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## Parkland addresses VA Tech tragedy

### ■ College offers security, counseling, caring

By ELLEN SCHMIDT

*Prospectus Assistant Editor*

After the events of last week in which a lone gunman went on a shooting rampage on the campus of Virginia Tech, many colleges and universities are looking to their own security plans.

Last week members of the Parkland administration and staff held a memorial event in the flag lounge to remember the victims of the horrific events of Monday, April 16. The event called for a time of healing and helped to reassure students of the efforts at Parkland to keep the campus safe and secure. It also offered the opportunity of counseling to those students who desire it.

Parkland College President Dr. Exley thanked all who attended the memorial event. "The large turn-out clearly demonstrates their concern and caring," he said.

Parkland College has a veteran staff of quality-trained police officers that patrol the campus in an effort to maintain the security and safety of students. The officers have a plan to a possible crisis situation,

similar in respect to other school shootings, should it occur at Parkland.

Dr. Exley and Police Chief Von Young have been in close contact in reference to the plan that is in place should a tragedy occur on this campus.

"The Parkland College community is marked by a sincere commitment to providing a safe and effective place to learn," Exley said.

"We have revisited our policies and procedures and I am confident that they are very well thought-out and comprehensive," said Exley. "In fact, we are constantly assessing and re-assessing various aspects of the college environment to assure that we are as prepared as we possibly can be should the need arise."

Young concurred adding that police officers all over the country would be looking over their plans and fine-tuning them.

When asked for specifics as to the plan that Parkland has in place, chief Young is a bit reserved. "It's not one of those things that I can give you specifics," he said. Sharing Parkland's plan gives a potential perpetrator an advantage and Young is not willing to disclose that information.

Unlike a tornado or fire drill, it's almost impossible to drill for an armed intruder.

"Nine times out of ten the intruder that you are trying to stop is one of your own (student, faculty staff member) so

you can't lay out all the parts of the plan because then they know what the plan is," Young said.

When asked about Virginia Tech's plan, he said, "I'm sure that they had a plan in place; a hostile intruder plan or an armed intruder plan, but nobody could anticipate a person going into a building, shooting two people, leaving that building and then going home and sitting in their apartment for two hours and then come out and go kill again."

Young encourages students to report any suspicious activity they might see on campus. Even an anonymous call to the public safety office would suffice.

The teachers and public safety work together with the counseling office when incidents happen in the classroom or there is some question for student safety.

For instance, stalking cases are always investigated. According to Young the law is very specific and his office will check out the claim and makes sure it fits the classification of stalking.

His office has had to handle all sorts of cases relating to situations where teachers became concerned about a student because of questionable work that was turned in.

Young calls for everyone do to their part to help with the efforts to keep our campus safe. "We rely on the fac-

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## MOTHER EARTH: WE PROBABLY COULD HAVE SAVED HER, BUT WE WERE JUST TOO DAMN CHEAP.

"In pairs skating where the man is supposed to be the protector, and protect his partner, I had to deal with the guilt. It wasn't anything where we fell on a lift or anything like that. I hit her." —Ice skater Bryce Davison, reflecting on the wound his skate gave partner Jessica Dube on her face that required 80 stitches. Her wound has healed almost completely as they pair up for competition again.

"It's always been a tradition since my daddy was in school to have the segregated ones, and this year we're finally getting to try something new." —Lacey Adkinson, 14, of Ashburn, Georgia. Her school is organizing the first integrated prom in their history, after a student vote. The school is almost half black and half white.

## Dollars and Sense from FinAid

### ■ What Is The Best Summer Job For Me?

By **DONNA MAYER**

*Prospectus* Guest Writer

What's the best summer job for me? is the first question you should ask yourself when you start looking for summer employment.

If you're going to be working a lot this summer, you'll want to be doing something you enjoy and in a place you'll like spending a lot of time. Ask yourself these questions before you start applying for a summer job:

- What financial or personal goals do I want to achieve?
- Do I prefer to work on my own, or as part of a team?
- Would I rather work indoors or outdoors?
- Do I enjoy working with the public?
- What kind of special skills or

talents do I have?

• What kinds of jobs have my friends or siblings had? What did they like or dislike about them?

After you answer these questions, you should have a better idea about what type of work to apply for so that you'll enjoy your summer, as well as earn money. You may not be able to fully meet every one of your qualifications, but you should be able to find something that matches the ones that are the most important to you.

While the types of jobs vary from student to student, those asked about their experiences shared similar opinions about the jobs they liked. They enjoyed the environment, liked their coworkers, and really liked what they were doing.

Not every student, unfortu-

nately, has always had a positive experience. Bad work experiences aren't always about long hours, mean bosses, boring repetitive work, or low pay. Some jobs are dangerous for unqualified, untrained, or underage workers.

Based on the physical risks involved, The National Consumer League (NCL) lists the five most dangerous jobs for teenagers. Their information was obtained through surveys, news reports, and government statistics. According to the NCL, the five worst teen jobs are:

1. Agriculture: Fieldwork and Processing
2. Construction & Work in High Places
3. Outside Helper: Landscaping, Groundskeeping, Lawn Service
4. Driver/Operator: Forklifts,

Tractors, All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

5. Traveling Youth Crews: (Examples: selling magazine subscriptions or household cleaning agents).

It's important that you understand labor laws and protections in the workplace before you apply for a job. The U. S. Department of Labor (DOL) and state agencies must enforce the law and regularly review and adjust the laws to reflect new hazards in machinery, processes, and workplaces.

For more information about the above and other job-related information, check out NCL's website at <http://www.nclnet.org/> before you start looking for a job.

Above all, have a Happy and Safe Summer!

## Does Earth Day still matter to Parkland? ■ Some tips to save money, make an impact

By AARON GEIGER  
Prospectus Editor

What day do we celebrate Earth Day?

"It's around the fall. September, I think," said Richard, a Parkland freshman.

"Whenever they decide. The activists have it every few years on an important day that coincides with a historical event," said Jen, a Parkland sophomore.

"Oh yeah, I heard about that. Is it coming up?" said a Parkland faculty member, who asked not to be named.

Out of twenty students that were polled by the Prospectus in the X-wing of Parkland's campus, not one had the correct answer, which is, in most countries around the globe, April 22. To be technical, the United Nations observes the day on the Vernal Equinox in March. But nobody got that correct, either.

What about the environment? The same people that were polled responded overwhelmingly that global warming was the second most important political issue after the war in Iraq. Nineteen out of twenty responded that global warming was the most important environmental issue in the world. One said that the dwindling water supply was the most important.

How does this translate in terms of making a difference? Many students and faculty blame the government.

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ultly, the staff and the students out here to be kind of the eyes and ears of the campus because we cannot be everywhere," he said.

"If there's ever any question in their minds as to something that they're not really sure of, stop my officers, stop me, stop by my office," Young said.

Students who are having a tough time dealing with the tragedy are encouraged to stop by the counseling office to talk through it. The counseling office offers a staff committed to helping students deal with the events such as the one at Virginia Tech.

"Bush is not environmentally friendly. His people want to drill for oil in Alaska—in a protected area," Richard said.

"It's the White House. They don't believe in the environment. They keep raising the price of gas, and they fight for it, too," said Marcus, a Parkland sophomore.

What are people doing on their own to support the environment, since they don't believe in leaving the government to handle the issues at hand?

"Well, we tried recycling, but I live in Champaign now, and nobody comes to pick up our recycling, so we don't recycle anymore. We don't even know where any centers are," said Jen.

"I've seen some of the facility staff collect recycling, only to throw it away in the dumpsters. It's a joke," said the anonymous faculty member.

Parkland College did not host any events this year in regards to Earth Day.

What began as a grass-roots movement by colleges and universities in the 1960s, Earth Day is now celebrated by an estimated half-billion people in the world. The day is used to promote awareness and to help stimulate policy change.

But apparently Parkland College and the Champaign-Urbana area contributed very little this year.

Solicitations to the City of Champaign on information regarding Earth Day elicited a hyperlink to a Boneyard Arts Festival/Community Day/Earth Day. Nothing promoting environmental activism and/or awareness was listed.

"I rode my bike through downtown [Champaign] during the weekend. There was a lot of trash, so I don't buy the 'Earth Day' story one bit," said Peter, a junior at the University of Illinois.

"In fact, I think it's almost hypocritical to think that they [the Boneyard Arts Festival staff] would think they're making a difference. They just happened to have the date set at a convenient time, and it happened to coincide on the weekend of Earth Day. They used the name to get more money; they sure didn't do anything to promote activism from what I saw, and I saw a lot," he said.

"Besides, I don't expect much from this community. When they do a recycling program, a lot of politicians huff and puff with inflated chests, and act like they're making a difference, when in fact they're really not doing much at all," he said.

But students don't have to rely upon community and educational leaders to make their own footsteps a little more "green" and environmentally friendly.

### How you can make a difference

Besides recycling, there are a lot of ways you can make a big impact with little effort. Although sometimes you may not see results first-hand, you can rest comfortably when people challenge you with, "Are you eco-conscious?" If you follow these suggestions, chances are you are way ahead of your peers. And chances are, you'll end up saving a lot of money without even realizing it.

1. Put a stop to your junk mail. Write to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 11 West 42<sup>nd</sup> St., PO Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861 and state that you want your junk mail stopped! This will thin out around 80% of your junk. Whatever stuff you do receive, recycle it!

2. What do you do with your used batteries? Chances are you throw them away, thereby putting dangerous toxins back into the earth, such as Mercury. Purchase rechargeable batteries and a charger; you'll end up saving a lot of money in the long run. You can recycle alkaline batteries, too. They have materials that are reusable.

3. Purchase and install a low-flow aerator on your water faucet. It will give you stronger water pressure, and it will reduce your water flow by at least half!

4. Do the same for your showers. It is estimated that a family of four saves 14,000 gallons of water a year with this device. If the population of Champaign-Urbana installed this device on every showerhead in town, an estimated one billion gallons of water would be saved annually.

5. Reuse the small stuff. Do you ever go to Za's? They give you a plastic cup for your drink. It can be run through the dishwasher and reused dozens of

times. Use the same principle on similar items. Plastic ware doesn't have to be thrown away after one use. Water bottles can be refilled with purified tap water. Many household items can be used in many different applications, such as storage. Be creative.

6. Buy a few canvas shopping bags, and use those when you head to the store. We're all guilty of picking paper or plastic, which can be eliminated with a little foresight. Keep the canvas (or "Earth Bags") in your car so you don't forget. If you do get stuck with paper or plastic, remember to recycle them!

### Green laws a patchwork

■ States that have adopted climate change regulations

#### Greenhouse gas emissions

Limit the amount of emissions states can have by a certain year



#### Renewable sources

Require electricity utilities to generate a certain amount of power from renewable sources



#### Public facilities

Require that public buildings and/or equipment be energy-efficient



NOTE: Emissions and renewable data as of February; public efficiency data as of October

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### Parkland Planetarium

Friday, April 27:  
7:00 p.m.—Spring Prairie Skies  
8:00 p.m.—Skywatchers of Africa  
9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's dark Side of the Moon  
Saturday, April 28:  
7:00 p.m.—Zubenelgenubi's magical Sky  
8:00 p.m.—Skywatchers of Africa  
9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's dark Side of the Moon

### Parkland Art Gallery

April 9-May 5:  
Parkland College Art and Design Student Exhibition 2007

### Parkland Athletics

Friday, April 27:  
3:00 p.m.—Baseball vs. St. Louis Forest Park @ Home  
Saturday April 28:  
8:00 a.m.—Men's Soccer vs. College of Dupage @ College of Dupage  
12:00 p.m. (DH)—Baseball vs. Lincoln College @ Home  
1:00 p.m.—Softball vs. Lincoln Land @ Springfield, IL  
Sunday, April 29:  
1:00 p.m. (DH)—Baseball vs. Lincoln College @ Lincoln, IL  
1:00 p.m.—Softball vs. Shawnee @ Home  
Monday, April 30:  
5:00 p.m.—Softball vs. McKendree JV @ Trenton, IL  
Thursday, May 3:  
2:00 p.m. (DH)—Baseball vs. Springfield College @ Home

### Living Tree Ceremony

Thursday, April 27:  
10:00 a.m.—Child Development Center

### Spring Concert

Sunday, April 29:  
3:00 p.m.—Parkland Theatre



## PCTV Program Guide MAY 2007

### TUESDAY, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12am Cooking Around the World, Caribbean  
12:30am Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v Rantoul  
1am Threads: Auto Tips, Dance Team  
1:30am Surrounded By Science: Vet Med & Technology  
2am Parkland Voice: 3D Landscape Design  
2:30am Parkland Report: Civic Engagement  
3am Classic Arts Showcase  
6am Parkland Announcements May 1, 8-9am, Accounting Telecourse(Spring)  
MAY 8, 8am-2pm, Classic Arts Showcase  
May 15, 22, 29, 7-10am, Accounting Telecourse(Summer)  
12pm Cooking Around the World: Caribbean  
12:30pm Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v Rantoul  
1pm Threads: Auto Tips, Dance Team  
1:30pm Surrounded By Science: Vet Med & Technology  
2pm Parkland Voice: 3D Landscape Design  
2:30pm Parkland Report: Civic

Engagement  
3pm Classic Arts Showcase  
5pm Parkland Announcements  
5:30pm Cooking Around the World: Caribbean  
6pm Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v Rantoul  
6:30pm Parkland Threads: Auto Tips, Dance Team  
7pm Surrounded By Science: Vet Med & Technology  
7:30pm Parkland Voice: 3D Landscape Design  
8pm For Arts Sake: Lewis & Clark Project  
8:30pm Parkland Report: Civic Engagement  
9pm Cooking Around the World: Caribbean  
9:30pm Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v Rantoul  
10pm Bringing Books to Life: Literacy, Early Childhood  
10:30pm Classic Arts Showcase

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12am Transforming Higher Education  
1am Assistive Technology for Early Childhood  
1:30am Judge Greg Mathis: Presentation at Parkland  
2:30am Parkland Voice: Black History Month Review  
3am Classic Arts Showcase  
6am Parkland Announcements  
8am Judge Greg Mathis at Parkland  
9am Parkland Voice: Black History Month Review  
9:30am Small Business 101: Mark Kesler  
10am Classic Arts Showcase  
12pm Transforming Higher Education: U.S.D.O.E.  
1pm Assistive Technology for Early Childhood  
1:30pm Community Partners: Conference on Telecomm. H.B.1500  
1:45 Parkland Announcement

2pm School Funding Reform, archives  
5pm Parkland Announcements  
5:30pm Cooking Around the World, Italian  
6pm Parkland Challenge: St Thomas More v Schlarmann  
6:30pm Threads: Theatre, Gallery, Planetarium  
7pm Surrounded By Science: Physics Van  
7:30pm Parkland Voice: Significant Learning  
8pm For Arts Sake: Commercial Art, John Havlik  
8:30pm Parkland Report, Study Abroad  
9pm Cooking Around the World: Italian  
9:30pm Parkland Challenge: St Thomas More v Schlarmann  
10pm Bringing Books to Life: Literacy Early Childhood  
10:30pm Classic Arts Showcase

### THURSDAY, MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

12am Math & Science Skills For the 21st Century

1am Bringing Books to Life: Literacy, Early Childhood  
1:30am School Funding Reform, Archives  
2:30am Parkland Report: Telecommunications Reform  
3am Classic Arts Showcase  
6am Parkland Announcements  
8am Classic Arts Showcase  
10am Bringing Books to Life: Literacy, Early Childhood  
10:30am School Funding Reform, Archives  
11:30am Parkland Announcements  
2pm Cooking Around the World, Spanish  
2:30pm Parkland Challenge: Heritage v Schlarmann  
3pm Threads: Gala, Public Safety, Career Center  
3:30pm Surrounded By Science: Radio Waves  
4pm Classic Art Showcase  
5pm Parkland Announcements  
5:30pm Cooking Around the World: Spanish Paella  
6pm Parkland Challenge: Heritage v Schlarmann  
6:30pm Threads: Public Safety, Career Center

7pm Surrounded By Science: Radio Waves  
7:30pm Parkland Voice: Black History Month Review  
8pm For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mubutu Smith  
8:30pm Parkland Report: Telecommunications Reform  
9pm Cooking Around the World: Spanish  
9:30pm Parkland Voice: Entrepreneurial Leadership  
10pm We're All on the Same Team: Early Childhood  
10:30pm Classic Arts Showcase

### FRIDAY, MAY 4, 11

12am Classic Arts Showcase  
6:30am Parkland Announcements  
5pm Parkland Announcements  
6pm Classic Arts Showcase

### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 12, 19, 26

12am Classic Arts Showcase  
5pm Parkland Announcements  
6pm Classic Arts Showcase

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## Democrats unlikely to revisit gun-control legislation

By **WILLIAM DOUGLAS**  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON—Cries for stricter gun-control laws by some Democratic lawmakers following the Virginia Tech mass murders have been met with caution from their party leaders.

Other Democrats recommend steering clear of the issue, because it could jeopardize their party's recent gains in pro-gun Southern and Western states.

Bottom line: Don't expect gun-control legislation to result from this latest mass shooting.

To begin with, most Republicans don't support it, and those who once did have amended their positions. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, for example—who leads the 2008 GOP presidential field—was a strong gun-control advocate when he ran City Hall. Now he says states should decide their own gun laws.

And many Democrats, too, are now persuaded that too much of the country favors gun rights to make gun control a winning issue for them.

"I don't think (House Majority Whip) Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) is someone who wants to see that going onto the agenda, I don't think (Sen.) Jim Webb (D-Va.) is someone who wants to see that going onto the agenda," said Dick Harpootlian, former chairman of South Carolina's Democratic Party. "We don't need to be distracted by gun control, abortion and gay marriage. We just need to leave those issues alone and focus on the incompetence of the Bush administration."

That's a switch for most traditional Democrats. They've long been identified as the party of gun control, from their reaction to the assassinations of the

1960s through the ban on semi-automatic weapons they passed as part of President Clinton's 1994 crime legislation.

So it was natural that veteran gun-control advocates like Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy,

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., responded coolly to their pleas. Reid told reporters Tuesday, "I hope there's no rush to do anything. We need to take a deep breath."

Gun control hasn't been a front-burner

had no opinion.

And few Americans, if any, spontaneously mention guns or gun control or consider it an urgent national priority, according to the survey. Mention of gun control as a top priority national was highest after the Columbine killings—and then was only 10 percent, according to Gallup.

Democrats began de-emphasizing gun control after losing control of Congress in 1994. And many Democrats believe that gun control sank former Vice President Al Gore in several key states in his 2000 loss to George W. Bush.

In their successful bid to regain control of Congress last year, Democratic officials recruited several pro-gun candidates like Webb—whose aide was recently charged with bringing a loaded handgun into a Senate office building—and Montana Sen. Jon Tester, who made gun-owner rights a key point of his campaign.

The results were Democratic gains in both the House and Senate from Republican-leaning states including Virginia, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and North Carolina.

Those gains could be eroded if Democrats try to push gun legislation through, according to Richard Stallings, chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party.

"Leave it alone," he said. "All of a sudden the old tie between the Democratic Party and gun control would be re-tied. It would set us back significantly. They would hand our heads to us out here."

### Threatening week

School-related incidents around the country after Monday's Virginia Tech shootings:

<b>Tues.</b> April 17	<p><b>1. St. Edwards University</b> Bomb threat closes Austin school for the day</p> <p><b>2. University of Tennessee</b> Building evacuated after bomb threat on Chattanooga campus</p>	
<b>Wed.</b> April 18	<p><b>3. Hastings College of the Law</b> San Francisco school closed after "copy-cat threat of violence"</p> <p><b>4. Provo High School</b> Bomb threat evacuates school in Utah</p> <p><b>5. University of Minnesota</b> Eight buildings evacuated after bomb threat on Minneapolis campus</p>	
<b>Thurs.</b> April 19	<p><b>6. Schaumburg High School</b> Chicago-area school evacuated after bomb threat</p> <p><b>7. Kalamazoo Valley Community College</b> Officials shut down the campus in Michigan for the rest of the week after threat in blog</p> <p><b>8. San Diego State</b> Man arrested on suspicion of making a threat of "acts of significant violence"</p> <p><b>9. Boston University</b> Student arrested and barred from the campus after allegedly threatening rampage</p>	<p><b>10. Gabriel Richard High School</b> Classes cancelled after words "Virginia Tech today" found on bathroom wall of Ann Arbor Township, Mich., school</p> <p><b>11. East Burke High School</b> Students dismissed early after bomb threat at school in North Carolina</p> <p><b>12. St. Augustine, Fla.</b> High school student charged with e-mail massacre threat</p>

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D-N.Y., viewed the Virginia Tech tragedy as a catalyst to revive a debate that's been dormant since 1999, when the mass killings at Colorado's Columbine High School failed to result in gun-control legislation.

issue recently with voters. A Gallup poll in January found that 50 percent of Americans were more satisfied than dissatisfied with the current state of gun control laws in this country, vs. 43 percent who felt the opposite. Seven percent

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## Blue Angel crashes at South Carolina air show

### ■ Pilot dies at scene near Pine Grove

By **JOE SCHMO**  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

BEAUFORT, S.C.—A Blue Angel crashed Saturday afternoon while performing at an air show at the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort.

Authorities say the pilot, still not identified, was killed in the crash. It appears that the plane struck a tall pine tree and traveled another block before crashing near Pine Grove subdivision, a heavily populated area. Parts of the plane hit several houses.

It was not immediately known whether anyone else was hurt in the crash, though witnesses said they saw shrapnel on the ground

and at least one home on fire.

Reports indicate that it was Blue Angel No. 6 that crashed. It's unclear who was piloting that F/A-18.

Emergency crews at the scene of the crash site called for the coroner about 4:20 p.m., indicating that the pilot was killed in the crash.

The Blue Angel crashed about 30 minutes into the unit's show at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort.

Jason Keith, of Yemassee, S.C., said he was driving west when he saw the plane crash behind the Food Lion grocery store, which is south of the road.

"Something caught my eye,

and all of a sudden I saw a huge black explosion," he said. "The plane went down, and we

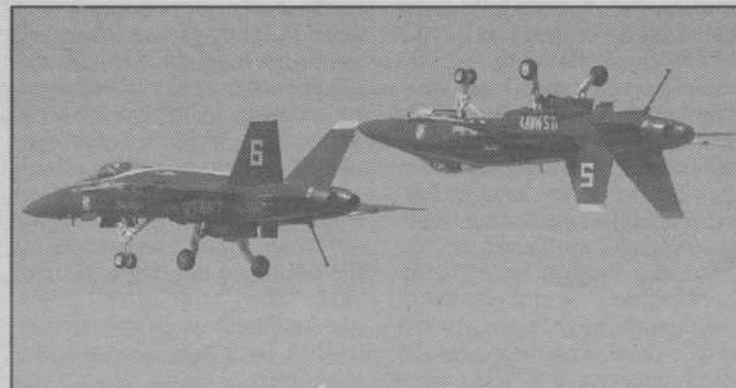
watched it for awhile and I didn't see any parachute or anything. If he had been 400 yards to his

right he would have plowed into the road. The other guys were just flying along."

Keith said he saw a home catch fire.

Tim Stamps, 18, said he was walking down the road, coming back from Food Lion, when he saw the plane circling in the air and smoking.

He also saw the left side of a house covered in shrapnel and the windows are busted out.



Bob Sofaly/Beaufort Gazette (MCT)

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## U.S. walls off Baghdad neighborhoods

By SHASHANK BENGALI  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

BAGHDAD, Iraq—The United States military has begun sealing off Baghdad neighborhoods with concrete walls in a controversial new strategy intended to calm Baghdad's sectarian flashpoints, but residents fear the barriers could deepen divisions between Sunni and Shiite Muslims.

Seven so-called "gated communities" have been or are being built, according to military officials, and more may be coming under the wide-ranging Baghdad security crackdown launched nine weeks ago.

Officials said the walls would help create islands of security by controlling the flow of people and vehicles in some of the city's most violent neighborhoods, and by keeping armed groups from using the areas as launching pads or targets for attacks.

But residents say the barriers actually increase their feelings of isolation and make them feel like targets.

"Don't they realize that when the Baghdad neighborhoods become either Sunni or Shiite, they will become even more vulnerable?" said Yassir Ismail, a 34-year-old Sunni resident of Adhamiyah, one of the areas where the U.S. is putting up barriers. "Extremists from both sides—or mercenaries—will have no more qualms. . . . They will bomb each other to kingdom come."

U.S. officials acknowledged that the gated communities would wall sects off from one another, but they said they were a temporary measure. They're being built in consultation with Iraqi security forces and community leaders, officials said.

"Some of these enclaves will be more heavily ethnic in one respect, but the intent is to protect the population, not to form sectarian enclaves," said Lt. Col. Scott Bleichwehl, a U.S. military spokesman. "There's no long-term strategy to divide up the entire city."

Baghdad already is segregated beyond recognition, with Shiites and Sunnis huddling among their own in once-mixed neighborhoods, often relying for protection on whichever armed group dominates the area. Much of the city's devastating violence originates from these

heavily militarized redoubts.

In Adhamiyah, a restive section of northern Baghdad, paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division last week began erecting a three-mile-long, 12-foot-high barrier around a Sunni enclave that's surrounded by predominantly Shiite neighborhoods. A single Iraqi army checkpoint now controls access into the Sunni area.

Commanders say that the wall and the presence of more U.S. and Iraqi troops will stop Shiite death squads from entering the neighborhood to kidnap or kill Sunnis, and keep Sunni militias from using it as a staging area for attacks into the surrounding Shiite areas.

Besides Adhamiyah, barriers are going up in Ghaziliyah, Khadra and Ameriyah in western Baghdad—all Sunni areas—and three are being built in the southern Rashid district in locations that officials didn't specify.

Military officials said it's only coincidence that so many of the enclaves are Sunni. Bleichwehl said that the decision to erect barriers rests with commanders in the field.

"Commanders will continually reassess how these things are working," Bleichwehl said. "Adjustments will be made."

The concept of walled-off communities has been used in previous counterinsurgency campaigns. In Northern Ireland, British forces divided Belfast between Catholics and Protestants. In Bosnia and Kosovo, NATO and United Nations forces used natural boundaries such as rivers and hills to split up rival ethnic groups.

Massive barriers are nothing new in Iraq either. The largest "gated community" without doubt is Baghdad's Green Zone, a four-square-mile area sealed off from the rest of the capital that is home to the U.S. Embassy and most Iraqi government buildings. Access is granted only to people with special passes. Sand barriers also have been erected around several Iraqi cities, including Fallujah, Samarra and Tal Afar.

But the limitations of those barriers have been revealed in spectacular ways. Last week, a suicide bomber slipped past the heavy security into the Green Zone and detonated a bomb in the parliament building, killing a lawmaker. Mortar rounds reg-

ularly fly over the walls.

At Samarra, the so-called berm failed to prevent the devastation more than a year ago of the Golden Dome Shiite shrine, whose bombing intensified Iraq's sectarian tensions. And Tal Afar recently descended into chaos when suspected Sunni insurgents detonated a car bomb in a Shiite neighborhood, killing as many as 150 people. Shiite mobs retaliated by dragging Sunnis from their homes and executing them in the streets.

Anthony Cordesman, a Middle East expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., said building walls could prove an efficient use of U.S. and Iraqi manpower in a sprawling city like Baghdad. But he warned that the walls could promote sectarianism.

"The fact the first . . . areas are all Sunni warns that gating has a natural tendency to further divide the city on sectarian lines," Cordesman wrote in a commentary Friday. "Both Ulster (Northern Ireland) and the Balkans have shown such an approach can bring added security, but that it can also polarize and freeze divisions within the population."

The plan's success also depends on controlling militia activity within the enclaves, Cordesman said. U.S. officials said the strategy would allow coalition forces to keep a close eye on checkpoints.

"This is not an intent to hold people in," Bleichwehl said. "This is an attempt to control access to a neighborhood, who comes in, what they bring in and to limit the number of entry points."

In Adhamiyah, soldiers from the 407th Brigade Support Battalion began erecting the wall in the early morning hours of April 11. They expect to have all the barriers in place by the end of the month. They have begun referring to "The Great Wall of Adhamiyah," but residents bitterly compare it to the Israeli separation barrier in the West Bank.

"This I have seen before on the news—in Palestine," Ismail said. "They built a wall there, too. And there used to be another wall in Germany. That one got torn down."

Residents grumble about heavy gridlock at the lone checkpoint, which opens onto

a highway. Cars line up in single file to enter and exit, often waiting for a half-hour or longer to be searched by security forces. Commutes to school and work have more than doubled in length.

Another wall has gone up in Ghaziliyah, believed to be a key staging area for Sunni extremist groups such as al-Qaida, based in neighboring Abu Ghraib. Three weeks ago, residents said U.S. troops began building a long wall separating the southern edge of Ghaziliyah from an unpopulated farming area owned by Sunni cronies of Saddam Hussein.

Saif al-Qaisi, a 35-year-old Sunni

resident of Ghaziliyah, said the wall has brought benefits.


"One week ago the Iraqi army brought food rations for the first time in months," al-Qaisi said. "The situation is getting better day by day, but very slowly."

A roundup of the day's violence in Iraq is posted every afternoon on the McClatchy Washington Bureau's Web site. Go to [www.mcclatchydc.com](http://www.mcclatchydc.com) and click on Iraq War Coverage.

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## How accents define us

By MIKE SWIFT

San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Two decades after emigrating from Taiwan, Sean Chang's accent was a barrier to friendships with Americans. Native English-speakers found it too much work when conversation went beyond small talk, said the electrical engineer from San Jose.

Luis Ramirez, a home inspector born in El Salvador, developed a case of the mumbles when speaking English because of the insecurity he felt during inspections for Anglos. But when he spoke to Asian real estate agents with strong accents, the Fremont, Calif., man would catch himself wondering, "Did they pass the licensing test?" before feeling a pang of guilt about stereotyping someone else.

Doug Fong, on a business trip to New York, realized his angry clients were blaming him for a problem product because they couldn't understand his Hong Kong accent. "From that time on," said Fong of Alameda, Calif., "I knew that I needed some help."

Fong, Ramirez, Chang and other immigrants are keenly aware that accent is one way people judge one another. But linguists who study the interplay of language and society say most Americans believe there is an objective, dominant standard—a right and a wrong, a better and a worse—for language and accent.

Coping with accents is part of everyday life in Silicon Valley. The South Bay has one of the nation's largest populations of Vietnamese, Hindi, Farsi and Chinese speakers—not to mention that one-in-five people speak Spanish as a first language. In a way that no longer fully applies to race, accent endures as a marker of social identity, an audible flag for who is a native, and who is not. Accents can make us see someone as alluring or suave ("Bond, James Bond.")—or as unqualified. Accents can turn a simple home repair job into a confrontation, or a vulnerable request for directions into smoldering resentment.

For one Silicon Valley woman, accent reduction is a successful business opportunity. Accents can both unnerve native English-speakers, and become barriers to career advancement for

highly educated immigrants.

This is especially true in Santa Clara County, where 2005 census data shows that English is not the native language for 50 percent of adults. Which suggests that roughly half the county's adults speak with what native-speakers hear as an accent.

Americans categorize people by how their speech measures up to a dominant standard, say linguists, even though often the listener is really applying beliefs about race, gender, class, and culture—even religion.

"You don't have to have a foreign accent. If a blond woman comes up to you and starts talking to you in a strong Southern accent, tell me you don't have preconceptions," said Rosina Lippi, a linguist and the author of "English with an Accent: Language, Ideology and Discrimination in the United States." "We all have these ideas of 'good' and 'bad' language, which are all wrong."

Linguists say objective English pronunciation is a myth. A person from Peoria, they say, does not speak better English than someone from Australia, Ireland, Alabama, Jamaica—or, perhaps, Taiwan. But almost everyone stereotypes by accent.

"If somebody speaks with a heavy Mexican accent, that's viewed as a negative," said Carmen Fought, a sociolinguist at Pitzer College. "But if someone speaks with a heavy French accent because they are from Paris, it's not viewed the same way."

What's really in play, Fought said, are stereotyped beliefs about France (the Louvre) and Mexico (illegal immigrants).

Still, there are immigrants who want to change their accents. Rebecca Linnquist says her "English By The Hour" accent reduction classes are so busy she hasn't taken a vacation since last year.

That everybody's accent is OK "is a beautiful message, but in reality it doesn't work," says Linnquist. Her clients tell her: "I want to speak clearly and effectively in American English. I don't want people to accept my accent."

While accents do cause daily complications, people also learn to deal with them.

"It's not a huge hindrance in my life," said Serena LoConte, a facilitator for a nonprofit agency

who recalled several situations in the past year where accent caused her trouble. "I grew up in San Jose, so you grow up with all that. But for people who have

other biases.

In one experiment cited in Lippi's book, university students listened to taped lectures by a white woman from



Linguist Rebecca Linnquist helps Eugen Roman, not pictured, lose his Romanian accent at her Campbell, California office, March 8, 2007.

Patrick Tehan/San Jose Mercury News(MCT)

moved here later in life, I think they're less tolerant."

Federal law says employers may base a hiring decision on accent only if job duties require effective oral communication and a person's accent "materially interferes" with that communication, according to EEOC guidelines on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination due to national origin.

But accent is often overrated as a source of communication problems, Lippi said. Often, what people perceive to be an accent problem is really due to

central Ohio. Half the students were shown her photo and told she was the lecturer. The others were shown a picture of an Asian woman, with identical dress and hairstyle. They were told she was the lecturer, and heard the same tape. In comprehension tests, those who thought they heard an Asian lecturer "scored considerably lower than the kids who thought they heard someone who looked like them," Lippi said. Fought calls the phenomenon "accent hallucination."

"People are discriminated against on the basis of lan-

guage," Lippi said, "because that is a stand-in for something else."

One recent Tuesday afternoon, Linnquist pushed through the doors at eBay for an accent reduction class with Frank Guo, a manager born in Hong Kong.

With a motto of "Lose Your Accent & Change Your Life," Linnquist's accent classes attract clients who range from Italian trial attorneys to Farsi-speaking oil executives. To accommodate the strong demand for her \$950 package of lessons, Linnquist and has begun hiring employees to teach the classes.

In an eBay conference room, Linnquist listens intently as Guo reads Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty, or Give me Death" speech, stopping Guo and modeling how to position tongue on teeth for some sounds—even singing certain syllables—to help Guo hear how they sound.

"Your 'R' is still a little short," she says. To help Guo concentrate on stretching his syllables to the appropriate length, Linnquist has him tug a rubber band as he speaks his vowels and consonants.

When Guo struggles to say the "gill" in guilty and to untangle the "l's" and "y's" in disloyalty, Linnquist sings the syllables to help him hear their pronunciation.

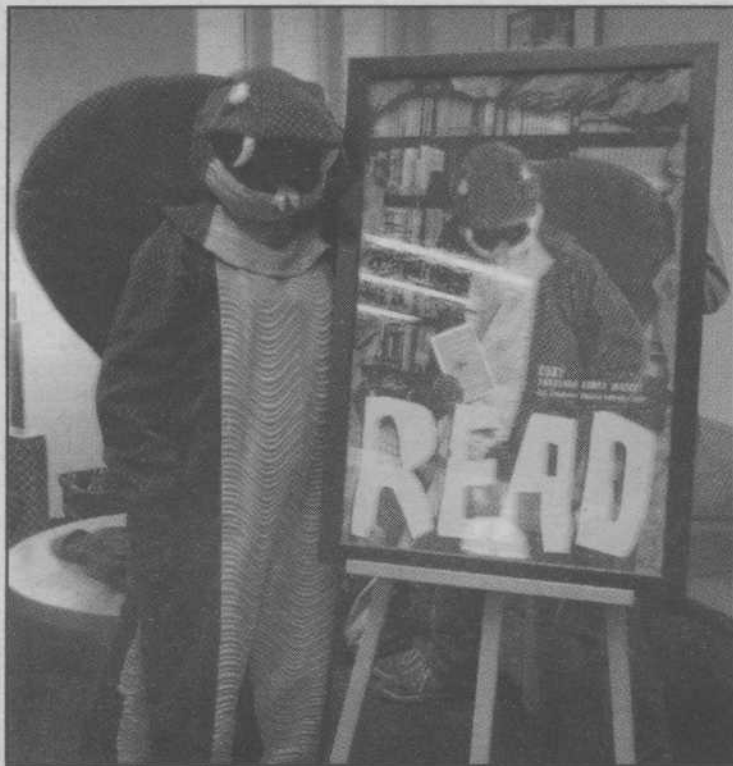
"You're just going to have to stick your tongue out when you say that," she tells him.

Former students said Linnquist improved their communication skills, but the biggest result was in how they feel when they speak.

"I feel more confident," said Ramirez, 30, who years earlier in grade school, saw his grades go from A's to D's when he moved to Fremont and was thrust into an English-only environment that he said caused him to withdraw from other kids. "You feel isolated," he said.

Some linguists say accent reduction is demeaning.

"Sometimes people will be able to change their accents, but the bigger question is why is this necessary," Lippi said. "It's people that come from stigmatized language communities—Vietnamese accents, Sudanese accents—those are the people they market for."



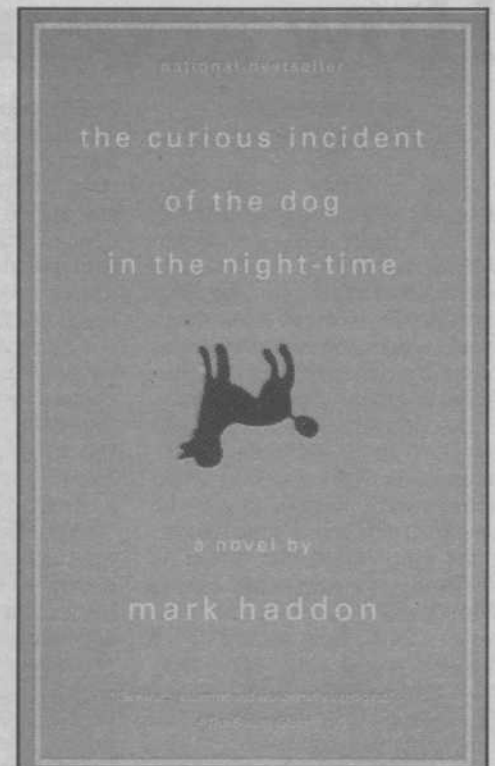
A noon-hour reception in the International Reading Lounge, on Friday, April 20, capped off the recognition of National Library Week at Parkland College. The agenda included the now annual unveiling of the Parkland Reads poster. This year's honoree was Parkland's mascot, Cobe the Cobra. On the mute mascot's behalf, and as academic advisor for the Athletics Department, Mike Trame expressed the program's commitment to developing, monitoring, and rewarding athletes and their academic success. He reminded everyone attending that genuine success was not only on the basketball or volleyball court, baseball diamond or golf course, but in the classrooms as well. He

stated that success begins with being able to read well.

Also announced at the gathering was the book title for the 2007 - 2008 campus-wide program, Parkland Reads: One Book, One College. During the coming academic year, Mark Hadden's novel, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, will be incorporated into several programs and curricula across campus. The Parkland Library will schedule and facilitate discussions of the book, which will be open to students, staff and faculty.

To get a synopsis of the story, as well as a perspective on the author, visit [www.markhaddon.com](http://www.markhaddon.com).

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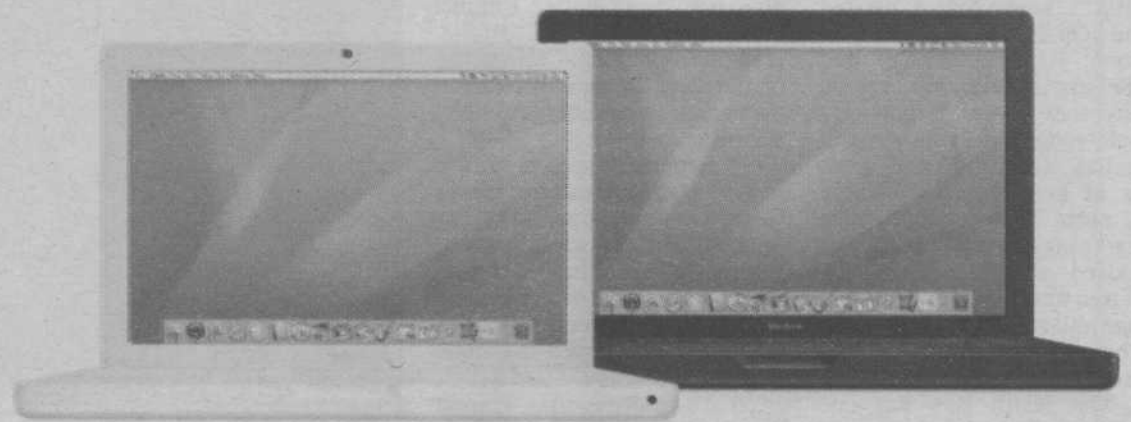
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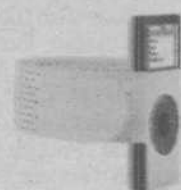
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## Thirsty ethanol plants stir fear

By **BILL LAMBRECHT**

*St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)*

ROGERSVILLE, Mo.—David Pitts doesn't begrudge the farmers and investors who see a new ethanol plant as a way to make some good money.

He's just worried he won't have any water to drink when they're through.

The former state conservation official was horrified by news that a thirsty ethanol plant might rise up near his home in southwestern Missouri. The plant would draw 1.3 million gallons of water from the ground every day to produce the corn-based fuel.

Then there's the 400,000 gallons per day of contaminated water from the plant—water that would be sprayed on land around the plant by irrigation equipment and then seep back into the ground.

Pitts, 63, is soft-spoken—except at the thought of somebody sticking a giant straw into the region's storehouse of precious water. His well already has dropped 60 feet in the last 10 years due to drought and development.

"The people who are investing in ethanol plants are the only ones who get anything out of it, and it stinks," he said.

It remains uncertain whether the company proposing the \$165 million plant, Gulfstream Bioflex Energy LLC, will succeed. Neighbors have battled the company to a standstill in Webster County Circuit Court over water.

The case, which could be decided in the next several weeks, has implications for the fast-growing Springfield, Mo., region and potentially elsewhere as citizens groups challenge the ethanol industry.

The Great Ethanol Boom rumbling across the Midwest is a positive force in many ways, bringing farmers extra cash for their crops, offering the potential to stem decay in tiny towns, and providing the nation with an alternative to foreign oil. The United States already has 115 ethanol plants in operation. Another 80 or so are under construction around the country, and many more are planned.

But all the costs of ethanol don't get tallied until later. And one of the biggest of those costs, one now generating tension through-

out the Midwest and elsewhere, is water.

The ethanol industry says it takes about 3 gallons of water on average to produce a gallon of ethanol and that recycling and other water-saving innovations will reduce that amount.

Sometimes that consumption is understated: In Minnesota, one of the few states that require

dred million gallons of water that would be needed to produce 100 million gallons of ethanol annually would be drawn from the Ozark aquifer, part of a sprawling underground system that provides water from different rock formations hundreds of feet under ground. Southwest Missouri differs from many locales selected for



Elmora Rogers of Fordland, Missouri, who owns 100 acres with her husband, George, March 28, 2007. They are one of the six families involved in a lawsuit against the proposed \$165 million ethanol plant.

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reporting of water use, a state study in 2005 found that ethanol plants used an average of 4.5 gallons for every gallon of ethanol.

The water drawn for ethanol is a cost borne by communities—or whole regions—and a price sometimes ignored in the planning stages for new plants, experts say.

The subject has special currency in Iowa, which produces about 30 percent of the nation's ethanol.

Richard Cruse, director of the Iowa Water Center at Iowa State University, pointed to potential conflicts when the ethanol industry seeks to use the same pure water that people drink and give to their livestock.

"I'm not suggesting they're maniacs running wild not thinking about water," Cruse said. "But with the industry growing so fast and drawing so much water, it can become a risk issue. When we go for three, four or five months with shallow aquifers being drawn down to the point where we have to limit or ration high-quality water, who has the priority?"

Water for an ethanol plant might come from a river, from wells drilled into underground aquifers or from lakes. For the Rogersville plant, the several hun-

ethanol plants because little or no corn grows in the Ozarks' thin soils. Nonetheless, the site near Rogersville, 20 miles east of Springfield, appealed to promoters for other strategic reasons: It is tucked between a busy four-lane highway, U.S. 60, and a railroad line, perfect for hauling in corn and dispatching tank cars full of ethanol. There's a natural gas pipeline nearby to power the plant.

Promoters point to a state report a decade ago that estimated that more than 12 trillion gallons of water lay beneath Webster County. That would be enough, they say, to operate the plant for thousands of years.

"Webster County is the best place to build the ethanol plant, based on those figures," Bryan Wade, a lawyer for the Gulfstream partners, argued last month in court.

Promoters have not identified principal funding sources other than to say they have been working with investors in New York. One of the Gulfstream founders is Greg Wilmoth, a trucking company executive from Mount Vernon, Mo., who has drawn extra attention because of family connections: He is a cousin, once removed, of the state's most prominent ethanol booster, Gov. Matt Blunt.

On the witness stand last month, Wilmoth described one significant benefit of the plant: 40 to 50 jobs paying between \$30,000 and \$35,000 a year. Later, he was asked by the lawyer for those suing to stop the ethanol plant what would happen if it gets built and the groundwater system fails.

"I've got a \$165 million white elephant," he replied, a predicament that the company does not expect to confront.

Landowners near the site of the proposed plant say they have ponied up \$100,000 since last fall to fight the plant. In December, they won a temporary restraining order on construction after arguing in court that water consumption and plant pollution would constitute a public nuisance.

Now, after the two-day trial last month in Webster County Circuit Court, a decision is expected soon from Boone County Circuit Judge Frank Conley, assigned by the state Supreme Court to hear the case.

Both sides brought paid experts to court to buttress their opinions about the sufficiency of water in the Ozark aquifer. Some underground aquifers, particularly those near rivers and streams, readily refill after depletion. By contrast, the Ozark aquifer is classified as a confined aquifer, which means that it has little connection to other underground water sources and must rely on rain and snow to become recharged.

Nobody can say for sure what will happen deep underground with such continuous pumping and how readily the Ozark aquifer can recharge itself. The two sides in the debate offer competing perspectives on whether there will be enough water to go around.

But trends are already troubling. As a result of over-pumping in the region, a "cone of depression"—a lowered water table from pumping—began forming in the 1970s and has continued to grow, according to a groundwater study two years ago at Missouri State University.

In response to declining water levels in the early 1990s, Springfield completed construction of a 40-mile pipeline and pumping station in 1996 to deliver water from Stockton Lake in Cedar County. But other towns, among

them Nixa, Ozark, Republic and Battlefield, continue to rely on water from the Ozark aquifer. According to the Missouri State study, the aquifer outside of Springfield dropped as much as 140 feet in places from 1987-2004—but in some places water levels remained constant or even rose.

Meanwhile, rural dwellers have reported well problems that began showing up a few years ago. More than half of nearly 300 well owners in northern Greene County reported problems with their wells in a survey five years ago by the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving water supplies in the region. Local landowners and well-diggers say the problems have worsened.

Gulfstream Bioflex says it would drill wells deeper into the aquifer or supply better pumps if landowners around the plant have problems. New wells cost about \$10,000 in Webster County.

James Kaiman, the company's new president, said he's confident it won't come to that.

"We wouldn't be doing this if we felt that we were going to be impacting neighbors," he said.

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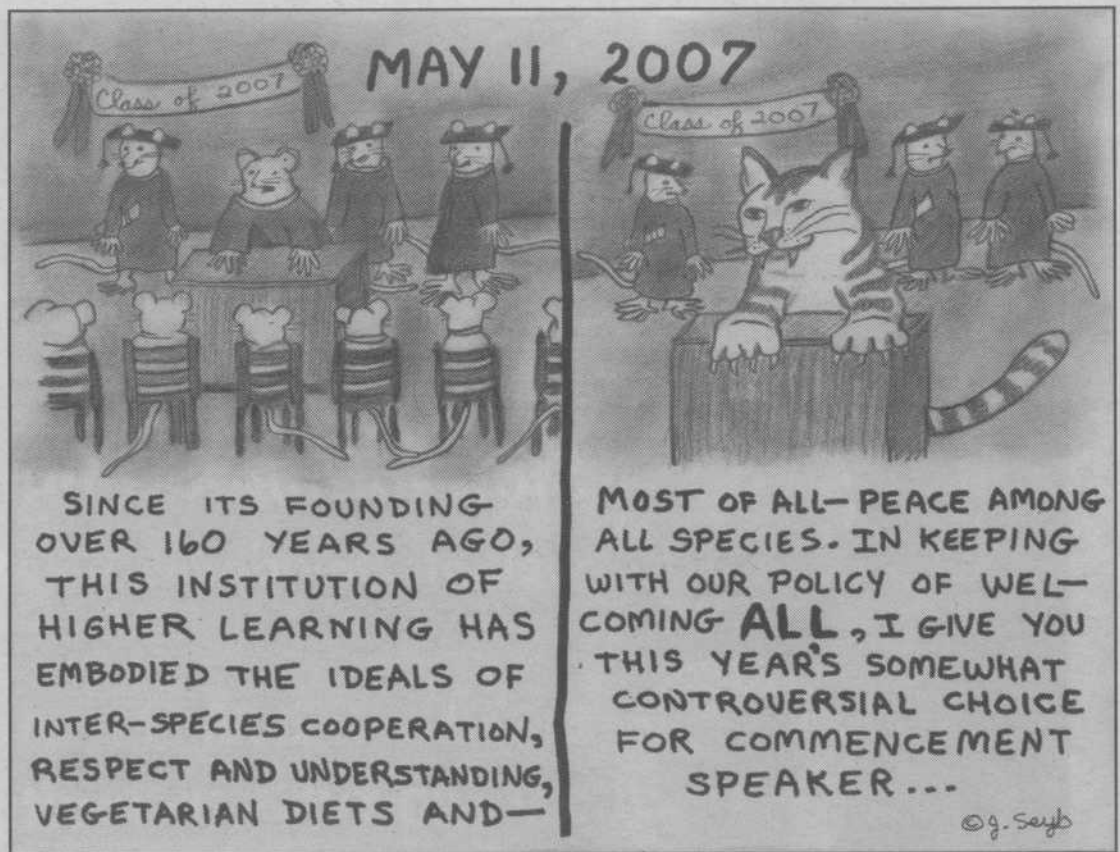
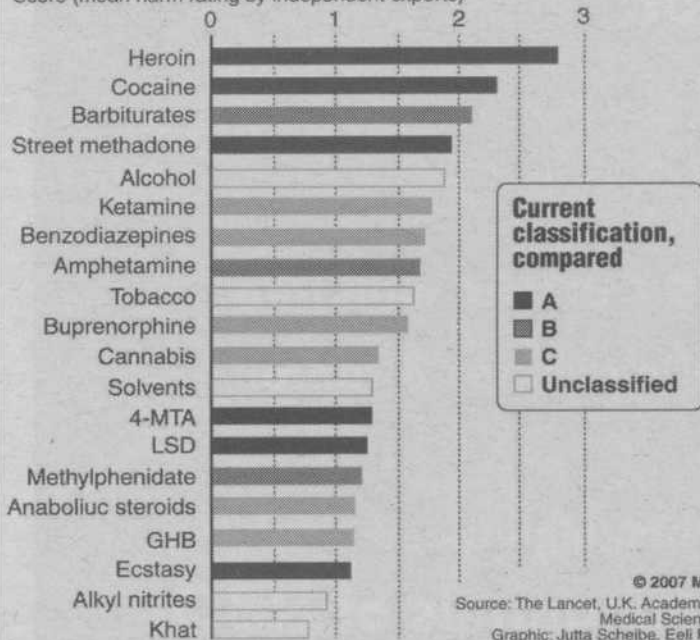
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**Saturday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 69.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 76.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.  
**Monday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 77.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 13, 20, 27**

12am Classic Arts Showcase  
 6am Parkland Announcements  
 8am Classic Arts Showcase  
 5pm Parkland Announcements  
 5:30pm Cooking Around the World, Spanish  
 6pm Parkland Challenge: Villa

Grove v St Thomas More  
 6:30pm Threads: Public Safety, Career Center  
 7pm Surrounded By Science: Radio Waves  
 7:30pm Parkland Voice: Black History Month Review  
 8pm For Arts Sake: Watercolor 2007  
 8:30pm Parkland Report: Telecommunications Reform  
 9pm Cooking Around the World: Spanish  
 9:30pm Parkland Challenge:

Villa Grove v St Thom More  
 10pm Threads: Public Safety, Career Center  
 10:30pm Classic Arts Showcase

**MONDAY, MAY 7, 14, 21, 28**

12am Cooking Around the World: American BBQ  
 12:30am Parkland Challenge: Blue Ridge v St Thom More  
 1am Threads: Soccer & Softball  
 1:30am Surrounded By Science: Radio Waves

2am Parkland Voice: Entrepreneurial Leadership  
 2:30am Parkland Report: Senegal Travel/Study  
 3am Classic Arts Showcase  
 6am Parkland Announcements  
 8am Cooking Around the World: American BBQ  
 8:30am Parkland Challenge: Blue Ridge v St Thom More  
 9am Threads: Soccer & Softball  
 9:30am Surrounded By Science: Radio Waves  
 10am Parkland Voice: Entrepre-

neurial Leadership  
 10:30am Parkland Report: Senegal Travel/Study  
 11am Classic Arts Showcase  
 4pm Parkland Announcements  
 5pm Parkland Announcements  
 5:30pm Cooking Around the World: American BBQ  
 6pm Parkland Challenge: Blue Ridge v St Thom More  
 6:30pm Threads: Soccer & Softball  
 7pm Surrounded By Science: Radio Waves

## CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

This week, CrimeStoppers and the Champaign County Sheriff's Office are seeking information about three arsons that occurred in the area of the Scottswood Subdivision in east Urbana.

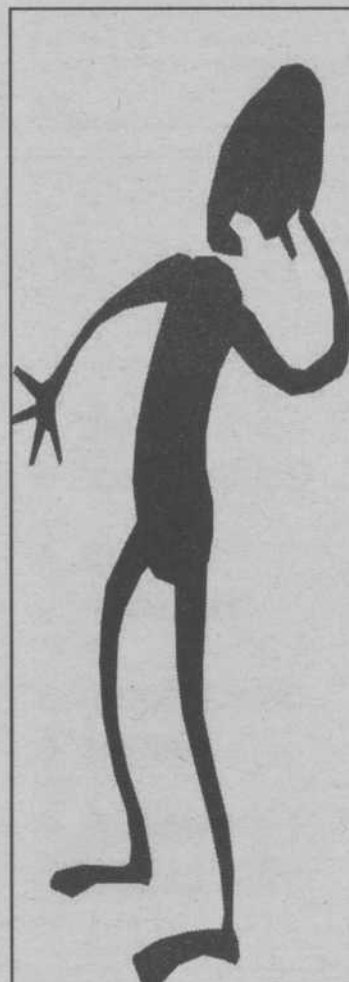
All of these fires occurred during the early morning hours on April 6, 2007. The first fire was set to a vehicle parked in the 2400 block of East Nevada Street. The second fire was set

to a detached garage in the 400 block of South Dodson Drive. The third fire was set to a vehi-

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cle in the 2400 block of East Washington Street. The total amount of loss resulting from the three fires is estimated at \$12,000.

If you have any information regarding these crimes, please call CrimeStoppers at 373-TIPS. Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. CrimeStoppers will pay a reward if the information you provide leads to an arrest for these crimes. Rewards are also paid for information on other felony crimes or fugitives in the Champaign County area.



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## Illinois-Chicago player recovering from shooting

By **ANDREW L. WANG AND REID HANLEY**  
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—A University of Illinois-Chicago men's basketball player was recuperating Sunday, two days after being shot in the leg intervening in an argument between his sister and her boyfriend, officials said.

Othys Jeffers, a 21-year-old junior at UIC and the Flames'

leading scorer and rebounder last season, rushed to his sister's home in the 1300 block of West Hastings Street about 7 p.m. Friday after she called saying she and her boyfriend were fighting, Chicago Police Officer Marcel Bright said.

Jeffers arrived at the home and intervened in the argument and told the boyfriend to leave, police said. He left but returned a short time later with a gun and allegedly fired on Jeffers

and his sister as they stood on the porch.

Jeffers was struck once in the leg and taken to University of Illinois Medical Center, police said. The assailant, a 21-year-old Chicago man, fled. Police declined to identify him, though officers are searching for him.

"We do know who he is, and we are looking for him," Bright said.

Meanwhile, Jeffers was released from the hospital Sat-

urday.

Mike Cassidy, UIC's assistant athletic director for communications, said Jeffers was at home recovering and that coaches and some teammates had spoken to him for support. He said Jeffers' injury didn't appear serious and school athletic officials did not think it would affect his playing career.

"Basically, it would be considered what was a graze wound," Cassidy said. "He's got eight

months to recover."

Attempts to reach Jeffers were unsuccessful. The 6-foot-5-inch Hubbard High School graduate led the Flames in scoring at 15.4 points per game and was also the team's top rebounder at 8.5 per game. He led UIC in steals at 1.6, minutes played and started all 33 games.

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### Baseball

Battling winds blowing at 20-30 miles per hour and gusting to 40, Parkland and Lewis and Clark split their doubleheader on Sunday with the Cobras winning game won 8-5 while the Blazers rallied for a 10-8 victory in game two to salvage the final game of the four-game series.

Trailing 3-2, PC scored five times in the fifth inning to take control of game one. Scott Gladstone homered to lead-off the inning and Zach Skidmore followed with a solo blast of his own to put PC ahead to stay. Joel Perez, Josh Staples, and Will Gaff also drove in runs in the fifth.

Nick Golich and Josh Staples each had three hits in the game while Perez had two hits and two RBI. Nate Weglarz

added a solo home run of his own, his first of the season. Andrew Burkett struck out nine to earn his sixth win of the season while Wade Hoey got the last out with the tying run at the plate to earn his first save.

Parkland rallied from a 4-2 deficit in game two scoring five times in the fifth to take a 7-4 lead. Elliott Pisarczyk's two run double tied the game and Nate Weglarz added a double of his own to give the Cobras a three-run lead. After the first inning, the bottom of the fifth grounded out Lewis and Clark together four times, three walks and a home run to give six times to regain the lead. The Cobras' bases clearing double was the big blow in the inning. PC scored a run in the eighth on a Golich single but stranded the tying runs on base. The second ranked Cobras are

now (33-9 22-2) while Lewis and Clark improves to (20-15 10-11). Parkland will return to action on Tuesday in a doubleheader at Spoon River.

### Softball

The Parkland softball team continued their excellent play in M-WAC competition by sweeping a doubleheader from Delta in Corvallis by the scores of 9-1 and 7-0. The two wins run the Cobras conference winning streak to 16 games and improves their record to 27-11 and 19-1. In Tuesday's first game, the Cobras got all the runs they would need in the first inning scoring four times. Brittany Bolender drove in two runs while Holly Nichols and Kali Haussy each drove in a run. Jessica Gourdiar cracked her 11th home run of the year, a three run

shot, in the third. Kali Haussy also hit a home run to back the pitching of Laura Wright who allowed three hits while striking out six.

In game two, Lindsay Watkins made her college debut on the mound beating the Lynx 7-5. Watkins worked 4 and 2/3 innings to earn the win while Kelli McMahon picked up the save. Lauren Wright's two-run double in the first got things going in the first and Beth Current also drove in a run. Current put PC ahead 4-1 with a solo shot and Watkins helped herself with a two-run single. For the game Current and Watkins each had three hits and 2 RBI.

Parkland will continue M-WAC action on Wednesday afternoon when they host Spoon River College starting at 3:00. The Cobras beat the Crusaders 12-3 and 17-0 earlier this season.

## '07 NBA playoff grid

Games begin April 21.

