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**THE WEEK OF  
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**First Issue of Prospectus Now On Line**

By Mary Ecker

The Prospectus is online with this issue, Mike Bush, editor-in-chief announced today.

"The entire paper, including pictures and advertising are in the online issue," Bush said. The online paper has a serial format so readers may continue reading/viewing from page to page.

"The new edition will be online every Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock," Bush said. He added that plans are to update each issue during the week, probably on Monday morning. Wednesday is the publication day of the regular paper on the Parkland campus and in the community.

"We expect to have color in the online issue within a few weeks," he said.

Bush and the Prospectus staff wish to express their thanks to Mark Barnard, Parklands Web Specialist, for his help in getting the paper online.

To access the Prospectus Online go to : <http://www.parkland.edu/prospectus/>

**Just when you thought its was safe to have Spring.**

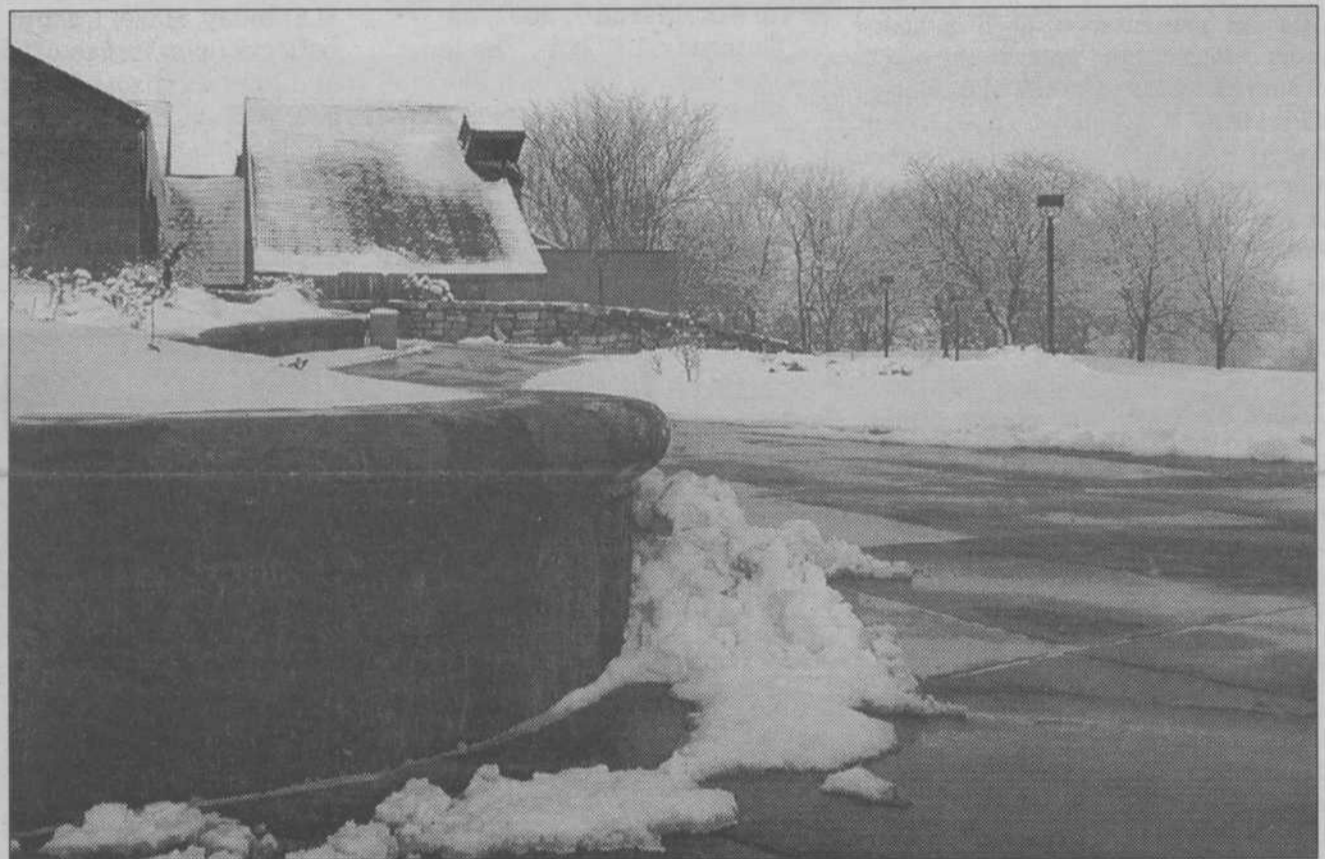


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**Graduation Is Coming**

That is right, just when you were getting used to Parkland College it is time to move on. Student Life would like to remind those who are graduating that if they are going to participate in Commencement, they need to get measured.

The measuring will take place in Room X-150 on the following dates and times:

Monday, March 11th	9:00
a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 12th	9:00
a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 13th	9:00
a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, March 14th	9:00
a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Friday, March 15th	9:00
a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	

Payment will be due when you order, and yes it cost. Checks are to be made payable to Parkland College. Prices are as follows:

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 (you may keep the tassel)  
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Seating is tight so each candidate may request up to four (4) admission tickets only. Graduates do not need a ticket.

For more information contact; Cindy Wilson, Secretary Student Life in X-153 or call (217)351-2492 or email: [cwilson@parkland.cc.il.us](mailto:cwilson@parkland.cc.il.us)

**Soul Food Dinner**

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002  
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The cost is only \$6.50

Sponsored by:  
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## campus news

## National Alcohol Screening Day

by Blane McClellan

March 3rd through the 9th is National Collegiate Health and Wellness week, and Parkland College will help by participating in National Alcohol Screening Day. While other schools will hold screenings on the 11th of April, Parkland will screen students on the 7th of March, in an effort to heighten awareness before students leave for Spring Break. This year will be the first that Parkland has held the alcohol screening.

The format for the screening is much the same as the Depression Screening in the fall. It takes place in room C118, where Linda Smith, director of the New Choice Carle Outpatient program, will give a presentation that will include a ten minute video. Mrs. Smith will discuss alcoholism in general, as well as different community services where one can receive help.

After the presentation, each audience member will have the opportunity to fill out a survey, which will then be reviewed by a Parkland counselor, who will attempt to discern whether or not that audience member has an alcohol problem. Then, if he or she wishes, there will be time for a one-on-one talk with a counselor. If it looks like you may have a problem, the counselor will help you establish where you need to go to get help.

The survey is fairly standard, with questions such as "How often do you drink," and, "How frequently do you drink more than four drinks?" The questions do become a little more intense as your progress, however, resulting in something like, "How often over the last year have you had a feeling of remorse or guilt about your drinking?"

If you don't have a drinking problem, but know someone that does, you may find solace at the screening as well. You can fill out a questionnaire about concern for a friend or family member, and find out how you can deal with your own fears or grief.

This event, sponsored by the Counseling Center, the Wellness Center, and Student Life, is not designed to eliminate alcohol from the campus, but to educate students about the impact and dangers of alcohol. In 1999, 2 in 4 students were binge or risky drinkers, according to the Harvard School of Public Health. National Alcohol Screening Day teaches students the warning signs associated with such abuse. Parkland College would like you to have a safe Spring Break.

## Open Auditions at Parkland Theatre

Parkland College Theatre announces open auditions for their 11th annual student production, *Dearly Departed*. Directed by Joe Sawyer and Morgan Dietkus, auditions for this comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones will be held Sunday, March 3 and Monday, March 4 from 6-9 p.m. each day at Parkland Theatre.

When the patriarch of the Turpin family keels over dead in the first scene, the struggle to get him buried involves the whole clan,

including the not-so-grieving widow who wants to put "Mean and Surly" on the tombstone. Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral.

The cast will include 10-15 roles with performers from ages 16-70. Seven male and 8 female roles are available. The directors are seek-

ing a culturally diverse cast. The audition will consist of readings from the script that are available on line at:

[www.parkland.edu/theatre/audition.htm](http://www.parkland.edu/theatre/audition.htm). Rehearsals will begin immediately after casting with performances from April 10-14. All proceeds of this production will go to support the Randall Millas Theatre Scholarship. Auditions are open to all members of the community. For more information or questions call 373-3874.

## Geographies of Gender: Britain in Black and White

Hazel Carby from the Department of African American Studies, at Yale University will be giving a lecture on March 7, 2002, on Thursday 7:30 p.m. The lecture will on the Third Floor of the Levis Faculty Center, 919 West Illinois Street, Urbana on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign.

One of the most important and influential black feminist intellectuals writing in the U.S. today, Hazel Carby reflects upon issues of gender and the racialization of the body within the contest of being a black European of Jamaican and Welsh parents.

## Walking Taco?

The Hospitality Industry Club will be selling "Walking Tacos" next Wednesday and Thursday from 10:45 to 1:30.

Umm, wait a minute. What the heck is a "Walking Taco?" Ah, so glad you asked. A Walking Taco is a seasoned ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and salsa generously heaped inside a "Big Grab" sized bag of Fritos corn chips as it's own sturdy convenient container. Available with a can of soda for \$2.50. It's something you must check out!



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- The Prospectus is a student publication.
- It is published weekly during the Fall/Spring semesters and intermittently in summer.
- Views expressed are opinions of staff and contributors
- Advertising is accepted which is non-discriminatory and not in violation of any laws. The Prospectus reserves the right to refuse any advertising. Publication of advertising constitutes final acceptance. Advertisers must verify ads for accuracy.

- The Prospectus welcomes letters to the editor.
- The rules of correspondence: all letters must be signed with a phone number and address. The Prospectus staff must verify the identity of letter writers. E-mail to the prospectus must also include a full name, phone number and address. Unverifiable letters will not be printed. Correspondence may be edited to accommodate the space requirements of the paper.
- Guest writers are welcome and subject to the same rules as other correspondence. We welcome writers from the Parkland community and the public. The editor will consider original works of fiction and short writings, if space is available.
- The Prospectus deadline for all advertising and other submissions is 5pm of the Wednesday immediately before the upcoming issue.

### EDITORIAL STAFF

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editorial

Crime stoppers Bulletin

Since January 20th until February 2nd, the following locations have had their outdoor vending machines forcibly opened and money taken:

- Carpet Master - 1040 W. Bloomington Road, Champaign
- Interstate Battery - 2504 N. Mattis Avenue, Champaign
- Flooring America - 1002 W. Anthony Drive, Champaign
- Aamco Transmission - 709 W. Marketview, Champaign
- Youth for Christ - 804 W. Anthony Drive, Champaign
- Lowe's - 1904 N. Prospect, Champaign

All of these incidents occurred at night. Champaign Police investigators are requesting any information you may have about these incidents.

Crimestoppers will pay you a reward if your information leads to the arrest of the person or person responsible for these crimes. If you have any information call 3-7-3-T-I-P-S. Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Cash rewards are also paid for information on other felony crimes or fugitives in the Champaign County area.

Ducks 13

Champaign-Urbana will be Wingin' it for the kids on May 4th. The Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club is having a Kickoff Party, on Thursday, March 7th, 2002 from 5:00 - 7:00pm at Duck Central (A.K.A. The Chancellor Hotel)

For more information, call Joe or Heather at 398-DUCK (3825).

Vermilion County Museum Society

The Vermilion County Museum Society, 116 N. Gilbert Street, Danville, IL will be hosting a special quilt show Basic Necessities throughout the month of March. Basic Necessities, 51 original quilts each measuring 24 X 36 inches, were stitched by Pacific Northwest and Western Canadian Quiltmakers.

Sponsored by the Association of Pacific Northwest Quilters (APNQ) and coordinated by Jill Christenson and Anne Ryan, the exhibition highlights the imaginative potential of the quilt as an art medium with such diverse images as a blueberry bush, Visa card, houses and black shoes. Participants were asked to think about what is essential in their lives. What is it that they could not fathom living without?

The Vermilion County Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. For additional information or directions, call the museum at 217-442-2922, or visit the museum's web site at www.vermilioncountymuseum.org.



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## Brandi N. Woodward Will Be Recipient of Southwood-Van Es Scholarship

Brandi N. Woodward of Champaign, Illinois has been named this semester's recipient of the Southwood-Van Es Scholarship. Ms. Woodward, a student in the nursing program at Parkland College, has a cumulative GPA of a 3.79 out of a 4.00. She is a fulltime student at Parkland College and also works at Cramer Siding and Window Company. Ms. Woodward will be honored at the C-U AAUW (American Association of University Women) Annual Meeting and Dinner on March 14.

Since 1971 the Southwood-Van Es Scholarship has awarded a scholarship of \$200 per semester to a woman attending Parkland College. The scholarship recipient must be a woman with financial need whose education has been interrupted, who is a resident of District 505, and who desires to pursue a post-secondary education in either a career or transfer program. She must be enrolled as a full-time student, have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and not have 4 credit hours of non-quality grades. The scholarship may only be used to pay tuition and fees.

This scholarship was named for Janet Southwood, then chair Continuing Education for Women Committee, and Bette Van Es, then chair Fellowships Committee, for their hours of committee work to help women further their education. In addition to their work with AAUW, both Southwood and Van Es were active in Parkland College's founding and both were concerned about and active in matters of diversity. Janet Southwood currently resides in San Antonio, Texas, and Bette Van Es, a teacher, currently works as a recruiter for the summer migrant education program sponsored by the Champaign schools.

## Singles Celebrating Life Meeting

Singles Celebrating Life will meet Friday, March 1: at the University Place Christian Church, 403 S. Wright, Champaign, from 7-9 p.m. for an evening of book reviews. Bring your favorite book or just come and find about about books others have read. All singles are welcome and free babysitting is provided. For more information, call the SCL info line at (217) 355-2464.

## Phonebook Recycling-City of Champaign

The City of Champaign, in conjunction with McLeod USA, will be accepting old phone books at the City of Champaign recycling drop-off located 1701 Hagan Street. Citizens are encouraged to participate by bringing their old phonebooks to the site and placing them in the special dumpsters marked as "PHONEBOOKS ONLY" during the program period only.

The dumpsters will be at the drop-off site beginning February 28, 2002 and continuing through April 5, 2002.

Please contact the Special Services Office at 351-4443, if you have any questions.

# Parkland Workshops

### Story Circle

Mondays, Feb. 25 - April 22

This class offers opportunities for exploring and reframing memories, events, people, and experiences and finding patterns of meaning in past experiences. Through a series of exercises, explore the richness and mine the meaning of our life stories, while working toward producing an 8 - 10 page autobiography. This class is on Mondays, Feb. 2 - April 22 from 6:30 till 8:30 p.m. at Robeson Hall. The fee is \$54. Call 217-403-4950 to register.

### Introduction to Homeopathy

Mondays, Feb. 25 - March 25

This course presents the basic principles of homeopathy in their historical context, as well as contemporary information. Learn to use six homeopathic remedies for common ailments and injuries. This class is on Mondays, Feb. 25 - March 25 from 6:30 till 8:30 p.m. at Parkland College. The fee is \$29. Call 217-403-4590 to register.

### Boating Skill and Seamanship

Tues. and Thurs., Feb. 26 - April 18.

This course covers aspects of transporting and operating private boats including safety trailering, handling, legal requirements and much more. This class is Tuesdays and Thursdays,

Feb. 26 - April 18 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Parkland College. The fee is \$5, free for those 17 and under. Call 217-403-4590 to register.

### Beginner Computers

Wednesdays, Feb. 27 - March 13

A class for those who have a nodding acquaintance with the computer and are on friendly terms with the mouse. Learn how to format a document; cut, copy and much more. This class is on Wednesdays, Feb. 27 - March 13 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Bauman Center. The fee is \$39. Call 217-403-4590 to register.

### Creating a Sacred Garden

Thursday, Feb. 28 - March 7

Learn how to decorate and plant your garden to create a safe haven in your backyard. Come to class with photos, measurements, and-or sketches of the area in your yard where you want to create the sacred garden space. This class is \$19. Call 217-403-4509 to register.

### The Labyrinth

Thursday, Feb. 28

Labyrinths are ancient tools which can be used for meditation and relaxation and to connect with one's creativity. Enjoy a brief introduction and walk through a portable

labyrinth. This class is on Thursday, Feb. 28 from noon - 1 p.m. at Parkland College Gallery Lounge. There is no fee and no registration.

### Clutter Catastrophes

Thursday, Feb. 28

This workshop will provide the basic tools for tackling clutter, organizing what's left, and getting back in control of your time and space. This class is on Thursday, Feb. 28 from noon - 1 p.m. at Parkland College, room D105. The fee is \$13. Call 217-351-2541 to register.

### Photo Note Card Making

Saturday, March 2

Learn how to make note cards using photos and a variety of techniques. Basic instruction will be given on mounting, cropping and much more. This class is on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. at The Bauman Center. The fee is \$16. Call 217-403-4590 to register.

### MOUS Access

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Friday, March 1

This class will provide skill reinforcement prior to taking the Microsoft Office User Specialist Access 2000 Core Certification exams. An assessment is required prior to enrollment. The fee is \$175. Call 217-351-2235 to register.

# Nuclear Waste at Yucca Mountain

By Scott Denman  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - The decision by President Bush on Feb. 15 to reject sound science by signing off on the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) recommendation for the flawed Yucca Mountain high-level radioactive waste dump is politics as usual with potentially lethal consequences.

Backtracking on a campaign promise made in September 2000 that "sound science" - not partisan politics - would determine the suitability of the site, Bush gave the green light to the Yucca Mountain dump despite statements from the site contractor that the science is incomplete and the site not ready for clearance.

In doing so, President Bush has turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the avalanche of evidence that Yucca Mountain will not safely store radioactive waste for the long-term. The government's own contractor, the State of Nevada and the American people all object adamantly to the proposed site. The thousands of shipments that will be needed to transport the waste to Yucca Mountain put not only the people of Nevada at risk but the millions who live along the transportation routes as well.

Compelling evidence from four independent authorities exposes the Bush decision as premature and ill-advised:

In November, a General Accounting Office (GAO) report urged Bush to indefinitely postpone a decision on Yucca Mountain, citing serious questions about whether it could be built as

currently conceived. The GAO found 293 items that needed further scientific study.

The GAO report revealed that DOE contractor, Bechtel SAIC, had told the department that it would take until January 2006 to complete the detailed scientific research needed to resolve the hundreds of technical issues before declaring the site suitable.

In a January 2002 document, the congressionally created U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board described DOE's "technical basis" for repository performance estimates as "weak to moderate."

A report by Radioactive Waste Management Associates, commissioned by Nevada's Agency for Nuclear Projects, revealed this month that the metal containers designed to carry the waste to Nevada could not withstand the level of heat from the fires that engulfed the World Trade Center towers or even the Baltimore rail tunnel during the fire there in the summer of 2001.

The Yucca Mountain site is located in a highly volcanic area. Independent studies have shown that groundwater beneath the repository is capable of reaching the outside in less than 500 years, half the time originally required by DOE specifications. Yucca Mountain is located just 90 miles north of Las Vegas, a major population center.

In making a fundamentally reckless and irresponsible decision, the Bush Administration has opted to sacrifice the health and safety of

present and future generations to throw a bone to the nuclear industry. Rushing to provide a storage facility gives the nuclear power industry an excuse to keep producing more waste. In reality, the prudent first step in solving the security and safety problems posed by nuclear waste is an orderly phase-out of the reactors that make it.

Ignoring the obvious vulnerability to terrorist attack, Bush's decision authorizes transport by road and rail of tens of thousands of shipments through at least 44 states jeopardizing the safety of more than 50 million people. A 1998 University of Maryland opinion poll indicated that two thirds of the U.S. public opposed shipment of high-level waste to a then proposed "temporary" Nevada storage site. Of those opposed to shipments, 75 percent strongly rejected the concept of radioactive waste transportation.

With the heightened tension since Sept. 11, Americans have even more to fear if trains and trucks begin rolling across the country carrying thousands of potential terrorist targets. The decision to approve merely signals once again that Bush has cow-towed to pressure from his friends in the nuclear industry and bought into their ostrich mentality that insists attacks on waste casks, reactors or the dump itself are unlikely or impracticable. This approach was patently contradicted by the tragic events of Sept. 11 when the unthinkable became a reality.



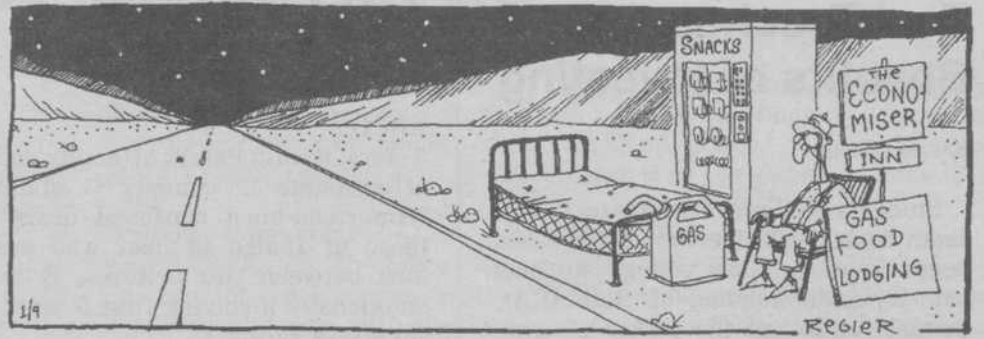
## comics and humor

## DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



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## The Top 15 Things Overheard at Last Night's Grammy Awards

15. "I had no idea Alan Keyes was one of Dixie Chicks."
14. "Geez, it looks like a Roman Polanski wet dream in here."
13. "And now, presenting the award for Best Foreign Language Recording, Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker!"
12. "We've got you surrounded! Drop the gun and step away from the podium, Mr. Combs!"
11. "Yes, I used to be Tiffany. Shall I check your coat?"
10. "Coming up next on CBS..Who Wants to Marry David Lee Roth?"
9. "As a physicist I wouldn't have thought it possible, but Mariah just sucked all the talent right out the room."
8. "Kriss! Kross! Vanilla Ice! You guys get over here and clean up this spill!"
7. "Excuse me, Sir Elton — have you seen Miss O'Donnell's corset?"
6. "Don't touch that glass!! I think it's David Crosby's."
5. "Alright, East Coast rappers and West Coast rappers -- group hug time!!"
4. "Run, Rosie, run! Selleck's here, and he's packing heat!!"
3. "Would the owner of the glasses with the initials 'E.J.' in rhinestones please return to the stage piano to claim them..."
2. "I'm sorry, those two seats are reserved for Ms. Lopez."

and the Number 1 Thing Overheard at Last Night's Grammy Awards...

1. "Officer, it all started when Britney lifted her blouse and taunted Christina, 'Neener, neener, neener!'"

## The Daily Crossword

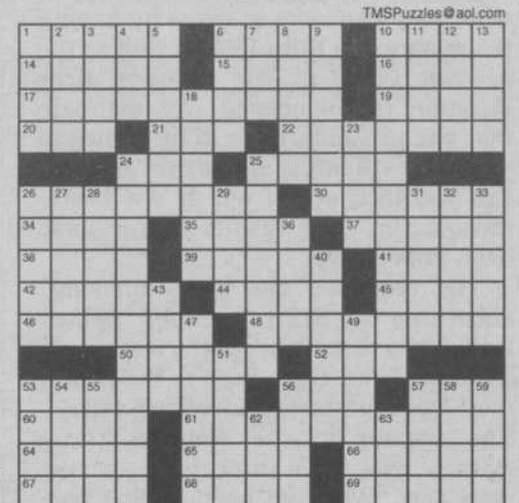
Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

## ACROSS

- 1 Does the butterfly
- 6 Napoleon's isle of exile
- 10 Grace closing
- 14 Burgundy wine
- 15 Author Uris
- 16 Church area
- 17 "Scarecrow \_"
- 19 Fight for honor
- 20 Cloud cover
- 21 UFO crew
- 22 Saloon
- 24 Motorists' org.
- 25 Sub detector
- 26 1994 Damon Wayans movie
- 30 Birthplace of St. Francis
- 34 Siva's title
- 35 Self-defense, e.g.
- 37 Land of llamas
- 38 Tiny particle
- 39 Squabbles
- 41 French eye
- 42 Night lights
- 44 Pass over
- 45 Tear down
- 46 Birthplace of St. Paul
- 48 Letters from St. Paul
- 50 Shortstop Derek
- 52 Blank reply
- 53 Motorcycle's little brother
- 56 Q's Scrabble value
- 57 Parcel of land
- 60 Chilean cape
- 61 "The Ghost \_"
- 64 A single time
- 65 Planted explosive
- sive
- 66 Front half of a griffin
- 67 Little legumes
- 68 Writer O'Casey
- 69 Poker pair

## DOWN

- 1 Bath and Ems
- 2 Silent signal
- 3 \_ 500
- 4 May honoree
- 5 Unbroken stretch
- 6 Part of BPOE
- 7 Wahine's garland
- 8 Large, striped antelope
- 9 Severe sore throat
- 10 "Mr. \_"
- 11 Hawaiian island
- 12 Stuntman Knievel
- 13 Foster film
- 18 Postage
- 23 Shuttle grp.
- 24 "Me \_"
- 25 One gym shoe
- 26 Strong gust
- 27 Led Zeppelin's "Whole \_ Love"
- 28 Like the pounding surf
- 29 Chalet setting
- 31 Paradigm
- 32 Grab
- 33 Man and Wight
- 36 Leaning precariously
- 40 Web master
- 43 Tallow base
- 47 Cooks in vapors
- 49 Evenfall
- 51 Bert's muppet pal
- 53 Small store
- 54 Ice-cream container
- 55 Killer whale
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- 59 Very pronounced French?
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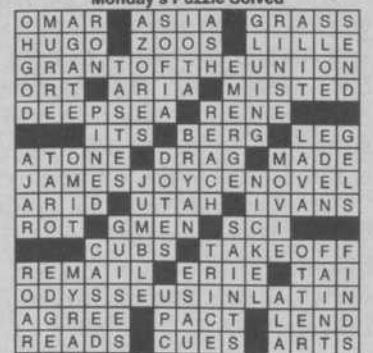


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## Lady Cobras Win Thriller, Move Closer to Title

Chandra Hensley's bucket with 5.6 seconds remaining helped Parkland to a 61-60 victory over Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois rival Lake Land last Wednesday. Hensley led the Parkland attack with 15 points and Beth Burke and Jen Carroll added 11 points apiece.

On Saturday the Lady Cobras clinched at least a tie for the conference championship with a hard fought 54-52 win over Lincoln Land.

Parkland, playing without the services of leading scorer Beth Burke who is out for a week with a broken thumb, was led by Jen Carroll who had 14 points and 6 assists. Lindsay Stierwalt, 10 points (5-5 from the field) and Chandra Hensley, 10 points and 6 rebounds, joined Carroll in double figures. The Lady Cobras improved to 25-3 and 11-1 in the CCCI.

## Men's Basketball split vs. ICC and Lincoln Land

The Parkland men's basketball team couldn't overcome a cold shooting night and fell to Illinois Central College 86-67 last Wednesday night. The Cobras shot just 22% in the first half, falling behind by 16 points. Keith Parks was the leading scorer for both teams, knocking down 24 points including 5-10 from three-point range. Fellow sophomores Fred Long and Ronell Jacobs added 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Cobras improved to 14-14 and 5-7 in the CCCI with an 86-82 road win at Lincoln Land on Saturday. Parkland raced out to a 30-10 lead and held off a late rally by the Loggers. Keith Parks (27 points and 7 boards) was one of five Cobra players to reach double figures.

Joining Parks were Eric Steers (13 points), Fred Long (12 points), Jason Johnson (11 points), and Ronell Jacobs (10 points).

### This Week in Cobra Sports:

The action begins at 2 p.m. as the Cobra basketball teams take on Lewis and Clark at Parkland Gymnasium Saturday Mar. 2nd.

It marks the final home games so show your support at the seasons second Pack the Place event.

# Cobra Baseball Team Completes Opening Weekend Sweep

By Jon Rule  
Sports Writer

The Cobras opened the 2002 season last weekend with doubleheaders against Florissant Valley Community College of St. Louis and Shawnee Community College.

Behind strong pitching performances, the Cobras exploded in the late innings to post four wins in the opening weekend of the season.

In game one against Florissant Valley, Parkland was held scoreless until the fifth inning when the offense exploded for nine runs on the heels of Michael Cole's grand slam.

Derek Dragge pitched five solid innings, posting five strikeouts and allowing one run on three hits. Lefthander Steve Zaroli closed out Parkland's 11 - 2 victory by pitch-

ing two innings of no hit baseball for his first save of the season.

In game two of Saturdays double header, Parkland starter Michael Stitz received early run support in the first inning with a two run home-run off the bat of Brett Heaberlin. Stitz secured the Parkland lead into the sixth by pitching five innings, allowing no runs on two hits. Matt Elder took over for Stitz in the sixth, shutting down the Florissant Valley offense for two innings, securing the 7-0 shutout.

The Cobras then traveled to Ullin, Illinois for a Sunday matinee against Shawnee.

Kyle Widegren started the first of the two game series by delivering a solid six-inning performance allowing two runs on three hits. Reliever Casey Hammond took over for Widegren in the seventh inning protecting a 2 - 2 tie by

striking out five over three innings. The Parkland offense rallied for six runs in the ninth to cap the 8-2 win.

The final game of the weekend was a slugfest that saw parkland post 16 runs on eight hits. Centerfielder Michael Coles led the way, batting 3-4 with 3 RBI in an inspiring effort.

Parkland starter Michael Tomaskewski threw three innings, striking out four and allowing one run. Relievers Luke Atkins and Matt Hayes combined to pitch two and two thirds innings relief, which closed the door on Shawnee's late surge.

Parkland closed out the scoring with a six run ninth, which gave the Cobras a 16-8 win and provided an exclamation point to the opening weekend of the season.

## U.S. Wins Three Medals In Skeleton

By Kevin Fee  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Jim Shea Jr., who starred on a television commercial about going to Salt Lake City Games and being a third-generation Olympic athlete and who read the athlete's oath during the Opening Ceremony, topped it all Wednesday.

Riding an emotional whirlwind, and with his recently deceased grandfather's funeral card tucked in his helmet, Shea rocketed down the track at nearly 79 mph in a driving snowstorm to win the men's skeleton event by five-hundredths of a second at Utah Olympic Park.

"My grandpa was with me the whole way," he said. "I definitely felt him here and at Opening Ceremonies. I think he had some unfinished business before he went up to heaven, and I think now he can go."

It was a good day all around for the Americans and skeleton. In the women's race, Tristan Gale won the gold, and Lea Ann Parsley took the silver.

Shea, the sentimental favorite whose grandfather died in a car accident just 17 days before the Opening Ceremony, fell off his cookie-sheet like sled before it came to a stop and pulled out the funeral card as the flag-waving crowd chanted "U.S. Shea! U.S. Shea!"

Shea's road to the Games has been anything but subtle. His grandfather Jack (two-time speedskating

gold medalist in 1932) and father Jim Sr. (Nordic combined and cross-country in 1964) both competed in the Olympics. He lives in Lake Placid, N.Y., a small town synonymous with the Winter Games. The three some starred in a Spint TV commercial.

Jim Shea Jr. followed grandpa's footsteps when he recited the athlete's oath at the Opening Ceremony, just like Jack Shea did in 1932. And just like grandpa, he struck gold.

In the meantime, the 21-year-old Gale was a surprise winner of the women's race, finishing in 1:45.11 on a snowy morning.

Gale, of Salt Lake City, was a competitive alpine skier before trying skeleton. She wasn't expected to contend for a medal, but ripped down the course she knew better than anyone in the field.

Gale had not finished higher than

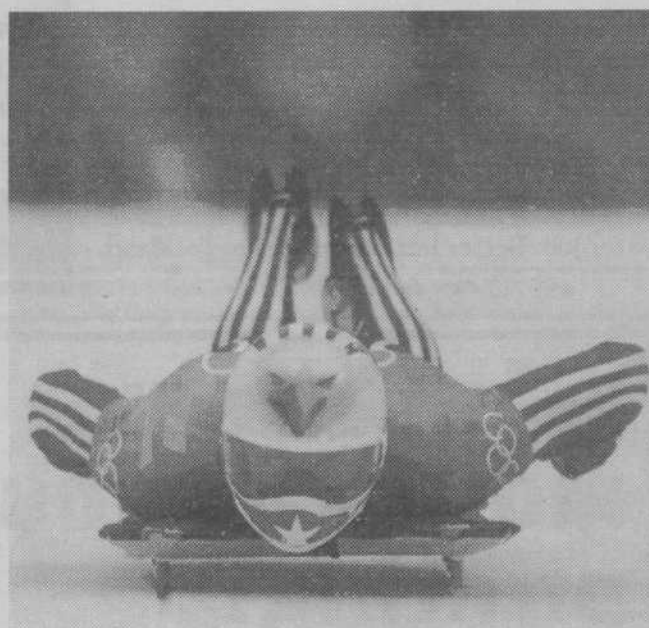
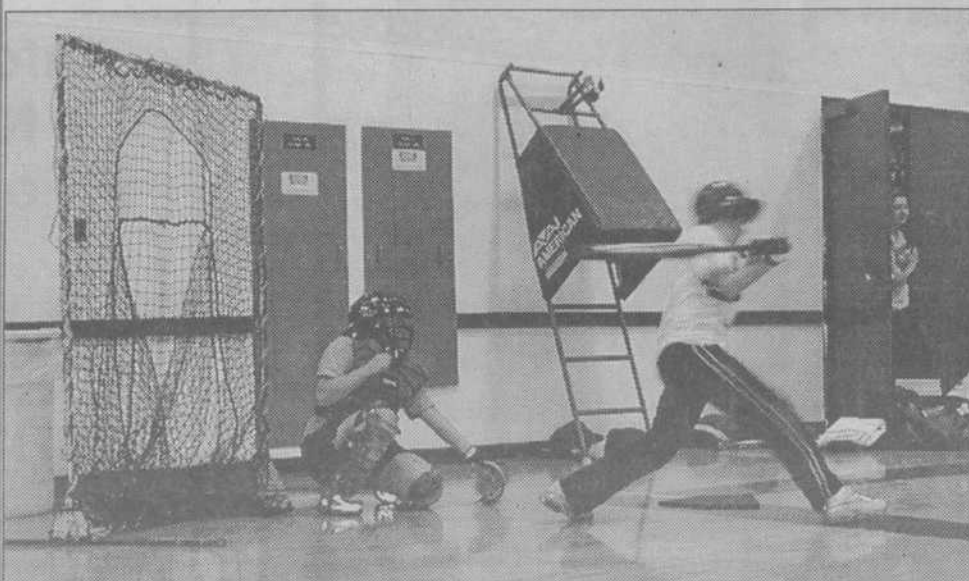


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Jim shea on his gold medal run. Shea was only one of three U.S. Olympians to receive medals in the Skeleton event.

eighth in a World Cup race this season, but she entered the final heat with a lead of .01 seconds over teammate Parsley.

When Gale crossed the finish line, Parsley jumped on her and then the two rolled around and danced on the track.



Left: Nicole Prager takes batting practice while Candace Welch catches behind the plate.

The Lady Cobra softball team leaves this Friday to participate in a tournament in Pensacola, Florida.

photo by Andre Moraes