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Parkland College Leads Statewide Diversity Program

by Neil Balkcom
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A teacher stands in front of a classroom full of students eager to learn.

He addresses the class. He isn't teaching about a particular historical event or math equation.

He is making derogatory remarks about homosexuals to his students.

The witness to this shocking behavior, Johnnie Johnson, an adjunct faculty member and member of the staff at Joliet Junior College, describes why behavior like this is harmful to students and faculty alike. "A biased person is usually biased in other ways too. They are probably biased towards women or ethnic minorities or other minority groups."

Johnson is just one of the 20 people enrolled in a unique and oftentimes sensitive education program. Pauline Kayes, professor of English at Parkland College, started the Cultural Diversity in Education Program. In 1994, Kayes received one of only twelve Ford Foundation grants to devise and implement a three-week summer institute on curriculum transformation for Illinois community college faculty in the humanities and social sciences. Since then, the program that she established has mushroomed. The Pilot Statewide project is a variation of Cultural Diversity in

Education Program. Because of the high demand from colleges and K-12 schools across Illinois for education workshops that focus on multicultural education and diversity issues for educators and administrators, Kayes is now training others to do what she has been doing since the program's inception: Educating educators about the cultural transformation of the classroom, curricula, school, college, state, country, and even the world.

This is not solely a racial issue. It also tackles issues of gender, sexual orientation, religion, language, mental or physical disability and ethnicity. It confronts any bias that would further push away students who are already on "the margin," as Kayes says.

The program consists of seven workshops that take place over the course of about eight months and focus on topics like, "Understanding How Our Biases, Assumptions, and Stereotypes Impact Educational Climate and Achievement," and "Creating Inclusive Classrooms for Culturally Diverse and Minority Students."

The evidence that such a program is needed in our educational institutions is often times ignored or misunderstood by those in the majority, mainly whites, but can't be denied. Research has shown that students in the minority

consistently collide with problems concerning their education. For these students, retention rates, completion, achievement, test scores and success are much lower than of those in the majority. While the problem remains complex, the answer is simple: The atmosphere, curriculum, policies and teaching styles of an educational experience cannot be monocultural.

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Olga Ruiz, another participant in the program and faculty member at Truman College in Chicago, explains that "when a teacher who might have a student from a different culture or country says that 'the only language that can be spoken in this classroom is English,' " that student is put on the margin of his or her right to learn. This in turn hinders how the student tests, learns, interacts with other classmates and interacts with the teacher. Ruiz says that it is wrong for a teacher to say "I

know what's best; you have to conform." Johnson agrees, "I teach sociology and have been for 20 years, and I still don't know everything about it." Johnson refers to this kind of education as "applied sociology." Johnson says the textbooks that she uses in her class outline theory, but this program allows her to apply the sociology directly to her students. The way she teaches is different, the way she views her students is different and the way her students react is nothing but positive. "It's wonderful, it's edifying and it's refreshing my career," Johnson said of the program.

The program stresses in its third workshop that the classroom is not just a place to take notes and test, but it is a "social system," a place where students are not only educated, but where their personalities are shaped, their perceptions are changed, their maturity is reaped and their knowledge and wisdom is created.

Hate is not innate. Johnson says that she has learned how to be empathetic to someone who commits a crime or act of hate. "Hate crimes don't occur overnight, they occur in steps," Johnson says. The premise is to understand how hate, bias, stereotypes and labels come into fruition. This understanding is not to offer an excuse, Johnson says, but exists in order to broaden the understanding of

people and behaviors and how they affect other people, behaviors, learning processes, culture and our society in general.

The educational institutions that participate in the program are as diverse as the people that participate are. Schools from all across Illinois that range from kindergarten to college level are involved: Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg; College of Dupage, Glen Ellyn; Centennial High School, Champaign School District 4; Illinois Joliet College, East Peoria; Joliet Junior College, Joliet; Lincolnland Community College, Springfield; Malcolm X College, Chicago; Richland Community College, Decatur; Truman College, Chicago; and Urbana School District 116. All of the schools involved are eager to see the results that will follow. Many of the schools already have established diversity groups or committees. In fact, that is how Johnson became involved. Johnson is the coordinator of the Joliet Area Math, Science, Composition and Educational Enrichment Program (JAMSCEEP), which operates like a Headstart program for high-school students. She is also the Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee at Joliet Junior College.

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Israel Tightens Borders After Bus Driver Plows Into Group Of Soldiers, Killing Eight

by Colin McMahon
Chicago Tribune

AZUR, Israel—Frightened and enraged by a horrific mass killing at a bus stop outside Tel Aviv, Israel tightened travel to and from the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Wednesday and considered new measures to restrict movement of Palestinians inside Israel.

The attack at the suburban Azur bus stop, in which a Palestinian bus driver deliberately plowed into a rush hour, roadside crowd of young soldiers and civilian commuters Wednesday morning, killed eight and left at least 20 injured.

The incident was the bloodiest committed against Israelis since the Palestinian territories erupted in a violent uprising more than four months ago and followed by a day Israel's assassination of a Palestinian security officer.

Reaction mixed anger and anxiety. Some Israelis called for shutting off the Palestinian territories. Others feared that the incident might provoke even more violent acts of retaliation.

President Bush appealed for restraint. He condemned



Ariel Sharon, Israel's newly elected Prime Minister, visits the Western Wall. Sharon has said that he will take a harder line against Palestinians than Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Sharon easily defeated Prime Minister Barak in an election held on February 6, 2001.

the Azur attack in a condolence call to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. "The tragic cycle of violent action and reaction between Israel and the Palestinians, particularly the escalation this week, needs to stop," Bush said. "I'm urging all parties to do their utmost to end the violence."

This kind of attack was unexpected in a land accustomed to shootings, explosions and other assaults of modern weaponry.

The man being held in the attack, Khalil Abu Olbeh of Gaza City, is an unlikely assailant. He is a father of five, who has five years of experience driving buses for Egged, the Israeli intercity bus cooperative.

Abu Olbeh received his latest clearance only two weeks ago from Israeli security forces to perform his job of transporting Palestinian laborers from Gaza to work in Israel. Shortly before 8 a.m. Wednesday, Abu Olbeh had delivered his regular passengers and was approaching the Azur junction in his empty bus.

The bus stop was crowded as usual, packed with civilians who switch buses here or

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You May Find Your Way When You Arrive

by Paul Apodaca
Staff Writer

Have you ever been out there, driving in your car going somewhere, or nowhere, and all of a sudden you come to a crossroad and wonder where that goes to. Or maybe you're driving in a valley full of rolling hills, and wonder what's over that hill? I do it all the time; it's like a mystery to me. Where does that road go? What is at the end of that mysterious looking tree-canopied, winding road? I believe that these curious inquiries are very similar to life.

You wander through life always looking for the mystery on the other side of the mountain or the other side of the fence. Where am I going to, you ask? What will I be when I grow up? I ask myself that even today, at almost 65 years of age. I've been around a bit. I have been from Maine to Spain, but I have not been there!

And where is there? Anywhere I have not been, I reply. That is the mystery of life: what have you not seen or experienced yet. In LAS189 at Parkland, you are given the opportunity to explore that question, to search for the answer and to feel such a tremendous sense of exhilaration and accomplishment when you find your answer. I specifically say "your answer" because that is how personal the experience becomes. It is yours alone, because you determine the significance of the question and the intensity of the search. What do you really know about our history as a nation? Do you know

what events in the past have shaped your life in the present? Are you aware of the freedoms you may take for granted? Listen carefully when you're in your history class. Get involved in your education.

Now, I've told you pretty much what I'm about, and where I think I am going, because I do know who I am and what my strengths and weaknesses are. Why don't you sit down and examine who you are. Where are you going? What do you want to be? These can be hard, difficult questions. You may not know the answers to these questions and you shouldn't be expected to. You have an abundance of time to answer those questions. Right now, what you need to work on is, "who am I."

There are many people at Parkland College who genuinely and sincerely care about you. For example, Financial Aid will help you with money problems; counselors will do everything to help you overcome stress-related problems. Regarding courses and schedules, academic/scheduling counselors can help. If there a problem associated with living arrangements or expenses, you can receive help from Financial Aid. Have you spoken with your professors about workload problems?

The point is, if you sometimes lose your way, don't know where you're at or where you're going, don't be afraid to ask for help or guidance. You can even call me. I may often get lost on a road in the country, but I always find my way back. Maybe I can help you find your way as well.

Student Government Spotlight

by Danish Nagda
Staff Writer

The ground hog has seen his shadow, so we are stuck indoors again. With some time on your hands, why not enjoy the many activities Parkland College has organized for you? There will be a number of major events at Parkland, including the Culture Fair.

I'd like to correct a statement that I made in my previous article. The tuition paid by a student isn't \$3000 per year, rather it is the approximate price paid per semester.

During this semester, we have had amazing progress and have added two more members to our team, Senator Rebekah Beachey and Senator Jeremy Scharlow. Both are incredibly hardworking and extremely cooperative and I wish them the best of luck.

I'd like to continue this tribute to the Student Government members by mentioning a Senior Senator. Paula Hendricks, a hardworking, organized, and "sweet" girl is always full of thought and always strives for perfection. She is truly a team player and has been both a strong physical and emotional support for us. She is extremely amicable and has helped the bus committee

with her interesting and necessary questions and suggestions. She is also our main sports representative and I'm sure she'd want me to tell you, "go watch the games!"

Next we have my brother, Daud Nagda, who is another hard worker and a team player. He has helped me both as a colleague and a senator. He is the present co-chair of the successful website committee and an active member of the bus committee. With his efforts to increase Student Government awareness, he has also been part of the Publicity Committee and has been working behind the scenes for the talent show.

As a government, not only have we had progress, but we have grown as a group. We work hard everyday to provide you with helpful educational and recreational events. These events are the brainchild of another hardworking and organized individual, John Eby, the Activity Manager.

What have we done? I hope this tribute has helped answer that question. If it hasn't, I'd love to talk to you about any complaints you have with or any suggestions that you can give us. You can call me personally at 351-2227 or e-mail me at dnagda1@parkland.cc.il.us.

Surpassing Inequality Requires Help

by Paul Apodaca
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"How does she do it?" I wondered aloud as my wife and I watched our very young neighbor load her young child into her rather dilapidated car, struggling with her book bag and a stroller that had seen better times. We were leaving our home in Savoy on a bitterly cold morning in January, heading for Parkland and our newly developed commitment to claiming an education. "I agree," said my wife Kitty, "but you have to give her credit. That young woman is not much more than a child herself, but there she is, carrying her load."

We had observed her for some time now as she patiently tends to her child and housework. We watched not in pity, but in admiration and amazement as she went through life in the mornings, at school (she is a Parkland student), and at other times, when we would accidentally bump into her at the grocery store. She has no husband, but she has an abundance of courage and will power. She worked at one of the major discount stores and was receiving financial aid for college, she informed us, but other than that she was on her own.

Out of respect and interest

for her welfare, we offered our assistance in any way that she might need us: baby-sitting services, an interested and sympathetic shoulder to lean on, or some money between paydays, if necessary. "She's a survivor," we both agreed and she will be okay.

But, what of the other young ladies who are in a similar or identical situation and don't have the resources, strength or the support of a caring and compassionate family. How many equally strong and dedicated single mothers are struggling till they fall with no one to help them up?

Parkland offers assistance and counseling for people of all ages when life just gets to be too much, and we all have difficulty coping at times! There are men of all ages in our society who have just as difficult times getting through each day. In the cold stark reality of life we discover that we are not all equal in a society that insists we are. Look around you and seek out that individual who "seems to be okay," but really isn't. Take the time to care, and offer a hand up, not out. As my loving wife frequently reminds me, "Be wary of that stranger you turn away from, it could be an angel in disguise."

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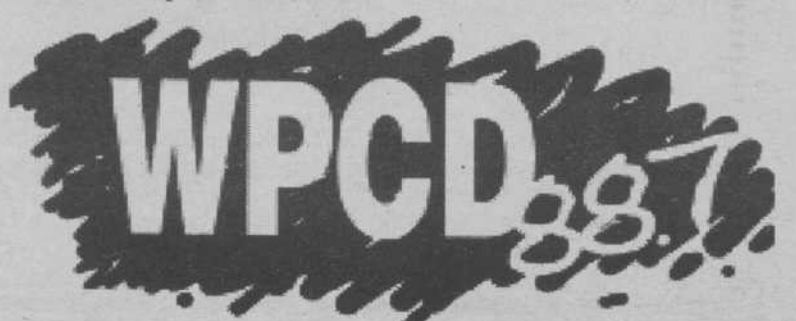
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Liberal Schools More Conservative When Constructing, Changing Policies

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When looking at photographs of all of the participants, each face tells you something different. Each face is different. It is the best example of the project's principle argument: the rapidly changing demographics of the United States will force institutions to change the way they view diversity and multiculturalism. Some institutions made this change several years ago. But, surprisingly, the institutions are from the corporate sector, not academia. Why? "It all comes down to money," says Kayes. If a company sees that it is losing money because of conflicts that involve diversity issues,

it usually takes swift action to engineer a solution. Almost every major corporation has some form of diversity education for its employees. With the changing demographics in the United States, and the rise of the global economy, more and more people of different races, languages, religions and customs are participating with American companies and directly affecting the American economy.

Many learning institutions in America are unwilling to do anything about the problem, unwilling to recognize that a problem exists, and if they do recognize the problem, they are unwilling to admit that it is of their own malefaction.

Monocultural classrooms affect everyone. Diversity affects everyone. Education affects everyone. An old Native American adage that addresses life says "whatever you do to the Web, you do to yourself." This is pertinent to education, as well.

The world is changing and American culture is changing. If education does not change with it, intolerance, biases and divisiveness will follow. Margaret Mead, an American anthropologist, said it best: "If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place."

Court Says Schools Must Allow Possible Harassment Based on Race, Sexual Orientation

by Joseph A. Slobodzian
Knight-Ridder

PHILADELPHIA—In a decision that could affect public schools throughout the country, a federal appeals court panel Wednesday ruled that a Pennsylvania school district's anti-harassment policy violates the free-speech right of Christian students to speak out against homosexuality.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit unanimously invalidated the State College Area School District's two-year-old Anti-Harassment Policy as being "overly broad." Under the policy, wrote U.S. Circuit Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr., a student could be disciplined for making a comment that another student overheard, found offensive, and reported to school officials.

"There is no categorical 'harassment exception' to the First Amendment's free speech clause," Alito wrote, adding that the policy banned much speech that is not considered harassment under federal or state law.

School officials nationwide have been trying for years to cope with an increase in harassment of various types among students, conscious of their legal liability if they ignore the problem.

David B. Consiglio, the lawyer for State College Area School District, said he would have to consult with school officials before deciding whether to appeal.

The Third Circuit's decision is binding on federal judges in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Experts said the ruling could expose

hundreds of districts to similar challenges.

"I don't know how many school districts have policies as broad as State College's, but it is probably a significant number," said Michael I. Levin, a lawyer for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

"There are a lot of them like State College, and a lot of them are going to fall," said Bryan J. Brown, a lawyer for the Mississippi-based American Family Association Center for Law and Policy, a conservative legal group.

Brown said the State College ruling was the first by a federal appeals court addressing the free-speech implications of school harassment policies.

Brown sued the State College Area School District in 1999 on behalf of David Warren Saxe, a Pennsylvania State University education professor, member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, and legal guardian of two children in the State College district.

According to the appeals opinion, Saxe's children are Christians who believe that homosexuality is a sin and is harmful, and that they have a duty to "witness," or share their beliefs, with gay people.

Doing so, Saxe's lawsuit said, would expose his children to discipline ranging from warning to expulsion under the Anti-Harassment Policy.

State College's policy prohibits "unwelcome verbal, written or physical conduct which offends, denigrates or belittles an individual," the opinion said.

The policy's specified types of banned harassment include race, religion, ethnicity, disability and sex, as well as "clothing, physical appearance, social skills, peer group, intellect, educational program, hobbies or values, etc."

Brown said the policy fails to differentiate between free speech about controversial issues that some may find offensive and individualized targeted harassment that disrupts a student's opportunity to learn.

While declining to comment specifically about the ruling, Philadelphia School District spokesman Paul Hanson said the district's anti-harassment policy bans harassment directed toward an individual.

Alito wrote that since 1969, the Supreme Court has carved out several narrow circumstances in which school officials may restrict free speech.

A school may categorically ban "lewd, vulgar or profane language," Alito wrote, and may regulate speech to meet a "legitimate pedagogical concern."

"Speech falling outside of these categories ... may be regulated only if it would substantially disrupt school operations or interfere with the rights of others," Alito added.



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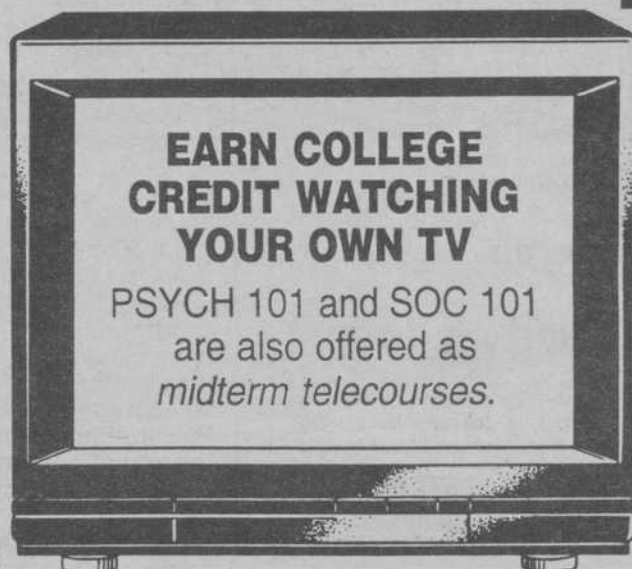
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El Salvador: Second Massive Quake Claims Over 300; Officials Say Death Toll Will Rise

After the people of El Salvador were just starting to rebuild their lives from a massive earthquake in January that registered 7.6 magnitude, yet another quake struck, leaving over 300 dead. The quake occurred even before authorities were finished accounting for missing people from the last quake on January 13 that killed 844. Doctors and nurses were quickly overwhelmed by the injured, some of them using the back of pick-up trucks to treat the victims, the Associated Press reported. Officials estimate that the death toll could rise much higher due to landslides that have sealed off entire communities from relief workers. This most recent quake had a magnitude of 6.6. Quakes and aftershocks have devastated the Central American country that was the scene of a brutal 12-year civil war that ended in 1992 because of a U.N. brokered agreement.

The following Agencies are accepting donations for the quake victims:

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Afghan Opposition Scores Major Gain Against Taliban

Opposition forces, led by ousted President Burhanuddin Rabbani, captured a strategic city in central Afghanistan last week, according to the Associated Press. Taliban officials confirmed that opposition forces had ambushed them and forced them out of the city. The Taliban took over the country in 1996 and have been pushing back opposition forces since then. The Taliban now controls between 90 and 95 percent of the country and has imposed strict Islamic law. Currently, Afghanistan is suffering from a devastating drought that is causing droves of Afghans to flee the country. Afghanistan is also suffering from harsh sanctions imposed by the U.S. and the U.N. last month.

NATION BRIEFS

Study: Millions of Americans Have Undetected Strokes Yearly

A new study says that 11 million Americans each year suffer strokes but are unaware because of a lack of obvious symptoms, the Associated Press reported. The strokes may not be life threatening, but researchers say that they can contribute to memory problems and other illnesses. Doctors have been aware for some time of an incidence called "silent strokes," which are minute dead cells in the brain that do not trigger classic stroke symptoms, but the new study shows that these silent strokes are actually very common. Some 750,000 stroke victims suffer classic strokes each year, which result in slurred speech, loss of vision, dizziness or numbness on one side of the body. The researchers also discovered that many people have multiple silent strokes in a year and tabulated together, Americans suffer 22 million silent strokes annually. Strokes occur when brain tissue is damaged due to clotting or an obstruction caused by clotted blood or foreign matter in the bloodstream.

President Gore? Not Anymore

If the hand ballot count had continued in Orange County Florida, Al Gore would have gained 203 more votes than the now President Bush, the Orlando Sentinel reported. The U.S. Supreme Court halted the count of ballots that could not be read by a vote-counting machine. Bush would have gained 298 votes and Gore would have gained 501 votes. That would put Gore ahead of Bush's then 537 vote lead and Florida's 25 electoral votes would have gone to Gore. Before the Supreme Court ruling that halted the count was enforced, the Orange County Canvassing Board had only examined about 15 percent of the disputed votes. The Sentinel review found that hand recounts would have benefited Gore much more than Bush, even though most of the counties in Florida are Republican. Doug Head, chairman of the Orange County Democratic Party said, "I'm delighted Orange County has done this recount, and I think it's now pretty evident who won Florida." But Lew Oliver, chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, was, of course, not as pleased with the outcome of the latest recount. "I would have to question the accuracy of this . . . It's garbage," he said.

by Neil Balkcom, Editor-in-Chief

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Israelis inspect the wreckage of a public bus that was driven into a crowd of Israeli soldiers and commuters by a Palestinian driver at a bus stop in Azur, Israel, Feb. 14, 2001. Seven soldiers were among the dead and at least 17 others were hurt.

Family Says 'Natural Reaction' For Troubled Man

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Abu Olbeh slowed, so much that Avi Nager, a 45-year-old construction worker riding behind the bus on a scooter, considered overtaking it.

Then suddenly, the red-and-white bus accelerated, Nager and others said. Abu Olbeh increased the speed of the vehicle, empty except for himself, to about 50 mph. He jumped a curb and plowed into the commuters, the witnesses said.

"We saw it come up on the sidewalk," said 19-year-old Moshe Sarussi. "It came up like a wave in the sea. It just came over them."

"I didn't think about what happened, I just tried to help people," said Meir Sabag, a 20-year-old member of the Israeli air force. "People were saying, 'What happened? Where am I?'"

Abu Olbeh fled the scene. A taxi driver followed. Then police joined in.

After a high-speed chase across 20 miles, police fired on Abu Olbeh and the bus crashed into a truck. Abu Olbeh was wounded in the chest but was recovering Wednesday night after surgery in a local hospital.

His friends and family in Gaza said Abu Olbeh had been troubled of late. He was particularly despondent, a brother in Gaza said, over the deaths and injuries to Palestinian children, most of them during clashes with Israeli soldiers.

"Yesterday he told me he was thinking about many things," Hussein Abu Olbeh said of his brother. "My brother was always pained when heard that Israelis have killed children. The incident today was a natural reaction."

Like hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who have economic ties to Israel, the bus driver was suffering financially since the Palestinian uprising began at the end of September.

Partly for security, partly to pressure the Palestinian Authority and partly as what Arabs say is a collective pun-

ishment, Israel has severely restricted the rights of Palestinian laborers to cross into Israel. As a result, the Egged buses that transport documented Palestinian workers were running only rarely.

Israeli police are investigating whether Abu Olbeh acted on his own. At least two callers to Israeli and Arab media stations claimed responsibility for the attack, including one who said he represented Hamas. But Abu Olbeh's family said he had no ties to the Islamic militant group. A Hamas spokesman was evasive about whether his group played a role.

In Ankara, Turkey, Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat said it was unclear if the attack was more than a "road accident."

"Whatever the cause, we are against the use of violence and of course killing people," he said. "It happened on their territory, they're investigating, and that's it as far as I'm concerned."

The aftermath of Abu Olbeh's attack, the bloodiest in Israel since suicide bombings ripped through a Jerusalem market in June, 1997, was grim.

Boots, jackets and backpacks were scattered about, along with a Jewish prayer shawl. Victims moaning in pain sat among corpses. Seven of the dead were soldiers, one a civilian. Most were from Ashkelon, a port city closer to Gaza than to Tel Aviv.

Protesters arrived as well, some who shouted, "Death to Arabs!"

In the hospitals where the injured were taken there was frustration too.

"All the terrorists want to do is destroy everything that is good," said Elvira Dubin, 41, a factory worker who immigrated from the Soviet Union 11 years ago. Her 19-year-old son, studying now before entering the army next year, had arm and head injuries.

"How do you protect yourself from something like this?" she asked. "It's impossible. Such things are so unpredictable."

But Dubin's 42-year-old

husband, Mikhail, also a factory worker, said he had a good place to start. A supporter of Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon, Mikhail Dubin said he expected the new Israeli leader to adopt a firmer hand with the Palestinians once he forms a coalition government and takes over from Barak.

"Close down the territories," Dubin said. "With the situation now, the Arabs are allowed to come and go. Just close the territories down. Blockade them. Use the power that Israel has."

For many Israelis, especially in such stressful times, the idea is seductive.

Taken to the extreme, Israel would create its own borders and, as a result, create a Palestinian state. More likely is a tighter version of what is in place now. Palestinian areas would be sealed off, roadblocks and checkpoints would be strengthened and the movement of goods and people would be severely limited.

It would be the only way to stop such attacks, some Israelis said, to keep all potential attackers out of Israel.

"We should be here and they should be there," said Meir Chaim, 73, who lives across from where the killings occurred. "We give them food and work and they betray us. We cannot trust the Arabs."

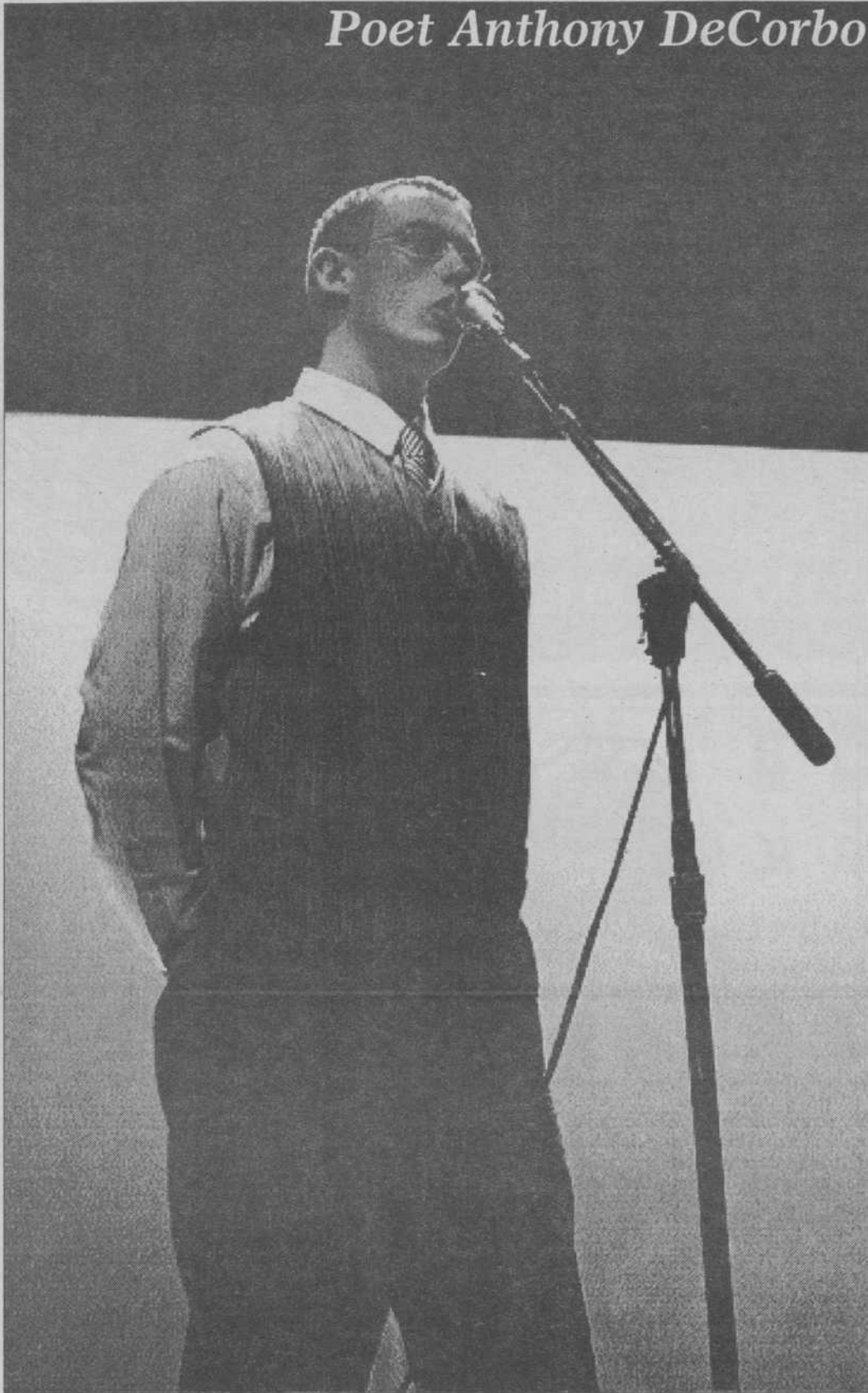
While the idea of complete separation appears attractive to some Israelis, Palestinians see it as essentially creating an apartheid system - separate and tremendously unequal. Their economy depends dramatically on ties with Israel. Without control of their own borders, the Palestinians would be hard-pressed to trade with other countries.

Since the uprising began, about 400 people have died, the vast majority of them Palestinians. Sharon's Feb. 6 election spurred a surge in shootings by Palestinian gunmen who say they are determined to show Sharon that his hard-line measures would not cow them.

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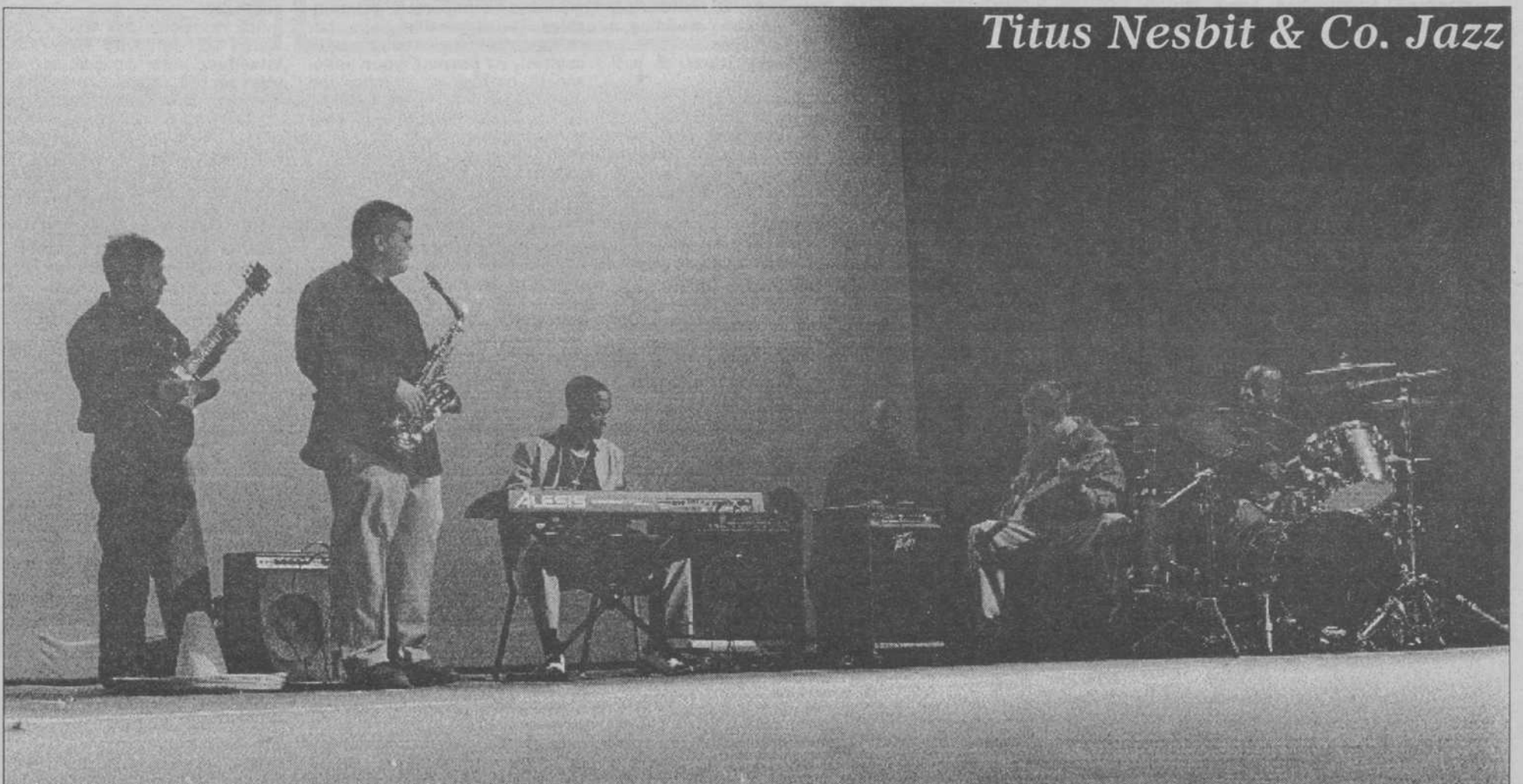
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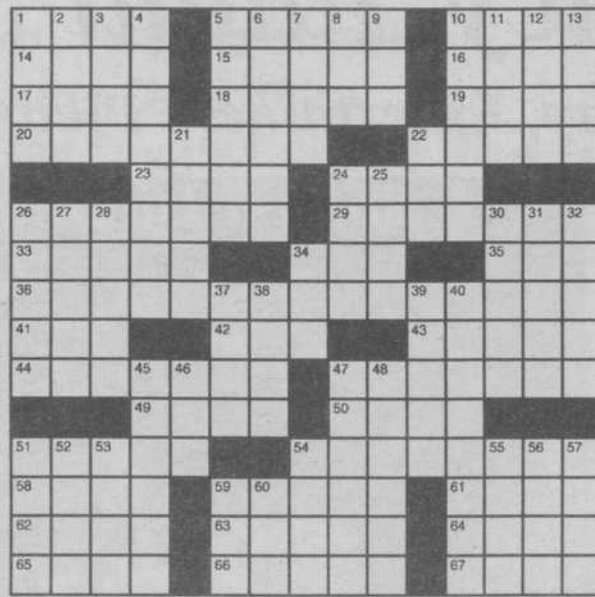


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 35 Fury
 36 Favre's flock?
 41 Arbor of Michigan?
 42 Regret
 43 Gold bar
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 47 Vocations
 49 Verdi heroine
 50 Nursery rhyme opener
 51 Prepare for the bout
 54 Liveliness
 58 Ringer
 59 Spicy Mexican dish
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 62 Feed the kitty
 63 Atelier stand
 64 Pocket bread
 65 Crude cross
 66 Mild expletive
 67 Tarot interpreter
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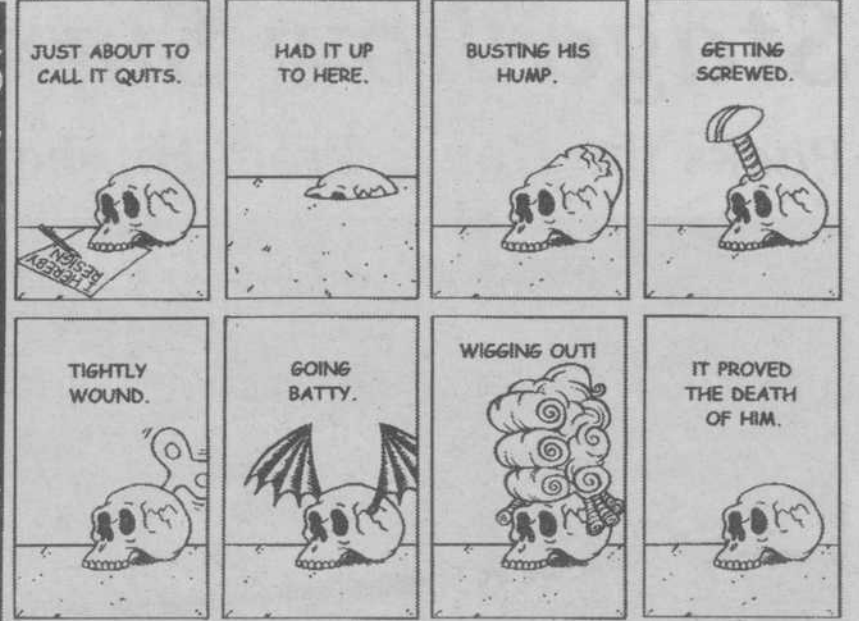


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Solutions

1	PITFALL	11	ADDITIONAL	21	MASTER	31	BLOOPER	41	ARBOR OF MICHIGAN?
2	UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT	12	ALL TIED UP	22	CHICKEN/KING CONNECTOR	32	TAKES TEN	42	REGRET
3	MOVIE DOG	13	EPIC TALE	23	PART OF A PROCEDURE	33	ENGENDERED	43	GOLD BAR
4	PARTRIDGE PERCH	14	NEBRASKA RIVER	24	VENTRILQUIST BERGEN	34	NIMBUS	44	COME BACK IN
5	STRESS	15	WRITING TOOLS	25	SEINE TRIBUTARY	35	APPROXIMATELY	45	VERDI HEROINE
6	NEBRASKA RIVER	16	THAI BUDDHIST	26	GODDESS OF PEACE	36	PATELLAS	46	NURSERY RHYME OPENER
7	WRITING TOOLS	17	BEFORE, TO A BARD	27	FEUDAL LORD	37	SKI LIFT	47	PREPARE FOR THE BOUT
8	THAI BUDDHIST	18	A CAMEGIE	28	BLOOPER	38	CITY ON THE TRUCKEE	48	LIVELINESS
9	BEFORE, TO A BARD	19	A CAMEGIE	29	ENGENDERED	39	CHOIR PART	49	RINGER
10	A CAMEGIE	20	A CAMEGIE	30	LIKE A SNAKE READY TO STRIKE	40	PASSPORT	50	SPICY MEXICAN DISH
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13	EPIC TALE	33	ENGENDERED	43	GOLD BAR	53	CITY ON THE TRUCKEE	57	THAI BUDDHIST
14	NEBRASKA RIVER	34	NIMBUS	44	COME BACK IN	54	CHOIR PART	58	BEFORE, TO A BARD
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Weekly Horoscopes FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19TH

by Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20)
Image: "In the attic, a shoe box filled with old love letters"
Message: Finding the truth.
 Romance is now prepared to move rapidly forward: before mid-week expect both lovers and long term friends to openly declare their intentions. Passionate expression is positive, Aries: over the next few weeks expect key relationships to deepen or become highly demanding. Unattached Aries natives can expect several new attractions: watch for a previously shy lover to soon present ultimatums. Late this week authority figures will challenge your ideas or daily habits: don't over react to small criticisms.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)
Image: "A white balloon wafting over a mountain top"
Message: Letting go.
 Home relationships now begin a phase of cosy appreciation, Taurus. Over the next few days watch for close friends or relatives to release past stresses and financial worries. A relaxed social atmosphere will now arrive in family matters: enjoy quiet, meaningful moments with loved ones. After Thursday expect also to resolve a recently bothersome ownership disagreement. Areas of concern are property matters, leases or short term written agreements. Stay alert, Taurus.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Image: "In a king's crown, five brilliant red jewels"
Message: Proud displays.
 Written documents and long term contracts are now a prime focus. Before mid-week watch for authority figures to recognize your full potential: use this time to solidify agreements and put group proposals into action. Some Geminis may also develop a secondary income source:

residual payments or new contracts are accented. Later this week romantic discussions will be delicate: expect loved ones to be moody and unresponsive. Remain patient, Gem: much is changing.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Image: "Masses of ivy growing up an ancient stone wall"
Message: Claiming space.
 Late Wednesday watch for a key official or long reliable colleague to alter their daily strategy or research methods. Many Cancerians will now encounter new work priorities or a last minute shift of assignments: watch for group politics or an unusual power play between officials. Remain balanced, Cancer: ego battles will fade by early next week. After mid-week watch also for a quick disagreement between friends. Complex romantic issues and willful personalities are involved: don't confront.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
Image: "Glue in hand, a young boy mending a broken cup"
Message: Making it stick.
 Early this week, Leo, key officials may question your time schedule or professional habits: expect unusual communications or messages from authority figures. Thoroughly explain your intentions, Leo: even though tensions may be high, this is the right time to publicly restate your needs, ideals and plans. After Thursday social relations and new friendships will be particularly rewarding: expect new acquaintances to be quickly drawn to your charm, wit and humor.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)
Image: "In a smoke filled forest, hooting owls"
Message: Intense moments.
 Over the next few days expect loved ones to request more of your time and emotional

dedication: key issues involve minor jealousies over new friendships or long withheld feelings of isolation. Old and new relationships may require delicate attention this week, Virgo: let others know that you are socially or emotionally available. After Friday an absent relative or forgotten friend may reappear. Remain alert to unusual business proposals or vague property agreements: avoid financial risk, if at all possible.

Libra (September 23-October 23)
Image: "At a country wedding, a laughing bridegroom"
Message: Celebrations of passion.
 Long awaited friendships or business contacts will be the theme over the next few days, Libra. Late Tuesday morning watch for both friends and key officials to propose new schedules or increased activities. Some Librans will this week leave behind past social regrets and outdated career ideals: expect a compelling wave of confidence and life direction to soon arrive. After Thursday watch also for a sharp increase in romantic attraction and social flirtation. An exciting few days, Libra: enjoy!

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)
Image: "At the bottom of the ocean, a can of peas"
Message: Yesterday's garbage.
 Past resentments will be difficult to avoid this week: watch for both relatives and authority figures to now be moody, self absorbed or overly critical. Some Scorpions will now witness the underlying jealousies of a manager or key official. Areas of concern may involve favored colleagues, career disappointments or highly demanding schedules. Avoid serious discussions, if at all possible: over the next 16 days private tensions will be deeply felt. An oddly

emotional week, Scorp: stay focused.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Image: "After a long day, Picasso cleaning his brushes"
Message: Drawing the line.
 Over the next few days, Sage, a close friend or relative may be particularly nostalgic or sentimental. Key issues are past romantic regrets or family disappointments: expect loved ones to now be highly focused on past mistakes in important relationships. Be supportive, Sage, but refuse to be emotionally drained. At present, your philosophic outlook or compassion may derail your judgement: let others work through their own problems.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20)
Image: "After midnight, a cactus blooming in the desert"
Message: Determination.
 Powerful romantic feelings may arrive early this week, Cap: before Thursday watch for both long term friends and potential lovers to be strongly focused on bringing greater intimacy into present relationships. For many Capricorns this period of romantic attraction represents a key turning point in stalled relationships: expect loved ones and new attractions to now demand a more permanent place in your life. A highly charged few days, Cap: remain open to passionate changes.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19)
Image: "Huddled in a tiny nest, 5 cosy mice"
Message: Planning a future.
 Romantic promises and home agreements will now be clarified: before mid-week expect loved ones to express a powerful need for solid agreements, daily commitments and shared career ambition. Confidence and strong

feelings of ownership are now on the rise, Aquarius: expect romantic partners to soon make obvious their values, intentions and motivations. Remain cautious and take extra time for key decisions: loved ones are now closely studying your actions and reactions.

Pisces (February 20-March 20)
Image: "During a newscast, a reporter with the hiccups"
Message: Stressful moments.
 Financial agreements or new contracts may soon require quick revisions: late Wednesday watch for authority figures to introduce new procedures or unexpected time restraints. Working relationships may be unclear or confused over the next few days, Pisces: expect messages, ideas or instructions to be misleading. After mid-week new friends or social events may compete for your undivided attention. Choose relaxation over hype, Pisces: energy may be low.

If your birthday is this week...opt for romantic security over exciting, seductive affairs. For the next 4 to 5 months many Pisceans will experience a test of emotional values or unique social challenge to key relationships. Don't be derailed, Pisces: astrologically, this is actually an indication that powerful romantic intimacy and positive life choices will arrive by mid to late July. Later next month watch also for a surprising business alliance or career opportunity: communications, new technologies or unusual forms of marketing, advertising or publicity will soon be an ongoing theme. This year will bring many new challenges, Pisces: don't rely on the past for direction.



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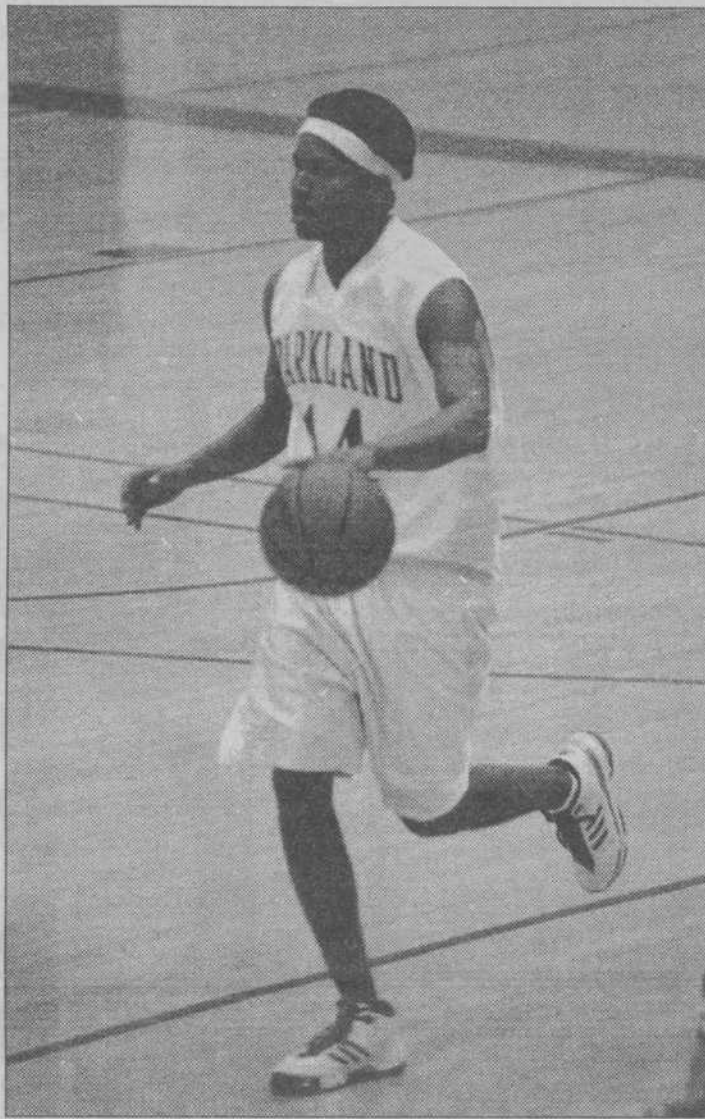
by Danish Nagda
Staff Writer

As Senior Senator Paula Hendricks puts it, "It is simply a women's basketball game followed by a men's basketball game with the chief purpose to 'Pack the Place'." In reality, it means much more. During the Spring semester, Hendricks, a Student Government Senator, received several complaints concerning attendance at games and the athletes were not only losing their morale, but they were also unhappy that they weren't receiving much support.

As a result, Paula decided to do something about it. Her high school had used the "Pack the Place" strategy and had achieved great success. When she presented her ideas to Rod Lovett, the Athletics Director, he embraced them and since then, has helped Paula with this project, as he also believes that it could dramatically increase attendance.

What is the main aim of "Pack the Place?" As mentioned above and by the name, it is to increase attendance at athletic events. Hendricks states that it is an attempt to fill up the "whole gymnasium." Yet, more importantly, it is an event to show players that they have support. The girl's team is one of the best in the country, yet how many of us have gone to any of their games? If you were in a nationally recognized team and your school wasn't supporting you, wouldn't that aspect have an effect on your morale? Now you can show your support and Parkland is helping you do so by providing you with an opportunity to go to this exciting event "that's like no other," Hendricks says.

What's so different about "Pack the Place?" What differentiates it from any other game day? The first distinguishing factor is



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food; all Parkland students who attend the event will get free pizza and beverages between the women's and men's games. On top of that, at halftime the hosts will hold some fun competitions where they are going to give away prizes. These competitions are interactive, so they will give you a chance to show off your skills and maybe even go home with one of the awesome prizes.

Top 10 High School point guard's in the country

Basketball player	Height	High School	College choice
1. Dajuan Wagner	6-2	Camden HS (Camden, N.J.)	Memphis
2. Jonathan Hargett	5-11	National Christian HS (Fort Washington, Md.)	West Virginia
3. Maurice Williams	6-2	Murrah HS (Jackson, Miss.)	Alabama
4. Carlos Hurt	6-1	Moore HS (Louisville, Ky.)	Louisville
5. Terrance Ford	5-10	Willowridge HS (Sugar Land, Texas)	Texas
6. Charles Frederick	6-1	Pope John Paul II HS (BocaRaton, Fla.)	Washington
7. Aaron Miles	6-1	Jefferson HS (Portland, Ore.)	Kansas
8. Jason Braxton	6-3	Canyon Springs HS (Moreno Valley, Calif.)	Arizona State
9. Travis Diener	6-0	Goodrich HS (Fond du Lac, Wis.)	Marquette
10. Cedric Bozeman	6-5	Mater Dei HS (Santa Ana, Calif.)	UCLA

The Hot Spot



Who's Hot

NFL wide receiver **Eric Moulds** resigned with the Buffalo Bills on Friday. The deal is for six years and worth between \$40 million and \$45 million, including a \$12.5 million signing bonus.

Twelve players who made the Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois All-Academic team are represented by Parkland's men's soccer program. The athletes who participated are:

Thirikumaran Kannan
Brett Ochs
John Sadilek
Flavio Smirne
Nick Coats
Kavula Kinwa
Lyobosa Oviawe-Osagie
Jeff Beard
Tom Elmore
Nick Schafer
Steve Wamsley
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Who's NOT

Philadelphia 76ers center **Matt Geiger** has been nonexistent this season. Now you hear about him and it's something bad. He is being suspended for two games without pay for violating the NBA's steroids policy.

"Last summer, I was notified by the NBA that new products and drugs had been added by the league to the list of banned substances," Geiger said. "Once I realized that a product I was using was on the list, I immediately stopped taking the product."

"Unfortunately, the product I had used generally remains in your body for a significant period of time. As a result, when I was tested under the new regulations, traces of the drug I had used before it was prohibited remained in my system and led to the suspension," he said.

Vancouver Grizzlies president **Dick Versace** was fined \$10,000 for the remarks he made about the Toronto Raptors. The NBA loves to fine people, but you hardly ever hear about presidents getting fined.

"Toronto is one year away from the position that we're in," Versace said, adding that the Raptors' future hinges on what **Vince Carter** does when his current contract ends.

"Whether he stays or he goes, they are in trouble. If Vince demands a huge salary, which he's going to, then their payroll is going to go up dramatically. They are just probably breaking even or making a little money right now."



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