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Hidden helpers: staff who keep Parkland thriving

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Staff Writer

Parkland College operates like a well oiled machine. The services it provides are abundant and have great merit. Often students focus on the product that the machine produces – successful students – but fail to notice the people behind the scenes. Who are they, and why are they essential? Faculty and staff assisted the Prospectus in identifying some of those “behind the scenes” who you should thank—if only you saw them:

The man behind the curtains: Doug Brooks

Doug Brooks is the Networking Technologies Manager for Parkland College. He and his team are responsible for maintaining the Internet connection here at Parkland, maintaining the networking backbone of the college, online security for Angel, and bandwidth monitoring among many other duties.

Without these services students would find themselves in a devastating position. “What would students do without essentials like Angel, or Facebook?” said Brooks. “We consider customer service our top priority.”

Brooks and his team work hard to keep our technology needs fulfilled, facing unique problems and challenges every day that the average student is probably never aware of.

The silent helper: Robin Malsberry

Robin Malsberry is a Physical Plant worker. Physical Plant is responsible for electrical, janitorial, and general maintenance. Men and women like Malsberry take out the trash, wipe down tables, and pick up after students throughout the campus.

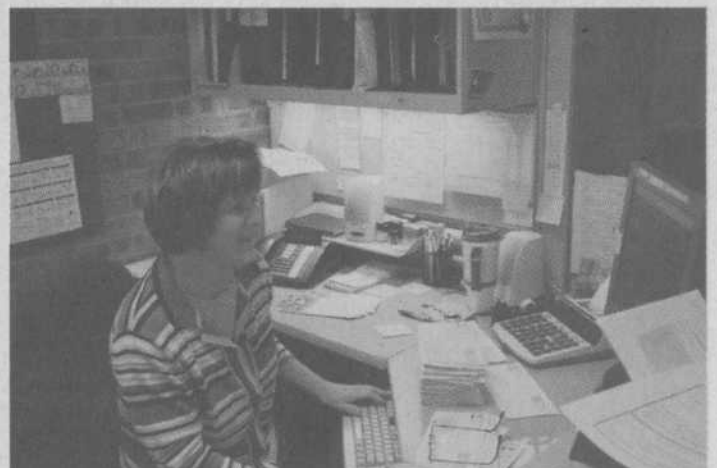
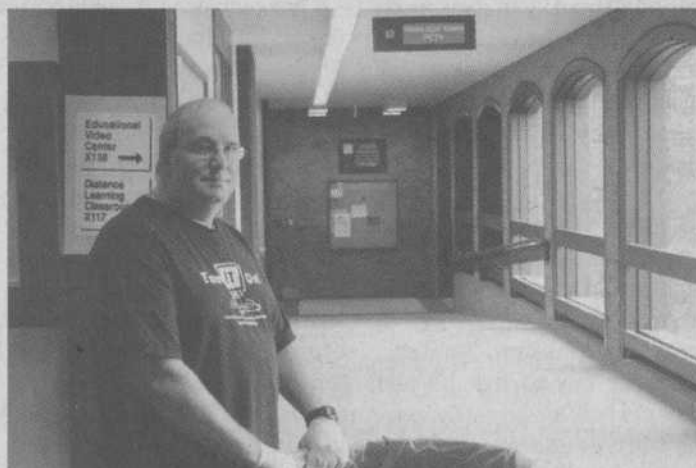
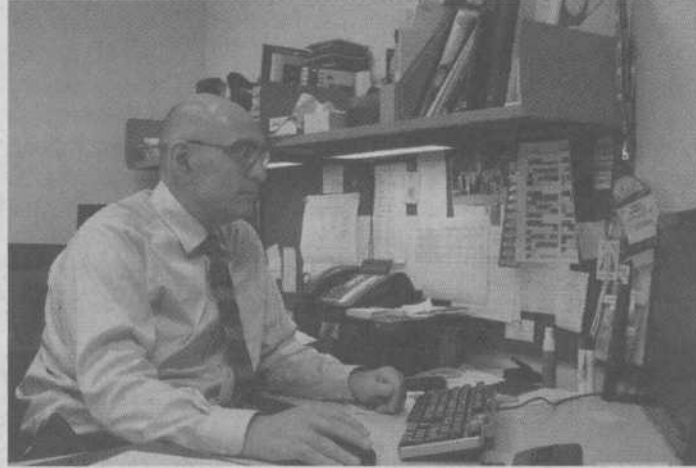
If these services were to be cut off, “it would be like the garbage men going on strike,” said Malsberry. The Physical Plant workers are invaluable and without them, Parkland would be a mess.

Students have the opportunity to make Malsberry’s job a little easier. “People should (utilize) the recycling dispensers we have here at Parkland,” said Malsberry. Also, picking up your mess before you rush to class is helpful.”

By the numbers: Dianne Kessinger

Dianne Kessinger works in Accounts Receivable at Parkland. All day long she sends out student billing statements and reviews student refund paperwork as well as many other duties. While this task may not seem important to some, it is very essential.

Without people like Kessinger, Parkland would be in a heap of trouble. “Parkland would not be able to exist without the funds received,” said Kessinger. Without them all the funds coming into the col-



Clockwise from top left: Doug Brooks, Networking Technologies Manager; Mary Kay Smith, Admissions Advisor; Dianne Kessinger, Accounts Receivable; Robin Malsberry, Physical Plant Worker

Sean Whitsitt/Prospectus

lege and being sent out would just remain stagnant, never getting to where they belong.

Students can also make life simpler for Kessinger. “(Students) can make sure their information with Admissions and Records is correct,” said Kessinger. Taking the time to

get everything down properly on all paperwork makes work a little more straightforward.

Opening doors: Mary Kay Smith

Mary Kay Smith is an Admissions Advisor working in the department of Admissions and Records at Parkland

College. Smith acts as a general recruiter for Parkland, conducts tours, and generally makes Parkland more accessible to new students.

Without people like Smith, Parkland would likely have fewer students. “I’m a resource,” said Smith. “It

would be confusing, and high schools would be less aware (without our services).” General information, information on financial aid, housing, and cost are all available for the taking for future students.

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I’ll bet you didn’t know you could do that here!

Merry THOMAS
Staff Writer

Here at Parkland, there are a variety of clubs and organizations that students can participate in. With that in mind, it’s surprising to hear students say, “We have a club for that?” Lack of knowledge about these organizations is a shame because Parkland has much to offer, so here’s some information on just a couple groups that might not have been known before.

One great program at Parkland, which many people are unaware of, is the Parkland Dental Hygiene Clinic. For many of those who do not have health insurance, dental coverage on regular health insurance, or tight pocketbooks, this program is a lifesaver. The clinic offers much of the same things that a normal dentist does, such as thorough oral exams, cleaning, instructions on how to clean your teeth properly, as well as a fluoride treatment.

X-rays are also done at Parkland, but you have to have an established dentist outside of Parkland in order so the people who work in the clinic have someone to mail the film to for consultation. Also, X-rays are taken only if your dentist or a Parkland dentist authorizes it, and you can’t get X-rays unless you do the whole treatment (oral exam, cleaning, etc.).

As far as appointments go, each cleaning lasts up to three hours, and since this program is designed for the Dental Hygiene students to get practice, it might take more than one visit to get a full treatment. The cost for the clinic is \$10 per semester, unless you’re under 12, or an adult over the age of 62, in which case it’s free of charge. Children under the age of four can’t be treated, but everyone else is welcome.



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Make sure to call in advance to make an appointment, and it might take a little while to be seen because the clinic gets pretty busy, but it’s well worth the wait. All this information and more can be found at Parkland’s Web site.

Another great thing that Parkland offers is a fitness center. Gym memberships else-

where can be costly, and not many people can afford to pay thirty to fifty dollars a month to work out. At Parkland, you can work out in the fitness center for only \$50 dollars a semester, and if you want some credit for your transcript, you can take PEC 103 or PEC 147, which means that you would be required to exercise at the

gym regularly in order to pass (which would give more of an initiative to actually exercise). Again, more information can be found at Parkland’s Web site. The facility has a lot of equipment that is found in a normal gym, so instead of spending large amounts of money to exercise, come check out the Parkland Fitness Center.

Aside from health and fitness, there’s also an assortment of excellent groups at Parkland as well, one being Alpha Phi Omega. According to their Web site, the purpose of Alpha Phi Omega is to “prepare campus and community leaders through service... [and] to develop leadership, to promote friendship and to pro-

vide service to humanity.” This is a National Service Fraternity, meaning that this program isn’t unique to Parkland. There are many chapters, or groups, around the country, all of which are trying to promote awareness for volunteering, and Parkland is no different. From service projects to

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LEAD STORY

What is believed to be the world's only commercial lounge openly serving cocaine operates in La Paz, Bolivia, though the owners of "Route 36" have to change locations from time to time, depending on the moods of the bribed authorities. An August dispatch in London's The Guardian reported that a nearly pure gram costs the equivalent of about \$14 (\$22 for "premium"), served by waiters in an empty CD case, with straws, but bar drinks are also available. Route 36 is well-known to backpacking tourists. Recalled one waiter, "We had some Australians; they stayed here for four days. (T)he only time they left was to go to the ATM."

Police Follies

—Small Town: In Jericho, Ark., alleged harassment by cops got so bad, according to an Associated Press report, that the fire chief went to court twice in the same day in August to complain about speed traps. The chief's charge angered the seven officers attending the hearing, and a courtroom scuffle ensued, resulting in the chief's being shot in the back and hospitalized. WMC-TV reported that the shooter has not been charged but that an arrest warrant has been issued for the chief, who was then fired by the mayor. The police force has been disbanded by the Crittenden County sheriff, and all firefighters have resigned.

—Big City: George Vera, who weighs nearly 600 pounds, was booked into jail in Houston in August and was in custody for more than 24 hours before he casually informed cops that they had missed finding the 9 mm handgun and two clips that were hidden in his rolls of fat.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

—Questionable Business Model: In September, in downtown Longview, Wash., a 23-year-old man held up a sign offering to be kicked in the groin for \$5. He made one sale before police, acting on a complaint, made him move on.

—Fierce Competition: (1) Police in Broome, Australia, reported in September that a five-year feud between two rival camel-ride vendors in the Cable Beach resort area had erupted again, this time involving allegations of camel theft and tossed camel dung. (2) In July, as the legal brothel business declined precipitously in Germany, owners adopted such gimmicks as free shoe-polishing and discounts for retirees. However, when several brothels began offering flat-rate plans (based on restaurants' all-you-can-eat model), police cracked down, judging them as a little too excessive.

—Questionable Products: (1) The Spanish toymaker Berjuan has introduced a doll that suckles from a halter worn by young girls who want to mimic their breastfeeding mothers. The Bebe Gloton is not expected to be available in the U.S. until 2010 but is being shown worldwide on YouTube. Americans appear to regard breastfeeding, in general, as much more provocative than Europeans do. (2) The Brazilian company Petsmiling has created a prototype DoggieLoveDoll in three sizes, designed as a "mountable," anatomically correct sex partner for male dogs. It was introduced at the Pet South America fair

in Sao Paulo in July, according to Associated Press photos.

Science on the Cutting Edge

—Sharron Thornton had been blinded nine years ago from a severe reaction to medication that caused her mucus membranes, including the eye's lens, to die and shed (and caused her also to lose hair, skin and nails, though the latter three grew back). In a revolutionary procedure, the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami (Fla.) had the bright idea to shore up her eye with a piece of her tooth and jawbone (the cuspid, or "eye tooth") so that a prosthetic lens could be implanted. That was only part of it: The tooth portion, with the implanted lens, had to be micro-sculpted and implanted first into Thornton's chest for access to nutrients. Thornton's vision is now 20/70 without eyeglasses.

—Recent Inexplicable Side Effects of Brain Injury: (1) Malcolm Darby, 70, awoke from surgery following a stroke in Oakham, England, last year to find that he had near-perfect vision (after having worn eyeglasses since age 2) but later discovered that he no longer spoke or understood French. (2) A 37-year-old German woman, who had been treated for epileptic seizures in 2006, reported recently that among the side effects were occasional feelings that she had undergone a sex change and was a man.

—Calvino Inman, 15, is not part of the gothic subculture at his high school in Rockwood, Tenn., but he would be a natural. He has an annoying case of what one ophthalmologist called "haemolacria," or bloody tears. The boy seems to bleed uncontrollably from the eyes, up to three times a day, according to a September ABCNews report, but so far, specialists, employing ultrasound, an MRI, and a CT scan, are unable to determine the cause.

Bovine Madness

—(1) Britain's National Farmers Union issued a general alert in August, after four fatal attacks on people by cows, that dogs should not be walked near grazing fields. "The cattle are interested in the dog, not the walker," said an official. (2) During a three-day period in August near the village of Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, "dozens" of cows killed themselves by leaping off of a particular cliff. Officials discounted accidents as the cause since cows in the area generally become familiar with the dangers of cliffs.

News That Sounds Like a Joke

—(1) Japan's principal organized-crime Yakuza gang, the Yamaguchi-gumi, was reported in September to be giving written tests to its members to improve their knowledge of the law. The leaders were said to be trying to reduce the number of lawsuits against the group. (2) A prominent British Catholic organization recently issued a 64-page book of spousal prayers targeted to various marital events and even has one pre-coital offering emphasizing that the act to follow must be selfless and not undertaken for personal pleasure.

Least Competent Criminals

—Recurring Themes: (1) Broward County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office is looking for the man who robbed the Citi Trends

store in Oakland Park in September and has released the surveillance video, showing the man removing his mask. However, the man continued trying to shield his face, using only his hands, but the video makes him appear to be playing peek-a-boo, according to a WFOR-TV report. (2) David Perticone, 46, was arrested in Severn, Md., in August and charged with stealing about \$25,000 worth of items from a woman's house just down the block. The woman discovered the items in Perticone's front yard, part of a yard sale he was conducting.

The Classic Middle Name (all-new!)

—Charged recently with murder and awaiting trial: Michael Wayne Limley, St. Joseph, Mo. (August); Timothy Wayne Sanders, Suffolk, Va. (September); Marcus Wayne Barber, Port Arthur, Texas (September); Robert Wayne Howell, Longview, Texas (September); Barney Wayne Keizer, Salmo, British Columbia (September). Murder trial ordered: Bryan Wayne Hulsey, Glendale, Ariz. (charged in 2007, trial rescheduled for October 2010); Benjamin Wayne Holcroft, Goulburn, Australia (September); Billy Wayne Hall, Sparta, Mo. (trial site changed, September). Sentenced for murder: David Wayne Alexander, Pittsburgh (September); Benjamin Wayne Watta, Seal Beach, Calif. (January). Committed suicide after (according to police) murdering his girlfriend: Jason Wayne Strickland, Gilbert, S.C. (August). Confessed to murder: Billy Wayne Wallace, Fort Worth, Texas (confessed to police in August in cold-case murders from 1986 and 1994 but had not yet been charged at press time).

A News of the Weird Classic (August 1998)

—Golf Imitates Miniature Golf: In May 1998 at Beaver Brook Golf Course in Haydenville, Mass., Todd Obuchowski was credited with a hole-in-one on a par 3 hole after his tee shot went over the green and onto a highway, hit a passing Toyota driven by Nancy Bachand, ricocheted back to the green, and rolled into the cup. At least eight golfers witnessed the shot.

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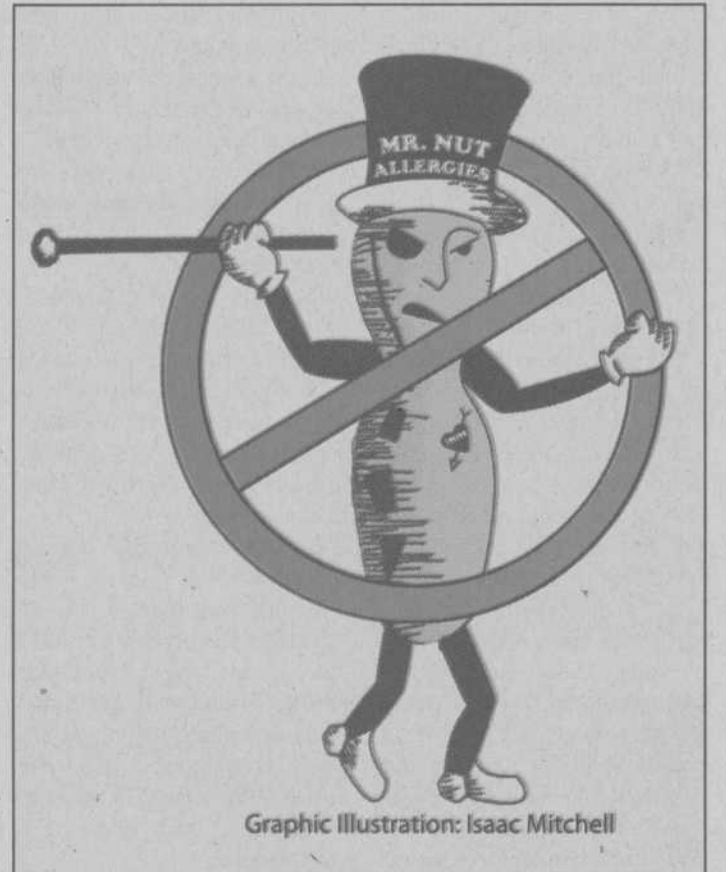
Mr. Peanut, in the Cafeteria, with the Sandwich
Food allergies are on the rise.

Food allergies will kill you. (Maybe I should have saved this one for Halloween.)

OK, so maybe they won't kill you, and as far as I know, they won't kill me, but food allergies are responsible for symptoms ranging from hives and swollen lips to anaphylaxis and death. (Anaphylaxis is a sudden, and potentially fatal, allergic reaction involving several different areas or systems of the body at once.) According to

ing substance to immediately wash their hands and the area around their mouth with soap. Many parents of non-allergic children feel that, since actual deaths resulting from accidental exposure to peanuts are rare, this is unnecessarily extreme and burdensome. It is not unusual for these parents to sneak peanut butter sandwiches into their kids' lunches.

Maybe parents are overreacting, maybe they are being reasonable. Regardless, even if allergies won't kill you, they can certainly ruin your day. I personally do not have any food allergies, but I have several food sensitivities, which make me sneezy, achy, and



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the Food Allergy Action Network, an advocacy group for people with food allergies and their families, food-related anaphylaxis leads to around 50,000 trips to the emergency room and 150 deaths annually. According to the Centers for Disease Control, it is closer to 20,000 emergency room visits and 13 deaths. Either way, deaths represent a small proportion of the total population, so maybe it's not such a big deal—unless, of course, you are one of those people or one of their parents.

The National Center for Health Statistics indicates that the rise in food allergies is most pronounced among children, with the number of children under the age of 18 who suffer from food allergies increasing by 18% percent from 1997 to 2007. From 1998 to 2006, the number of children in that same age group receiving a diagnosis related to food allergies more than tripled, from around 2,600 to approximately 9,500. Because peanut allergies represent the most common cause of anaphylaxis, parents with allergic children have begun pushing for extreme measures in some schools. A number of elementary schools and day care facilities have banned peanuts in any form, while others mandate peanut-free zones, and require students caught eating the offend-

tired. It is like constantly having the flu. It won't kill me, but it makes me miserable enough that I avoid the foods in question as strictly as possible. Having swollen lips or being covered in hives is no fun, either.

Allergic reactions occur when the body's immune system overreacts to an otherwise benign substance, responding to an innocent grain of pollen or fragment of peanut as if it were an invading bacterium or virus. Currently there is no cure for food allergies. The only solution is strict avoidance of the food in question. Anaphylaxis can be treated with an injection of epinephrine (adrenaline), and many allergic individuals who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis carry a syringe of epinephrine with them at all times. In contrast, environmental allergies can be treated with a series of shots that introduce minute but gradually increasing amounts of the allergen into the body in order to desensitize the immune system. Over time, the immune system responds less dramatically, or not at all. Some recent research at Duke University's School of Medicine suggests that it may be possible to treat allergies for peanuts with similarly miniscule sub-lingual (under the tongue) or oral doses of the allergen, rather than injection.

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Obama camp optimistic Chicago will win 2016 Olympics

By STEVEN THOMMA
McClatchy-Tribune

WASHINGTON — Team Obama starts arriving Wednesday in Copenhagen, the vanguard of a high-profile effort to win the 2016 Olympics for Chicago, the president's adopted hometown.

First lady Michelle Obama and top White House adviser Valerie Jarrett are to arrive at the International Olympic Committee meeting in Denmark on Wednesday to start lobbying in competition with three other bidders: Madrid, Spain; Rio de Janeiro; and Tokyo.

President Barack Obama will join them Friday in the first personal bid for an Olympics by a U.S. president. He'll go head to head with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil, Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama of Japan and King Juan Carlos of Spain.

The lobbying is personal, of course: The Obamas and Jarrett are from Chicago, as are many of the top White House staff.

So is some of the criticism from conservatives who are lambasting the White House lobbying for the Olympics.

Pundit Michelle Malkin is ripping the U.S. bid, saying that the Obamas "wasted public school kids' time as junior

Getting the IOC vote

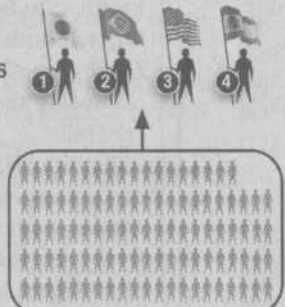
The final four potential host cities for the 2016 Summer Olympics will pull out all the stops when vying for votes from International Olympic Committee members in Copenhagen on Oct. 2.

Strategy

Final 45-minute presentation; celebrity supporters, such as Oprah Winfrey for the U.S. and Pele for Brazil, lobby committee members

Round 1

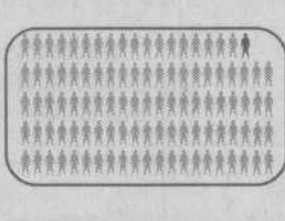
102 of IOC's 106 members vote for one of the four finalists competing as potential host cities (members from countries with bid cities are not eligible to vote)



- 1 • Tokyo Has banked \$4 billion for games
- 2 • Rio de Janeiro South America has never hosted an Olympics
- 3 • Chicago Most lucrative market for Olympics sponsorship
- 4 • Madrid Has 77 percent of venues already in place

Round 2

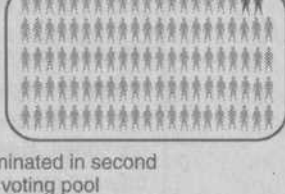
City receiving fewest votes is eliminated after first round; that country's IOC member then may vote



Key to winning is picking up vote from city eliminated in previous round

Round 3

Members vote for one of the 2 finalist cities; representative from country eliminated in second round returns to voting pool



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lobbyists for their country's Olympics bid "when they invited some children to the White House for a pro-Olympics event. Conservative-leaning Web site Drudge Report suggested that gang violence taints Chicago's bid with a lead headline Tuesday: "Olympic Spirit: Video Shows Brutal Gang Murder in Chicago."

Jarrett dismissed the sniping. "The Olympics are as American as anything I can imagine," she said in an interview Tuesday with McClatchy Newspapers before leaving for Copenhagen. "People have come here from all over the world, worked hard and provided for their families. All of what we

stand for here is the essence of the Olympic spirit. I can't imagine why anyone would be against it."

Jarrett said she was cautiously optimistic about the U.S. pitch, thanks in part to secret tips from former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and broad support from most of the country.

"We think the bid is in very solid shape," said Jarrett, a former aide to Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley whose White House portfolio now includes the title of chair of the White House Office of Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Sport.

She said the message in Denmark would be that Chicago was a world-class city, a robust and diverse place that symbolized the American dream and could handle the Olympics easily.

She'll note that Chicago has a long history of sponsoring national conventions, including national conventions and a million people in downtown's Grant Park every year for Fourth of July fireworks. A vast public-transportation network is capable of handling hordes of Olympic visitors, she said. "We could manage this without blinking an eye."

Also, Jarrett said, she'll stress that venues are close to one another and to the housing of the proposed Olympic village.

All athletes would be within 15 minutes of the venues.

Finally, she boasted that "Chicago is a sports town. We are strong supporters of sporting events. Even when they're losing, the Cubs sell out." Perhaps. But Chicagoans haven't been that keen for the Olympics. A recent poll for WGN and the Chicago Tribune found that 47 percent of respondents supported the bid and 45 percent opposed it. Chicago Olympics organizers say the poll reflected anxiety about whether taxpayers would be liable for unanticipated budget shortfalls.

Chicago and Rio are the front-runners to win the nod, according to one insider who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to comment: Chicago because it would be the first U.S.-hosted Summer Olympics in 20 years — the last was in Atlanta in 1996 — and Rio because it would be the first in South America.

The IOC vote by secret ballot will take place after the lobbyists make their pitches Friday. The vote may go several rounds until one country gets a majority, so the lobbying is intense even for second choice.

One possible pivot point: Africa's votes on the committee. Africans also have never hosted an Olympics and could empathize with Rio. On the other hand, Obama's father

was African and he's the first African-American U.S. president. With the votes of African IOC members in mind, African-American Reps. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., and Donald Payne, D-N.J., hosted a reception last week at the Capitol for 16 African ambassadors to the United States.

The president and his wife used their contacts at last week's G-20 summit to lobby for support. Vice President Joe Biden also has called countries to lobby.

"We have analyzed this from as many different perspectives as we can," Jarrett said. "We are fully prepared. We don't take a single IOC vote for granted."

Just to be sure, Jarrett sat down with Blair last week for an hour in New York to hear how he successfully lobbied to win the Olympics for London in 2012. She declined to share his tips.

"He gave us some tips. But I wouldn't tell you," she said. "Our competition is watching everything we do. This race isn't over until we cross the finish line."

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On Tuesday Parkland College received a plaque from the Champaign American Legion for proudly and correctly presenting the American Flag outside of Parkland College. Sgt. Yvonne Meyer accepted the award on behalf of Public Safety from Charles Zelinsky of the American Legion. Public Safety received this award for the college because they are in charge of flag responsibilities. The presentation took place at the Student Veterans meeting in room X-150. The American Legion chooses one business or organization in Champaign every month that stands out in presenting the American Flag. Parkland is the 45th organization in Champaign to proudly receive this award.

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Google rolls out preview of Wave

By MIKE SWIFT
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Google hits a key milestone Wednesday for a product that the search giant hopes will transform how people communicate and collaborate online, and perhaps hook more users on Google's menu of Web-based services.

Google Wave, which combines elements of e-mail, instant messaging and social networking to allow groups of people to collaborate on a task in real time, will be previewed starting Wednesday to more than 100,000 developers and users who have signed up to try Wave and give Google feedback on how well it works.

Developed by a small engineering team led by Lars and Jens Rasmussen, the brothers who engineered Google Maps, the idea behind Wave is to move toward a kind of universal inbox — where e-mail, video, maps, photos, text messages and even voice conversations can all become data objects to be shared and manipulated in real time by a group connected to a wave.

Wave is a platform, which is a series of services, on top of which developers can create applications that supplement it. Google has been working hard to engage outside software developers to write applications that will run on Wave, creating services that will lure users and provide a potential source of revenue.

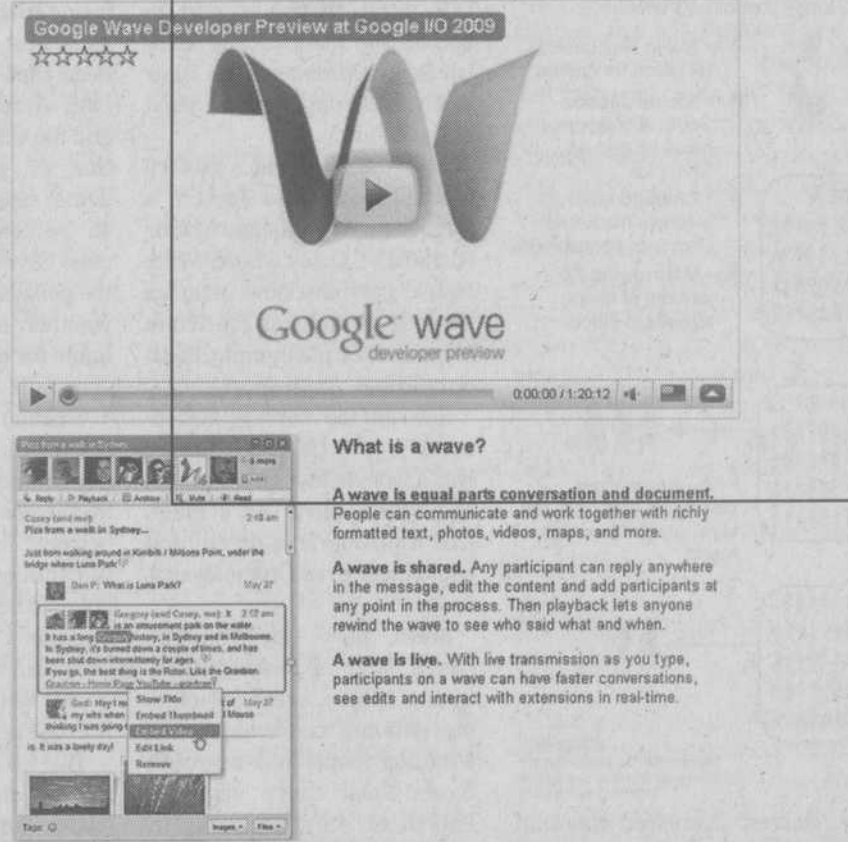
Executives pumped up expectations when Google first revealed Wave at its annual developer conference in the spring, using words like "mag-

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About Google Wave

Google Wave is an online tool for real-time communication and collaboration. A wave can be both a conversation and a document where people can discuss and work together using richly formatted text, photos, videos, maps, and more.



ical" and "unbelievable" to describe the impact they said Wave could have on Internet communication.

Developers such as Ribbit, a Mountain View, Calif., startup bought last year by BT that bills itself as "Silicon Valley's First Phone Company," already have written applications for Wave that Google featured on its official blog Tuesday.

"If you have an e-mail and an instant message and a voice call, that can all be navigated in the same wave," Ted Griggs, Ribbit's CEO, said in an interview. "It's no longer e-mail is one container — and SMS (text

messaging) is one container — and all these things are silos. Wave is breaking those silos down."

Wave users running Ribbit's applications could, for example, hold a telephone conference that would connect through any kind of voice communication — a cell phone, a land line or voice-over-Internet — and then store a recording of the resulting conversation as an audio file or transcribe the conversation into a text document embedded in the Wave.

Another application Google demonstrated on its blog Tuesday included a group of

friends in scattered locations using the online version of the Lonely Planet guides to plan a trip to Australia through Wave, searching out attractions in Melbourne with Google maps, reading Lonely Planet's description of those places, messaging their thoughts with the rest of the group, and collectively writing up a day-by-day itinerary, within one wave.

Real-time collaboration on the Web "is a natural evolution" for how people use the Internet, said Rony Zarom, founder and CEO of Watchitoo, a startup that allows people to

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Smith encouraged students to spread the word about what she can provide. "Tell your friends that it would be helpful to come to Admissions before (they) apply. (We) can answer all sorts of questions," said Smith. Student success matters to Smith and the Parkland faculty.

Feeding the machine: Jennifer Hall

Jennifer Hall is the Director of Dining Services. Hall's job entails the financial aspects of food services, management of staff and labor, purchasing, menu decisions and cost control.

Without the services she provides, students would find themselves would find them-

selves without perks such as a running cafeteria. "(Students) would be without food and beverage services. (The situation) would go into disarray," said Hall. What would life be like without Bosco Sticks or a quick slice of pizza between classes?

Being able to interact with the student body is a perk for Hall. "Nothing is better than being able to see a smile on someone's face," said Hall. The efforts that her and her staff undertakes to provide quality customer service is highly admirable.

These are numerous people at Parkland who deserve our gratitude. Everyday they wake up and come to work, and make our lives a little easier. Often overlooked but never wavering, they keep the wheels turning in the machine of Parkland.

TO DO

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aiding groups like boy scouts, the Parkland extension chapter does their best to organize as many service projects as possible. Aside from doing those projects, they also organize activities outside of meetings, like game nights or Putting once or twice a month. They meet every other Tuesday in room X150, and all the other Tuesdays at noon in B129, so stop by and see what this group is about.

Another really great group is the International Students Association, or ISA for short. ISA is one of the longest-running student organizations at Parkland. What the group does is help international and immigrant students feel more at home. American students who would like to be more knowledgeable about other cultures are also welcome to join the ISA. It's open to all students, faculty, and staff at Parkland. They meet every Thursday from noon to about 12:50 in room X224.

The ISA does a variety of activities, such as watching movies, bowling, and parties off campus, but their biggest event that they hold is the International Cultures Fair, which is held every spring in the college center at Parkland. According to Dr. Sue Kuykendall, a professor at Parkland and member of the ISA, "At the Cultures

Fair, we set up country display tables, have a fashion show and cultural performances (dancing, singing, martial arts), offer mendhi (henna hand painting) and calligraphy, and sell food donated by area restaurants. All money raised at the Cultures Fair goes to Doctors Without Borders. We usually donate around \$1,000 each year." Not only is the Culture fair fun, but you get to learn about other cultures as well. You can learn more information by attending a meeting, so give ISA a shot.

These are just some of the many groups that you can participate in at Parkland. To learn more about these groups and organizations at Parkland, stop by the office of Student Life to get more information. With all the variety at your disposal, it'd be impossible not to find something for everyone.

Other things you can do at Parkland:

- Buy greens and flowers from the greenhouse
- Join the equestrian team
- Have student mechanics look at your car
- Check out a robot/simulator that can "die" in the middle of a health emergency
- Visit with the Muslim Student Association
- Have a date at the Planetarium
- Start a student organization

PEANUT

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tions. The results look promising, but more testing remains to be done.

People who don't have food allergies often regard them as an inconvenience—especially when these people are called upon to accommodate others who do have serious allergies. Perhaps this is because environmental allergies, while unpleasant, are usually easily managed with medication. This may be understandable, if inexcusable. Dietary patterns motivated by food allergies or intolerances are not lifestyle

choices like vegetarianism or low-carb/high-protein diets. They're not choices at all. No one tries to force people who are allergic to bee stings to collect honey, or sneaks a bee hive into their car, so why are we so insensitive to people with food allergies? We make accommodations for people with more obvious physical limitations, as we should. Can we at least not actively antagonize people with allergies? I suggest a compromise: don't try to serve us foods that make us sick, and we won't sneak laxatives into your brownies.

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After Pygmalion: Parkland student Liesel Booth

By SHAGUN PRADHA
Staff Writer

Prospectus: How did you get into Pygmalion?

Booth: Seth Fein the Pygmalion founder and assistant talent buyer at the canopy club emailed me in the spring and asked if I wanted to play. Since I had already played at the canopy club and he heard my music, he wanted me to play.

P: What was it like to be a part of Pygmalion?

B: It was awesome. It felt like I was doing a regular show but just more publicity. It was really cool to be on the flyers and website of such a big musical festival.

P: What was your favorite part of Pygmalion?

B: Definitely seeing Iron and Wine Live at the Canopy Club.

P: What did you do to prepare for the show?

B: It was like any other gig, I just practiced a bunch the day before.

P: What did it feel like to be playing on stage?

B: It felt like it was a regular show. It was a free show and it was during the day, it was a low key show but since I played during lunch we got a pretty good crowd. It was cool to see people eating and enjoying the show.

P: What do you think were

the perks to playing at Pygmalion?

B: All the artists got free food and drinks, and we got wristbands for \$20 to all the shows.

P: What is your stage experience? Did you have stage fright?

B: I've done musical theatre since 6th grade, and I've been in a play almost every year. So I didn't really have stage fright.

P: How long have you been playing the piano?

B: I started piano lessons in 3rd grade and stopped freshman year, by then I was able to play on my own and write my own music.

P: Do you have any shows coming up?

B: Yes, actually I have a show October 22nd at the Kravert Center (you can check the prices online.)

P: Do you intend to reach stardom some day?

B: Maybe, I just like doing this for fun. I am hesitant to becoming famous, because there would be a lot of chaos in my life and I just want to live a normal healthy life. If the opportunity came along I would have to seriously think about it.

P: What is your favorite song, which you have made?

B: Walls on my Chest would be my most favorite song that

I have made. They lyrics are really great and it is catchy. I haven't yet recorded it yet but it has potential on being a big hit.

P: What artists are you inspired by and why?

B: I would have to say Regina Spektor. She is a very unique singer, I like the way she writes her music and uses her voice.

P: Would you do a concert at Parkland if you got the chance to?

B: Definitely, I would love to play for all the Parkland College. I have a pretty good fan base there and it's a great environment.

P: What are you majoring in?

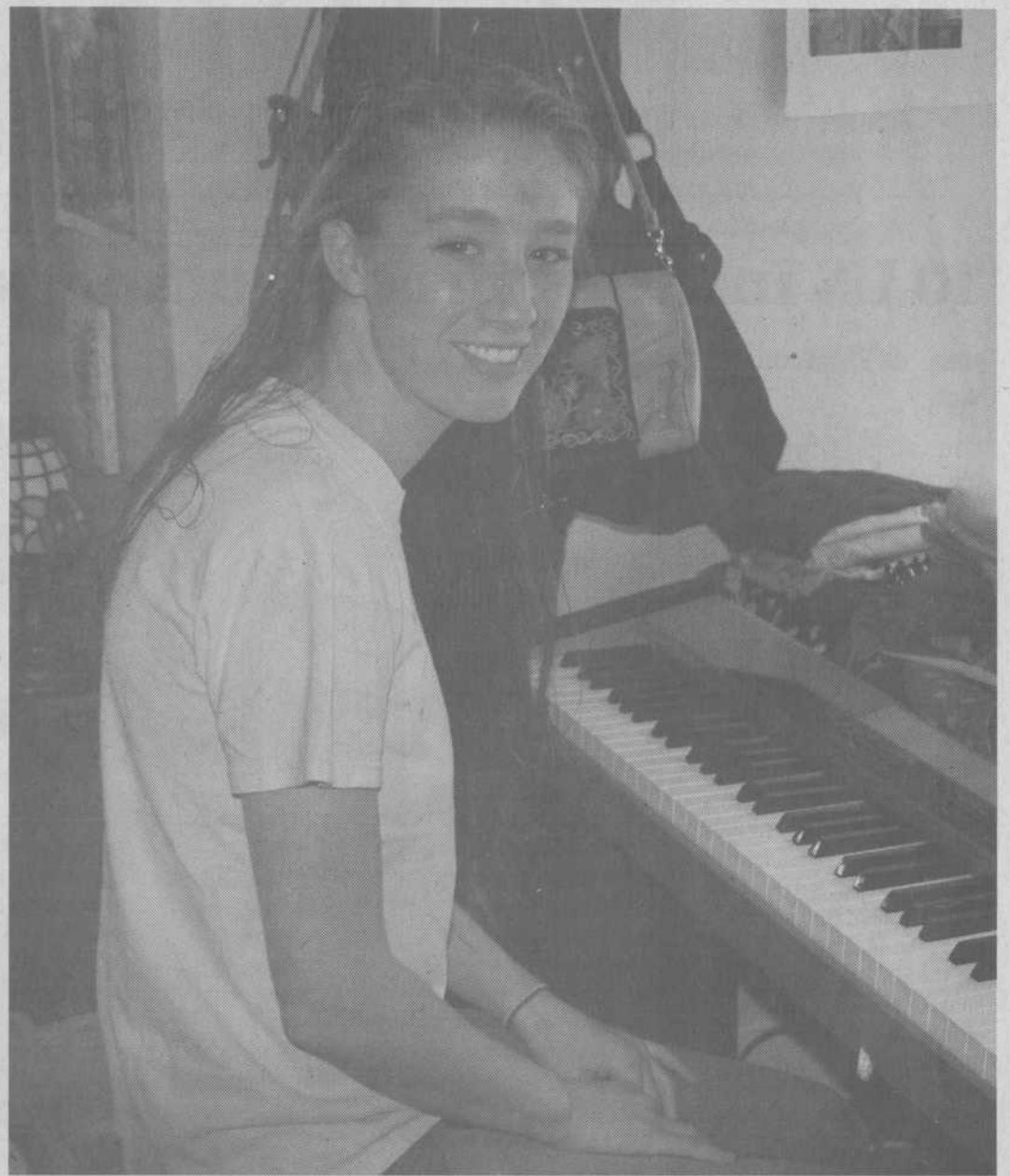
B: I am at Parkland right now majoring in Elementary aid.

P: What would you like to do after college?

B: I would like to teach in elementary school. If I taught a class I would try to involve music as much as possible, because I feel music can help people learn. I would definitely have a keyboard in my classroom.

P: Is there a Web site where people can look at the music you've done?

B: Yes, my Myspace page is weaselproofmusic. Check out the songs and enjoy. I love sharing my music and spreading the love.



Shangun PRADHA/Prospectus

Private loans for students can become traps

By KARA MCGUIRE
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Student loans are commonly referred to as "good debt" — the kind of debt people take on for a college degree and the promise of higher income that accompanies it.

But for some, there is nothing good about private student loans. Just ask Kristi Nelson and Jennie Fisher. Nelson graduated from St. Paul's College of Visual Arts in 2003 and has \$55,000 in private student loans.

Fisher asked her father, John, and her grandmother to co-sign her private loans to attend the Minneapolis College of Art and Design; they owe more than \$88,000. They're all struggling to make monthly payments and are closely watching renewed efforts to make private student loans dischargeable in bankruptcy court.

The term "private student loans" can be confusing. It's sometimes used to refer to the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL), the government student-loan program that's administered by private companies such as Sallie Mae and Wells Fargo. FFEL loans made news earlier this month when the House passed a bill that would remove the banks and lenders that act as middlemen and have the government handle the loans directly instead.



The private loans, or alternative loans that have Nelson and the Fishers scrambling to make debt payments, are different. They work more like credit cards, with variable interest rates as high as 18 percent and terms set by the lenders. Such loans have far fewer protections and guarantees for borrowers than do government-sponsored loans. Some critics consider private student loans to be the subprime products of higher education.

Because the cost of col-

lege has grown faster than the amount of federal loan money available, more and more students are relying on private loans to pay a part of their education. Private loan volume grew from \$7.7 billion in 2003-04 to \$22.4 billion in 2007-08, according to a policy paper by financial aid expert Mark Kantrowitz.

Consumers often "assume that something being called a student loan makes it inherently safe, and that's simply not the case," said Lauren

Asher, president of the Project on Student Debt.

Asher testified before the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday about the need to treat private student loans like credit cards and other consumer debt in bankruptcy court. Unlike the consumer who racked up too much credit card debt and the homeowner who took on an unaffordable mortgage, college graduates with too much student loan debt cannot, in most cases, discharge the loans in bankruptcy.

"At least if you put your tuition on a credit card, it would be dischargeable in bankruptcy should you ever reach the unfortunate point of needing such relief," she testified. "Ironically, private loan creditors remain fully eligible for the bankruptcy protection that their borrowers are now denied," she added. Read the full testimony of Asher and others at judiciary.house.gov/hearings/hear-090923-1.html.

These private loans also aren't included in any of the recent laws passed to make college more affordable, such as income-based repayment plans and loan forgiveness for certain altruistic occupations.

As the wheels slowly turn on Capitol Hill, what can graduates strapped with private loans do? Painfully little. "They are at the mercy of their lenders," Asher said.

You can call your lender to explore your options. Both Nelson, 49, and Fisher, 29, have loans with Student Loan Finance Corp. and postponed payment using forbearance or deferment. It was a temporary and pricey fix, because interest accrued on their loans during those periods. Since then, the only advice Nelson said she was given was to make her payments on time for the next 26 years. Fisher suffered near-fatal blood clots in her brain

this summer and now is unemployed. When she called to ask for help, she said, she was told "you're out of options." A spokesman for South Dakota-based Student Loan Finance Corp. said he could not comment on specific borrowers' issues, but said the company always tries to work with borrowers having trouble repaying their loans.

Current students should make sure they exhaust their federal student loan options first. If private loans are necessary, research options at studentlendinganalytics.com and findaid.org. Make sure you are clear on how the interest rate is calculated and get your hands on the promissory note, or contract.

Calculate how much debt you can afford to repay. A Sallie Mae study found that 58 percent of families did not consider a student's expected starting salary when deciding how much to borrow. When asked about their estimated monthly loan payments, 23 percent of students had no idea and the rest quoted payments that didn't jibe with the total amount borrowed. If you realize you'll have trouble repaying, tough choices must follow. Should you work more, transfer to a different school, switch majors or live a more Spartan lifestyle?

Fisher, who lives in Bloomington and never has had her degree, wishes she had taken a year off between high school and college. At age 19, she said she "didn't fully understand" her loans. Her father urges relatives to think twice before cosigning a loan.

Nelson, of St. Louis Park, cleans houses and teaches fitness classes. She wishes she'd met with a financial adviser before taking on so much debt. If she could do it over again, she would also rethink her major.

"Check on the job outlook for what you're going to school for," Nelson said. "Art wasn't a good idea."

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10. McDonald's: Go away you pederast clown; it's time to travel the road that Joe Camel went down. You bait children with beef tallow and larded French fries, with playgrounds encrusted with snot and staph infections, and the prospect that all of the dumbest characters in history (Grimace, Hamburglar, the "Fry Guys") will somehow descend to start dancing with everyone and create world peace. In reality you give boys fat rolls, ensuring that they'll get beat up in middle school. You sue the day-lights out of everybody, including the Lord McDonald of Scotland for having the same name on his own culinary business. Thanks, clown, and no, adding a salad to your menu won't change the fact that you serve ground up third world civilians between two miniature pieces of bread that you call "buns."

9. President Nixon Library and Museum: You finking crook, you flop-jawed cheat. Just because you resigned doesn't mean you weren't going to be removed from office. So why do you get a state-of-the-art museum and library? And why are they in two places at once? College Park, Maryland, and Yorba Linda, California, are forever tainted by the stain of your soggy bottoms. The price of admission? \$9.95. That's ten bucks to tour the legacy of demise. Who goes to these places? Who wants to remember the life of a perjurer, a fibber, an equivocator, a fabricator—a fabulist. Thanks, you just paved the way for



George W. Bush and his pop-up-book library.

8. The Grammy Awards: You self-serving back-patters, everybody knows that this is an award ceremony run by entertainment empires so they can proclaim to the masses that the garbage that they peddle is supposedly worth buying. The music industry spends billions suppressing the independent labels, so it's important that the Indies aren't recognized en masse like their canned, pop-crap cousins for being decent music.

7. Kansas: Your claim to fame consists of wheat, sorghum, sunflowers, tornadoes and supercell thunderstorms so big and powerful that the civilian populace build cellars

to survive in the summer, contrary to the wild notion that cellars are used to store things. Your landscape is so boring that an inordinate amount of drivers and truckers fall asleep at the wheel and kill unsuspecting fellow drivers, who are also blithely unaware of what's going on—hypnotized by the repeating scenery that builds enthusiasm akin to wallpapering with a mime. The only reason people can survive crossing your amber wasteland is because the occasional pig farm overwhelms their olfactory senses. Your state quarter should have featured an F3 tornado and Bob Dole.

6. The Church of Scientology: In case you are still in a cocoon, and didn't know about Scien-

tologists, here are a few established facts: 1. The CAN (Cult Awareness Network) fought Scientologists, but eventually went bankrupt in lawsuits. The Scientologists bought the namesake and logo of the CAN, and turned it into a Cult Awareness Network backed by a cult. 2. There are eight initiation levels (don't ask me to get into specifics); the highest levels can harm "unprepared" readers—that's why the Church of Scientology has a cruise ship (yes, a huge luxury cruise ship) that's used to divulge the highest "intuition" level on church members. 3. They have tried to sue Google and Yahoo! for hosting Web pages critical of their religion. 4. Just look them up, and you'll seriously won-

der how these people ever got caught up in the lunacy.

5. The Hummer: We don't care if you're our best friend—if you buy a Hummer, you will have decreased your status among humans to below that of a DUI defense lawyer. All Hummer owners should do the following: walk around with a harem, give poor people the finger, kick small woodland creatures with steel-toed boots, and hold flashing picket signs that say, "I bought this piece of junk because I want you to know that I'm more special than anybody else, but really I'm just crying out for attention and I'm 88% more likely to give my teenage daughter breast implants to help her with her high school career."

4. Wal-Mart: Why isn't this at the top of our list? Because it doesn't deserve to be that special. What's wrong with Wal-Mart? They break unions, run independent businesses into the ground, treat women like they're medieval wenches, destroy small town economies, drive wages into the dirt, provide inferior products, say they're pro-American when the extreme majority of their products come from third world countries, they're responsible for slave and child labor, they change the environmental codes of different counties with the promise of "bringing business" to the town (when they don't bring business, they just consolidate it to their own store), they build their stores and abandon them and leave huge warehouse carcasses that are rarely filled by other businesses... heck, we could do this all day. Wal-Mart is a hor-

rible invention that preys upon the weakness of the American mind that looks for the immediate "deal" with no thought of the consequences or repercussions that follow.

3. Microsoft Vista: You overpaid, monopolizing goons. Vista was so bad it started a global campaign to revert back to the Windows predecessor. The only time this ever happens is in the movies, when people say, "The first movie was better than the sequel." This isn't supposed to happen in the computer world, but somehow Microsoft has managed to enable that line of thinking. Vista is so bad, the company switched from supporting the platform to designing another one. The situation kind of reminds me of our current presidential politics.

2. Halliburton: You fat cows. You arrogant, war profiteering pigs. You murderers. You price hiking fiends. There is no excuse for what you've done—losing millions upon millions of dollars in false contracts, causing the deaths of hundreds of troops and thousands of Iraqis, creating fictitious alarms, overcharging the government for wasteful artifacts and necessary tools. Your entire company is responsible for more blood and hate than anything else in the modern world, and you did it all for money.

1. CEOs that run their companies into the ground: we only have to say this—we would gladly trade your lives for those of a hungry child, and we would never stop to question our judgment.

Glenn Beck's world order endangers the right

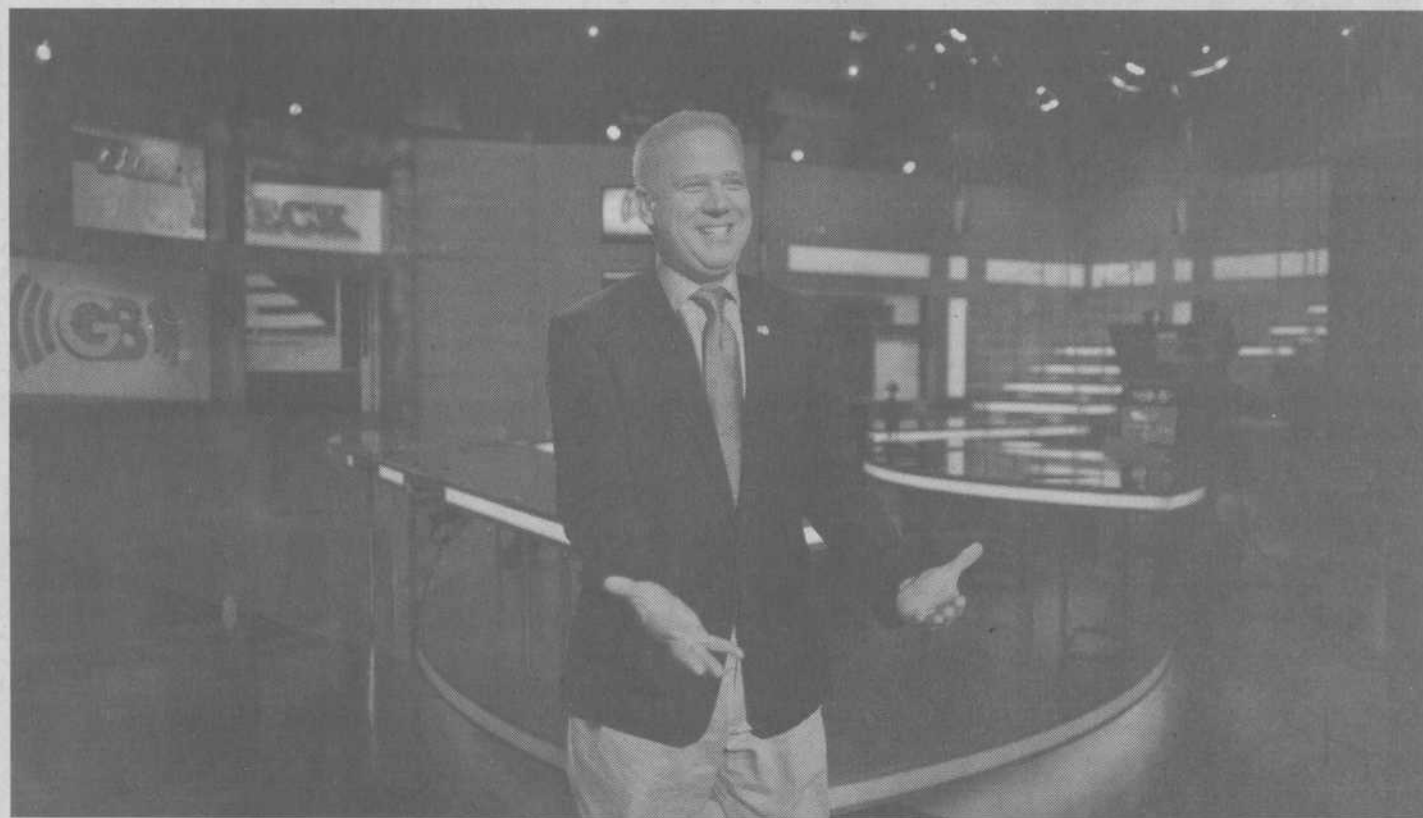
By ROD DREHER
The Dallas Morning News

You can say this for Glenn Beck: He's charismatic, he was right on ACORN and Van Jones, and he's correct to point out that the government in Washington doesn't work for the common good. The affable Beck articulates the legitimate anger and frustration millions of Americans feel when faced by the fact that the country is in a hot mess of trouble.

But here's the thing: Beck is a white Jeremiah Wright, a crazy-pants conspiracy theorist whose worldview is rooted in the paranoid teachings of a far-right Mormon political guru named W. Cleon Skousen. Before signing up as a recruit in Beck's army, conservative Becketeers had better think long and hard about where their affable leader is taking them.

A few weeks back, the red-hot Fox News Channel phenom spent nine minutes on the air leading a seminar on public artwork in New York City. By the time he was finished, Beck had illuminated a propaganda conspiracy linking communists, fascists, the Soviet Union, the Rockefeller family and the United Nations. This is the sort of weirdo rant you expect to encounter on fringe Web sites. You don't expect to see it on national television.

But that's a big part of Beck's shtick. He's always carrying on about sinister Obamaite conspiracies threatening to overthrow the constitutional



order. On the "Fox & Friends" morning show, Beck declared: "The Manchurian Candidate couldn't destroy us faster than Barack Obama. If you were planning a sleeper to come in and become president of the United States, this is how he would do it."

How is it that a man can call the American president a traitorous subversive and not be laughed, or booed, off the national stage? He's a happy-go-lucky Howard Beale. Paddy Chayefsky, you should have lived to see this moment.

Beck's paranoia doesn't come from nowhere. His man Skousen was a fanatical Mormon reactionary so far to the

right that the Latter-day Saints church finally felt compelled to distance itself from his teaching.

Beck, an enthusiastic Mormon convert, pushes Skousen's 1981 book, "The 5,000 Year Leap," a tendentious pseudo-history of the United States that interprets the founding in religious terms. Texas Gov. Rick Perry recommended it at the recent Values Voter Summit in Washington. And if the pious nationalism of that book were all you knew about Skousen, you would be hard-pressed to see what the big deal was.

But Skousen wrote many less anodyne books about politics — and held views far

darker than revealed in the hokey but harmless "Leap." In a 1976 lecture, the audio of which is available on the pro-Skousen site AwakeAndArise.org, Skousen rails like an Old Testament prophet, quoting Mormon scriptures and detailing how Satan is working with "secret combinations" — a Mormon theological term — within political parties, churches, labor unions and the wealthy elite, especially the Rockefeller family, to bring about the "One World Order."

Skousen, like his follower Beck, is obsessed with the idea that these secret combinations are conniving to overthrow the U.S. Constitution. Though it is

not part of official LDS doctrine, some Mormons believe in an apocalyptic prophecy attributed to church founder Joseph Smith, who supposedly taught that the Constitution would one dark day be hanging by a thread and that Mormon elders would rescue it.

The pudgy, sweet-natured Beck offers a more palatable form of this paranoia — but all his fruit and sugar can't hide the Skousenite firewater. How ironic that conservative Christians who unjustly dunned conventional Mitt Romney because of his LDS faith are uncritically backing the squirrelly Beck, who looks like he's casting himself as hero of a pro-

phetic Mormon melodrama.

There are conservatives who know perfectly well that Beck is an unhinged buffoon who traffics in crude, ridiculous ideas. But unlike the hapless GOP, he's popular and effective in the political war against Obama. So these conservative cynics adopt a "no enemies to the right" approach to Beck, even though he's mainstreaming the ooga-booga worldview of a crank prophet who believed, with the John Birch Society, that Eisenhower was a closet commie.

This is foolish. Not every enemy of Obama is a friend to conservatism. In 1962, in a time when conservatives needed all the help they could get, William F. Buckley nevertheless published in National Review a lengthy denunciation of paranoid Bircher Robert Welch. How long, Buckley asked, can the right tolerate his malicious gibberish without losing credibility? National Review eventually sidelined the Birchers for good over their "psychosis of conspiracy," thus doing the right an enormous service by making conservatism more credible with the American mainstream.

Today, poor Bill is in the grave, Glenn Beck's ratings are soaring, and most conservatives don't see what the problem is. One way or another, they will.

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view video and other Web content simultaneously with their friends, and that plans to soon offer video conferencing and real-time document editing to companies and schools.

"It started as e-mail being the major platform for communication, moved on to instant messaging, and you can see social networking taking those broad approaches as the major communication platform. I think the next trend is basically collaboration," Zarom said. "I think more and more companies see that as the next trend on the Internet."

Zarom doesn't see the more complicated Wave replacing the simplicity and clarity of e-mail, however, and for Google, there's another hitch.

Wave won't run well on Microsoft's Internet Explorer, by far the most widely used Web browser. Because Wave uses the newest HTML stan-

dard, which has not yet been incorporated into Microsoft's browser, Internet Explorer users will first have to install a "frame" — essentially a browser within a browser — from Google's Chrome browser to use Wave. Google says Wave runs just fine on Apple's Safari 4 browser, Mozilla Foundation's new Firefox 3.5 browser, and of course, on its Chrome browser. The Chrome frame, Google says, will be invisible to Internet Explorer users but will greatly improve the performance of a Microsoft browser. Microsoft, however, is warning users not to install the Chrome frame because of security concerns.

Other critics also are warning of problems.

"The overall effects of Chrome Frame are undesirable. I predict positive results will not be enduring and — to the extent it is adopted — Chrome Frame will end in growing fragmentation and loss of control for most of us, including Web developers,"

Mitchell Baker, chairman of the Mozilla Foundation, wrote on his blog this week.

Others have speculated that because Wave won't run on Internet Explorer, it is a kind of a Trojan horse in Google's browser war with Microsoft — a backdoor play to switch people to Chrome. (Microsoft declined to comment on that scenario, and a Google spokesman denied it.)

But Ronald Gruia, an analyst who follows emerging telecom trends for Frost & Sullivan, said Google's play is probably much broader than getting people to try its browser.

If Wave helps introduce users to other Google software, that resides online — Google docs competes with Microsoft Office products like Word and Excel, while Google calendar competes with Microsoft's Outlook — Gruia said it could indirectly bolster the value of Google's advertising, the company's primary source of revenue.

"The better Google can get to

know you as a person, the more targeted their advertising can become and the more they can charge for it," Gruia said. "The more Google products you use, the stickier you are for Google, and the more they will also get to know about you."

WHAT IS GOOGLE WAVE?

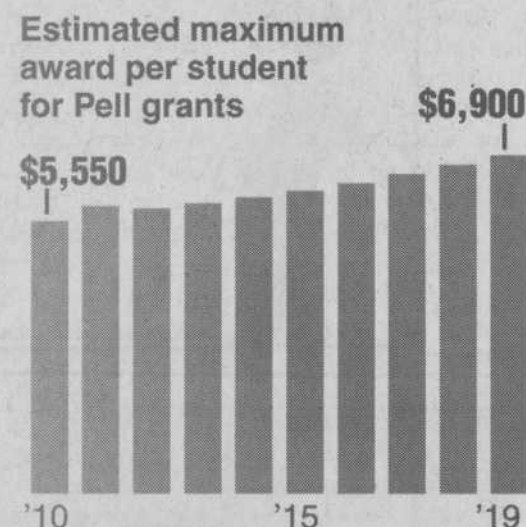
Google bills its new communication software as one part document and one part conversation. Friends or colleagues can work simultaneously on a task — planning a trip, charting a business strategy — wrapping in multiple facets of the Web, including e-mail, digital maps, video, photos and even voice communication. A demonstration is available at wave.google.com.

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Increased funds for Pell grants?

A new bill before Congress would simplify applications for student loans and direct more money to Pell grants for low-income students.



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Blinded veteran who climbed Mount Rainier dies following reconstructive surgery

Lynn THOMPSON
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Blinded by a sniper's bullet in Iraq, Ryan Job retained his characteristic determination and persistence. He climbed Mount Rainier, trained for a triathlon and became a spokesman for an organization that helps wounded veterans transition to civilian life.

"He didn't back down from any challenge," said a friend, Tyler Lein, of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mr. Job, who grew up in Issaquah, Wash., died Thursday morning after major reconstructive surgery at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix. He was 28.

Mr. Job's younger brother, Aaron, served three tours of duty in Iraq with the Marines. The Seattle Times profiled the

Job family during Aaron Job's deployments in 2003 and 2004.

A story on Ryan Job, a former Navy SEAL, reaching the summit of Mount Rainier appeared in July 2008.

The men's mother, Debbie Job, of Issaquah, said her son had taken on the challenge of blindness with the same strength with which he confronted other challenges in his life.

"He was determined not to be a disabled guy," his mother said Friday by phone from Arizona.

Ryan Job underwent an eight-hour surgery Monday to rebuild his face. The recovery seemed to be proceeding smoothly, his mother said, though her son reported some discomfort Wednesday night. A nurse checked on him at 3:30 a.m. Thursday. He was found

unresponsive at 5 a.m. She said the hospital had not determined the cause of death.

"It wasn't supposed to happen like this," said Debbie Job. "It's a total shock."

Neighbors of the Job family on the Sammamish Plateau recalled Ryan Job as a strong, physically active young man who had been determined to join the elite Navy special-operations force, despite the grueling training regimen. Mr. Job regularly swam across Beaver Lake a few miles from his home and ran for hours before dawn, said Neil Iovino, a neighbor who watched the Job boys grow up.

"His goal was to be a Navy SEAL and it didn't matter how hard it was," Iovino said.

Ryan Job was born in 1981, the eldest of three children. He graduated from Sammamish

High School in 1999 and joined the Navy in 2002. Mutual friends in San Diego, where he trained for the SEALs, introduced him to his future wife, Kelly. The couple married in 2007.

Mr. Job was on patrol in Ramadi, Iraq, in 2006 when a sniper's bullet struck his rifle. Pieces of the shattered weapon tore through his face, destroying one eye and severing the optic nerves of the other.

After his injury, Mr. Job spent time in military hospitals in Maryland, Florida and finally Palo Alto, Calif.

He and Kelly moved to Arizona in 2007 with the help of the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation. The California-based organization assists armed-forces veterans severely injured in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

The foundation found a condo for the couple to live in, arranged for furniture and helped Mr. Job enroll in an online college program to complete the business degree he'd begun at the University of Washington.

"He was a great spokesman for the organization," said Lein, whose father, Howard Lein, founded the Arizona chapter of the Sentinels.

A 2007 story in The Arizona Republic quoted Mr. Job as saying he and his wife wanted to return the generosity others had shown them.

"Once I'm back on the next group, we'd like to help the my group of guys make the same transition."

Debbie Job said her daughter-in-law is pregnant with the couple's first child.

Aaron Job works with the

Orange County Sheriff's Department and hopes to find a job in the Seattle area, his mother said.

In addition to his mother, wife and brother, Mr. Job is survived by his father, Eric Job, his sister, Kelsie, and his grandmother Barbara McCormick of Sammamish, Wash.

Services are planned for Thursday at the Scottsdale, Ariz., Bible Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to either Camp Patriot, www.camppatriot.org; Sentinels of Freedom, www.sentinelsoffreedom.org; or the Naval Special Warfare Foundation, www.nswfoundation.org.

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Interactive whiteboards replacing blackboards to upgrade classrooms

Robin ERB
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Today's college classrooms are high-tech marvels—overhead projectors and grease pencils replaced by document cameras, handheld clickers, and interactive whiteboards.

Multimedia carts with a TV and DVD player? Relics.

Even PowerPoint has lost some of its shine.

And faculty—most of them—see technology as a way to better connect to students in their interactive, multi-tasking, apps-ready world.

"Some are ... not going to change without kicking and screaming. But for the most part, even our older faculty are embracing it," said George Preisinger, Oakland University's assistant vice president for classroom support and instructional technical services.

The school recently spent \$15,000 in technology upgrades in each general-purpose classroom for students, Preisinger said.

In some classrooms, a professor can watch each student's computer screen simultaneously to monitor their progress on a project or even catch them Facebooking.

A lot has changed since his first days in the tech department, Preisinger laughed. "We were the ones wheeling the old AV carts around."

Of course, technology has its limits and it still takes a skilled speaker to engage students, said Charles Parrish, political professor at Wayne State University.

Likewise, a lack of technology is far from debilitating, said Parrish, who uses the Internet and posts his notes on the university-wide Blackboard system for instant student access.

"A good professor is a good professor," he said. "Socrates sat under trees and didn't have PowerPoint."

Central Michigan University this year opened its \$50-million Education and Human Services Building. Inside is 76 miles of Internet networking cable, 11 miles of phone cable, and 27 "RoomWizards"—keypads outside classrooms to allow users to reserve rooms.

Motion-sensitive cameras follow a pacing professor or link out-of-town students with the classroom. Whiteboards upload to e-mails. Elsewhere, clicker-tiny remotes in which students send answers instantly to a professor's hand held computer screen allow professors to pop-quizz a class or take quick surveys.

At Central Michigan's education building, students can walk a treadmill while strolling through the Internet-exercises brain cells as well as leg muscles.

At Wayne State University last month, Tynise Penn, 29, was studying at the library. She finished her master's degree through classes and her laptop, finding the most up-to-date research and discussion online.

Books? She shrugged, chuckling: "No, never picked one up."

The contrast of education old vs. new is tangible at Eastern Michigan University, where an ongoing \$90-million upgrade

to the Mark Jefferson science complex will offer state-of-the-art, reconfigured class and lab space. The university has set aside about \$2.5 million for audio-visual and communications technology and security, Scott Storrar, head of facilities planning and construction.

Nearby is a one-room schoolhouse—much like the one where Eastern's President Sue Martin began her education in the 1950s. But just as her teacher engaged 30 students every day with no more than shelves of books and a piano, good teaching transcends time and light-speed changes in technology.

"A faculty member still has to lead the experience," Martin said.

Such gadgetry is hardly a

surprise for many students.

Even in the K-12 system, book reports have been replaced by interactive presentations on interactive whiteboards.

Rather than being fed information like their parents once were, students have learned to explore and research, even teach each other.

"It even changes the idea of show-and-tell," said Denise Brandt, media specialist Lone Pine Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills (Mich.) Schools, a district that has installed more than \$2 million in interactive whiteboards, projectors, document cameras, sound amplification and playback equipment in every classroom.

Still, how much is too much?

A dean of Dallas-based Southern Methodist University recently stripped computers from lecture halls. Meadows School of the Arts Dean Jose Bowen challenged Jeff instead to "teach naked," as in, without computers in the classroom.

But technology has its place. Today's faculty should offer podcasted lectures, hyperlinks, and online study sessions to prep the students with materials before class, leaving classroom time for discussion and debate, Bowen said.

Yet all this leads to yet another pedagogical debate. If, in a wired world, knowledge is hyperlinked and answers are searchable, how do you test?

For example, should a stu-

dent be able to consult with the Internet during a test to find the answer to a complex math formula? asked Jim Gilchrist, Western Michigan University's vice provost and chief information officer.

The definition of "cheating," Gilchrist said, hinges on the definition of learning.

"Does successful learning mean you've memorized something and can bring it back without looking it up?" he asked. "Or is successful learning knowing how to find the necessary information?"

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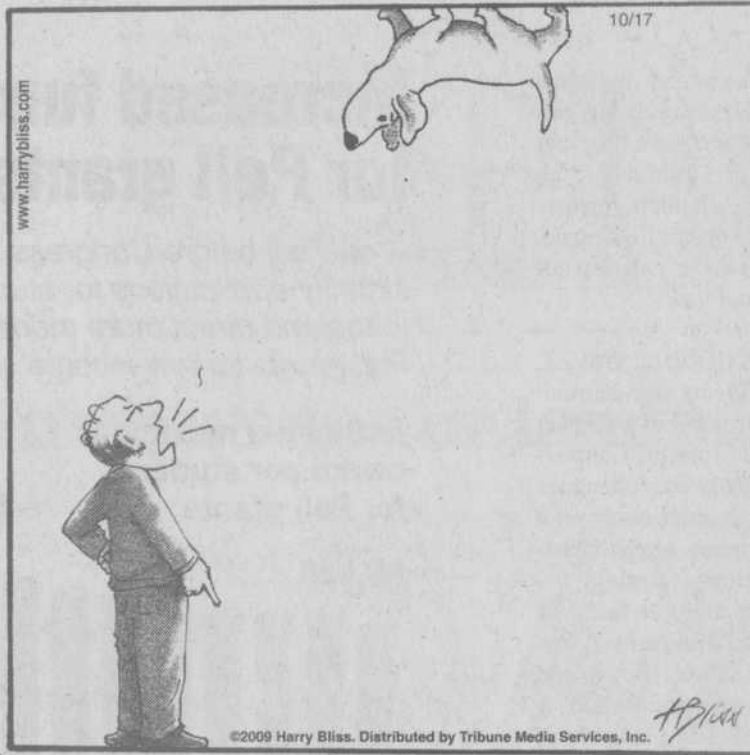
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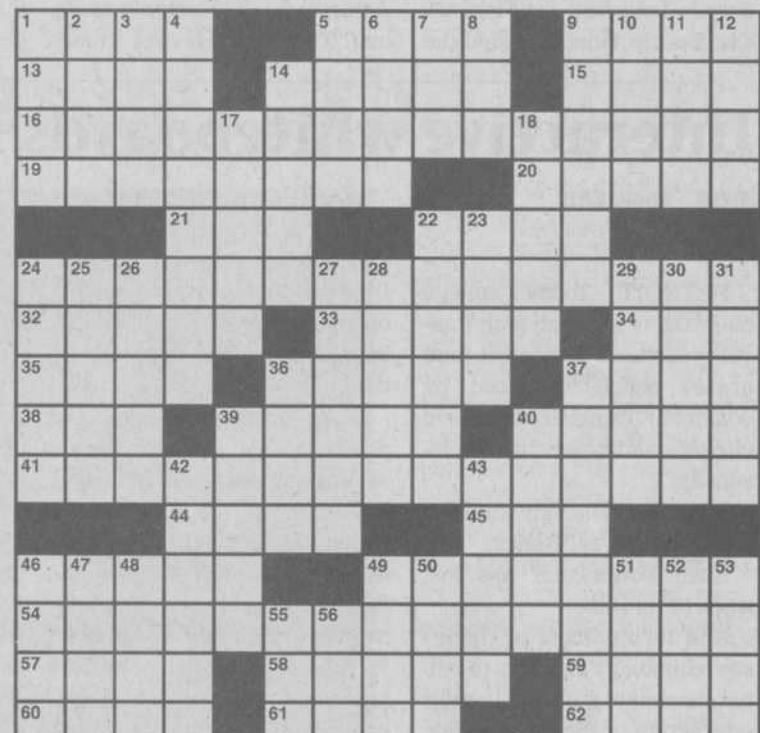
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Butterfly experiment a prairie masterpiece in the making

William MULLEN
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — After waiting for a warm, summery day, biologist Doug Taron and a handful of colleagues fanned out through a thousand acres of restored prairie this month, stroking plants with delicate paintbrushes in hopes of adding a little color next summer.

Their medium was not oil paint or watercolors, but dark little caterpillars that will turn into Baltimore checkerspot butterflies.

They dipped their brushes into cups, picking up one or two of the tiny, quarter-inch creatures on the tip, and transferred them just beneath the leaves atop slender stalks of turtlehead, a native wetland prairie plant on the grounds of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, near Batavia, Ill.

It is an experiment, said Taron, curator of biology at Chicago's Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. If it goes according to plan, 20 or so of the caterpillars will gather in leaf litter at the base of the stalk as the plant dies and hibernate in a loosely spun web as a colony for the winter. In the spring, they will wake up, pupate into the chrysalis stage and emerge as adult butterflies.

"This is one of the flashier butterflies in this state," Taron said of the Baltimore checkerspot, a big, dark-winged but-

terfly with wings 2 to 3 inches across, spattered in patterned orange and white spots.

Taron and Vincent Olivares, the Nature Museum's director of arthropod conservation, are Midwest pioneers in trying to captively breed rare and endangered butterfly species in large numbers and restore them to nature, hoping they repopulate natural areas where they have not lived in many decades.

The Baltimore checkerspot is not an endangered species, but because Illinois has less than 1 percent of the checkerspot habitat that it had 200 years ago, they are a rare sight, Taron said.

"What we're doing is a preemptive strike, taking action before it becomes a seriously endangered species," he said. "We'd like to keep it away from becoming endangered."

Taron and Olivares work closely with area butterfly enthusiasts and prairie and wetland restoration projects. As native plants are re-introduced to pockets of agricultural land, the pair also tries to assess what animals used to live there — including butterflies — and when possible restore those, too, as a part of the old, natural ecosystem.

In 1975, Fermilab decided to restore some of its thousands of acres to native prairie, a project that continues successfully to this day.



Vincent Olivares, director of Arthropod Conservation at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago, carries a cooler full of Baltimore checkerspot larvae into the prairie at Fermilab in Batavia, Illinois, August 31, 2009.

Stacey Wescott/Chicago Tribune/MCT

The hallmark of an ecosystem favored by the Baltimore checkerspot is the turtlehead plant, named for the shape of its leaves. Females lay eggs

on the turtlehead plants in the summer because it is only that plant the caterpillars feed upon when they hatch from the eggs. Turtlehead was not planted

at first in the Fermilab prairie restoration. But a few years ago Tom Peterson, a Fermilab engineer and butterfly enthusiast, suspected they had been native to the area. He arranged breedings in appropriate areas and they flourished.

Peterson called in Taron and Olivares, and last June they collected seven wild female Baltimore checkerspots in McHenry County, taking them to their museum lab.

"They produced the 1,758 larvae (caterpillars) that we are working with," said Olivares.

When they hatched as caterpillars less than an eighth-inch long, they had lots of fresh turtlehead leaves at the lab to feed on, brought in from a staffer's garden. Following their natural cycle, they ate through the summer, finally stopping as their metabolism slowed in preparation for winter hibernation.

"We are only putting about 250 out in the prairie for the winter," said Olivares, who was using a brush like his colleagues because, he said, he is "more proficient with tweezers."

"If we find a lot of them survive and mate next spring, we'll put even more out next year," he said.

The other 1,500 Baltimore caterpillars will hibernate under large, upended ceramic

flowerpots on the roof of the museum. If they survive and thrive, as expected, Taron will release them all in June, hoping that they all become the foundation of a healthy, permanent population.

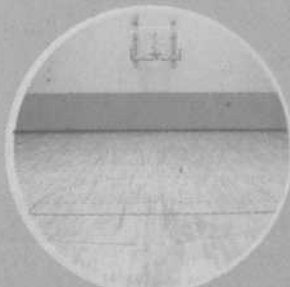
Since they began experimenting with butterfly restorations in 2003, Taron and Olivares have raised thousands of Silver-bordered Fritillary, swamp metalmark and Gorgone checkerspot butterflies in captivity. There are no textbooks on the topic, so they learn by hit and miss efforts.

At one time, trying techniques that work elsewhere in the country, Taron tried keeping local butterfly larvae in refrigerators through winter months, but ended up killing some of them. Then he hit on the idea of leaving them in the real Chicago winter on the museum roof.

"They need to experience the cold," he said, "but to do it in a way that they can survive the process."

Taron said he is pleased that Fermilab's turtlehead plants were near public hiking, biking and horse trails running through the grounds, so the Baltimore checkerspots will be easy for visitors to see. "They are beautiful," he said, "and will give people a lot of pleasure watching them."

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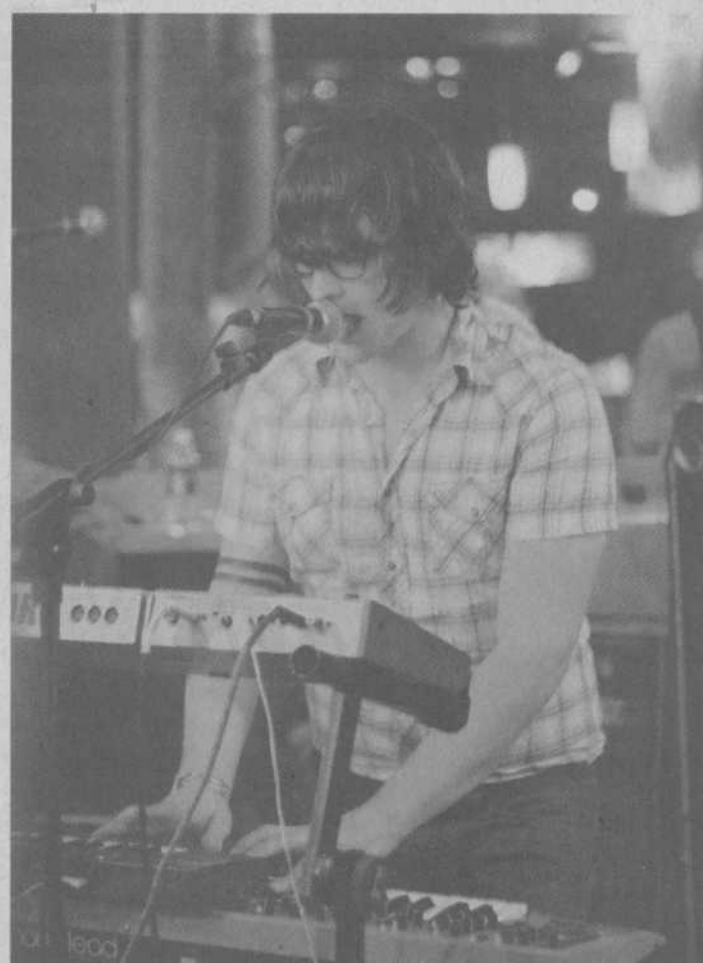
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