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Patrons stop to admire some featured work by Parkland's faculty, which kicked off the Art Gallery season last week. You can find a wide variety of works and true depth this year as the exhibits change. Don't forget to spend an afternoon at High Noon With the Artist during the current exhibit. Visit the gallery web site for more info!

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Small school atmosphere; big-time talent

■ Parkland Art Gallery kicks off season of delights

By SEAN HERMANN
Prospectus Staff Writer

The fall semester is now upon us and that means a whole new calendar of events at the Parkland Art Gallery! Here are the main attractions that will be catching the eyes and ears of students this upcoming semester.

First off is the Annual Parkland Art & Design Faculty Exhibition. The exhibition has been on display since the first week of school and runs until September 18. This exhibition features work from much of the Fine and Applied Art faculty.

"[It is] a great way to see what the art faculty have been working on this summer," said Art Gallery Director Lisa Costello.

About twenty of the studio art and design faculty are featured in the exhibition and the work presented will include photography, sculpture, watercolor, ceramics and much more.

"[The exhibition] is great

because there is so much diversity in the work and gives students insight as to what the teachers do outside of the classroom," said Costello.

According to the gallery web site, "The faculty exhibition features something for everyone. Students and the community as a whole will enjoy the work, which mirrors the broad spectrum of art courses available at Parkland College."

Jamie Kruidenier, a part-time watercolor instructor at Parkland, will give a lecture about her work on Thursday, September 18 at noon in the art gallery as a part of the High Noon with the Artist series. Don't worry, there is no admission charge, but donations are welcome!

Coming up on October the gallery will feature Tabula Rasa: A Drawing Exhibition. This new contemporary drawing exhibition will run from Saturday, September 27 to Saturday, October 25 at the Parkland Art Gallery. The reception will be held on October 2, from 6-8pm with an introduction

by co-curators Joan Stolz and Matthew Watt, an artist's talk by Michael Dinges, all accompanied with music by pianist Kristina Engberg. Refreshments will be provided at the reception.

"The exhibition includes nine established artists from around the country, including Mary Borgman, Saul Chernick, Michael Dinges, Alex Donis, Ed Fernandes, Cheryl Goldsleger, Michael Reedy, Kristin Skees, and Nancy Wolf. Works chosen for this exhibit reveal artists with varying points of view: some personal, some formal, some political; yet they all retain the immediacy of the best of drawing, the tactile feel of how a mark is placed," said Costello.

Michael Dinges of Chicago will be speaking on Thursday, October 2 at 1pm in the gallery and will provide an in-depth discussion about his work and life as an artist.

"I use the traditional practices of scrimshaw and trench art to comment on the changing nature of labor and global

trade. I have chosen to do my engravings on PVC plastic because it is both ubiquitous, such as bone was in the nineteenth century, and toxic in nature, a threat to one's life, such as artillery shells. PVC is reminiscent in color and texture to ivory and it can be glued together in the form of vessels that are present in trench art," said Dinges on a recent press release from the gallery.

Jumping into November head-first will be "My name is Art": The life and work of Art Chantry. This special exhibition will be held on Monday, November 3 through Saturday, December 6, with a reception on Thursday, November 6, 6-8pm and a Gallery Talk at 7pm by Art Chantry himself. This exhibition will feature none other than the famous Art Chantry, a "well known graphic designer, who lives in Seattle. He produces low-tech images for musical promotions and even theatre and festival promotions," said Costello. This exhibit will also feature a luncheon fundraiser to

raise money for future shows and to hold a field trip for Parkland art students to go to Chicago to see the annual Day of the Dead exhibition at the National Museum of Mexican Art. Tickets are \$25. Be there! (Gallery closed for Thanksgiving November 26-30, 2008)

Last on the roster is the featured High School Art Seminar. The seminar will be held November 16, from 9am to 1pm. Close to 200 high school students will be on hand from as many as fourteen local schools. The students will attend a hands-on workshop, exploring ceramic tiles and works on paper. They will also take a tour of the gallery, watch a short documentary on the artists, and will attend a lecture by Vince Palacios, who will be coming from Western University to discuss his ceramic pieces and what influences his work in the theater at 10:00 and 11:00 in the Parkland Theater.

The web site stated, "The Parkland Art Gallery received an Illinois Arts Council Grant and a Target Foundation Grant

to help host this event and provides hands-on workshops for our high school artists and their instructors. Schnuck's will provide refreshments for the workshop."

Costello also added, "Volunteers for this event are needed and greatly appreciated!"

If you have any questions about any of these events or would like to volunteer for the HS seminar, feel free to call the gallery office, at 351-2485.

Programs and exhibitions at the Parkland Art Gallery are partially supported by Parkland College Student Activities and a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. Parkland is a section 504/ADA-compliant institution. For accommodation, call 217/351-2551.

Parkland Art Gallery is located at 2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign, Illinois. For more information please call the gallery office at 217/351-2485 or visit the website at www.parkland.edu/gallery. Gallery Hours are Monday-Friday, 10am to 3pm.

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Parkland looking to pioneer biofuel classes

■ Non-credit course to test the waters for interest

By KEN SMITH
Prospectus Staff Writer

This fall, several Parkland instructors will be teaching a Live & Learn class about biofuels. This joint effort will be a collaborative work between natural sciences, agriculture, and automotive technology departments. One of the class objectives will be to visit an ethanol plant, which could be in Gibson City, Danville, or Tuscola. The only fear is that these facilities may still be under construction and not operational in time for the class. However, there are other plants in Illinois and perhaps one of them will serve as a suitable destination.

In addition to ethanol, another biofuel that will be dis-

cussed is biodiesel, and students will receive hands-on experience with the entire process of biodiesel production. They will start with raw plant material, which in this case will be corn provided by the agriculture department. Then they will chemically extract the oils from the corn in the natural sciences labs, and finally burn the fuel in a diesel engine in the automotive technology shop. With this experience, students will witness the complete start to finish process of biodiesel production through utilization.

This class is intended to be a feeler for interest in the industrial technology department. Since Live & Learn classes at Parkland are non-credit courses, it is hoped that

this class will develop enough interest to convert this topic into a credit class meeting the full semester. Currently this class will run for about three weeks, meeting twice a week in the evenings, probably starting in October, but if interest is strong this will possibly mean a whole new field of study at Parkland College.

Originally approached by the Waste Management and Research center in Champaign to begin a program of this kind, Parkland decided to develop a tentative plan and look for funding. Currently the National Science Foundation has \$40-\$45 million available for Advanced Technological

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Money money money money

■ How to get some to pay for school

By NADA YOUSSEF
Prospectus Staff Writer

Paying for college can be difficult when you have many other financial responsibilities to take care of. Fortunately, financial aid is provided to help you continue your education without having to worry about paying it all off in time right here at Parkland College.

"Financial aid is monetary support for students who can't afford school," said Financial Aid Director Tim Wendt. The money that the Office of Financial Aid disperses is provided by three sources: the federal government, the state, and outside sources such as Parkland College. Parkland gives

roughly a year to the 30% of students who qualify.

Everyone is eligible to apply for financial aid. Students of all incomes and financial backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Many doors open for people who apply for financial assistance.

"Even a millionaire is eligible for financial aid. I recommend everyone to apply, you never know what you can get," said Wendt.

Even part time students are eligible. According to Wendt, a student with as much as one credit hour is eligible for aid. But the more credit hours that you are enrolled in the more help you could possibly

receive. Military veterans get even better deals as they are walked through the financial aid process, step by step, by members of SVAP, or Student Veterans at Parkland. They typically get about four years, or a bachelor's degree, of their college tuition paid for—just one of the perks for serving the USA.

"Veterans are getting more support because returning to civilian life can be difficult enough," said Wendt.

There isn't a certain requirement to receive financial aid. It all depends on how many family members there are, how many working parents, income

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Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

LEAD STORY

Italian and U.K. legal authorities have recently discarded rule interpretations based on embarrassingly anachronistic stereotypes of women. In July, Italy's Court of Cassation reversed a 1999 ruling creating a legal presumption that a woman wearing tight jeans could not be the victim of rape because such jeans would be impossible to remove without her assistance. Coincidentally, at about the same time, the British government formally removed the special, ameliorating defense of "provocation" for husbands charged with murdering their wives, thus putting domestic homicide on the same footing as other homicides. (Some husbands had received lesser penalties by claiming that their wives' affairs had provoked them to murder.)

Compelling Explanations

Jonathan Williams, 33, was convicted of cocaine possession in England's Guildford Crown Court in July, as jurors rejected his explanation that the pants he had on (containing the cocaine) were not his. That explanation also failed in August in Naples, Fla., for Richard Obdyke, 19, when police found a stolen debit card in his pants. (In both cases, the men said they had no idea whose pants they were wearing.) And in August in Corpus Christi, Texas, a 25-year-old man was arrested for drug possession during a traffic stop, despite his volunteering to police that "It's not my truck," and "If you find something (searching it), it's not mine," and "If there's anything in that black bag, it's not mine."

Gill Switalski, 51, filed a lawsuit in London, seeking the equivalent of almost \$40 million for her dismissal from the Foreign and Colonial investment firm, claiming she was fired illegally during an illness. However, F and C asserted in June that it found an instance during a particularly sickly spell for Switalski when she interviewed for a job at a competitor while demonstrating enough energy and drive to have received an offer of employment. Switalski said she was merely using an "alternative personality" during that interview.

In July, Leroy McAfee, 55, was charged in Austin, Texas, with molesting an 11-year-old girl but confessed to police that he had molested two others, as well. However, he refused

to describe those incidents because he wanted to save that information for his autobiography.

What Goes Around, Comes Around

According to police in Bethlehem, Pa., four kids (ages 9 to 14) grabbed a donation box in August at RiverPlace Park (contributions to an organization that maintains the park's portable toilets) and ran for nearby woods, with several police officers in pursuit. Three boys were caught, but the other made it a little ways into the woods before falling into a manure pit built by homeless people at their encampment.

About 10 years ago, reported LA Weekly in July, Southern California was awash with hysteria over household "toxic mold," in which lawyers convinced jurors that a wide range of illnesses was caused by fungi that previously had been minor irritants controlled by ordinary cleansers. (Centers for Disease Control maintains there is no basis for such hysteria and that the only at-risk people are a tiny number vulnerable to specific fungi.) Among the mold alarmists then was announcer Ed McMahon, who famously received a multimillion-dollar settlement by claiming that mold killed his beloved dog. Recently, McMahon even more famously publicly lamented his potential bankruptcy, in large part because no one wanted to buy his house.

The Continuing Crisis

Mohammed Bello Abubakar, 84, a Muslim preacher in the western Nigerian state of Niger, told a BBC reporter in August that, although he personally has 86 wives (and 170 children), other men could not handle that many. "(My own power is given by Allah," he said. "That is why I have been able to control 86 of them." The usual maximum for Muslims is four, but Bello Abubakar said the Quran does not specify punishment for violation. Besides, he said, "I don't go looking for (women). They come to me" because of his reputation as a healer. (Two weeks later, Reuters reported that local clerics were pressuring Bello Abubakar to divorce 82 wives of his choice, but a spokesman for the preacher said he was resisting.)

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Poke me, friend me, digg me, tweet me

A deeper look into the life of social networking



By JONAS DEES
 Tech Columnist

Parkland students poke and friend people all the time, but do they digg and tweet? If you haven't stumbled upon anything fun and exciting today, you're not doing this whole Internet thing right.

Every day students waste their time on social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook, but why? Entertainment is a big reason. Interaction with friends and strangers is fun; it's what separates us from the animals—that and the opposable thumbs—which coincidentally help us type the messages we send to friends.

Boredom might be another reason, but how many times can you really look at the same people taking the same party photos every weekend? That's not a rhetorical question—seriously, how many times? The alternatives to the big two of MySpace and Facebook are everywhere, but go into any computer lab right now and see the horrible MySpace layouts with the repeating background, or the generous amounts of white space and light blue hues of Facebook. It's as if the students know of nothing else.

Facebook is huge globally, with the fifth most trafficked site in the world, while MySpace is close behind in the seventh spot. Both sites get tons of traffic, but two other social networking sites reside in the global top 20: Hi5 and Orkut. The average American student may have never heard of these two sites until now because Hi5 is popular in Latin America with some influence in Europe, Asia, and Africa, while Orkut is big in Brazil and is the most visited site in that country—even beating out Google Brazil. What does this all mean? Two things, the world is big and Americans don't control everything, especially online and just because something has the most users or is deemed "the best" by the most people doesn't mean it works for everyone.

Social networking sites are for people with like-minded interests and activities who want to interact with other like-minded people. If two people like something they should interact and talk about whatever it is they like. Without social networking sites they may have never even met, but if they've never met in real life

have the really even met?

The future of social networking is getting out into the real world and using the service to interact with real people, because being truly social should not occur while in front of a computer screen. How many people have been to an event, talked to some random people and then received friend requests from those same random people? This seems a little backwards. While at the event, your blue-tooth enabled cell phone should have alerted you to others at the event that share similar interests, and given the option to message or identify this person, which might lead to an actual enjoyable interaction. Consider it a technological ice-breaker.

This technology exists through a German company named Aka-aki which is still testing the service of the same name but has made it available

communities. These communities will have fewer friends, but better friends.

Social networking is all about the user. The user wants to interact with others and has many options to choose from, but the user is unsure of what option is best. If the user is into photography—Flickr, Photobucket, Shutterfly, or Snapfish (sites designed for uploading and sharing photos and pictures)—would be good options. If the user really enjoys blogging they might love micro-blogging from their cell-phone with Twitter, Pownce, or Jaiku.

If the user consumes online content daily and wants to share with others, then the bookmarking service Delicious, or StumbleUpon, a service that allows you to discover and rate pages, photos and videos, may be the best choice. The alternatives are out there and when it comes to social

The world of Twitter

Twitter is a free social networking service that allows users to keep in touch with others without the formalities of other electronic communication such as e-mail or blogs. Users post to Twitter, where friends and anyone else (if the account is not restricted) can read them.

How it works

- After setting up a free account, Mona Lisa can begin to post text messages up to 140 characters long via the Twitter site, cell phone, BlackBerry or third-party services such as Facebook.
- Mona's postings or "tweets" appear on her home page in chronological order along with those from her friends that she chose to follow (See below).
- Those who are following Mona's "tweets" are listed here; other details also are listed.
- For security purposes, Mona can restrict her messages to only friends she's invited; she also can block individuals from following her tweets.

in Germany and the United Kingdom. Social networking's future probably doesn't include more Facebooks or MySpaces either. Just like America Online and Geocities grew out of favor with millions of users, so will these companies, maybe not so dramatically, but the Internet is a fickle place with users constantly demanding the newest and best product. Users also demand quality and everyone knows ten great friends are better than 100 average friends, although some profiles would suggest otherwise. This demand for quality will introduce smaller and smaller niche

networking don't hang with the wrong crowd just because everyone else is doing the exact same thing. Take this advice, it comes from a friend.

[Ed. Note - You can visit our web site to read about other technology finds that Jonas and the editors come up with.]

If you have something in the realm of technology you would like to see covered, and you think it should be in our paper, don't hesitate to let Jonas Dees know (email listed at bottom of article).

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To find the gallery when classes are in session, we suggest using the M6 parking lot on the north corner of the campus. Enter through any door and follow the ramps uphill to the highest point of the first floor, where the gallery is located. The gallery windows overlook the outdoor fountain area.



Help clean up Parkland's image while having fun

By CASSANDRA CUNNINGHAM
Prospectus Staff Writer

Remember the old Barney song? Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere. With global warming and pollution sweeping the world, this song should apply now more than ever, and Parkland's College Clean Up aims to do just that.

The Office of the President, Office of

together and make sure our campus stays in beautiful shape!

Coinciding with Parkland College Clean Up Day is the presence of Elizabeth Royte, author of *Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash*. Miss Royte will be giving a free talk, open to the public, on October 15 at 7pm in the Champaign Public Library. And to make things even better, Miss Royte will be spending the day at Parkland College with faculty and students on October 16. Be sure to check out her talk from 10-11am in room C118, followed by a question and answer period.



Student Life, Student Government, Parkland Reads, and Sustainable Campus Initiative are offering everyone three different days to get a chance to chip in and help with some clean up around campus. This is a time for students, faculty and members of the community to come

There will also be a luncheon with the author from 12-1pm.

Dates for the clean up are: 9/25, 3-4pm (outdoors), 10/24, 3-4 pm (outdoors), and 11/20, 3-4 pm (indoors). Gloves, bags, and treats will be provided. To sign up, email parklandreads@parkland.edu

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Education, which is only available to community colleges, of which Parkland has applied for \$750,000-\$800,000 to fund this program. This would enable the college to offer students the ability to specialize in bio diesel production, especially in fields like agriculture, the natural sciences, or automotive technology. David Wilson of the natural sciences department said "Ultimately, Parkland could offer a national certification for biodiesel production, which would serve as a level of credibility in the job market." In this event, Parkland would be a pioneer in the education of biodiesel since nothing of this kind is locally in existence.

This class will have five instructors from three different departments and will be taking enrollment soon. For

those interested, contact David Wilson, Van Grissom, or Curtis Shoaf in the Natural Sciences department; Don Burgfield in Agribusiness; or Jon Ross in the engineering sciences and technology. With the new wave of alternative energies this could be an amazing opportunity to get a jump start

on one that the US government is pouring a lot of funding into. For more information see the following:

www.ethanolrfa.org/industry/locations
www.epa.state.il.us/air/permits/ethanol-plants.html

Biodiesel from algae

High oil prices and advances in biotech over the past decade have renewed the algae biofuel race.

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Yield of various plant oils
(Gallons per hectare)

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Sunflower	251
Castor	373
Coconut	605
Palm	1,572
Algae	25,417

About algae

- Among the fastest growing plants; about 50% of their weight is oil
- Contains no sulfur, non-toxic, highly biodegradable
- Algae fuel is also known as algal fuel or algae

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In swing-state stops, Palin throws jabs and Obama talks jobs

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS
(MCT)

CEDARBURG, Wis.— John McCain and Sarah Palin tried Friday to ride whatever momentum they generated from this week's Republican convention, beginning their sprint to Election Day by campaigning together in the battleground states of Wisconsin and Michigan.

The morning after the balloons and fanfare of the St. Paul convention, the Republican presidential ticket stood before a crowd of thousands assembled along the main

street of downtown Cedarburg, a suburb of Milwaukee.

Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama, meanwhile, campaigned in the swing state of Pennsylvania, emphasizing economic issues amid Friday's news that the U.S. unemployment rate reached a five-year high of 6.1 percent in August as employers cut 84,000 jobs.

Back in Wisconsin, McCain also noted the gloomy economic reports out of Washington.

"Rough times all over America," he said.

McCain said that it is places like this staunchly Republican enclave of 11,000 that will propel him and Palin into the White House.

"This turnout in Cedarburg is what this campaign is all about," he told the enthusiastic crowd. "We're going to go across the small towns of America, and we're going to give them hope, and we're going to give them confidence, and we will bring about change in Washington, D.C. We won't (just) talk about issues, but we will do something about them."

Palin recited her biography and many of the lines she gave in her convention speech. She also continued to throw sharp rhetorical punches, with pointed digs at the Obama-Biden ticket.

She again mocked Obama's time working as a community organizer. And, noting Obama's appearance Thursday on the Fox News TV show hosted

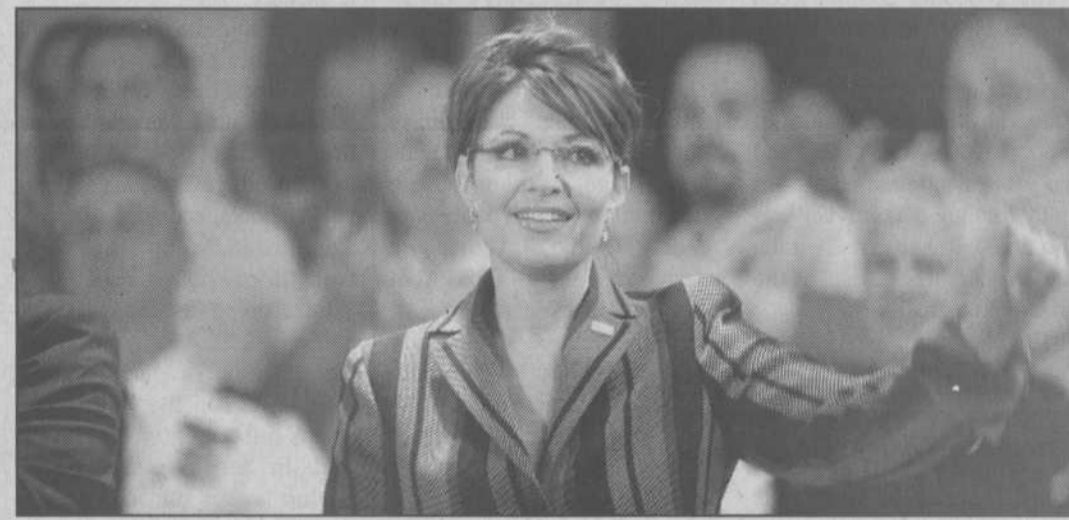
by Bill O'Reilly, Palin told the crowd that Obama finally admitted that the troop "surge" in Iraq is a success.

Obama did acknowledge for the first time publicly that the surge worked, but he also took care to note that the Iraqi government hasn't achieved the political reconciliation that was the ultimate goal of the surge. Obama also maintained his position that he will withdraw U.S. combat troops on an orderly timetable and end the war.

Palin said: "Just last night, Senator Obama finally broke and brought himself to admit

ment news. "Today's jobs report is a reminder of what's at stake in this election," Obama said. "John McCain showed last night he is intent on continuing the economic policies that just this year have caused the American economy to lose 605,000 jobs."

Obama criticized McCain's tax cut plan—the Republican would make most of President Bush's 2001 and 2003 cuts, which expire Jan. 1, 2011, permanent. Obama said that "John McCain's answer is more of the same: \$200 billion in tax cuts to big corporations and oil com-



Vice Presidential candidate Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska accepted the endorsement from the National Fraternal Order of Police at the Marriott at the Renaissance Center in Romulus, Michigan, on Friday, September 5, 2008.

Romain Blanquart / Detroit Free Press (MCT)

panies, and not one dime of tax relief to more than 100 million middle-class families."

Obama would end the tax cuts for most individuals earning more than \$200,000 and couples more than \$250,000, while cutting taxes for others.

Obama also unveiled a plan to help fight cancer, pledging to double federal research funding and promote preventive health care.

"This is a plan that will help save lives," said Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Biden's wife, Jill Biden, who helped explain it to reporters.

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what all the rest of us have known for some time, and that's thanks to the skill and valor of our troops, the surge in Iraq has succeeded," she said. "Senator Obama said, and I quote, 'It succeeded beyond our wildest dreams.'

"I think," Senator Obama said, "that the surge succeeded in ways that nobody anticipated." I guess when you turn out profoundly wrong on a vital national security issue, maybe it's time to pretend that everyone else is wrong, too," Palin said.

Obama focused Friday on the economy, visiting a specialty glass factory in Duryea, Pa., and issuing a statement tying McCain to the latest unemploy-

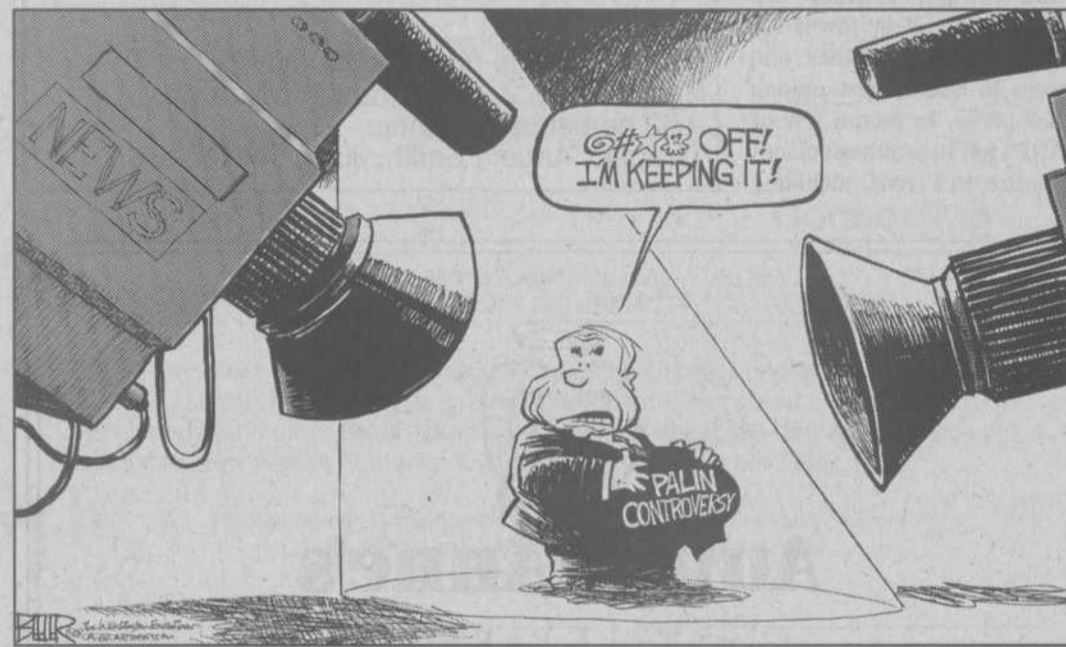
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levels, and many different factors. There is a website that can forecast if you will receive financial aid at www.the.collegezone.com.

One type of financial aid is in the form of a scholarship. The Parkland Connection provides

scholarships that could pertain only to you, or according to gender, race, religion, etc. There are many scholarships that are just a click away.

"Through Parkland, I received a scholarship that will pay for all of my tuition and fees for this whole year. That takes a load off of my back," said student Nancy Yousef.

Applying for a scholar-

ship starts from October 15 to November 15 for the spring semester and March 15 to April 15 for the next fall semester.

Besides financial aid, money management counseling is provided by the financial aid office. This helps students organize their spending and make up a budget for themselves to avoid financial debt.

"The financial aid office helped me to manage my money. Without them, I would probably be in deep debt," said former Student Government President Mark Shirley.

The financial aid office provides the FAFSA forms that you must complete to receive monetary benefits. The office also provides computers that are open every day, which contains all the information you need to locate resources.

There are people to help you fill out the FAFSA, which can seem daunting when you first take a look at it. Student assistants and staff are there during business hours standing by to help out.

The website to fill out a FAFSA or to get more information on financial aid is www.fafsa.ed.gov, not to be confused with www.fafsa.com which charges you to fill out a form!

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Community colleges finding more students hoping for midlife career change

By DOUG HOAGLAND (MCT)

FRESNO, Calif.—Rhonda Lawrence of Hanford, Calif.—who at 56 is hunting for a stable job in an unstable economy—enrolled at a community college to learn how to care for psychiatric patients.

"Who would have thought that I would be starting a brand-new profession at my age?" said Lawrence, a former flight attendant and former real estate sales manager. "Come on. This is ridiculous. Actually, I'm up against a wall."

Thousands of similar students—people battered by layoffs or fearful of losing their jobs—will flock to community colleges this fall for retraining or polishing job skills, officials say.

Community colleges, however, don't expect to get enough money from the state to cover the cost of educating the new students.

Valley community colleges anticipate that fall semester enrollments on some campuses might jump as much as 11 percent over the previous year—in part because of the economy.

"When there are jobs, people go to work," said Steve Renton, spokesman for College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif. "When there aren't jobs, people go to school to get training for work."

The economy has not been kind to Lawrence, who is single.

People were afraid to travel after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001—Lawrence said she was furloughed and eventually resigned from her airline. She switched to real estate, but was laid off because of the slowing housing market.

"I'm just praying to God that this psychiatric technician job is the answer for me," Lawrence said.

Lawrence started an accelerated program at West Hills College last August to become a technician—someone who gives medical and mental health care to the mentally ill in prisons and state hospitals after being licensed by the state. Technicians also work with the developmentally disabled.

Because community colleges save students time and money, they are attractive to many older students who need a career change, experts said.

At Fresno City College, for example, annual class fees are \$480, assuming a student takes 12 units of course credit each semester. Undergraduates taking the same number of units each semester at California State University, Fresno will pay \$3,687 in 2008-09 for fees.

Spending four years at a CSU doesn't guarantee a job, said Lawrence, who feels life rushing past her: "I already have some friends who are retired, and I'm still trying to find a decent job."

Meanwhile, even people who still have jobs are looking to community colleges for career options. Mark Espinosa, for example, is a 51-year-old telecommunications salesman

from Fresno. He's worried about job security—even after 16 years with his company—because of the tough economy.

So, Espinosa enrolled last week at City College to become a paralegal. "I feel like being in that line of work would give me some insurance—a backup plan to earning money," he said.

Students such as Espinosa are expected to help boost City College's enrollment to 24,725 for the fall semester, a 6 percent increase over the year before.

"It's very typical for community college enrollments to go up when the economy turns down," said Guy Lease, interim president of City College. "The irony is, that's typically when the state doesn't have the money to fully fund us."

Community colleges get about two-thirds of their money from the state budget, and the rest from property taxes and student fees. State lawmakers have yet to pass a new budget this summer, but the community college system expects to receive the 1.7 percent increase proposed by Gov. Schwarzenegger, said Chris Yatooma. Yatooma is director of fiscal planning for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in Sacramento.

The 1.7 percent increase—about \$95 million—would pay for roughly 19,000 new students statewide. However, the state's 110 community colleges are expecting about 32,000 new students during the 2008-09 school year.

State Center Community College District—which runs City College, Reedley College and smaller college centers in Madera, Oakhurst, Clovis and northeast Fresno—faces that predicament, officials say.

State Center is not cutting classes or laying off instructors or any employees—solutions that some community colleges use to cover budget problems.

Instead, the district might use carry-over money from its 2007-08 budget and will try to fill classes with the maximum number of students to be more cost-efficient, said State Center Chancellor Tom Crow.

The state community college system also might shuffle some of the \$95 million proposed by Schwarzenegger—sending more to growing districts such as State Center and none to districts in other parts of the state with stable enrollments, Crow said.

West Hills Community College District, which has campuses in Coalinga and Lemoore, is trying to cope with a tight budget by cutting some class sections, which probably will increase class size, said Chancellor Frank Gornick. In addition, fewer part-time instructors might teach this year. But the college did not lay off any full-time teachers, he said.

"It does create problems in availability of some courses," Gornick said. "But we don't usually turn anyone away—that's for sure."

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5 things to consider before house-hunting for a student

By AMY HOAK (MCT)

CHICAGO—Rising college costs are causing some parents to consider an alternate housing plan for their students: They're bypassing the dorm and off-campus apartments in favor of purchasing a condominium or single-family home. In some cases, it might be not a bad idea.

Take the Oklahoma City area. Here, a single-family home will cost an average \$764 a month, including the mortgage payment and taxes, assuming a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and a 20 percent down payment, according to data from Cyberhomes.com, a consumer home listing portal owned by Fidelity National Financial. Renting a comparable home near the University of Oklahoma, however, would cost an average \$1,088 a month, the firm said.

Lawrence, Kan., is another college town where buying may be a good option: In Lawrence, the monthly payment on a single-family home averages \$859, compared with an average \$1,162 to rent, according to Cyberhomes.

"More and more people are thinking about getting a kid into a property because tuition is so high," and room and board also continues to creep up, said Rose Price, a real estate agent who works in Champaign, Ill., where the University of Illinois is based.

Room and board averaged \$7,404 for public, four-year universities and colleges in 2007-2008, up 5.3 percent over the last school year, according to the College Board. For private schools, room and board averaged \$8,595, up 5.0 percent from the previous school year.

Purchasing a single-family home instead of a condo lets parents have a place where their child can live and other rooms can be rented out, Price said. In her market, they're buying homes that can range between \$60,000 and \$200,000, she added.

Another reason parents might be interested in these college towns is that often-times—unlike much of the country—they're "recession proof," said Brent Lipschultz, a personal wealth manager with New York-based Eisner LLP. A college town produces a certain amount of housing demand no matter what the economy is like, keeping the market healthy, he said.

But before spending a long weekend looking for real estate, parents should consider the following:

1. Buying is not a bargain everywhere.

Consider the market conditions, and figure in all the costs before deciding whether to buy or rent. Sometimes, college markets are affordable to buy in because there is heavy competition for rentals, which drive rents up, said Marty Frame, general manager for Cyberhomes.

But in other markets, renting is still more affordable.

For example, if your student is going to the University of Southern California, based in Los Angeles County, an average monthly payment on a single-family home will be \$3,163, compared with an average \$2,270 rent, according to Cyberhomes data. Other markets where renting is less costly than buying are Eugene, Ore., where the University of Oregon is located, and Fresno, Calif., where Fresno State is located, according to the firm.

Also, consider the overall health of the real estate market before making a purchase. While prices might indicate that it's cheaper to buy than

rent near the University of South Florida right now, buyers might not want to take the risk of buying into a market that may still experience price declines—unless they're planning to keep the property for the long term.

2. Not every kid is ready to be a homeowner.

It takes a responsible kid to take on the duties of a homeowner, Frame said. If you decide to buy a place for your college student, make sure that he or she is up to the challenge.

Even then, the plan can backfire. Price knew of one college student living in a home who was extremely responsible—but he got homesick after a year and left campus.

3. Being a college landlord isn't easy.

While the first use of the property will be to house your college student, it's also important to have a plan for the home after your offspring graduates. Considering renting it out to others after graduation? Make sure you have what it takes.

If you're renting to students, tenants will likely turn over every year, which involves finding new renters and making improvements on the property annually, Price said. Plus, it's good to assess upfront if there is strong housing demand year-round, and whether there are competent management companies that can manage the property down the road, Lipschultz said.

4. A place to retire.

Maybe the next inhabitant of the space isn't a renter at all. In fact, maybe it will be you.

Increasingly, retirees are seeking out college towns for their cultural amenities and access to health care, among other perks. In fact, a few of AARP's top 10 healthiest places to retire this year, including

Ann Arbor, Mich., and Madison, Wis., are college towns.

"Many universities are trying to attract their alumni. Some are building complexes that are geared for alumni," said Gabrielle Redford, features editor for AARP The Magazine. Some of the same reasons college towns are great for students also attract retirees, she said.

That said, your idea of a great

retirement property might not match up with your college student's idea of the perfect place to live.

5. Discuss with your college student.

Before you schedule a single showing, make sure that this is something that your child is also interested in, Lipschultz suggested. These are your col-

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Recession blues

Percent who said these economic problems have had a negative effect on the family's financial situation:

Rise in gas, home heating price **86%**

Rise in food prices **76%**

Rise in health care costs **74%**

More people losing jobs **58%**

Rising cost of a college education **57%**

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Hamlet 2	R	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Traitor	PG-13	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Transsiberian	R	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Tropic Thunder	R	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Vicky Christina ...	PG-13	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Capsule reviews of feature films

By **CARRIE RICKEY**
and **STEVEN REA**
(MCT)

ALPS The producers of "Everest" take their cameras to Europe's largest mountain range while following one man's quest to conquer the mountain that killed his father. This ImaX adventure features the music of Queen. (Not Reviewed.)

AMERICAN TEEN 3 stars. The class of 2006 at Warsaw Community High School is the subject of Nanette Burstein's appealing and unexpectedly moving documentary. 1 hr. 35 PG-13 (profanity, sexual candor, underage drinking)—Carrie Rickey

BOTTLE SHOCK 2 stars. A great story—and true, more or less—about a blind taste testing that brought then-obscure California labels to the forefront of the wine world in the mid-'70s. Wants to be "Sideways," but isn't. With Bill Pullman and Alan Rickman. 1 hr. 50 PG-13 (sex, profanity, drugs, adult themes)—Steven Rea

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED Evelyn Waugh's novel, plushly and passionately adapted to the screen, is graced with excellent performances. Emma Thompson, Matthew Goode, Ben Whishaw and Hayley Atwell star in the costume drama where a romantic triangle is complicated by the religious trinity. 2 hrs. 15 PG-13 (brief nudity, sex)—Carrie Rickey

THE DARK KNIGHT 3 stars. This sequel to 2005's "Batman Begins" has the caped crusader (Christian Bale) teaming up with police Lt. Gordon (Gary Oldman) and a new D.A. (Aaron Eckhart) to take on the Joker (Heath Ledger in his final film). 2 hrs. 32 PG-13 (intense violence, sadism, threats to children)—Carrie Rickey

DEATH RACE 2 stars. In this nose-to-the-grindstone action

film, Jason Statham is pitted against other prisoners in heavily armed vehicles. The movie, like the convicts, has nowhere to go. 1 hr. 29 R (Strong violence and language)—David Hiltbrand

THE EDGE OF HEAVEN 3 stars. A near-perfect, heart-breaking, suspenseful story about the connections between strangers, families and cultures. German-Turkish filmmaker Fatih Akin explores big themes—and even gets in some taut political thriller elements—in this beautifully shot, beautifully acted pic, set in Bremen, Hamburg and Istanbul. No MPAA rating (sex, nudity, violence, profanity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

ELEGY 3 stars. In Isabel Coixet's adaptation of the Philip Roth novella "The Dying Animal," Ben Kingsley is superb as an intellectual in lust, like-wise Penelope Cruz as his graduate student who inflames the professor's belated love. With Patricia Clarkson, Dennis Hopper and Peter Sarsgaard. 1 hr. 53 R (nudity, sex, profanity)—Carrie Rickey

FLY ME TO THE MOON 2 stars. A gimmicky, goopy tale of three flies who join the NASA astronauts on their historic summer of '69 lunar landing. Apart from the 3-D effects, this animated feature isn't much to look at, and the script is a mishmash of kid-centric antics, follow-your-dream clichés and icky humor. Strictly for undiscriminating kiddies. 1 hr. 29 G (cartoon mayhem)—Steven Rea

FROZEN RIVER 4 stars. Melissa Leo and Misty Upham co-star in this urgent and incomparably moving first feature from Courtney Hunt about the survival, fortitude and unexpected deliverance of two single mothers. 1 hr. 37 R (language)—Carrie Rickey

GRAND CANYON ADVEN-

TURE The canyon and the Colorado River within are featured in this ImaX documentary that explores the necessity of balancing the water needs of people and the natural environment.

HAMLET 2.2 stars. A no-talent actor (Steve Coogan) turned high school drama teacher salvages his career by staging a multi-media, multi-culti, multi-untalented musical sequel to the Bard's tragedy in which everyone dies. With Catherine Keener, Elisabeth Shue and Amy Poehler. 1 hr. 34 R (profanity, brief nudity)—Carrie Rickey

HANCOCK 3 stars. Will Smith stars as a problem-plagued, screw-up superhero in this dark, funny, rollicking tale of rehabilitation, redemption and really cool special effects. With Jason Bateman and an awesome Charlize Theron. 1 hr. 33 PG-13 (profanity, violence, adult themes)—Steven Rea

HENRY POOLE IS HERE 2 stars. Director Mark Pellingon's pleasant, if insubstantial, parable of faith preaches to the converted. With Luke Wilson and the lovely Radha Mitchell. 1 hr. 40 PG (discreet mature themes)—Carrie Rickey

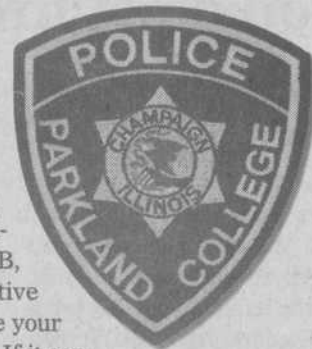
THE HOUSE BUNNY 2 stars. The "Legally Blonde" screenwriters' half-funny tale of a Playboy playmate (Anna Faris) who becomes house mother to a college sorority of misfit girls. She teaches them how to be sexy, they smarten her up. Starring the divine Anna Faris. PG-13 (sexual innuendo, profanity, coarse humor)—Carrie Rickey

I.O.U.S.A. 3 stars. A salient, scary documentary about America's current financial crisis and what it means for our future. It's not easy making economics sexy or exciting, and Patrick Creadon's doc has its pie charts and bar graphs,

"Sagging"

"Sagging is a popular fad in hip hop culture today. It is all too common to see some young person's underwear because their pants are hanging below their waist. However, many communities around the country find this fad lewd, indecent and a hygiene issue. Parkland College is no exception. According to the Student Conduct Code, under Article iii, section B, number fifteen talks about lewd and indecent behavior: Effective immediately, if you are wearing your pants to the point where your underwear is showing, you will be asked to pull your pants up. If it continues to be a problem, a student conduct report will be generated and you will have to meet with the Dean of Students.

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but it delivers its dark, doom-laden message with more than a little humor, too. 1 hr. 25 PG (adult themes)—Steven Rea

A JIHAD FOR LOVE 3 stars. The efforts of gay Muslims in various parts of the world to reconcile their sexuality with their faith is the topic of this documentary. Various languages with subtitles. 1 hr. 21 No MPAA rating (adult themes)—Wire services

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH 2 stars. Fanged fish, T-Rex drool and bio-luminescent bluebirds respectively nip, plop and flutter in the audience's face in this diverting 3-D update of the Jules Verne classic with Brendan Fraser and Josh Hutcherson. 1 hr. 33 PG (frightening animals)—Carrie Rickey

THE LONGSHOTS 3 stars. Keke Palmer stars in the true story of the 11-year-old who became the first female to lead her team to the Pop Warner football tournament. Ice Cube also stars. 1 hr. 34 PG (thematic elements, mild profanity, brief rude humor)—Wire services

MAMMA MIA! 2 stars. You'll smile! You'll wince! (Sometimes both at the same time.) Meryl Streep's debut as a knockabout physical comedian, Amanda Seyfried's breakout role as her daughter, who doesn't know which of Mom's three exes is Dad, and wall-to-wall ABBA songs. With Pierce Brosnan, Stellan Skarsgard, Colin Firth, Christine Baranski and Julie Walters. 1 hr. 48 PG (risque situations)—Carrie Rickey

THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR 2 stars. Brendan Fraser is back (but Rachel Weisz isn't) in the second sequel to the ersatz "Indiana Jones" hit. The cliché-laden hodgepodge of period-piece chopsocky takes place in 1947 China, where an evil 2000-year-old emperor has returned to life, requiring everyone to run around, shout and fight. With Jet Li and Michelle Yeoh—and Maria Bello as Weisz replacement. 1

hr. 53 PG-13 (violence, action, adult themes)—Steven Rea

PINEAPPLE EXPRESS 2 stars. A stoner comedy with a "Superbad" template and a penchant for jokey violence by way of Tarantino, this latest low-brow, screwball, Judd Apatow-overseen romp teams an inspired James Franco with Seth Rogen—they're like Abbott and Costello soaked in THC. 1 hr. 51 R (violence, profanity, drugs, adult themes)—Steven Rea

THE ROCKER 2 stars. "The Office's" Rainn Wilson stars as a Cleveland loser who almost became a rock star 20 years ago. Now he gets a second chance—playing drums in his nephew's group at the high school prom. A Jack Black comedy minus Jack Black, slight and silly, with a few Spinal Tap-ish moments. 1 hr. 42 PG-13 (profanity, drugs, nudity, adolescent and adult themes)—Steven Rea

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS II 3 stars. Second time around, the jeans are an even better fit. During summer after freshman year in college, each of the the Fab Four (Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera, Blake Lively and Amber Tamblyn) wrestle with their primal fear. Director Sanaa Hamri elicits nuanced performances in this charmer. 1 hr. 57 PG-13 (discreet discussions of pregnancy and mental illness, discreet pans across the male form)—Carrie Rickey

SPACE CHIMPS The grandson of the first chimp in space is sent on a new mission, which turns tricky when he has to deal with the evil ruler of the planet that he and his chimp friends land on. Animated. 1 hr. 21 G—Wire services

STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS 2 stars. PG-rated animation squarely aimed at younger audiences who presumably won't mind that the plot is endless light-saber duels and dog-fights. 1 hr. 38 PG (cartoon violence)—Carrie Rickey

STEALING AMERICA: VOTE BY VOTE 3 stars. A per-

suasive, troubling documentary detailing rampant voter fraud and voting machine tampering in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections, and other state and local elections nationwide. No MPAA rating (adult themes)—Steven Rea

STEP BROTHERS Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly play deadbeat grownups forced to share a house, and a bedroom, when their respective parents (Richard Jenkins, Mary Steenburgen) marry. Happily imbecilic, and pretty raunchy comedy ensues. 1 hr. 38 R (profanity, prosthetic body parts, sexual content, comic mayhem, adult themes)—Steven Rea

TRANSIBERIAN 3 stars. Emily Mortimer and Woody Harrelson are an American couple hopping the train from Beijing to Moscow in this morally complex, if plot-wobbly thriller, featuring drug-smuggling backpackers and nightmare tales of travel abroad. With Ben Kingsley as a Russian detective. 1 hr. 51 R (violence, sex, profanity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

TROPIC THUNDER 3 stars. Ben Stiller's raunchy, raucous and riotously funny parody of outsized Hollywood war movies and outsized Hollywood egos is so acutely self-conscious that it produces the effect of a comedian delivering color commentary on his jokes. Robert Downey, Jr. is sidesplitting as an actor who chemically darkens his skin to play a black sergeant, ditto Matthew McConaughey and Tom Cruise as an agent and a producer. 1 hr. 47 R (violence, carnage, drugs, profanity, sexual references)—Carrie Rickey

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA 3 stars. Woody Allen's rectangular tale of love and longing, friendship and art, stars Javier Bardem as a Spanish artist intent on seducing a pair of young Americans—played by Rebecca Hall and Scarlett Johansson—and dealing with his crazy, explosive ex (Penelope Cruz) in the process. It's a rich romantic reverie. 1 hr. 37 PG-13 (sex, profanity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

THE WACKNESS 3 stars. A smart comedy that serves as both bittersweet coming-of-age tale and '90s nostalgia piece, with Josh Peck as a dope-dealing New Yorker in the summer between high school and college, falling in love with his pot-smoking shrink's beautiful, aloof step-daughter (Olivia Thirlby). Ben Kingsley and Famke Janssen co-star. 1 hr. 35 R (sex, nudity, profanity, drugs, adult themes)—Steven Rea

WALL-E 3 stars. An adventurous shift away from the anthropomorphic madcapery of Pixar's recent animated features, this 28th century tale about an old robot abandoned on Earth is part love story, part eco-cautionary tale, and, for its first half, pretty much entirely devoid of human dialogue. Lots of fun. 1 hr. 37 G (cartoon mayhem)—Steven Rea

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4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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huge. Making each tab work independently will lower the frustration levels for many people," Robbin said.

Google's strategy in creating Chrome is pretty clear: to keep people using Google products as much as possible.

Kessler noted that Google only makes one product—search—that generates revenue, yet it continues to devote resources to creating new products without an apparent revenue model.

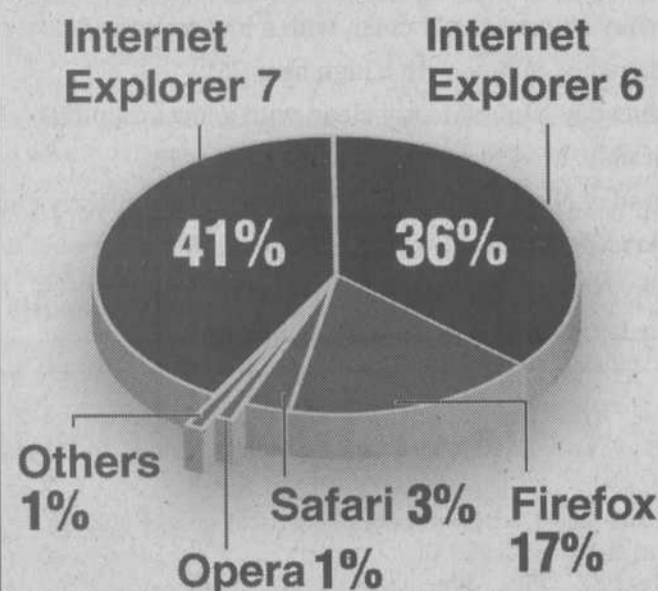
Much like its other products—spreadsheets, e-mail, word processing, maps—Google "starts with creating something people will use, building a base of users and then try to monetize it over time," he said. "Ultimately, the hope is it will help direct people to other Google products."

Brian Bolan, an independent analyst following tech companies, said Chrome, by itself, is not a threat to Microsoft because the browser, like the rest of Google's offerings, is not targeted at corporations.

"This is for the consumer," he said. But it highlights that "individuals can have an entire operating system via the Web that is developed by Google. Turn on your computer and you

Browser share

Share of Internet users by browser, as of Sept. 3, 2008:



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have everything you need," noting all the other products that Google offers.

That is a threat to Microsoft, because it potentially weans users from a reliance on Microsoft and its software.

To download Chrome, go to www.google.com/chrome.

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Can Facebook help save Kickapoo?

By AARON GEIGER
Prospectus Editor

Call me a cynic, but I avoided Facebook like the plague until just a few months ago. What got me excited was that suddenly I had long-lost acquaintances that I made across the country looking me up and "friending" me. But aside from the occasional game of Scrabble, I really didn't have much of a use for it.

Until now. Last week, Governor Rod Blagojevich made the announcement that he was closing 24 state parks and historic sites. Among them was our beloved Kickapoo State Park, located just east of here between Oakwood and Danville. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the park, it features 22 lakes, hiking, camping, mountain biking, winter sports, trout fishing, canoeing and boating, and even scuba diving. The landing lets you rent equipment, the campsites are maintained, the trails are absolutely scenic, and there are several events that draw crowds on a regular basis. In short, the park is a resource that should not be shut down.

"I just recently went there for my daughter's cross-country meet," said Director of Student Life Tom Caulfield. A few years ago I was introduced to Kickapoo when I started working for the Boy Scouts of America out at Camp Drake in Oakwood. I returned frequently to camp with friends, or even to camp and hike alone. From my years of outdoors training and as a survivalist instructor, I've measured the beauty of a place by whether or not I would enjoy it

in solitude.

When I heard Blagojevich's news, I was actually stunned. Breathless. I'm not an Illinois native, and I won't use this editorial to rant and rave on Rod's financial antics, but I never have, and never will understand politicians who manage to strip the state of funding for parks, arts, rehabilitation programs, education, and the elderly; yet they always seem to find money for businesses, reelections, and self-interest.

Enter Facebook: I commonly write letters to the editor at the *News-Gazette*, but somehow that didn't seem enough. I saw

the amount of signed petitions at the park which now numbers several thousand.

How much help has Facebook really provided?

"You know, I couldn't imagine this happening ten years ago. Could you imagine all of the footwork? You wouldn't have a fraction of the people involved, I'd guess," said Sarah Williams, an online petition coordinator. "I think Facebook and other networking sites have more power than people think; just ask the politicians running for office right now."

As I write, Vandenberg's group has around 2,000 mem-



bers, and my group has over 1,000. We've spotted some of the community's elite, as well as high school kids that are banding together in groups rarely seen in high schools—or let's be truthful—community colleges.

I'm all about hard work, but I can't sit here and claim to say I did anything more than research, make a few phone calls, churn out a few hundred emails, and make events and groups on Facebook. I'm absolutely floored by the number of other people working so diligently to face this problem, and for a park, nonetheless, which should tell something of the allure of Kickapoo.

The real question is, will Facebook help save Kickapoo? Thousands of people have virtually typed, "Yes."

[Go to www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=34146331476 to join. There's also Vandenberg's more informed group linked to the main page. Find out how you can help. There are more rallies to come, such as a bike rally that will sweep from Danville to Springfield's capitol. Find information on the main page about your local government officials so you can give them a call, send them an email, and maybe, just maybe, befriend them on Facebook and get them to join the protest.]

There are thousands of people mobilizing on behalf of the park.

Hilary Valentine, Director of Marketing and Creative Services, has been leading the charge in Parkland to protest the closure of Kickapoo.

A little girl by the name of Ryce Tuggle, 11, started a group called K.I.C.K., Kids Interested in Conserving Kickapoo. Originally her class was involved in writing letters to legislators, but Tuggle plunged on ahead with her own initiative.

Tod Satterthwaite, the Kickapoo Landing operator, is a member of the Facebook groups, and has kept us informed of

that the *Buzz* featured Kickapoo on their latest weekly, but was dismayed to see a small article that was barely feature-length surrounded by pretty graphics. I commend the attempt to help Kickapoo, but I felt like there was something else that could be done. So I plopped down and made a group—"Save Kickapoo State Park!"

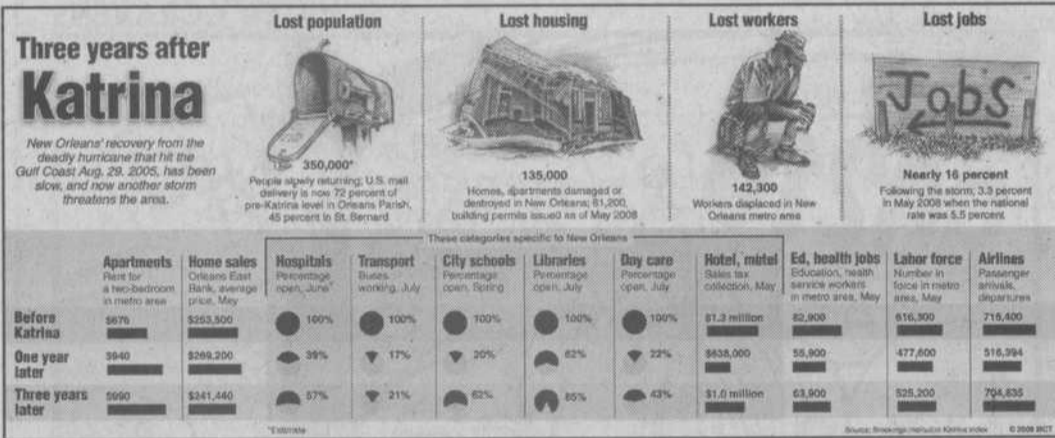
Three days later, there were 650 members, and Pam Dempsey from the *News-Gazette* interviewed me about the group as part of a cover story after she became a group member. I started to merge ideas, petitions, and contact information with others who had similar (and in many cases, better) ideas. I teamed up with Cory Vandenberg, the son of Kickapoo Park Ranger Bob Vandenberg. Cory now lives in Austin, Texas, and he started up another Facebook group of the same name (but without the exclamation mark).

"Yeah, I didn't really think too much of Facebook until now. I noticed [last night] that Senator Frerichs was a member of my group," said Vandenberg. Cory's voice is especially important, partly because his father cannot comment on policy.

We decided to grant one another administrative permissions on the groups to share even more information. The general public has been giving us links to online petitions, localized events, and even connections to Flickr that feature photos from Kickapoo.

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Also check to see if there are university rules that require students to live in campus dorms their first year or two, he said. It might not be a bad idea anyway to spend a year in the dorm and for your student to figure out what part of town would be best to live in, he said.



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lege student's first years away from home, and they might not want this type of parental involvement.

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Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.
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Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.
Thursday Night: A chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77.

CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

This week, CrimeStoppers and the Champaign County Sheriff's Office are seeking information about two recent mobile home fires that appear to be arson. The fires occurred at Woodlawn Acres trailer park in Urbana during the nighttime and early morning hours of August 19 and September 2.

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ACC takes a hit on opening week, and other college football notes

By JEFF SHAIN
(MCT)

MIAMI—This week finds Jim Grobe in something of an uncomfortable role as standardbearer.

Not that it's his fault. With 20 victories during the past two seasons, the Wake Forest coach has produced more than any previous three-year stretch in Winston-Salem. The Demon Deacons are 20th in the latest rankings.

It's just that Grobe didn't expect to be alone.

Wake Forest is the only ACC squad left in the AP's Top 25, after an ugly week that sent both Clemson and Virginia Tech tumbling out.

Feeling a little on an island? "I don't think so," Grobe said. "The reality is we've played one football game. Some of the teams that lost one football game know they've got the whole season left to make up for it."

Last week, though, wasn't the kind of statement the ACC needed amid rising questions about the league's worthiness.

Clemson, the runaway pick to win the ACC, got manhandled by an Alabama team largely considered fourth-best in the Southeastern Conference. Virginia Tech, even in a rebuilding year, was expected to beat East Carolina.

And those were only the red-flag losses. Virginia got hammered by USC. N.C. State was blanked by South Carolina. Maryland and North Carolina at least won—but by slim margins over Division I-FCS teams.

All told, the ACC went 7-4 during the opening week. Toss out the FCS opponents, though, and the record drops to 3-4.

"A lot of unusual things happen in Week 1," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "We don't have what the pros have—exhibition games. We don't even get what the high schools have in scrimmaging against other people."

"You judge people over a period of time, not a season or

a week."

Fair enough, but the ACC's reputation has been on a slide for a few years now.

ACC members went 35-21 outside the league last season, a decent number until you see 22 of those wins were against foes from outside the "Big Six" BCS leagues. Bowl games produced a 2-6 record—11-14 in the three years since the league

media dialing in to get comments from Knights coach George O'Leary instead heard a sultry female voice.

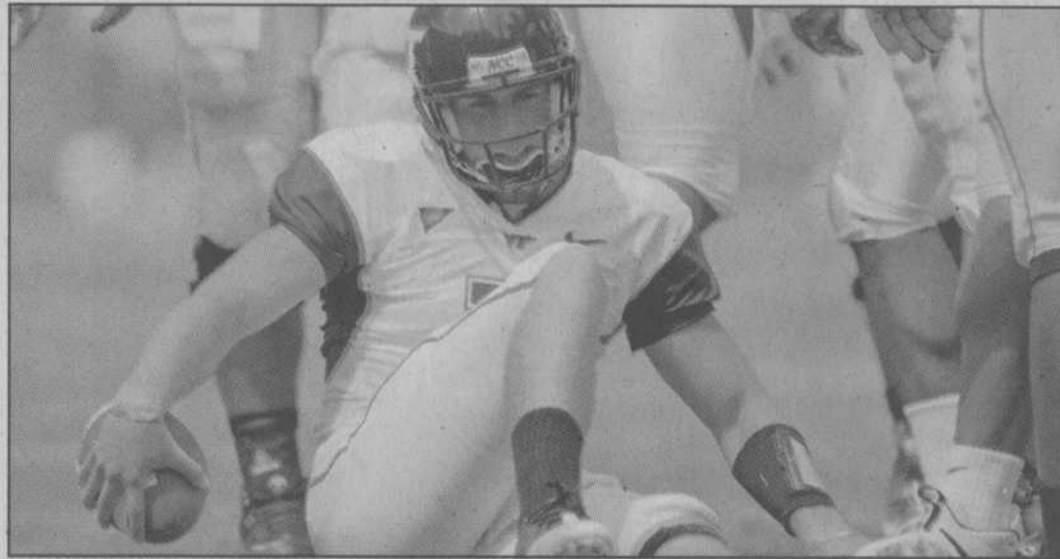
"Hi sexy, you've reached the one-on-one fantasy line ..." the recorded opening began.

Geez, even O'Leary wouldn't put that on his resume. Turns out the toll-free number provided by UCF got one digit wrong. Officials resched-

spokesman Mark Brand told Phoenix media. "I think they'll be OK."

STAT OF THE WEEK

40: Percentage of the season's first two weeks that find teams facing a Division I-FCS opponent. Last week, 32 teams opened their season with the glorified exhibitions—includ-



Virginia Tech quarterback Sean Glennon (7) is sacked in the first half by East Carolina. The Pirates defeated the Hokies 27-22, at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday, August 30, 2008.

Yalonda M. James / Charlotte Observer (MCT)

expanded to 12.

Set aside Florida State's 1999 national title, in fact, and the ACC is still waiting for another BCS bowl win.

That's why last weekend sounded such an alarm. Though the ACC has been among the nation's best in sending talent to the NFL (thanks, UM and FSU), it hasn't made the same impact on collegiate fields. And in what's considered a down year for the ACC, last week only created more fodder.

"Until you beat some folks, whatever they say is true," Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson said. "As a league we had some guys that got hit in the mouth, and we didn't hit back. That's the bottom line."

FANTASY FOOTBALL

The final meeting of the brief USF-UCF rivalry got off to an auspicious start Monday when

uled the teleconference for Wednesday, but not without a fair amount of blushing.

DEFLATING LOSS

Arizona State's new \$8.4 million practice bubble lasted not even a full month—shredded when a violent windstorm ripped through campus late last week.

Large pieces of the fabric roof and insulation were found more than a quarter-mile away, carried by winds that measured as much as 75 mph at nearby Sky Harbor International Airport.

The 103,500 square-foot "Dennis Dome"—so dubbed for coach Dennis Erickson—opened just in time for pre-season camp. Needless to say, the Sun Devils won't be using it again this season.

"We've practiced outside for 86 years before this," ASU

ing Georgia, Ohio State, Oklahoma and UM. FSU joins the list this week.

HURRY-UP DRILL

Virginia's Yannick Reyerling saw his very first football action—ever—in the Wahoos' loss to USC. A three-time All-ACC soccer star, Reyerling kicked an extra point, missed a 46-yard field goal and handled two kickoffs. The Germany native was a second-round draft pick by MLS club FC Dallas.

Here's a pin to jab into the SEC's bubble: With UCLA's comeback over Tennessee, the Pac-10 now stands 10-6 against SEC opponents this decade. Four of those wins have come in SEC stadiums, whereas the SEC is just 2-6 on the West Coast.

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Northwestern avoids upset bid but not questions

By SHANNON RYAN
(MCT)

DURHAM, N.C.—Tropical Storm Hanna was far milder than many expected when it hit North Carolina late Friday.

Northwestern's revenge trip to Duke had a similarly surprising lack of punch through much of the football game between the two schools Saturday night.

The Wildcats left Wallace Wade Stadium with the satisfaction of avoiding a shocker with a 24-20 victory, but a torrent of questions will follow them home.

"We hadn't put our focus on last year (for this game)," Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "We've moved on. We learned a lot from that, but our focus was on improvement. I think in some areas we did, but in others we have a lot of work to do."

A season ago, the Wildcats were unable to score on four attempts at the end zone in the fourth quarter of a 20-14 loss to become Duke's lone victim of 2007.

This year the Wildcats survived because Omar Conteh ran in from 2 yards out with 9 minutes 4 seconds to play and the defense held the Blue Devils at bay in the final minutes.

While Duke's offense was on the field longer than the grounds crew trying to repair it from the heavy rain that passed through, Northwestern's defense figured out a way to hang on at the end.

Duke quarterback Thaddeus Lewis appeared to have thrown a go-ahead touchdown to Clifford Harris with 1:20 to go, but the play was called back on a holding penalty.

"I was worried about the touchdown," Fitzgerald conceded, "but I did see the hold. We made a nice pass rush on that play."

The Blue Devils' last attempt on fourth-and-15 fell incomplete.

The Wildcats took over and ran out the clock, leaving the field without a wild celebration but at least with a sense of satisfaction.

"Defense gave us a chance to stay in the game," Fitzgerald said. "Some great pass rushing. To our conditioning level, we were out there for 91 plays. I saw the way our defensive players kept fighting."

The Wildcats return home with revenge, but also with questions.

Northwestern will need to address a defense that allowed Duke to rack up 472 yards, including 294 yards in the air and 178 yards on 44 rushes. The Blue Devils controlled the clock for nearly 40 minutes and converted 5 of 16 third downs.

"Obviously, Duke had some answers to what we were trying to do," Fitzgerald said.

While Fitzgerald was pleased to give up only 20 points despite Duke controlling the clock, Duke was 4 of 5 on red-zone chances.

"Get off on third down," Fitzgerald said of a lesson his defense needs to learn.

Northwestern cornerback Jordan Mabin came up with a critical play in the third period, causing and recovering a fumble at the Duke 31. Four plays later Kyle Daley's pass to Josh Rooks on a fake field goal was broken up by Adam Banks.

On Duke's ensuing possession, Lewis rushed for a 16-yard touchdown for a 20-17 Duke lead.

The Wildcats responded with a 72-yard drive sparked by a 45-yard pass from C.J. Bacher to Eric Peterman. An untouched Conteh rushed into the end zone from 2 yards out for the go-ahead score.

"(Duke) played very well on defense," Fitzgerald said. "We had to make some plays down the stretch."

Despite the loss, Duke appears to be shedding its reputation as a football cupcake.

Northwestern might be frustrated that it did not tear through Durham, but it still can be satisfied it avoided an upset.

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BY RANDY COVITZ
McClatchy Newspapers

Five areas to watch as the NFL kicks off the 2008 football season

The NFL is a quarterback's game, but the New York Giants and San Diego Chargers showed in the playoffs last season that there's one surefire way to beat a great passer, and that is to put pressure on him.

The Giants sacked New England's Tom Brady five times, forced a fumble and hit or hurried him another dozen times in New York's shocking Super Bowl win over the then-undefeated Patriots. A week earlier, San Diego also pressured Brady into a season-most three interceptions but lost, 21-12, in the AFC championship game.

Little wonder teams emphasized rushing — and protecting — the quarterback during the offseason. Minnesota made the blockbuster deal, sending the Kansas City Chiefs three draft picks for defensive end Jared Allen and making the NFL sack leader the highest-paid defensive player in the league.

San Francisco signed former Cincinnati defensive end Justin Smith as an unrestricted free agent, and the Bengals replaced Smith by signing Antwan Odom, who had eight sacks for Tennessee last season.

And to help head off the pursuit of the quarterbacks, NFL teams selected eight offensive tackles in the first round of the NFL draft.

FIVE DEFENSIVE ENDS TO WATCH

■ Jared Allen, Minnesota Vikings:

The Vikings are investing a six-year contract worth up to \$74 million (\$31 million guaranteed) that Allen will meet, if not exceed, the 15.5 sacks he rang up for the Chiefs in just 14 games last season, and that he will stay trouble-free off the field. Allen, 26, will benefit from playing in a marvelous defensive front that includes outstanding tackles in Pat Williams and Kevin Williams.

■ Tamba Hali, Kansas City Chiefs:

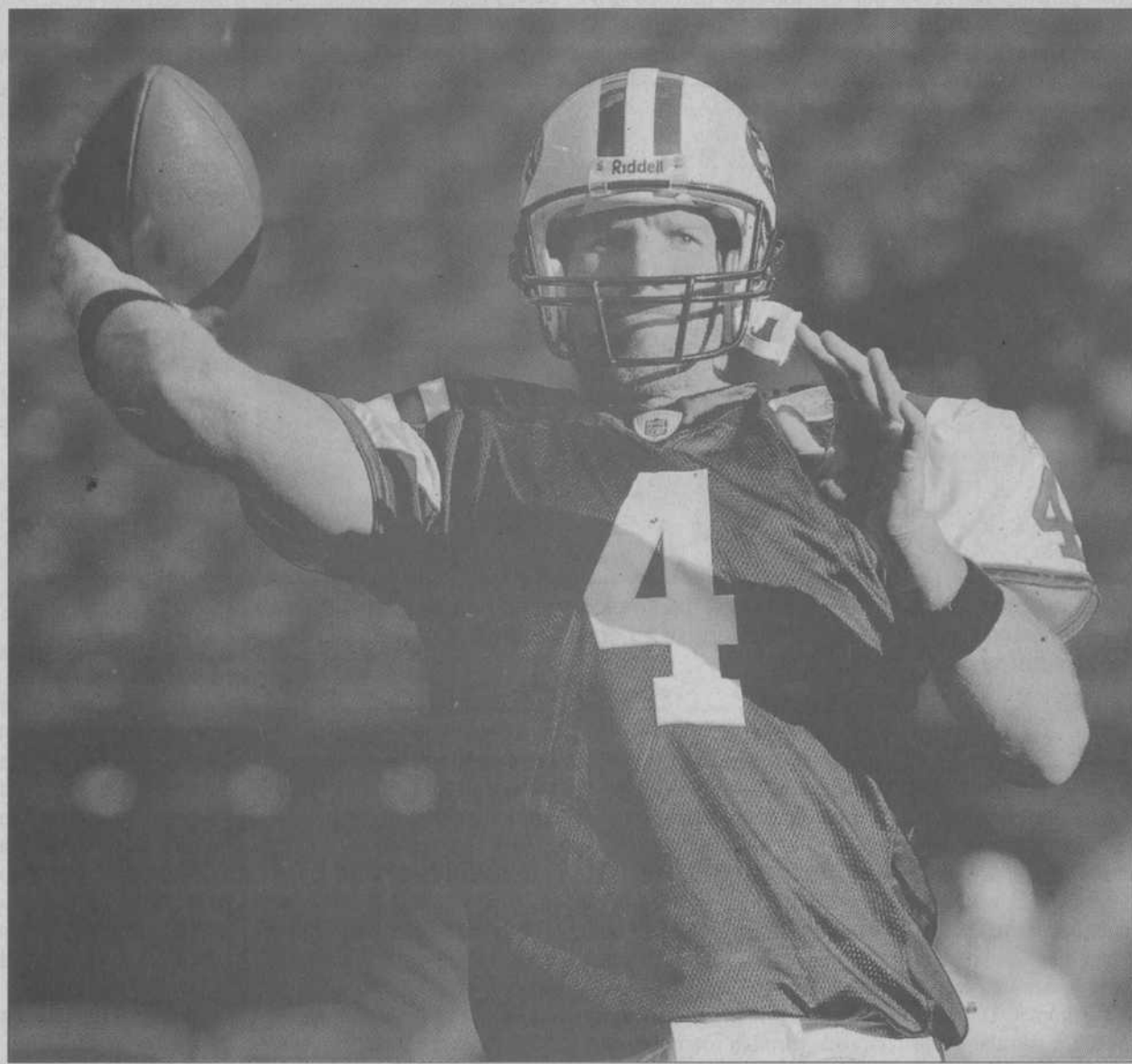
Hali has the unenviable task of moving from left end into the right end spot vacated by Allen. Hali, the initial first-round draft pick of the Herm Edwards era in Kansas City in 2006, has shown glimpses of potential with eight sacks as a rookie and 7.5 last season, despite playing through some nagging injuries. Now, as the marquee right end, Hali needs to emerge as a dominant player.

■ Justin Smith, San Francisco 49ers:

Smith never really lived up to the hype of being the fourth overall pick of the draft by Cincinnati in 2001. He had a career-best 8.5 sacks in his rookie season and a career-low two in 16 games last year. Smith, who turns 29 in September, probably needed a change of scenery from the toxic Bengals locker-room environment.

■ Mathias Kiwanuka, New York Giants:

The Giants selected Kiwanuka in the first round of the 2006 draft with an eye toward replacing Michael Strahan, the club's all-time sack leader. That day has come. Strahan has retired, and Kiwanuka, who had 4.5 sacks last season as a situation pass rusher before suffering a broken fibula in the 10th game of the season, will line up opposite team sack leader Osi Umenyiora on passing downs.



Veteran Brett Favre will quarterback the New York Jets this season. Favre, a three-time NFL MVP, played for the Green Bay Packers for 16 seasons.

FIVE NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES

■ QB Brett Favre, New York Jets:

Packed with more drama than a daytime soap opera, Favre's contractual divorce from the Green Bay Packers was the story of the summer. Despite the challenge of having to quickly adapt to a new offensive system, the veteran three-time NFL MVP is a sure upgrade for the Jets, who finished 4-12 last season. Whether or not Favre's addition is enough for the Jets to make the playoffs remains to be seen.

■ CB Asante Samuel, Philadelphia Eagles:

Samuel was the most-coveted unrestricted free agent on the market, and the Eagles lured him from New England with a \$57 million package, including \$20 million guaranteed. Samuel had 16 interceptions during the last two years. He will give the Eagles, who had just 11 picks as a team last season, a much-needed shutdown corner when going against division rivals Cowboys and Giants.

■ LB Jonathan Vilma, New Orleans Saints:

Vilma, a first-round pick in 2004, was a tackling machine for the Jets before suffering a knee injury midway through last year. He averaged 130 tackles a season in his first three seasons but didn't feel comfortable in coach Eric Mangini's 3-4 defense. The Saints, in dire need of a fast, ball-hawking, middle linebacker for their 4-3 scheme, were only too happy to send a pick for Vilma.

■ RB Michael Turner, Atlanta Falcons:

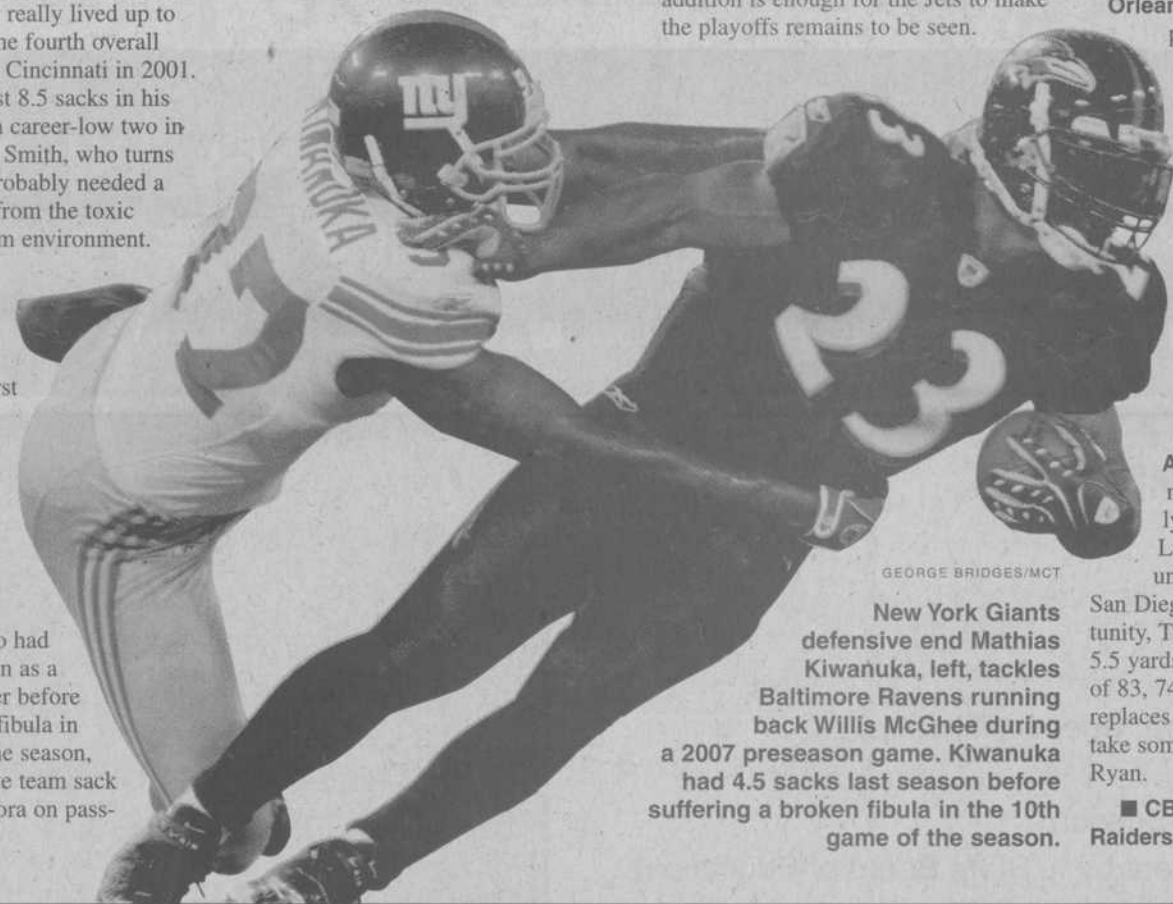
Turner, nicknamed "The Burner," will finally escape the shadow of LaDainian Tomlinson, whom he understudied for four years at San Diego. Whenever given the opportunity, Turner played well, averaging 5.5 yards per carry and ripping off runs of 83, 74 and 73 yards. Turner, who replaces veteran Warrick Dunn, can take some heat off rookie QB Matt Ryan.

■ CB DeAngelo Hall, Oakland Raiders:

Hall, a two-time Pro Bowler,

■ Mario Williams, Houston Texans:

Remember the snickering when the Texans surprised everyone by taking Williams with the first overall pick of the 2006 draft instead of Reggie Bush or Vince Young? The Texans might get the last laugh. After a disappointing rookie season, Williams blossomed in 2007 with 14 sacks and two forced fumbles. In a division featuring three playoff teams last year, he can be a difference maker.



New York Giants defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka, left, tackles Baltimore Ravens running back Willis McGhee during a 2007 preseason game. Kiwanuka had 4.5 sacks last season before suffering a broken fibula in the 10th game of the season.

has blazing speed, tons of talent and can be a nightmare to coach. In other words, he should fit in perfectly with the Raiders, who sent a second-round pick in the 2008 draft and fifth-round pick in 2009 to Atlanta for Hall, a former first-round pick who had 17 interceptions — including five last year — and scored four TDs in four seasons with the Falcons.

FIVE ROOKIES TO WATCH

■ **DT Glenn Dorsey, Kansas City Chiefs:** Dorsey might be the most ready-to-play rookie, and the Chiefs desperately need him to succeed where so many — Ryan Sims, Junior Siavii, Eddie Freeman, Eric Downing — failed. Dorsey can give the Chiefs an inside presence that helps Tamba Hali get sacks and frees linebackers to make tackles.

■ **DE Chris Long, St. Louis Rams:** The Rams were torn between Long and Dorsey and selected Howie Long's son with the idea he would be the heir apparent to Leonard Little, 33. Rams defensive linemen produced just 11 sacks last season.

■ **RB Darren McFadden, Oakland Raiders:** The Raiders, with glaring needs on both lines and at other positions, and without draft picks in rounds two and three, couldn't resist taking McFadden, a fast and multitalented player, in the first round.

■ **QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta Falcons:** Talk about pressure. All Ryan, the third pick of the draft, has to do is be the new face of the Falcons, live up to a megacontract (six-year, \$72 million with \$34.75 million guaranteed) and play the toughest position in sports for a rookie.

■ **LB Jerod Mayo, New England Patriots:** Coach Bill Belichick prefers bringing in veteran linebackers but believes Mayo can master the Patriots' complicated scheme. Mayo had the fastest 40 time for linebackers at the combine.

COACHES ON THE HOT SEAT

■ **Herman Edwards, Kansas City Chiefs:** Edwards and his boss, Carl Peterson, both have two years remaining on their contracts, and if the Chiefs post another 4-12 season (or worse), Clark Hunt will have to think twice about extending their contracts because it will be tough to sell tickets for a lame-duck year in 2009. A youth movement and inexperienced quarterback will buy Edwards some time if the Chiefs show improvement and stay close to .500.

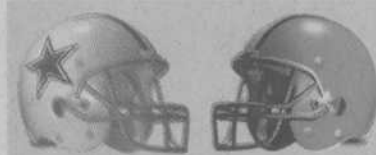
■ **Jeff Linehan, St. Louis Rams:** Linehan is also in the third year of a four-year contract, but unlike Edwards, he doesn't have any playoff games on his resume, just an 11-21 mark with the Rams. Linehan's leadership and play-calling were called into question by the likes of quarterback Marc Bulger and wide receiver Torry Holt last season, and ownership has to be concerned that the Rams are becoming an afterthought in baseball-crazy St. Louis.

■ **Lane Kiffin, Oakland Raiders:** Who's in charge here? Kiffin refused to resign last winter after the Raiders went 4-12 in his first season, and he seems to be surrounded by assistant coaches he didn't want but owner Al Davis forced on him. If QB JaMarcus Russell, who has appeared in just four NFL games, is not ready and the Raiders are 0-4 at the bye, it will be bye-bye for Kiffin.



Edwards

Five must-see, can't-miss games



COWBOYS AT BROWNS

■ **WEEK ONE:** Let's see right away what the Browns are all about. Cleveland, coming off a 10-6 season in which it missed the playoffs, has been awarded five prime-time dates, including this 4:15 ET start against America's Team.



PATRIOTS AT CHARGERS

■ **WEEK SIX:** This rematch of the AFC championship game is becoming one of the league's best rivalries. The last time these AFC powers met in San Diego, the Patriots beat the Chargers in the playoffs, the last game Marty Schottenheimer coached.



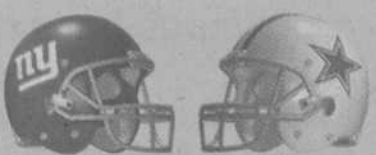
PATRIOTS AT COLTS

■ **WEEK NINE:** This is now the best rivalry in the AFC, if not the NFL. Last year's regular-season meeting was so big, it was dubbed Super Bowl XLII. It's possible these teams will be undefeated when they meet in the Colts' new Lucas Oil Stadium.



COLTS AT STEELERS

■ **WEEK 10:** There's no letup for the Colts, who visit the Steelers for a late-afternoon game. The last time these teams met, the Steelers upset Indianapolis in a 2005 playoff game on the way to winning the Super Bowl over the Seahawks.



GIANTS AT COWBOYS

■ **WEEK 15:** The defending Super Bowl champions also face the Cowboys in week nine, but that will be the undercard to New England-Indianapolis. But the NFC East, or certainly a wild-card berth, may be on the line in this one.

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