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WHO WANTS TO BE A TRILLIONAIRE

Deficit reaches trillions; what could you have done with that money?

Suncica Tatic
REPORTER

The nation's pocketbook just got a little emptier.

Congress passed a budget plan worth \$3.55 trillion dollars for 2010, according to Reuters. Also, the United States national deficit is expected to hit \$1.8 trillion dollars in 2009. At the recent G20 summit, world leaders pledged a \$1.1 trillion plan designed to jumpstart the world economy.

The word trillion has appeared so frequently in the news lately that it has become a celebrity in its own right. However, to some the quantity implied by the word is unfathomable; it means one million millions. To count from one to 1 trillion — counting two numbers per second — would take over 1 million years.

Just how much is a trillion? Most students throw their arms wide and motion, as if to indicate something really big.

"A whole lot," senior Leonard Cain said simply. Senior James O'Neil agreed with him, saying, "It's a lot."

"It's a number people can't associate anything with," junior Anthony Nastasi said.

What could a person do with a trillion dollars? Anyone with a trillion dollars would be 250 times richer than the richest man in the world according to a Forbes ranking. Bill

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Donations to remain consistent

Emmalee C. Torisk
NEWS EDITOR

According to a Council for Aid to Education report, charitable donations to colleges and universities during fiscal year 2008 reached record amounts.

In the council's yearly "Voluntary Support of Education" survey, 1,052 colleges and universities received \$31.6 billion in private donations. This is a 6.2 percent increase from the previous fiscal year.

Although this is the fifth consecutive year such donations have increased, the council is doubtful this pattern will continue, mainly due to the economic climate. Despite uncertainty about future private donations, historical evidence has shown that a relationship exists between the economy and the amount of donations to higher-education institutions.

Youngstown State University manager of news and information services Ron Cole said in fiscal year 2008, which spanned from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the university received approximately \$1.1 million in its annual fund. Cole said the annual fund goes toward student scholarships and various programs within YSU's colleges. The amount of donations received in fiscal year 2008 was an all-time high for YSU, Cole said.

"It was the first time the university raised over \$1 million," Cole said.

For fiscal year 2009, which ranges from July 1, 2008 to June 30, the goal for contributions is again \$1.1 million. Through March 31, the university has raised 75 percent of the year's goal, or about \$780,000.

"We're right about where we should be," Cole said. "We're holding our own as it relates to the annual fund. We do not envision a drop over the next quarter, and we will strive to meet our goal. We're right on target with fundraising."

YSU's Centennial Capital Campaign also exists in addition to the university's annual fund. The five-year campaign, which runs through the end of this year, had a goal of \$43 million. The campaign has raised \$50 million, much of which will go toward funding the new Williamson College of Business Administration. Cole said this campaign is the largest fundraising effort in YSU's history.

Despite successful fundraising efforts thus far, Cole said it is obvious many are affected by the state of the economy.

"We recognize that this is a difficult economic time and it presents challenges to people and businesses," Cole said. "However, support for YSU has been very widespread. Our donors are committed to the university, and we can't express enough appreciation for that. We're just going to keep doing what we've been doing and make donors aware of our needs and the positive role the university plays in the region."

Cole said YSU would try to increase the number of individuals who donate to the university in numerous ways, including various outreach programs and mailings.

New fraternity looks to socialize, get involved in humanitarian work

Dan Pompili
REPORTER

The first nationally recognized and incorporated black fraternity has returned to Youngstown State University for the first time in nearly 50 years.

An undergraduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi has been reintroduced to YSU through the efforts of President Steven Lemley and Vice President Garold Gipson, who head the new Zeta Gamma chapter.

Omega Psi was founded in 1911 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Though a chapter was founded at YSU on March 11, 1951, it hasn't been a part of undergraduate Greek life on campus since 1961.

Omega Psi has only operated in recent years at YSU at the graduate level, under their Psi Omicron chapter.

Lemley and Gipson, along with four other students, were looking for a fraternity but nothing seemed to fit the bill. There are three other black fraternities at YSU: Kappa

"I'd like to liven up the campus and bring a lot of new events."

Steven Lemley, president,
Omega Psi Phi

Alpha Psi, Iota Phi Theta and Alpha Phi Alpha which is suspended.

"We thought they were all good," said Gipson, "but they didn't offer what we felt we were looking for."

When they heard that the Omega Psi undergrad representatives were going to be on campus last November, they decided to investigate.

"We got to meet some very successful black men, and that made us feel very confident," Gipson said.

Gipson, a 22-year-old junior biology major from Cleveland, said

the fraternity stands for four basic principles — Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Most specifically, he said that there is a strong focus on scholarship and that the fraternity holds a firm base in Christian principles. The six pledges all had to attend church with their older fraternity brothers every Sunday before they were allowed to form as a chapter.

Lemley, a 23-year-old broadcast communications major from Toledo, also said that there was a lot of paperwork and a lot of traveling to meet with other officers.

"We always had to wear a shirt and tie and look professional," Gipson said. "They're very serious about not letting the wrong people in."

The new fraternity is focused on community service and a "deep-rooted" involvement in campus life.

"I'd like to liven up the campus and bring a lot of new events," said Lemley, mentioning talent shows and campus parties as options.

The fraternity is also focusing on



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Students voted Wednesday for Student Government Association positions in Kilcawley Center.

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News Briefs

YSU Business students gain hands-on experience

By helping an area business, several marketing students enrolled in Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration obtained firsthand marketing research experience. The students received a \$2,000 check for their work with Girard's Price Heating and Cooling. YSU assistant professor of marketing Peter Reday said such projects are coordinated in order to promote student research, but also for students to apply marketing theories and principles to local businesses.

Penguin baseball, softball broadcast online

Penguin baseball and softball games are now available for free via Internet-radio broadcasts. Approximately 20 baseball games and 13 softball games will be broadcast throughout the season at <http://www.yusports.com>. Baseball is broadcast through the Horizon League Network; listeners will need to register with the Horizon League prior to listening to any events. Softball is available through TeamLine. Video-streaming and audio broadcasts are also available for YSU volleyball, soccer, football and men's and women's basketball games.

YSU to host electrical engineering conference

From April 17 to 19, approximately 250 electrical engineering college students will attend the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Region 2 Student Activities Conference at Youngstown State University. Students from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, Rhode Island and New Jersey will participate in activities including leadership training, robotics competitions and a student ethics competition at the event. This is YSU's first time hosting the conference.

Police Briefs

Elevator stuck

On Monday YSU police were dispatched to Bliss Hall in reference to the doors being stuck on the second floor. Two students were inside upon arrival. The students were let out, and the doors were fixed.

Male arrested

A male subject entered the YSU police department on Monday in reference to obtaining a copy of a police report. The dispatcher recognized that the man had an active warrant. The dispatcher notified the proper authority who later transported the man for booking.

Woman injured

On Monday YSU police were sent to the M-2 deck in reference to a female who had fallen and possibly broken a leg. Upon arrival, the female was found being assisted by another woman. The injured woman had told the sergeant that she slipped, landed on her feet, but heard a crack. She was later transported to St. Elizabeth's emergency room for further evaluation.

Fire in Lyden House

On Sunday officers were dispatched to Lyden House for a fire alarm activation. Upon arrival, the building was being evacuated. A warm, unplugged straightening iron was later found on a chair in the center of a room. YSU maintenance arrived and reinstalled the broken alarm. The building was allowed to be reoccupied.

Next bailout: Life insurance gets lifeline from taxpayers

Kevin G. Hall
 MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The Treasury Department Wednesday confirmed that life insurers are qualified to join banks and carmakers on the list of industries getting taxpayer bailouts.

In a statement, the agency confirmed that certain life insurers are eligible to receive an unspecified amount of the money that remains from October's \$700 billion Wall Street rescue program. The transfer of the money is expected soon.

"There are a number of life insurers who met the requirements for the Capital Purchase Program because of their thrift or bank holding company status. These companies applied within the appropriate deadline," Andrew Williams, a Treasury spokesman, said in a statement. "These are among the hundreds of financial institutions in the pipeline that will be reviewed and funded as appropriate on a rolling basis."

The \$218 billion program was created as part of October's bailout and is designed to help bolster the balance sheets of financial institutions. In exchange for receiving capital, participating companies provide senior preferred shares to the Treasury Department, paying a dividend of 5 percent annually for five years and 9 percent if the money hasn't been repaid after that.

At the end of 2007, before the economy's steep swoon, life

insurers had assets under management exceeding \$5.1 trillion, half of which was in corporate bonds. Life insurers are the largest buyers of corporate bonds, which mature over a long period. Insurers try to match these long-term investments to the risks they're assuming as they guarantee retirees annuities that are dispersed over similarly long periods of 15 or 20 years.

The only insurer to date to receive bailout money is American International Group, which was brought to the verge of collapse by problems in its Financial Products division, not in its insurance business. The Federal Reserve rescued AIG on Sept. 15 with an \$85 billion bailout that's grown since to about \$180 billion.

In order to receive the funds, life insurers must own a regulated bank or thrift. Companies that met this qualification and sought funds — as reported by McClatchy Newspapers on Oct. 24 — include the Hartford Financial Services Group and Lincoln National.

Prudential Financial already owned a thrift and has also applied for taxpayer funds. Two other insurers, Genworth Financial and MetLife, qualify for funds but hadn't indicated before Wednesday whether they've sought rescue money or would in the future.

The American Council of Life Insurers, a trade group, welcomed the confirmation by Treasury that government funds are forthcoming.

"As we have argued all along, allowing life insurers to participate in the (program) would be consistent with the stated goals of the program to increase the flow of financing to U.S. businesses and stabilize the credit markets," Frank Keating, the council's president and a former Oklahoma governor, said in a statement.

Many life insurers offer consumers variable annuities that pay a guaranteed return, regardless of whether bulls or bears are running the stock market. Although the obligations require payment years off, the financial markets are in such turmoil that life insurers are being forced into protective strategies that make it hard to offset the risks they've assumed.

The money from the Treasury Department program will allow life insurers to wade back into the corporate bond market without significantly affecting their operating capital.

The life insurers' council said the bailout was for a broader good. Keating said that the goal of the program "is to provide capital to the marketplace in order to unplug credit and financing that corporations rely on to grow and in turn hire new workers."

"Providing this funding to life insurers would clearly be in line with this goal," he said, acknowledging the unusual nature of Treasury's decision, "particularly concerning an industry that does not have a federal regulatory presence."

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Gates is worth \$40 billion. A person with a trillion dollars would be able to buy the world's richest company, ExxonMobil, which is estimated at \$465 billion dollars.

With the remainder of the trillion dollars a person could buy "The World" archipelago, a set of 300 manmade islands off the coast of Dubai created to resemble a map of the world, worth about \$14 billion combined, according to MSNBC. A private jet would be a given, but with even the most luxurious models costing \$36 million, according to ABC News, a trillionaire could buy a fleet of them.

A trillion dollars could be spent in other ways. According to the 2007 U.S. Census, there were 73,000 people in Youngstown, and the average house price was \$71,000; a trillionaire could buy a house for every person in Youngstown, as well as a house for every person on the entire island of Honolulu where the average house price is \$636,000.

The entire Milky Way galaxy has, at the most generous estimates, barely a half-trillion stars. Additionally, at a price tag of \$20 million per trip to the International Space Station, a person could go to space 50,000 times.

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humanitarian efforts in addition to the social aspects of Greek life. Gipson said they work at churches to feed the homeless and they are planning food and clothing drives on campus.

"When people mention Youngstown State University, we want them to think immediately of Omega Psi Phi, in a positive way," said Gipson.

The two fraternity brothers said they are focusing right now on finding a house and other "determined members."

"We don't do recruiting," said Gipson. "It's not about the numbers. It's about the quality of the individual."

Lemley said they want to be as involved as possible in campus life, including student government. He cited a sense of obligation to senior officers.

"We owe a lot to our older brothers. They say they're living through us, and without them we couldn't have gotten started," he said.

The four other members of the chapter include Carl Davison, Keeper of Finance, Jamel Johnson, Keeper of Records, Joe Parker, Chaplain and Andre Miller, Keeper of Peace.

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He is author, editor, and contributor to more than ten books on U.S. Government and Politics. He has attended the national nominating conventions of both parties beginning in 1984 as academic in residence doing media commentary for C-Span, CNN, and the BBC. He has co-taught several courses with then Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge and Congressman Phil English (R-PA). He is past program chair (1988-2001) of The Center for the Study of the Presidency, featuring presentations by Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush (41).

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MOZART MAY COMPOSE HIGHER SCORES

Kaely Hawkins
REPORTER

Though studying is often a tedious task for students, a research study says the Mozart Effect could help maximize students' efforts.

The Mozart Effect is defined on its Web site, www.mozarteffect.com, as "an inclusive term signifying the transformational powers of music in health, education and well-being." Dr. Alfred A. Tomatis, who developed the theory, was a scientist who explored the link between the ear and the nervous system and how it relates to human development.

Some at Youngstown State University notice a connection between listening to music and their study habits.

The way one listens to music may have more of an effect on their studies than what they listen to.

YSU music professor Tedrow Perkins said listening passively or actively could either help or hinder a student's concentration. If a student actively listens to music, some concentration is diverted to the task of listening.

Passively listening to music, however, could help tune out other distractions such as outside noise or

wandering thoughts. Calm and soothing music could even establish a mood conducive to studying.

While international marketing major Lauren Lehman may not specifically listen to Mozart, she does choose classical music such as Beethoven while studying.

"I think it helps me study better and it is relaxing," she said.

Marketing and advertising major Theresa Luklan also prefers to listen to music while studying, but her taste is limited to the likes of Dave Matthews Band.

"It's literally the only music I listen to while studying," Luklan said.

Although research shows that music does help the brain to concentrate better with music rather than without, some students still prefer a quiet atmosphere while studying. Communications major Chelsea Pennington listens to music sometimes, but only when she is doing homework. "If I'm really learning information, I just have silence," she said.

Pre-counseling major Levi Dixie also tends to watch television while doing homework, but while studying, he prefers a quiet surrounding or music. "When I study, I put music on with no words, most often something oriental like Chinese or Japanese music," she said.

"I think studying and doing homework are two different things. Studying needs quiet, while homework can get boring and so I watch television," she added.

Although the Mozart Effect research does show that music helps increase students scores on spatial tests, other research shows that it's not just any music that helps these scores. An article posted on

USA Today's Web site, "The 'Mozart Effect' is scaled back a few notes" by Marilyn Elias, found that music can actually either help to increase or decrease scores.

Elias interviewed University of Toronto psychologist Gabriela Husain who conducted some studies about the different music types.

Husain found that key and tempo are important. A fast tempo made listeners feel more energetic and they scored higher on spatial tests.

Slower tempos had the reverse effect. Music in a major key lifted moods, improving test performance. A minor key put listeners in a worse mood and they scored lower.

Even Perkins does not agree with the Mozart Effect study. "Just because Mozart was a genius doesn't mean that listening to classical music will make one smarter," he said.

However, although Perkins may disagree with the Mozart Effect, he does believe that music has some sort of impact on students learning.

"When listening to music, one can hear patterns and make associations that might not be apparent to someone who does not listen to music."

On the other hand, passive listening, such as one doing homework with the radio on, probably doesn't help and in most likelihood hinders one from concentrating on the task at hand," he said.

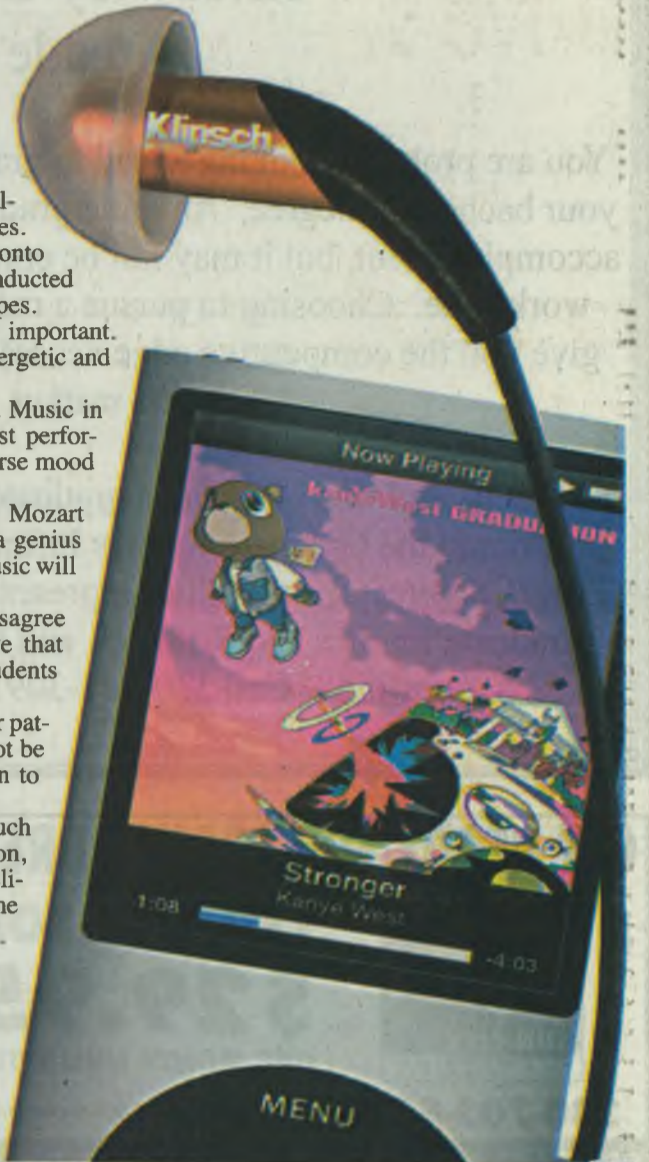


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Stambaugh goes GRΣΣK



Members of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity rock out at Austintown Fitch High School for YSU's 2008 Greek Sing. Photo courtesy of John Brkic.

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

On Friday, April 17, the 57th annual Greek Sing will be held in Stambaugh Auditorium at 6 p.m.

YSU's sororities and fraternities will perform two to three songs on stage for seven minutes. The chapters vote for the theme each year in Greek Campus Life meetings.

Senior John Brkic is the Greek Campus Life co-chair and has been involved with Greek Sing since his freshman year.

"Delegates from each chapter meet and bring back the top five themes and pick from the top choices," Brkic said.

This year's theme is Broadway Musicals and will be featuring songs from The Lion King, Chicago, Annie and Mamma Mia. Each chapter provides its own costumes and is allowed up to five major props for the show. Most of the sororities and fraternities hire their own choreographer for their dance number and start practicing before spring break.

"Singing is secondary to the dance part," Brkic said. "This is a big campus tradition and everyone looks forward to it all year," he added.

For Brkic, Greek Sing is his favorite part of being involved in Greek life. His fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, will be perform-

Sororities

- Delta Zeta, performing 'Mamma Mia'
- Zeta Tau Alpha, performing 'Chicago'
- Alpha Omega Pi, performing 'Annie'
- Alpha Xi Delta, performing 'Hairspray'

Fraternities

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon, performing 'The Lion King'
- Sigma Tau Gamma, performing 'Newsies'
- Theta Chi, performing 'Cry-baby'
- Phi Kappa Tau, performing 'High School Musical'
- Alpha Phi Delta, performing 'Guys and Dolls'

Open class

- Adrienne Viano/Gina Sanetrick
- Christine Kennedy
- Joe Iesue
- Joe Gintert/Jarrod Garcia
- Dani Burkhart
- Travis Duncan

ing songs from The Lion King right before the intermission. Sororities and fraternities raise money throughout the year to fund Greek Sing, selling Greek Sing T-shirts and setting up fundraisers at CiCi's Pizza Buffet and Chick-fil-a. Each chapter has to

give \$150 to participate, and they also receive money from Student Government Association and Student Life.

At the end of the show, awards will be presented to chapters and outstanding individuals in the Greek system.

Chumbilization has arrived

"Introducing The Chumby"

Gary S. Angelo
REPORTER

Living in the midst of today's "touch screen empire," checking your e-mail does not even require venturing out of bed. In addition to products like the iPhone, one popular touch screen cult product on the market is the Chumby.

The Chumby is a touch screen, handheld Internet media player that incorporates popular online features, such as podcasts, celebrity gossip, weather music and news, and brings them to users. Basically, it's a product powered by Broadcom and Samsung power chips that allows users to access the Internet from sources other than their home computers.

Introduced in the summer of 2006 by founder Steve Tomlin, the Chumby premiered at an event known as Foo Camp in Sebastopol, Calif., said Chumby Industries Director and Strategic Partnerships Representative Michael Coleman.

Foo Camp, which stands

for Friends of O'Reilly, is a science, media and hacker event hosted by O'Reilly Media founder and tech book publisher Tim O'Reilly. Although the event introduces many upcoming tech gadget products, the Chumby stood out at Foo Camp. Coleman said the Chumby was a progressive product for 2006 because it is a platform that that hooks up the Internet to other household devices besides the computer. The Chumby went on sale to the American public in February 2008.

Coleman said that the most popular college-friendly Chumby features include social networking widgets or apps, such as those on Facebook. The Chumby offers something for everyone and more

than 1,100 widgets are offered, including MTV Mobile, Food Network Recipe of the Day, ET Movie News and Netflix Classic. The many widgets Chumby offers come from critically acclaimed flash developers and media partners across the globe, including the Weather Channel, CBS and Rolling Stone Magazine. Numerous widgets are also created for different languages.

Coleman said Chumby users can also create personalized settings, including personal clocks, individualized news updates and Facebook accounts. With Facebook, users can enter their credentials on their Chumby and have that information allocated to their account.

Coleman feels that the Chumby appeals to a varied demographic, especially to those who are wired to the Internet.

"The Chumby appeals to users on a psychographic level, especially for those who love collecting gadgets," Coleman said. "Chumby is actually a publishing platform that will soon power other consumer electronic devices such as digital photo frames and TVs."

Chumby Industries plans to make various screens for the Chumby, such as one for digital photos.



'The Unusuals' doesn't take the usual approach

Chuck Barney
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

Prime-time television needs another cop show like it needs a hole in the head. Still, the networks keep churning them out, mainly because they see CBS repeatedly striking Nielsen gold with crime procedurals and they want in on the action.

That brings us to "The Unusuals," an offbeat new cop procedural from ABC, which hasn't had much success in the genre since "NYPD Blue" went off the air. Tied to a New York homicide unit, the show has touches of that classic Steven Bochco series.

But it also has touches of "Barney Miller," and some viewers might find the mix to be, well, too unusual.

The opening scenes of Wednesday night's pilot episode introduce us to Detective Casey Shraeger ("Joan of Arcadia's" Amber Tamblyn), who

begins the night working as an undercover hooker before being abruptly transferred into the 2nd precinct homicide division, where she is paired with veteran Jason Walsh (Jeremy Renner). In a welcome departure from the usual TV cop playbook, they actually respect one another and don't bicker every five minutes.

Their first case together is a juicy one: Renner's partner has just been stabbed to death. As the investigation unfolds, it becomes clear that the victim was a corrupt bully and booze hound who harbored a number of dirty little secrets.

But he's not the only one. Turns out that just about every detective in the division is concealing a personal mystery, all of which leads to plenty of eccentric behavior. Why, for example, is Eric Delahoy (Adam Goldberg) trying to get himself killed in the line of duty? And why does his partner, Leo Banks (Harold Perrineau of "Lost"), sleep in his bulletproof vest?

With its quirky characters,

droll sense of humor and odd-ball cases (a serial killer targeting cats), "The Unusuals" feels a bit like "Rescue Me," only with a little less grit and with cops instead of firefighters. (Peter Tolan is an executive producer on both shows). And in an era of cookie-cutter procedurals, you have to appreciate its attempt to bring something fresh to the genre.

But that doesn't mean "The Unusuals" gets everything right. Like "Rescue Me," it sometimes careens awkwardly between serious drama and comedic moments that feel forced and/or just plain dumb.

For example, the cocky and self-absorbed detective Eddie Alvarez (Kai Lennox) is so buffoonishly drawn that he'd probably be more at home on "Reno 911!"

Fans of just-the-facts-ma'am, CBS-style crime shows might be turned off by "The Unusuals." But if you like your procedurals with a little personality, it's definitely worth a shot.

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COMMENTARY

'Sexting' overkill

McClatchy-Tribune
MCT

Any district attorney who said he wanted to pursue one out of every five teenagers on felony child pornography charges would be laughed out of the courthouse then booted from office by voters at the next election.

But that's the implication of the disturbing crackdowns by prosecutors in upstate Pennsylvania, North Jersey, and other communities over teens' immature practice of circulating racy photos of themselves by cell phone message and online.

Fully one-fifth of teenagers and a third of young adults in their early 20s have told pollsters that they have sent sexually suggestive text messages so-called sexting or posted nude or seminude photos of themselves on the Web.

Prosecutors like Wyoming County District Attorney George Skumanick Jr. say criminal charges against these teens is the best way to send a message on the dangers of children baring themselves in cyberspace. Perhaps, but they are on a fool's errand.

Criminal charges for this brand of adolescent stupidity are the equivalent of going nuclear. Convict a teen under child porn laws and he or she will be branded as a sex offender, forced to register under Megan's Law-style statutes, and basically scarred for life.

Trying to make an example of a few kids also ignores that these are teens and that this practice apparently is more widespread than jaywalking. Trying to stamp it out isn't something for law enforcement officers, but better left to parents and school counselors. Just think back to an earlier generation's opposition to that sexy rock 'n' roll.

Prosecutorial discretion is what's needed here, along with common sense, and a good talking-to for teens and parental supervision of kids' use of phones and the Web. Above all, it's time to remember who the adults are in the room.

COMMENTARY

Government should mandate more wind power

McClatchy-Tribune
MCT

Steve Isirk is a dairy farmer, a former county commissioner in western Kansas and a big supporter of renewable energy and wind farms.

Near Garden City, Kan., he says, most landowners embrace the idea that utilities will pay thousands of dollars a year to place wind turbines on their properties. The towers "take up only a small piece of property, and all you have to do is go down to the mail office and pick up your check. It's kind of like a mini oil well."

Without the pollution that oil wells cause.

The future of producing electricity in the Heartland is blowing in the wind. A growing coalition of utilities, landowners and businesses is hard at work promoting and building more wind farms in Kansas and Missouri.

And for good reasons. Investing in this form of renewable energy creates:

- *Jobs, including some at Kansas City-based engineering companies.

- *Power with a no-cost energy source, the wind.

- *No pollution, which helps reduce or eliminate the cost differential of electricity produced by wind power vs. dirty coal-fired plants that harm human health and help cause global warming.

- *A valuable export to other states.

To be clear, residents of Kansas and Missouri will continue to rely on coal-fired plants to produce the majority of their electricity for many years to come. But that does not mean unfettered construction of new coal plants especially the huge, pollution-belching expansion supported by the Kansas legislature in the western part of the state. That plan should be killed.

Meanwhile, work should proceed to boost dramatically the amount of electricity produced by wind. How can that happen?

First, Congress should pass a national renewable electricity standard. A government mandate

would encourage private investment and confidence in a more stable future for renewable electric power.

Second, states and utilities must work together to improve significantly the nation's transmission grid.

The electricity standard received a big boost recently when President Barack Obama called for 25 percent of the nation's electricity to come from renewable sources by 2025. A federal mandate could include increased public subsidies for wind and solar power, which would encourage investment in those sources.

That would be a positive move provided aid is kept to a reasonable level.

A national standard also should spur more jobs in wind-rich states such as Kansas, while it further diversifies the production of energy around the country. Less reliance on heavily polluting coal is necessary.

As for an upgraded transmission grid, it would help move wind power from rural areas such as the prairies of Kansas and

the hinterlands of Texas to other parts of the United States. An enhanced grid would cost billions of dollars, and that price has been tough to overcome. Currently, large investments in the so-called "green power superhighway" are stifled by battles among states and utilities over how to pay for new, high-voltage lines.

One responsible plan backed by the Wind Energy Association is for federal regulators to develop a fair way to spread construction costs to ratepayers of all utilities that would benefit from the new lines. Even if the national renewable electricity standard takes effect and transmission lines are improved, states such as Kansas will have to fiercely compete to woo utility investments to produce electricity with more wind farms.

"Wind is a mainstream technology today," says Juffie Cleaden of the American Wind Energy Association. While that is certainly correct, this nation still must be more aggressive as it taps into a clean and growing source of energy.

COMMENTARY

Confronting an equal or greater threat

Peter Seligmann
& Wes Bush
MCT

As world leaders try to mend a crippled global economy, we must also ask them to confront another issue of equal or greater magnitude. We have known about it for decades, yet we have not taken adequate action to prevent it. Climate change is happening now and it requires a different kind of response than any other global threat we face.

We need a new level of proactive cooperation among all sectors of society to deal with both the certainties and uncertainties of climate change. One such alliance should be for the defense industry to join forces with conservation organizations to create a powerful multiplier effect against this potentially devastating threat to humanity.

President Obama has identified climate change as a top national security issue. It is in fact a global security issue, affecting not only our energy sources but also entire ecosystems that sustain our food and water, health and well-being.

Every day, we learn that the climate change impacts are greater than previously anticipated. New data show that sea ice is shrinking and sea levels are rising much faster than predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In fact, sea level rise is more than 50 percent faster than climate model projections. This daunting news was reported just last month. Why not sooner? Because the data revealing what we must anticipate is just beginning to surface, showing there is so much more we need to know to prepare ourselves adequately.

Many of the basic tools that ecologists and field biologists use to gather data were developed through defense industry research, such as Global Positioning Systems and Geographic Information Systems. But conservation scientists have typically had to wait decades for such new technologies to trickle down from military use and become available.

Working together, conservation groups and the defense industry can put the right tools and the right knowledge in the right hands, enabling us to respond rapidly and adapt appropriately to climate change.

Another recent scientific study focusing on the tropics again underscores the urgency for more information. The study found that drought is causing massive carbon loss in Amazonian tropical forests. Instead of absorbing and storing atmospheric carbon, the Amazon jungle is losing its carbon sequestration capacity due to the effects of drought.

We are just beginning to understand how climate change will impact the tropics and other ecosystems. Out of 30,000 data sets the IPCC identified to examine how biological systems are impacted by climate change, only 15 came from the tropics. That is less than one-thousandth of 1 percent for areas of the Earth that are essential to the survival of more than 2 billion people and at least half of all species. In fact, we all depend on tropical ecosystems to help regulate the global climate.

To address this lack of knowledge, an international partnership of institutions has created the Tropical Ecology, Assessment and Monitoring network to produce real-time data and analyses on how climate change is affecting tropical forests. With a simi-

lar goal in mind, the defense industry is promoting the creation of a global monitoring system to upgrade or put in place a thorough system of sophisticated sensors from the ocean floor to land masses to outer space that will provide critical data now missing.

On all fronts, our current data-gathering is perilously inadequate. In the tropics, we get information either from a biologist counting species in the space of a few square meters or from a vast global view provided by orbiting satellites. That leaves a huge gap in monitoring, fundamental to understanding changes in climate. Such ecosystem-level data could be collected from sensors on manned and un-manned aircraft or by adding additional sensors to observation satellites already in development by the U.S. government. Satellite communications systems can be used to enable real-time data availability from anywhere on Earth.

Biosensors and nano-sensors can be used to monitor entire ecological communities. In addition, current technology can synthesize the information we gather to make it more useable by local, national and global decision-makers.

With so much technology already in place, we can start now to build and benefit from an integrated Global Change and Ecosystem Monitoring System, which would take the pulse of the planet. Such a system would provide enhanced data and give us the ability to plan, to adapt and to act.

As the world witnesses more and more of the effects of climate change each day, we must use all of our capabilities to fight and win this battle.

COMMENTARY

Hunting for Easter's meaning

William McKenzie
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Easter. Again. Many of us probably are thinking about where to go for that big Easter lunch, or maybe brunch if church isn't part of the equation. Young families prepare their Easter baskets. The whole la-dee-da is about to roll out once more.

The institution of Easter. Over time, this week has turned into another occasion for greeting cards, shopping sprees and dining extravaganzas.

I participate in this pageant, for the record. And some of it, in its own right, is a good time. I like seeing the gleam in my children's eyes when they find a hidden Easter egg. A picture on my desk shows them with baskets in one hand, eggs in the other.

But how that part squares with the drama and even violence of the biblical message being observed this week beats me. This is a pageant largely about rejection, death, rebuke and division not exactly what you associate with a bunny, a basket and brunch.

In fact, going back to the tomb, this is a week built upon great fear. Imagine discovering, as Mary and the disciples did, that The One they had been following had suddenly vanished from the spot he was buried. That would give me the creeps, and it did them.

But they persisted, despite their fears, which is why this message still reverberates. Jesus' followers didn't have all their problems solved, as those televangelists promise today. Heck, they encountered new ones, but they stepped forward in faith, just as millions of Christians will try to do after the last Easter hymn is sung.

Back then, Christ's followers risked being hung on crosses for their willingness to follow him. The truth is, I've never come to terms with the Bible's violence. Never mind the Old Testament floods and the like. The New Testament has its own share.

Christians, for example, will hear again this week how Jesus stormed into the Temple and drove out the moneychangers. They also will hear about the curtain in the Temple being torn asunder. And, of course, there is the cross itself. This story does not add up to a warm-and-fuzzy send-off to Easter lunch.

And we churchgoers should think about ourselves as we hear that message. So much of Jesus' focus was on the religious elites, and at the heart of Holy Week is Jesus' attack on the religious institutions of his day.

But we are an institution. Our church has been in Dallas for 150 years. Are we today's proud Pharisees?

I don't think of us that way, but Easter should get churches thinking about their roles as institutions.

That's hard for me because I like institutions. They create stability. We need them to develop our economy, raise our children and enjoy a peaceful life.

But chaos is what happened in Jesus' day. He upended much more than the things those street protesters were targeting last week in London. He took on institutions that had become their own gods.

Which makes me wonder: Have we Christians allowed Easter the institution to override the Easter message?

It's worth thinking about as we hide the eggs, buy the bonnets and carve the ham.

Penguins look forward to matchup against the Crusaders



Junior Cheryl Cale delivers on a pitch for the Penguins. Cale has thrown two shutouts this season and leads the Penguins in wins with four.

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Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University softball team is looking forward to a weekend three-game series against Horizon League foe, the Valparaiso University Crusaders.

The Penguins will take on the Crusaders for one game on Friday and a doubleheader Saturday at McCune Park. The Penguins were to take on Robert Morris College on Tuesday, but thanks to a quick blast of winter, the doubleheader was postponed.

The Penguins have won five games thus far this season. Their last win came in the last series on the road against the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames. The Penguins won the game against the Flames, 5-0.

The Penguins were aided by junior Cheryl Cale's dominant performance on the mound. Cale tossed a four-hit shutout in the Penguins' win. The shutout was Cale's second shutout of the season and second within the Horizon League.

The Penguins opponent this weekend, the Crusaders, are in

the middle of the pack in the Horizon League standings. The Crusaders are 18-13 overall with a 4-5 mark in the Horizon League.

The Crusaders lost two out of three games against the Ramblers. The Crusaders won the first game out of the three-game series, but dropped the last two contests against the Ramblers.

The Crusaders are 3-5 on the road this season, so the Penguins are looking to capitalize on the Crusaders' subpar road performance.

The Crusaders as a team have a high batting average. As a team, they bat at a .311 clip, and their opponents have an average of just .255.

When the Crusaders come up to bat, they will be led by senior outfielder Ashley Wolter. Wolter has an impressive batting average of .368. This season, Wolter has hit seven homeruns and has 25 RBIs. Wolter has been reliable for the Crusaders — she has started in all 31 of the Crusaders' games this season.

Another key player the Penguins should be concerned about is senior outfielder Karen Korb. Although Korb does not possess the power of Wolter, she pos-

sesses speed when she gets on base. Korb leads the Crusaders in stolen bases at 25. She has attempted to steal 26 times, so when she takes off, she rarely gets thrown out. Korb leads the team in hits (38) and bats a respectable .345.

The Crusaders have a solid pitching staff led by lefty senior hurler Stephanie Kelly.

This season, Kelly has three shutouts and seven complete games on her resume. Kelly has a record of 6-4 with a tiny earned run average of 1.83.

Kelly has posted 69 strikeouts in 68.2 innings pitched. Freshman Sam McGee has stepped to plate early in her career and has contributed a fine season to compliment Kelly's achievements.

McGee leads the Crusaders in wins and has a record of 7-2. She also has a shutout to her credit this year and has an earned run average of 3.12.

The Penguins seek to improve upon their home record of 1-5 as they host the Crusaders.

This season, the Penguins are batting .238 as a team. If their bats wake up, the Penguins will have a shot against a tough opponent.

Women's golf prepares for upcoming tournament in Bowling Green

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University women's golf team will look to improve on the season as they will travel to Bowling Green to take part in the Bowling Green State University Falcon Invitational April 14-15.

The invitational will be played at Stone Ridge golf course and will be a 54-hole tournament.

The Penguins are looking to keep getting better leading up the Horizon League Championships, which are right on the horizon. The Penguins so far in the spring season have played in the warm weather of Florida. The Penguins have played against stiff competition as their first two tournaments in Florida have been played against bigger schools.

The Penguins performed solidly against tough competition as they finished in the middle of the pack in both the Northern Illinois University Snowbird Intercollegiate at Pebble Creek Golf Course and Country Club and at the University of Cincinnati Women's Spring Invitational at Plantation Inn Golf Club.

Head coach Roseanne Schwartz expected the team to do as well as they did in Florida. "We finished right where I thought we would," Schwartz said. "We got experience down south and it will help us against Toledo and Bowling Green next week."

The Penguins finished 10th out of 17 teams in the NIU Snowbird tournament. The Penguins fired a two round team total of 327-329 for an overall score of 656. The winner of the tournament was Georgetown University, who shot a two round score of 610. In the UC women's tournament, the Penguins placed two places higher out of 17 teams as they finished eighth out of 17 teams. The Penguins posted a three round total of 317-321-324 for a total of 962. Baylor University took top honors as they scored 307-309-302 for a total of 918.

The Penguins had two stellar performances in each of their first two tournaments.

Freshman Samantha Formeck led the Penguins in the NIU Snowbird meet. Formeck finished 10th overall individu-

"We got experience down south and it will help us against Toledo and Bowling Green next week."

head coach
Roseanne Schwartz

ally as she shot a two round total of 78-75. Sophomore Katie Rogner followed up Formeck's performance with a great performance of her own. Rogner finished 6th individually as she fired a three round total of 75-78-77.

Schwartz feels her team did well in Florida and is optimistic about her team and their work ethic.

"They get to use the [Golf Dome] to hit balls," Schwartz said about her team practicing despite the foul weather. A lot of fitness goes into it as well, Schwartz added.

Schwartz feels the BGSU Falcon Invitational course will be a difficult one to tame because of weather and outdoor elements.

"The course will play long because of the weather and it's always windy in Bowling Green," Schwartz said.

Schwartz feels freshman Samantha Formeck deserves recognition as a freshman for having an awesome first season. "She has only been over 80 twice. She works hard and is a perfect freshman," Schwartz said.

The Penguins should do well against the competition as they power toward another run as the top team in the Horizon League. The Penguins finished second in last year's Horizon League championship.



Junior Eric Marzec is poised and calm as he waits on a pitch for the Penguins.

PHOTO BY RON STEVENS

Penguins look to continue Horizon League climb

Josh Stipanovich
SPORTS REPORTER

It was just five days ago: A sunshine-filled sky and a cool brisk swept through Eastwood Field as the Penguins took the field for their three-game weekend series against Butler University.

Since then, old man winter has decided to sweep through the Valley one more time, leading to the cancellation of yet another Youngstown State University baseball game.

Wednesday's game against Slippery Rock University was postponed and rescheduled for April 20 at 1 p.m. at Eastwood Field due to wet field conditions because of Tuesday night's snowfall.

Putting that all aside, the Penguins now have their eyes set on another three-game series against a team in which they moved ahead of in the Horizon League Standings after last weekend's sweep of the Bulldogs.

The Penguins (7-20 overall, 4-5 Horizon League) have a lot at stake in the Horizon League this weekend.

After moving up two spots to fourth in the Horizon League,

YSU has a chance to improve their Horizon League record to 7-5. If this happens, it would be the first time this season they would be above the .500 mark in conference play.

Cleveland State University (9-16 overall, 2-4 Horizon League) come into the series winning six of their last seven games, two of which were over Valparaiso University, one of the top teams in the Horizon League so far this season.

The Vikings have had the best of the Penguins in recent years, winning eight of the last 10 games and outscoring YSU 94-72.

On the other hand, the Penguins are coming off of their three-game sweep of Butler in which they outscored the Bulldogs 26-7.

The bats have been alive for the most part of the entire season, and if they can continue to keep getting six to seven innings out of their starting pitchers, the Penguins should have no problem with the Vikings this weekend.

Weather permitting, game one is scheduled for Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. while games two and three will both be played Saturday with the first pitch to be thrown at noon.

Homestand concludes for tennis team

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University women's tennis team will play the final two games of a long six-game home stand Friday and Saturday against Horizon League opponents the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames and the Butler University Bulldogs.

The Penguins are riding a wave of momentum headed into this weekend home games. The Penguins have won two out of three matches including a 7-0 beatdown of the Valparaiso University Crusaders on March 29. The Penguins might be rusty as they will not have played a match since March 29.

That performance against the Crusaders was truly a dominating performance.

The Penguins did not lose a match or drop a set in single

matches as they won all of their matches in straight sets. The shutout victory was the Penguins' fourth shutout victory of the season. In fact, four of the Penguins' six wins in their spring season have come by way of a shutout.

The Penguins now set their sights on their upcoming matches against UIC on Friday and Butler on Saturday. UIC has an overall record of 8-6 with a 3-0 record within the Horizon League. The Flames have won three out of their last four matches. Key players for the Flames are junior Amy Jellish and freshman Mariya Kovaleva. Both Jellish and Kovaleva scored a point in the Flames' last win over Wright State University.

Butler will come into the match against YSU with an overall record of 9-10. Despite the losing record, the Bulldogs have a 4-1 record in the Horizon League. The Bulldogs bul-

Schedule for Woman's Tennis team

Friday, April 10 vs. UIC at 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 11 vs. BUTLER at 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 18 vs. Green Bay, Wis. at 1 p.m.

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lied past Wright State in their last event, 6-1. The Bulldogs come into the match against the Penguins as winners of four of their last six matches.

Sophomore Gabriella Bobrowski leads the attack for the Bulldogs. With a match record of 16-5, Bobrowski has the

most wins for the Bulldogs.

The Penguins are 6-9 overall and 1-2 in the Horizon League. The Penguins will look to pick up wins numbers seven and eight on the season this weekend.