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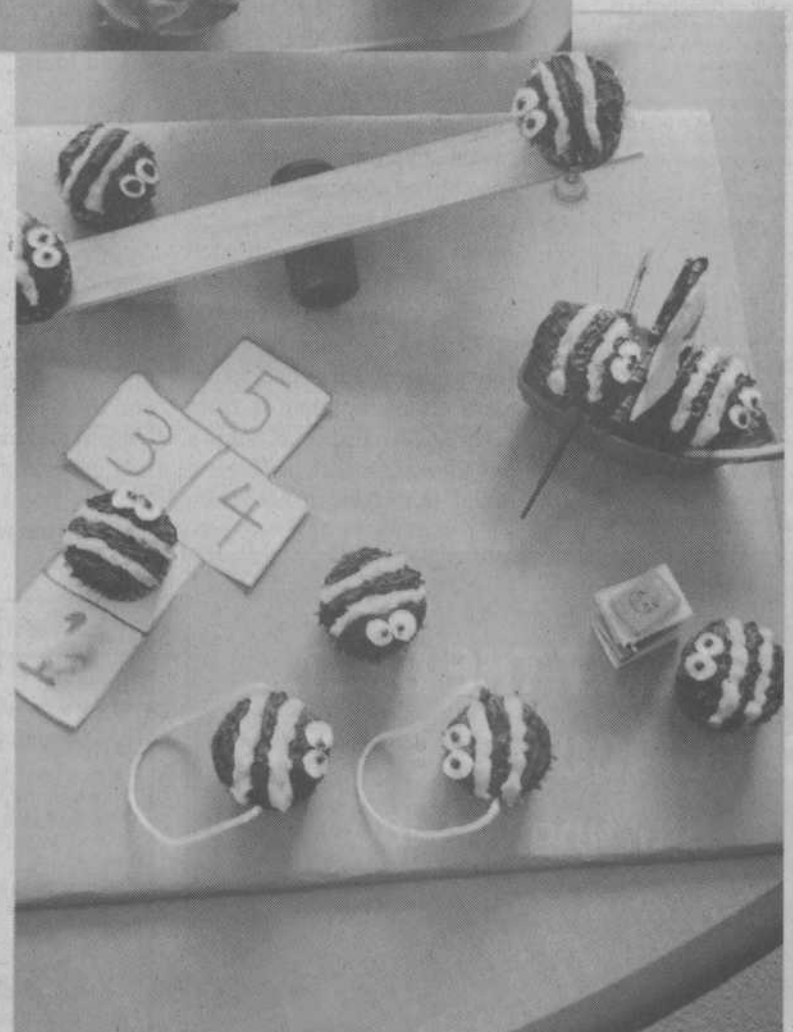
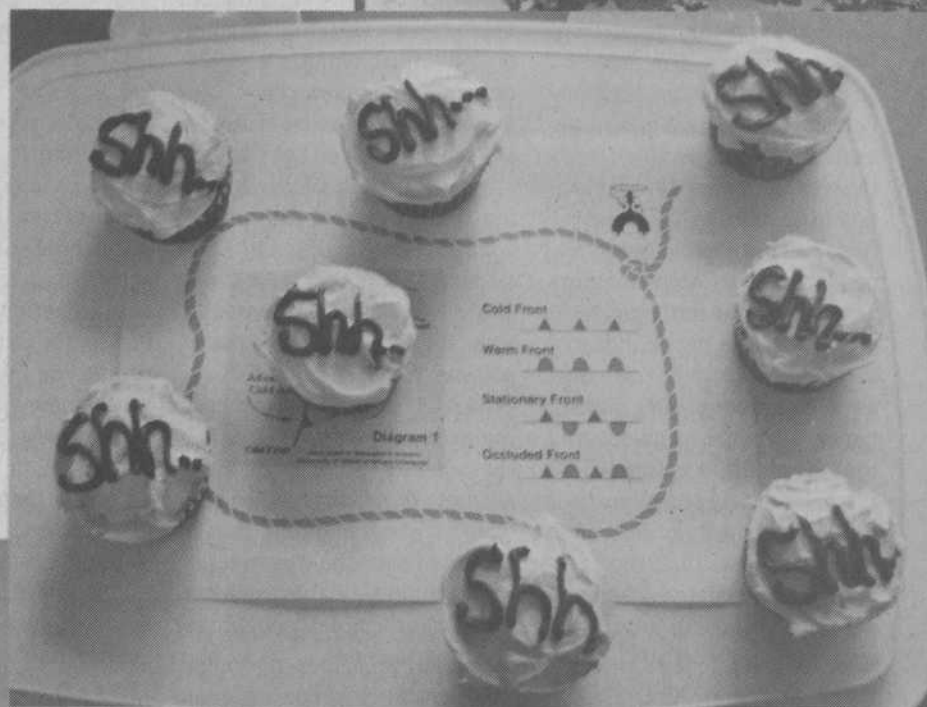
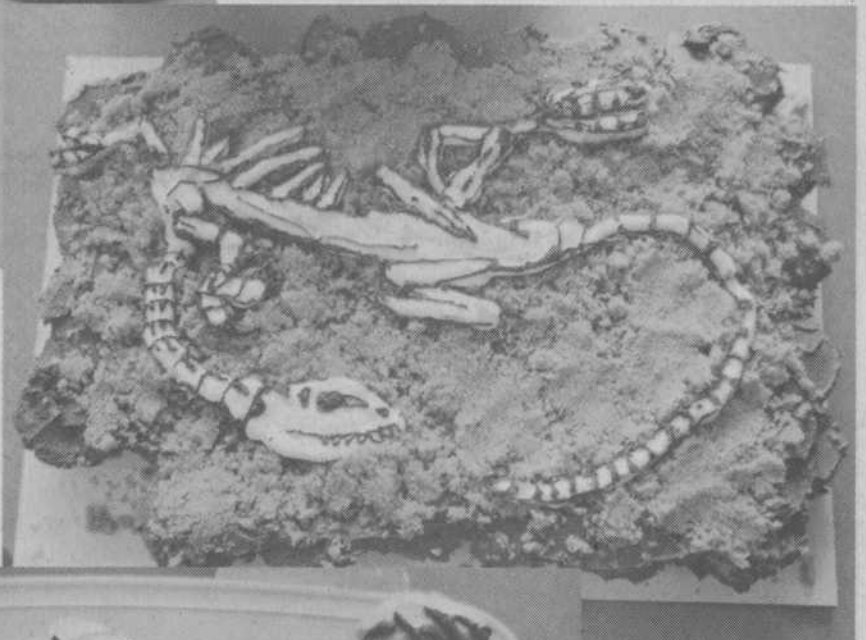


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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

**LEAD STORY**

In April at a New York City gallery, the Australian performance artist Stelarc starred in a video of his surgery in which an ear is implanted into his left forearm (right now, just a prosthesis, but to which stem cells will be added), which will house an Internet-accessed, Bluetooth-capable microphone. "Post-evolutionary strategies" are required, Stelarc told The New York Times, because the current state of the body is obsolete. Other exhibits at the "Corpus Extremus (LIFE+)" exhibit included a genetically modified goat that produces super-strong spider's silk. In an earlier project, Stelarc wired half his muscles to computers in Paris, Helsinki and Amsterdam, to understand a semi-controllable "split-body experience." Stelarc's self-appraisal: "(I'm) never in (my) comfort zone."

**Things People Believe**

Baltimore prosecutors were stuck in their case against cult leader "Queen Antoinette," 40, whom they had charged in the starvation death of a young boy who was being punished for failing to say "Amen" at meal time. They would need the cooperation of the boy's mother, cult member Ria Ramkissoon, 22, but she was refusing to flip on the Queen, whom she believed would eventually resurrect her son from the dead. Finally in March, the judge announced a breakthrough: Ramkissoon would cooperate, but prosecutors would promise in writing to drop all charges if the Queen eventually brings the boy back.

**Can't Possibly Be True**

"You use the toilet every day. Imagine if you could start pouring a little gasoline into the toilet bowl and get 50 cents a gallon (as a tax credit from IRS) every time you flushed." According to a hedge fund analyst (quoted by The Nation magazine for an April story), that's the way Congress' 2005 legislation to encourage "alternative" fuels has been exploited by the paper industry. Company representatives have until now been proud that the paper industry supplied most of its own fuel, as a by-product of making paper, but when it discovered the tax credit, it reworked its factories to accept a mixture of the incumbent by-product and ordinary diesel fuel, thus creating an "alternative" fuel and earning the credit, which, for example, was worth \$71.6 million to International Paper Co. in March and is not scheduled to expire until December.

—Italian researchers revealed in March that at least one method of increasing penis size actually works (but that it would take a highly motivated man to take advantage of it). Writing in the British Journal of Urology, a team from the University of Turin had volunteers attach weights of from 1.3 to 2.6 pounds for six hours a day for a six-month period and found that their flaccid-state

lengths increased by an average of almost 1 inch.

—Retired rogue New York City police detectives Stephen Caracappa and Louis Eppolito, who were convicted in 2006 of assisting the Mafia for many years (including with assassinations), were sentenced to life in prison plus 80 to 100 additional years. However, because the men retired from the force before they had been charged with crimes, they are entitled by law to their lifetime pensions of \$5,313 a month and \$3,896 a month, respectively.

—Army Sgt. Erik Roberts, 25, was injured in Baghdad in 2006 by a roadside bomb, and his leg required 12 surgeries before supposedly healing, but last year a life-threatening infection was discovered in the leg. Roberts underwent a 13th surgery that was covered by his private health insurance, but a costly, rigorous antibiotics regimen was subject to a \$3,000 co-pay, which Roberts asked the Department of Veterans Affairs to take care of, but the agency repeatedly refused, in that Roberts had gone outside the "system" to save his war-ravaged leg. Only when a CNN reporter called the matter to the attention of U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown in March did the agency relent.

**Unclear on the Concept**

—The Web site Information-AgePrayer.com offers, for people too busy to speak to God themselves, a daily service of invocations (using voice-synthesizing software) for Catholics, Protestants, Jews or Muslims. Starting each day "reciting" the Lord's prayer (or the Islamic Fajr) is \$3.95 a month. Hail Marys are 70 cents a day for 10. A Complete Rosary Package is \$49.95 a month. Each prayer is voiced individually, according to a March report on LiveScience.com, with the subscriber's name on the screen, and for Muslim prayers, the computer's speakers point toward Mecca.

—A 2008 report on the crime at U.S. colleges listed the University of California, Davis, as having the fifth-worst rate in the country, and among the University of California system, Davis' rate of sexual assaults was higher than the other schools' rates, combined. Nevertheless, in February, according to Sacramento's KTXL-TV, the school's Student Judicial Affairs organization boasted of the record, claiming that it demonstrates the "openness" of the campus, in that students feel "comfortable" enough to report sex crimes.

**Bright Ideas**

Coming Soon to Reality TV: The CMT cable channel has scheduled an August start-up for "Runnin' Wild ... From Ted Nugent," in which the rock singer, hunter and uninhibited gun advocate will spend five episodes training three novices on how to survive in the woods, and then, in the final episodes, Nugent and his 18-year-old son will go hunt them down, with the last one to capture declared the winner.

**People Who Should Have Left Well-Enough Alone**

—In April, sex offender Barry Whaley was under suspicion for failing to register his new address but made things much worse. Being questioned at a police station in Fairbanks, Alaska, he asked an officer to retrieve a laptop computer from his car so that it would not get stolen, and when the officer brought it to him, Whaley mentioned an "amazing" flight simulator program he had been using, which the officer asked to see. As Whaley powered up the computer, a video of child pornography appeared, and Whaley was arrested.

—In April, police in Copley Township, Ohio, were called to a restaurant where Eric Salmons, 39, was allegedly intoxicated and annoying customers. Officers declined to arrest him but did insist that he call someone for a ride home, and Salmons complied. However, at home, Salmons decided that he was insulted at being thought of as intoxicated and so drove himself to the police station and demanded a breathalyzer test, which of course he failed, and he was arrested.

**Recurring Themes**

People Different From Us: (1) Howard Sheppard, 30, of Deltona, Fla., was sent to Florida Hospital DeLand in January after he found some bullets on the ground and experimented to see what would happen if he struck one with a metal punch. (He got shot in the arm.) (2) Eric Fortune, 19, was sent to the Ashtabula County (Ohio) Medical Center in March after nagging his brother into shooting him in the leg. According to a police report, Fortune had told the brother that he had always wondered what it was like to get shot. (It was so painful that he cried.)

**A News of the Weird Classic (March 2000)**

Recidivist unlicensed surgeon John Ronald Brown, 75, was convicted in 1999 in San Diego of causing the death of an 80-year-old man who had consented to have Brown amputate a healthy leg, thus bringing to the attention of many people the mental disorder of "apotemophilia" ("body identity integrity disorder"), which is a sexual or sexual-like gratification from the removal of a "normal" limb regarded as ugly or superfluous. Very few licensed doctors will perform the surgery, and Brown's license had been revoked 20 years earlier after botched transsexual operations, but he continued to attract patients who had no other option if they felt desperate to improve their look.

# Offal, brains, heart and tail—it's bistro!

By **CHRISSIE MCKENNEY**  
*Nutrition Columnist*

It was the last night of my French Bistro Cuisine class at Kendall College in Chicago. It was the end of a long week and I arrived in class tired and distracted. I was so distracted that it was several minutes before I noticed the pig head simmering away in a stockpot on my stove.

I like to think that I'll eat any-

I can't understand how I gave up an opportunity to cook sweetbreads, hearts, and kidneys. Cooking liver is no different from cooking any other piece of red meat, and marrow bones are easy, just toss them in a 450° oven and wait. My partner was preparing the lamb's hearts right next to me, but I was busy with the liver and bones, and missed most of what he did. I planned to watch someone else cook the sweet-



Hey, Chef, there's a pig in my soup! A pig's head simmers away during a night of Wizard of OZ-style cookery at Kendall College in Chicago. Need a heart? Here's a heart. Need a brain? Here are some brains. Now all you need... is courage.  
 Chrissie McKenney/Prospectus

thing, but while I'm busy thinking that, there are a few things that I forget to consider. The pig head on the stove is one of them. This was a class on French Regional cuisine, with a focus on bistro-style cooking. What does a pig head have to do with "bistro style?" Everything.

Lately every trendy, new restaurant wants to call itself a bistro, but this is inappropriate, and misleading. The essence of bistro cooking is taking tougher, less-expensive cuts of meat and fresh, available produce and crafting them into beautiful, delicious meals—the sort of thing that talented cooks have been doing in their homes for centuries. These economical cuts of meat are more than just bone-in chuck roasts and shank cuts. They also include the offal, brains, tails, lungs, etc...those bits and pieces that are left over after the more desirable portions have been carved away.

For our last class, we were going to learn how to take what many people would only consider using for a Halloween prank and transform it into dinner. I had been looking forward to it, but I hadn't expected it to be looking back at me.

The menu: Pan-seared lamb's hearts, veal kidneys with gin and mustard, poached pig's cheeks and tongue, roasted bone marrow on toast, fried sweetbreads (thymus gland), and calf's liver with caramelized onions and a balsamic reduction.

And for dessert: crème brûlée, éclairs filled with chocolate mousse, and strawberry Napoleons.

I was determined to taste everything, but not, apparently, to cook everything. As we were dividing up the food (We did not have enough time for every student to prepare every dish), I grabbed a portion of marrow oil, in a pan until almost smoking, seal the slices on each side until medium and remove from the pan. In the same pan, sauté some shallots, then add 1 Tablespoon of white wine, reduce, and add a touch of butter and chopped parsley, serve over the heart.

bread, but I went to check on something on my stove, and by the time I got back, it was too late.

By getting excited about all of the nasty things I could tell people I had eaten, rather than the valuable lessons I could have learned about making something delicious out of something undesirable, I missed out on some of the most valuable experiences of the night. The class was about learning how to cook, not about learning how to eat.

These dishes may sound unspeakable (and inedible) until you've tried them, but I assure you that this was some pretty tasty food. The kidneys were a little waxy, but otherwise, I would happily eat it all again, even if I had other options. It is only recently that we have started thinking of organ meats as less edible than skeletal muscles (and that's what a boneless, skinless chicken breast or a filet mignon is, anatomically speaking). A steak that comes shrink-wrapped from the grocery store bears no relationship to a big slab of muscle that a cow used to wander around in a pasture (or stand in a feedlot, more likely). The steak is just dinner. The muscle was part of an animal that also had a brain, a liver, kidneys, and a tongue.

If you can eat one part, why not the others? What makes back muscles more edible than heart or stomach muscles? They can all be delicious, but if you are afraid to eat them, it doesn't matter how good they are. If you are feeling adventurous, ask your butcher for a few veal hearts and try this technique: slice the heart in quarter-inch slices, season with salt and pepper, and dust with flour. Heat clarified butter and oil in a pan until almost smoking, seal the slices on each side until medium and remove from the pan. In the same pan, sauté some shallots, then add 1 Tablespoon of white wine, reduce, and add a touch of butter and chopped parsley, serve over the heart.

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# Students feeling the job squeeze—you're not alone

By SEAN HERMANN  
Staff Writer

If you have been out around the town looking for a job only to find that no one is hiring, you're not alone. Unemployment rates have been skyrocketing as companies and businesses are trying to fight off expenses and get out of the red. The latest figures for the Illinois unemployment rate are a preliminary 9.1%. It's the highest statewide rate in 23 years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and has been on the rise for the past six months.

The rough economy is affecting not only the ability to pay rent or car payments, but student's tuition bills as well. Fortunately there are many options out there for students, especially at Parkland.

Grants, loans and financial aid applications have seen a large increase over recent years as well, according to Tim Wendt, Director of Financial Aid at Parkland.

The amount of Pell Grants given out at Parkland over the past five years has grown approximately 6% to an estimated \$6.2 million in the current year. The amount of Student Loans given has increased more than 20% over the past 5 years to an estimated \$7.1 million this year. Financial aid applications have increased from around 6,500, five years

ago, to more than 7,300 this year.

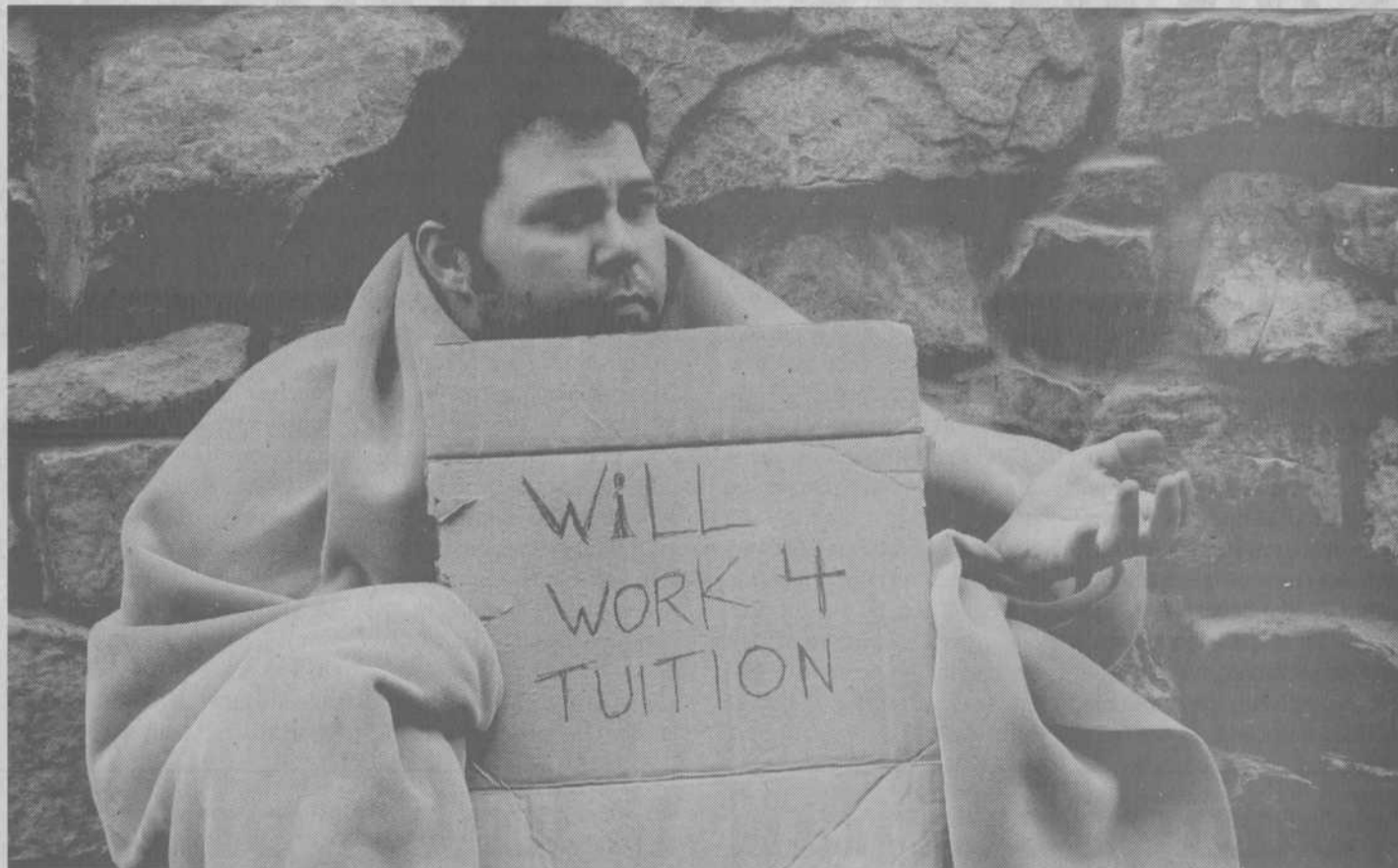
"Over the past ten years our application volume has grown more than 50%, a pretty substantial increase in the number," said Wendt.

The Nelnet (Facts) payment plan — a tuition management plan that provides a low cost option for budgeting tuition and other educational expenses — for students had 1,143 students enrolled in the fall of 08, and 993 took advantage of the plan this spring semester at Parkland. The plan can provide a nice option for students who have trouble paying their tuition in full.

If none of the above options work for you, there are a great number of scholarships available at Parkland, many of which go unclaimed year to year.

As for the unemployed, there is a wonderful resource right at your fingertips. The Parkland Career Center, located on the first floor in room A175, offers an abundance of helpful information and advice for not only students, but the community as well. The Career Center is a great place to visit if you need tips to get a job or even an encouraging word on the outlook of jobs.

If you want a sneak peek at what the Career Center has to offer, check out their homepage. (<http://www.parkland.edu/careercenter/>) The site provides many great links for job



Anthony Burkert/Prospectus

search and resume information, as well as a newsletter with encouraging information for students and unemployed hopefuls, along with featuring great tips for anything to do with getting a job.

Some current tips in the newsletter include: (1) Have realistic summer job expectations. (2) Don't make it easy for potential employers to take you out of the running early with things like your cell phone

going off during and interview or wearing inappropriate clothing to drop off a resume. (3) Get yourself connected and touch base with former bosses, employed friends, and your dad's friend who owns a restaurant. (4) Defy stereotypes and show your interviewer that you are professional, shake hands firmly and treat them with respect. (5) Avoid using the super cool e-mail address and stick to one that includes your

name. (6) Clean up your online profiles as more employers are checking out applicants online. Following these tips could help you land a nice job over the summer, and possibly obtain a bigger or better job.

If you still don't have any luck finding a job, not to worry—the federal government plans to have just about 200,000 job openings throughout the states through September and there are always people retir-

ing and resigning as well, so keep actively looking and most importantly, keep your head up and do not become discouraged.

There are many resources out there so be sure to take full advantage of them to help you with what you need and you will be sure to find something that would be of interest to you.

## Chicago family's 6 children become academic superstars

By WILLIAM MULLEN  
Chicago Tribune

Meet the Serenos  
Martin Sereno is a neurological scientist. His younger sister Joan is also a neurological scientist. Their three sisters Margaret, Anne and Sara? They too are neurological scientists. But their brother Paul is a bit of a black sheep. He's just a world-renowned paleontologist.

CHICAGO—One day in 1967, as best Rena Sereno can remember it, the mother of six had to make an important, lengthy phone call from her modest Naperville, Ill., home, so she admonished her kids to keep busy, stay out of trouble and, above all, be quiet.

The kids, all smiles, obliged. Sereno watched idly as they trooped wordlessly from the backyard into the house, through the kitchen and up the stairs. Martin, 12, led the way, followed by Paul, 10, Joan, 9, Margaret, 7, Anne, 6, and little Sara, 4. Minutes later they passed by again. The third time, she realized something was off.

"They were coming in but not going out—at least not out the front or back door," said Rena Sereno. To her horror, she found they were practicing fire drills, piling out the second-floor window using a ladder made from bedsheets and rope tied to the leg of a bed. "Sara was too small to make it down, so they tied her to Marty's back."

The Sereno kids always were an inventive, innovative bunch. Encouraged by their parents to explore and learn freely from an early age, the six children of Rena and Charles Sereno—a schoolteacher and a mailman—went on to extraordinary academic success.

One after the other, they graduated from nearby Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, obtained doctorates from prestigious universities and launched high-profile scientific careers.

Paul Sereno, a world-renowned paleontologist who has made important new dinosaur finds in Africa, Asia and North and South America, is affectionately referred to as the "black sheep" because he strayed from the family pattern. His brother and sisters all are neurological researchers, working for universities in England, Scotland, Oregon, Texas and Kansas.

On Thursday, Northern Illinois University presented the entire Sereno family with its 2009 Outstanding College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Award.

"It was never something the family set out to do, for all of us to become academics," said Sara Sereno, a cognitive neuroscientist at the University of Glasgow. "It just came from our parents exposing all of the kids from a very young age to different ways of thinking about things, encouraging us in art, literature, music and science."

"In fact, they stressed that you don't have to go along with the crowd, that you can be your own person, but it just happened that we all went into aca-

ademic careers."

Charles Sereno, who grew up in Hawaii, and Rena Sereno, who grew up in Naperville, met when he was a student at Notre Dame and she was at St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind. They married and moved to California, where he worked as a materials engineer even though he didn't finish his degree.

They moved back to Naperville when the children started arriving at a fast and furious pace—six in eight years. After the kids started school, Charles quit his engineering job at the state highway department, taking a pay cut to deliver mail.

"In those days, if you were a really efficient mail carrier and finished your allotted work, you could go home early, and that is what I really wanted, to spend more time with the kids," Charles Sereno said. "My wife, who was an art teacher, was a little better with the arts, and I had a little better grasp of science. We wanted to give them music, arts, sciences and anything we could give them."

Rena Sereno said there wasn't much money for extras and the kids had to wear hand-me-down clothes, but they were so busy they didn't seem to mind.

"We encouraged the idea that learning was exciting," she said. "I know how butterflies and moths have sex, because we made a mating chamber for them so the kids could see all the stages of moth and butterfly life. We had slime mold growing upstairs."

"We had art in the house and a kiln for firing pottery. They all played instruments, though only two of them had any tal-

ent. I wanted my kids to go out and have their own adventures, to learn to fly on their own."

The kids were good but not "goody-two-shoes," said their father. They used to watch for their mother to get on the phone, then spring into action.

"They got the cat they wanted by sneaking it into the basement while she was on the phone. One time Marty wired up the house with microphones, using these hair-thin wires that you couldn't see, thinking it would be interesting to listen in to anything going on in another room," he said.

"Rena and I would pretend to be angry at them, (but) the last thing we wanted was a yes-man type of kid. You don't want to squelch them; we wanted them to have some juice."

All of the Sereno kids excelled in the Naperville public schools except Paul, who hated going. His puzzled, nervous parents said they had to intervene a couple of times when elementary teachers wanted to hold him back a year. Not until high school did he begin to achieve like his siblings.

"Nobody could figure out why I was so slow," Paul Sereno said. "I think it was a sort of insecurity. I didn't do well with the structured way things are taught in school. I liked the more free-form, hands-on way of learning, like we did it at home."

Rena Sereno, who returned to teaching elementary school art when her youngest child, Sara, started kindergarten, started on a masters degree in fine arts at Northern Illinois in 1972. The next year, she sent Martin to enroll as a freshman, and the rest followed.

"I wanted the kids to have the full college experience, so they had to live in the dorms there," she said.

"They all had top grades, so they all got scholarships. Three of them were high school valedictorians."

"But they all had to work, too, getting jobs as night guards in the library and cafeteria. I have a daughter who is now a professor of linguistics who used to drive a stone quarry dump truck."

By the time she got to Northern, Sara said she knew from the others who the best teachers were and which were the best classes to take. The Serenos often took courses that had nothing to do with their majors, simply to satisfy a personal itch for knowledge.

"It was affordable," said Sara Sereno, enumerating why the university worked out so well for everybody in the family. "It had very good programs, and we took classes from top-rate people who were outstanding in their fields. The library was open until 2 a.m., and when they tried to close it earlier, I led a protest to stop them."

By 1986 the siblings had all graduated from Northern, and each had gone on to some of the country's most prestigious graduate schools. All did their graduate studies on full scholarships, and four received prestigious, full-ride National Science Foundation grants awarded through national competition. The other two were honorable mentions in the competition, an honor in its own right.

The Serenos saw less and less of one another as time passed, and their parents divorced, but

all the siblings would come home to Naperville for Christmas. They started a new tradition, an annual family symposium at which each of the six stood before the others to give a report on his or her latest research. Sibling rivalry guaranteed that the "Serenosium" turned into a circus.

"The other kids would try to disrupt and totally frustrate the lecturer," said Charles Sereno. "They'd be yelling, throwing things, farting, arguing every point, questioning every statement. They all get the same treatment."

What they have achieved, however, is no joke. Northern Illinois alumni officials checked across the country but could find no record of another family that produced six siblings with doctorates—a feat all the more impressive given that each became a research leader in his or her field.

"This is an incredible accomplishment, and it needs to be recognized in its totality," said Jack Tierney, board president of the Northern Illinois Alumni Association. "Each of the Serenos has made extraordinary contributions to science, research and education. Together they demonstrate the value and potential of a liberal arts education."

Martin, 53

Earned a PhD from the University of Chicago and is the director of the NeuroImaging Centre at University College London and Birkbeck College in England.

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# Creative Summer Fun Days

By CASSANDRA CUNNINGHAM  
Staff Writer

With summer approaching fast, there are more things to do than sit around and be bored all day. The Prospectus has compiled a list of fun things to do for the summer that are cheap, creative and fun!

## Camp SPIRIT

Join the Champaign Park District for six days of fun to make you feel like a kid again. Camp SPIRIT is a day camp for people ages 16-21. Each day includes various recreational activities like sports, arts and crafts, swimming and cooking. Registration is \$120/\$180 for the full day sessions and \$90/\$135 for the half day ses-

sions.

## Tour the Farm

Prairie Farm on Kirby Avenue in Champaign features farm animals like sheep, pigs, horses, goats, chickens and cows. No admission is charged, but donations are encouraged. Horse drawn trolley rides are also available for \$2 a person. Call 217-398-2583 for reservations to tour the farm.

## Movie at the Farm

One Friday a month from June to August at 8 p.m., come out and watch a classic kid's movie at Prairie Farm. Admission is free and popcorn is free as well. Kung Fu Panda, Bee Movie, and Madagascar are the movies selected for this summer's screening.

## Turkey Run

Grab some friends and head towards Perrysville, IN for a lazy day on the river at Turkey Run State Park. Turkey Run features a one mile and three mile inner tube trip down the river for \$7 per inner tube. Buy an extra inner tube and put a cooler full of snacks, beers, and a battery powered stereo in it and enjoy a sunny summer afternoon relaxing on the river. The river features bridges, rocks and banks perfect for mid-river stops to do some swimming and jumping. Turkey Run also has pools, campsites, trails and horse stables if the river isn't for you.

## 3-on-3 Adult Basketball League

Get a group of 3 friends and join the Douglas Park 3-on-3

basketball league. Registration begins May 12, 2009 and ends June 2, 2009. The fee for each team is \$130. The league includes 12 games plus a single elimination tournament.

## Volunteer

Champaign Park District offers summer volunteer positions for those ready and willing to help. Positions include coaches for various sports teams, special recreation event staff working with various special events that can range from day events to the Special Olympic practices to after school programs, and ushers, ticket takers and concession workers at the Virginia Theatre events. To volunteer call 217-398-2550 or send an email to volunteer@cparkdistrict.com.

## Virginia Theatre

Head out to the Virginia Theatre one Saturday a month a 1 or 7 p.m. for the News-Gazette's film series. Movies include; Sound of Music (1965), Ghostbusters (1984), Dances with Wolves (1990) and To Kill a Mockingbird (1962). Other events include comedic hypnotist Tom DeLuca May 21 at 7:30 p.m. and the theatre productions Les Miserables (June 18-21) and Annie Get Your Gun (August 6-9).

## Downtown Streetfests

June 13, July 11 and August 8, from 7 p.m. to midnight, head to downtown Champaign for some music nights in the street. Performers include; Bruiser and the Virtues, El Caribe Tropical, One Night

Stand, Mister Sister, Hurricane Gumbo and Blue Island Tribe. By arriving 30 minutes prior to the June 13 concert, all attendees will receive free salsa and swing lessons!

## The Taste of Champaign Urbana

June 19-21, 2009 head to West Side Park for the 2009 Taste of Champaign-Urbana. Taste of Champaign offers various dishes from select Champaign-Urbana food vendors and free concerts from local bands. It also features Bandshell, which has stories from the Lincoln era and vendors selling pottery, photography, paintings, and much, much more!

# Young journalists know print, online and pain

By TARA MALONE  
MCT

CHICAGO—As newspapers reinvent themselves, high school newsrooms are locked in their own transition amid the economic tumult that has jolted the industry.

Several school newspapers in Illinois, for example, now publish online only, while others are turning to the Internet to post stories edged out of a shrinking newspaper.

These days, the pressures of tighter budgets, thinner papers and slumping ad sales are as central to the lessons of journalism as beat reporting and editing, educators said. "If we want to make it as real world as we can make it, you've got to be able to pay for the pages (through advertising). If you can't pay for the pages, you figure out another way to do things," said Michael Gordy, adviser to Antioch Community High School's paper, The Tom Tom.

The high school in Chicago's northern suburbs now publishes a 12-page paper every month, down from 24 pages a year ago. Fewer pages means smaller production costs—a necessity when the newspaper's bank account is \$2,269 in the red, Gordy said. Every student is urged to sell three ads plus sweets in a monthly bake sale to close the gap.

Still it was news coverage, not cash balances, that dominated a recent class discussion. Editor in chief Ashley Meyer, 18, and the paper's 20-member staff bounced around ideas for the April issue, which was to include a pro-con editorial on gay marriage, a follow on a survey about how kids treat one another in school, and a preview of the spring musical's performance for senior citizens.

"Will someone who's not in the student council and not in the play please write that story?" Meyer said.

With the last article assigned, students left the classroom for the computer lab next door to start researching. They've learned that with space shrinking, only the most compelling stories make it into print.

"Even if we can't run a lot of pages ... we definitely know we are putting our best work in," said Chris Terzic, 17, chosen as

next year's sports editor.

Other schools have no pages at all.

University Laboratory High School in Urbana, Ill., shifted its editorial operation online four years ago and pushed stu-

Richwoods High School newspaper, which will begin in the fall to publish some articles from The Shield online, while weighing the promise of reaching more readers and advertisers with concerns about still

Less certain, Kerns said, is whether a second newspaper published by Richwoods journalism students will survive the belt-tightening in Peoria Public Schools District 150, where up to a \$9 million shortfall is pro-

in 2007, up 32 percent from five years earlier. The University of Missouri School of Journalism graduated 475 students last year, a 40 percent increase in a decade.

"The kids who are commit-

Sunday mornings to lay out the paper—all while watching the newspaper get thinner and the debt get bigger.

Yet Fine, the next editor in chief, said she can't imagine doing anything else. She hopes



Antioch High School student Lauren Colette goes over the list of ideas on a marker board, for the next edition of her school newspaper "The Tom Tom," during her newspaper journalism class, April 9, 2009, in Antioch, Illinois.

Stacey Wescott/Chicago Tribune/(MCT)

dents to cover more stories, more often than a monthly print would allow. Students initially tried to publish the newspaper and an online edition, but they opted to go Web-only when the workload became too much, said adviser Dave Porreca. Budgetary woes hastened the digital-only push at Lake Zurich High School. Publishing the Bear Facts newspaper online next year could save \$11,000 in annual printing costs at a time when the district faces a \$4 million shortfall, a spokesman said.

Some schools are adding a digital element simply to stay relevant.

Among them is Peoria, Ill.'s

finding time to produce a top-notch newspaper.

"They'll be selective so there's still a reason to have the print version," said adviser Dan Kerns. At \$4, annual subscriptions and some advertising cover production expenses. Students have worked with the printer to save money where possible.

Mt. Carmel High School on Chicago's South Side published its first online-only edition this year in addition to the five printed editions.

"If the money is there, I prefer to have that paper in your hands, but maybe I'm getting to be a dinosaur," said journalism teacher John Gonczy.

jected next year. Two-newspaper schools may be going the way of two-newspaper towns like Denver and Seattle.

Despite the tumult, students are not shying away from journalism.

Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism graduated 184 students last year, up 24 percent from a decade ago. At Columbia College in Chicago, 127 students received journalism degrees

ted, who want to write or shoot, they still are excited. Their parents might be worried they are not going to have a job when they graduate. But students are still passionate," said Sally Turner, executive director of the Illinois Journalism Education Association.

Julie Fine has gone door to door in Antioch selling ads for the school paper. The 16-year-old junior has baked cookies for bake sales and come in on

to study journalism at Indiana University and then find a job at whatever publication—online or printed—is hiring. "This is what I do, and I love newspapers," Fine said. "But will I have a future in it? I just don't know."

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## ACADEMIC

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Paul, 51  
Got his PhD in geology at Columbia University and is now a University of Chicago paleontologist.  
Joan, 50  
Went to Brown University for her PhD and studies neurological bases of language as professor of linguistics at the University of Kansas.

Margaret, 49  
Also has a PhD from Brown and is associate professor at the University of Oregon at the University of Neuroscience.

Anne, 47  
Earned a PhD from Harvard University and is associate professor in the Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy at the University of Texas Medical School.  
Sara, 45  
Got her PhD at University

of Massachusetts Amherst and now investigates the cognitive neuroscience of reading at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

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# Amish workers hit hard by recession

By JOSHUA BOAK  
Chicago Tribune

GOSHEN, Ind.—The Amish are defined by their religious beliefs, shunning modern conveniences such as automobiles, insurance and electricity in their houses.

But some of the Amish in hard-hit northern Indiana realize they can no longer avoid another newfangled idea: unemployment checks.

The Amish church frowns on government aid but relented on unemployment checks after a wave of layoffs stung Amish laborers in this settlement 120 miles east of Chicago. Church leaders justified the decision because workers are collecting on the unemployment taxes they already paid into the system.

"No one says go out and do it," explained Eli Miller, 72, an Amish bishop who also prepares income tax returns. "But when they have to feed their families, we thought it would be OK to accept some of it, even though we would rather not."

The unemployment rate for March in LaGrange and Elkhart Counties, where much of Indiana's Amish population is concentrated, stands near 19 percent, about 4 points higher than in Wayne County, Mich., home to Detroit and the American auto industry.

More than half of all Amish men here work in factories, a trend that accelerated over the past two decades, according to analysis by Steven Nolt, a history professor at Goshen College. Increasing land prices and a growing population made it nearly impossible to sustain the Amish community by farming alone, so the men found refuge and steady salaries in assembling recreational vehicles, an industry socked over the past year first by high fuel prices and then the credit crunch.

The job situation is dire enough that Larry Herschberger, a 27-year old Amish



Earl Lambright moves some future table tops, April 15, 2009, in Goshen, Indiana. The economic downturn is hitting the Amish in northern Indiana. Amish are now taking unemployment benefits, something they would not have done in the past. The County Woodshop furniture factory normally produces 7-8,000 tables a year. The factory has seen a drop in work because customers are not able to get financing from banks to make the purchase.

John Smierciak/Chicago Tribune/(MCT)

man let go last May by RV builder Jayco Inc., went a step beyond receiving unemployment. He began worshipping as a Mennonite, a denomination that allows its followers to drive cars. That decision, as well as one to purchase a 1999 Chevy Tahoe, frustrated his family and in-laws. "It's been hard," said Herschberger, shrugging his shoulders. "If I got to make a living, I've got to drive."

He explained this sitting in a booth at the 5 & 20 Country Kitchen in Shipshewana, Ind., where his wife once was a waitress.

The restaurant sits at Indiana State Road 5 and U.S. Highway

20, but it might as well be at the crossroads of the Amish and mainstream America. "California Dreamin'" by The Mamas and the Papas played as waitresses in bonnets served plates of fried chicken. Herschberger currently draws a paycheck as a handyman for the restaurant's owner, who also has several rental houses and a business assembling boat trailers.

Other laid-off Amish want to stay within the faith. Several have sought work at the Country Woodshop in Goshen. "I don't even write down the applications anymore, I've had so many people," said its Amish owner, Noah Bontrager, who spent 11 years building

RVs before launching his company.

Bontrager cannot afford new hires at this time. Orders for his hardwood tables are off by 30 percent, so Bontrager had to shave a day off the five-day workweek. His shop has 18 Amish craftsmen and two non-Amish employees, one to manage the e-mail and Internet and the other to drive the delivery truck.

Between sunrise and 2 p.m. quitting time, the craftsmen can saw, hammer, sand and stain 31 dining room tables. Stores as far north as Alaska and as far south as Florida sell the tables, which retail from \$750 to \$2,200.

As long as the economic picture doesn't worsen, Bontrager figures he will not need to fire anyone. Yet he recognizes that businesses such as his must expand to fill the permanent void left by shuttered RV factories. "Our goal would be to have this be the furniture belt for America," Bontrager said.

RV sales virtually vanished at the end of 2008. Thor Industries Inc. is closing three RV plants in Goshen and nearby Howe, Ind., this month, according to Indiana filings. Revenues for the RV-maker plummeted 51 percent, to \$666 million, in the last half of 2008, as the company swung to a \$9.74 million loss from a \$59.8 million profit

in the last half of 2007.

This recession is especially brutal because the Amish factory workers became accustomed to earning annual salaries of \$60,000-\$100,000, which provided for mortgages and shopping trips. A fiberglass basketball hoop hangs above a buggy in one driveway. The Wal-Mart has a hitching post. And some Amish men are as attached to their cell phones as their beards.

The Amish have adapted before to economic crises. During the Depression, some Amish men were permitted to register for driver's licenses, according to research by Nolt, the Goshen College professor. That special exemption is less likely to happen this time, Nolt said, because the Amish have come to view the horse and buggy as core parts of their identity.

Gary Zehr, the LaGrange County economic development director, said the recession is forcing the Amish to reconsider their careers: "Here's how an Amish guy put it to me: 'All of the sudden, we've got to use our brains again.' I think what he meant was that you have to think about how you will support your family, instead of just going to work."

In past downturns, the jobless simply scratched around to find other work. This recession has cut much deeper, said Herschberger, who had worked at Jayco since February 2001. The initial round of layoffs at Jayco involved recent hires, so the Amish elders did not see a reason for anyone to collect unemployment until the layoffs spread, he said.

"A lot of the older guys dragged their feet on unemployment, until they saw the younger guys couldn't make it," Herschberger said. "Several people were like, 'We can live off the land again.' The old people have to accept that times have changed."

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# Students lobby for higher education funding

By JESSE WOODRUM  
Staff Writer

Students from across the state converged on the state capitol last Thursday April

23rd to lobby by the hundred for better funding for community colleges. The annual event, Student Advocacy Day, is promoted by Illinois Community College Board.

Parkland was represented by Jodi Littleton, Director of Community Relations, who has some lobbying experience; Thomas Caulfield, Director of Student Life; Student Senators Hira Aamir, Matt Apy, Morgan Forrest, Student Government President Stephanie Yousef, Treasurer Simeon Pavlov, and staff member Alisa Rantanen. PCTV's Chris Foster asked questions and shot video for the college's television station.

One message many of the students took with them from office to office in the capitol



(Clockwise from top left) Student Life Director Thomas Caulfield, PCTV's Chris Foster, Student Senator Hira Aamir, and Director of Community Relations Jodi Littleton meet with Illinois Community College Board President and CEO Geoffrey Obrzut (left) in the lobby of the capitol building in Springfield.

Jesse Woodrum/Prospectus


building was a motto left over from last year's campaign: that Illinois' community colleges carry 64% of the credit hours taken by students in the state but receive only 14% of the state's higher education funding. A particular message the Parkland delegation stuck with was the college's drastic need to expand and the debt the school is taking on to complete the campus master plan.

Littleton and the students tried to see 5 representatives whose congressional districts overlap with Parkland's district. The longest visit was with Senator Michael W. Frerichs (D-Champaign) a two-year senator who serves as vice-chairperson on the higher education committee. With 6 weeks left in the term Frerichs didn't seem optimistic about expanded state funding for the state's higher education budgeted saying, "...this year, when you're looking at probably a \$12 billion deficit, you're not going to see a massive infusion of new money out there. Quite frankly, if we can hold the line on spending, and not have cuts that would be a victory this year. There are all kinds of departments, state

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# This flu's danger is in its potential

By **JOSEPHINE MARCOTTY**  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

**MINNEAPOLIS**— Every year in the United States some 36,000 people die from complications of influenza—the normal, garden-variety flu that comes around each winter.

So far some 152 people in Mexico are believed to have died from the new strain of swine flu that emerged this month. Elsewhere, no one has died. In fact, all the other cases that have popped up around the world seem to be no worse than the flu that sends 200,000 Americans to the hospital every year.

So why the alarm? Because lessons from history and clues from modern science show that this strain, H1N1, has all the hallmarks of a virus that could trigger a global pandemic. It's new, so humans don't have immunity. It jumps easily from person to person. It's killing at least

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agencies that are seeing big cuts this year." Even given federal stimulus funds, Frerichs went on to say, the higher education budget would not see the kind of increase it would like unless more representatives would support a higher income tax or sales tax.

The state had not seen a capitol bill in over 8 years but the General Assembly passed what they called a mini-capital bill in early April to fund road construction and similar projects but a follow up capital bill still in the works will provide funds for a new Student Services Center at Parkland if passed. Construction of the center constitutes most of the second of the three-phase Campus Master Plan.

Visits with Senator Dale A. Righter (R-Mattoon), Rep. Dan Brady (R-Bloomington), and Rep. Chapin Rose (R-Charleston) were all canceled due to time constraints.

The group did, however, meet at length with Illinois Community College Board President and CEO Geoffrey Obrzut who told the students they were effective in big numbers even as amateur lobbyists.

At last, the Parkland delegation was able to pull Rep. Shane Cultra (R-Onarga) from the house floor for a brief chat. He reminded students that the state is only traditionally accountable for about a third of Parkland's funding, though the state's portion of funding has slipped in recent years. Cultra said at under \$100 dollars per credit hour the college's tuition was not too bad.

A couple of Parkland students took time to meet with delegates from other schools. Student Government Treasurer Simeon Pavlov met with his College of DuPage counterpart, the Student Leadership Council's Coordinator of Finance Ivana Milijic, who said about 10 of the Council's 45 members had come to represent the school. They also met the Council's President Allison Schraub who said she didn't feel like they were there to compete against other schools but on behalf of the community college system saying, "It's like a family."

Student Government President Stephanie Youseff, Treasurer Simeon Pavlov and Senior Senator Morgan Forrest are all outgoing members of the governing body. Youseff has had some lobbying experience and says she is captivated by the passion of professional politicians and considers it a possible future. Forrest says she has thought before of becoming a professional education lobbyist.

some people who are otherwise healthy.

Most importantly, like all flu bugs and the pandemics they've caused in this century, it's unpredictable.

"What we're seeing in the United States is a seasonal flu with a novel strain," said Kris Ehresmann, director of infectious disease at the Minnesota Department of Health. "Sometimes it feels like this is overkill. But you have to look at its potential."

Tuesday, nearly a week into the outbreak, at least seven people were in U.S. hospitals with swine flu. The number of cases nationwide rose to 64, new cases were reported in Israel and Spain, and a federal health official warned that deaths in the United States were likely. Most of the nation's confirmed cases were in New York, where the city health commissioner said "many hundreds" of children were ill at a school where several students had confirmed cases of swine flu. In all, seven countries have now reported cases of the new strain.

The puzzle is: What happens next?

What public health officials know is that, about twice a century on average, the influenza virus mutates to cause worldwide outbreaks.

What they don't fully understand is why, what triggers it, and why some versions are more lethal or more infectious than others.

Experts' worst fear is another pandemic like the 1918-1919 Spanish flu outbreak. It was unlike any infection before or since. It killed 650,000 Americans and 20 to 40 million around the world. It closed schools and dance halls and filled hospitals and graveyards. The highest mortality rates were among people aged 20 to 40 years. Most people who die from ordinary flu are the very young, the very old and those with chronic illnesses.

Like other pandemics, the one in 1918 came in waves lasting six to eight weeks, with varying degrees of severity.

Others occurring in the last century were minor in compar-

ison. The Asian flu outbreak in 1957 killed about a million people, as did the Hong Kong flu in 1968.

In more recent years health leaders have been terrified by some near misses. SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome, which is not a flu virus) killed 299 of the 1,755 people infected in 2003. Though the number of people infected was

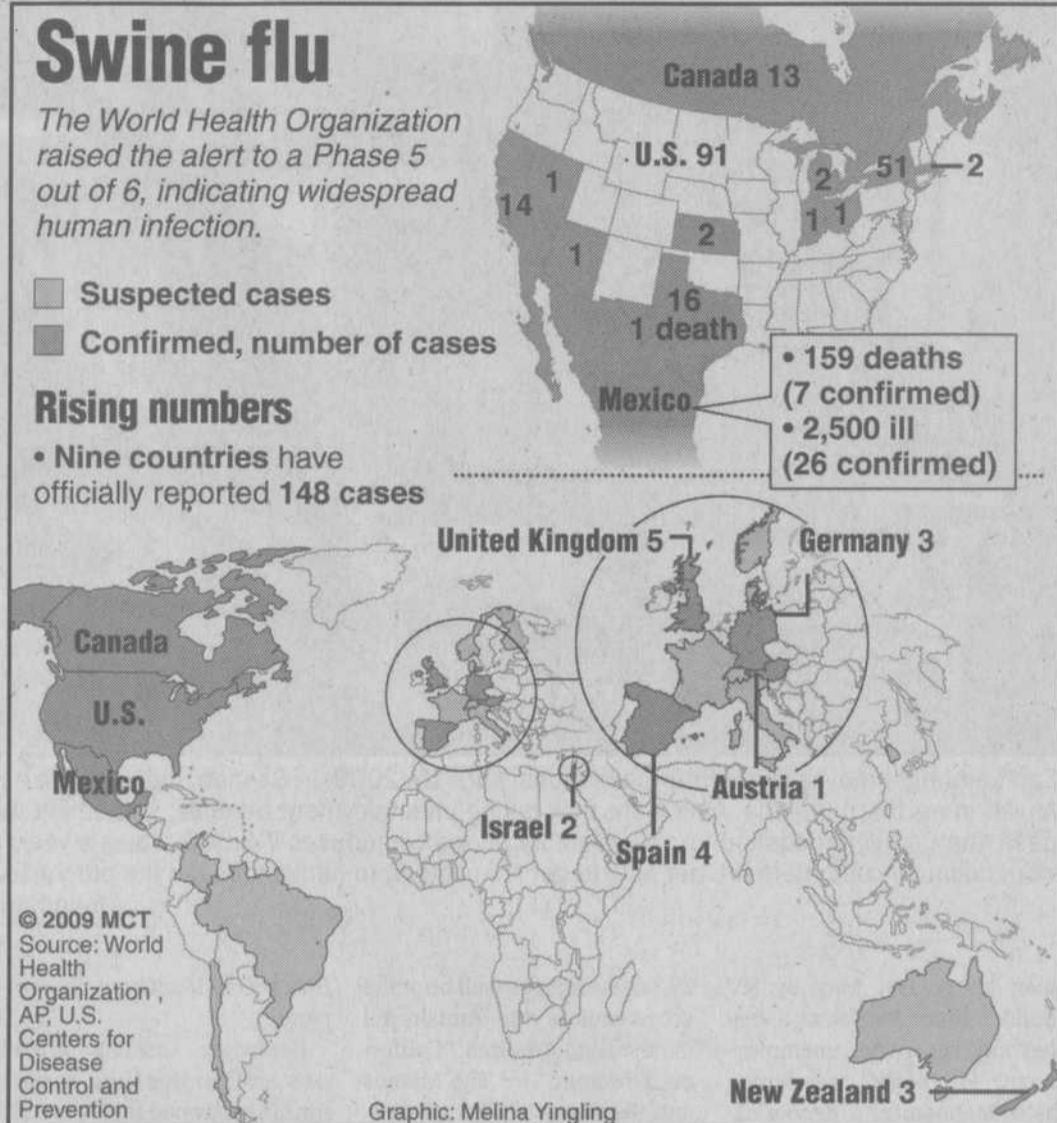
any outbreak that fizzled. In 1976 a novel virus was identified among recruits at Fort Dix, N.J., that at first was labeled "killer flu" because experts thought it was related to the Spanish flu. The prospect of another massive pandemic led to a mass vaccination campaign in the United States. In fact, the virus—later named "swine flu"—never

mutated and became much more dangerous within a span of months.

That's why health officials now are so concerned about the current outbreak in Mexico. Why has it led to significant fatalities there but not elsewhere? It's possible that Mexico is seeing a second wave, while the rest of the world is only now seeing its first.

"We are approaching the time when flu activity should be decreasing," said Jeff Bender, a professor at the University of

Minnesota's vet school who is studying how flu viruses cross between humans and animals. "Will this be the one that circulates (next winter), and will it be the same? Or will it have become something more virulent?"



relatively small, the death rate among those who contracted the infection was extremely high, shocking health leaders around the world.

That's why they have also anxiously been watching bird flu, the H5N1 influenza virus. It's highly virulent, killing 257 of the 421 people who have contracted it from birds so far. But in contrast with SARS or Spanish flu, it has shown very little ability to pass from person to person.

There was also one legend-

moved outside the Fort Dix area. Research later showed that had it spread, it would probably have been much less deadly than the Spanish flu.

"People need to recognize how diverse flu viruses are," said Marie Gramer, a clinical professor at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine who studies viruses shared by humans and animals.

Influenza can show up in dozens of different varieties that infect humans, birds, pigs,

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## Tracking flu outbreaks

Major outbreaks since 1900:

**1918 Spanish flu** sickens up to 40 percent of the world's population, killing more than 50 million; mortality rates unusually high among young adults

**1957 Asian flu** pandemic kills more than 1 million people worldwide, including almost 70,000 Americans; vaccine production begins

**1968 Hong Kong flu**, which was the mildest pandemic of the 20th century, kills 33,800 people; virus returns in 1970 and 1972

**1976 Swine flu** threat; concern that the virus was related to the 1918 virus led to massive vaccine campaign in the U.S.

**1977 Russian flu** threat; infections in young people worldwide led to pandemic fears

**1997 Avian flu**: first of several outbreaks, which are thought to have killed more than 250 people

**2002 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)** infects more than 8,000 people worldwide, killing 770

**2009 Swine flu** outbreak begins in Mexico, then spreads to other countries, causing concern

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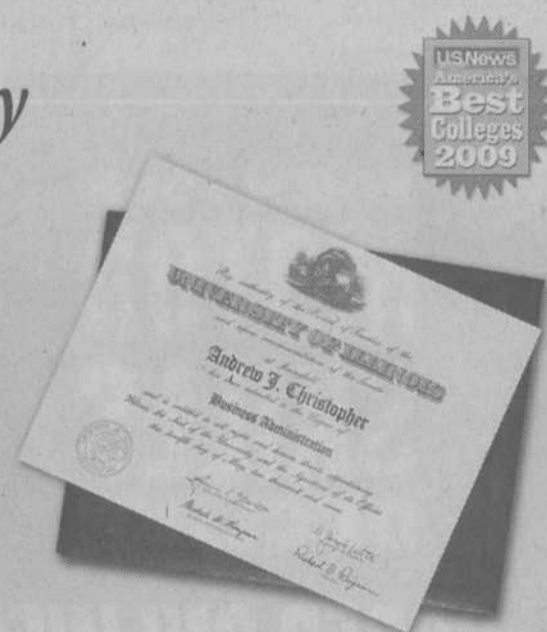
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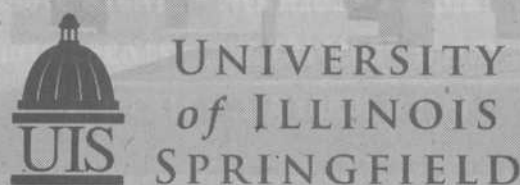
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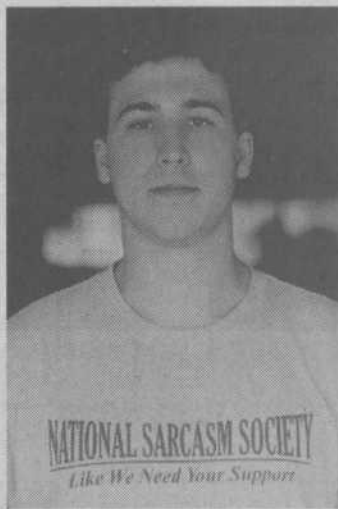
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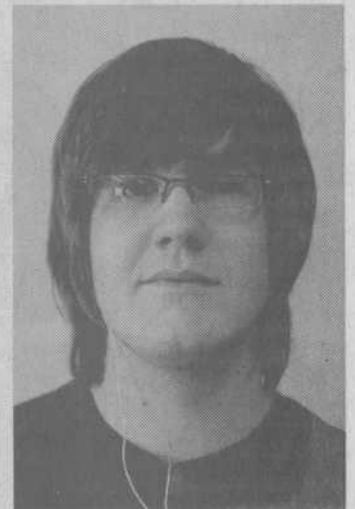
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## Boys of summer: Manly movies muscle into the multiplex

By JOE WILLIAMS  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Testosterone-fueled blockbusters are as American as baseball, but this summer might be the manliest movie season ever. Whether you've got peach fuzz or a beer belly, there's something on the movie menu to suit your appetite: Pre-historic comedies and futuristic war stories. Roaring '20s gangsters and fire-breathing robots. Romulans going ballistic, and nerds having sex. There's even a movie based on G.I. Joe.

Some might view this cave-man calendar as a step backward. Two summers ago, "The Devil Wears Prada" presumably stuck a pitchfork into the old wives' tale that grown women don't go to summer movies. Last year, female audiences flocked to event movies such as "Mamma Mia" and "Sex and the City." So what are this year's must-see chick flicks? Well, there's the one in which Meryl Streep plays Julia Child ("Julie and Julia") and, um, the latest "Harry Potter." If those choices don't speak to you, you might want to start studying Klingon.

### FILMS FOR BOYS OF ALL TYPES

Summer movies feature aliens, soldiers, mystics, gangsters and stuff that blows up.

#### FANBOYS

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine": This comic-book prequel cuts to the root of mutant Hugh Jackman's daddy issues, sibling rivalry, busted romance and rage-inducing hangnails. (May 1)

"Star Trek": Director J.J.

Abrams ("Lost") shows how a wayward lad from Iowa named Jim Kirk and a half-breed from Vulcan named Spock helped each other boldly go where no man had gone before. (May 8)

"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen": Shape-shifting battle-bots return to Earth, where they clash with kindly car-bots and demand that Shia LaBeouf stop making "Indiana Jones" movies. (June 24)

#### SOLDIER BOYS

"Terminator Salvation": Christian Bale is a wise emissary from the future who uses nonviolence to broker a peace treaty between the human race and misunderstood cyborgs. Or so we heard on the Internet. (May 21)

"G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra": Boomer boys' answer to Barbie turns into flesh-and-blood— not as

one guy, but as an elite squad of anti-terrorist commandos, none of whom are actually named Joe. Kinda defeats the purpose, right? (Aug. 7)

"Inglourious Basterds": In Quentin Tarantino's thematic follow-up to "Kill Bill," American GIs who flunked spelling

are sent behind Nazi lines with one objective: "Kill Adolf!" Starring Brad Pitt and (we swear) Mike Myers. (Aug. 21)

#### ADVENTURE BOYS

"Up": The animators at Pixar have found a character even more cuddly than a gourmet rat or a trash-picking robot: an 80-year-old man who takes

"Year One": Jack Black and Michael Cera are lazy hunter-gatherers who are banished from their primitive village and suffer a wicked craving for manna. (June 19)

#### BAD BOYS

"The Hangover": After a crazy bachelor party, forgetful pals wake up in a Vegas hotel

Depp plays gangster John Dillinger, reportedly because they share the same initials. Rumored next for Depp: "Rocky Mountain High: The Secret Life of John Denver." (July 1)

#### LOVER BOYS

"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past": Matthew McConaughey stars in the first romantic comedy of the season—the Christmas season—as a trio of female spirits show the hunky bachelor he's been an emotional Scrooge. (May 1)

"I Love You, Beth Cooper": Paul Rust is a nerdy valedictorian who declares his love for teen queen Hayden Panettiere— and is rewarded with the wildest night of his life. "Dungeons and Dragons," anyone? (July 10)

"(500) Days of Summer": Joseph Gordon-Levitt tries to prove to Zooey Deschanel that true love really exists. Day 2: the restraining order. (July 17)

#### FUNNY BOYS

"Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian": Hapless security guard Ben Stiller must break into the national

museum to save the teeny-tiny cowboy and Roman gladiator who mean more to him than his dignity. (May 22)

"Bruno": In the guise of an Austrian fashion reporter, Sacha Baron Cohen ("Borat") goes searching for homophobic Americans and manages to find some. (July 10)

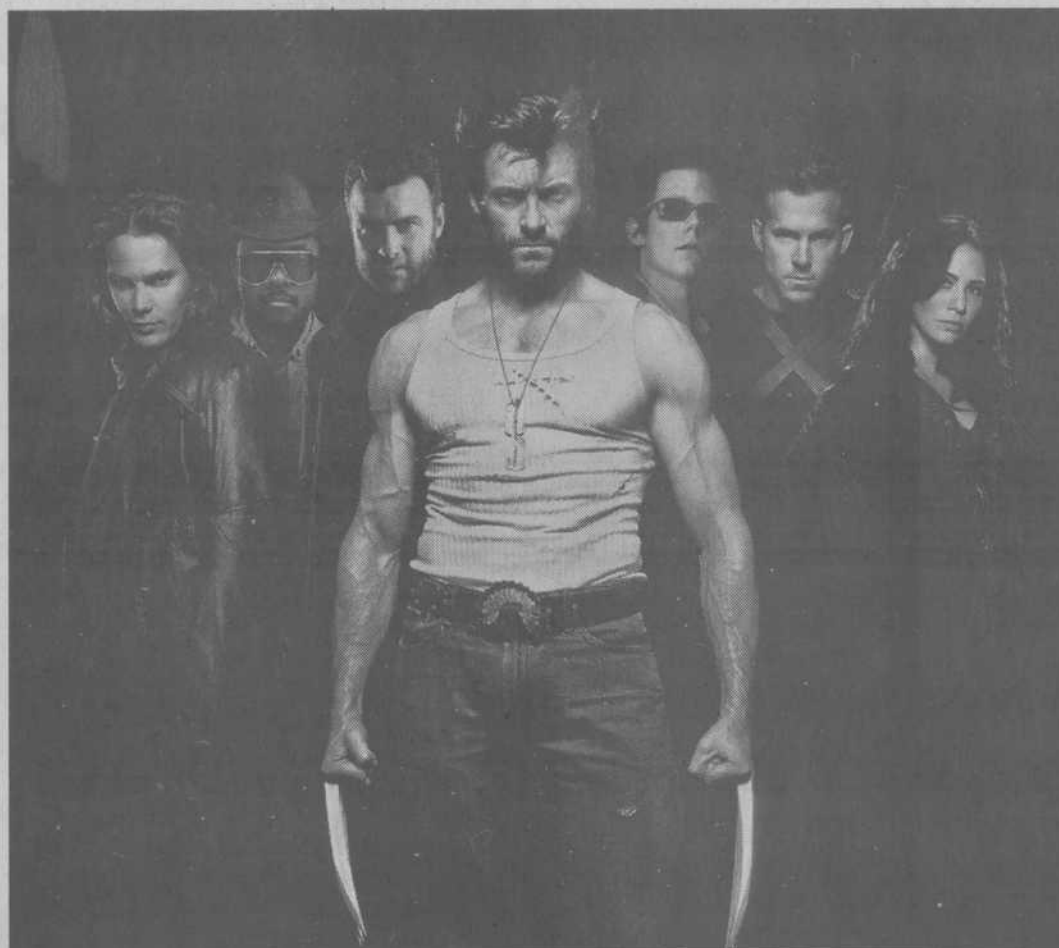
"Funny People": Adam Sandler is a comedian dying of cancer. In the movie, that is. In real life, it wouldn't be half as funny. (July 31)

#### WONDER BOYS

"Angels and Demons": In a prequel-turned-sequel to "The Da Vinci Code," Tom Hanks is a cryptologist who uses his white-hot brain power to penetrate an old boys club operating out of the Vatican. (May 15)

"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince": A typical English schoolboy seeks help with his homework, develops a crush on a classmate and battles the fiery overlord of hell. (July 15)

"The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus": Heath Ledger's final film, a time-travel fantasy directed by Terry Gilliam, is expected to debut at the Cannes Film Festival in May and ignite a bidding war. If the bidding war includes killer robots, we see a sequel for 2010. (TBD)



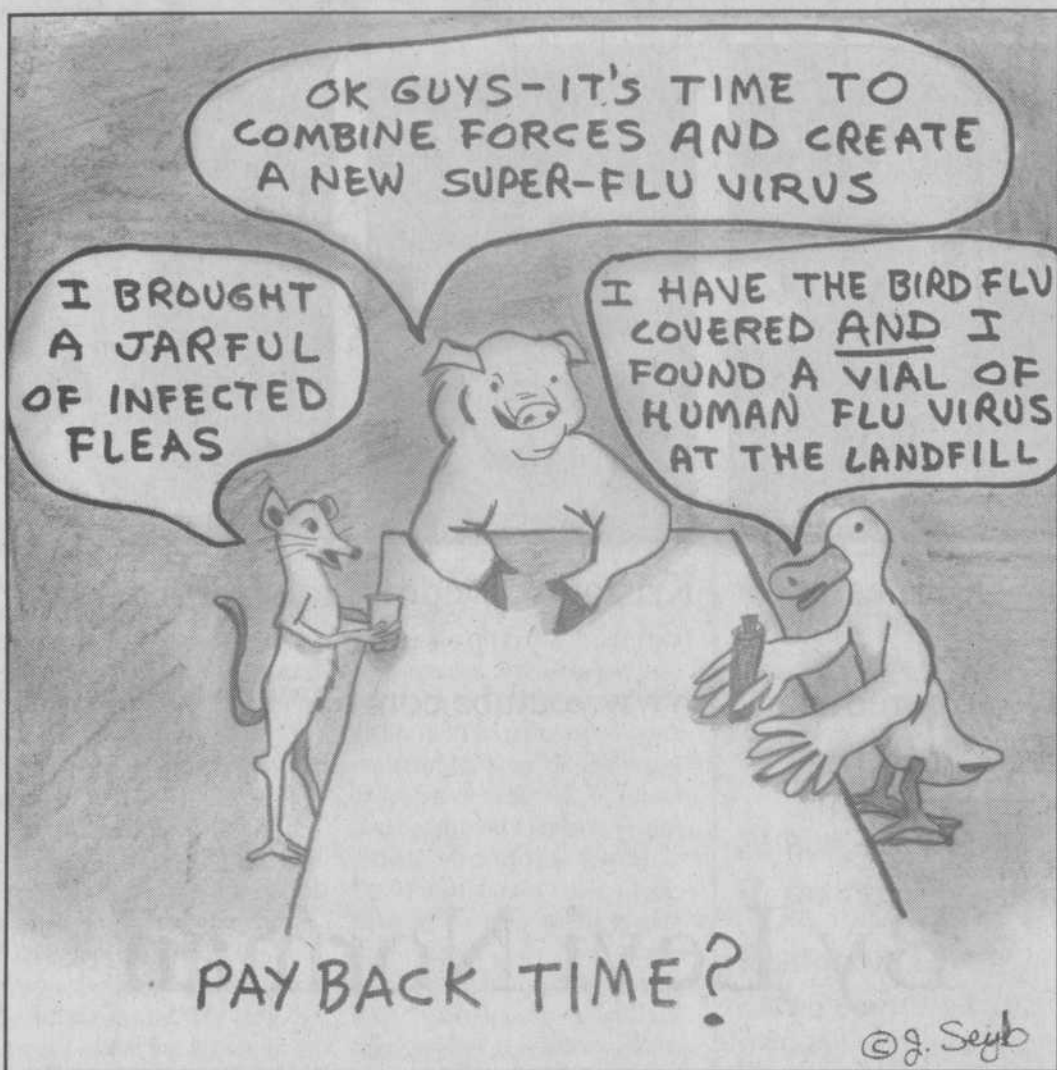
a Boy Scout hostage as they float with balloons to oblivion. Sure to be better than it sounds. (May 29)

"Land of the Lost": Will Ferrell is an oafish archaeologist who ventures to a prehistoric place where the dinosaurs don't get his jokes. (June 5)

room full of blood, a baby and a Bengal tiger. Think comedy. (June 5)

"The Taking of Pelham 123": In a remake of a '70s thriller, John Travolta hijacks a subway train—and heads straight for Funky Town. (June 12)

"Public Enemies": Johnny



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# Weather Forecast

**Thursday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. West southwest wind between 10 and 16 mph.  
**Friday:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. West northwest wind between 7 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.  
**Friday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. North northwest wind between 11 and 13 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.  
**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 66.  
**Sunday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.  
**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 69.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.  
**Wednesday:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74.

## Faded glory

GM has said that it will discontinue its Pontiac brand, the brand that in the '60s and '70s first defined the muscle car — cool, fast and loaded with sex appeal.

<p><b>1926</b> First Pontiac introduced after GM buys Oakland Motor Car Co. of Oakland, Mich.; first model is a six-cylinder roadster, Chief of the Sixes</p> <p><b>1940s</b> Builds for the military during World War II</p> <p><b>1957</b> John DeLorean heads up engineering; Pontiac introduces the Bonneville at Daytona</p> <p><b>1959</b> Crafts an all-new body design, giving birth to "wide track," and introduces its trademark split grille</p>	<p><b>1964</b> Introduces the legendary GTO, named by DeLorean after Ferrari's Gran Turismo Omologato; inspires drag races, car clubs, the Beach Boys' tune and more</p> <p><b>1967</b> The Firebird debuts</p> <p><b>1969</b> The Grand Prix and the Firebird Trans Am</p> <p><b>1973</b> The Grand Am</p> <p><b>1974</b> First fuel crisis hits, and Pontiac sales drop by a third as drivers trade gas-guzzling performance cars for smaller, more fuel-efficient ones</p>	<p><b>Recent years</b> Attempts to revive performance cars fail; market share among GM brands now less than 10 percent</p>
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### ACROSS

- Role in "Brothers & Sisters"
- Bernie, for one
- Harris and O'Neill
- Diminish gradually
- Guadalajara gold
- Tom Hanks' age
- Tom Ryan
- "Little Women" author's initials
- "Land's \_\_\_" (1995-96)
- "Desperate Housewives" role
- "\_\_\_ Spies" (2002-04)
- Go quickly
- 1995-2005 crime drama series
- "\_\_\_-12" (1968-75)
- QR forerunners
- "Jane \_\_\_"; '96 Anna Paquin film
- FBI crime lab evidence
- Pierce
- "\_\_\_ John" (1988-92)
- "The Longest \_\_\_"; 1974 Burt Reynolds movie
- Units of time: abbr.
- Prefix for taste or trust
- "Viva \_\_\_ Vegas"
- 43 Role on "NCIS"

### DOWN

- \_\_\_ a one; none
- "\_\_\_ House" (1989-90)
- Actor Auberjohois and others
- "Queen of Soul"
- "The \_\_\_"; reality series since '01
- "Brothers in \_\_\_"; 2005 David Carradine movie
- 1989-97 series set at a school
- "\_\_\_ Hour"
- Pet for the Flintstones
- Caesar, for one
- "\_\_\_ Death"
- "The Famous \_\_\_ Z" (1989-90)
- Goals
- Role on "The West Wing"
- Certain vote
- "The \_\_\_"; '67 Dustin Hoffman film
- Santa \_\_, CA
- Actress Gibbs
- Boatman's item
- Network for "Bill Moyers Journal"
- Mr. Close
- Most-watched series of the 1983-84 season
- "Dark \_\_\_" (1996-97)
- Piece of playground equipment
- Martin, for one
- Times past
- "Hit Me, Baby, One \_\_\_ Time"
- 1986-91 series for Clifton Davis
- "\_\_\_ It and Weep"; '06 TV movie
- High-speed Internet letters
- "George & \_\_\_" (1997-98)

### Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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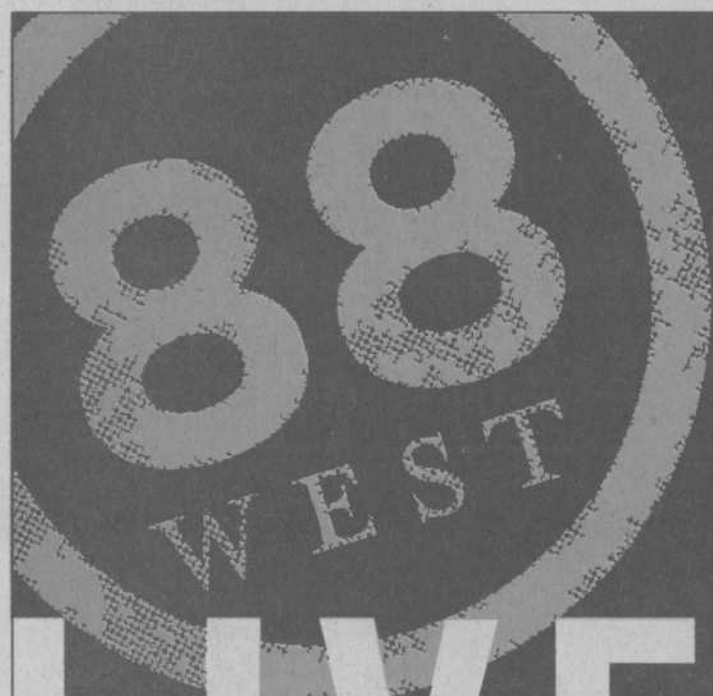
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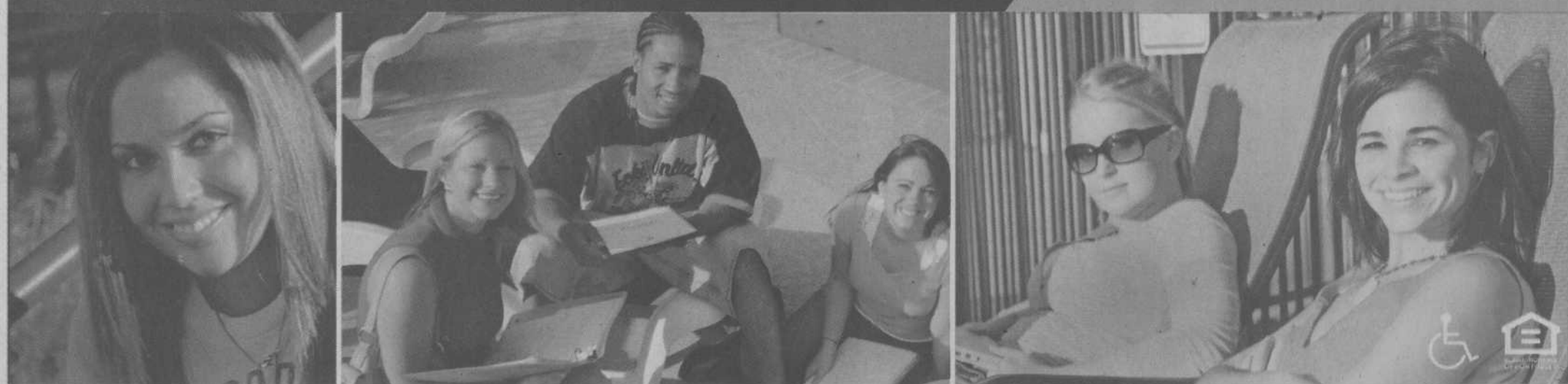


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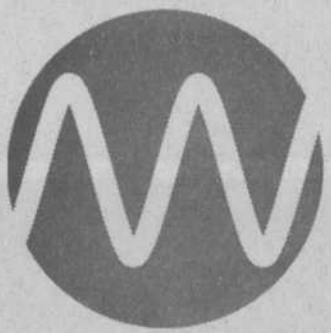
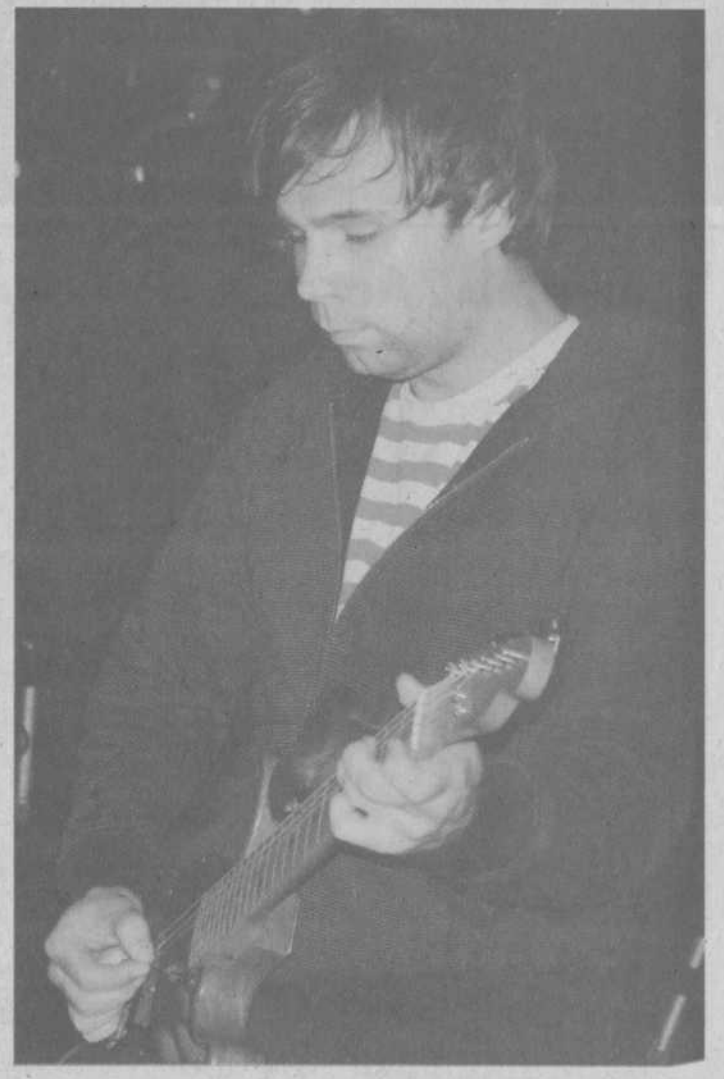
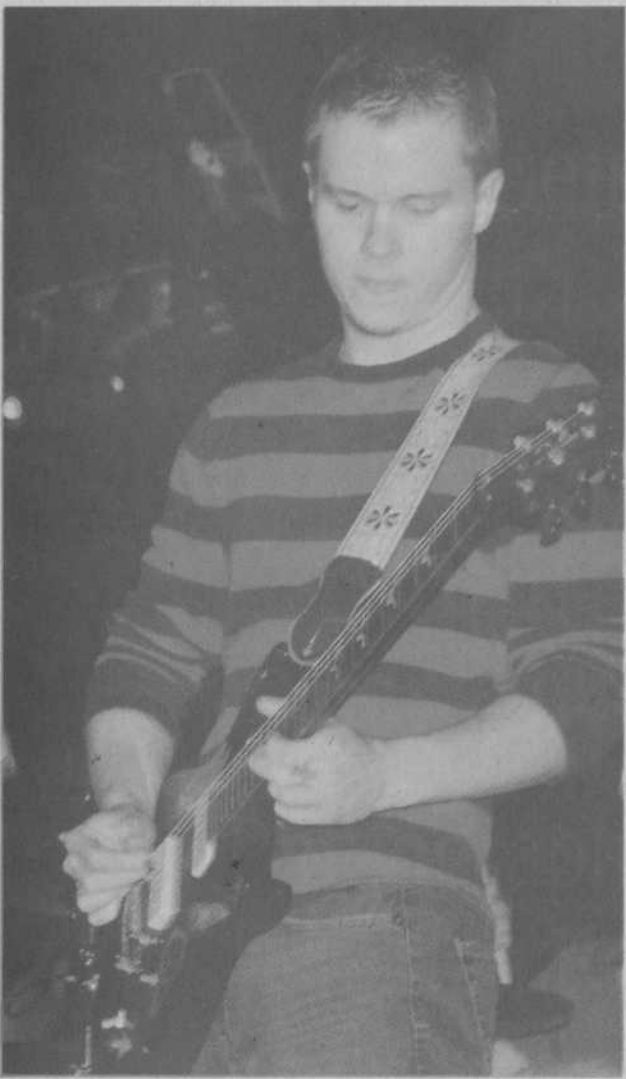
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