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## Arrest made in alleged public masturbation

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After two weeks of sightings, three police reports and a campus-wide memo regarding a man masturbating around campus, an arrest was made. After a brief pursuit on foot, Lt. Michael Cretella of the Youngstown State University Police Department caught up with Curtis Parker, 21, of Madison Avenue, after a witness reported a man masturbating in Wick Park on Monday. Cretella finally apprehended Parker

on Elm Street with assistance from Sgts. Rosemary Marsco and Bryan Remias.

"We believe that since he's been apprehended the incidents will stop," Cretella said.

Parker, a YSU parking services employee according to co-workers and records from the Mahoning County Sheriff's office, appeared in Youngstown Municipal Court on Tuesday on charges of public indecency, resisting arrest and obstructing official business.

Obstructing official business is the most severe charge Parker faces, a misdemeanor of the first degree, which he received for fleeing the scene.

Resisting arrest and public indecency are misdemeanors as well, but second and fourth degrees, respectively.

Police cited that he was resisting arrest due to his unwillingness to cooperate while being handcuffed.

After the apprehension, Dena Bryant of the YSU Police arrived at the scene with the witness, who identified Parker.

According to the police report, when the "victim entered her car [on Broadway] she observed [the] suspect walking to approximately two to three feet away from her passenger door window still masturbating."

She said Parker followed her car as she began to drive away, still exposing himself.

YSU Police said they believe Parker is responsible for several other similar instances around campus over the past two weeks.

"He fits the same clothing description," Remias said. "We have witnesses. They just need to identify him."

Remias indicated that should witnesses from the other incidents positively identify Parker as the perpetrator, additional charges against him will be

filed and the judge could impose consecutive sentences rather than concurrent, extending any potential jail time.

Friends of Parker said he seemed like a normal guy, and his alleged actions struck them as odd.

"I didn't even think he would do that," said Leonard Martin, Parker's friend.

Martin was one of a few who picked Parker up from the county jail after he was booked. Parker remained fairly quiet in the car on the ride home, Martin said.

"He said he was peeing outside and a car came up. He [said] he didn't know it was the cops and he ran. Then they flashed the lights," he said.

Martin is torn over what to believe. "I don't know. He's telling me something different" than police have reported, Martin said.

Parker's pretrial is set for Oct. 20.

## Looking differently at life and football

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At the University of Rochester, George Clarke brought 17 years of football experience into his sophomore season. During training camp he lost feeling in his right leg and felt his football career was nearing its end.

Clarke, 24, of Youngstown's South Side, is roaming the football field again as a Youngstown State University student assistant coach.

At Rochester, Clarke said he enjoyed football and dorm life away from home. Then doctors diagnosed the 21-year-old with the rare Guillain-Barre syndrome.

This disorder causes the body's immune system to wrongly attack the nervous system.

"We were doing conditioning at camp, and my right leg went numb. I went to my trainer and thought I was fine," Clarke said.

A couple of days later, Clarke lost movement in his arms and legs.

He visited an MRI center that day. Doctors in Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital first told him he might have a brain tumor or Lou Gehrig's disease, Clarke said.

After eight months of testing, doctors finally diagnosed him with Type A Guillain-Barre.

"At first, I thought it was a bad dream," he said. "I said I was going to go to bed, wake up and be fine."

Under severe physical stress, his nerves shut down.

"I had a couple of seizures. Looking back, I think it's kind of funny. At the time, I was pretty upset," he said.

Clarke's parents struggled to visit him in the hospital, which added to the hardship.

"It was tough for them. They were four hours away and came up as much as they could. My friends were there to support me," he said.

Clarke's long time friend, J.P. Rubenstahl knew he would persevere.

"His mother called me and told me they were going up to see him in the hospital but not to worry. So I didn't really worry too much about him. He's a tough guy. I didn't really know the seriousness of his situation until he told me a few days later," Rubenstahl said.



George Clarke, student assistant coach, coaches the Penguins at a practice on Tuesday. Clarke was hired to help coach the team after being diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome. Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

Despite the positive encouragement he received from friends and family, Clarke said human nature took over, causing him to worry and become frustrated.

"I got really mad. I had 13 MRI's in a 10-day span. Blood work was done plenty of times. I had a bone marrow biopsy, a skin biopsy and spinal fluid tests," Clarke said.

Clarke said quitting the sport he loves was what hurt the most.

"I had to quit playing football ... had to end my career," he said.

The upside, Clarke said, was that his doctors were skilled.

"I got extremely lucky to have such phenomenal doctors. They were very accessible," Clarke said.

Through all the pain, Clarke said his outlook on life began to change.

"For a while, I was like, 'Why me?' I felt so bad for myself. But now, I wake up at 7 a.m. each morning and I'm like, 'All right, let's go. Let's do this,'" he said. "Everything is all right. That's my motto."

It took him a while to get his life back together. All the while he focused on returning to football.

"[Guillain-Barre] also brought me back home to football, which is a blessing," Clarke said.

When the Cardinal Mooney High School graduate returned to Youngstown, Frank Buffano, YSU's inside linebacker

coach, asked him to help the team. Clarke agreed without hesitation.

"I went to high school with Coach Buffano's younger brother, and I was absolutely excited to help out," he said.

Buffano said he knew Clarke when he worked at the University of Arizona.

"[Clarke] and my brother came out to stay with me for spring break that year. They spent a week here, and I got to know him. When I got a job here in Youngstown, the coaching staff was looking for some student assistants," Buffano said.

Buffano arranged an interview for Clarke with YSU head coach Eric Wolford, who was aware he had a medical condition that prevented him from playing football.

"I can relate to that. I didn't have a medical condition, but I did get cut from the Cardinals and couldn't play," Wolford said. "So, what do you do when that happens? You get back into something you love. He takes ownership of his players."

At first, Clarke reunited with football by sitting and learning.

"Now I am a student assistant coach. I sit up in the press box on game day. It's awesome. I chart plays and give defensive formations while talking to the offensive coaching staff on the headset," Clarke said.

Buffano said Clarke "has a real love for the game."

"Some guys don't want to

do the work of a student assistant coach. It's a lot of grunt work, but that's how you get your foot in the door," Buffano said. "Hopefully, he'll become a coach one day. That's how all of us started."

He added that the job can be tedious, but Clarke is reliable, thorough and committed, even when working long hours.

"[Clarke] is kind, passionate and an overall nice dude. His sarcasm and personality are great, but I think his dependability is what stands out the most about him," Rubenstahl said. "If he says he's going to do something, nine times out of 10, he gets it done."

Buffano said the team notices Clarke's football knowledge and work ethic.

Clarke stays busy on game days, but paralysis problems persist with his back and feet.

"I haven't had an episode in a year and a half, but there is still parts I don't feel," Clarke said. "Sometimes my friend's tap the spot on my spine that I can't feel. They think it's funny."

"I had zero symptoms of Guillain-Barre for 21 years, and for three years, it kicked my ass," he added.

Clarke's old friends and new team remain his biggest support.

"I know he's excited to be part of the YSU coaching staff," Rubenstahl said. "We all hope and know he will have a successful coaching career."

## Kilcawley House elevator experiences deja vu

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Sophomore Leonard Howard decided to do some laundry before a midterm on Monday. He fretted over his History of Motion Pictures test.

He was conveniently inconvenienced when the Kilcawley House elevator suddenly stopped between the sixth and seventh floors, trapping him and another student for more than an hour.

Fortunately for Howard, he missed his exam.

Barely scathed by the event, Howard said he'd be taking the stairs from now on.

Other students, however, have been less enthused by the recent elevator malfunctions.

Freshman Rodney Mallett was stuck in the same elevator for more than two hours when it came to a halt on Friday. The malfunction brought no good fortune to Mallett.

"It's, like, either walk up seven flights of stairs or be trapped," Mallett said.

ThyssenKrupp, the elevator service company, arrived at the scene on Monday to bring the elevator to a level so that students could be safely let out.

Malfunctioning of the selector tape caused the elevator to come to a halt.

Selector tape is a part of the elevator that monitors the progress of the cart, senses when passengers are getting on and off, and prevents corrosion from occurring.

It would take at least 24 hours to replace the selector tape, and the elevator was back in operation on the following day.

This is the same elevator that fell five floors in fall 2010, injuring several students and sending them to the hospital.

Danielle Meyer, director  
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## Maintenance addresses issues

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No toilet paper, broken soap dispensers, out-of-order toilet stalls and vomit on the sidewalk are just a few examples of what the maintenance and janitorial staffs deal with during their time on the clock.

With all of that, they have just one plumber and one electrician to service the entire campus.

Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration at Youngstown State University, said short staffing has affected when problems are fixed.

"Overall, it's going to affect the university because you're going to have a reduced number of people to do things," Grilli said.

He's grateful, however, that the staff is willing to do and capable of doing their jobs.

"It might not be done two minutes from now, but it might be done five minutes from now," Grilli said.

Martyn Moss, manager of building services, said there is a gray line between maintenance and janitorial services, as they're two separate services at YSU that are closely related.

Vince Sacco, director of facilities, said that maintenance and janitorial services work together to help each other out.

"If someone calls down here for a janitorial issue, we won't turn them away or give them another extension. We'll contact the department and they'll take care of it. It doesn't

matter as long as it gets done," Sacco said.

He said as far as maintenance is concerned, it's harder to frequently check the women's restrooms since most of their staff is male.

"This is where we really rely on janitorial services and anyone else to let us know what's going on," Sacco said.

He said there was a time when someone was taking paper towels and stuffing them down the toilets in Cushwa Hall. Since there are always people in and out of Cushwa, the mess was noticed quickly and cleaned up, he said.

However, when the same incident happened in Beeghly Hall, a building that isn't occupied as often, the mess wasn't noticed for hours when cleaning crews made their rounds.

Sacco said this incident happened so frequently that they decided to install hand dryers in place of the paper towel dispensers. Eventually this transition will happen throughout campus.

He said there was also an incident where a student stuffed coffee grounds down a water fountain.

Moss said that whenever something like this occurs, it's often when a student receives a poor grade on a test and takes his or her anger out on the facilities.

Sacco said if a soap dispenser was pulled off the wall and not replaced, it's because no one was notified.

Maintenance always has someone available on campus to respond to calls, even during holidays.

As far as janitorial services are concerned, they have day and night



Johnice Burkley, a janitorial worker, strolls through the halls of Kilcawley Center during her night shift. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

workers from two different cleaning companies.

Moss said that both SBM Cleaning and Compass Family and Community Services are held to the same cleaning contracts as drawn up by janitorial services.

"Just about anything you can think about that needs cleaning on campus is in that contract," Moss said.

Moss said that during a routine round, restrooms are cleaned at least twice during the day and then again at night. This entails checking that the stalls are stocked with toilet paper, stocking paper towels, cleaning any messes and filling soap dispensers.

New soap dispensers were in-

stalled in all of the restrooms on campus. The switch from lotion to foam soap was also made.

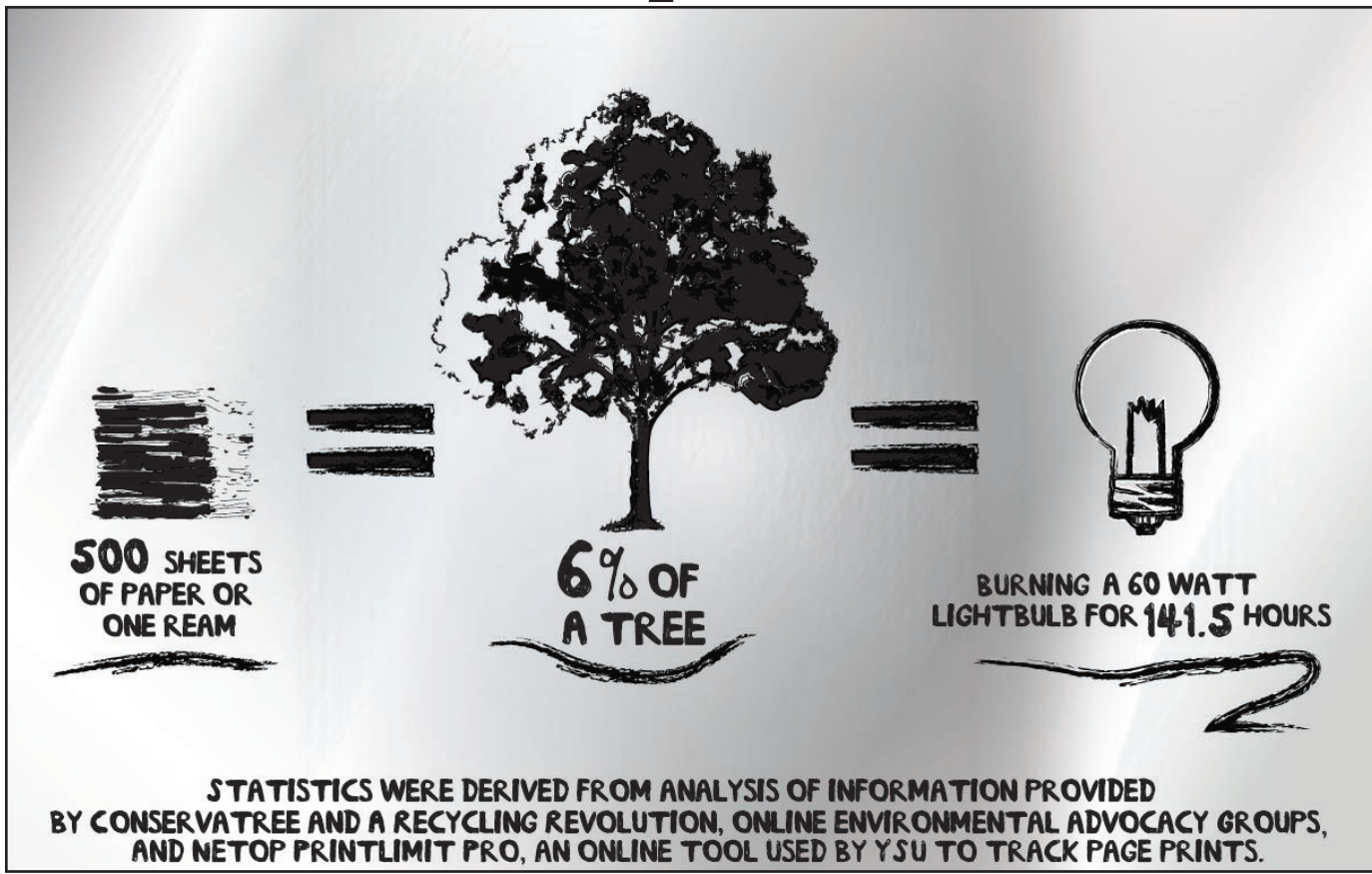
Moss said it's more economical to use foam soap. By making the switch, the new soap dispensers were given to YSU for free, which resulted in a savings of \$17,000.

Moss said that any janitorial issues can be sent to janitorial@ysu.edu.

YSU Police can also be contacted, and the correct person will be sent to take care of the matter.

In an email, Lonnie Gentry, recreation facilities manager and fitness center director, said that for any maintenance issues, students can call 330-941-3239.

## Departments set printing limits in campus labs



Graphic by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.

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In the spring, several departments at Youngstown State University set limits on paper usage in certain campus computer labs.

Joseph Mosca, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, said students have printed on nearly half a million sheets of paper in Cushwa Hall's Room 3083 since the end of August.

In certain labs, such as those in Meshel Hall, a screen informing students of how much paper remains of their 500-page allotment immediately appears.

In Cushwa Hall, computer labs remain without a printing limit.

Mosca said discussions are being held to change this policy, setting limits similar to those of other colleges.

"In spring 2012, we will begin to put a 500-page limit in place," Mosca said.

He said the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and the Williamson College of Business Administration have moved in that direction.

"We are now moving in that direction," Mosca said. "We can't afford the paper and the toner to print in that capacity."

Mosca said he understands that students pay fees. However, at a point, the limit becomes necessary.

John Mela, a lab assistant in Meshel Hall, said he is seeing a lot less waste and students are more thoughtful about printing.

"Before the limit was put in place, I would see entire websites and booklets being printed out in the labs," Mela said. "Now you don't see that because students don't want to waste their printing credits."

Mela said most students have not experienced prob-

lems with the page limit. Certain majors, such as business management and information technology, require more printing than most classes, he said.

Mohamed Khodari, a lab assistant in Meshel Hall, said the amount of required printing depends on the course.

"Some professors prefer their students send in assignments via email or through programs like Blackboard, while some like to see a hard copy," Khodari said.

Mela said he thinks the paper limit is fair. His observation is that most students do not exceed 300 printed pages per semester. Some students, he said, are still angry about the limit.

"I can see why they are angry," Mela said. "They pay to go to school here, so they think they should be able to use as much paper as they want."

Information technology major John Fox said although he uses a lot of paper for his studies, he under-

stands the university's reason for implementing the rule.

"I can see how students can take advantage of university printers," Fox said. "But if a student actually needs more than 500 sheets of paper for their research, it is unfair to say no to them."

Fox has used nearly half of his allotted paper so far and does not think he will run into problems this semester.

"I'd be upset if I went over the limit," he said. "But if the university has to have a limit, I'd say that 500 is a fair limit."

Josh Terrell, an information technology and criminal justice major, said he has noticed a change in the way teachers give assignments to students.

"A lot of professors no longer print syllabuses or assignments," Terrell said. "They instead email them to us or post them on Blackboard and leave it up to the student whether they print it out or not."

## Refocusing the teacher-quality debate

McClatchy-Tribune  
News Service  
(MCT)

Changes to the nation's 1,400 teachers' colleges and university programs proposed by the Obama administration promise to remove burdensome regulations and improve teacher training.

The 440 different measures the schools are required to report on annually ought to be reduced significantly. Fewer reports will not mean less information.

The Department of Education proposes different measures focused on outcomes, including asking schools to report how many graduates of teacher-education programs fill shortage positions, such as teaching math in high-poverty schools; how satisfied school principals are with their preparation and how much the graduates, once in the classroom, improved student learning based on test scores.

This kind of perspective is sorely needed. "Too many future teachers graduate from prep programs unprepared for success in the classroom," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan correctly notes.

A growing chorus of critics, including prominent education professors, are amplifying concerns about weaknesses in teacher-prep programs.

The director of teacher education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education was quoted on a New York Times online forum as saying that of the nation's 1,300 graduate teacher-training programs, only about 100 were doing a competent job.

The rest "could be shut down tomorrow," said Harvard's Katherine Merseth.

Before that option is exercised, hope rests on the federal reform plan to reward the best teacher-training programs and beef up the others. The plan has broad support from the National Education Association and Teach for America, a teacher-training corps with its own set of critics, including the teachers unions.

The proposed rules move teacher-quality efforts closer to a training system with clear performance requirements and closely followed outcomes. Future teachers ought to be better trained as well as better supported.

The profession of teaching is improved with fewer regulatory burdens, better support for the top training programs and strict accountability for preparing teachers for real classrooms.



## NEWS BRIEFS

## Musicology Society's speaker series resumes

The YSU Dana School of Music's Musicology Series will resume this week. J. Peter Burkholder, a professor of music at Indiana University, is the featured speaker. His presentation — "Musical Borrowing or Curious Coincidence?: Testing the Evidence" — is scheduled for Friday at 4 p.m. in the Bliss Recital Hall. Burkholder has written several books and articles, and he has also served as president, vice president and director-at-large of the American Musicological Society and on the board of the College Music Society.

## YSU to host annual geography meeting

The YSU Department of Geography is hosting the annual meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers on Friday and Saturday. Approximately 75 to 100 faculty and students from across the region are expected to attend. Friday's meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn in Boardman, while Saturday's events will be held in Williamson Hall. Vice president of the Association of American Geographers from the University of Minnesota will attend, as will a representative of the national headquarters from Washington, D.C. The event is closed to the public.

## Grant proposal workshop scheduled

A workshop for YSU faculty and staff on grant proposal development will be held Oct. 25 and 26 in the Coffelt Hall conference room. The workshop — "How to Transition: From Pre-Award Proposal to Post-Award Funding" — will begin at 10 a.m. on both days. Seating is limited. To make reservations, call 330-941-2377 or email Cheryl Coy at ckcay@ysu.edu.

## POLICE BRIEFS

## Police respond to assault report at Courtyard Apartments

On Saturday afternoon, YSU Police arrived at the University Courtyard Apartments after report of an assault. Upon arrival, YSU Police found the alleged victim, a female student, visibly shaken and crying. She told YSU Police that her boyfriend became angry during a verbal altercation and punched her in the head. The student said this was not the first time he had assaulted her. Although paramedics arrived to assess the student's injuries, she refused medical treatment. Later that day, the student called YSU Police, stating that her boyfriend was en route to her apartment. The student told YSU Police that she did not want to prosecute her boyfriend for assault but would if he assaulted her again. According to the report, charges are pending the results of further investigation.

## Intoxicated man trespasses on campus

Late Sunday evening, YSU Police arrived at the inner core of campus after students reported being bothered by an intoxicated man wearing a red sweatshirt and green shorts. Police found the man, who smelled strongly of alcohol, walking on the sidewalk between Moser and Ward Beecher halls. Although the man had a YSU ID, he was not a current student. YSU Police told the man that even though he was an alumnus of the university, he was trespassing and would have to leave campus. The man refused to sign the trespass warning, but he left the area.

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of housing and residence life, said last year's incident had nothing to do with Monday's malfunction. Last year, the elevator malfunctioned due to an overloaded capacity.

"The elevator has been deemed to be in proper working order," she said. "From what we've noticed, the residents are using the elevator and feel safe using it."

Ron Cole, director of university communications, said he was told that the elevator was up to date in its inspections.

Cole said ThyssenKrupp inspects all campus elevators each month and an additional two times a year.

He said via a telephone interview on Wednesday that the university is in the process of performing a campus-wide evaluation of all the elevators to determine which elevators need upgraded.

"I imagine the elevator in Kilcawley House will be at the top of that priority list," Cole said.

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# For Stanford alumni, Jobs' commencement speech in 2005 was life-changing

San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. On the sun-drenched morning of June 12, 2005, Stanford Stadium teemed with thousands of elated students. It was already hot, and after years of hard work, they were ready to celebrate: Families, friends and festivities were waiting.

Then the commencement speaker, Steve Jobs, arrived at the lectern and delivered three sober stories: about dropping out, getting fired — and death.

"It was a little jolting. These are heavy things at a college graduation," said John Paul Schnapper-Casteras. Recalled classmate J.T. Batson: "I just wanted it to be short."

But Jobs' eloquent, personal and nakedly honest talk — a 15-minute oration since dubbed "The Gettysburg address of graduation speeches" — now reaches beyond the grave, leaving a legacy that will endure longer than any gadget. It is also slightly haunting, with the Apple CEO telling graduates, "I'm fine now" but also saying to them, "Death is the best invention of life."

Viewed millions of times by people around the world, it is the only time Jobs spoke publicly about the most difficult times of his life. It's his meditation on birth, death and meaning. This is what I've learned, he said. This is what you need to know.

And those restless students, now more mature, say they've carried his wisdom with them. It has taken years — and post-graduate lessons from the school of hard knocks — to fully appreciate what he was saying, they admit.

"It was one of those speeches that sticks with you and grows over time," said Schnapper-Casteras, a graduate of Stanford Law School and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government who now practices law in Washington, D.C.

"As life gets more complicated, in good and bad ways, the speech stays with me and means more," said Jen Staver, now earning a doctoral degree in history.

It was a giddy crowd. Some were annoyed that a college dropout had been selected to commemorate their greatest achievement.

Jobs, in contrast, was elegiac. "Right now the new is

you, but someday not too long from now, you will gradually become the old and be cleared away," he said. "Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true.

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."

The details of Jobs' invitation are fuzzy. President John Hennessy said he invited Jobs based on the recommendation of a student-faculty committee. The committee said their job was to support Hennessy's proposal. (Uncharacteristically, students were unanimously supportive.)

"We were 21 and thinking, 'Hey, we want someone famous!' " recalled Staver. "He was someone who had very much permeated our lives and had a compelling life story."

Sitting in the crowd, Samuel Chang of Austin, Texas, remembers the words resonated at a time when "there were more than a few questions in my mind about what I was doing." Although he was with his '05 class, he had decided to not graduate that day and instead take an extra year for varsity rowing.

"My parents questioned my intention in life — why was I taking an extra year for sports? But I wanted to focus on something I could get really good at," said Chang, now an Intel engineer. Hearing Jobs, "I felt validated. I knew it was going to work out."

Nearby, Amy Halvorsen felt the same wave of reassurance. "I was graduating without a job in place, and I felt like a tremendous loser surrounded by all my over-achieving classmates. But Steve made me believe that it would all be OK." Now a producer for a film and TV production company, as well as an on-camera reporter for the websites LakersNation.com and BrokeGirlsGuide.com, "I have finally figured out what I want to do with my life, via an overly circuitous route."

To awkward laughter, Jobs recounted dropping out of Reed College — then taking a calligraphy class that inspired the typography of computers. And even the trauma of getting fired from Apple had value, he said.

"The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life," Jobs told the gathering.

Random experiences, even the failures, have meaning, he told the class.

In the months after graduation, Courtney Smith hung tightly to that advice.

"When something seems like failure, you realize later that it isn't," she said. "After graduation, all I wanted was to stay at Stanford. So I applied for a bunch of jobs — in the financial aid office, admissions, development — and got turned down for all of them."

Now a successful lawyer at Bingham McCutchen in Palo Alto, Calif., "I specialize in intellectual property — covering things like patents, trademarks, copyright — and am really happy. Without that experience, I never would have taken this legal path."

Graduate Emanuel Pleitez, now a leadership consultant focusing on Southern California's Latino community, said "his wisdom absolutely inspired me ... and gave me solace in the decisions I have made."

Other graduates recounted similar epiphanies.

One year out of Stanford, Lauren Gross "was tired, bored and most of all, uninspired" by investment banking. After revisiting the commencement address, "two weeks later, I was most fortuitously introduced to my boss of now six years, Peter Thiel." Founder of the venture firm Founders Fund. "We back truly transformational technologies. ... As Jobs predicted, '(I knew) it when (I found) it.' "

Staver jumped from engineering to a Ph.D. in history. "What I was doing felt rote," she said. Jobs had told the graduates to "check in with yourself," and she did.

His final words — "Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish" — borrowed from the Whole Earth Catalogue, have lingered the longest. Scott Allen remembered them while working for a rural Wyoming newspaper; Schnapper-Casteras, when he went to Iraq; Athalie Laguerre when she quit her job at Facebook, drove cross-country and applied to film school. They inspired Connie Chan, while working in Beijing, to eat bugs and climb mountains.

His message reached Kjerstin Erickson much later. While her classmates graduated, she was in Zambia with refugees.

While he's gone, his words endure, she said.

"It was about the inevitability and unavoidability of death — and the importance of putting yourself out there, at risk, for humanity," Erickson said. "Because what else, really, is there?"

# Grid 10 tablet stands out, but not usually in a good way

San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

Companies keep trying to compete with the iPad, and they keep falling short of the mark. The latest to take aim — and fail to hit — is Fusion Garage, which recently released the Grid 10 tablet.

This is Fusion Garage's second shot at the iPad, and it is clearly trying to learn from its mistakes. Unlike its first tablet, the JooJoo, which used an Intel chip, the Grid 10 uses a Nvidia processor that's based on an ARM design, which has become the standard for smartphones and tablets.

The new device is thinner and lighter than the JooJoo — and lacks its noisy fan. And instead of the JooJoo's proprietary Linux software, the Grid 10 runs a version of Android and supports Android applications.

But Fusion Garage seems to be trying to learn not only from its own mistakes but those of other would-be Apple rivals. At \$300, its entry-level Grid 10 is \$200 cheaper than the iPad and many of the iPad knockoffs running Android.

And it's not just another Android clone. Instead of running Honeycomb, the version of Android that Google customized for tablets, the Grid 10 has its own unique interface.

On the tablet's home screen,

you'll find clusters of square app icons arranged on a giant grid, only a portion of which is viewable at any one time. You can view different parts of the grid by panning around it with your fingertips, much as you might drag a Web-based map to reveal hidden areas. You can also get to particular areas of the grid directly by tapping on a small map that shows an overview of the entire grid.

The grid interface allows users to easily group similar applications and to arrange them like piles on a real desk. But for people like me whose desks are compact collections of chaos, the desktop metaphor isn't terribly useful. I often had a hard time remembering where to find particular apps, especially if I hadn't manually relocated them to a cluster.

Because the only physical button on the Grid 10 is its power button, the only way to interact with it — other than to turn it on — is through gestures. You tap on icons to launch apps. You swipe down from the top of the display with two fingers to go back to the home screen. To go back to a previous screen, you swipe two fingers from the right edge of the display to the left.

I'm generally a fan of gestures, but I often found the Grid 10's use and dependence on them frustrating. I missed having physical buttons to

adjust the volume; having to turn on the device, tap an icon and adjust a virtual dial to turn down the volume was at least one too many steps for me.

And I was often confused by the gestures because they are neither universal nor consistent. For example, the back swipe sometimes returns you from an app to the home screen. At other times, it returns you to an early menu screen inside an app. At still other times, it takes you to a previously unseen home page within an app.

Part of the problem with the Grid 10 is that it feels like a work in progress. During the two weeks or so that I had to test it out, Fusion Garage pushed out multiple system updates to fix bugs and add new features. But even by the time the company pushed out what it termed the final shipping code, the Grid 10 still had some obvious problems.

The device doesn't shut down programs once you exit them. So you can be running multiple programs at once and not realize it. That can be a problem, because unlike other devices, the Grid 10 doesn't seem to manage memory very well. Particularly when a lot of programs are running at once, apps can crash suddenly and the device can seem sluggish.

A feature called Heartbeat — which you can launch with another two-finger swipe — does show you all the pro-

grams running at once, but you have to manually close them down one by one. That means that you effectively have to close a program twice, once when you exit out of it and once by pulling up Heartbeat.

Fusion Garage touts the fact that unlike the iPad, the Grid 10 not only supports, but comes with Adobe's Flash technology. But when visiting sites such as Pandora and Amazon.com's movie store, I was repeatedly prompted to install Flash. I finally did so and was able to watch a movie trailer on Amazon — but still couldn't get Pandora to work right.

Because the Grid 10 is using a highly customized version of Android, Fusion Garage can't link it to — and users can't download apps from — Google's App Marketplace. That means that for now, users can only get apps from Amazon's app store. While Amazon has a good selection, it's lacking many notable apps, not only those from Google but popular ones from Amazon competitors such as Netflix, Spotify and Pandora. Fusion Garage says it plans to launch its own app store, but doesn't say when.

Fusion Garage is to be applauded for improving on its previous effort and for trying to do something different. But its new device still leaves a lot to be desired.



# Rabbit control keeps Long Beach City College volunteers hopping

Los Angeles Times (MCT)

LOS ANGELES No one is quite sure when the rabbits came.

Lore has it that the bunny population at Long Beach City College boomed when the nearby airport broke ground decades ago, causing a population of jackrabbits to relocate to the campus grounds.

Two years ago, the population — now mainly abandoned pets — peaked, and more than 300 rabbits competed for food, space and mates on 112 acres.

New castaways were attacked by territorial rabbits. Predators found the domesticated rabbits easy prey.

That's when the animals' savior, physical education

instructor Donna Prindle, entered the picture. She leads the campus' Rabbit Population Control Task Force, formed in 2009.

The group chose not to exterminate the rabbits but to instead round them up, spay or neuter them and put them up for adoption. Prindle, 60, who has taught at the college for 32 years, spends almost every day scouring the campus for new drop-offs and tending to the several dozen rabbits sitting in pens in an old wood-working shop.

"I walked by them for 30 years and I was ignorant of what was going on," Prindle said. "I couldn't sit by and not do anything."

The efforts seem to be working.

Prindle said that since mid-August, she has found only six new rabbits. In years past, school officials easily counted

that same number in a day.

Part of the success can be attributed to an ongoing education effort.

A sign in front of the college informs passersby that "no bunny wants to be a college drop-off." Small placards warn that abandoning a rabbit carries a \$500 fine or six months in jail. So far, no one has been caught, school officials said.

Over time, area residents came to see the school on Clark Avenue as a sort of bunny sanctuary. It had become overrun with abandoned pets — and the campus embraced the creatures, Prindle said.

Students fed them from their lunches. Rabbit feeders cropped up in common areas.

"We fell in love with them," said Pedro Rodriguez, a 23-year-old Long Beach student.

Rodriguez, who is studying

kinesiology, is part of a trio of students — dubbed the Bunny Patrol — who frequently volunteers at the adoption center.

His cohorts, Ana Banuelos, 23, and Matthew Calima, 20, clean pens and cages and keep food bowls stocked with pellets and hay most afternoons.

Prindle, however, seems to work around the clock.

She wakes up at 5 a.m. each day and drives from her home in Downey, Calif., to get to the campus before she has to teach. She'll look for any overnight drop-offs and then check on the rabbits at the adoption center.

She's most proud of trapping one particularly elusive rabbit, affectionately named Houdini.

For more than three months, the large male ducked and dodged. Prindle and company stalked and waited.

Finally, during one of

Houdini's runs through the old woodworking shop to see his "girlfriends," Prindle managed to quickly pull down the roll-up doors and trap him.

He gave up and "just let me pick him up," she said.

Veterinary students from Western University in Pomona have made a couple of visits, working from a mobile spay/neuter clinic.

With only about 40 rabbits — deemed unadoptable because they are wild — left to roam free, Prindle said that the task force's mission of population control has been fulfilled.

Now she just wants to find good homes for her charges, a goal that dominates much of her daily conversation. At last count, 236 rabbits have been adopted.

"When I go to bed, instead of counting sheep, I count the bunnies that still need adopting," Prindle said.



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## Paper cuts are a good start

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While many people across campus wait to be told by the administration how we'll overcome a \$7 million budget deficit, many colleges like the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services have taken a proactive approach.

By imposing a page count, the college will help alleviate the situation we're all dealing with.

We hope the rest of campus will take a lesson and begin doing its part.

Whether it's imposing printing limitations on or using the air dryer instead of paper towels, the entire campus community needs to become more aware of its consumption.

The fall semester started with an expected \$1.7 million deficit. After enrollment dropped 4.5 percent, the budget slid further into the red.

State and federal contributions continue to dwindle.

Campus-wide budget cuts, contract concessions, hiring freezes and pay cuts tilt the university's balance book in the right direction, but innovative ideas like reducing paper consumption are exactly what the university needs to ensure student success is not jeopardized by fiduciary fallout.

But it's not just paper related.

Liberal requests for supplies and equipment from departments should be scrutinized. Reimbursement requests should only be made for absolute necessities.

Granted it won't solve the problem on its own, but every bit helps.

Sudershan Garg, chairman of the board of trustees, said mandating employees to shut off the light in the restroom when they're finished was not out of the question.

We say anything in the realm of common sense shouldn't be questioned.

We, the students, didn't get into this mess, but if we don't come together to reduce waste on campus, nothing may be left to conserve after the economy rebounds.



Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.



## The big picture Get over it, Hank

Freedom of speech? Not this time

Jared Buker  
COLUMNIST

This whole situation with Hank Williams Jr. is ridiculous on several levels.

If you hadn't heard, the NFL will no longer play his song "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight" because he compared Barack Obama to Adolf Hitler, or at least that's what most headlines are suggesting.

But he actually didn't.

He said Obama playing golf with uber-conservative Republican John Boehner would be like Hitler playing golf with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Williams never actually compared Obama and Hitler. He's basically comparing radical situations where unlike-minded people play golf together, and although I understand the discontent his comment spawned, the headlines should be clear because Williams lost his job with "Monday Night Football" for it.

Williams is a staunch conservative wacko. He compared the president and vice president to the Three Stooges — yes, he compared two men to three — and said they were "the enemy." This is a man who has a song called "If the South Woulda Won."

People seem a bit too surprised that an outspoken conservative country singer publically crossed lines with a comment like this. But what bothered me was the fact that Williams has tried to rationalize his comment by preaching freedom of speech without really understanding it.

Paul Sracic, professor and chairman of the political science department at YSU, put it in perspective for me.

"Clearly corporations have the right to decide who's going to speak for them. They're not telling Hank Williams he can't speak, but if he says certain things, he just

won't be their spokesman anymore," Sracic said.

Sracic said he believes Williams doesn't have a legal case, barring some violation of his contract, and that ESPN has every right to do what it wants to uphold a certain image.

The First Amendment doesn't cross over into the private business sector. It often exists to protect discrimination on a grand scale, like when the Supreme Court allowed the Ku Klux Klan to adopt a highway in Missouri because it was their right, as a legitimate organization, to do so.

But this doesn't apply to Mr. Williams.

When he suggested that the NFL wrongfully treated him, he failed to understand that the same argument could be used to justify no longer using his song before Monday night games.

It is the NFL's right to freedom of speech that makes it OK for them to part ways with Williams. The NFL is a private company and, in fact, doesn't even need a reason.

Most students I spoke with agree that Williams should accept his termination because statements made in certain settings have consequences that freedom of speech won't protect.

"[Williams] isn't in legit trouble or anything," said Pat Carney, a YSU senior sports fanatic. "It's ESPN's decision as a company, so I really don't have a problem with it."

Sophomore Leo Daprile is a bit more skeptical of the situation.

"Personally, I think it depends on the situation," he said. "Speech is only free when you speak on your own behalf, but I believe free speech needs to be protected. If [Williams] was only affiliated with himself it would be different, but when you put someone's reputa-

tion at stake then I don't know. I feel like both sides are right and both sides are wrong."

Daprile said he believes that if Williams had been less aggressive and talked more about policy or issues, it wouldn't be as big of a deal.

"No matter what you think of the president, you should never compare him to Hitler," he said.

I think ESPN did the right thing telling Williams to take a hike, and it's not like people aren't going to watch football because they don't know if Williams' rowdy friends are coming over or not.

Whether it's the players on the field, the coaches on the sidelines or the musicians that help to hype up viewers, the NFL doesn't tolerate much.

Politics has no place in sports in the first place. First of all, it's not that serious; a football player's job is to catch a ball. And secondly, a sports arena is the one venue where people like teams and players because of where they play or where they come from, and it typically goes no deeper than that.

Sorry, Hank, but you toyed with the simplicity of professional football when no one really cared what you had to say on Fox News in the first place.

Williams got what he deserved, and the NFL does not deserve any flack for the decision to part ways with his intro music. Referencing Hitler in any capacity tends to be a bad move.

I don't understand what role freedom of speech plays in this discussion, and I can't believe Williams is surprised that what he said got him canned.

And it's not like the NFL ever told him he couldn't be vocal about his right-wing opinions; they just don't want them to be expressed moronically.

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## Health care reform needed, stat

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Unemployment hovers above 9 percent. Home values remain depressed. Small businesses can't gain traction for growth. Politics and life are so unsure the U.S. credit rating has been downgraded from AAA status.

But against this backdrop, a new report indicates that health insurance rates on the average family plan this year increased 9 percent, three times the rate of inflation.

Insurance companies blame an increase in the cost of care. The

news is compelling evidence for why we need health care reform.

The unconscionable cost increases accelerate a trend of Americans paying more than anyone on earth for health care. Each American spent an average of \$7,410 in 2009. That's almost double the payments in other developed nations, including those with higher overall costs of living, according to World Health Organization data. We each paid almost triple what a Japanese resident did — \$2,713.

And yet for all this spending, our life expectancy remains comparatively low. The conclusion is clear: We're overpaying for health

care.

Full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, which comes in 2014, is expected to finally begin to clamp down on those costs. Until then, the current dismal numbers show a health care industry taking advantage of a nation while shirking reasonable and needed attempts to control expenses.

We have a broken health care system, an alarming number of uninsured individuals, and another reminder of why health care reform is so desperately needed. What is now derisively called Obamacare can't come soon enough.



## What did that text say? *Parental text messaging proves awkward*

**Chelsea Telega**  
ART & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

Text messaging has opened doors for quick and easy communication, allowing conversations to occur in an instant, but this convenient technology also opened the door for awkward dialogue between children and their parents.

Generation X, the generation of many college students' parents, has started utilizing text messaging and has also become more familiar with the slang of the current generation. Some parents, however, have a lot of learning to do.

"I am good at texting, but I don't use all of the symbols and abbreviations. Without it [my children] wouldn't talk to me," said Becky Varian, assistant director of orientation services at the Center for Student Progress.

Parents have started using text messaging as a way to communicate with their children while giving them more freedom.

Ruth Peters, a clinical psychologist, parenting expert and author on "MSNBC" and the "Today Show," works in collaboration with AT&T as part of the TXT 2 Connect with Teens campaign.

The objective of the tutorial is to "assist parents in keeping in touch with their kids via mobile phone and text messaging to ensure that kids communicate effectively with them and others," according to AT&T's website.

On the website, there is a list of abbreviated words and acronyms for parents to use in text messages.

Peters listed many reasons why texts are rapidly becoming more popular than calls, including quick answers and fewer people worrying about tone of voice.

However, some parents said they like to hear tone inflection through a phone call. Gayle Melia, a parent, said she likes to speak to her 28- and 38-year-old children to hear their voices.

"I would rather hear your voice. I like to know my kids are alive. Anyone can text. I'm old school, though. I will always have a headline," Melia said.

While there are parents who refuse to text, others engage in conversations without actually understanding what they are saying or why it's not fit to put in a text.

Sophomore Mark Ramsbottom gets texts from his mom regularly that make little sense. He said he recalls a series of text messages that started with the statement, "It's warm out today."

Ramsbottom said the following six text messages he received included orders like "wear sunscreen," and "drink water," without him ever replying.

"She'll be talking about one thing, and she'll ask random questions that have nothing to do with what I'm saying," Ramsbottom said. "She says a lot of random stuff."

Freshman Vanessa Fonseca said her dad treats texts like phone calls.

"He asked me where I

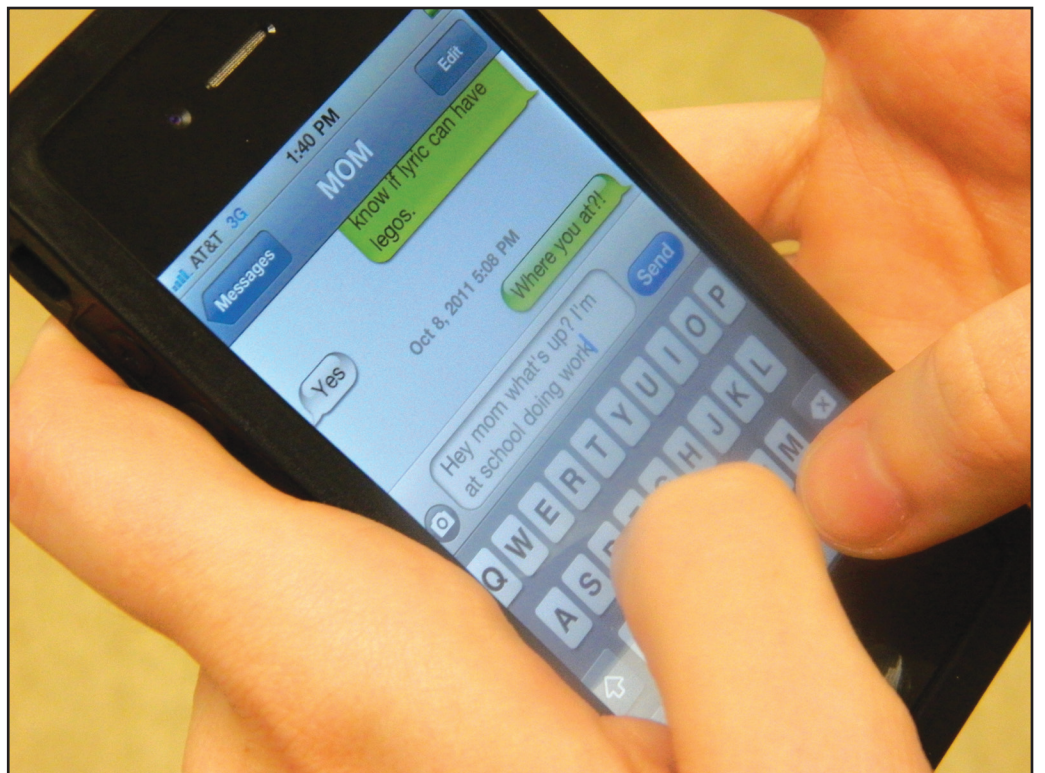


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was one time, and I said I was at school, but I guess he never got it. So he said 'Hello!!!!' with like five exclamation points. I was like, 'What do you have to be so loud for? We're not on the phone,'" Fonseca said.

Senior Jeanna Denson's mother has a simple cell phone model and often texts her daughter all day. Denson recalled a text message her mother sent about the moon, which was unrelated to their prior conversation.

"She sometimes will say something wrong. She has a lot of typos that she has yet to fix," Denson said.

Technological errors occur too, and sometimes the children are the ones making the mistakes.

"I've sent my mom a

dirty text message before," Ramsbottom said. "I asked if she was still coming over tonight."

Varian has also sent her children texts that were meant for other people.

"The biggest mistake I've made was sending a text to [my children] that was meant for their dad and it may have been inappropriate for them to see," she said.

Websites such as When Parents Text, Damn You Auto Correct!, and Parents Shouldn't Text have become increasingly popular. The sites highlight embarrassing, random and uncomfortable text messages that parents have sent to their children.

Brothers Wayne and Stephen Meltz created the Crazy Things Parents Text

website, which attracts 8 million viewers per month.

Many submissions exemplify parents who don't quite understand text lingo.

One submission involved a child texting a correction of a misspelled word by sending "\*\*\*\*too" to which the father replied "... Why are you cursing at me?"

The child later wrote back, "dad that means I'm correcting a mistake," and the father replied "yeah your mistake was cursing at me ..."

Wayne and Stephen Meltz have constructed a book of similar anecdotal references. The book, "Crazy Things Parents Text," is a compilation of submissions from website users.

## 'Privilege'd to have a new nightclub



Austingtown's Gossip nightclub has undergone renovations and will reopen on Friday as Privilege. The nightclub has a new look that owner Brent Furrie is hoping will attract a wide range of patrons. Photo by Chelsea Telega/The Jambar.

**Kacy Standohar**  
FEATURES EDITOR

On Friday, Privilege, formally known as Gossip nightclub in Austintown, will open with changes and new equipment that owner Brent Furrie said "will create an innovative night out on the town for its guests."

Furrie, 33, said Gossip was phenomenal, but he and his partners Chris McFall and Sami Awadallah are ready for something new.

The staff at Privilege changed the color scheme of the club and

added changes such as open railings with glass block, a new lighting system, a liquid bar and a new Sky Bar Lounge for those 30 or older.

"The Sky Bar used to be the old office space and the bands' lounge area. Now it is a place for people to come and have a good time upstairs," Furrie said.

He added that the lighting system is comparable to their concert lighting system.

"We also have new speakers, and the LED lights in the glass block move to the beat of the music," he said.

Privilege will also serve Martini Brothers food. Furrie said that he's

excited to work with owners Joe and Dan Martini from their previous bar in Girard.

The new club will, however, keep some aspects of Gossip nightclub the same.

"We're still doing concerts, and the cover charge is still \$3. The Sky Bar has no cover charge," Furrie said.

Previous concerts at Gossip included Snoop Dogg, B.O.B., Seether, Hinder, Buckcherry, Papa Roach and Theory of a Deadman. The concerts are usually Monday through Thursday and cost anywhere between \$18 and \$52.

Privilege is 18 and over for girls, 21 and over for guys and 30 and over for the Sky Bar.

While proper age is a necessity for admission, the dress code is heavily enforced too.

"You have to dress to impress or you ain't coming in," Furrie said.

No hats, jerseys, sweatpants or cut-off shirts can be worn in the club.

"The name Privilege came from everyone saying it was a privilege to go to Gossip," he said.

Furrie often worked at the door for admission and expressed excitement about opening night.

"Our VIP is basically booked with people coming in from Pittsburgh and Cleveland," he said.

The VIP costs \$250 and includes bottle, unlimited mixers, couch cost and tip.

On Friday, Privilege will have 16 bartenders, three shot girls, three VIP hostesses, one beer tub girl and 20 door hosts/floor hosts working. Also, four feature DJ's will provide a full-out show on opening night.

Through his previous work,

Furrie traveled the U.S. to check out bars, learning what works and what doesn't. He was formerly employed at Spinnaker Beach Club in Panama City, Fla., as a bouncer.

He said he likes having people at his clubs who enjoy staying in Youngstown.

Youngstown State University sophomore Linda Borrelli said Privilege would be pretty awesome.

"The lava bar will be cool. It will be an upgrade from Gossip. I wish it was closer to campus though," Borrelli said.

Sophomore Michael Gordon said he would check it out.

"We don't have too many clubs out here. I think it's a safer environment there too. Hopefully, the music will be better than other clubs," he said.

Other YSU students are unfamiliar with the new club.

"I am from Lisbon, and I don't know anything about this place," sophomore Mark Boley said. "I spend a lot of time in the woods hunting and fishing, but I think it would be cool to go and get my dance on."

Junior Darrial Mickens chooses not to attend these types of clubs.

"I don't party at all because of my religious beliefs," she said.

The painter of the Sky Bar Lounge, Jen Krezeczowski, painted the martini glasses and several wall portraits in the club.

"I love the idea of having an upscale place that is 30-and-over friendly," she said.

Furrie said he's confident about how the population will react to Privilege.

"You'll love this place, I promise," he said.



# Underwear bomber pleads guilty, issues warning to U.S.

Los Angeles Times (MCT)

LOS ANGELES The terrorism trial of the man accused of trying to use a bomb hidden in his underwear to blow up an international flight to Detroit on Christmas Day, 2009, has ended with the Nigerian defendant accepting responsibility but justifying his failed attack on the United States.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab abruptly pleaded guilty to eight felonies on Wednesday, halting the trial of the confessed al-Qaida operative whose attack on a jetliner carrying 279 passengers and 11 crew members embarrassed the Obama administration and led to heightened security at many airports. He faces life in prison when he is sentenced on Jan. 12, court spokesman Rod Hansen said in a telephone interview.

As part of the legal process, Abdulmutallab assured U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds in Detroit that he was competent to enter a guilty plea, Hansen said. In his statements to the judge, Abdulmutallab answered each count of the federal charges with a long commentary, explaining what he did and trying to justify the attack, which he did not consider to be a violation of the Koran, Hansen added.

"The United States should be warned that if they continue to persist and promote the blasphemy of Mohammed and the prophets," Abdulmutallab said, according to the Associated Press. "The United States should await a great calamity that will befall them through the

hands of the mujahedeen soon."

"If you laugh with us now, we will laugh with you later on the day of judgment," he said.

The guilty plea came after a jury was selected last week and the trial had moved into its second day. Abdulmutallab had tried from the beginning to make the proceedings a political trial.

Outside the courthouse, attorney Anthony Chambers, who assisted Abdulmutallab, said the guilty plea came against the lawyer's advice. "We wanted to continue the trial but we respect his decision," Chambers told reporters.

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. praised the outcome as an example of how U.S. justice and the courts deal with terrorism. The issue of how to deal with terror suspects, whether in civilian or military venues, has been an ongoing political controversy since President Barack Obama took office in 2009.

"Contrary to what some have claimed, today's plea removes any doubt that our courts are one of the most effective tools we have to fight terrorism and keep the American people safe," Holder said in a prepared statement. "Our priority in this case was to ensure that we arrested a man who tried to do us harm, that we collected actionable intelligence from him and that we prosecuted him in a way that was consistent with the rule of law."

Abdulmutallab, then 23, boarded Northwest Airlines Flight 253 in the Netherlands on Christmas Day, 2009, en route to Michigan. Plastic explosives were hid-

den in his underwear.


Witnesses said that he had gone into a toilet then returned to his seat, covering himself with a blanket. He apparently tried to detonate the explosives as the plane was approaching Detroit, but the device failed to explode properly. Passengers seized the Nigerian, who was burned in the incident.

Abdulmutallab later told government investigators that he was working for an al-Qaida group run by Anwar al-Awlaki, an American Muslim cleric recently killed in Yemen by U.S. and Yemeni forces. Al-Awlaki's alleged role in the airline incident was one of the rationales for the U.S. attack on the cleric, who was never convicted in a U.S. court.

After Abdulmutallab was apprehended, the Obama administration initially argued that the "system had worked." But days later top officials, including Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, faced questions over whether Abdulmutallab should have been prevented from boarding the flight in Amsterdam.

Abdulmutallab's family had told CIA officers in Nigeria that they believed he was coming under the influence of radical Islamist clerics. Abdulmutallab's name was entered into a database of more than 500,000 names, but was never investigated further and he never made it to the so-called no-fly list.

There were also questions about how Abdulmutallab was able to bring the explosives onto the plane heading to the United States. That has led to an increase in airport security.



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# Ball in the family

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

Head baseball coach Rich Pasquale is no stranger to the big leagues; he's related to a manager.

Former Boston Red Sox and Philadelphia Phillies manager Terry Francona is a cousin of Pasquale's. After Terry Francona's mother died of breast cancer, his father, John "Tito" Francona, met Pasquale's aunt, Jean, and they rekindled an old relationship.

"My aunt and Tito were actually high school sweethearts," Pasquale said. "We've always known them. When he went off to play pro ball in the mid-[19]50s, they just kind of lost touch, and he got married and raised a family. It was a few years [after Terry Francona's mother died] that he saw my cousin and said, 'Hey, how's Jeanie doing?' And my aunt was never married."

Tito Francona played professional baseball from 1956 to 1970. He played six years for the Cleveland Indians, three for the Atlanta Braves and seven for other teams.

He finished second for the 1956 Rookie of the Year award, fifth for MVP in 1959 and an All-Star selection in 1961. He accumulated a .272 career batting average and 656 RBIs.

Pasquale is a Pittsburgh Pirates fan, but he also follows whatever team Terry Francona is coaching. After Terry Fran-

cona parted ways with the Red Sox, Pasquale said he is no longer a Boston fan.

"I'll always be a Pirates fan, always No. 1 as I say, but whatever team he's managing, that's my team," Pasquale said. "Obviously, you're going to root for a couple of guys you spoke with over these years at different times, but as far as ... the organization, it basically just comes down to rooting for Terry [Francona]. I've really come to appreciate the history and stuff with [the Red Sox], but you root for the players you got to know briefly from time to time."

As a family, Pasquale said everybody appreciates Terry Francona, even through recent Red Sox controversy.

"We support being the person that he is and how he represents us," Pasquale said. "I talked to Tito [Francona] briefly just to see what's going on, and he talked to Terry [Francona] a little bit. We're just seeing what's going to happen. He's a super person and guy. We're just supporting and rooting for him."

Pasquale's wife, Mindy, said having Terry Francona in the family is great for son Domenic.

"Terry always fixes him up behind the scenes," Mindy said. "He's been in four [MLB] clubhouses."

Mindy, also a Pirates fan, added that they see the family more often than Terry.

Pasquale said Terry Francona helps him on occasion, despite a busy schedule.

"I've called him on advice many times," Pasquale said.



Rich Pasquale's aunt, Jean, married former MLB manager Terry Francona's father, John, in 1998. Pasquale calls Francona from time to time for advice about the game. Left photo courtesy of Sports Information. Right photo courtesy of MCT.

"He has helped me out tremendously with different jobs that call for me. He's given me their player development book back in '09 with a lot of different signs or whatever, but it has helped develop a lot of things how we do stuff at practice or spring training things that he has sent me through email."

Pasquale began coaching in 1995 at Penn State Beaver and remained there until 1999. During that time, his team held

spring training in Clearwater, Fla., in the same area where the Phillies train.

Terry Francona was the manager for the Phillies at that time.

"For three to four years in a row, we were down there, depending on our game schedule," Pasquale said. "I was over there at [Philadelphia's] games if they were home. During the weeks we were down there, my aunt and Tito [Francona] were down there as well. We got to sit with

them, and our seats were like tap-him-on-the-shoulder seats."

Pasquale, with stops in between, helped coach at Slippery Rock University in 2006. The team's spring training games are held in Fort Myers, Fla., the same place where the Red Sox train.

"[Terry] would call and say he had baseballs for us to use for our [batting practices] and stuff like that," Pasquale said.



## Rugby winless in new valley

The Youngstown Steel Valley Rugby Club decided to go from club sport to men's team. The team is looking for its first win of the year. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Nick Mancini  
SPORTS REPORTER

After spring play concluded, the Youngstown State University rugby club had to make a choice: stay a college club and recruit younger players, or become a team comprised of anyone more than 18 years old.

"Our governing body, the Midwest Rugby Union, basically gave us an ultimatum," said Brett Grabman, rugby club vice president. "The eligibility was really the main reason. With a lot of the guys graduating, moving to become a men's team was inevitable. It has always been our goal to make the move to a men's team."

The team, now known as the Youngstown Steel Valley Rugby Club, is 0-5 this year. Grabman said he's looking for players to get the YSU team back together. However, finding interested players has been a challenge.

"We tried to get a team together after the guys graduated," Grabman said. "It was tough because we were having trouble trying to field a full team. Hopefully, in the spring or next fall, we will be able to get a squad ready."

Shawn McClellan, president of the Steel Valley team, agreed with Grabman.

"We probably could've kept it around, but it would've been difficult," he said. "Like Brett [Grabman] said, recruiting the players was going to be the most difficult task. But, now that we are a men's team, it is definitely bigger and bet-

ter."

Thirty-five players on the Steel Valley team are registered for insurance, a new policy this season.

"Being under the USA Rugby Union, which is the main governing body, it is really nice, and they basically have power over everyone," Grabman said. "They have the same power over us as they do over teams from Ohio State and Penn State, some of the biggest schools in the country. The insurance is nice, knowing guys are covered if they get hurt."

The biggest difference the team has noticed is the heightened level of competition. McClellan said if the team had remained a college team, it would dominate.

"The competition we are seeing now is unbelievable. There are guys playing for as long as we have been alive," he said. "A real eye-opener was early in the season. About two or three weeks ago, we played the Cleveland Rovers, and they spanked us 107-5. It was really something."

Forward Matt Ruse, who played with the college team last season, said the game was unlike anything else he'd ever experienced.

"Everything we tried to do, they did 100 times better," he said. "That is easily the most obvious difference between playing college last year."

Ruse said it is a definite learning experience, and the team just tries to take something from every game and build on it.

Grabman said opponents are able to substitute players

in and out to stay fresh, making it even tougher.

"Playing 80 minutes non-stop is grueling," he said. "When teams are able to sub [a] guy out and stay fresh, it's a big advantage."

Grabman said he wants to have the YSU team back up and running within a year. He said he hopes to have a semester or so of eligibility left.

"I'd love to have it in the spring, but a year is more realistic," he said. "I'd still love to be involved if they'd want me to. Every year we vote for new officials, and, hopefully, they would want me to help out."

Grabman and McClellan said rebuilding the YSU team could be easy — but the interest just has to be there.

"We have guys who want to play, but I want to make sure there are enough committed where we will have a full team," McClellan said. "We need at least 15 guys to field a team, and it has to be separate from Steel Valley because many of the games would have a good chance of overlapping with each other."

A big advantage to getting the YSU team back would be using it as a feeder team to keep the Steel Valley team strong.

"It would get the guys ready to play in the men's league and give them great experience," McClellan said.

Grabman concurred with McClellan.

"Everything is in place for the YSU team. The paperwork is real easy to get done," Grabman said. "We just need the guys there who want to play."

## Playoff hopes fading away

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

All season long, head coach Eric Wolford has been driving a Chevy Tahoe. It gets him where he needs to be. But Wolford does not want to settle, and he wants to be above average. Wolford needs more than just a ride; he wants an Escalade.

"Any time you become content with what you are or what you've done, you don't have a chance to grow or get better," Wolford said. "That's just the way I've been my whole life."

Wolford said he's "not a guy that makes excuses." "It's not OK. Is it reality? Maybe. We have to press forward," he said. "There are high expectations for this program, youth or not. We're not working towards winning six or seven games a year. If you settle, you're average. It applies to everything you do in life."

The Youngstown State University Penguins (2-3) travel to face Southern Illinois University (2-3) on Saturday. YSU comes off a 35-28 defeat to South Dakota State University.

While the Penguins have been fighting throughout the season, Wolford said it comes down to handling adversity.

"Someone's going to get a bad phone call today, and it's really how you handle it," he said. "That's part of it. We've had some adverse times. We lost many conference games by seven points or less. Adversity develops character and mentality."

Coming off two consecutive down-to-the-wire losses, freshman receiver Christian Bryan said the team is still up.

"We're not out of this," Bryan said. "I think a lot of people are counting us out. No way, shape or form are we done."

The upcoming game could marginalize the team's playoff chances, Bryan said.

"It's a game we know that if we lose, we're not out of it, but we're putting ourselves in

an extremely tough situation to get to the playoffs. We know the season's not over yet," Bryan said.

Freshman linebacker Teven Williams agreed with Bryan, stating that the team is still upbeat.

"It's just the minor things that need to be fixed," Williams said. "Our goal is still playoffs and national championship. Everyone's [expectations] in the locker room is still the same."

Sophomore quarterback Kurt Hess is 93-152 passing for 1,090 yards, 11 touchdowns and four interceptions, two against SDSU on Saturday.

Junior Jamaine Cook leads all Penguin rushers with 627 yards and five touchdowns.

Bryan heads the receiving core with 313 yards, and sophomore receiver Jelani Berassa leads with four touchdowns.

SIU comes off a 9-3 loss to North Dakota State University. Sophomore Kory Faulkner made his first career start after junior Paul McIntosh injured his shoulder. Faulkner threw for 169 yards on 16 completions but also threw three interceptions.

Leading the season rushing attack for SIU is junior Jewel Hampton with 504 yards and six touchdowns. Teammate and senior Cam Fuller leads all receivers with 383 yards and two touchdowns.

Wolford said the game comes down to which player steps up on defense.

"We're accustomed to having 28-35 points a game, [then] we self-destruct," Wolford said. "Their defense is significantly improved. That's a big match-up. [You] get tired of giving up a game here and there."

The Penguins faced SIU last year at home and won 31-28. Wolford said he hopes to win again this year and turn the Penguins' season in the right direction.

"We're going to have our day. Right now, we're being tested. We're going to pass the test," Wolford said.