, the SXSW powers that be must be sweating a little, right?

Not so much. "We are seeing some

effects-we're down in registration for the music event maybe 10 percent (but) haven't seen as much of a drop-off in press credentials, sponsorship, registration and all of the other kinds of people that come to SXSW, so it's a little hard to say where we're going to end up," says Roland Swenson, SXSW's managing director. "We may be down a little bit, we may be flat (but) I doubt if we'll be up.

"We've been in business for 22 years-this will be our 23rd event-so we've weathered a number of recessions over the course of our career here. 9-11 was a real big dip for us; this isn't as bad as that, at this point. So it's nothing we haven't dealt with before-we're not really panicking or anything like that."

Swenson projects cautious calm, but the fact remains that things have changed-and not for the better. As other festivals around the country either implement payment plans or pull the plug outright, SXSW is in something of a unique position, largely because it isn't beholden to consumers, who are not SXSW's primary focus. Nevertheless, as Swenson says, the festival isn't hitting the panic button just yetand some statistics from the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau provide a balm for any jangled nerves.

"Austin has maintained a sort of relative stability in the curby failing banks, foreclosed rent economic downturn, but declining and you're laying

from it," says Beth Krauss, the bureau's media-relations manager. "SXSW is one of our biggest events, and last year they brought about \$103 million into the economy. ... They're also anticipating that they'll have 100,000 attendees, which is pretty close to what they had last year. For the most part, our downtown hotels are sold outthere are a handful of rooms here and there."

Packed hotels, healthy attendance estimates, an abundance of bands, films and speakers on the schedule-what could go wrong? If anyone feels the pinch this year, it will likely be sponsors, the companies that line up to plaster logos all over Sixth Street and the convention center and to host massive, starstudded and exclusive parties, while papering the town with free brochures and leaflets and glossy, hip publications.

Swenson feels that, if anything, the economy may help streamline the SXSW experience.

"I think because money is tight, when that happens it weeds out the hangers-on," Swenson says. "I think the people that are coming are very serious about having a productive business experience here."

Mike Davis, who teaches economics and finance at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business, says corporations of all stripes must now reevaluate public perceptions, particularly for high-profile events like SXSW.

"It's one thing to go and spend \$150,000 on a hospitality tent and feed a bunch of people if business is going great," Davis says. "It's another thing to do that when business is business sense, but just the appearance of doing that stuff in a down economy is something that firms are being very careful about."

off people. It may still be good

In previous years, SXSW has played host to a flood of regional and national publications sponsoring venues, stages and performances, but this year, says Bruce Starr, talent and branding maestro with New York City's BMF Media, those who do put money into the festival and conference will do so selectively, precisely targeting the audience they want to reach.

"Instead of having 10 gifting lounges, you'll only see three," Starr says. "You're seeing some of the bigger ones dropping out. It's very hit or miss-I think your typical brands ... who've really taken (South by Southwest) over in years past have definitely stepped down." No one interviewed cared to speculate about the 2010 edition of SXSW or whether the economy may have a delayed effect upon the festival and conference, except to say that this year will probably be more closely watched than most recent editions. And while music registration has dropped, SXSW again has a silver lining, in that its other components-film and interactive-are experiencing an uptick in attendance.

'We're having a great year in terms of getting acts to come and play and films to premiere, and the interactive event has grown dramatically ... by 30 percent this year, so that's softening the blow for us," Swenson says. "That's also been kind of a pattern for us: In years when maybe financially things aren't so great, creatively they seem to go really well, I'm not

sure why."

Perhaps bands are drawn to SXSW for the ease of hitting a lot of folks at once-depending upon how many showcases a band plays, how many interviews it sits for or how many appearances it makes on local TV and radio stations, SXSW can serve as six months' worth of promotion crammed into four days.

"We have this inverse relationship with the economy," Swenson says. "When money is tight, we actually become more attractive to people who are trying to promote some creative product. It's cheaper than an ad campaign, to come down here and perform or show your work than a lot of other means of promotion."

For their part, bands like Fort Worth's Telegraph Canyon, which will play its firstever SXSW showcase this year, are maximizing the opportunity and keeping an eye on expenses. The Fort Worth band is renting a parking spot for its RV at \$10 a night. Frontman Chris Johnson says regardless of the economy's health, some things never change for indie bands.

"I can't say that we'd be staying in, a fabulous hotel if the economy would be better," Johnson says. "I think in general people that go to fests like this are common, everyday people. ... When the economy tanked, the gas went down (and) that was the thing that affected the little guy and the bands everywhere. With the gas prices all down, it's heaven for us."

At its core, SXSW has always strived to be about finding and promoting what's new and what's, next (its detractors would argue that it has strayed from that ideal in recent years),

but amid all the statistics and what-ifs, Swenson pauses to echo that belief: "As long as kids keep picking up guitars and kids are on their computers creating stuff and getting their parents' cameras and making movies, there's always going to be an audience for what we do."

It is too early to truly know whether the shaky economy will have any significant impact-good or bad-upon SXSW, but the simple fact is that the festival and conference has always been appealing and. most important, affordable for those looking to bask in music, movies or the latest technology for little money.

"People are looking to have a good time, and Austin is a pretty affordable destination as a general rule," Krauss says. "One of the beautiful things, I think, about SXSW is that there are so many free showcases, and a whole lot of couch-surfing goes on. People come into town and hang out with their friends and they go to the free showcases and they just walk around downtown and they still get to be part of this amazing thing, whether or not they're in the industry.

"Ithinkit'sanappealingevent during an economic downturn, because it doesn't cost a lot if you don't want it to."

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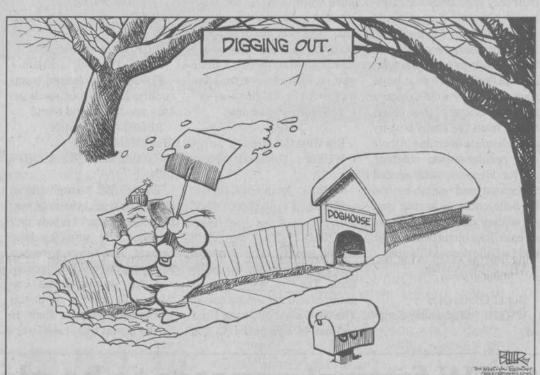
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 17. North northwest wind between 11 and 13 mph.

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HBO show bids Will Ferrell's Bush farewell

By NEAL JUSTIN Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Will Ferrell, best known for playing overgrown frat boys, bubbleheaded anchormen and spoiled athletes, seems an unlikely Broadway angel. But the comedian has performed a minor miracle with "You're Welcome, America. A Final Night With George W. Bush," a sold-out hit on the Manhattan theater scene based almost entirely on a decade-old impersonation that should be about as relevant now as an Abbott and Costello routine.

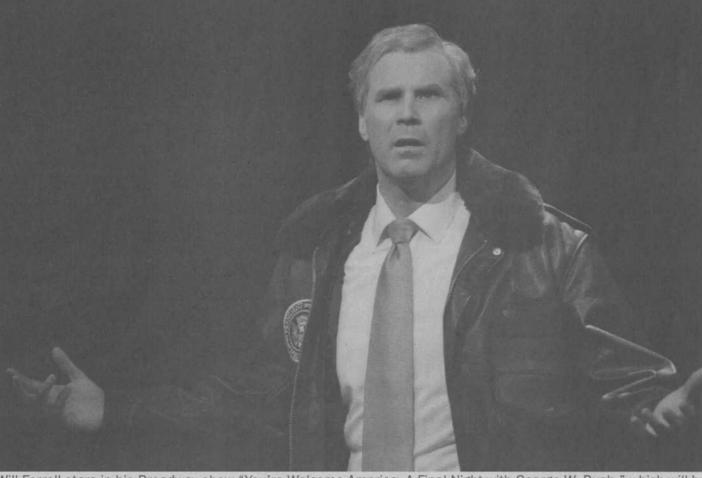
But the 90-minute production, which HBO will present live on Saturday, one night before the show closes, has struck a chord with audiences who can't resist sharing one last laugh at the 43rd president's expense.

Adam McKay ("Anchorman"), who is directing the show, said he understands that some fans will feel it's time to move on, but that just as many aren't quite ready to put the past eight years behind them.

"It seems like in our country, we tend to want to blow past stuff, like Ronald Reagan and the Iran-Contra controversy," he said. "I think it's kind of exciting that we're not letting this go. Even though it's a silly show, I think it's healthy in a sense."

The most important person who needed convincing was Ferrell, who stumbled into the impression on "Saturday Night Live" when Bush was a longshot candidate. Speculation at the time was that Al Gore would win the election, putting the show's master impressionist, Darrell Hammond, in the spotlight. Ferrell would occasionally do a walk-on, portraving Bush as a high-fiving, backslapping good ol' boy.

"I thought, 'Well, this will be



Will Ferrell stars in his Broadway show "You're Welcome America. A Final Night with George W. Bush," which will be broadcast on HBO. (Phillip V. Caruso/HBO/MCT)

so I'll play him for a couple months and that will be that," Ferrell said. "Then he eventually won and he just kept kind of gaining momentum in terms of his comedic persona. There was this incredible combination of insane news events that he had to deal with and obviously some poor decisions on his part, along with his type of personality and the fact that he kind of can't speak properly. That, you know, makes for a wonderful kind of comedic stew. I like to use the word 'stew' whenever I can."

Ferrell said he had a previous idea for a one-man show on Broadway that fell apart, so he was open to the suggestion from McKay and his man-

a month at the Cort Theatre-a stretch of time in which he probably could have churned out "Stepbrothers II."

"I never would have thought of it actually on my own, oddly enough, but it just seemed, you know, apropos to the times that we are in right now and also just a great challenge comedically to kind of send this character off," Ferrell said.

attend the show in its final week is the real ex-prez, although at one point Ferrell was under the impression that Bush was a fan.

"It was back when he was governor, I had just started playing him and he was going to be on the show," Ferrell said.

ple were huge fans of mine and would love to meet me. So I hurried down to the 'SNL' studio and all these photographers were taking pictures and they pushed me into this circle of people and they said, 'Go say hi.' So I went up and said, 'Hello, Mr. Governor. Thanks for doing the show.' I could tell he had no idea who I was."

One person who is unlikely to HAIL TO THE CHIEFS

Being president means you move into an elegant mansion, travel the world in your own plane and have the U.S. military at your disposal. It also means you'll get skewered by "Saturday Night Live." Over the past 34 years, the program has sent up every commander

fun, but he probably won't win, ager that he spend more than "I was told that he and his peo- in chief, and not always with the same degree of success. Here's a look back at the best and not-so-brightest. CHEVY CHASE AS GERALD FORD

> His take: An inarticulate, clueless klutz who can't even support himself at a podium.

> Our take: Chase's physical shtick had about as much political bite as a banana peel.

Seals of approval: 1 1/2 stars DAN AYKROYD AS JIMMY CARTER

His take: An unflappable genius who can do everything from fix a letter sorter to talk down an LSD user.

Our take: A funny but fleeting idea.

Seals of approval: 2 1/2 stars PHIL HARTMAN AS RON- ALD REAGAN

Histake: An evil mastermind who acts dumb only to fool the public.

Our take: Hartman's ability to switch gears at the drop of a jellybean continues to amaze.

Seals of approval: 3 stars DANA CARVEY AS GEORGE H.W. BUSH

His take: Good-natured optimist with more hand gestures than an air-traffic controller.

Our take: Carvey's enthusiasm was impossible to resist.

Seals of approval: 3 1/2 stars PHIL HARTMAN AS BILL CLINTON

His take: A Southern charmer with an equal appetite for women and Big Macs.

Our take: Bubbalicious.

Seals of approval: 3 stars WILL FERRELL AS GEORGE W. BUSH

His take: An empty-headed overachiever who acts like he's president-of his fraternity.

Our take: The clueless-crusader act got about as creaky as the last hour of "Semi-Pro."

Seals of approval: 2 1/2 stars FRED ARMISEN AS BARACK OBAMA

His take: Super-serious, super-stiff nerd.

Our take: Super-serious, super-boring.

Seals of approval: 11/2 stars

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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ALREADY LED A WIDESPREAD INTERNET

movement to energize young voters and raise a record \$700 million for his campaign. Now he is trying to use technology to connect Americans with the democratic process, promote social interaction and revamp outdated government processes.

By Samantha Riepe, McClatchy Newspapers

SOCIETY, NETWORKED

OLD WAY: Presidents and their administrations have long relied on news conferences, radio addresses, newspapers and television news to spread information to the public.

OBAMA'S WAY: Obama harnessed the power of the Internet

innovation and telecommunications early in his campaign. He announced his running mate selection, Joseph Biden, to thousands of supporters via text

Let us be the generation that reshapes our economy to compete in the digital age. - Barack Obama

CITIZENS' FEEDBACK

OLD WAY: American citizens are typically encouraged to contact their local or state representatives by phone or e-mail about community problems, pending legislation or other concerns. Meanwhile, more powerful entities rely on high-paid lobbyists to sway lawmaker opinion.

OBAMA'S WAY: Even before his election,

President Obama solicited policy ideas and opinions from the public via my.barackobama.com, an online community of supporters that is customizable to each user. After his election, Obama introduced change.gov, a transition Web site that allowed users to rate and comment on submitted policy suggestions. Now as he confronts major issues, Obama is launching

TOP TECH OFFICER

OLD WAY: Previously, there was no Cabinet-level position or legislative committee to address evolving technologies and how they may be applied to solve America's most pressing issues. President George W. Bush created a "cybersecurity czar" at the Department of Homeland Security, but that role primarily addresses threats of virtual attacks.

OBAMA'S WAY: Obama recently appointed Vivek Kundra to the new

position of federal chief information officer to oversee how government agencies use information tech-



nology. Obama

is also expected to appoint the nation's first-ever technology officer to his Cabinet. According to his technology plan, the CTO

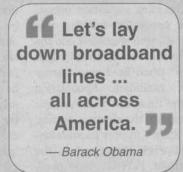
ACCESS TO FEDS' INFO

OLD WAY: Journalists, researchers and others looking for federal agency documents have long relied on the Freedom of Information Act, which allows interested parties to get such information. In 1996, President Bill'Clinton signed amendments to the 30-year-old legislation that required agencies to make certain records more widely available in electronic form."

OBAMA'S WAY: Obama is aiming for more transparency when it comes to federal agency transactions. In 2006, Obama drafted a bill with Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., to create a search engine that will let citizens look at federal grants, contracts and other financial records; President Bush signed the bill into law. As president, Obama plans to create an Internet database of ethics reports, campaign finance and lobbyist records. He also has made available text and video of his weekly address, as

INTERNET FORALL

OLD WAY: The Internet came of age with stunning quickness during President Bush's eightyear tenure; however, expanding Web access among the general population was not a priority.



OBAMA'S WAY: Obama has made clear his goal to deliver broadband access to every community in America, believing that it will enrich political discourse and enhance the country's overall competitiveness. He plans to redefine the Federal Communication Commission's

message, and directly connected to voters through 16 social networks including Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, BlackPlane and MiGente. Obama has made weekly presidential addresses via YouTube-posted videos, a ritual he began during his campaign.

recovery.gov. The sites, in addition to www.whitehouse.gov. invite citizens to share their policy ideas and feedback.

new sites including

healthreform.gov and

will work with all federal agencies to ensure that effective technologies and best practices are shared between all.

well as speeches by himself and administration officials. And the White House maintains a blog at whitehouse.gov/blog.

low-end definition of broadband speed (200 kbps) to a faster speed that will better suit 21st century data transfer needs.



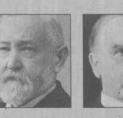
PRESIDE

Many presidents have adapted to changing technology during their tenure.



1861-65

Abraham Lincoln embraced a new invention, the telegraph, using it to reportedly communicate with war electrocution. generals.



1889 1897 Benjamin Newspaper baron William Harrison first had the White House wired for electricity, though he

feared

McKinley became the first "mass-media president."



1929

Herbert Hoover was the first president to have a telephone installed on his desk.

1933-37 Franklin D. Roosevelt

regularly communicated via casual radio addresses. called "fireside chats."

1947

Harry Truman became the first president to give a speech on television.



1969 **Richard Nixon** talked to astro-

phone.



Barack Obama is the first president with a desktop computer in the Oval Office.

1960 John F.

during the

first televised

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debate.

