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Mitchell's Movies

In the last installment of Jeff Mitchell's summer movie feature, he takes on the next installment of the "Mummy" series starring Brendan Fraser. Also this week he reviews Kevin Costner's election year vehicle, "Swing Vote."

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Board of Regents approves \$50 million cut to Arizona universities

After scrambling to make up a historic 2008 budget deficit, the Arizona legislature is working to avert another shortfall in 2009, in part by slashing more than \$22 million from ASU's budget.

The governing body for Arizona's universities on July 24 approved a plan to cut \$50 million from the three schools' budgets.

According to documents from the ABOR meeting on July 24, \$22.65 million from ASU, \$19.65 million from UA, \$7.45 million from NAU and \$250,000 from the Arizona Board of Regents central office.

The cuts are part of the state legislature's effort to eliminate the estimated \$2 billion deficit, as outlined in the 2009 General Appropriations Act passed by the legislature last month.

ASU spokeswoman Julie Newberg said in an e-mail that the University has been preparing for possible cuts for months.

"Like all state-funded agencies, ASU will have to make significant budget cuts," Newberg said.

Though ABOR chose the amounts cut from each budget, each university president will determine the allocation for his respective campus, according to the documents.

-Allison Denny

Weather



Thunderstorms High: 102° Low: 86°

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Technology

University researchers creating innovative flexible displays

BY DEANNA DENT THE STATE PRESS

Computer, cell phone and television displays may soon become as pliable as pieces of paper.

Laptops, IDs and readable books are not far from being able to roll up, bend forward, bend backward, all without distortion or ruining the image.

ASU researchers, led by Gregory Raupp, associate vice president of research at the Flexible Display Center, have been developing over the past five years a method for creating bendable displays.

Researchers at the center, at the ASU Research Park, along with 21 industry partners and a \$44 million investment by the U.S. Army, have been working to develop technology that could literally change the way we view our electronic devices.

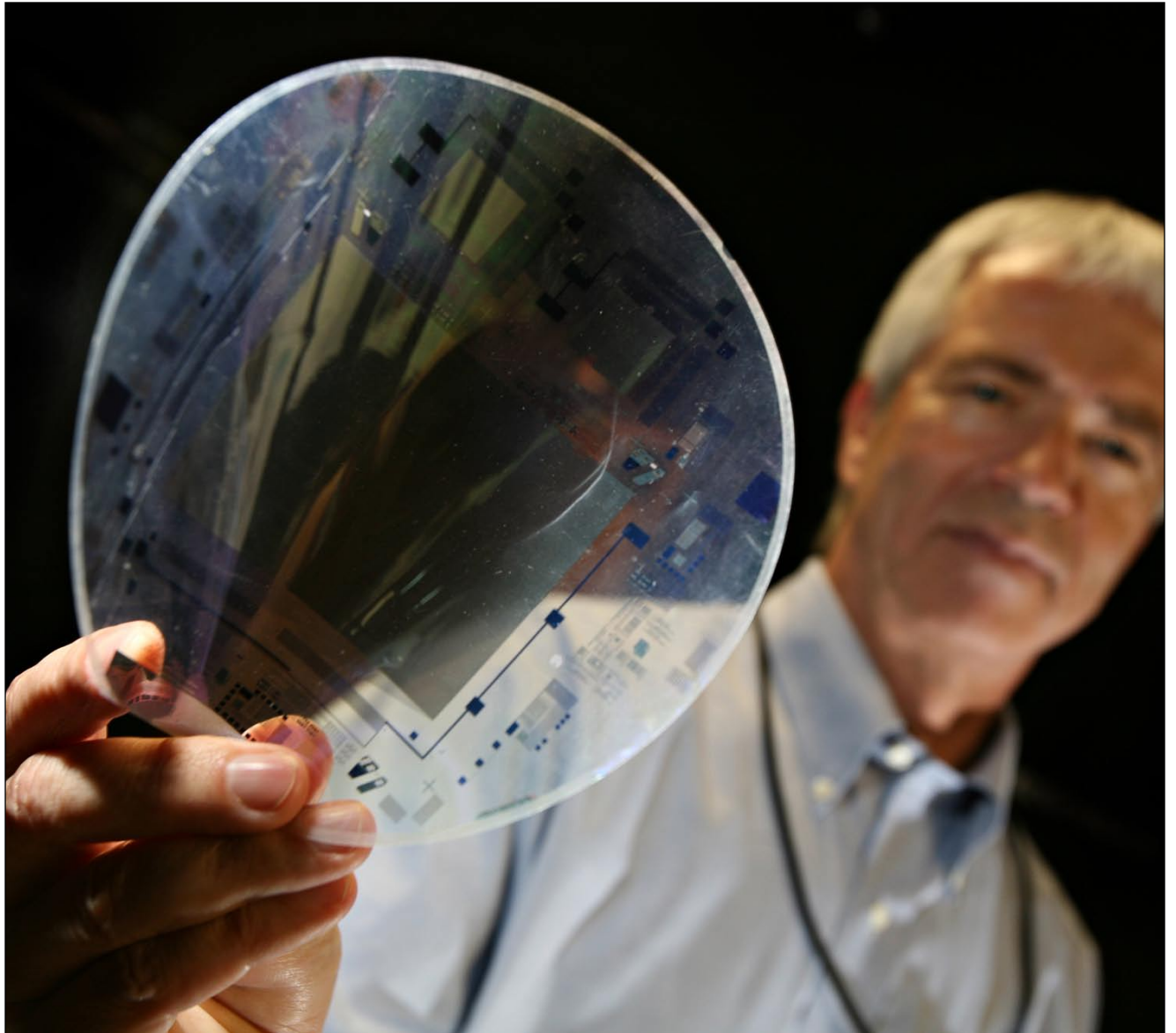
The technology abandons the constraints of glass displays and allows images to become pliable on sheets of plastic and steel.

Raupp displayed the flexibility on one of the plastic displays by rolling it forward and backward in his hands,

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To see video of the invention in action, visit asuwebdevil.com



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PLASTIC BUBBLE: Professor Gregory Raupp demonstrates the flexibility of the plastic after it has been engineered with the array of transmitters at the FDC building in South Tempe Friday afternoon.

Going Green

ASU among first in nation in sustainability

Princeton Review gives University perfect 'Green Rating'

BY ALLISON DENNY THE STATE PRESS

Over the past few years, green has become one of America's favorite buzzwords.

What started as a trend is quickly becoming a real concern for presidential candidates to budding businesses to universities.

And with more and more students becoming environmentally aware, universities are beefing up their efforts to join the green movement.

In its first rating of environmentally institutions, the Princeton Review named ASU one of the best in the nation.

"The 2009 Green Rating Honor Roll" gave 534 college and universities a score from 60 to 99 based on a survey from the 2007-2008 academic year, developed by a panel of "experts in higher education green practices," according to the program's Web site.

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EASY BEING GREEN: BigBelly Solar Compactors, among the many factors that contributes to ASU's "green" reputation, can be found all over campus. They use solar energy to compact trash, which reduces pollution by cutting down on the frequency of trash collection trips.

ASU Police

Volunteer program puts students closer to the boys in blue

BY ANDREW SHANKER THE STATE PRESS

This fall ASU students will be able to translate 911 calls and run license plates as volunteers for the ASU police department in hopes of making the four University campuses safer.

An adapted form of the Volunteers in Police Service program, or VIPS, will be instituted for the first time at ASU at the start of the fall 2008 semester.

The VIPS program began six years ago and has extended to all 50 states with a total of 1732 programs. The first VIPS program in Arizona was held in Mesa, where volunteers were trained in numerous fields, including running license plates, watching for speeders and responding to speeding complaints.

ASU Assistant Chief of Police Jay Spradling — a 25-year veteran of the force — will be heading up the program at ASU and said he hopes to train and

enroll various volunteers to better serve the University campus.

The success of the nationwide VIPS program, Spradling said, is due to volunteers being matched up to job titles that suit their work goals.

"We have created a job description booklet from shredding paper to being able to maintain military clearance," Spradling said. "No area of the police force is off limits."

Volunteers for the ASU program must be at least 18 to enroll, be drug free, and have a desire to gain hands-on experience with ASU police, Spradling said.

The number one crime at ASU's Tempe campus is bicycle theft, so by creating this program Spradling hopes to decrease the number of incidences this year.

Nancy Kolb has been managing the program

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