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LEAD STORY

When a four-bedroom house inhabited by 50 tenants partially collapsed in October in Honolulu, at least 10 of the residents said they had been pressured to let the property manager give them experimental "stem-cell" injections. Manager Daniel Cunningham, 56 and a de-licensed chiropractor, said he has been injecting the substance, phenol, into himself for years, to treat gnarled hands (though the hands appeared to a Honolulu Advertiser reporter to be deteriorating to the point where Cunningham wears socks over them). One man said Cunningham injected him directly into the eye, and others complained of various side effects. Cunningham ran for mayor of Honolulu this year and in the September primary received 737 votes on a platform of complaining about government's meddling into health care.

The Continuing Crisis

• Deceitful mating strategies may be rife in the animal kingdom (especially among humans), but Australian researchers recently documented the sexual guile of a group of orchids that basically trick male wasps into pollinating them by resembling the look and smell of female wasps. Writing in *The American Naturalist*, the authors noted that female wasps reproduce both with and without sperm, with the latter creating male offspring. Consequently, the researchers hypothesized, when orchids commandeer sperm, it indirectly leads to the birth of more future pollinators. (Charles Darwin's subsequent book, after "The Origin of Species," was "The Various Contrivances by Which Orchids Are Fertilized by Insects.")

• The remote Manitoba First Nations tribes in Canada have largely moved away from alcohol abuse, according to an October Winnipeg Sun report, to the abuse of much more potent "superjuice," made with a fast-acting yeast that encourages quick brewing. According to a local probation officer, though, underbrewing results in the swill's continuing to ferment in the stomach after consumption, causing violent pain and progressive inebriation lasting for days.

• In 2003, retired Colorado businessman John Haines, who was concerned about dangerous cracks in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, went to great lengths to find and purchase a huge slab of the identical high-grade white marble of the Tomb and offered it, free of charge, shipping included, to the Army (which has been considering reconstruction of the Tomb since 1987). In the ensuing five years, according to an August Denver Post story, the Army continues to ignore Haines, yet periodically shows interest in opening the reconstruction to competitive bidding, but mostly just allows the

idea to languish.

The Sacred Institution of Marriage

• In September, a Wisconsin appeals court suppressed the surveillance video that allegedly captured David Johnson, 59, having sex with his comatose wife in a Portage nursing home, obviously violating the state law against sex without consent. Nursing home caregivers had installed the camera to protect the wife, but the court ruled it an invasion of the privacy of the marital relationship.

The New Nature of Work

(1) Officer Keith Breiner, suspended from the police force in Beaumont, Texas, for crossing the line during an undercover prostitution sting (that is, he actually had sex), defended himself in an August hearing: "It was a job, sir. I didn't have pleasure doing it." It was, he said, "something I did for the city." (2) In his murder trial in October in Leeds, England, chef Anthony Morley testified that the killing was in self-defense, but he did admit to carving, cooking and eating part of the body afterward. "At some point (the victim's) body had just become something I would deal with at work, a piece of meat. ... That's my daily task, preparing meat."

Failure to Keep a Low Profile

(1) University of New Hampshire officials banned Bert Allen III, 44, a convicted sex offender, from campus in September for posting fliers without permission, seeking a "trophy wife." To further draw attention to himself, Allen sued for a restraining order (unsuccessfully) to allow the continued solicitation. (2) Police in Covington, Ky., arrested Gregory Griggs, 19, in October at the USA Motel, a suspected drug market. Though several people were booked that night, Griggs was the one wearing the T-shirt that read, "It's Not Illegal Unless You Get Caught."

Lawsuits From the Nether Regions

(1) In August, a woman filed a lawsuit in Orange, Texas, against the manufacturer of the Sea-Doo personal water vehicle, claiming negligent design, after she fell off the back end and directly into the powerful jet stream from the vehicle's water pump. According to the lawsuit, "The high-pressure stream ... penetrated her orifices, causing massive, mutilating injuries." (2) However, in September, a federal jury in Baltimore rejected the claim by a 64-year-old West Virginia man that a Frederick, Md., surgeon had stapled his rectum shut during an operation. The jury accepted the doctor's explanation that it was the man's longtime, heavy smoking that caused his rectum to become swollen and shut for 17 days.

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30 days of night (non-horror version)

By JONAS DEES
 Weirdo Columnist

December 12 is the last day of finals for Parkland students and classes will not resume until January 12. For those lucky enough to be returning in the spring, this entire month-long break gives students a chance to cut loose and do everything that has been put on the backburner because of school. All of those "If I didn't have class," comments heard from early October until mid-December are no more and the only thing stopping a student from making the most of a class-free month is motivation. You've got one month of freedom, how are you

going to spend it? First things first, you should probably quit your job, because nothing is going to stand in the way of making the most of your break than punching the clock at a part-time job. I understand that many of us need to work to support ourselves; we have to keep our jobs, lucky us. For the rest of the student population now is not the time for work. This break is for students to recharge their batteries for spring semester, which begins in the dead of winter, not exactly the best season for motivation in Illinois. If you do have a part-time job and you want to keep it, just take less hours. When you've only got 30 days, you're going to need every hour.

You should probably sleep less too. 30 days only gives you 720 hours total to play with and if you sleep 8 hours a day you are wasting 240 of those hours with your eyes closed. By sleeping one less hour a night

you will give yourself an extra day and a quarter to do with how you please. I would suggest volunteering your time to benefit others in need. Parkland Student Life is a good resource for finding volunteer opportunities and so is www.cuvolunteer.org which is a partnership between the United Way and the Volunteer Programs at the U of I. Helping others in need is a great way to make use of your time over break, plus it will help you sleep better at night.

Write a lot of emails and make a lot of phone calls. Communicating to friends and family becomes harder throughout the semester with all of the pressures of class and work but if any of those relationships

Exercise, work out, train, etc. Whatever it's called, do more of it. With monthly fitness memberships as low as twenty dollars in Champaign, there shouldn't be any excuse for not working out. You'll feel better and you'll have more energy to accomplish your winter break goals.

Get on the road. Recently, gas prices dropped significantly across the country making it easier for college stu-



need mending or fixing, winter break is a great time to start. Take a day out of the month, preferably right after finals, and call or message friends and family that you know you will not see over break. These are the people that are the hardest to stay in contact with; it's the whole, "Out of sight, out of mind thing." These relationships require a little more work, but if they are worth keeping, they are worth maintaining. During these conversations remember to ask friends and family what cell phone provider they have, this can influence when and how you should be calling them. If all of your friends that you speak with the most are on Verizon and you have Sprint, you may want to reconsider who you have your cell phone plan with.

After contacting the people you know you're not going to see, make plans with those you can spend time with over break but remember not to overbook

dents to participate in the time honored tradition of the road trip. All good road trips should have a purpose, whether it's to see someone who moved away or to see a great band, without purpose the road trip becomes just driving. Gather together friends you won't mind sharing very little space with, decide on a mission, load up an mp3 player, locate a road map or GPS and get on the road. In the winter months I prefer to go south like the birds, but the destination isn't as important as the trip itself.

30 days seems like a good amount of time, but just like all vacations, it will end much too soon and with too many goals not accomplished. There is nothing to do to change those facts; it is the very nature of breaks. What you do with your time is up to you but remember "If I didn't have all this free time," is not a valid excuse for doing nothing.

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The Do's and Don't of Re-gifting

By **CASSANDRA CUNNINGHAM**
Staff Writer

Sometimes it's impossible to get something for everyone on your Christmas list. Things happen and you forget until the night of the Christmas party or Christmas morning comes along and you realize you've got nothing to take home with you. So while it may be deemed as tacky, re-gifting is okay as long as you follow some basic guidelines.

Do:
—This may seem obvious but make sure you give the re-gift to someone who didn't already give it to you. More importantly (and this is easily overlooked), make sure the person you're giving the gift to doesn't know the person who originally gave you the gift. If you don't know, don't take the risk. It's not good when someone says, "Look what so and so got me for Christmas!" And the person responds with, "That's funny, I got them the same thing last Christmas."

—Update the wrapping. Don't leave it in the same package you got it in last year. You might forget that the tag still



has your name on it.

—Make sure you haven't used the gift before. No one wants a scarf with your soaked-in sweat on it. And never, ever re-

gift underwear (just kidding).

Don't:
—Give a gift card with a balance you are unsure of. You may not think that you used



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it, but some gift cards have a fee for non-use that can be deducted after a year's time and that \$20.00 card you thought you gave only had \$17.23 on it.

How obvious is that? Some gift cards even expire!

—Give previously hand-made gifts. That was made for you by someone else who had

you in mind, jerk!
—Re-gift fruitcake! Nothing needs to follow. Just don't do it! But here's a bonus tip: Cut out a huge portion of the cake, and feed it to the neighbor's dog. That way you have a couple of small pieces left over in the fridge in case the person who gave it to you comes over.

—Give something like a DVD or CD that has been viewed. Chances are it may have scratches on the bottom and you won't be able to explain why the brand new disc skips. And, in case you never noticed, brand-new discs don't have lots of fingerprints all over them.

—Give someone something your great aunt Thelma gave you. You didn't like the knitted sweater with the kitten on the front, so why would anyone else want it? Just pack it away and make sure it doesn't spread!

—Give clothes your size to someone two sizes bigger. "Oh it looked like it would fit you!" won't work for someone who can clearly see the shirt was meant to fit you.

A White Elephant review

By **SEAN HERMANN**
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We've all heard of white elephant gifting, but what about a white elephant review? This is actually really fun.

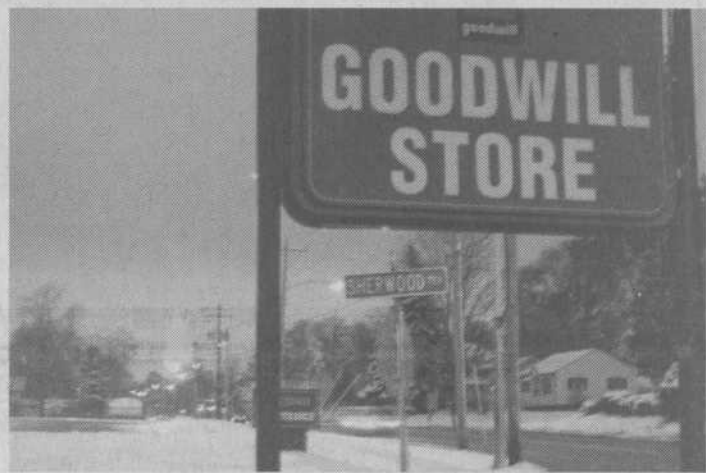
But Sean, how does it work? I thought you'd never ask!

1. Go to your local thrift shop or bargain store such as Goodwill.
2. Locate the CD bin – a discounted bin would probably do the trick – and close your eyes and dig up two or three CDs at random.
3. Take them home and have a listen! It works really well when friends get together.

I was lucky enough to dig up Soul Asylum's "And the Horse They Rode In On" from 1990 and The Din Pedals' "Self Titled" debut from 1998. I first listened to Soul Asylum's 1990 release. The tracks featured nice dynamic attacks and whacky interludes. Their sound was a cross from Blues to Progressive Rock and the deeper I listened into the album, the worse it got. The first handful of songs weren't bad but after track 6, I just had to skip them until I reached the last track, which was not bad at all and featured what sounded like an older Metallica.

Like most mainstream CDs the album only featured about three decent songs, which was predictable from the start. The album was just weird enough to keep me interested. I might, however have to check out their next release after this album as it was considered their launching point in their discography. I give "And the Horse They Rode In On" a 2.5/5

Next up was The Din Pedals



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self titled debut. From looking at the cover I could not tell what type of music I'd be indulging myself into for the next 50 minutes—it had a boy-band type of look, although the background and font gave it an Alt Rock feel. Each track featured a mini sampler of today's pop-alternative groups such as Armor For Sleep, Radiohead, Pearl Jam, or perhaps Cave In. It was hard to tell where they were trying to go with this album and although I love Experimental, the singer's vocals were a little bit too over the edge. There weren't any tracks that I was able to get into and each song sounded a little too similar for my taste. I give The Din Pedals debut a 2.5/5

I was hoping to find an older group that I could really get into, and while these albums weren't terrible, they were bad enough to turn me away for a while. If you're ever bored the week before finals, I recommend white elephant reviewing to help ease some stress and clear your head, it definitely works!

If you have any questions, comments, hate mail, or would like me to write about some-

thing in particular, please let me know! If I like what you wrote, I might even post it in my next article. I can be contacted either on facebook, you know my name, or via e-mail at shermann1@stu.parkland.edu.



10 under 20

By **CASSANDRA CUNNINGHAM**
Staff Writer

With the economy in recession and the semester coming to a close, there are many ways to still have fun. So here is a list of 10 local and creative things to do under \$20.00!

Dollar Sushi at Kofusion—In the mood to try something new? Why not try sushi! Kofusion offers "Dollar Sushi Nights" every Sunday and Monday from 4-9. They offer a variety

mas and bring snacks and head to the nearest video store and rent enough Christmas movies to last the whole day. Some must sees include: A Christmas Story, The Grinch, Elf and Fred Claus.

Dollar Tree Day—Head to dollar tree and go into the toy section. They have a wide selection of play guns, dress up kits and coloring books for a dollar. Get a few toys and have some friends over for a dart gun war or dress up day. It's never too late to be a kid again.

Though they may not belong to Santa, a herd of Alaskan reindeer make for a unique attraction in Rantoul, IL. There are reindeer, five acres of Christmas trees, hot Wassail, and a warm gift shop perfect for Christmas shopping.

Drag Night at C-Street—Open minded and in search of something unique? Every Sunday C-Street, the local gay bar, hosts a drag show night, and the first Sunday of each month is amateur night. Anyone is welcome to sign up and perform, whether in drag or not. The winner is chosen by how many dollars they get from the crowd. With \$4.00 admission, great music and a long list of drinks, it's a fun cheap way to go out and dance and see something new!

Snow Day—A ton of snow on the ground? Call into work, cancel all the meetings and get the boyfriend/girlfriend or best friend over and start the day. First go outside and build a snow man, have a snowball fight and make some snow angels. To warm up, grab some hot chocolate with extra marshmallows and the biggest blankets in the house and spend the rest of the day cuddled up. There's no better way to enjoy a snow day.

Volunteer—There is no better way to get in the holiday mood, than reaching out to others. Take time during break to volunteer and help out those less fortunate. Whether back home here in Champaign or in Chicago, find the local homeless shelter or Salvation Army, there is always a need for volunteers around this time of year. Like working with kids? Head out to the Boys and Girls Club or Big Brother Big Sister and mentor a younger kid.



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of different rolls for one dollar a piece. Some of the highlights include the Cream Fried Shrimp and The Big Roll.

Tub Tuesday—Want to see the latest movie release? Beverly Cinemas offers a great student discount when a student I.D. is presented. And make sure to go out on Tuesday for Tub Tuesday. Bring in any 'tub', whether it is a small bowl or a 5 gallon bucket, and for .50 the concession people will fill it u with hot buttery popcorn to enjoy during the movie!

Christmas Movie Marathon—Don't feel like going out to the theaters? Call up some friends, tell them to wear pajamas

Gingerbread House Making—For \$10.00, Wal-Mart offers an entire gingerbread house kit. This is perfect to do with a boyfriend or girlfriend or a best friend. Get two and see who can come up with the most creative design, then spend the rest of the night on a sugar rush after eating all of the candy off of them.

Tree Decorating—What's better than decorating a Christmas tree? Put in a call to home and find out when it's time to put the tree up. It's a great time for quality family time while mixing in the fun of decorating the tree.

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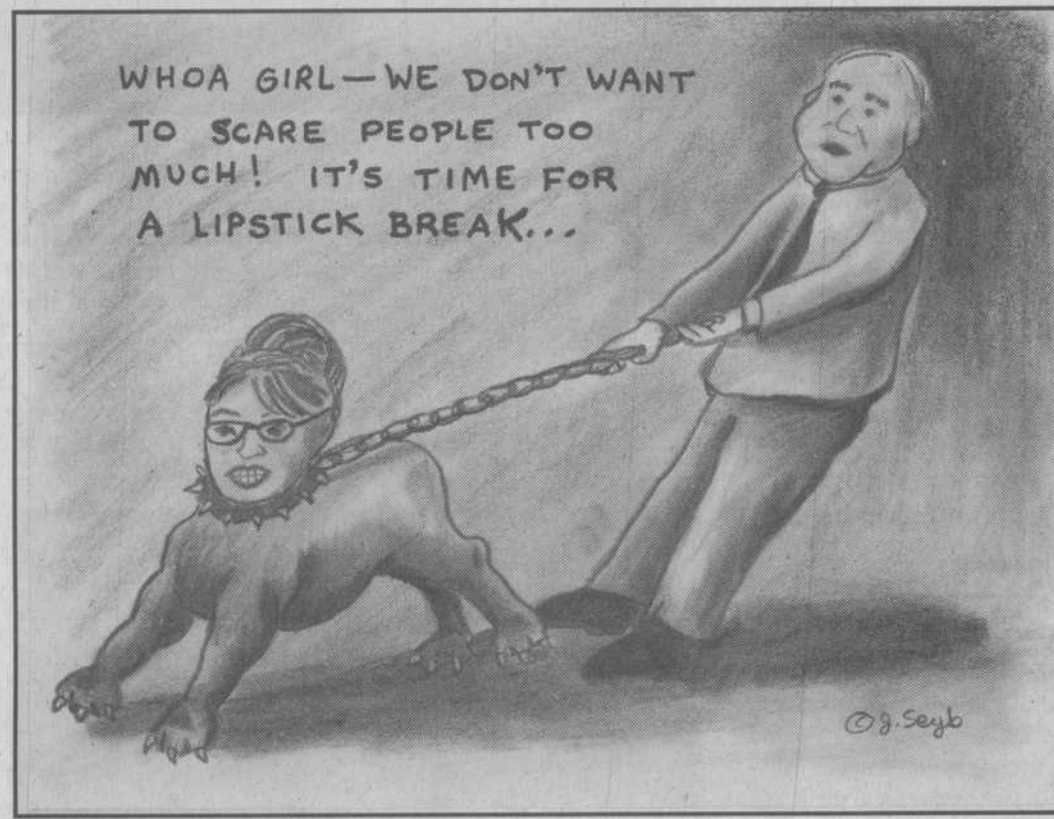
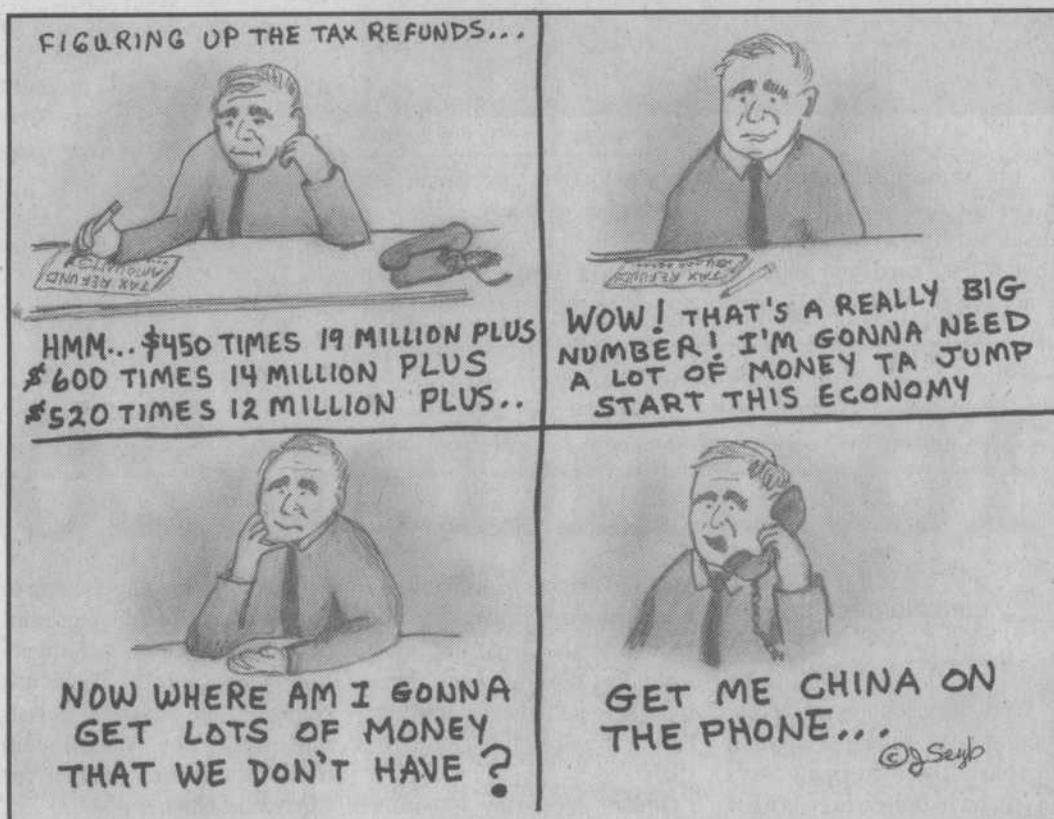
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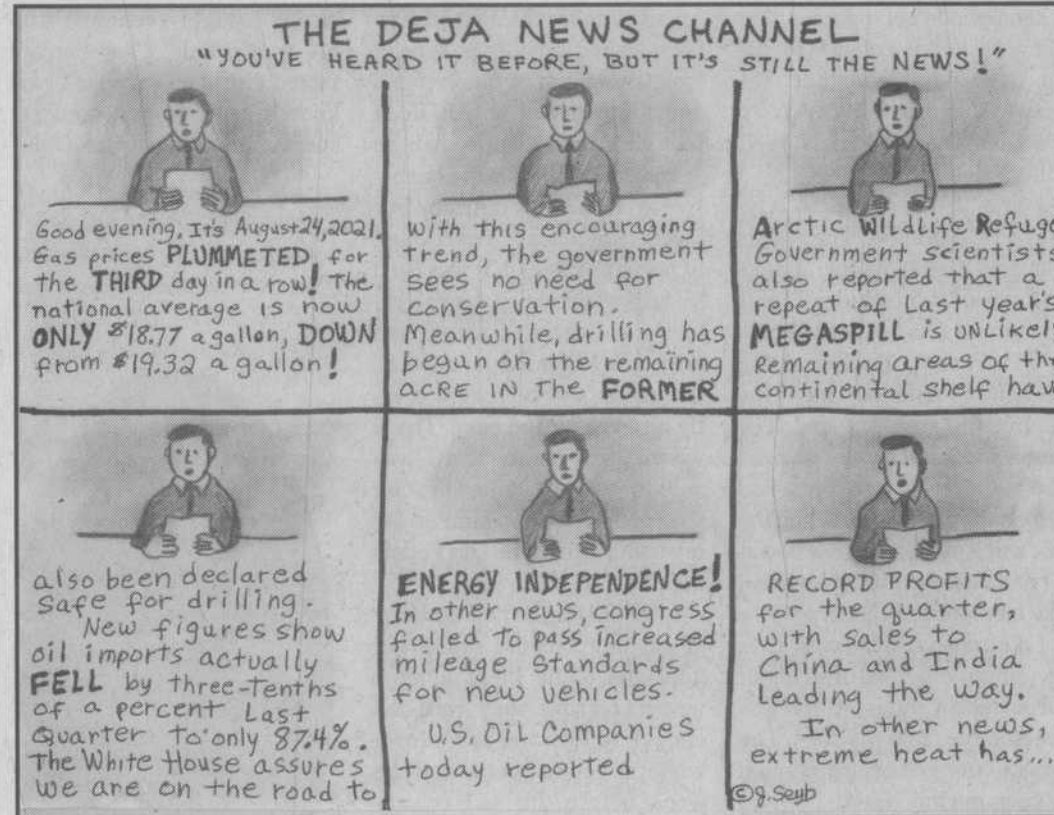
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The Year in Cartoons by Judy Seyb



Don't let finals get the best of you

The pros of Parkland give some great advice

By **PATRICK WOOD**
Staff Writer

December means several undeniable things—cold weather, Christmas, and finals. You can start wearing winter clothing and begin holiday shopping to prepare for the weather and Christmas, but how do you prepare for the finals? With finals week right around the corner, Parkland College wants to help you make sure that you are ready.

are worth looking at, especially your overall health, because when you're healthy you can think more clearly," she said.

Omar Adawi, Director of Peer Tutoring, said that peer tutoring is open the week of finals for anyone who needs it.

"We're open that week, and all I can say is start studying as soon as possible. Start now and go through old exams before taking finals. Going through old exams is key because a lot of the finals have material and

help, even if you made a stupid mistake. If you need help, ask. If you don't we can't help you. And finally, (this is particularly for finals papers) get your resources together now. Try to gather material that you need or at least have an idea of what you need to do. As you run out of time, you run out options for help. Basically, if you need help, get to the library before it's too late."

Dossett also mentioned something called a caffeine



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June Burch, the wellness coordinator for the Wellness Center says that stress can be the biggest problem for students.

"Be aware of time management. That will help you reduce stress. Stress increases the longer you wait. Be prepared, eat well, and take care of yourself. Don't spend the last 20 hours straight studying before a final. Split it up into two hour sessions," Burch said.

Burch also said that sleep and exercise play a key role in being prepared.

"You need to make sure that you get enough sleep. You need sleep to function to your best ability. Exercising also helps. When you exercise before studying, it helps you retain the information that you're studying. All of these things

topics that you have already seen," he said.

One of the best resources is Parkland's library. The library will be open with normal hours, 7:30am to 10pm, during finals week. There is space for studying, as well as group study rooms that can be reserved in advance at the information desk. The library offers free coffee and tea during finals week too. Librarian Rae Ann Dossett also had some helpful advice for students.

"First off, know when your finals are," she said. "This may sound strange, but we tend to get a lot of students coming into the library stressed because they don't know when their finals are. If you don't know, we can help you, but make it a point to try to find out in advance. Secondly, ask for

nap.

"No amount of caffeine can be substituted in place of sleep. The human body needs sleep. A caffeine nap however is different. You drink a cup of coffee and immediately take a 15 minute nap. You don't want to sleep any longer than that, but after waking up you should be more alert and awake for a longer period of time. It's something to think about," she said.

Students seem to have their own ways to study too. This is what some of them had to say when asked how they were going to prepare for finals.

"I plan on looking over my notes, depending on what class I have a final in," said Abriel Shipley.

"For finals, I do nothing. I

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Student Life Presents: Sister to Sister

By **NADA YOUSSEF**
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Are you a strong, independent woman? Do you like eating and talking about your feel-

ings, politics, and daily events that go on in your life? Do you have problems that you want resolved? It is just your luck because Sister to Sister is the club for you!

Sister to Sister is a club based on getting Parkland women together to have a good time and talk about many things that interest them. They also deal with many problems that

these women may have.

"We deal with women that need help. Your background doesn't even matter. Shevon (the Sister to Sister advisor) will help you out with your issues. She helps with academic problems, issues you may be having in class, problems you may be having with certain instructors, or even conflicts with your peers," said active mem-

Nursing: it's a family thing

By **KEN SMITH**
Staff Writer

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Like father, like son. Chip off the old block. These familiar sayings are often used when describing a child that is following in a parent's footsteps. Sometimes the son or daughter continues the family tradition by taking over the family business, or maybe the child gets a job somewhere else but continues in the same

know, running a shipping route usually means long hours, and many days away from home. Despite the missed little league games, school plays, and the all-too-frequent fast food dinners alone, this job was necessary to make ends meet.

Greg had attended Parkland in the past, and was taking coursework towards the completion of Parkland's nursing program, but as most people know, life has a way of changing your plans and he

Greg was accepted to the program and will start classes in the spring of 2009, and has already attended orientation for incoming students. He will finally be able to complete a journey he began long ago. With two family members in college it is no surprise that there will be a strain on the family budget, so Greg and Kim are considering a time frame that will allow her to enter the program as soon as the family financial situation allows. Hopefully, with Matt's completion of the program, he will find a job quickly, allowing more flexibility in the family finances—enabling Kim to begin her studies soon thereafter.

While Matt is a trendsetter by leading the direction for his parents, the choice to enter a health care field is an increasingly common one. With the baby boomers retiring—comprising approximately 28% of the US population—this leads to a correlating boom in the health care industry.

This is very simply because people require more medical services as they grow older. This, combined with the fact that a large percentage of the population's money is in the hands of the baby boomer generation, and many medical services are covered by insurance, these two sources combine to provide an enormous source of buying power for the medical industry over the next few decades.

For those of you who are attending Parkland but have not yet chosen a major, the healthcare industry is a growing one as the Johnson's story can attest to. If you have interests or just questions about fields in the healthcare industry, please visit Rita Myles, the program manager and recruiter for the Health Professions department here at Parkland.



From left to right: Matt, Kim, and Greg Johnson. Matt is in Parkland's nursing program, and he will be joined by his parents, who have a love for the health care profession. Parkland offers many options for students in the health care industry, and routinely certifies strong leaders in the medical community.

Photo courtesy of Johnson family

field. What happens when the parents follow in the footsteps of the child? Well, here at Parkland, something very similar is happening now.

Matt Johnson is a second-year student in the Parkland nursing program, and rather than following his parents footsteps, they will soon join him as students here in the same program.

Matt's parents, Greg and Kim Johnson, are natives to central Illinois. Greg, originally from Danville, is currently a truck driver for a mailing company, and frequently makes trips to Kansas City, Missouri, and to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Even though it's possible make a decent living as a big rig driver if you get with the right company, high fuel costs have made transportation more expensive, which can cut into a driver's salary.

For those of you that don't

was forced to postpone his academic career.

Luckily, however brief his initial education may have been, it was enough to show Greg the many opportunities available to people with careers in the health professions. As a result, when his son, Matt, was ready for college, Greg strongly encouraged him to look into the Parkland College nursing program. Matt was admitted to the program in Fall 2007, and is currently a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. With Matt successfully leading the way for his family, Greg also encouraged his wife, who had completed Parkland's nursing assistant program this past summer—and currently works as a C.N.A.—to enter the nursing program. Kim has always considered entering the health profession ever since high school, so the courses available at Parkland were a good fit.

ber, Telaquese Davis.

A problem they dealt with last semester had to do with rumors that a group of students started about a female student. Sister to Sister helped support this student and got her back on her feet to deal with this issue.

Another way they deal with conflicts is by having guest speakers to talk to the girls

about different topics. For instance, this semester they had a motivational speaker come to talk to them about domestic violence concerning women. The speaker talked about rape crisis and dating violence. They also had a speaker come in and talk about healthy male/female relationships and how to deal with certain obstacles that you must face with

most of the time in these relationships. Another speaker that came talked about reproductive health. This speaker was part of TAG, or the Teen Awareness Group.

Sister to Sister not only deals with problems. Along with educating these women about conflicts they must deal with, they also educate them about dif-

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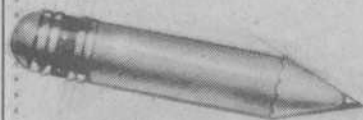
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Nancy Schrupf, Program Director/Accounting; Bruce Henrikson, Department Chair, Business and Agri-Industries; Billie Mitchell, Director/Adult Re-entry Center; Dr. Larry E. Stapleton, Associate Professor - Operations Management, Tabor School of Business, Millikin University; Dr. James Dahl, Dean/Tabor School of Business, Millikin University signed an articulation agreement for Millikin's PACE (Professional-Adult Comprehensive Education Program) B.S. in Accounting on Wednesday, November 12th. This articulation agreement maps out the transfer path from Parkland to Millikin's B.S. in Accounting. At this time, adult students who are interested in this transfer option will be required to attend evening PACE classes at the Decatur campus. Parkland and Millikin are working on the possibility of this PACE program being offered at Parkland's campus in the future. Millikin PACE currently offers a B.S. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education at Parkland.

Holiday messages from the staff



Cassandra Cunningham
Staff Writer

I hope you all made the "Nice List"! Have a fun and safe holiday break, and make sure to pick up the Prospectus when you come back for next semester!

bring you an ever-needed break from your schoolwork, but not a time to forget all for your newfound insight. Best wishes to those moving on to bigger and better things. And for those of us still in the fight, keep on fighting. The path to success is only right around the corner.



Briana Stodden
Photography Editor

I would like to thank God for healing my mother from breast cancer and I would like to thank the following people who showed love and support to me and my family during those hard times. Jill Bouvet, John Eby, Aaron and Sarah, David Linton, Richard Atkins, Ruthann Whobrey, Larry Damski, Nancy Harris, Rebecca Knar and my sister Naomi. I'm a very lucky to have such wonderful friends in my life.



Andrew Serino
Photographer

To all have a safe and happy holidays. May this time off



Patrick Wood
Staff Writer

As the year comes to a close, I just want to say to everyone out there that reads this, do not take your time for granted. This time of year and boredom seem to go hand in hand so I say, read a book, listen to your favorite music, write a short story, paint a picture: do something productive with your time. What I want to stress the most however is spend time with the ones you love. Have a safe and happy holiday season!



Judy Seyb
Cartoonist

I believe the holiday season should represent a time for people to reflect on the way we treat each other and the small planet that we share. May 2009 be the year when people decide peace, and not war, is the answer to our differences. May 2009 be the year when people realize that we live on a planet that is in great need of respect and care. My 2009 be the year when diversity is recognized as a strength and not an excuse for hatred. May 2009 be a year filled with hope.



Sean Hermann
Staff Writer

Hey guys, it's been a great semester so far and I'm so glad I joined the Prospectus. I've learned a lot about writing, made awesome new friends and had fun doing it. I just want to thank my family, friends, and any other loyal readers I may have out there for reading and I hope you will continue to do so next semester as well. If there is anyone out there who

Nada Youssef
Staff Writer

I can't wait for when the semester ends, when Christmas will finally be here! I can't wait until late at night when I hear the heavy footsteps of Santa come down my fire escape. I will leave him some of my home-made baklava

and eggnog so he can make it through the night. I hope he leaves me all that I asked for: 1. Give Aaron the courage to flagellate all those who have wronged him on the Prospectus. 2. Give Sean a brain 3. Give Andrew the heart to take more scandalous pictures for future stories.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

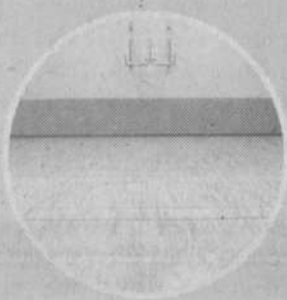
is interested in joining, don't be shy. Just get in touch with me and I'll help you get signed up. Have a safe holiday season!



Jonas Dees
Columnist

For everyone that has to work over break, myself included, make the most of your time off and get ready for another great semester at Parkland College! Once the "work" part of break is over, I plan on taking some time off to sit back and enjoy the peaceful calm. The break in school combined with the holidays gives off a unique feeling that can best be described as warm and fuzzy. Best Holiday wishes and thanks to my friends and family and everyone at Prospectus News and

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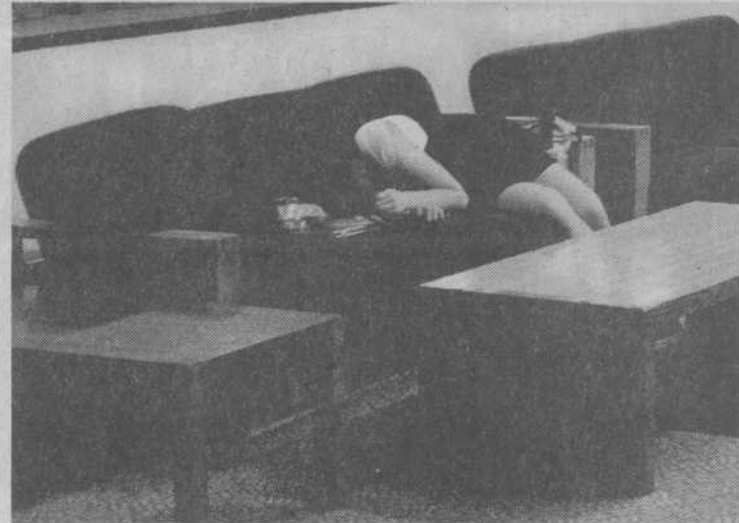
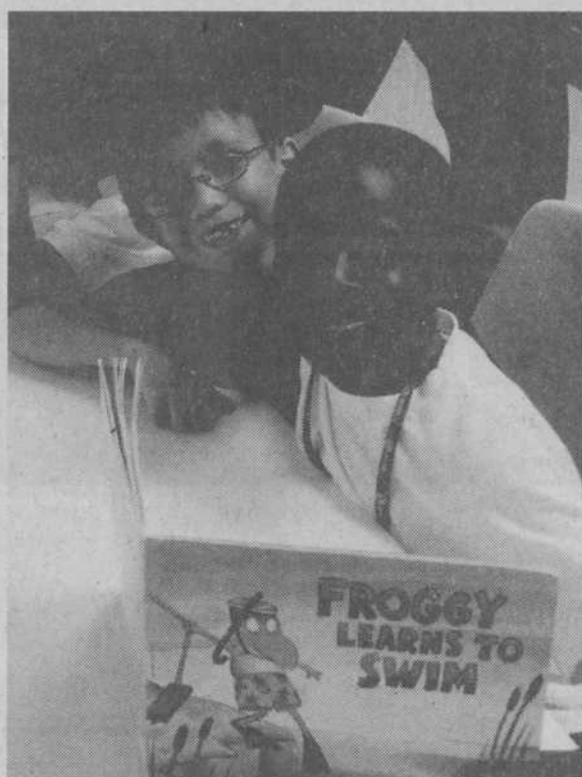
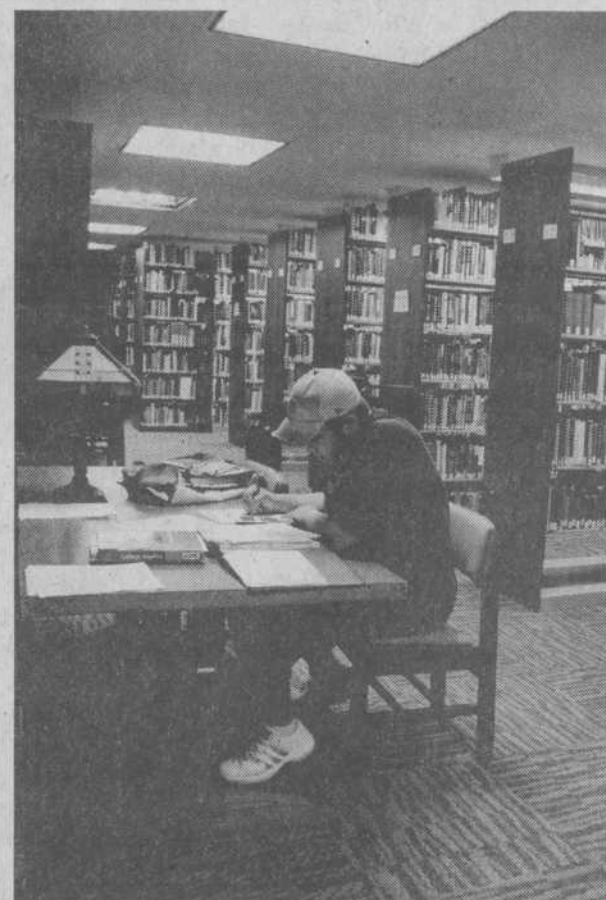


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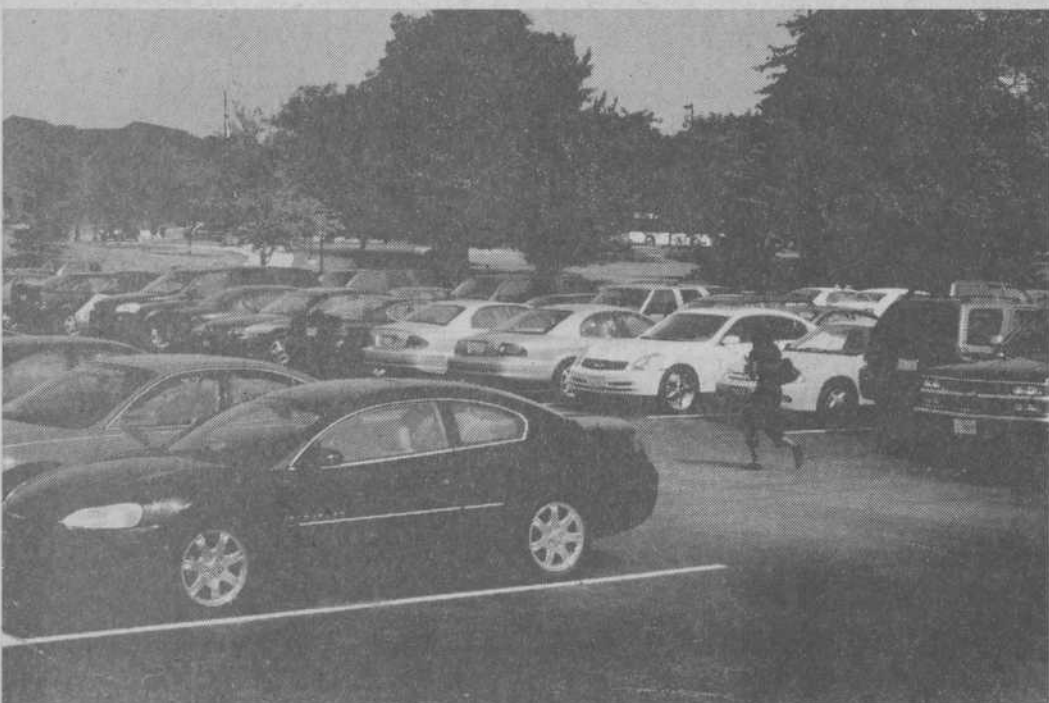
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I have only been on the Prospectus staff for a few weeks, so first and foremost I would like to thank John Eby and Aaron for the opportunity. I don't really get into "Christmas mode" any more, except for my niece and nephews sake, but I would still like wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Aaron Geiger
Editor

I would like to sincerely thank the Prospectus staff for

all of their hard work this year. They work much harder than most students, and they strive to bring a professional atmosphere to Parkland College. I would also like to thank Tom Caulfield for his support. My sincere gratitude goes to our advisor, John Eby, who is the silent friend of all of us. Merry Christmas to Sarah, Eva, my parents, the Murphys, Tom and Joe, my family in Hawaii, my friends still serving our country in the military, my sister Monica, my nieces Naomi and Annabella, and my tough little nephew Carter. And most importantly, thanks to God, who has been instrumental in all that I do. I hope that for once, this world will feel a sense of peace this season, and the only news we find to print is good news. Happy Holidays to all!



Ken Smith
Staff Writer

As we near the holiday season, here are a few parting thoughts to take with you as you go through your holiday travels. As students, I hope each of you were successful, achieving the goals that you made at the beginning of the semester. For those that didn't, use this semester as feedback, and modify your activities so that they will in the future. Some people

say that if you don't reach your goals that maybe your trying to do to much and that you should lower your standards. Such statements are defeatist, and people that say such things will always have to settle for mediocrity. There is nothing wrong with working hard to reach a goal. Don't let anyone talk you out of being successful.

On the road to success, life has a way of presenting unlimited distractions right when you need to focus, but leaves you high and dry when you can actually afford a welcomed breather.

I use a simple strategy to keep focused and stay motivated. Whenever I begin to question the value of my effort, and wonder whether I'm wasting my time, I ask myself two simple questions. First, if I were my own employer, *Would I pay myself for what I'm doing right now?* If not, that means I'm probably wasting time. Second, imagine you look back 5 years from now and ask, *Did today's activity have a positive effect on my future?* Will you even remember it 5 years from now? When looked at in this way, even seemingly relevant activities will fade in importance when examined over time. Just like the added shift at work really wasn't worth the extra money in place of better grades. Once you determine a worthwhile goal, work hard, work very hard, and keep at it till you are successful. Most successes don't go the super talented or overly gifted, but to those that never, ever quit!



Anthony Burkert
Photographer

Tony is a photographer, he doesn't write holiday messages, he takes pictures. That is all.

FINALS

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will probably do nothing," said Josh Doniek.

"I usually cram for three days before a big test or final and for smaller ones, like ones I have this year, I just study for maybe a night or two," said Lauren Ellis.

"Study all night. Take the final. That's it," said Patrick Brewer.

Students should take into account that their finals are important. Main things to remember: get enough sleep, do not procrastinate, try to stay healthy, and ask for help if you need it. For more resources you can go to the following places:

For help with handling stress - Wellness Center, Room X-240

For help with studying and tutoring help - Center for Academic Success, Room D-120

STULIFE

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ferent areas of the world. Last semester Sister to Sister went to Cincinnati to the Freedom Center to revisit the Underground Railroad. This is the road that Harriet Tubman, an escaped slave, led others to freedom.

"We saw the cabins that the slaves stayed at. We saw where the slaves were beaten and learned about their owners. This was totally a different experience for me. I felt happy about how far we have come in this country from that time," said Telaquese.

Sister to Sister also went to a 2-day conference last semester. There, they learned about famous black women who accomplished so much in their lives, such as Mae C. Jemison, the first African American astronaut. They also learned how to deal with black women's hair.

Not only does Sister to Sister try to educate their members, they also have tons of fun.

"One of the things I like most about the club is playing UNO!" said active member Katrice Palmer.

They also read magazines and hang out with each other to chill out and relax. This club comes with many benefits, too.

"We don't always do this, but today we are getting chicken for the girls!" said advisor Ms. Shevon.

Sister to Sister is a non discriminatory club. Anyone of

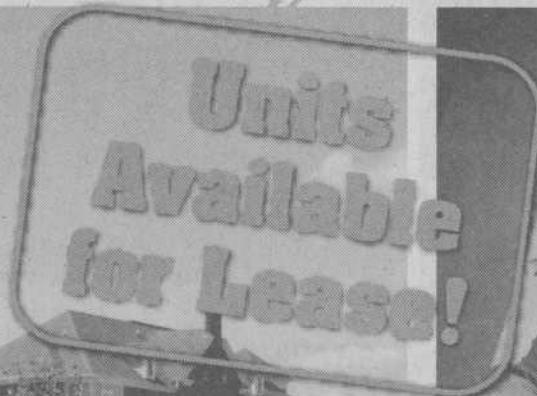
any race is more than welcome to come and join in on the fun. If you ever have any issues, comments and concerns, or you just want to talk, Sister to Sister is welcoming with open arms. Its members are some of the nicest people out of all of the clubs that have been interviewed. They are considerate and really listen to what you are saying. They also try to help as much as they can.

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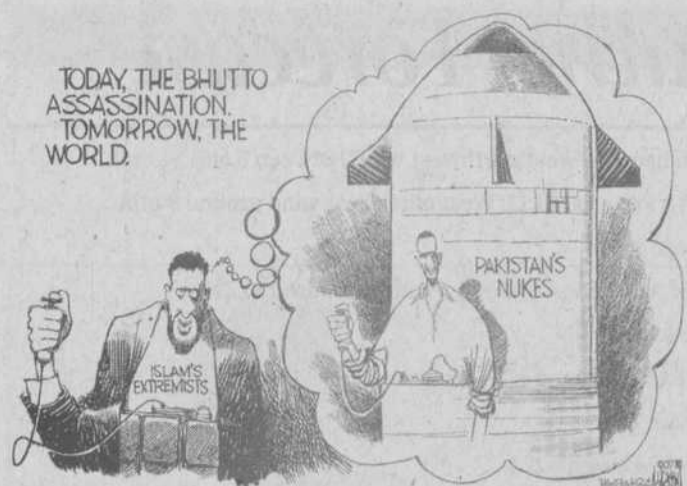
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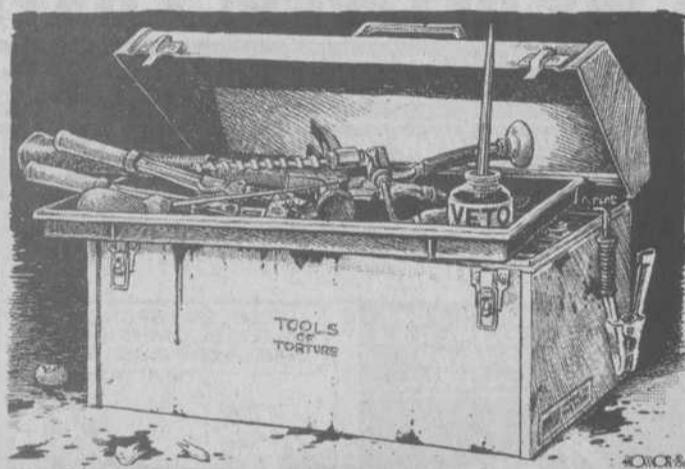
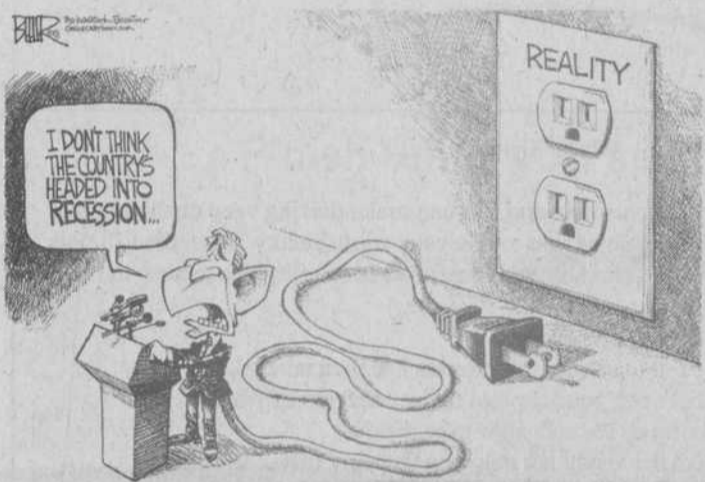
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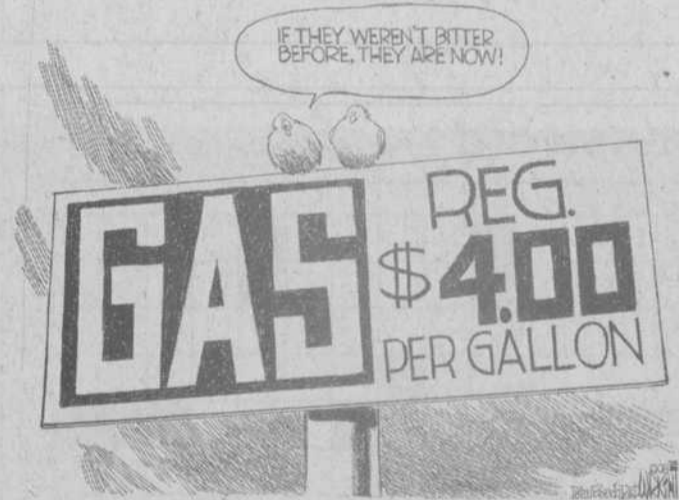
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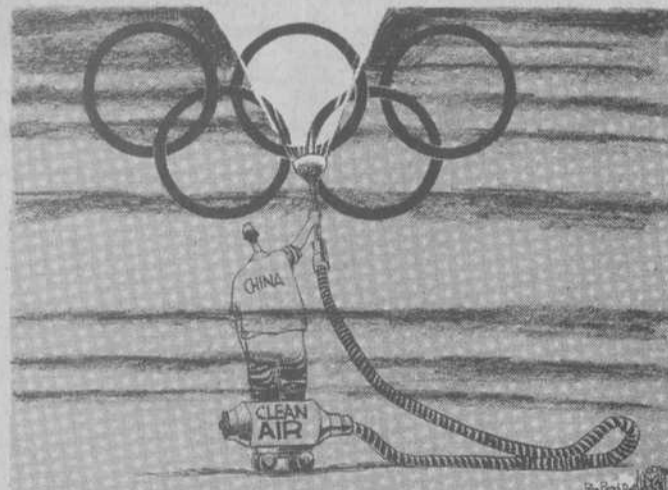
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Weather Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 28. West northwest wind between 8 and 14 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12. West northwest wind around 8 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.
Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.
Saturday: Cloudy, with a high near 34.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.
Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33.
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The young black male subjects were described as being 14 to 16 years of age. One of the subjects seen throwing a brick was wearing a white shirt.

Investigators are seeking any information you might have regarding this incident.

Winter Driving

The winter season is quickly approaching and this can make driving very challenging at times. If atmospheric conditions require you to use your windshield wipers, then Illinois Law requires that you to turn on your headlights. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind while driving in bad weather.

- Check the weather report the night before.
- If you have to drive, leave ten to twenty minutes earlier than normal.
- Leave plenty of distance between your car and the car in front of you.
- Remember, if you are driving on ice and snow take it slow.
- Also, remember, four wheel drive will not help you stop any faster on ice.
- For pre-recorded road condition information, please call 1800-452-idot (4368).
- It is also a good idea to keep an extra blanket and warm clothes in the vehicle in case you get stranded.

Lastly, if you are running late, don't rush. Keep in mind, the object is to get to your destination safely. Please drive safely during inclement weather.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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 - 6 Slip up
 - 10 Palm starch
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 - 17 Lend! playing badly?
 - 20 Long-distance operators?
 - 21 Spotted wildcats
 - 22 Yelder
 - 24 First wife?
 - 25 Fix securely
 - 28 Clarinet relative
 - 30 Dr. Tim's drug
 - 33 Middy
 - 34 Way around
 - 36 Antibes summer
 - 37 Namath serving drinks?
 - 40 "___ the fields we go..."
 - 41 Brings joy to
 - 42 Eye amorously
 - 43 Gridiron meas.
 - 44 French movies
 - 45 Behave furtively
 - 46 Dog-breeders' org.
 - 47 Verbalize
 - 50 Coincide partially
 - 54 Raise up
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 - 60 Different
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 - 64 Scottish dagger
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By Stanley B. Whitten
Madison, WI 12/8/08

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- 1 Kuwaiti ruler
 - 2 In person
 - 3 "The Film___ Man"
 - 4 Uncorrupted
 - 5 Trawled
 - 6 V-formation flyers
 - 7 On the market
 - 8 Nabisco cookie
 - 9 Some failures to advance runners
 - 10 Subway gate
 - 11 Early pulp
 - 12 Moolah
 - 13 Aces, sometimes
 - 18 Conditional contraction
 - 19 Idolize
 - 23 Turns around
 - 25 Delight in
 - 26 Bellowed like Bossy
 - 27 Afrikaners
 - 29 Cylinder diameter
 - 30 Rock shelf
 - 31 Inscribed stone pillar
 - 32 Actress Bo
 - 34 Undies
 - 35 Israeli statesman
 - 38 Razz
 - 39 Happening that didn't happen
 - 45 Lawrence and Martin
 - 46 Zodiac sign
 - 48 Succinct
 - 49 The Greatest
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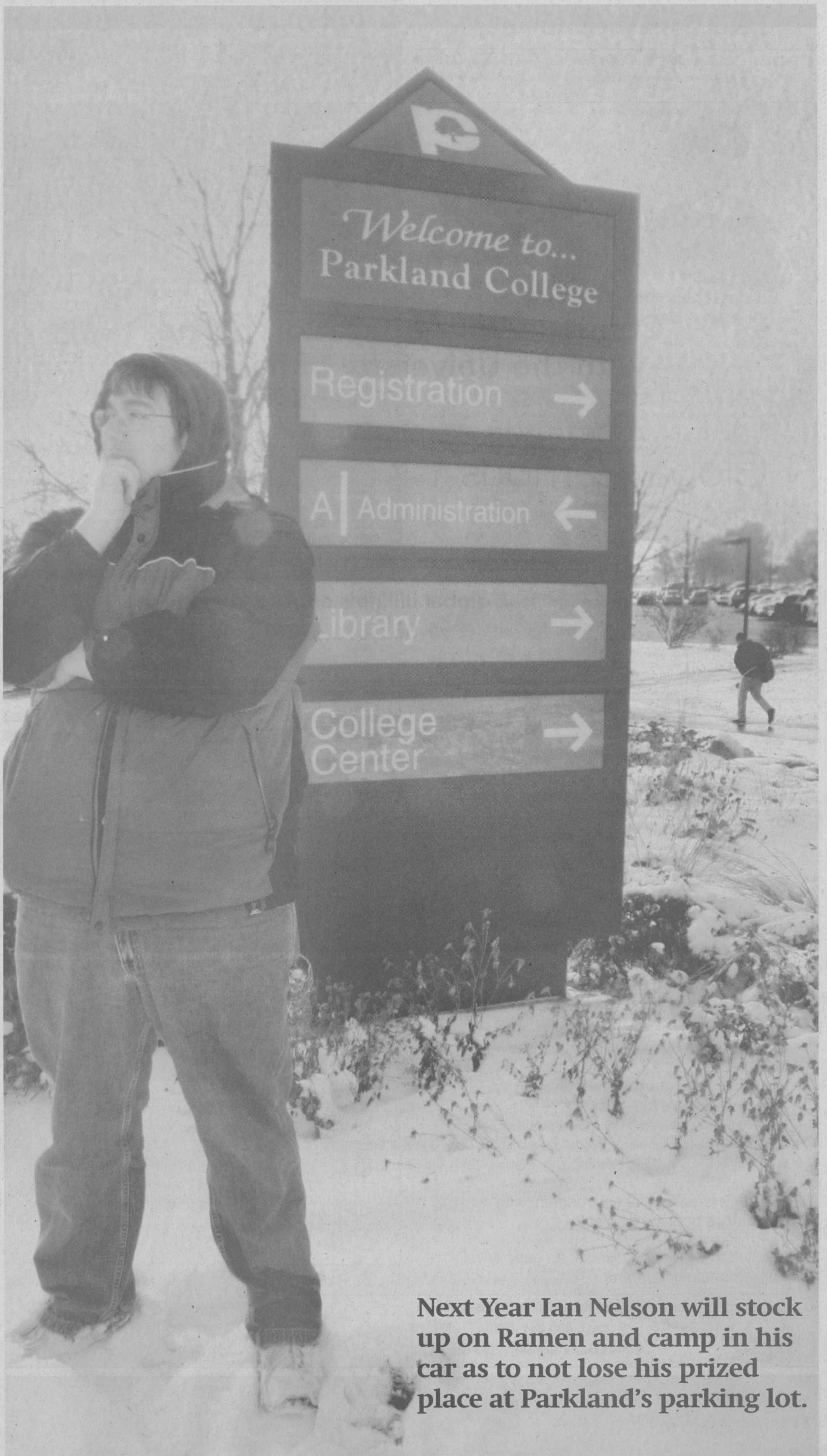
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