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CHUCK SHEPHERD'S NEWS OF THE WEIRD

By **CHUCK SHEPHERD**

Lead Story

While March Madness dominates intercollegiate athletics, another group of collegians works out amidst coaches' whistles, endures bloody, 12-hour practices, and cheers on teammates preparing for the national championship in meat-judging, in which about 40 colleges compete, according to a March Wall Street Journal report. Coaches at powerhouses like Colorado State and South Dakota State say skills such as evaluating T-bone cutting and spotting whether a pig has too much back fat come with determination and concentration (and, of course, practice, as one coach said it all comes down to time spent in the meat locker, at 38 degrees (Fahrenheit)). (And pro scouts are watching from the stands, representatives of U.S. meat companies, seeking talent.)

Fine Points of the Law

•Italy's highest appeals court ruled in March that it is not illegal for a woman to lie in a police investigation if the reason is to cover up her adulterous affair. Court of Cassation judges said that her honor is more important than providing intimate information about her lover.

•The North Carolina Court of Appeals voted 2-1 in February to approve a worker compensation claim for only one of a woman's breast-implant replacements, ruling that the other implant ruptured (in a job-related accident) only because it had been improperly installed. (The dissenting judge said, even so, the compensation fund should pay for the second replacement, too, because to achieve their purpose, both breasts must be aligned properly on the chest.)

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

•When Johnny Diablo's year-old vegan restaurant failed to catch on in Portland, Ore., last year, he converted the space into Casa Diablo's Gentlemen's Club, which is what he believes is the world's only vegan strip club. He has no rule against meat-eating dancers, he told Willamette Week newspaper in February, but won't permit leather, fur, silk or wool outfits on stage (no "murder victims" in the club, he said).

•Cosmetics from the Ameri-

can company Blue Q, under the "Lookin' Good for Jesus" brand urging users to "Get Tight with Christ," were pulled from stores in Singapore in February due to complaints, but Blue Q said it's not abandoning that line of hand and body creams, lip balm, breath spray and bubble bath. (Of course, Blue Q also markets similar cosmetics under such brands as "Dirty Girl," "Cute as Hell," "Total Bitch" and "Virgin/ Slut," as well as a car air-freshener by its brand "Cat Butt.")

Science on the Cutting Edge

•A team of researchers from the University of Calgary and the Tokyo Institute of Technology proudly announced in February that they had successfully stored "nothing" inside a puff of gas and then had managed to retrieve that same "nothing." That "nothing" is called a "squeezed vacuum," and the physicists tell us that a light wave can be manipulated so that its phases are of uncertain amplitude, then the light itself removed so that only the "uncertainty" property of the wave remains.

•In February, the South Korean cell phone company KTF announced a new voice-analysis program for its customers to enable them to evaluate their sincerity when calling a lover. The caller can point the phone's camera at himself and see a meter on the screen measuring his own passion, then receive a text message afterward noting voice expressions by the person receiving the call (surprise, honesty, etc.).

Leading Economic Indicators

•To feed the fast-growing women's hair-extension business, brokers in India scour the countryside for Hindu temples that encourage female worshippers to shear themselves as good-luck offerings to the temples' gods, according to a February dispatch in Germany's *Der Spiegel*. Historically, the hair was used to make mattresses, but because the celebrity-driven extension business is so large, salons around the world pay from \$125 to \$250 per pound for strands of never-chemically-treated hair of desirable hues. Shaving is a Hindu tradition, and one donor told *Spiegel* she had long prayed for her husband to stop drinking and that

when that "miracle" happened, she felt compelled to offer her hair.

•In the worst slums of Port-au-Prince, Haiti (where 80 percent of the people live on less than \$2 a day), rice now sells for 30 cents a cup (double the price of a year ago), according to a January Associated Press dispatch, leaving the poorest of the poor to subsist mainly on "cookies" made with dirt. Choice clay from the central plateau is at least a source of calcium and can be baked with salt and vegetable shortening. However, recently in the La Saline slum, the reporter noted, the price of dirt, too, has risen about 40 percent.

The Continuing Crisis

At a February casting call in Pittsburgh for the movie "Shelter" (to star Julianne Moore), producers announced they were seeking extras to play West Virginia mountain people from the hollers (Pittsburgh is about 40 miles from the state line), specifically an albino woman, extraordinarily tall or short people, those with unusual body shapes and faces (especially eyes), and "a 9- to-12-year-old Caucasian girl with an other-worldly look. 'Regular-looking' children should not attend."

Tireless Obsessives

Takahiro Fujinuma, 37, was arrested and charged with making at least 2,600 calls (perhaps more than 10,000) to directory assistance ("I would go into ecstasy when a lady (operator) scolded me," he told a reporter) (Tokyo; January). Ms. Lee Amor, 23, pleaded guilty to calling or texting her jilting ex-boyfriend more than 10,000 times over a 65-day period (South Devon, England; February). John Triplette was arrested, suspected as the one who made more than 27,000 calls to "911" since May 2007 (consisting mostly of mumbling and making bodily noises) (Hayward, Calif.; February). Paul Kavanagh, 40, was sentenced to 30 months in jail for making about 15,000 calls in 12 years to women asking them about their underwear (West London, England; November).

Least Competent Criminals

Not Ready for Prime Time: Robber Adam Grennan, 39, did

not make it out of the Mt. Washington Bank in Dorchester, Mass., in December. So intent was he in not appearing nervous that he waited patiently in line, eyes straight ahead, until the time came to hand the teller his holdup note. He did not notice that a uniformed Boston police officer, working security, had slipped quietly behind him in line, and he arrested Grennan immediately as Grennan was quietly demanding large bills and "no funny money."

Update

Padre Pio, who died in 1968 and was sponsored for sainthood by Pope John Paul II, has been a controversial figure, as *News of the Weird* reported in 1999. He was wildly loved by his parishioners, yet viewed skeptically by some Vatican officials who found his claim of hands bleeding from crucifixion holes (similar to those of Jesus), and of having been eye-gouged in a wrestling match with the devil, to be difficult to authenticate. On orders from Pope Benedict XVI, Padre Pio's body was exhumed in March, to be placed on public display for several months at the Vatican, even though problematic for two reasons. The top part of his skull is exposed, presenting an unsettling image, but more important, there obviously are no crucifixion holes or scars on his hands or feet.

Undignified Deaths

Latest Electro-Sensual Accidents: Toby Taylor, 37, of York County, Pa., was charged with involuntary manslaughter in January after his wife died of a heart attack in an accident during sex, and police found the woman's body (according to the *York Daily Record*) with "alligator clips on the end of a stripped electric cord ... attached to her breasts," with an on-off switch. About two weeks earlier, 100 miles away in New Berlinville, Pa., a 23-year-old construction worker was electrocuted when he placed electric clips to his chest piercings (despite colleagues' warnings).

(Visit Chuck Shepherd daily at <http://NewsoftheWeird.blogspot.com> or www.NewsoftheWeird.com.)

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Phi Theta Kappa inducts new class

By **BETH VOIGT**
Features Writer

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college, would like to congratulate and recognize its newly inducted members. Following is a list of Parkland students who have earned membership in Parkland's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the largest honor society in American higher education.

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Savoy

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Corey Wayne Kallembach
Scott Russell Kimball
Kandace Yvonne Turner

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Lisa Ann Schleef

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Kathleen Anne Serino
Myleka Aleese Thomas
Lauren Lynae Vaughn
Shea L. Vaughn
Noah Conrad Ward
Elsie Mae Winkel
Jong Hwan Yang

Villa Grove

Amanda Noel Amdrew
Michael Goodwin Holmes

Warrenville

Joe R. Nelson

Watseka

Juhi Jani

These Parkland students have worked hard to achieve the honor of membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. Be sure to congratulate them on their achievements!

In the Phi Theta Kappa new member induction ceremony, held on Friday, March 7, Professor John Batsie and Dean of Students Damien McDonald were also granted honorary membership in Parkland's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa for the support they give to chapter members in their pursuit of excellence. After an address from Parkland president Dr. Tom Ramage and being sworn in as official members of the Alpha Psi Eta chapter, the new members came together with friends, family, and Parkland faculty for a reception with free food from Hickory River.

Internationally, about 100,000 students are inducted into Phi Theta Kappa every year. To be eligible for membership a student must complete a minimum of twelve hours of associate degree course work and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. As a whole, the honor society boasts more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters located in all 50 of the United States, U.S. territories, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany, Marshall Islands,

Micronesia, United Arab Emirates and Palau.

"Phi Theta Kappa is a reward for all the hard work you've done in college, but also a challenge for you to become better citizens, students, and members of the college community," said Thom Schnarre, one of two faculty advisors for Phi Theta Kappa. "It gives students a chance to become involved with other students that have similar academic interests. It offers students the opportunity to be acknowledged by their institution for all the hard work they've done, and it may open doors for future assistance through scholarships and awards both here at Parkland and at other transfer institutions."

There are more than 600 colleges and universities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Great Britain that offer transfer scholarships available only to Phi Theta Kappa members. Some of the other benefits of membership include a variety of other scholarship opportunities available exclusively to members, letters of recommendation from your advisor or college president, community involvement, leadership and networking opportunities, and much more than can be listed here. Many of these benefits are available even without any participation in the Parkland chapter's activities, but they have even more to offer to any student who is interested in getting involved.

Following the four Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Fellowship, the chapter's cal-

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Men arrested after having a blast during spring break

By ALEXA AGUILAR
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—Two 21-year-old men from the Chicago suburbs face felony charges in Florida after they allegedly detonated dynamite in a Daytona Beach Shores hotel during spring break revelry last week.

Timothy Becktel, of La Grange, and Michael Bolt, of La Grange Park, along with Christopher Romano, 21, of Dayton, Ohio, have posted bond and were released, according to Daytona Beach Shores police.

The dynamite's blast about 2:30 a.m. Friday blew glass, twisted metal and other debris 100 feet, Sgt. Michael Fowler said. Three hurricane-proof windows of tempered glass shattered, including one in a nearby hotel room where two parents and a child were sleeping.

The family was not injured, probably because the drapes were closed and the material stopped the blast of broken glass, Fowler said. Becktel and Bolt both had minor lacerations from flying debris, he said.

Even for a community used to dealing with out-of-control young people on spring break, a dynamite detonation reaches a new level of dangerous prank, Fowler said.

"This ranks pretty high," he

said. "This was extremely reckless behavior."

A Daytona Beach Shores police officer who was patrolling the area said the blast was so intense he could feel its impact on his chest, Fowler said.

Witnesses said the explosion erupted from a second-floor sundeck at the Oceanside Inn, Fowler said. The windows blew out, and a metal light pole on the deck was destroyed. Surveillance video from the inn's internal cameras showed the three men running from the site in two opposite directions after the dynamite detonated.

Becktel told police that fellow spring break partiers had detonated a stick of dynamite on the beach the previous night and gave the trio the quarterstick they detonated early Friday morning, Fowler said.

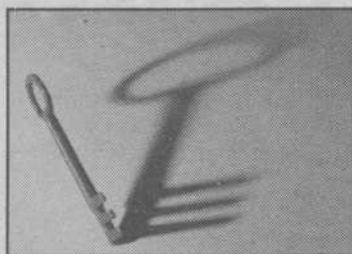
Becktel and Bolt served as lookouts, while Romano detonated the stick, Fowler said.

The hotel estimated about \$2,000 in property damages and another \$8,000 to \$10,000 in lost revenue.

The three were charged with discharging a destructive device, criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct, police said.

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endar of events grows almost daily. Students often travel to Chicago and other parts of Illinois for conferences and other events, and to the International Convention held each year in different locations throughout the country.

"The convention in Nashville last spring was a lot of fun. There were about 4,000 people there, and the convention site was like Disneyland with a roof," said Jeff Arnold, president of Phi Theta Kappa.

Plans are already in the works to attend this year's convention, and the chapter has been holding fundraisers to help pay for the trip as well as to raise money for a variety of charitable causes. From April 3-5, seven chapter members will be traveling to Philadelphia for the 90th Phi Theta Kappa international convention, "Imagine a World."

And on Wednesday afternoons at 3pm, Parkland faculty has been presenting the A with Honors Discussion series on the Phi Theta Kappa International Study Topic of Gold, Gods and Glofy: the Global Dynamics of Power. Attendance at these discussions will give students

the opportunity to earn credit toward graduating with honors from Parkland. Stop by the Phi Theta Kappa office in C 241 to pick up a packet for the next discussion.

But don't get the impression that this organization is only interested in academic pursuits. The chapter makes sure to plan activities that have nothing to do with schoolwork and that give students a chance to relax and unwind. Past events have included pizza nights, an Easter egg hunt, bowling, going to Parkland sporting events, and a Halloween horror movie night in cooperation with Student Government and TRIO. The group also plans to hold a campus-wide Guitar Hero tournament in May.

"We want to promote inter-organizational cooperation by planning projects and events with other groups," said Phi Theta Kappa advisor Amber Landis, who is also an advisor for Club Latino.

One of the events that Phi Theta Kappa hopes to drum up interest for on campus is the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This year's Relay, with the theme of "Cruz'n for a Cure," will be held at the Centennial High School track on Saturday, May 17. This overnight event is a fundraiser to benefit the work and research of the American Cancer Society

in their fight against cancer. If you are interested in contributing to the cause, joining the Phi Theta Kappa team, or starting a Relay team of your own, contact the chapter to find out how. You can also visit the Champaign County Relay for Life website at <http://www.champaignrelay.org/hope/>.

Chapter officers can also be found during regular office hours in the Phi Theta Kappa office in C 241, and at their regular chapter meetings. The club meets on the first Tuesday of every month, and members may attend one of two meetings at either 3pm or at 5:30pm. Any interested student is also welcome to attend these meetings, held in X 150.

Stop by the Phi Theta Kappa office in C 241 for more information about the honor society and their activities. Chapter officers keep regular, posted office hours. You can also find out more about their plans, contact chapter officers and advisors, or view photos of previous events at their website at <http://www.parkland.edu/ptk/>.

"Phi Theta Kappa has opportunities for all people in all stages of their academic progress," said Arnold, emphasizing that students do not need to be members to attend meetings or participate in events hosted by Phi Theta Kappa. "And, we still have free cookies."

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War protesters disrupt Easter mass at Chicago cathedral

By **STACY ST. CLAIR**
and **ERIKA SLIFE**
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—As they listened to the gospel during mass Sunday, few parishioners at Holy Name parish could have imagined the bloodshed about to taint both the holiday service and their Easter finery.

Six protesters disrupted the beginning of Cardinal Francis George's homily to shout their opposition to the Iraq war. The demonstrators, who call themselves "Catholic Schoolgirls Against the War" despite their male and female membership, squirted fake blood on themselves and nearby worshippers as security guards tried to usher them from the parish's auditorium, where mass is being said during repairs of the cathedral in downtown Chicago.

The syrupy red substance—which one protester later described as "stage blood"—initially drew horrified gasps and a few shrieks from the 600 worshippers at the mass. The shock, however, quickly gave way to anger as people booed the demonstrators while they were being removed from the hall.

Several churchgoers then

rushed to the bathroom to wash off the sticky liquid. Others cried openly. A few livid parents followed the protesters into the lobby and berated them for scaring children at mass.

"Are you happy with yourselves?" Mike Wainscott of Chicago shouted at the demonstrators as they were being handcuffed by police. "There were kids in there. You scared little kids with your selfish act. Are you happy now?"

The protesters were all charged with felony criminal damage to property and two counts of simple battery for defacing church property and the worshiper's clothes with the fake blood. Chicago police identified the six arrested as: Donte D. Smith, 18, of Chicago; Ephran Ramirez Jr., 22, of Chicago; Ryne Ziemba, 25, of Chicago; Mercedes Phinaih, 18, of Bloomington; Regan Maher, 25, of Chicago; and Angela Haban, 20, of Prospect Heights, Ill.

Mike Harding, a friend of the protesters, described the so-called Schoolgirls as a group of students and local activists who do good deeds for their community, such as teach classes, plant gardens and distribute food to the poor. If the demonstrators'

actions ruined someone's Easter, then perhaps they'll have more empathy for Iraqi citizens

North District police station after the arrest to find out information about his friends.



Anti-war protesters are led out of Holy Name Cathedral Parish auditorium after disrupting Easter Sunday Mass in Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, March 23, 2008.

Stacey Wescott/Chicago Tribune (MCT)

who have seen their holiest days marred by violence, said Harding, 21.

"The idea is to bring that back here, not necessarily in a brutal way, but in a peaceful way," said Harding, who went to the Near

the epicenter of Chicago's large Catholic community. Some parishioners, however, said the faux bloodshed, which the protesters described as a "die-in," ventured into frighteningly unacceptable territory.

"The fact that people have to come to Easter mass and do something like that is disturbing," said Carroll Baker, whose face was splattered with red syrup during the fracas. "It's very sad, and it's very irritating."

The protest erupted as the cardinal began his Easter homily, a sermon that celebrates the Christian belief Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion. Dressed in their Sunday best—shirts and ties on the men and the women in skirts—the six demonstrators moved into the auditorium aisles from their center-row seats and shouted their opposition to the war.

They decried the deaths of more than 4,000 U.S. soldiers and thousands of Iraqi citizens, drawing angry heckles and shouts of "sit down!" from churchgoers. As ushers and security guards rushed down the aisle, the group denounced the cardinal for having lunch with President Bush and Mayor Richard Daley in January.

They then discharged packets of fake blood, spurting it

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Your choice matters

The package you pick can make a difference

By GWEN SCHOEN
McClatchy Newspapers

Paper or plastic? That may seem like a trivial question when you're checking out at the grocery store, but the choice you make can make a difference when it comes to the impact your family makes on the environment.

We face hundreds of decisions every time we do the family food shopping, says Mark Murray, executive director of Californians Against Waste. Paying attention to the packaging our food comes in is just as important as what we eat, he says.

Californians Against Waste is a Sacramento, Calif.-based nonprofit dedicated to conserving resources, preventing pollution and protecting the environment through waste reduction and recycling programs.

"What we encourage people to do when

food shopping is think in three categories: reduce, reuse and recycle," Murray says.

"The first is reduce," he says. "Buy in bulk when possible and avoid overpackaging, which includes things like food packaged in single-serving packages. You can also reduce by cooking from scratch, because buying fresh, unpackaged food reduces waste, reduces transportation impact, and it's better for you."

"Also look for products that are concentrated, such as laundry detergent," Murray says. "It may seem like a small thing, but the package will be smaller, the impact of transporting the product to the store is less and you will create less waste."

Reuse is the next step.

"The first thing that comes to mind is grocery bags. Take your own," Murray says.

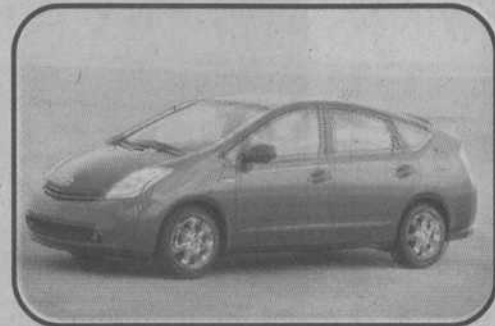
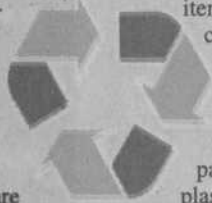
"When possible, use your own refillable containers. At some stores you can refill water bottles or even peanut butter containers."

"The next step is recycle," Murray says.

"When faced with a choice, try to choose the item that can go into your curbside recycle bin. Plastic items that have a recycle number of 1 or 2 on the bottom, for example, can be recycled. If a store offers a choice of containers for things like salad, choose the paperboard container instead of clear plastic, which cannot be recycled."

The whole point is to avoid blindly tossing your purchases into your grocery cart. Think about the impact your selections are making on the landfill and the environment.

We gave Murray a list of common purchases made at the grocery store and asked him to tell us the impact and give us some options.



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For example, when you drive your car, the engine burns fuel that emits into the atmosphere a certain amount of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas related to global warming. When you eat a cheeseburger, you're indirectly contributing to the production of CO₂ based on the energy required to produce, store, transport and cook that burger.

How big is your carbon footprint? To get a general idea, consider the amount of CO₂ generated to support your everyday activities.

— Cynthia Hubert, McClatchy Newspapers

LIVING AREAS

- TV sets, DVD players and cable boxes create up to 1,608 pounds of CO₂ per year.
- If you turn them off when you're not using them, you can cut that output by 240 pounds.
- Computers generate up to 497 pounds of CO₂ per year. Turn them off when you're not using them and save 43 pounds.

KITCHEN

- A refrigerator is the biggest energy-user in the kitchen.
- A 1992 top-freezer model with 19-21 cubic feet of space emits 754 pounds of CO₂ per year.
- A 2002 side-by-side model with 19-21 cubic feet of space emits 442 pounds of CO₂ per year.
- Replacing an old refrigerator with an Energy Star model can eliminate hundreds of pounds of CO₂ per year.

DINING ROOM

- If you get 30 percent of your calories from meat, dairy and poultry, as most Americans do, your diet contributes more than 3,275 pounds of CO₂ to the environment each year.
- Replace red meat with fish, eggs and poultry and save 950 pounds.
- Go vegetarian and save 1,600 pounds.

LAUNDRY ROOM

- Drying clothes in an automatic dryer is a big source of CO₂ emissions in your home.
- If you run your dryer 10 times per week, you produce 822 pounds of CO₂ per year.
- If your dryer has a moisture sensor, you can reduce CO₂ output by 15 percent.
- Or dry your clothes on a clothesline instead.

BATHROOM

- If you take an eight-minute shower every day, you create 1,368 pounds of CO₂ annually.
- By shaving two minutes off of your shower time, you can shave that amount by 342 pounds.

GARAGE

- **2007 Toyota Prius:** 4-cylinder hybrid with automatic transmission and 2-wheel drive
EPA greenhouse gas score: 10 (best score possible)
Grams of CO₂ per mile: Less than 296
- **2007 GMC Yukon 1500:** 8-cylinder gasoline engine with automatic transmission and 2-wheel drive
EPA greenhouse gas score: 3 (with 10 being the best possible score)
Grams of CO₂ per mile: 669 to 730

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

For a more specific comparison of how your footprint compares to others, you can plug your personal information into a calculator created by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Go to: www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html.

To check your vehicle's greenhouse gas score, go to www.epa.gov/emissweb.

SOURCES: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES; THE GREEN GUIDE; THE NATURE CONSERVANCY.

What to know before you go to the grocery store

PAPER VS. PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

■ **Impact:** Plastic bags often end up as non-degradable litter. When they enter the marine environment, they become a threat to animals there. Most curbside recycling programs do not accept plastic shopping bags.

■ **Options:** Bring your own bags and use canvas. When that's not possible, choose paper bags, which are almost always made of 40 percent to 100 percent recycled material. Return plastic shopping bags to supermarkets for recycling. When you can carry an item without a bag, skip the bag altogether.

PAPER TOWELS AND NAPKINS

■ **Impact:** The manufacturing of paper causes deforestation and consumes fresh water.

■ **Options:** Use cloth dish towels and napkins, which can be laundered and reused. If buying paper towels and napkins, look for ones of 100 percent recycled material; any used to clean up food spills can go in the compost pile.

PLASTIC CLAMSHELL FOOD PACKAGES

■ **Impact:** Clamshells, clear or foam, can't be recycled. The packaging increases transportation cost because of increased bulk. Transportation causes pollution and uses petroleum.

■ **Options:** When possible, buy items in bulk or packaged in paperboard, which typically is made of recycled material.

EGG CARTONS

■ **Impact:** Cartons made of polystyrene plastic polymer (which looks similar to Styrofoam) cannot be recycled and do not break down in landfills. In addition, the manufacturing of polystyrene uses byproducts of petroleum processing, involving a nonrenewable fossil fuel.

■ **Options:** Buy eggs in paperboard containers, which are made of 40 percent or more recycled materials and can be recycled in curbside-collection programs.

WATER BOTTLES

■ **Impact:** The International Bottled Water Association, a trade group in Alexandria, Va., reports that last year, Americans drank 8.25 billion gallons of bottled water. Energy is used to manufacture and transport bottles to market, which uses fossil fuels.

■ **Options:** When possible, bring tap water from home in a reusable container. When you buy bottled water, make sure you recycle the container.

MILK JUGS

■ **Impact:** When plastic jugs are recycled, there's little impact. But the polycoated paper used for milk products and frozen food cannot be added to curbside recycle trash in some communities.

■ **Options:** Plastic food containers that have the number 1 or 2 on the bottom, such as milk jugs, can be recycled. Only a few communities are able to recycle the gable-style, polycoated paper cartons, so choose plastic and recycle.

FOOD STORAGE BAGS

■ **Impact:** Like plastic grocery bags, they often end up as litter and can't be recycled. Over time, they will break down into smaller pieces, but they never disappear.

■ **Options:** There are few options other than using reusable, rigid plastic containers that can eventually be recycled. When using plastic food-storage bags, try to reuse them as many times as possible before discarding them.

SIX-PACK RINGS

■ **Impact:** When they end up in marine environments or in wildlife areas, they can cause distress to animals. They are photodegradable under perfect conditions, according to Murray, but that can take months or years.

■ **Options:** At the very least, take the time to cut apart the rings to prevent animals from becoming trapped.

TRASH CAN LINERS

■ **Impact:** They have not degraded yet in our history, according to Murray. At best they break down into smaller and smaller pieces over time. This applies even to those labeled as biodegradable.

■ **Options:** Use paper grocery bags when possible. Make good use of compost piles. If you can't compost, place wet garbage into curbside cans and deal with the yuck factor.

GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS BY ERIC GOODWIN/MCT

Clintons lose support among African Americans

By **DAWN TRICE**
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll taken earlier this month found that former President Bill Clinton, the so-called “first black president,” is falling out of favor with African-Americans.

More of the poll’s respondents view him negatively (45 percent) than view him positively (42 percent). Compare this to his ratings just last year—a positive of 48 percent compared to a negative of 35 percent—and it’s a pretty big deal.

Beyond scientific polls, anecdotal evidence reveals that his wife also is losing support from the Democratic Party’s most reliable constituency.

A lot of black people are furious at Hillary Clinton in part because of the actions or infractions of her surrogates. They’re angry at Bill for the dustup he

created after the South Carolina contest comparing Barack Obama’s win there to that of Rev. Jesse Jackson’s when he ran for president. They’re angry at Geraldine Ferraro for suggesting Obama is mostly an affirmative action candidate.

They blame the Clinton camp for circulating the picture of Obama in Somali garb, an attempt to incite anti-Muslim fears. Some even blame the Clintons for initiating the controversy over the inflammatory sermons made by Obama’s former pastor Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Never mind whether these last two examples are true or not.

What’s striking for me is the number of black voters who tell me they could never bring themselves to vote for Hillary Clinton, even if by some miracle, she became the Democratic presidential nominee.

Some would rather see Republican John McCain win. Others have said they would sit out the general election rather than vote for her. And these are people for whom not voting is anathema.

Indeed Clinton has her share of detractors. But, until recently, not too many blacks were counted among them. In fact, until South Carolina, a lot of black people felt heart-sick about having to choose between Clinton and Obama.

Now folks’ hearts are hardened and the resentment is visceral. Blacks didn’t expect the Clintons to play the race card. You could argue that the Clinton strategy is just politics. It’s not personal. It’s not really racial. But this year voters of all stripes are rejecting the same-old, same-old.

Black people in particular (and others too) are rejecting this brand of politics that plays

on voters’ worst fears. If Republicans use race-baiting (think: footage of Mexicans scaling border fences) to stir the base, who’s shocked by it? But it is shocking coming from someone who always has been considered an ally.

For years, blacks appreciated Hillary Clinton’s work at Yale, tutoring black law students; her work at the Children’s Defense Fund; her efforts on behalf of public education and health care. The list goes on and, frankly, her civil rights roots may run deeper than Obama’s.

But in just a few months, the Clintons may have squandered a lot of good will capital. Black voters expected a spirited debate between the Clinton and Obama camps. But on the issues.

In New Hampshire, when Bill Clinton called Obama’s Iraq War position a “fairy tale” that was in bounds. The whole Jesse

Jackson comparison—out of bounds. Not because it wasn’t exactly true, but because Clinton was slyly playing the race card.

Of all Obama’s moves, the most brilliant has been making unity and hope fundamental campaign themes. You look pretty mean-spirited slinging mud on a guy who’s reluctant to get down and dirty. You also look profoundly clueless next to one who can deliver an eloquently nuanced speech on transcending racism.

At any other moment in history, Clinton would be the IT candidate for many black Democrats. But life is complicated. Race is complicated. So are feelings of betrayal.

If the Clinton strategy has been “win at any cost,” it appears to have cost a lot.

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Correction: In the March 13 edition’s article on Ruthann Whobrey and Curtis Shoaf, the Prospectus mistakenly said that Whobrey had been a staff member since 1999. She has been a faculty member since 1980, and has been full-time since 1999. We apologize for the error.

The Bank Job: root for the bad guys

By **GAVIN J. DOW**
Prospectus Staff Writer



I always love a good crime movie.

There’s a perverse pleasure taken in rooting for the bad guys, and *The Bank Heist* lets us get our bad-boy on. The *Bank Heist* is at times titillating, pulse-quickenning, frightening, and campy, but we can’t help but root for the criminals, who, after all, have families to

support.

The basic plot, which is reportedly drawn from real-life events, is pretty straightforward. Terry (Jason Statham) is a small-time crook. He’s approached by an old flame—Martine (Saffron Burrows)—who proposes an ambitious bank heist. After initial reluctance, Terry gathers a band of trusted co-conspirators, and the plan is on.

Of course, that would be too simple. Unbeknownst to Terry, Martine is being directed by a government agent, who’s trying to recover an item from the vault that is embarrassing for the royal family.

So on goes the story, with its twists and turns, until the final third, where Terry’s band of crooks is beset upon from all sides: MI-5 (or 6), the dirty cops, the clean cops, and a criminal organization.

But don’t let that “based on a true story” get you too much. The character of Martine is completely fictional, and because the British government suppressed press coverage of the robbery just days after it happened, there exists no public documentation to verify exactly how

true the story is. Forget about whether it’s true or not: either way, it’s a great story.

This isn’t the movie of the year. It is, without qualification, inferior to 2001’s *Ocean’s Eleven*, which has it beat in all of the relevant departments: humor, story, characters, style, mystery, and the pure genius of the plan, but *Ocean’s Eleven* is a pretty good movie, and *The*

Bank Job doesn’t fail to entertain.

The biggest criticism I have is that there are so many characters, which are introduced so quickly that the movie can be a bit hard to follow. Some characters from early on reappear an hour later in scenes that don’t do a whole lot to drive the film forward, and just confuse matters. The movie could have done bet-

ter to spend a little more time on exposition, and a little less time on irrelevant characters.

Overall, though, *The Bank Job* is one of the more enjoyable movies I’ve seen this year. If you haven’t seen it yet, it’s worth your time. Jason Statham manages to inject a little humanity into his performance, and I really liked Saffron Burrows.

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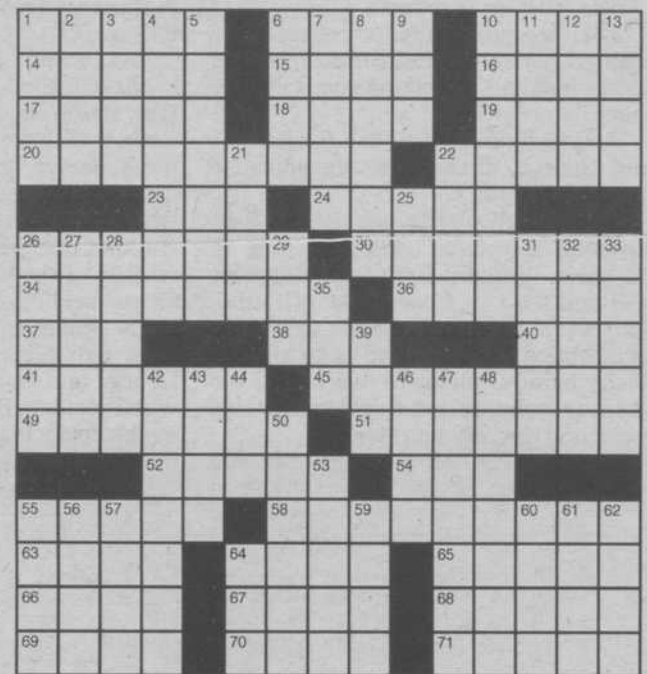


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- 1 Lugosi and Bartok
 - 6 Lamenter's cry
 - 10 Crow's-nest site
 - 14 Upstanding
 - 15 Mineral deposit
 - 16 Davenport's location
 - 17 Inasmuch as
 - 18 Ginger cookie
 - 19 Glitch
 - 20 "Drop It Like It's Hot" rapper
 - 22 Utopias
 - 23 Retirement grp.
 - 24 Smooth transition
 - 26 Upright height
 - 30 Disseminates
 - 34 Teen's ride, perhaps
 - 36 ___ bicarbonate
 - 37 Hosp. sections
 - 38 ___ Alamos, NM
 - 40 Mineral spring
 - 41 Cooking smells
 - 45 Attacker
 - 49 "Mandy" singer
 - 51 Most sun-browned
 - 52 "She ___ You"
 - 54 Cool!
 - 55 Weasel-like mammal
 - 58 True supporters
 - 63 Vogue rival
 - 64 Island near Corsica
 - 65 Loudmouth lummo
 - 66 Bahrain ruler
 - 67 Cry
 - 68 Military muddle
 - 69 Drains
 - 70 Does wrong
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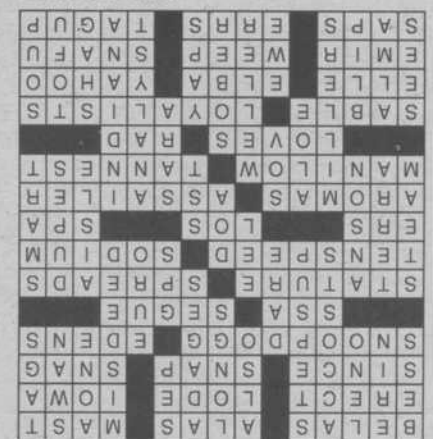
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over themselves and hitting those seated nearby. The ushers pleaded with them to stop disrupting mass, while security guards threatened arrest.

"Even the pope calls for peace," they chanted as they were escorted from the auditorium hall. "Even the pope calls for peace."

"And so should we all call for peace," said George, drawing strong applause from the parish.

Catholic Schoolgirls Against the War, however, may have been preaching to the choir—literally. Both Pope Benedict XVI and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have opposed the war since its inception, with the pope using his own Easter homily Sunday to renew calls for an Iraq resolution that would "safeguard peace and the common good."

Following the service, the cardinal reiterated the Catholic Church's opposi-

tion to the war, but he said mass is not the place to protest the U.S.-led invasion.

"We should all work for peace," George said, "but not by interrupting the worship of God. It's an act of violence to come among a group of believers and try to manipulate worship to your own purposes, no matter how noble and good they are."

In a statement issued Sunday afternoon by Catholic Schoolgirls Against the War, the group said it protested at the Cathedral "to reach both Holy Name's large Easter audience—including Chicago's most prominent Catholic citizens, who commonly attend Easter Mass at the church—and the many more viewers and readers of the local press, which usually extensively covers their services."

The statement lauded the protesters' efforts to remind the churchgoers that George and Daley met two months ago with President Bush, who they described as the "principal public figure responsible for initiating the carnage in Iraq."

While the group may have intended to

Just so you know, safety is everyone's business

Speeding on Campus

With the weather starting to break, our department has noticed people are exceeding the posted speed limit on campus. The speed limit on campus is 25mph and 5mph in the parking lots. From a safety perspective with so many cars on campus, it is very important to observe the speed limit. We have placed a radar sign on campus in order to help monitor the speed limit. Our department will be strictly enforcing the 25mph speed limit on campus. Please keep in mind that you can be ticketed for speeding. So be aware of how fast you are driving on campus and please drive safely.



do that, the jeers from an annoyed congregation and the security's teams swift response made it difficult for them to deliver a succinct explanation for their disruption.

"If Cardinal George is a man of peace and is walking the walk and talking the talk, he should have confronted George Bush and demanded an immediate end to the war," said Kevin Clark of International Solidarity Movement, who attended the service to serve as a witness for the protesters.

The cardinal defended his meeting with the president, saying it's impor-

tant for church leaders to have open dialogue with world leaders. The pope also plans to meet with Bush when he makes his first visit to the United States next month.

"We work as best we can for all those who are working for peace," the cardinal said. "But people work for peace in very different ways, as we all know."

The six protesters are expected to appear in bond court Monday morning.

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Notice to Students and Faculty Regarding FINAL EXAMINATIONS

A final exam is expected in each credit course at Parkland College. Final exams for all full-semester and second-half-semester courses will be given during final exam week (May 12 - 16) according to the official published schedule. These final exams are not to be given early (during regular class periods). Final exams for all other courses (those ending earlier) will be given at the last regularly scheduled class meeting.

All requests from faculty to alter scheduled final exam times or dates must be reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and the Interim Vice President for Academic Services.

In courses where a final exam is not appropriate, as determined by the Department Chair, an educational alternative scheduled during the week of final exams is expected.

Students: These official College guidelines were established to more fully ensure that you receive the full set of instructional class periods for which you paid and to which you are entitled; and that you have the appropriate amount of time to prepare adequately for your final exams. If your final exam is given earlier than scheduled, please contact the Department Chair or the Interim Vice President for Academic Services (351-2542, Room A117).

Three final exams scheduled on the same day may be considered a conflict. Conflicts may be resolved by arrangement with the faculty of these courses.

Questions or concerns about these guidelines should be directed to the Interim Vice President for Academic Services.

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Weather Forecast

- Thursday Night:** Thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, low around 38.
- Friday:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48.
- Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30.
- Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 50.
- Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.
- Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 56.
- Sunday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low around 41.
- Monday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, high near 61.
- Monday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low around 39.
- Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54.

CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

Last week, CrimeStoppers and the Urbana Police Department are actively seeking your assistance with a bank robbery that occurred on Tuesday, March 11, at approximately 10:25am.

The Chase Bank, located at 405 North Broadway in Urbana, was entered by the suspect, who patiently waited in line until he was able to approach a teller. He handed her a note that said he had a bomb and demanded cash. He never spoke. He was given some cash and he left the building.

The suspect is described as a black

male, approximately 6' tall. He was wearing a large black puffy or quilted coat and had a gray hood over his head. He was also wearing a black backpack with



gray and red trim, and was carrying a small black duffle bag with a single shoulder strap. Photos of the suspect were captured by the bank's surveillance system.

If you have any information at all regarding

this crime, please call CrimeStoppers at (217) 373-TIPS or (217) 373-8477. Information can also be sent by anonymous web tip by going to: www.champaign-countycrimestoppers.com.

The information you provide is confidential. You do not have to appear in court. CrimeStoppers will pay a reward if the information you provide leads to an arrest for this crime. Cash rewards are also paid for information on other felony crimes or fugitives in the Champaign County area.

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M. Basketball	12 - 19, 8 - 8
W. Basketball	23 - 8, 12 - 2
Golf	N/A
Baseball	14 - 5, 2 - 0
Softball	4 - 9, 1 - 1

Students with a bit of horse sense

- Parkland's Equine Riding Team has 20 years of history
- School one of over 300 nationwide affiliated with IHSA

By **ERIK PHEIFER**
Contributing Writer

Did you know there is an equine riding team at Parkland? Not many people do, but it does exist and has been around for 20 years.

Parkland has offered an equine management program since 1975, which current Business and Agri-Industries department chair and assistant coach Bruce Henrikson points to as being a big reason for the interest in forming the riding team a decade later.

In its beginnings, the riding team struggled with very little participation but in recent years has seen its membership grow to numbers in the teens according to Henrikson.

He added that posters advertising the riding team are put out early in the school year to try and gain the awareness of the student body, and an annual meeting is held to inform potential participants of the vital information needed to be a part of the team.

While the cost of participating in the riding team can get expensive because of membership fees, registration fees and equipment, some of that cost is offset for Parkland students through fundraising and student fees that are paid as part of all students' tuition.

Although a majority of the team is enrolled in the equine

management program at Parkland, any Parkland student can participate provided they are attending Parkland full time. Additionally, riders have four years of eligibility, which is unlike NJCAA sponsored sports

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where athletes can participate for only two seasons.

Despite the fact that the sport is dominated by females, male students can participate and have done so in the past for Parkland.

Riders compete in one of two disciplines called Western or Hunter Seat, which is sometimes called English. The West-

where athletes can participate for only two seasons.

Within these disciplines, competitors are classified into levels based on experience and ability in a way to level the playing field. As a rider improves, they move up in class. Eight levels exist in the Hunter Seat discipline while there are six levels in the Western discipline.

owned and operated by Parkland instructor and riding team coach Dawn Mercer. StepAhead is located near Fisher. The other members of the team practice at different local stables.

Their season starts near the beginning of the fall semester and runs through February as indoor arenas help prevent weather from being an