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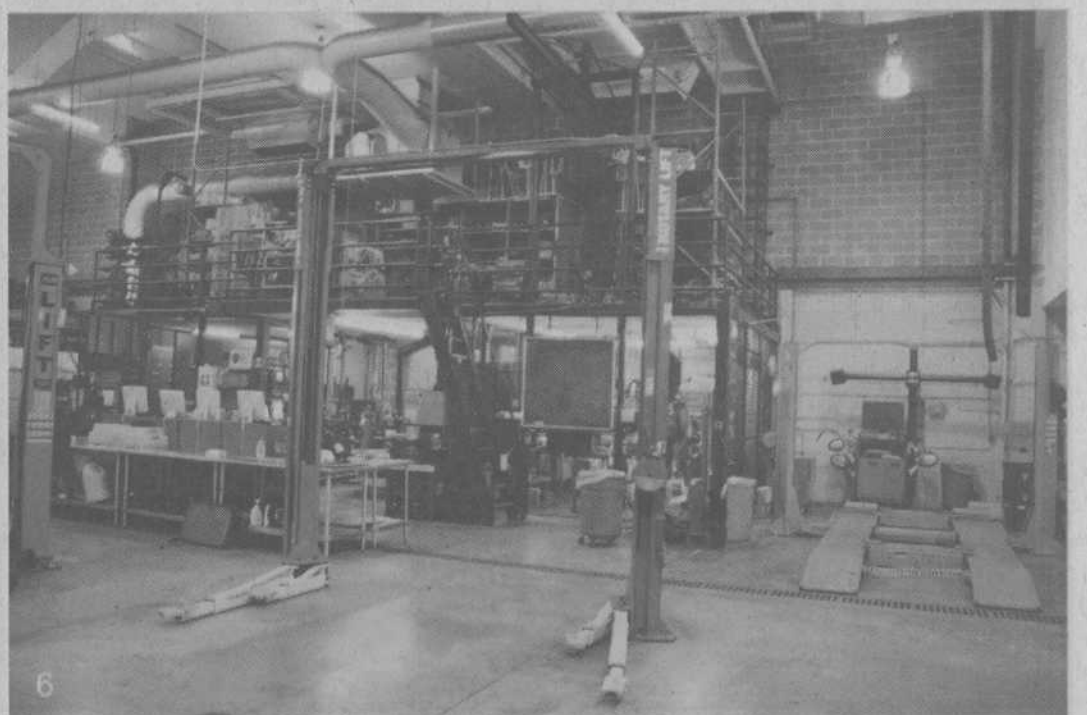
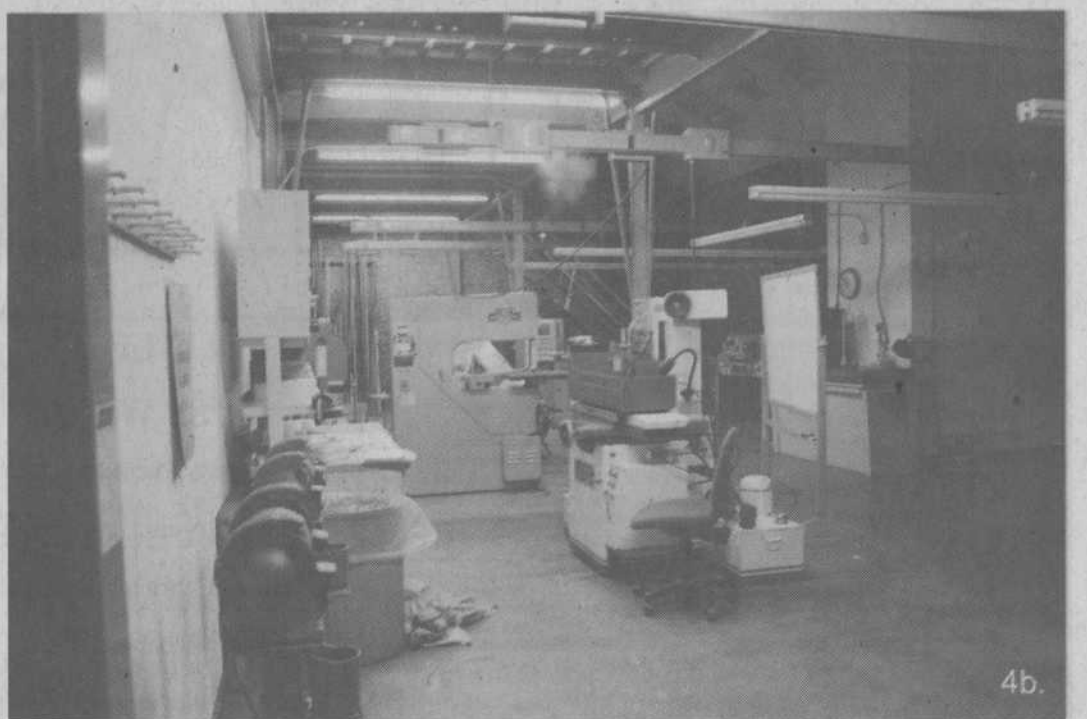
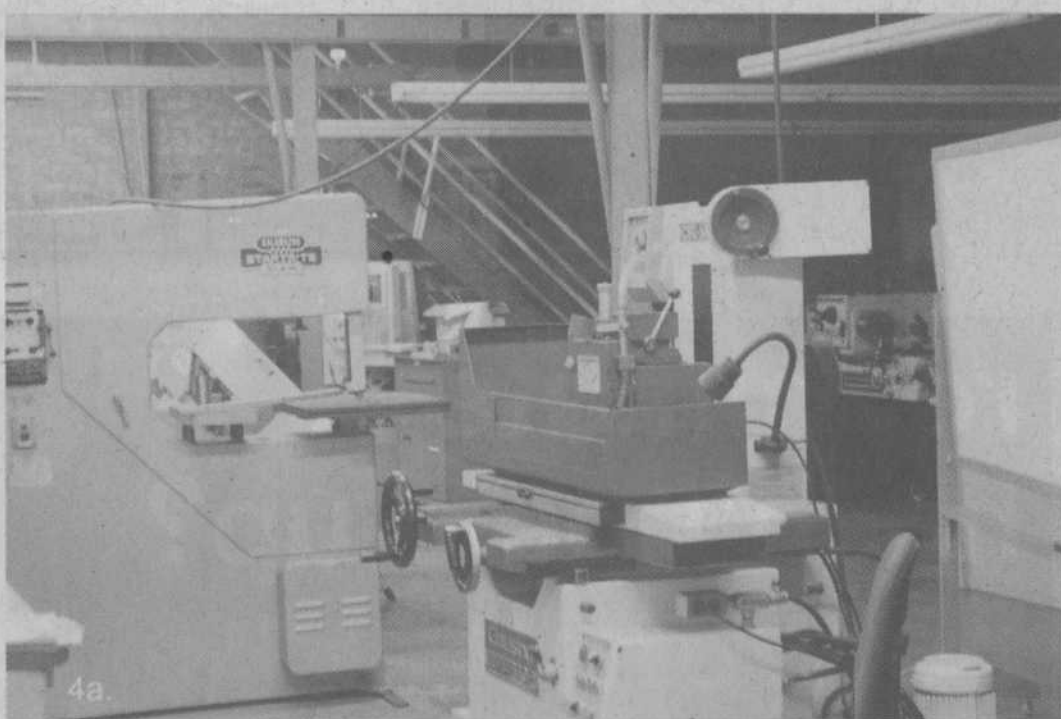
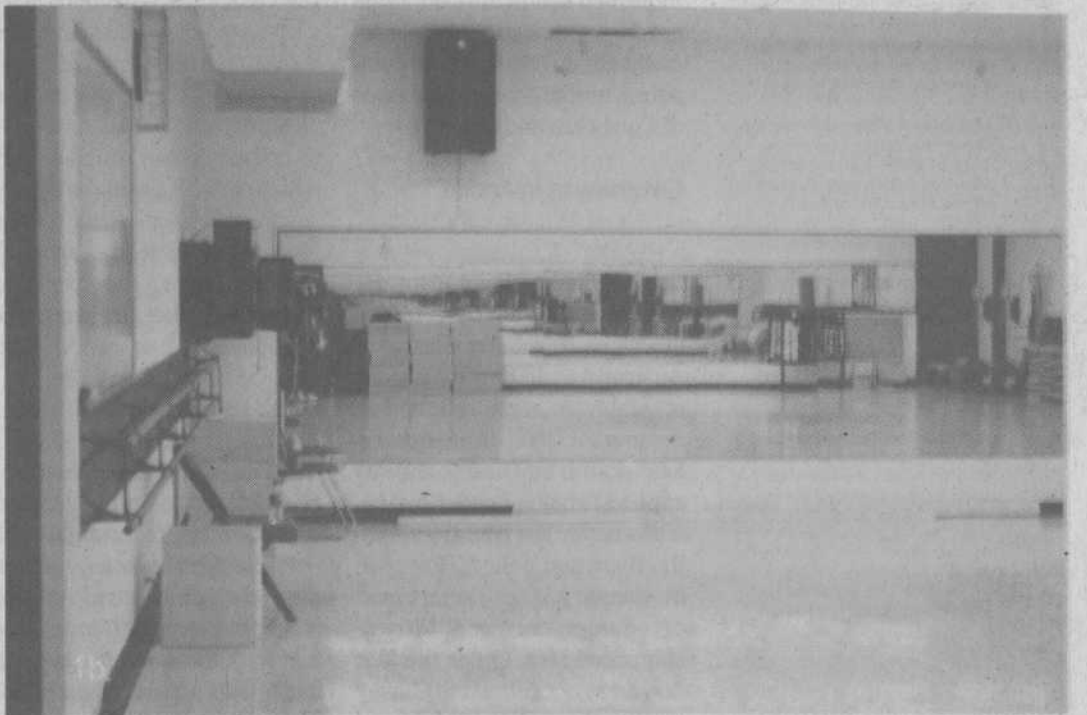
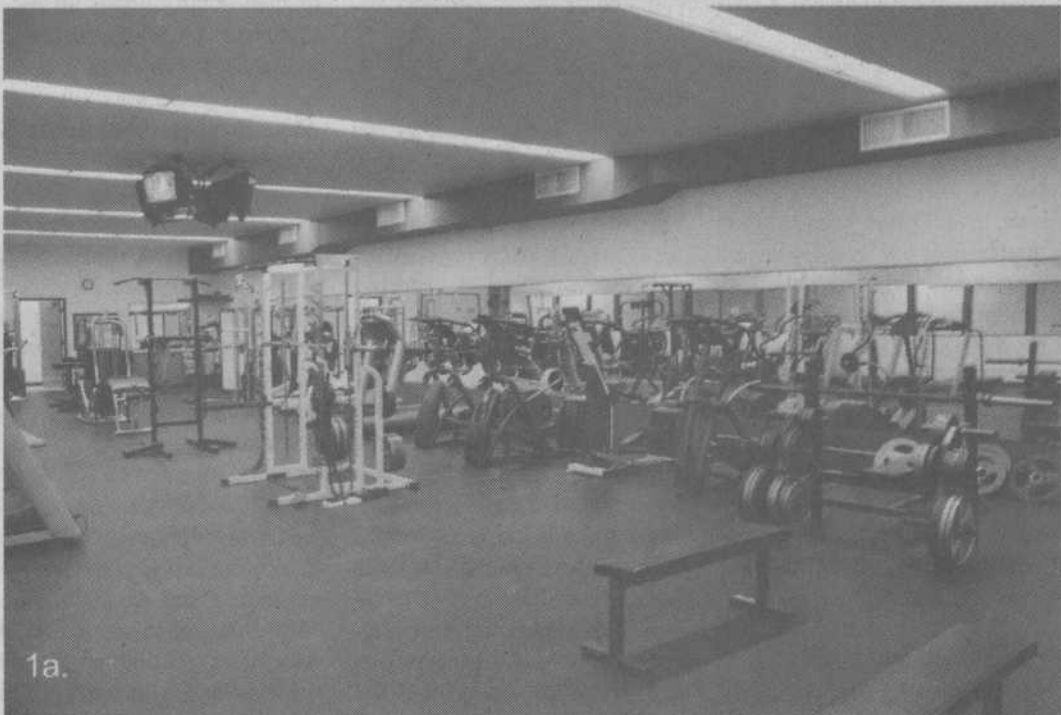
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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

## LEAD STORY

Though India is recognized as a world leader in promoting the health benefits of urine, its dominance will be assured by the end of the year when a cow-urine-based soft drink comes to market. Om Prakash, chief of the Cow Protection Department (India's largest Hindu nationalist group), trying to reassure a Times of London reporter in February, promised, "It won't smell like urine and will be tasty, too," noting that medicinal herbs would be added and toxins removed. In addition to improved health, he said, India needs a domestic (and especially Hindu) beverage to compete with the foreign influence of Coca-Cola and Pepsi.

## Government in Action

—After 50 years' separation following their adoptions by separate families, identical twins Rosabelle Glasby of Australia and Dorothy Loader of Malaysia were reunited in September 2008 after a year-long search by Glasby, and she applied to bring Loader to Australia under the country's family migration policy. However, in January, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship ruled that, under the law, Loader is not related to Glasby (in that the adoption wipes out birth status).

—Change We Can Believe In: In December, the city council in Brighton, Mich., passed an ordinance making it illegal for anyone to be "annoying" in public, "by word of mouth, sign or motions." Violators can be ticketed and fined.

—States That Need Better Training in Arithmetic: (1) Two Maryland officials (reportedly new on the job) made a simple error in addition in 2007 (in estimating counties' property values) that was revealed in

January 2009 to have cost state offices \$31 million in overpayments, according to a Washington Post report. (2) In October, the Dallas school district was forced to lay off 375 teachers to ameliorate an \$84 million deficit caused by a massive math error in the budget, according to a report by WFAA-TV.

—Earlier, He Could've Gotten a Mortgage, Too: In a December test of the laxness of New York City's property-ownership office, a New York Daily News reporter walked out of the city's register of deeds with title to the \$2 billion Empire State Building. His fake purchase document, with a fake notary public stamp and a fake "witness" signature (of "Fay Wray," star of the original "King Kong"), took 90 minutes to convert to an official deed, which of course came as a great surprise to Empire State Land Associates, to whose shocked representative the reporter "returned" the property the next day.

## Police Report

—The campus police chief of Colorado State University, Dexter Yarbrough, also teaches a criminology class, during which he gives a flavor of real police work (since he's a former Chicago cop). According to audio recordings of his lectures reported in January by the campus newspaper The Collegian, Yarbrough acknowledged that police sometimes have to "lie" and "cut corners" and "beat (the) ass" of a suspect if they "deserve" it. Sometimes, a confidential informant gets paid off with police-seized drugs, but only after being warned, "(H)ey, if you get caught with this, you know, don't say my name." Most unenlightened of all was Yarbrough's characterization of some rape victims: "(E)ven when (women) say 'no,' (t)hey

want the d\*\*k."

—Police in Holland Township, N.J., removed three kids from the home of Heath and Deborah Campbell in January at the behest of the state Division of Youth and Family Services. The kids are 3-year-old Adolf Hitler Campbell and his 1-year-old sisters, Honszlynn Hinler Jeannie Campbell and JoyceLynn Aryan Nation Campbell. The family was also in the news in December when their local ShopRite supermarket bakery refused to make a birthday cake with little Adolf's name on it.

## News That Sounds Like a Joke

(1) Michael Reed, 50, was charged with attempted robbery of Eddie's Fried Chicken in Fort Worth, Texas, in December. He was armed only with a tree branch and was quickly neutralized by a 56-year-old employee, who grabbed a broom, and the men proceeded to duel until Reed dropped his branch and fled (but was arrested nearby). (2) The Happy Egg Company (Lincoln, England) altered the packaging in January for its six-egg cartons to include the prominent warning, "Allergy Advice: Contains Egg."

## People Different From Us

(1) The Northwest Florida Daily News reported the arrest of a woman for trespassing in December in Mary Esther, Fla., after she was reluctant to leave a neighbor's porch. According to the newspaper, she eventually "left ... in anger, knocking over a dryer ... in the front yard." (2) Robert Blue, 53, was arrested in Las Vegas in January and charged with chaining his 15-year-old daughter to her bed at night to keep her from eating. Blue told police that the girl weighs 165 pounds, but that he wanted her at 145, which he

said is her ideal fighting weight for mixed martial arts.

## Least Competent Criminals

A masked man escaped in December after trying unsuccessfully to rob the Washman carwash in Portland, Ore. In the middle of the job, the man's gun literally broke apart and fell to the ground. As he continued to demand money, it became clear why robbing a carwash is tricky. The employee grabbed the nearest tool, which was the wand of a pressure washer (2,000 pounds per square inch) and hosed the robber, sending him fleeing.

## Recurring Themes

Texas "Justice": As far as the state of Texas is concerned, Andre Thomas, 25, was and is sane and was and is competent to assist his lawyers. Thomas was convicted of murdering his wife and two kids in 2004 after a judge ruled him competent despite the fact that after the killings, Thomas had carved out the victims' hearts, put them in his pocket, and later tossed them in the garbage. In addition, before trial, Thomas had plucked out his right eye and eaten it. In October 2008, Texas' highest criminal court upheld the conviction and sentence, endorsing the trial judge's view of Thomas' sanity. In January 2009, on death row in Livingston, Texas, Thomas plucked out his left eye and ate it.

## Now, Which One Is the Brake? (all-new)

Elderly drivers' recent lapses of concentration, confusing the brake pedal with the gas (or "drive" with "reverse"): Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Joe Greenhill, 94, crashed into a restraining wall in downtown Austin, nearly winding up

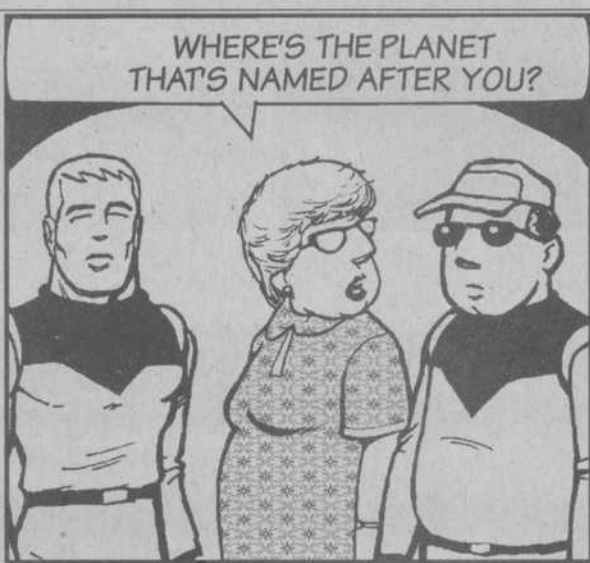
in Lady Bird Lake (December). A 90-year-old woman, driving her brand-new Dodge Challenger, rammed a pole while turning left in Pompano Beach, Fla. (October). An 83-year-old man drove through his garage wall and continued on about 70 yards in Lycoming Township, Pa. (September). An 83-year-old man drove 50 feet into Big 5 Sporting Goods Store in Milwaukee, Ore. (December). An 82-year-old man crashed his SUV into a tree on a Pittsburgh golf course after zigzagging out of control across the fairway (September). An 82-year-old man crashed into a group of Cub Scouts lining up for a Christmas parade (injuring 12) in Dallas (December).

## A News of the Weird Classic (May 1997)

In April 1997, Russian performance artist Oleg Kulik opened a two-week New York City show, "I Bite America and America Bites Me," in which he stayed in character as a dog, on all fours, from the time his plane landed in New York until the moment he left town. Kulik holed up in a gallery cage wearing only a dog collar and exhibiting dog behaviors and emotions, and visitors could enter the cage to play with him only after putting on protective padding in case Kulik bit them. Kulik had been arrested in three countries for biting his audience. (A Paris gallery owner has called Kulik "a great intellectual" whose art is rooted in the downfall of communism in Russia.)

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# Why Do You Fear Me?

■ American Muslims at Parkland work to deconstruct stereotypes

By NADA YOUSSEF  
Staff Writer

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood." —Marie Curie.

On March 4, the Muslim Student Association will be holding their annual "Why Do You Fear Me?" event. This is a program to express the Muslim American perspective on the interactions of Muslims to non-Muslims in the American culture. This event was very successful last year — packing a room with attendees. This year Flag Lounge at Parkland will be the venue.

"Why Do You Fear Me?" will kick off with a video clip of an experiment that NBC Nightly News broadcast on the prejudice and racism that many Muslims experience in their daily lives. Afterwards there will be an open question and answer session, where the audience will be allowed to ask the panel of professors and students questions about Islam and the experience of being an American Muslim. Free pizza, snacks, and soda will be served.

So, how is it like to be a Muslim and an American at the same time?

"There is a big misunderstanding, not just of the religion, but of the people," said



Levi Norman/Prospectus

Parkland student Shaheen Shorish.

Shaheen is a current communications major at Parkland College. Shaheen is a mixture of cultures. Her father was born and raised in Afghanistan as a practicing Sufi. Sufism is a spiritual sect of Islam, involved with trying to spiritually connect with God.

Shaheen's father emigrated to the United States in the 1950s during the Soviet invasion. Shaheen's mother is a white American (a mixture of Scottish and Irish). Her mother

converted into Islam prior to meeting Shaheen's father.

Shaheen also practices Sufism. "I knew this religion was right for me when I saw that people would die for their religion and I don't mean that in a crazy way, but a more noble way," said Shaheen.

Ruth Jackson is also an American Muslim who was born here in the United States of America. She studies cultural anthropology at Parkland College. Her grandparents are from England, but her parents

were born and raised in the United States. Ruth is a convert to Islam—embracing the religion just a few months ago. "In my search for a religion, I found Islam to make the most sense," said Ruth.

Shaheen was a United States marine who served during the Gulf War. During this time Shaheen recounts the many misconceptions that she had to face as an American Muslim.

"For the most part people didn't think that I could serve in the Navy as a Muslim. But I believe in serving our Consti-

tution. I believe in this country. In fact, the Qur'an, or the Muslim Holy book, allows it," said Shaheen.

Shaheen talked about how difficult it was for her to serve during the Gulf war.

"I was in Sicily for 2 years. It's literally an island. It acted like an island, too. We didn't have access to the news, etc. I was the only Muslim. People had no problems voicing their opinions to me. There were some haters out there, but mainly that was just out of ignorance. And don't get me wrong, there were also guys out there that were really supportive of me," said Shaheen.

Shaheen spoke of how many non-Muslims think that Muslims hate Jews. She relates a hadith, or a story, of the Prophet Muhammad, Islamic messenger, and how he was at a Jewish funeral. He stood up out of respect for that person and his companions followed out of respect for the Jews.

She also talked of how Muslim women are most commonly construed as being oppressed.

"They don't understand that a Muslim woman has the right to get divorced and keep the income. Westerners don't know that," Shaheen said.

Ruth talks about how people think that because you are a Muslim, you must be from a

different country.

"People think that if you are a Muslim you must be from a crazy exotic country. They think that the women are oppressed and that we're not educated. When in fact the Quran encourages education," said Ruth.

Why are there so many misconceptions towards American Muslims?

"Well, I think that it is everybody's and nobody's fault. Non-Muslims should educate themselves and ask questions. In this culture, people don't want to ask questions because they believe that they will offend someone. While Muslims tend to group together because they feel familiar and comfortable with one another. We need to open the bridge between each other," said Ruth.

In hopes of opening this bridge, the Muslim Student Association is taking a step towards change by putting on their event of "Why Do You Fear Me?" Any and all questions are encouraged in order to bridge the gap between American Muslims and American non-Muslims.

Come to the Flag Lounge on Wednesday March 4 at 12 p.m. Find out that there's nothing to fear, and everything to gain.

## Online college classes more than a craze

By PAUL BRUBAKER  
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The Record  
(Hackensack, NJ)

HACKENSACK, N.J.—The global reach and flexibility of the Internet is fueling brisk growth in online college classes, and those numbers are expected to grow as the recession encourages workers to continue their education.

"The courses can be taken from any place, at any time," said Ken Vehrken, dean of Anthony J. Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. "That type of flexibility really fits into many adult learners' schedules, balancing full-time employment and family commitments."

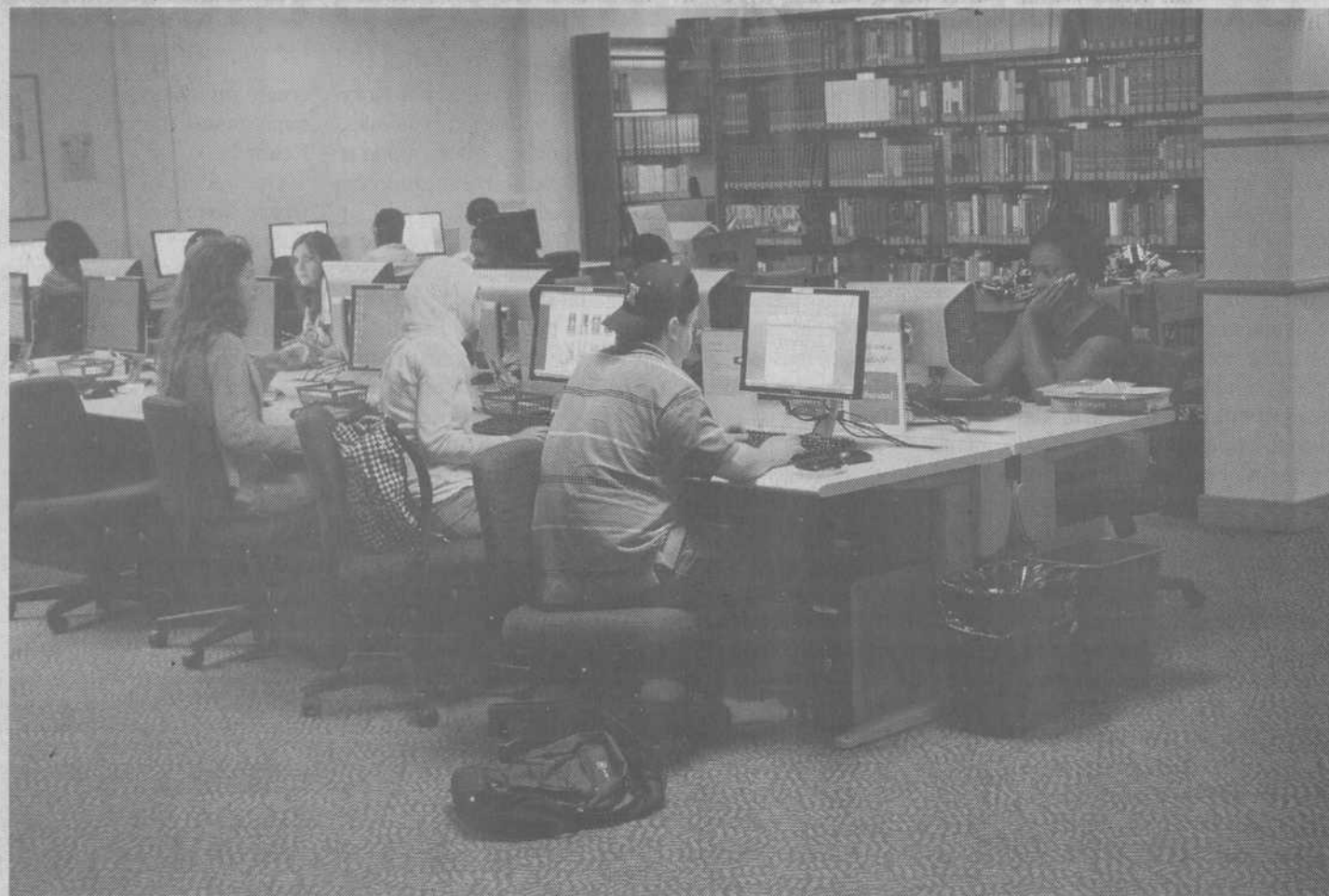
Nationwide, the number of students taking at least one online course jumped by nearly 70 percent between 2002 and 2007, from 1.6 million to 3.9 million, according to a study released in November by the Sloan Consortium, a nonprofit advocacy group for online learning.

Better technology and bigger bandwidth have made the trend possible. When online classes were introduced in the mid-1990s, educators and students were often frustrated by slow log-on times (remember dial-up?) and static messaging programs.

Now, new software and cheaper, faster computers allow students to chat with one another and a professor in real time, share video and audio clips and conduct online research around-the-clock.

If there is a typical student, she is Jessica Marmolejos of Wayne, N.J. Marmolejos, 32, is a busy single mother of two and administrative assistant who starts her school day after work.

Her office skills have helped her land temporary jobs at companies such as NBC Studios and Morgan Stanley. But when those businesses down-



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sized, she was among the first to be dismissed because she lacked a degree, she said.

So in the evenings at home, she boots up her computer and cracks open a Western Civilization textbook while her 9-year-old son, Brandon, plays with a puzzle and her daughter, Victoria, 11, is in her room.

"This is basically the only way that I feel that I can actually do it," she said.

Online classes are popular with colleges because they can expand the potential universe of students, from active members of the military to faraway workers seeking a specialized program.

Take Erica Ulman of South Carolina. She's a student at Passaic County Community College in Paterson, N.J., although she has never set foot on campus.

Ulman, 30, hopes to trade her paralegal career for work in medical records, a growing field. A contact at a hospital near her home referred her to Passaic County Community

College, which offers an online associates degree program in health information technology. She registered last July and hopes to complete her degree during the spring 2010 semester.

Current distance-learning students at FDU's Petrocelli include 90 members of the New Jersey Army National Guard in various posts nationwide and overseas, said Vehrken. The school designed a series of online classes for military

personnel looking to complete undergraduate degrees, helped by \$3 million in federal grants.

Petrocelli also has partnered with major corporations to develop online degree-completion programs for employees, including at Booz Allen Hamilton, a management consulting firm in the Washington, D.C., suburbs.

Some 500 workers have taken part in the bachelors of art in individualized studies program, which combines pre-

vious college work, credits for professional experience and training and online classes as part of the degree.

While flexibility in online coursework can invite doubt about its rigor, educators say that taking away the common meeting place of the classroom forces each student to fully participate.

"You can't have your hand down in an online course," said Peter Shapiro, who runs Bergen Community College's dis-

ance learning programs. "The only way someone knows that you're there is if you are contributing."

Universities are beginning to require students to take some classes online, to ensure they are familiar with distance learning formats. FDU was the first in the nation to do so, in 1999.

"The theory is, if students have lifelong learning, that's where it probably is going to come from, and they need to be conversant with it," said university spokeswoman Gretchen Johnson.

Kathleen Cray-Kaden, a Passaic County Community College adjunct professor, said online classes can have some limitations. With class discussions being held through blog posts, Cray-Kaden misses out on non-verbal clues that indicate whether a student understands the material, she said.

But some students find that physical distance from their classmates can be freeing.

Casey Saladin, 33, of Clifton, N.J., once reluctant to speak in class, can now freely discuss the finer points of great literary works with other students.

"Sometimes, I don't like to talk in front of an ... audience," said Saladin, a single mother of three girls who works full time. "But online, I don't feel that way. You can say whatever you think."

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# Honor Society recruits spring membership

By **JESSE WOODRUM**  
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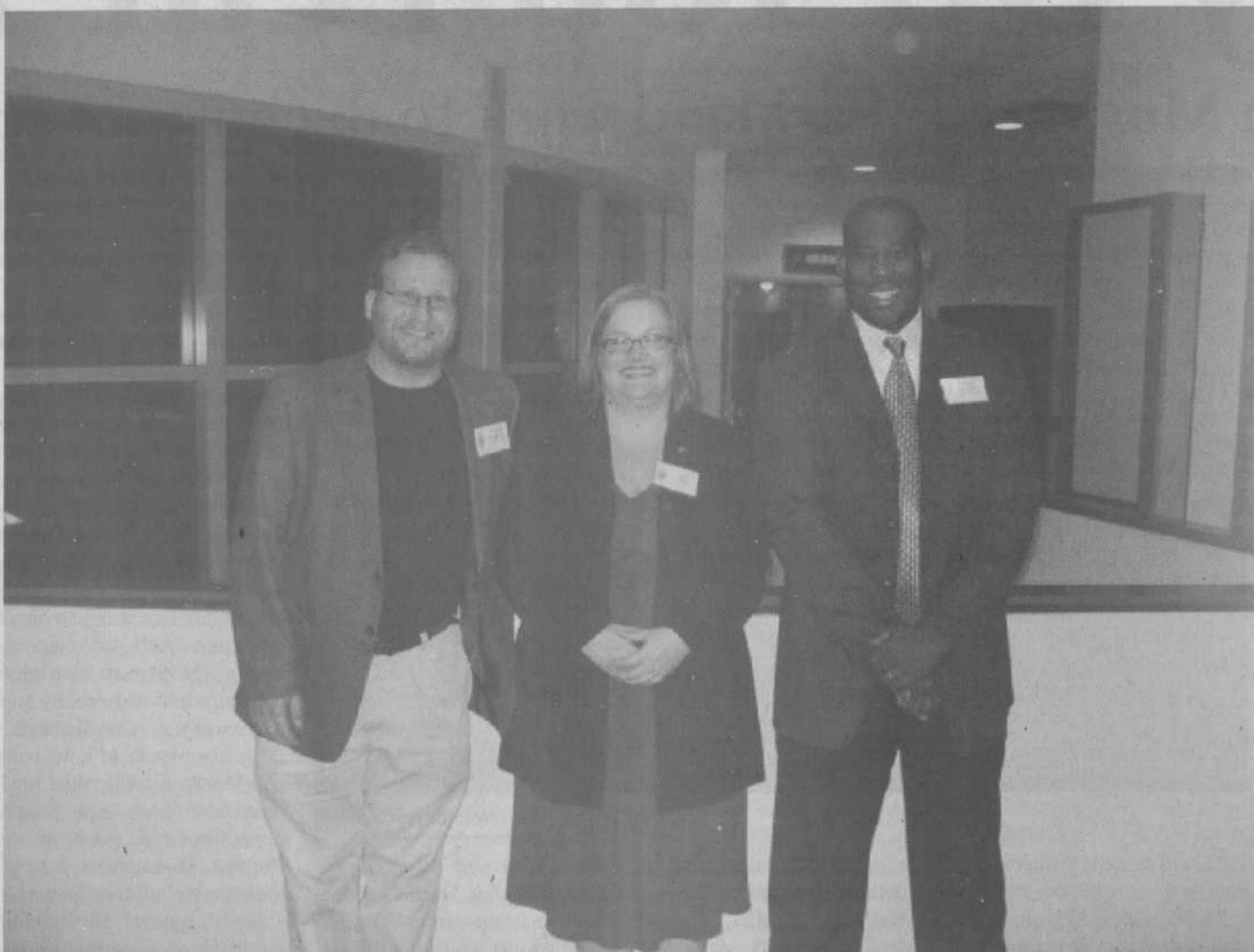
The Parkland College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honors society for two-year colleges will host an informal, invitation-only meeting Wednesday March 4 to introduce potential inductees to the benefits of membership. Students who qualified in the fall 2008 semester were automatically contacted regarding their eligibility.

Students are eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa who have a minimum 3.5 GPA and have completed at least 12 hours of semester coursework.

The Parkland chapter of PTK is known as Alpha Psi Eta. Students who decide to join will have to pay a one-time \$80 membership and processing fee and will be inducted at a ceremony on Friday March 13 in the Parkland Theater.

Phi Theta Kappa is a 91 year old 1,200 chapter strong organization which offers its members many social, academic and financial benefits including association with other scholars, acknowledgement for academic achievements, national and regional travel opportunities, the PTK seal on members' graduation diplomas and the Honors Stole and Tassel accessories at graduation, and automatic nomination to the Dean's List.

Additionally, the PTK website says that more than \$36 million is available to its members in the form of transfer scholarship funds provided by 600 institutions. Loyola Uni-



2008 Honorary inductees: Brian Nudelman, Humanities Professor (left) and Van Grissom from the Natural Sciences department (right) and PTK faculty advisor and Humanities Professor Amber Landis.

Jesse Woodrum/Prospectus

versity has an unlimited number of automatic \$3,000 scholarships to any PTK transfer student who applies before a deadline, according to Judy Becker, Undergraduate Admission Officer at Loyola University.

Becker says students who meet PTK qualifications usually qualify for further academic scholarships combin-

ing for a \$7,000 to \$9,000 total. Loyola is not even an extreme example of the many generous scholarships available exclusively to PTK members.

In addition to the new student membership, the chapter often offers honorary membership to faculty and staff whose work has benefited the honor society. Last semester biology professor Van Grissom and

English professor Brian Nudelman were also honored. Nudelman helped the chapter with its Homework Club—PTK members who visited Garden Hills Elementary School to help the students there with their homework. Grissom helped with a recycling project.

Several PTK members will attend the International Conference in Grapevine, Texas

outside Dallas. Two PTK officers, Dayna Long and Patrick McGuinness are up for separate awards—outstanding chapter president and outstanding chapter officer respectively. Each year the society chooses a theme for its members to study called the honor study topic—unveiled each year at the International Conference. The topic for

the 2008-2009 academic year is "The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges and Consequences."

Chapter President Dayna Long attended last year's International Convention in Philadelphia and says Illinois, Texas and Florida do well at the awards ceremonies and that chapters can get very competitive.

Advisors and Humanities instructors Thom Schnarre and Amber Landis take this theme to design the humanities honors program. This semester's program will start with an incommensurably titled lecture by Schnarre, "But If I Touch It, Will I burn in Hell?: Dramatic Mayhem, Mischief and Miracles Courtesy of Technology ..." on Tuesday March 17 in a venue to be announced. Students who wish to achieve an "A with honors" in a humanities course can do so by participating in four of the six lectures, completing a project to be arranged with the student's instructor and, of course, getting an "A" in the course. Interested students should discuss it with their instructors. Students can get an "A with honors" in other courses but humanities courses have a program already designed from the thesis provided by PTK.

The Alpha Psi Eta chapter has achieved the highest ranking in PTK's Five Star program which the PTK website describes as a "blueprint for developing a strong chapter and for earning local, regional, and international recognition.

# The hint of spring is warming up the Cobra blood

By **SEAN HERMANN**  
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[Mathew Kennedy contributed to this report.]

Just as quick as the Cobras winter athletic teams are ending their season, spring athletics are already getting underway. The men's and women's basketball teams have been working hard all season and are looking forward to the Region 24 tournament coming up this week, while the baseball, softball, and golf teams have been preparing for their much anticipated seasons to start.

The M-WAC co-champion women's basketball team is gearing up for regionals after an outstanding season, finishing No. 7 in the nation with a 25-4 (13-1) record.

After having a bit of an slumping season at 11-18, the Cobra men's basketball team hopes to bounce back into the picture in the Region 24 tournament beginning March 4, and made a late redemption, winning four straight games, finishing out the regular season.

The volleyball team wrapped up their season with the end of the year banquet, parting ways with AVCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year, Mike Trame, and welcoming new coach Vern Podlewski to the team. The volleyball team recently landed new recruit, setter and LCHS senior Molly Goodrich.

"She'll do well because she's a very coachable young lady.

She works very hard at everything and really did well with the Illini Elite program and took a lot from that," said Lincoln volleyball coach Dawn Crawford.

Moving on to the spring sports, the baseball and softball teams are to open up their seasons this weekend, while the golf team starts off their season with a spring trip to Alabama, March 19-21.

The Cobra softball team is thirsty for a national championship after making nationals six out of the last seven seasons, but returning without NJCAA's highest honors.

"The team is looking good, they are working hard at practice and are focused on the spring season," said head coach Chuck Clutts. With pitchers Carley Kemmer and Morgan Hackman returning, the duo is expected to see a lot of action in the circle. Last season's leading hitters, Taylor Sloat (3B) and Taylor Freeman (2B) are also returning along with Chelsea Rowe (SS), who is coming back from an arm injury.

Clutts has high expectations for the incoming freshman class and expects "another tough conference and regional, but with what the coaching staff has seen in the teams work ethic and attitude, we believe that the Cobras will perform well."

Looking to add to their past success, the Cobra's baseball team is ready to show the nation what they are all about this season. The team has captured seven conference championships, five regional titles and has appeared in four NJCAA Division II World Series in the past eight seasons. The team has also produced fifteen NJCAA All-Americans and has placed 86 players into four-year institutions within that timeframe.

Entering his first season as head coach for the Cobras, Matt Kennedy believes that this year's team is talented enough to compete for a national championship. The Cobras ended the 2008 campaign with a 37-16-1 record and another trip to the regional title game.

The 2009 Cobras will return five starting positional that include NJCAA Second Team All-American outfielder Kevin Crane, first baseman/designated hitter Brett VanAsdlen, second baseman Calvin Frey, catcher Rich Ruff and first baseman/designated hitter Michael Bradburn. The Cobras also return six pitchers, three of which were starters in LHP

Steve Kuligowski, RHP's Kory Rombold and Max Friedman. Also returning after taking a medical red-shirt last season is LHP Kyle Erdmann.

With the loss of five pitchers, the Cobras will look upon new and old faces to contribute. The bullpen will feature a few returners along with some young, but talented, arms.

"I am really excited about our pitching staff this season. With the experience we have coming back and the talent that is in the freshman class, I'm anxious to see how things will shake out. We have a variety of arms that I believe will

create match-up problems for many teams this spring," said Kennedy.

The middle of the infield is where Kennedy believes the Cobras have improved most since fall. Sophomore Jordan Mitchelhill looks to be the leading candidate at second base after a stellar fall season.

"Jordan plays the game the right way. He hustles everywhere and is very sure-handed at second base and that's what we have to have at that position," said Kennedy.

At shortstop this season will be mid-year transfer Colin McKeen who comes to Park-

land from Grayson County College in Texas where he was a member of the NJCAA Division I National Championship team.

"Colin will be a great addition to an already solid infield. Colin brings a great deal of experience with him and is a kid that will make all the routine plays and add another bat to our lineup," said Kennedy.

Kennedy believes the Cobra outfield, anchored by returning NJCAA All-American Kevin Crane, will be the cornerstone of the 2009 team.

"This outfield is not only tal-

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# PROSPECTUS

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### Board Looks At Code

by Donna Weller

"The board is playing politics and the students don't have enough ammunition to play," stated Don Lookingbill, student body president, after the "Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students", failed to pass Tuesday, May 6, at the regular PC Board of Trustees meeting.

The board members decided to appoint a committee consisting of Paul Thompson, chairman of the faculty association; Douglas Hager, board member; Dean Swank; and Don Lookingbill to sit down and explore both the Joint Statement and the 20 rules of conduct.

The idea of a committee was not met lightly by the students present. Jim Panzer, V. P. of the student body, stated, "We feel this has been gone over. Just ask the student government questions now and don't bother with the committee." Lookingbill pointed out that at a meeting of all junior college student body representatives last Oct. (I.A. C.J.C.) attended by board member, C. W. Barnes, it was recommended that the J.S.R.F.S. be put into use in junior colleges.

William Staerkel, Parkland President, said he felt it was impossible to apply this type of procedure without much more consideration. He stated, "We should take ten days to graph something we all think is great." Panzer finally agreed that everyone should sit down and discuss all aspects of the Joint Statement. But, he threw in the idea that the board should suspend the 20 rules of conduct until the J.S.R.F.S. had been discussed. Panzer said, "Because those 20 rules came out splash, they should go away just as fast."

Lookingbill stated that the main objection of the code as a body was that no students or faculty members were consulted during its drafting. He later said, "The Joint Policy is a guideline where the Code is not. The Code of Conduct is law."

Dean Swank stated that he had no objection to eliminating rule 20 of the Code, which states that a student may be expelled if he does anything which is considered to be serious and detrimental to the welfare of Parkland, but he felt rule 19, which states that a student may be expelled for violating special regulations which are necessary to govern various facilities and activities of the college should be left in because, "it covers such things as the Chemistry labs where you can't smoke." The board finally agreed to drop rule 20 and put the word "safety" before "regulations" in rule 19.

Bob King, a photographer for the Prospectus, wasn't satisfied with this little bit of reducing. He pointed out that the Code itself looks "like someone leafed through LIFE magazine at the pictures and made a rule for every atrocity they came across." He also said that action should be taken now while the present student government is still in office because they were more knowledgeable about the Joint Statement and the Code. Another student, Chuck Warwick, stated that the board had "alienated a great portion of the black students by doing nothing."

William Froom, chairman of the board stated, "The board meeting is not a place to work out such things." No more changes were made on the 20 rule Code of Conduct and a committee will meet in a closed meeting to discuss both the J.S.R.F.S. and the Code before the next regular board meeting.



Don Lookingbill (right) consults President Staerkel on Student Rights and Freedoms Guideline, which the PC Board turned down May 6.

### Paper Receives Award



Photo by Shirley Hill

THE EDITORS, Parkland editors, Ron Karlstrom, center, Bob King, left, and John Brenner, show some of the calmness rarely seen around 115 W. University Avenue Room 5 as they display their First Place award in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Parkland College PROSPECTUS has been awarded a First Place Certificate in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association competition.

The members of the newspaper staff registered surprise at the award since they had recently been criticized by a district editor, but expressed pleasure at having the good come with the bad.

A First Place award is the highest category, although some papers are selected from this placement for "Medalist" ranking. The Press Association judges evaluated the PROSPECTUS' complete issues from its inception in December through part of April. The paper received 876 out of a total possible 1000 points. First Place is 850-1000 points.

The paper, according to the Association, "is compared with others in its own particular classification and is rated according to its relative standing with ref-

erence to other entries in its class." Parkland's paper was judged with other semi-monthly papers from schools with similar enrollments. It was not judged as a first-year paper.

Among the comments made by the judges were that the paper "strive for a more consistent and adequate development of (the) school's new potentialities." The judge commented that "Yours is

a paper of great potentialities. Try to take greater care in all phases of its production." Specific suggestions were made in journalistic areas such as headline writing, editorial feature writing, and leads.

The paper was entered in the contest so that next year's staff would have the judge's comprehensive critique available to them.

### ASK MINERVA



by Karen Krone

Dear Minerva,  
Recently, I was involved in an automobile accident. I was hurt very badly and the doctors had to remove both my arms and legs. Both my ears are just stubs, and I had to have my head shaved. Luckily, all my eye lashes grew back to their normal length. When I return home, do you think there is hope for me to resume my normal way of life?

Signed,  
Fernando

Dear Fernando,  
Do I have a boy for you? Yes, readers, I finally have matched two people meant for each other. Read on . . .

Dear Minerva,  
I am 18 and have a rather difficult time finding dates. I need a girl who can make me feel superior, so I have made the following qualifications mandatory before I will take a girl out. She must have no arms or legs, ears must be stubby, head bald and most important, long lovely lashes. Can you help me?  
Bernardo

Dear Minerva,  
I have fallen helplessly, hopelessly and without a doubt madly in love with a girl I have never met. I don't even know what she looks like, but I've been reading her weather report in the Sun Shines newspaper for the last 6 years. I can not even be sure she's a girl, except that her predictions are always wrong, so it must be. I know she needs me because I am an expert meteorologist. Please help me find her!  
Stormy

Dear S.,  
You are helplessly, hopelessly and without a doubt mad; and besides that, I hope it rains on you!

### Phi Beta Lambda Has Casino Night

Cheryl Cramer

Parkland's Student Center will be converted into a casino for Parkland's Casino Night Friday from 7-11 p.m.

Phi Beta Lambda, business fraternity, is sponsoring Casino Night where students can try their luck at hearts, craps, euchre, poker, and roulette.

Admission of \$1.00 will be charged entitling the holder to \$5,000 play money to be used for refreshments and games of chance. At the end of the evening the money can be auctioned off for prizes.

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# A NEW DEAL?

Tough economic times, a dynamic new president swept into power: The FDR-Obama comparison is inevitable

By STEVEN THOMMA  
McClatchy Newspapers

**P**resident Barack Obama is about to discover something that his predecessors have known for more than 60 years: Franklin D. Roosevelt's first months in office are both an inspiration and a curse. An inspiration because FDR burst into power with an unprecedented blaze of energy and legislation in an even hundred days that turned the presidency into the powerful office it remains, set the stage for the New Deal and transformed the government. A curse because every president since then has been held to that impossibly high standard. Laying out his own vision in his 1961 inaugural, John F. Kennedy was mindful of the benchmark. "All this will not be finished in the first 100 days," he said. "Nor will it be finished in the first 1,000 days, nor in the life of this administration, nor even perhaps in our life-

time on this planet. But let us begin." Later, Kennedy said it was a misreading of history to expect similar presidential results in far different times. "This period is entirely different from Franklin Roosevelt's day," Kennedy said. "Everyone says that Roosevelt did this and that, why don't we?" No doubt, the times facing Roosevelt were unique. Though the economic crisis facing Obama is real, it is not the same. During Roosevelt's presidency, millions were out of work. The unemployment rate hit 25 percent just before he took office. Banks were fail-

ing by the thousands. People were losing their homes. There was no safety net; FDR hadn't invented it yet. Roosevelt responded with jaunty optimism. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself," he proclaimed in his inaugural address on March 4, 1933. (FDR was the last president sworn in before the inauguration date was moved to Jan. 20.) He called Congress into special session on March 9. His first proposal, to regulate banks, was introduced that day while the ink was still wet, passed by the Senate and House with few members even able to read the proposal, and signed into law — all within eight

hours. By the time Congress adjourned on June 16, exactly 100 days later, Congress had passed 15 major bills.

It was, said historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., "a presidential barrage of ideas and programs unlike anything known in American history."

"No presidential administration had ever done so much so fast," wrote Adam Cohen in "Nothing to Fear," his new book on the bold start of the Roosevelt presidency.

Ironically, Roosevelt at first just wanted members of Congress to come into session to pass his proposed Banking Act. But once he got them into town (Congress was not a year-round institution then), he decided to keep them there and started sending new proposals to Capitol Hill.

Among the laws and agencies created: ■ The Economy Act, slashing federal salaries by 15 percent and cutting government spending;

■ The Federal Emergency Relief Act, funding unemployment compensation programs run by states;

■ The Farm Credit Act, refinancing farm mortgages;

■ The Civilian Conservation Corps, hiring young men to work on such projects as flood control and reforestation;

■ The Tennessee Valley Authority, providing affordable electric power to poor areas;

■ The Truth in Securities Act, regulating Wall Street;

■ The Glass-Steagall Act, creating the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to insure bank accounts and forcing banks to get out of the securities business;

■ The National Industrial Recovery Act, providing money for public works projects, and guaranteeing the right of labor to bargain.

"Congress doesn't pass legislation any more, they just wave at the bills as they go by," said comedian Will Rogers.

As if to toast the frenzied activity, Roosevelt also pushed Congress to legalize beer in an accelerated end to prohibition.

Said Roosevelt, a martini man: "I think this would be a good time for beer."

## Is this the second Hundred Days?

Understandably, all presidents want to get their way as quickly and decisively as Roosevelt. Just as understandably, none want to be judged by the same standard.

Of course, there are worse standards than FDR's Hundred Days. The original term was used to describe the period from Napoleon's march from exile to his defeat at Waterloo and Louis XVIII's return to power in 1815 France.

## Some comparisons between FDR's start and Obama's start

### Conditions

America in late 1932 and early 1933 was a place of shock and despair in the second year of a global depression. Unemployment peaked at 25 percent just before FDR took office. More than 8,000 banks had failed since 1929.

America in 2009 is a place of anxiety, but not despair. Unemployment in January rose to 7.6 percent. Sixty-five banks have failed since 2000.

### Politics

The Democrats had solid majorities in 1933 following back-to-back gains in 1930 and 1932. In 1933, they controlled 313 seats in the House and 60 in the Senate.

Democrats also have solid majorities in 2009 following back-to-back gains in 2006 and 2008. They hold 255 seats in the House and 56 in the Senate, with two independents supporting them and one seat vacant.

### Media

Roosevelt radically changed the way presidents communicate with the people. He abandoned President Herbert Hoover's practice of requiring the press to submit questions in writing, taking spontaneous questions in 30 press conferences in 100 days. He also spoke via radio in two "fireside" chats during the first 100 days.

Obama held two news conferences in his first month, one in the White House and a second, more limited one in Canada. He also communicates via the Internet, sending video messages to supporters via e-mail and posting videotaped versions of his weekly radio address on YouTube.

### Housing

By the time FDR took office, a thousand families a day were losing their homes. He responded with the Home Owners Loan Corporation, purchasing mortgages from hard pressed homeowners and refinancing them at 5 percent interest for 30 years.

Today, foreclosures are soaring. At the start of 2009, one of 10 mortgages was either delinquent or in foreclosure. Obama's answer is the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan to subsidize banks and rewrite the rules so hard-hit homeowners can refinance their loans, spread out their payments at lower rates and keep their homes.

### Jobs

FDR pushed through the National Industrial Recovery Act to create a million jobs, in large part by spending \$400 million to build roads and \$200 million to build Navy ships.

Obama pushed through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to save or create nearly 4 million jobs with \$787 billion worth of spending and tax cuts, including money for roads and bridges.

## FDR's first 100 days

**March 4, 1933.** Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as the 32nd president of the U.S., saying, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

**March 5.** FDR declares a four-day national "bank holiday" starting March 6. All banking transactions stop. Summons Congress into special session for March 9.

**March 9.** Congress passes the Emergency Banking Act, giving FDR broad powers over banks and foreign exchange.

**March 12.** FDR gives first "fireside chat."

**March 31.** Congress passes the Reforestation Relief Act, creating the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC provides work for 250,000 young men in reforestation, road construction and developing national parks.

**April 19.** FDR takes the nation off the gold standard.

**May 12.** Congress passes the Federal Emergency Relief Act, authorizing immediate grants to states for relief projects. And, FDR signs the Agricultural Adjustment Act to provide immediate relief to farmers by setting prices and paying subsidies to curtail production of crops in surplus.

**May 18.** Congress establishes the Tennessee Valley Authority to construct dams and power plants in the Tennessee Valley.

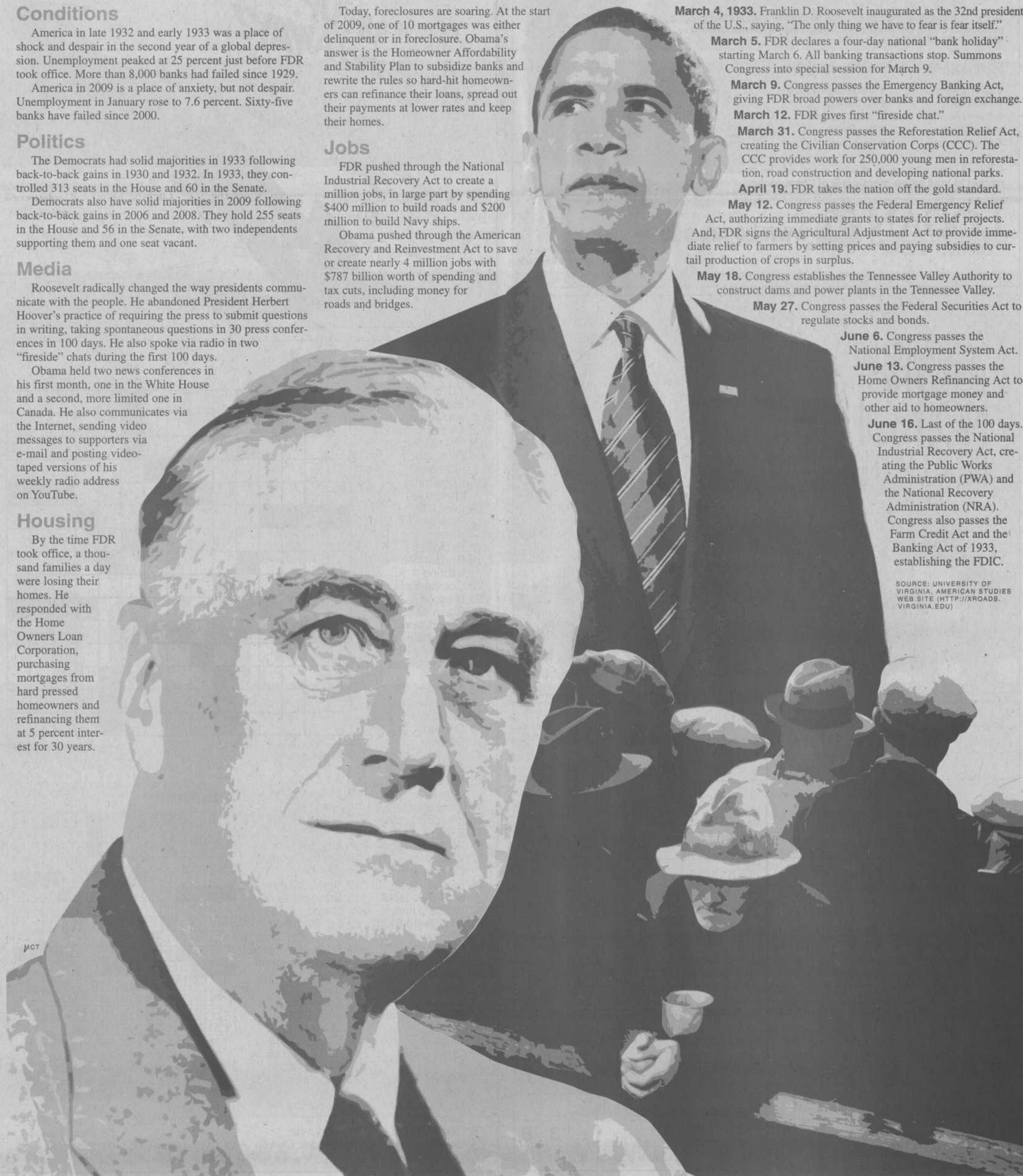
**May 27.** Congress passes the Federal Securities Act to regulate stocks and bonds.

**June 6.** Congress passes the National Employment System Act.

**June 13.** Congress passes the Home Owners Refinancing Act to provide mortgage money and other aid to homeowners.

**June 16.** Last of the 100 days. Congress passes the National Industrial Recovery Act, creating the Public Works Administration (PWA) and the National Recovery Administration (NRA). Congress also passes the Farm Credit Act and the Banking Act of 1933, establishing the FDIC.

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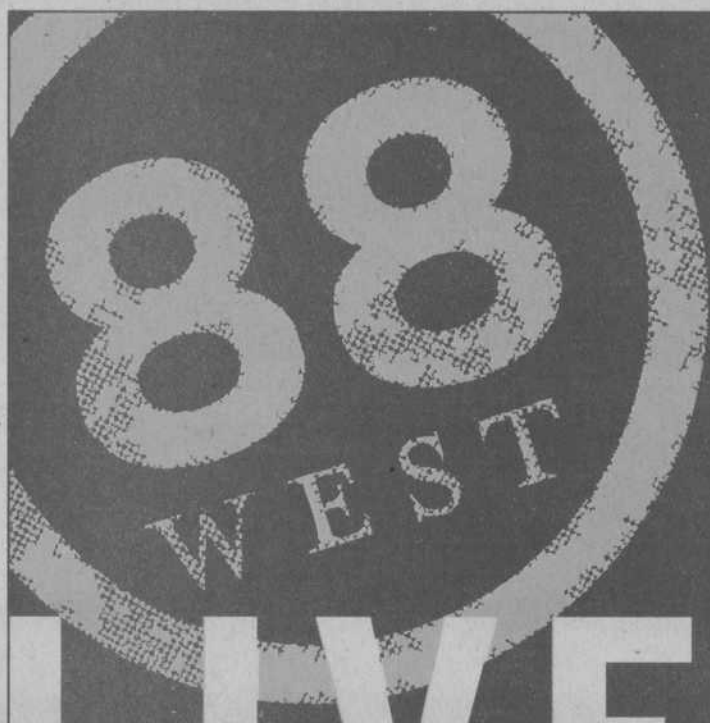
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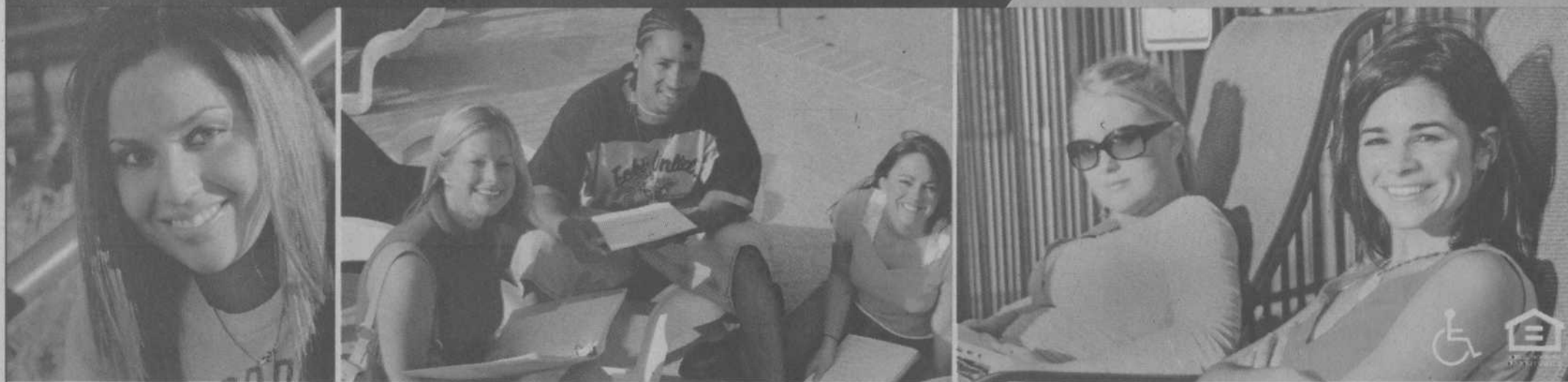


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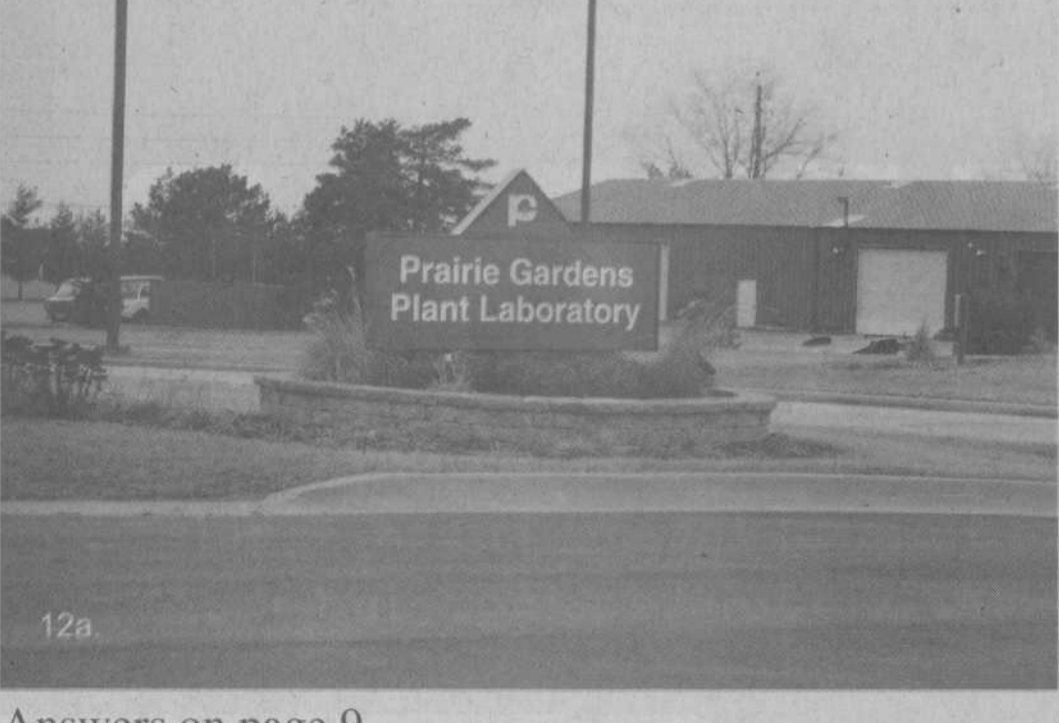
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