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## **CHUCK SHEPHERD'S NEWS OF THE WEIRD**

By CHUCK SHEPHERD Lead Story

In August, a Roman Catholic bishop in the Netherlands, Martinus Muskens, suggested that Christians start referring to God as "Allah" as a way of relieving world tensions. "Allah is a very beautiful word . ... What does God care what we call him? It is our problem." A priest in Rome said Muskens' intentions were good, "but his theology needs a little fine-tuning." Muskens said he spent eight years in Indonesia, where Catholic priests used "Allah" during Mass.

#### **Government in Action!**

•Bookkeepers Wanted: (1) Pentagon investigators discovered in August that a small South Carolina company fraudulently collected \$20.5 million in shipping costs, including one invoice of \$999,798 for sending two washers (cost: 19 cents each) to a base in Texas. According to Bloomberg News, the Defense Department was said to have a policy of automatically and unquestioningly paying shipping bills labeled "priority." (2) The Senate Finance Committee found in April that more than 450,000 federal employees and retirees owe back federal income taxes (totaling about \$3 billion), including almost 5 percent of the employees and retirees of the U.S. Tax Court.

•Bureaucrats Being Bureaucrats: (1) About 30 Iowa school districts had their funding applications for preschool grants tossed out in September, the state Department of Education said, because the paperwork was not double-spaced, as required. (2) In August, the Palestinian Authority admitted that, after Hamas violently split from the government in mid-June, civil servants nonetheless failed to act quickly and thus in July continued to pay the salaries of about 3,000 Hamas security officers (who were formerly PA employees, but who by then were fighting the PA).

•JaneBalogh,66, was informed in September that she will not be prosecuted for defrauding elections officials in Seattle, despite having illegally registered her dog, Duncan M. MacDonald, to vote. Balogh, protesting how easy officials have made it for people to vote illegally, put her home phone account in Duncan's name, which is all the proof required for registration, then signed him up, and when an absentee ballot arrived, she went public about her scheme. However, despite the public confession, Duncan continued to be sent official absentee ballots for the two subsequent election cycles.

#### **Police Blotter**

•Just Say No: In September, police in Hertfordshire, England, stood fast under criticism for their program of placing posters around the area reading, "Don't Commit Crime." Said a police spokeswoman, "If stating the obvious helps to reduce crime or has any impact at all, we will do it." (The police also installed signs at gas stations: "All Fuel Must Be Paid For.")

•People Who Are Messes: (1) Tommy Tester, 58, minister of Gospel Baptist Church in Bristol. Va., was arrested in July after he allegedly urinated at a car wash, in front of children and police officers, while wearing a skirt. (Police said alcohol was involved.)(2) Catherine Delgado, 35, was arrested in Annapolis, Md., in August after she appeared, smudged with fudge, in a hotel lobby around midnight with "large slabs of fudge bulging out of her pockets" (according to a Washington Post story). A police officer later checked a nearby Fudge Kitchen store and found the door inexplicably open and a large display quantity missing from the front window. (Police said alcohol was involved, along with fudge.)

#### News That Sounds Like a Joke

At about 9 p.m. on Aug. 23, a fire broke out in the Comedy Zone nightclub in West Knoxville, Tenn., right in the middle of an act in which a hypnotist had just placed 10 audience members into a trance. However, despite an "everyone for himself" attitude that typically marks such emergencies, the 10 hypnotized subjects somehow managed to make it out of the club safely.

#### People With Too Much Money

The adolescent offspring of some well-to-do parents are serious art collectors, according to a September Wall Street Journal report, and their interest appears not to be motivated solely by parents' strategies to shield income from the tax collector. Ms. Dakota King, 9, for example, owns 40 pieces and specializes in animals and "happy colors." Ms. Shammiel Fleischer-Amoros, 10, who admitted, "Tm really scared, but Daddy told me I have to negotiate," succeeded in getting \$200 knocked off of a \$3,200 sculpture she really wanted. An 11-year-old last year "waved a paddle" to win a \$352,000 Jeff Koons sculpture.

#### Obsessions

Just when Internet newspaper sites appear to be gaining ground as replacements for printed editions, a 70-year-old woman identified only as Maggie told the Edmonton (Alberta) Sun in September that her paper edition of the Sun is a crucial part of her daily diet, literally. She eats it, in strips, and has, she said, for the past seven years because it tastes good. "I can't explain it," she said, and it was only when she recently experienced a blockage of her esophagus, and doctors found a ball of paper, that she revealed her obsession. Doctors cited by the Sun said that except for the blockage danger, newspaper eating is not unhealthful.

#### Least Competent Criminals

Too Puny for a Life of Crime: Keith Bellanger, 20, failed in his attempted burglary in Duluth, Minn., in September when homeowner Wayne Boniface, age 69, walked in and beat him up so thoroughly that Bellanger had all his clothes ripped off trying to get away. And in Bay Shore, N.Y., in September, a 32-year-old man wielding a tire iron, who was attempting to mug Bruce Ferraro, 74, on the street, was forced to abandon the job and run for it when Ferraro, after a struggle, took the iron away from him. (The mugger was captured by police nearby when his car stalled.)

#### **Recurring Themes**

Some Americans continue to prefer to "do it themselves" to get rid of pests on their property, with tragic results. In June, Mike Harstad of Jamestown, Calif., attempting to eliminate a wasps' nest with a can of Pledge and a cigarette lighter, ultimately burned down his mobile home and contents and destroyed an outbuilding. a truck, a boat and a trailer. In August, a Whitehall, Pa., man, William Sekol, 82, attempting to destroy a yellow jackets' nest beneath a storm sewer grate in his front yard, put a dried tree over the grate, doused it with gasoline, and lit it (supposedly to suffocate the yellow jackets underneath). However, some gasoline ran into the sewer, where its fumes combusted. In the resulting explosion, Sekol's mustache and eyebrows were singed.

#### **Undignified Deaths**

Surprisingly Complicated: A 24-year-old woman in Lawrenceville, Ga. (in July), and a 59-year-old woman in Lincolnton, N.C. (in August), were killed after failing to negotiate driver's-side devices allowing them entrance to, respectively, a gated parking lot and an automatic car wash. The Georgia woman had leaned out her window to insert a card into the gate-opening machine when her car lurched forward and pinned her head between the car and the door. The North Carolina woman had reached out her open car door to punch in a code for the wash when her car lurched forward, similarly pinning her head. (Police in both cases said that the cars should have been in Park.)

(Visit Chuck Shepherd daily at http://NewsoftheWeird.blogspot.com or www.Newsofthe-Weird.com. Send your Weird News to WeirdNewsTips@ yahoo.com or P.O. Box 18737, Tampa, FL 33679.)

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## Local/Parkland **Clueless for Thanksgiving?** Thanksgiving 144

#### By STEPHANIE GOMEZ, BETH VOIGT, AND DANIEL KOLB Prospectus Staff Writers

Are you finding a difficult time finding out what to do with yourself this Thanksgiving? If you are feeling you need to get out of the house and lend a helping hand, here are a few things that are coming up for the remaining month of November.

#### Thanksgiving volunteering:

Eastern Illinois Foodbank is looking for volunteers on Tuesday or Friday mornings to help box items for the warehouse. For more info, call 328-3663.

•St. Jude Catholic Worker House: Soup Kitchen

-317 S. Randolph St Champaign

Help prepare and serve meals to homeless guests and anyone who comes in to eat lunch. For more information, please con-tact Leigh Estabrook at leighe@ uiuc.edu or call (217) 398-2413.

•Housing Authority of Champaign County-Education to Work Program

Volunteers will assist high school seniors with homework and help provide tutoring and supervision on field trips. Five volunteers are needed during after school and morning hours on weekdays. For more information, contact Elizabeth Mosley at 217-378-7100.

•American Red Cross-General Office Volunteers

-404 Ginger Bend Drive Champaign

Volunteers are needed to help answer phones. Training and orientation are provided. Please contact Megan Galey at 217-351-5861.

 Habitat for Humanity **ReStore Volunteer Orientation** -119 E University St Champaign

Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers for our ReStore. Volunteers assist in all store duties, including customer service, pricing and displaying, pick ups and deliveries, and cashiering. All proceeds go to building more homes in Champaign County. To get involved, please attend our 45-minute orientation. All ReStore orientations begin on the main floor of the store. For more information, a current ReStore orientation schedule, or to RSVP for an orientation, please contact Courtney at 355-6460 x116 or email volunteer@cuhabitat.org.

#### For Thanksgiving donations:

•Community-Kid-Link outreach program "Warm-A-Kid" Drive

Donate new or cleaned/gently used coats, boots, hats and gloves through December 3

Champaign Unit 4 School District

Marshall K. Berner Family **Information Center** 405 East Clark St.

Champaign, IL 61820 For more info. call 351-3701

Urbana High School Senate (217) 384-3505 E 36. October 15th-October 27th, 2007. Email:uhsstudentsenate@ yahoo.com

-1002 S. Race Street, Urbana, 61801

Eastern Illinois Foodbank Virtual Food Drive-http://www. eifoodbank.org/Donations/givingSupport.htm or call to donate: (217) 328-3663.

#### Holiday events:

•Toddler Fun-Thanksgiving Cookie Feast at the Urbana Free Library

-210 W. Green, Urbana on Wednesday Nov 14, 2007, 10:30am to 11am.

•Holiday Gathering at Sleepy Creek Vineyardson Thursday Nov 15, 2007, 3pm to 8pm

-8254 E. 1425 N. Road, Fairmount.

#### Parades (watch on TV!):

Chicago's Thanksgiving Day Parade

http://www.chicagofestivals. org/

Thursday, November 22, 2007, 8:30 am Chicage, Illinois

America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit

Thursday, November 22, 10:00 am

http://www.theparade.org/ parade

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

http://www.macys.com/campaign/parade/parade.jsp

Thursday, November 22, 2007, 9:00 am

New York, New York

•Family Holiday Pictures with the Reindeer—Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington, Sunday Nov. 18, 2007. 1pm to 3pm and Saturday Nov 24, 2007, 1pm to 3pm

•Turkey Shoot-Savoy Recreation Center, 402 Graham Drive, Savoy, IL, on Monday Nov. 19, 2007, 6:30pm to 9pm

•40th Annual Turkey Trot-Crystal Lake Park, November 22, 2007, 8am-9am.

•RidgeRoadTreeFarm-1128 County Road 1500 E, Urbana. On various dates from Saturday, Nov 17, 2007, to Monday, Dec 24, 2007 8am-5pm.

•A "Champaign" Holiday Evening with Pauli Carman and Guests

Virginia Theatre Friday, November 30, 7:30

\$10 reserved seating, \$25 VIP with pre-party at Jim Gould's

•Turkey Skate

U of I Ice Arena

Friday, November 23, 11:30-2:00 pm or 7:00-9:00 pm

"Receive a free skate rental by participating in our coloring contest!'

•The Nutcracker: Opening Night Celebration-Krannert Center's Tryon Festival Theatre, 500 S. Goodwin, Urbana, on Friday Nov 30, 2007, at 7:30pm

#### Food:

•Annual Fried Chicken Dinner

Thomasboro Community Building Sunday November 18, 11:00-

1:30 pm Suggested donations - Adults

\$8, Children \$5. For more info call Pat at 217-643-3265

Thanksgiving Buffet

Famous Dave's

1900 Round Barn Rd. Champaign

Thursday, November 22, 10:30-2:30pm

\$16.95 adults, 9 and under 1/2 price

Reservations preferred, call 403-1166

## **Years of Evolved** Tradition

#### **By BRIANA STODDEN** Prospectus Photography Editor

Thanksgiving-or Turkey day-is a time of heartwarming traditions acted out year after year by North American citizens everywhere. Such traditions might include: eating a large meal with your family until you are forced to loosen a notch in your belt, then watching the NFL with a six-pack, or playing games such as football or poker.

'I believe in the three F's of Thanksgiving: Family, Fun, and Football" said Sam, a resident of Champaign. But where you may ask did these traditions come from?

Most of these traditional meals include the prize Turkey but for some in the southern regions of the United States they serve what is known as a Turducken. This dish is comprised of de-boned turkey stuffed with a de-boned duck, which is then stuffed with a small de-boned chicken leaving only the small gaps which are filled with a highly seasoned breadcrumb mixture or sausage meat, although some versions have a different stuffing for each bird.

These meal traditions are falsely believed to have originated from the historical meal between the pilgrims of the Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Indians in the autumn of 1621. Although turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie were not served at that historical meal, these dishes continue to be spread on the table ever year-but the origin of this common thanksgiving feast is unknown.

Canada celebrated this holiday long before we did. For them Thanksgiving begins the second Monday in October and lasts three to four days depending on the region. The history of Thanksgiving in Canada is derived from an explorer, Martin Frobisher, who tried to find a northern passage to the Orient. In the year 1578, he held a formal ceremony to give thanks for surviving the long journey. Canadians also have a meal with

family but serve theirs on any of the three to four days of celebration.

The origins of the American holiday began November 1863 with the country divided in civil war. President Lincoln, prompted from letters written by Sarah Josepha Hale, proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day, to show our gratitude to God for the blessings bestowed upon a nation in chaos.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union." said Lincoln in his proclamation.

So here we are 144 years later enjoying the traditions that evolved from a number of both facts and myths. So what can we be thankful for this year? A loved one returning from the war in Iraq? A break from our daily routine of work or school? Getting the opportunity to eat a meal other than Ramen and Diet Coke? Whatever you are grateful for, Thanksgiving has and will be the day to partake of its goodness. So Parkland, go forth and enjoy the weekend.

# Local/Parkland Dealing with the family on Turkey Day

#### **By BETH VOIGT** Prospectus Staff Writer

Ah, the holidays-time for a much-needed break from school, work, and everyday life. A few days off of school (although not as much as the U of I), some time to relax and just forget about the stress and petty annoyances that accompany most of the "normal" days of the year.

For many of us, however, this break is not an escape at all. Holiday expectations often involve a pile of emotional baggage that exceeds most airlines' weight limits as we travel back to the old homestead, host our own family in our suddenly toosmall house, or just sit home alone wondering how much fun everyone else is having.

For those of us involved in a family gathering of some kind, holiday traditions can be a welcome routine or a dreaded chore. Regardless of how we anticipate seeing old Aunt Margery at the annual visit, someone in the family inevitably shows up at the door with a very specific idea of how things "should" be.

And so we come to our first rule for dealing with your family at holiday gatherings: Don't expect perfection. The pie may your guests.

burn, Uncle Ed may tell endless fart jokes, or the dog may sample the turkey while your back is turned, but these are the stories you'll be telling next year and into the next decade. There is no "perfect" Thanksgiving ... or any other holiday, for that matter.

The next "rule" for getting along at family gatherings is: Know what you're getting into. These people are your family, for crying out loud! It's not as if you're dining with a dozen nosy strangers, so you can be prepared for their quirks. Unfortunately, the only behavior you can control is your own, so take this opportunity to practice your people skills on your forgiving family.

You know that someone's going to ask you when you're going to find a partner/get married/have kids, so come up with a few clever ways to change the subject. You know that Cousin Steve spits when he talks, so try to sit a few seats away. And if you're inviting a guest from outside the family, let them know what's up! It's only fair ... you don't want to deal with your family's issues yourself, so don't spring 'em unannounced on

In addition to knowing what to expect, you should also plan an escape. Even if it's just a mad dash into the kitchen for a breather and a delicious bev-

erage, figure out how to make

a graceful exit if (or when) you



just can't take it any more.

If you're the host, stake out. a part of your house off-limits to guests, and suggest specific times for guests to arrive and depart before the big day. Some guests may need a stronger suggestion than others in order to get them to leave before the New Year, so act accordingly.

If you're a guest, let your family know your plans for the rest of the day so they're not surprised when you get up to leave. This is admittedly easier if you ing hours (or days!) your family

attend with a partner who has

their own family to visit, but

even singles could potentially

treat the holiday as a date-gone-

wrong by having a friend call

For those of us who know that

we will inevitably be spend-

ing the entire day with cous-

ins we haven't seen since last

winter, the rule is to plan, plan,

plan. While football often reigns

supreme on Thanksgiving, even

TiVo cannot provide enough

distraction and entertainment

for three generations of people

over the course of the remain-

with an "emergency."

will spend together. Bring activities. Plan games. Get out of the house for a movie, a snowball fight (if you're far enough north), or even just a walk. Divide up the group, and agree to meet back at the house later. Set food in various places around the house to encourage mingling, or just set a huge bowl of Cheez-Its next to Uncle Milt so you know where he'll be when you need to hear his story about the cows again.

And even if Uncle Milt runs out of Cheez-Its and invades the sanctuary of your kitchen to regale you with bovine tales, try to be nice. Compliment the cook. Offer to help with the dishes. Throw some extra cash into the tip pile if you've gone out to eat. Being nice makes people smile, and smiling makes people happy, and happy people make a happy Thanksgiving.

And in addition to the Be Nice rule, there is also the Don't Be Mean rule. Nobody wants the only time they spend with family all year to be full of scolding and criticism, so don't pester your sister about when she's going to finish school or make snide comments about your sonin-law's finances-especially not in front of the entire extended family at the table, unless you really want to make everyone dread your appearance at Thanksgiving next year.

If all else fails and you believe that your family is simply unbearable, simply bow out this year. Stay home and make your own favorite meal, or organize a get-together with friends who aren't traveling. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or a shelter and do some good instead of complaining about your cousins all weekend. Or just eat so much turkey that you fall asleep in the best chair in the house ... it always works for Grandpa.



## **Local/Parkland PROSPECTUS -Fine Turkey Day Bites**

#### By KATHLEEN SERINO Prospectus Staff Writer

If you're looking for some delicious dishes to add to your Thanksgiving menu, here are some mouthwatering recipes courtesy of students Bridget Taylor, Briana Stodden and a few tasty tips from yours truly.

#### Bridget Taylor's Homemade Noodles

"The recipe itself is so special to me since my mom is the one who makes it, but it is also, special because as a family we make it together [Taylor and her sisters help cut the dough into strips] and always have fun having flour wars with each other!"

Ingredients

2 c flour 1 egg plus 3 egg yolks 1 tsp salt ½ c water plus ¼ tsp water

Instructions

Sift flour into a pile and create a well in the center of it. Mix in eggs and salt. Add the water to the well one-tablespoon at a time until everything is incorporated. The dough should be stiff, but easy to roll. Roll out the dough and cut into strips.

Let the strips of dough dry for two hours. Bring three quarts of salted water to a boil and add the dough strips. Boil for five to seven minutes. Season however you like and enjoy!

Taylor also advises readers to, "Always give yourself plenty of time to cook everything. It is no fun being stressed about cooking on Thanksgiving." It's important to remember

It's important to remember if you want your Thanksgiving feast to run smoothly, preparing foods like your deserts and side dishes in advance will allow from a stress-free holiday. If you're more comfortable with making everything the morning of, organizing ingredients the night before can also work to your advantage.

Briana Stodden's

#### Hellmann's® Potato Salad

"We make this every year at Thanksgiving and my mom's sweet pickles just make it to die for. I guess it's special because it reminds me of my family and I've really never found a potato salad that tastes better."

#### Ingredients

1 c reduced fat mayonnaise 1 tsp salt	
5 medium potatoes, cooked and cubed	
1/3 c chopped onion 1 tbsp vinegar ¼ tsp pepper	
1 c sliced celery 1 c sweet, diced pickles (a Stodden family touch)	

#### Instructions

In a large bowl combine mayonnaise dressing, vinegar, salt and pepper. Add remaining ingredient and mix well. Cover, chill for 30 minutes, and enjoy!

If you're short on time, Stodden also suggests using small, canned potatoes. "It tastes great and saves on cooking time," she says.

#### **Juicy Tips**

Turkey never turns our perfectly? For a failsafe mouthwatering Tom, brining him the day before makes for the juiciest of birds.

To brine is to completely submerge and saturate something in salt and water. Do you eat canned olives? Well, they're all hanging out in brine, as well. Now don't be alarmed, saltwater is not the only component of your brine. In fact, you can create flavorful Thanksgiving brine by simply adding your own herbs and spices. Here's how.

It's good to use a turkey weighing anywhere between 12 and 16 pounds. To your brine, you may want to add ingredients such as vegetable or turkey stock, sugar, allspice, onion, garlic, and oils. Just be sure to boil all of this together before adding lots of ice water (enough to immerse the bird).

Preparing your brine the day before is a wonderful idea because your fine, now featherless friend has time to tenderize overnight. The turkey should be thawed before soaking it in the bath (a deep pot with a lid will do). Store in a cool place like a refrigerator, cooler, or basement. Turn the turkey one time, about halfway through the process, which could be right before you go to bed.

Before officially cooking your marinated masterpiece, remove the bird from the brine, rinse it inside and out with cold water, and dispose of the liquid.

You can also infuse your turkey with holiday aromatics like cinnamon, rosemary sprigs, sage leaves, etc... Remember, the fresher your ingredients the more savory your turkey will be. These ingredients can all be placed inside the bird before cooking. Now it is ready to be roasted, deep-fried, grilled, smoked, or whatever your preference. Enjoy and have a happy Thanksgiving!

## "Laughing Stock: Parkland Does Comedy"

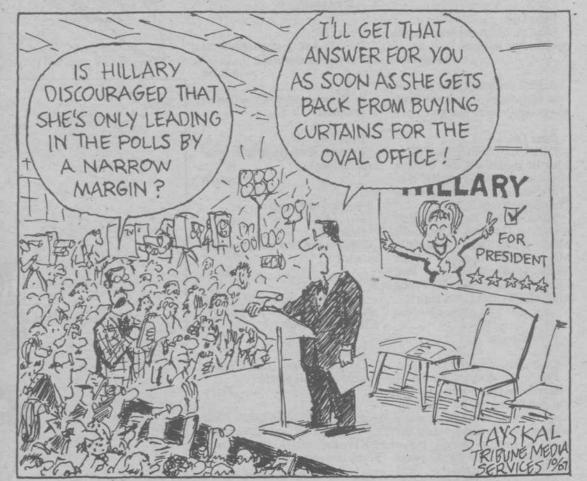
#### By MANDY ROBINSON Prospectus Staff Writer

November 11 marked the last curtain call for the Parkland Theatre's production of Charles Stock. 'Laughing Morey's The play also marked Thom Schnarre's third production for Parkland, and was noteworthy for being the first Schnarre-directed play not to feature major script changes. Many of the slight variances that could be observed in the performance were actually a product of the actor's interpretations of the characters, some fast-working scenery gurus, and the production staff's consideration for the audience.

With a play like 'Laughing Stock' which focuses around a fledgling New England acting troupe, it is very easy for the jokes to lose punch with theater novices. "There was definitely something to be gained from knowledge of theater with this comedy," said Thom Schnarre. Through the course of the play, the company goes through a summer repertoire of "Dracul: Prince of Darkness" (character Gordon Page's own interpretation of Dracula. changed just enough to avoid royalties), Shakespeare's "Hamlet", and "Charley's Aunt."

The play invariably hit a peak during the company production of Dracul—with Tyler Taylor (Rob Zaleski) as a very eccentric version of Dracula, and Tyler's lover Mary Tucker (Rachel Ladd) as Mina. As Dracula was the most universally known play of the set, it was the

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## **Local/Parkland** Ask DK Anything

#### By DANIEL KOLB Prospectus Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: DK is a columnist for the Prospectus and finds answers to your questions, no matter what—as long as there's nothing overtly naughty or inappropriate.]

Dear DK:

Is it true you play as Donkey Kong on Super Smash Brothers?

-Shane

A: I don't know what you're talking about at all. I mean what's Super Smash Brothers it sounds rather silly and..... alright fine yes I do and there is nothing wrong with it. Press B for a windup punch.

Dear DK:

What if there was no moon? —Matt

A: Then there would be no cheese. Where do you think cheese come from? Cows? Cows themselves are a lie that is perpetrated by the media, the truth is it's all in the moon, Matt!

Dear DK:

I find that I cannot bear stupid people. Any advice? —Alexander

A: Well evidently your mother was successful at the endeavor, so my advice is to just give up.

#### Dear DK:

DUUUUUUUUUUUDezZZZ I luv ur colum wat doo U think aboot the "Music is my BF"??? it's like an Ipod ad and OMG

I'm going to sing it, k? Music Is My Boyfriend!!1!!!

Music is My Boyrrendi'!!!! Music is My Dead eNnnnD!!! Music Is My Dead eNnnnD!!! Music My Imagery Frnd Music Is My King Sise Bed Music Is Where I Meet My Frnds Music Is My Hot Hawt Hair!! <3-Jess

#### A: I hate you.

#### Dear DK:

I'm in a deep dilemma. I believe I've found someone and I'm beginning to fall for him, likewise he's feeling the same way too. We've been dating for about a month though we've known each other for 10 years but the connection then was just a greet or 'hello'. The probdivorced. My marriage lasted 6 months and I don't have any children. I wanted to be honest and tell him the truth since we started dating but on the other hand I'm so afraid of losing him. How can I confess the truth to him without hurting him and yet make him accept who I am? When will be the most suitable time for that? I've failed in my first relationship and I don't want to be disappointed again. I'm so deeply in love with him. —Claudia

lem is he does not know that I'm

A: Claudia my advice to you is to tell him while he's on the John or when he's passed out on the couch with Chili Cheese Dip running down his chin, watching the Bears Game. But the best is while he's asleep just bust out like one of those old Chinese Gongs and then tell him. Works every time I've tried it.

Dear DK:

What is the most awkward word to scream at someone doing intimate moments? —Jason

#### A: STAMPEDE!

Dear DK: Do you find a good game of Chess to be beautiful?

A: Depends on how the Queen is sculpted.

-Adrian

Dear DK: Is there something that transcends love? —Lucian

A: yes, Stupidity.

Dear DK: What is the best song to make

love to?

—Lucas

A: In your case I recommend searching YouTube for "Benny Hill Theme Song".

Dear DK: Do you believe doppelgangers exist in this world?

—Jerry

A: No. Yes! No I said... Shut up! No you shut up DK! Your not DKI'm the real DK! Oh yeah well settle this on super smash brothers you and me right now.... Dear DK: Do you think clouds are nature's cellulite?

—Janice

A: I uh....I really don't even know what to say besides there are days when I think that nothing I hear can really surprise me and then Janice appears and completely blows my mind, and makes me question everything I believe in. But to answer your question yes I do.

That's it for me this issue I'd like to thank all of you for your crazy submissions keep them up! Any hate mail or weird questions please send to: prospectusfeedback@gmail.com



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most heavily emphasized and received the greatest audience response. To downplay the lesser-known plays in the repertoire, the Hamlet scene was diverted to only encompass 'backstage' and Charley's Aunt-the most blaringly obscure play of the three-was reduced to a mere scene in which Jack Morris (Zachary K. Lutz's character) plays the part of Charlie who plays the part of the old, widowed, Brazilian aunt he'd never met-in a dress no less, which is something all could appreciate.

Another minor change in the behaviors of the players stemmed from Thom's desire to bring out the 'love story' amidst the 'comedy.' The alcoholic stage manager Sarah McKay (Chris Taber), and director Gordon Page (Mike Prosise), fall in love for a second time by the end of the play in the original script by Morey, but Thom felt that he wanted it to develop more for the Parkland stage. Though the characters were never scripted to kiss, Thom revealed that his motive for this addition was to "bring out something the general public could enjoy."

'Laughing Stock' is typically a black-box production (meaning that there is usually not a physical set—only a black room, leaving the rest to audience imagination) but for Parkland's adaptation, a very large and convincing barn was built for the stage.

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"Randi [Hard] and I wanted the full barn up, so we consulted with the set director...told them what we wanted and I couldn't have been more pleased with it," said Schnarre.

Of the cast, there were a few characters that stood out among the rest. Thom Schnarre speaks of their origins. The character Karma Schneider, played by theater major Megan Tucker, was an original cast member, but the interpretation of her character in the Parkland production came from the beloved gothic comic book character, Emily The Strange. The ditsy and always outrageous Mary Pierre, played by Rachel Ladd, was actually based on Sarah Jessica Parker's character in the popular television series, 'Sex and the City'. Charles A. Miericke's character, Craig Conlin was based on a mixture of Chris Farley's infamous 'motivational speaker' character and 'Milton,' the squirrelly pyromaniac of the movie 'Office Space.'

"Considering that the entire play was produced in only 29 days, and such a success, I am very pleased with how it went," said Schnarre.

"We averaged about two-hundred seats a night," he said; which was ironically about the capacity of the fictional playhouse.



## More thoughts for the Intelligent Parody issue feedback, humor, holiday message

#### By AARON GEIGER Prospectus Editor

You might have noticed last week that we put out a parody issue. Or you might not have; but I'm willing to bet that if you didn't read the paper then, you're most likely not reading this commentary now.

I must first apologize for the first TWO print runs of the paper; our press service made two serious errors, and originally printed the previous week's page five instead of our parody page five, which angered some people who thought the Prospectus staff was trying to be funny in a very non-humorous way. The second print run we received had the new page five, but it also appeared on page eight. If you still have one of those editions, and you're not aware that we corrected the issue, I sincerely apologize.

Furthermore, I have learned through the grapevine that a couple of people thought a picture that I took was "racist,' referring to the centerspread photo of an African American man in dreadlocks posing for a punch on a young "white" girl, who is tied to a palm tree by another man. I assure you there was no harm intendedthe punching man was my best friend from California, who was playing with my other best friend's daughter (who happens to be Trinidadian), and who is being tied to the palm tree by a white man, whom I served with in the Navy. The entire photo was a spoof, and the dialogue box was meant to lend credence to the faux picture. Our Prospectus staff is diverse, and each one of us is committed to promoting diversity and understanding.

That being said, I must also offer an apology to Chief Von Young of Public Safety. Apparently his department received "several" calls in reference to the fake student who collapsed in exhaustion after being 'lost' in the labyrinth of Parkland's halls. Our intent was not to distract the officers from their duties. Please do not inundate their office with any calls referring to last week's issue. Call the Prospectus office instead (351-2216).

Our staff also wanted to thank whoever called us for a "good

time" in reference to the front spend our advertising dollars. cover graffiti on the bathroom staff door. Sorry we weren't available to take your call.

We received a few comments directly on our feedback email (prospectusfeedback@gmail. com), and here are a few:

#### 11/8 Edition

"I'm embarrassed to be writing this on the Wednesday after the edition came out-I was out most of the last few days with a kidney stone, but still. What does it say about me that I didn't actually see this issue until a week later

"Still I will soldier on. You guys are my new heroes. The issue was hilarious, and you caught my attention. More to come, after I think that most important question that you posed-what do I actually want out of the Prospectus?" -Sean Dannenfeldt

#### **Feed Back**

"I love the weird news and would like to see more things like that. I would also like to see more things about Parkland and what is going on around Parkland; what are the clubs up to, what are the Parkland clubs, who is who at Parkland, etc. I would also like to see polls, like who is the funniest person here, or who is the coolest teacheryou know, things like that would be so cool. Thanks." -Connie Peppard

#### Yep, I Read the Paper

"Hi, hardworking Prospectus staff-congratulations on an excellent parody paper. The blank calendar and the Sudoku made me laugh at loud. Very creative.

"Here in marketing, we feel your pain. It is hard to get people to call or E-mail you back, and we rarely hear anything about our materials unless someone is complaining. Be assured-that doesn't mean that [people] don't see them!

"But, we recently conducted a media survey and it showed that young people (college student age) really do not read newspapers. We use this information to determine where we For you guys, it may mean that you should really be looking into alternative media like online newspapers and blogs.

"Good luck and keep up the good work Aaron and staff!" -Hilary K. Valentine, Director, Marketing and Creative Services

#### Waterboarding Animals

"Oh boy! Are you guys asking for trouble or what? I do have to note that I got a few good laughs this evening that were very much needed. Okay. I'm a faculty member who remembers being interviewed and even having a few items taking from E-mails I send out campus-wide published in the Prospectus, but somehow my interview didn't make it in the paper. I think this was about the time you were looking for more feedback a few semesters ago.

'What would I like to see? I loved the student-staff-faculty spotlight feature that appeared a semester or so ago. More on the clubs and their activities. Woman/man on the campus polls/one-two line blurbs about a currect hot topic that does not involve Brittany Spears, her old man, Fed-X, or any other celebrity or fake celebrity like O.J. Simpson, or that fake fashion guru-last name Gunn-Project Runaway (not a typo).

"Movie and music critiques, [a] Green column, Letters to the Editor, Poetry, poetry, poetry...

"Event advertisements for the community and U of I events, features that involve non-traditional evening and weekend students, more poetry...

"Face-offs between faculty and students about Facebook/ MySpace use, cellphones, iPods, etc. What's good, not good, etiquette.

"Maybe a 'what are you listening to on your iPod this week' column.

"What students like about their classes (without naming names); not what they hate. I already know-I hear it almost every day.

"An advice column for students regarding how to make it out of college alive and relatively sane.

"I'd also like to caution you about the religious and queer jibes made in the spoof section. Get ready for folks to poke you back-hard! Yeah. Remarks got

my attention, but also smarted a bit. I'm a religious queer. Go figure.

"Veteran of the month feature; students who serve in the military.

"Thanks for shaking things up. Hope to hear from you soon!"

-Marva Nelson faculty

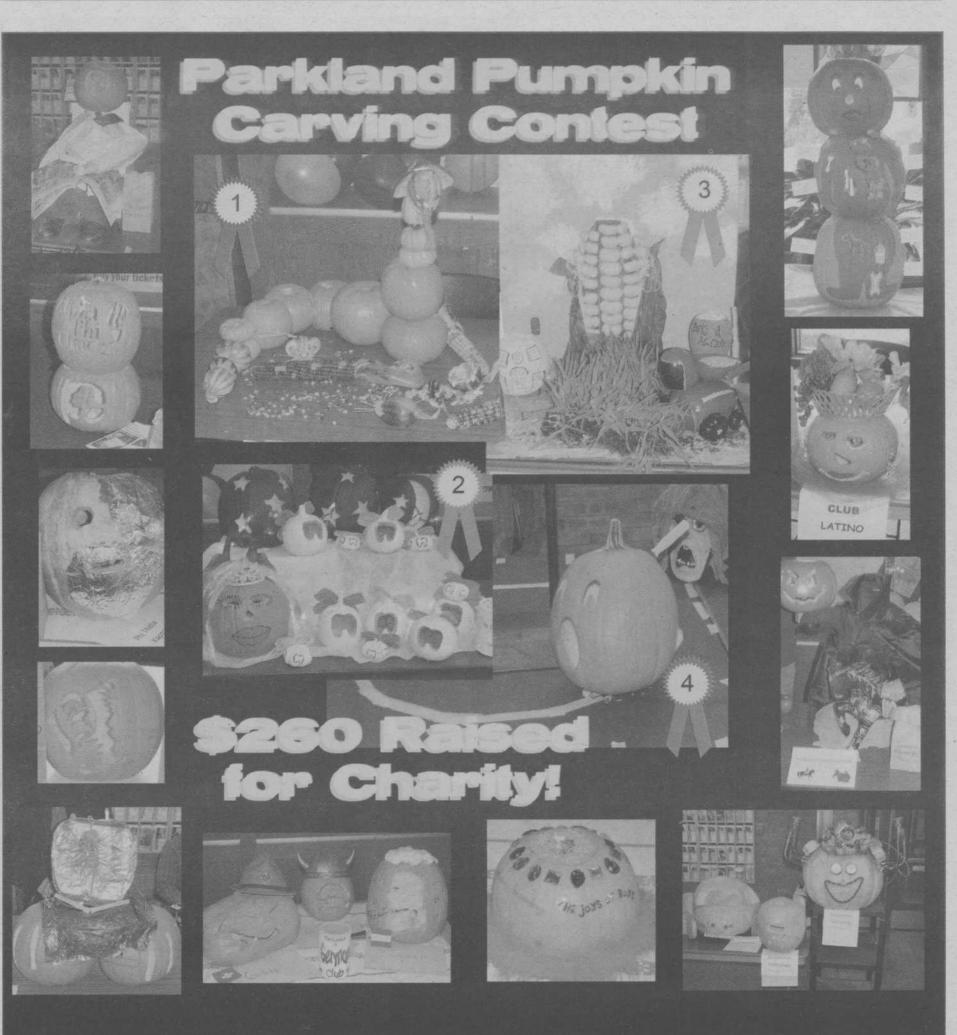
Again, thanks for your feedback and for reading the paper. We decided to award Marva Nelson with a \$15 gift card to Pages For All Ages for her indepth feedback.

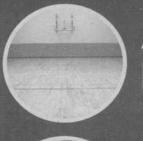
We welcome feedback at any time. We'll keep the E-mail line open to your thoughts and ideas. We are also always looking for more dedicated staff to join the ranks of the Prospectus. You don't have to join at the beginning of the semester!

In closing, I, on behalf of the Prospectus staff and students would like to wish you all SAFE TRAVEL, and a time of reflection and thanks this upcoming holiday. We want to thank the Parkland community for their support, and we wish for peace and resolution while we give thanks for our troops, sailors, and airmen at home and abroad.









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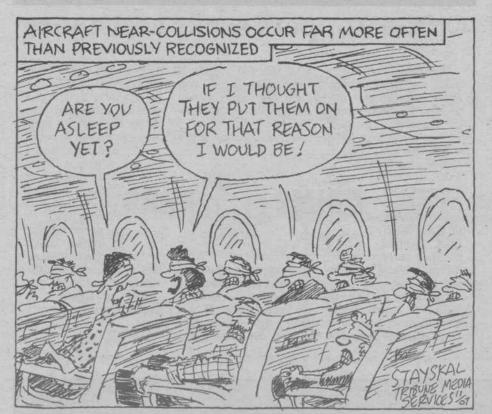
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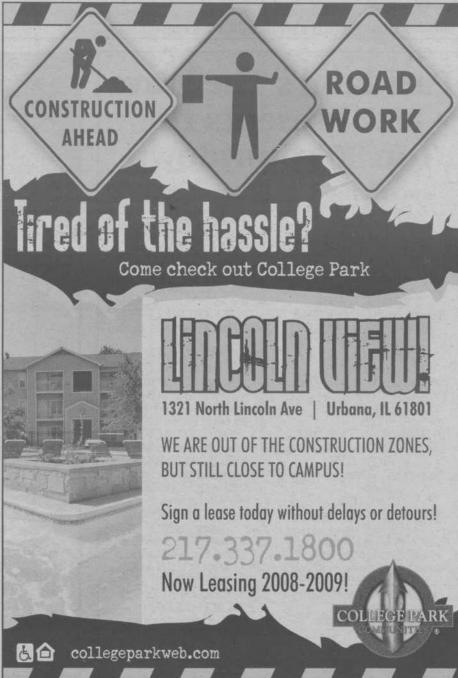
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# Radio/TV/Film

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## Weather Forecast

Monday: A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 57.

Monday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers, with a high near 60.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 49.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

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1979 John Jack- son a.k.a Fabu- lous was born	1990 Milli Vanilli are stripped of their Grammy Award	Men's B-Ball 7:00 v.s Harper @Palatine, IL	1995 Toy Story is the first full- length movie using computer- animated imag- ery. 40 days left	Thanksgiving Day Be Safe	The first form of "Doctor Who" started today in 1963	Wilt Chamber- lain sets NBA record for most rebounds in a game with 55 in 1960
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NASA STS-116 launch	Human Rights Day set by the United Nations	Dante Terrell Smith aka MOS DEF was born	Shiela E. Amer- ican musician was born	Amy Lee singer for Evanescence	1959 Berry Gordy starts Motown Records	@7:00 Men's B-Ball v.s. Wil- bur Wright @ Home



Maura Michael, head teacher, and children from Classroom B of Parkland's Child Development Center brought their donations of cereal to the College Center on Thursday, November 15.

The cereal drive, "Full Bellies. Full Minds." was conducted by students in Biology 120: Fundamentals of Nutrition. All boxes of cereal collected were donated to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank of area distribution.

John Eby/Prospectus



Parlkand College recognized Dia de los Muertos on Wednesday, October 31st. This traditional Mexicn celebration honors those who have died within the past year with a dinner and shrine. Skulls, candles, flowers, and bread all have symbolic meaning in the ritual that lures the spirit of the departed loved on back to its home. This year's shrine in the Flag Lounge honored Frida Kahlo and was a project of Club Latino.

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