

## Parkland Idol draws large crowd

### ■ Event showcases diversity, community, talent, fun

By **GAVIN J. DOW**  
*Prospectus Writer*

Two hundred spectators were on hand to watch as sixteen Parkland students competed to be named the first Parkland Idol on Wednesday, January 30 in the Flag Lounge.

With all the seats filled, students jammed the railings around the lounge to listen to contestants showcase a range of vocal talents in songs that ranged from personal compositions to timeless classics.

Some students peered over a high wall behind the stage, trying to catch a glimpse of the proceedings.

Erica Smith, who performed the Etta James hit "At Last," won top honors. Smith's powerful voice wowed the crowd, and the judges too. She earned a \$50 gift certificate for the Market Place Shopping Center.

Smith, who made the second round of tryouts for American

Idol, said that her confidence on stage was what made her stand out from the other contestants. "You must have confidence when you sing," she said.

Smith chose to sing "At Last" to prepare her for another upcoming competition. She plans on spending the gift certificate on her sisters.

Third-place winner Rashad Johnson was one of two contestants who won the audience prize of a \$20 gift certificate to the Parkland College bookstore. Johnson's creative rap earned cheers throughout, including when he threw his coat off half-way through.

"Ladies, what do you think of Rashad?" asked Connie Peppard—Parkland's Ryan Seacrest—and the crowd again roared its approval.

The other audience prizewinner was Ryan Wepler, whose performance of The Guess Who's "These Eyes" made him a crowd-favorite. The fun he had



Erica Smith earned top honors at the event. See our Web site for a YouTube slideshow of Parkland Idol.

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with being on stage was contagious; his good humor glossed over forgotten lyrics.

The judges awarded John Kleber, who sang a song he wrote himself, second place. Before starting, he told the audience that he would need some

help, and the assembled crowd obliged by clapping their hands in time with the beat.

Parkland Idol was not without its moments of humor. One contestant, who decided against performing, hid behind a column when her name was called.

Another contestant didn't do a song, and instead paced the stage with her partner, telling jokes and eliciting laughs from the audience.

Contestant Timothy Sanders, who performed the first rap of the day, earned a laugh when he got off track and asked, "Can I start that over?"

Alyssa Coveyou, was the only contestant to sing a country song. She sang "Travelin' Soldier," a song made popular by the Dixie Chicks.

While most contestants sang established songs, a few students sang their own. Curt Hodge sang his own pop ballad, and Isaiah Little sang a hard rock song he wrote.

Other highlights of the competition included a rapper known only as Shorty, who had to be called down by the audience to perform, as well as a rendition of "Natural Woman" by Angel Zanarini, which led to an audience sing-along.

## Before Mardi Gras, there was Parkland's SADHA

### ■ Student hygienists treat N.O. kids over winter break

By **BETH VOIGT**  
*Features Writer*

Over winter break, while most of us were enjoying some extended time away from classes and studying, nineteen students from Parkland took a 17-hour bus trip to New Orleans.

But in a far cry from a bead-tossing party, these dental hygiene students were on a mis-

sion trip. From January 6-13, they provided oral hygiene instruction, fluoride treatments and sealants to over 500 elementary school students in St. Bernard Parish, some of whom had not seen a dentist since before Hurricane Katrina.

Throughout the fall semester, the dental hygiene students raised money for their trip by writing letters soliciting donations. They also held a raffle

for an electric toothbrush and water pick. A guitar donated by Corson Music raised about \$450 during a New Year's Eve raffle at a show by the Boat Drunks, and various dentist's offices and other local businesses donated supplies and funds. Parkland provided the bus, and "Dave the bus driver" donated his time for the week long trip.

Altogether, \$100,000 worth of dental work was donated,

and dental services were provided to 526 first through fifth graders. The dental hygiene students set up a beach theme where they worked, giving the children sunglasses to protect their eyes, and played with colorful puppets with oversized teeth to entertain and distract uncomfortable patients.

The students were hosted by the Abdullah Christian Fellowship in a center for volunteers

set up after the hurricane. They slept on bunk beds in three large rooms and shared bathrooms. They set up their clinics at two elementary schools in St. Bernard Parish, just across the river from New Orleans. While they worked, the students ate school lunches, some trying red beans and rice for the first time.

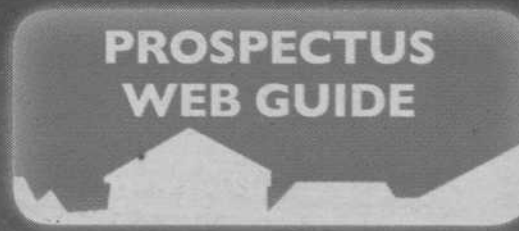
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# CHUCK SHEPHERD'S NEWS OF THE WEIRD

By CHUCK SHEPHERD

*Lead Story*

China's historical fascination with crickets has recently been exhibited in cricket beauty contests, singing competitions and prize fights, according to a January Los Angeles Times dispatch, and has led even to increasing vigilance about crickets cheating with performance-enhancing drugs. The fighters duel in terrarium-sized containers, and, according to the Times, "Overhead cameras (project) the action onto large screens," allowing spectators close-ups of crickets tossing each other around with their powerful jaws. The best fighters may sell for the equivalent of \$10,000, are raised on vegetables and calcium supplements, and are sexually active before fights. The doping issue mostly involves the "singers"; slowing the vibration of the cricket's wings produces an attractively lower pitch.

### The Litigious Society

• In October, Korie Hoke filed a \$1.6 million lawsuit against the Tempe, Ariz., police, claiming that it was actually an officer's fault that she, after a New Year's Eve bender, crashed into a cement wall and suffered serious injuries. Hoke had called police to a party, distraught that she had caught her boyfriend cheating on her, and the officer summoned her parents to pick her up. (Hoke was cited only for underage drinking, but she later tested above the blood-alcohol legal limit.) The officer, after obtaining Hoke's assurance that she would await her parents and after searching Hoke and her car and finding no car key (Hoke had hidden it), left the scene. Hoke then drove away and crashed, and now claims it was the officer's fault for not staying with her.

• Scott Anthony Gomez Jr. filed a lawsuit in January against jail officials in Pueblo County, Colo., alleging among other things that they failed to take security precautions to prevent him from escaping. He seriously injured himself last year when he fell 40 feet while scaling a wall in his second escape attempt. He said that, after his first escape, he had told then-sheriff Dan Corsentino how lax security was, but that no "improvements" had been made.

• On Second Thought: (1) In August 2004, business executive Tomas Delgado, driving 100 mph in a 55 mph zone, fatally smashed into a 17-year-old bicyclist near Haro, Spain. In 2006, Delgado sued the boy's family for the equivalent of about \$29,000 for damage to his car, and the lawsuit languished until January 2008, when, perhaps shamed by worldwide publicity, Delgado dropped it. (2) In December, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority filed a lawsuit demanding payment from the families of four people killed by an out-of-control tractor-trailer in 2006 (presumably to recoup clean-up costs and damage to the roadway). However, after the New York Post asked NJTA lawyer William Ziff for a comment, he rushed to the Union County courthouse and withdrew the lawsuit.

### Compelling Explanations

• As the home-mortgage industry continued to reel in January from the Countrywide Financial Corp. debacle, a federal bankruptcy judge learned that the company, in at least one case (with others suspected), had not only backdated crucial documents but fabricated them altogether and then told the judge the company was merely trying to be "efficient." A court had approved the recasting of a client's debt to Countrywide in March 2007, closing the case, but the next month, Countrywide "discovered" a way to get extra money and thus created three letters supposedly sent to that client before March 2007. However, Countrywide later acknowledged that the letters were actually written after March 2007 but that making up documents was merely "an efficient way to convey" information.

• A prize-winning paper from a Hebrew University researcher, seeking to explain the paucity of rapes by Israeli soldiers of Palestinian women, concluded that the soldiers were merely using a "strategy" of non-rape, according to a December report on Arutz Sheva. Such a hands-off policy "strengthens the ethnic boundaries," wrote Ms. Tal Nitzan, seemingly suggesting that Israeli soldiers primarily feared increasing the Palestinian population. Nowhere, critics pointed out, did Nitzan suggest

that rape is rare because Israeli culture condemns it.

### Ironies

• California's Solar Shade Control Act protects solar panels from obstructions from sunlight, and in January, Santa Clara County officials sought to enforce the law against homeowners who themselves are staunch environmentalists. Since the back yard of Prius-owners Richard Treanor and Carolyn Bissett contains lush redwood trees that block their neighbor's panels, the county ordered that the trees be cut down.

• Tolerance: (1) In November, 70 petitioning neighbors said they were fed up with the Museum of Tolerance in West Hollywood, Calif. The final straw was the museum's application to expand its building, extend hours of operation until midnight, and reduce the buffer zone between it and nearby homes. (2) Officials of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, initially agreed to host the annual multi-denominational Austin Area Interreligious Ministries Thanksgiving celebration last year, but abruptly canceled when they came to realize that Muslims might actually pray there. Under criticism, the church said that it "hopes" the religious community "will ... be tolerant of our church's beliefs" that necessitated the decision.

• In January, the Chinese retailers at Beijing's Silk Street Market, which is a notorious supplier of knock-off merchandise such as Louis Vuitton, announced that they would begin creating clothing and other items under their own SilkStreet brand, and they naturally issued the warning, "Anyone using the brand (without permission) will be held liable."

### Creme de la Weird

Energetic Perverts: (1) Elementary school principal John Stelmack, 60, was arrested in Bartow, Fla., in December and accused by prosecutors of innocently photographing young girls but then using a computer software program to place their heads on photos of nude women (which may not even be illegal, according to a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court decision). (2) Kazuo Oshitani, 48, was arrested in Osaka, Japan, in December as the one

who draped perhaps more than 170 items of women's underwear over objects in his neighborhood (and who possessed at least 200 more such items in his home). He was charged with littering.

### Least Competent People

It is apparently becoming more difficult to recruit competent suicide bombers in Afghanistan because twice in a two-day period in January, clumsy bombers accidentally blew themselves up before they ever had the chance to take their targets out. One fell down a flight of stairs while on his way to an attack in the town of Khost, and the other's bomb accidentally exploded as he was getting dressed for an assignment in the town of Lashkar Gah (although the latter bomber did take three colleagues with him).

### Recurring Themes

At least one collector spent the equivalent of \$40 on an original "Freddie W.R. Linsky" abstract expressionist painting, praising its "flow" and "energy," according to a December report in London's Daily Mail, and a gallery in Berlin was said to have made an inquiry about Linsky's other works. Linsky, as long-time News of the Weird readers might guess, is an enthusiastic 2-year-old, whose mother had him daub ketchup splotches onto canvases and then uploaded the images to art patron Charles Saatchi's online gallery. Among Mom's lush captions to Linsky's ketchup-period works was: "The striking use of oriental calligraphy has the kenji-like characters stampeding from the page."

### Undignified Deaths

More Ironies: (1) A 66-year-old millionaire roofing company founder was killed at his home in Rock, Wis., in December when he accidentally fell through the roof of his garage. (2) An 18-year-old Amish man was killed in Hustisford, Wis., in October when, working on a construction crew, he came into contact with a high-voltage wire and was electrocuted. (3) Inmate Frederick Fretz, 45, serving time for molesting a young boy, died in January in the dining hall at the federal penitentiary in Atwater, Calif., when he choked on a hot dog.

## SADHA

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dents all together for a week, it can get touchy. But I didn't hear of any issues, and I was really proud," said Peg Boyce, co-director of Parkland's dental hygiene program.

Dr. Stan Cross, a clinical dentist at Parkland, also accompanied the students on the trip as the supervising dentist. In addition to Boyce, rounding out the adult contingent of the trip

ing how many empty homes were still there."

Although the dental hygiene students were working in areas that remain drastically affected by the hurricane, they also saw that much of the city is still vital and bustling. Spending the last day of their trip in the French Quarter, the students ate beignets at Café du Monde, shopped for souvenirs and stuffed themselves on seafood.

The dental hygiene program at Parkland has selective admission, and most stu-

tributes toward the improvement of public health."

"The club is a resource to keep everyone connected," said Polley.

"SADHA springboards its members into the American Dental Hygienists' Association on graduation, and members are provided with benefits including credits for continuing education, a magazine subscription, and informational emails," added Fisher.

To become a member of SADHA, students must be a part of Parkland's dental hygiene program. Students must fill out an application for membership, and members pay an annual membership fee.

SADHA meets monthly on Tuesdays or Thursdays, holding both an officer's meeting and a regular club meeting. Approximately 30 students from each year's program are members, for a total of about 60.

Coming up in March, the dental hygiene students also plan a service-learning program for local athletes that participate in the Special Olympics. Suggested by students who were taking a class about providing dental care for those with special needs, they plan to ask local dentists and hygienists to volunteer to provide preventative care for Special Olympics athletes. This will be the first time that the Parkland dental clinic will open with community volunteers working alongside students and faculty.

Coordinated with the representative for the Eastern Prairie Division of the Special Olympics, the volunteers will provide dental examinations, cleanings, and fluoride treatments for these athletes. Tentatively planned for Saturday, March 29, the event will be promoted with t-shirts and food. It is hoped that students in the dental hygiene program will find a project such as this every fall and spring.

To find out more about this and other upcoming events, or to learn about SADHA or Parkland's dental hygiene program, contact Peg Boyce, co-director of the dental hygiene program. You can reach her at 351-2386 or at pboyce@parkland.edu.

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The Student American Dental Hygienists' Association, or SADHA, traveled to New Orleans during their winter break to bring their skills to needy children. A little patient receives loving treatment from two of Parkland's selfless students. Visit page 7 for a collage of photographs, or see us online at [www.prospectusnews.com](http://www.prospectusnews.com) for a slideshow. Special thanks to Peg Boyce for providing photos.

Photo courtesy of Peg Boyce/Prospectus

were Terri and Denny Polzin, Ramonna Williams, Joline Luecke, and Kim Pankau.

"The students worked hard, were so professional, and provided dental hygiene services to so many children!" said Pankau, a dental hygiene instructor.

The students also got a glimpse of some parts of the city still feeling the effects of Katrina.

"You think it's not so bad, but then you look in the windows and it's all gutted out," said dental hygiene student Jennifer Polley.

Gina Fisher, co-president of the Parkland chapter of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA), added that it was strange "see-

dents have already completed a year of prerequisites when they apply. The 36 students accepted to the program complete a total of five semesters, attending the summer semester in addition to classes in the spring and fall.

The Student American Dental Hygienists' Association, or SADHA, is a club that students in the dental hygiene program can join to support their studies and their future careers.

According to their page on the Parkland website, "The Student American Dental Hygienists' Association cultivates, promotes, and sustains the art and science of dental hygiene; represents and safeguards the common interest of the members of the profession; and con-

## Five Kinds of Silence challenges audiences

By GAVIN J. DOW  
Prospectus Writer

Opening night for Five Kinds of Silence, at Parkland Theatre through February 10, showcased local acting talent, and shone a light on victims of abuse.

ing with director Randi Collins Hard, paints a dark and disturbing portrait of a man who must have ultimate control of those around him. Reilly is the chair of the Fine and Applied Arts department at Parkland.

Anne Shapland Kearns turns



Photo courtesy of Parkland Theatre/Prospectus

The performance, which clocked in at just over an hour, impressed audiences with its in-your-face depiction of domestic abuse and its effects.

Five Kinds of Silence features Seamus Reilly as Billy, who mercilessly abuses his wife and adult daughters. Reilly, work-

in a wonderful performance as Mary, Billy's wife. Kearns portrays Mary as a woman who has lived with abuse for so long that she's given up trying to put a stop to it.

Heather Johnson and Joi

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Hoffsommer play sisters Janet and Susan, and as the primary victims of Billy's abuse, the emotional impact of what happens to them leaves a mark on the audience.

Tim Adams and Michelle Mills fill out the cast. They juggle several roles throughout the play. Between them, they appear as policemen, attorneys, and psychiatrists.

Zach Lutz, a second-year theatre student who works in the box office at the Parkland Theatre praised the actors' portrayal of a family ruled by the iron fist of its patriarch. "They go across what they were trying to say," he said. "Great acting, just touchy subject."

Claudia Dominguez, a junior at the University of Illinois but also a Parkland student, attended Five Kinds of Silence so she could write a paper about it. "They made everything so real," she said of the actors.

Walking into the theatre, the first thing playgoers will see is a series of silhouettes in red. Each one represents a woman that has been killed as a direct result of domestic violence in Champaign County.

Teresa Miles, who works for A Woman's Fund, Inc. said that the play had "a very urgent

social message." She noted that 20% of children who grow up watching abuse in their homes become victims of it in adulthood.

Miles' companion, Carrie Funk, said that the play was "absolutely wonderful." Funk, who also works for a domestic abuse outreach organization in Champaign County, thought that the events shown were very true to life.

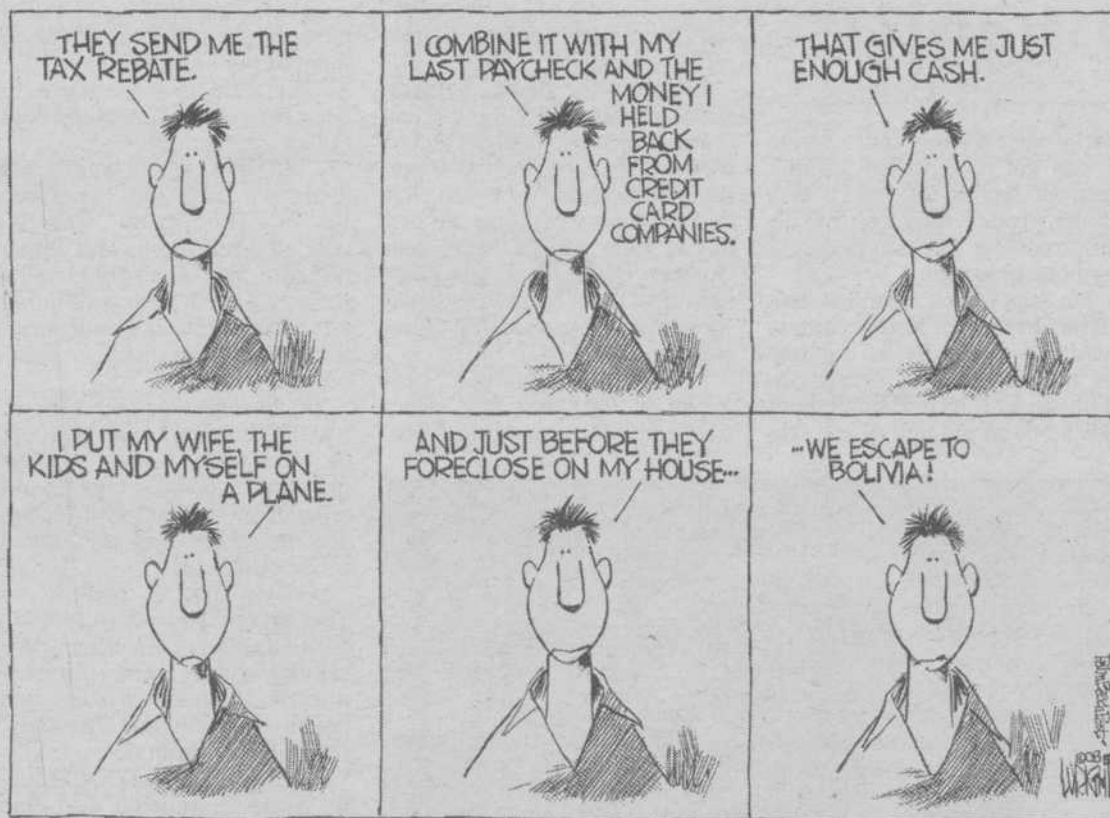
"One of the things I think was great was when [Susan] sympathizes with her dad. The sympathy that they have with their abuser is true in real life."

Funk noted that a comment that Billy made to Mary shortly after they met was a huge warning sign. "He told her that he loved her right away," she explained.

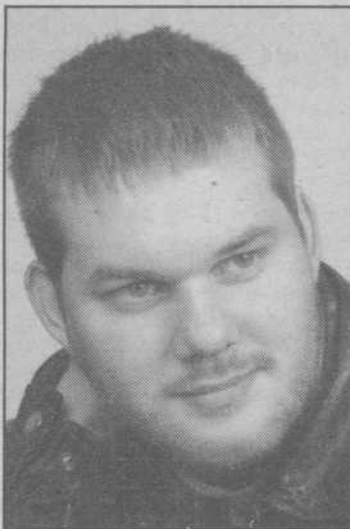
Jacob Foster, stage manager for the play, says that its impact is felt every time he watches it, even though he's seen it dozens of times. "I still react to this show," he said. "It gets to me."

Those interested in seeing the play can make reservations by calling (217) 373-3874, or by visiting Parkland Theatre's website at parkland.edu/theatre.

There will be a question and answer forum at the end of the last performance on February 10 at 3pm. There is a reminder that this play contains adult themes and is for mature audiences only.



## Free money! or is it?



By **ERIK PHEIFER**  
Contributing Writer

How does getting a "free" check for several hundred dollars in the mail this summer sound to everyone?

This could very well happen if a tax rebate bill, which overwhelmingly passed in the House, passes in the Senate. The rebate is supposed to help stimulate the struggling economy. While it could have a positive influence on the economy, we should question the effect it will have along with where this \$150 billion is coming from.

The obvious first question is

how this will affect you individually. The bill calls for rebates in the form of \$800 to tax paying citizens. It sounds too simple doesn't it?

To qualify for the full rebate, you must have made less than \$75,000 and paid income tax. This means that students and low income families that paid little or no taxes would receive either a smaller rebate or possibly nothing at all.

These two little parts of the bill that aren't often talked about could result in over a quarter of U.S. tax filers being left out in the cold.

The second major issue with this bill is where the government will be getting this money. The government has two options—they can either print the money or borrow it from another country like China.

The former will add to the already out of control inflation we have experienced with our currency (the dollar has lost a quarter of its value when comparing it to the Canadian dollar over the last decade) while the latter will just add to our national debt (currently sitting at an all-time high of around \$9.238 trillion.)

The government is banking on people spending this money when they receive it. This would be a great plan except for the

fact that most people will spend the money at places like Wal-Mart, which gets its products from foreign places like China. So, now all we've done is stimulated other country's economies.

Now it may not be all doom and gloom with the impending rebates. The last time rebates like this were sent out in 2001 there was a noticeable short term improvement in the economy. On the other hand, wouldn't it be better to come with a better long term solution.

Ultimately, the fact is that no one can really know how the rebates will help or hurt the economy short or long term. However, what needs to happen is that the government needs to scrap their broken financial policies and come up with a way that will promote American businesses, specifically small businesses, that doesn't involve printing or borrowing money.

The leaders of our country continue to play with fire when it comes to our economy, and one of these days they are going to get us all burned.

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## Five Kinds Of



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## Survivor of mall shooting cooperates with police to find suspect

By **MATTHEW WALBERG AND EMMA GRAVES FITZSIMMONS**  
*Chicago Tribune (MCT)*

CHICAGO—The woman who survived a quintuple killing last weekend at a Lane Bryant store in Tinley Park, Ill., promised the families of the other victims she was doing her best to help investigators find the gunman in a letter released Wednesday.

The five slain women were each shot in the head Saturday at the clothing store. The 33-year-old survivor escaped with a superficial gunshot wound on the neck and has been working with police since to identify the attacker.

"On Saturday, February second, an unspeakable tragedy occurred and five of the bravest women I have ever met were senselessly murdered and taken from their families," the survivor said in the letter read by police Cmdr. Rick Bruno at a news conference.

"My deepest sympathies and condolences go out to their families and friends," she said. "Please know that during the unfathomable events of that day their thoughts were focused on you and coming home. My heart aches that they were unable to do so, and I am working with authorities in any way possible for all of the victims."

That work has been challenging, a source familiar with the case said. The survivor alluded in the letter to the horror the women endured in the store, and the source said she has been so traumatized it has been difficult to interview her at length about the attacker. Investigators, he said, are only able to question her in spurts and are holding back on releasing a sketch to ensure it's accurate.

The survivor remains in protective custody, and her family members locally and in Kentucky have left their homes for unknown locations on the advice of police, a source said.

The letter said: "I ask that the media please respect all of our families and allow us to grieve and cope privately with the horrific crime that ripped our worlds apart. I also ask that everyone respect that neither I nor my family can discuss the horrible events of that day."

"I thank everyone who has expressed concern and ask that

any person who can assist in the investigation contact the authorities immediately."

Bruno confirmed one of the victims endured sexual advances by the gunman before he opened fire, killing store manager Rhoda McFarland and customers Connie Woolfolk, Jennifer Bishop, Sarah Szafranski and Carrie Hudek Chiuso.

"We can now confirm reports that one of the victims was the target of sexual advances by the offender in that she was fon-

munity as a whole.

"This all becomes an issue of degree, weighing public safety verses privacy," said Village Trustee Patrick Rea. "We won't just jump into anything."

While a camera might help investigators after a serious crime has been committed, Rea and others said they didn't think it could have prevented the Lane Bryant killings.

The husband of Jennifer Bishop, a 34-year-old nurse from South Bend, Ind., spoke pub-



Mourners gather near the Lane Bryant store at the Brookside Market shopping mall on Monday, February 4, 2008, in Tinley Park, Illinois. A gunman killed five women at the store on Saturday.

Kuni Takahashi / *Chicago Tribune (MCT)*

dled," Bruno said.

The gunman entered the store after 10 a.m. and began chatting with the customers and employees—possibly under the guise of making a delivery—then announced a robbery and forced the women into a backroom where he bound them with duct tape and placed them face down on the floor, sources said.

As details of the attack emerged, village officials began discussing how to beef up security at retailers. An idea introduced Tuesday at the Village Board would require virtually all commercial businesses to purchase and install video surveillance cameras both inside the stores and in public parking lots.

Officials presented the idea to some business leaders and said the early feedback had been positive, but they admit the proposal has a long way to go before winning over the business com-

licly for the first time Wednesday at a lawyer's office near his home. Brian Bishop said he was advised by police not to discuss the case, but he offered his support to the survivor and condolences to the other families.

Bishop described his wife as a beloved mother whose three children—Jacob, 7, Jocelyn, 5, and Alan John, 6 months—were her "greatest joy."

"We have a tremendous support network that has comforted our children during their time of loss and confusion," Bishop said, reading from a statement. Afterward, he declined to answer questions.

"She touched many people who have special memories of her," Bishop said. "I choose to keep mine private."

Also Wednesday, the first of the services for victims was held at Ryan Funeral Home in Homewood where hundreds of mourners, including many high school-

aged teens, braved the slushy weather to pay their respects to Carrie Hudek Chiuso, a social worker at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. The line at times stretched outside the door of the funeral home. Her funeral is Thursday.

(Chicago Tribune reporter Joel Hood contributed to this report.)

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## Hot Chip's Made in the Dark: ■ Saucy Brits Show Us How to Dance

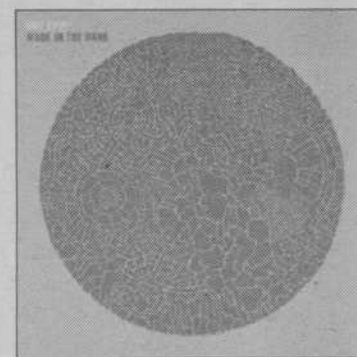
By **JASON HARDIMON**  
*WPCD Correspondent*

Some may be surprised to learn that four middle class, dorky Englishmen are responsible for what will probably go down as one of 2008's best R&B/dance records. After two successful studio releases, *Coming On Strong* in 2004 and *The Warning* in 2006, Hot Chip are finally set to release their third major effort, *Made in the Dark*, this month.

The two founding members, Joe Goddard and Alexis Taylor, each bring a different responsiveness to the group. Goddard is an obsessive studio rat, while Taylor is the chief vocalist and is primarily concerned with songwriting and composition. This pair of old friends met in their early school days at Elliot comprehensive, a state funded school in a district of London called Putney. They became musically involved due to boredom and in time made a habit of recording their early concepts at their social group's regular weekend hangout, the apartment of Goddard's parents. Since they first formed Hot Chip as a duo in 1996, they have remained committed, even through the tribulations of working around college schedules—Goddard studied Modern history at Oxford and Taylor studied literature at Cambridge—and adjusting to their unpredictable lineup.

The first track on *Made in the Dark*, "Out at the Pictures," serves as a grand introduction in which an electronic hum steadily grows into a hard-hitting pop melody. After the intro concludes the album's first single closely follows. "Shake a

Fist," starts out slow, as many hot chip songs do, and then cuts off momentarily to make room for a Todd Rundgren sound bite, which essentially tells the listener to hold on to their hats for the coming eruption into a heavily synthesized hip hop throwback. In addition to up-tempo dance beats, *Made in the Dark*, also features a few well composed ballads—the laid back, organ heavy "We're Looking for a Lot of Love," the soulful title track in which Taylor announces like a smartass that,



"Since I stole this song we've made a new start," and the melancholy, "Whistle for Will."

As Hot Chip's success has grown, so has their ability to produce a strong record.

There recent success has won them the opportunity to collaborate with artists such as Kylie Minogue and Scritti Politti, putting them in competition with the likes of the infamous Timberland. For now, it seems that their reputation can only flourish, as *Made in the Dark* has been freshly unleashed upon the public. In spite of all, Taylor says that their focus is still simply to not get bored.

# 2008 the year of the plug-in at auto shows

By **RICK POPELY**  
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—Seldom talked about two years ago, plug-in hybrids are popping up all over the auto-show circuit.

Saturn says it hopes to sell a Vue plug-in with a 10-mile electric-only range by 2010, and Toyota says it will have a few hundred plug-ins in commercial test fleets by then.

AFS Trinity Power Corp. of Bellevue, Wash., has equipped a 2007 Vue with a prototype plug-in system it says can go 40 miles on lithium-ion batteries before a 4-cylinder engine kicks in for gas/electric operation.

Estimated cost is \$8,700 for the Extreme Hybrid system—based on an automaker producing 10,000 or more cars per year (production costs go down as volume goes up).

The 40-mile electric range equals the target set by General Motors for the Chevrolet Volt plug-in it hopes to produce

starting in 2010 if lithium-ion batteries are ready. Plug-ins can recharge their batteries with household current.

The difference with AFS's system, says chief technology officer Donald Bender, is, "We're doing it with batteries available now. We're not waiting for the technology to develop."

AFS uses ultra-capacitors and proprietary electronics to boost battery power and prevent overheating, a key concern with lithium-ion. Bender said the system can be adapted to "just about any" SUV. AFS plans a similar system for passenger cars.

"My next dream is that one of the (automakers) will say they want to put this system on their car," AFS Chairman and Chief Executive Edward Furia said.

Furia said consumers could recover the \$8,700 cost in fuel savings in three and a half years with gas at \$2.85 and in less time at higher prices.

Still David Champion, Consumer Reports magazine's auto-

motive testing director, is skeptical of the hype around battery technology. "A breakthrough in battery technology has been two years away for 20 years."

That could be why Toyota is testing a handful of Priuses with a plug-in system that can go 7 miles on its nickel-metal-hydrate batteries before the gas/electric system kicks in.

"Cost is a big part of our research," said Jaycie Chitwood, a senior planner with Toyota's advanced technologies group. "We want to find out how much (electric-only) range people want and how much they want to pay for it. The batteries aren't free."

The current Prius does not have to be plugged in to recharge. It operates in an electric-only mode at lower speeds, with the gas engine the primary power source for most driving. The electric motor provides a boost for passing, and the engine and regenerative braking recharge the batteries.

Still the front-runner in hybrid sales plans to have lithium-ion batteries in a plug-in test fleet in 2010. Lithium-ions are smaller, lighter and more powerful—and, right now, much more expensive.

Expense is what is also keeping a diesel/electric on the sidelines, despite diesel's 25 to 30 percent fuel economy edge over gasoline.

GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz points out that hybrid systems add thousands to a vehicle's cost, as do diesel engines, particularly now that the latter have to meet the same emissions requirements as their gas counterparts.

"You can get sensational fuel economy, but you're doubling the cost of the powertrain," he said. "When that happens, people will start saying that gasoline isn't that expensive."

BYD said the F6 DM (dual mode) sedan will go on sale in China in the fourth quarter for \$20,000 to \$30,000. The batteries

fully recharge in nine hours on household current and can get a 50 percent recharge in 10 minutes.

BYD Auto, a subsidiary of one of the world's largest manufacturers of rechargeable batteries for cell phones and other portable devices, began building cars in 2003. The F6 DM uses ferrous batteries, with no lithium content, that BYD says are high-energy density and low cost. BYD also developed the motors and software for the system.

The company, which sold 100,000 cars last year, says the dual-mode system costs about \$6,000.

And then there's the Fisker Karma, a plug-in luxury sedan projected to go on sale at the end of 2009 with a 50-mile range on lithium-ion batteries. Then a 4-cylinder gas engine takes over. Fisker, California, says the base price will be \$80,000.

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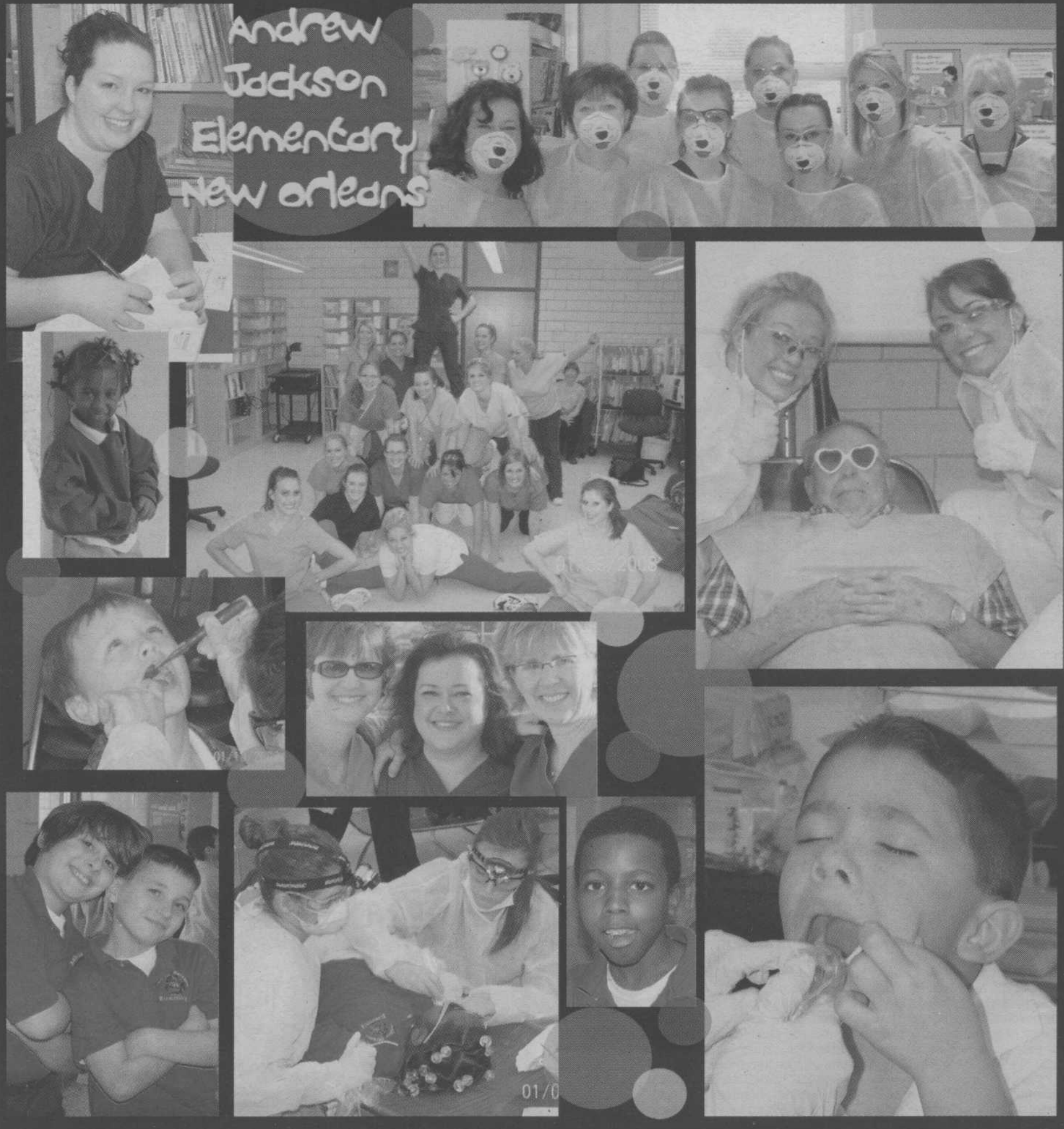
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## Clinton, Obama each score in Super Tuesday states

By DAVID LIGHTMAN  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON—Hillary Clinton marched across the country Tuesday, winning a string of key battleground states—notably the day's biggest prize, California—with a coalition of women, older voters and moderates, but Barack Obama nearly matched her with his own series of victories.

Although Obama increasingly had drawn big, enthusiastic crowds across the nation, the New York senator showed impressive breadth in winning her home state and the biggest battles, in California, New Jersey, Arizona and Massachusetts, while rolling through Tennessee, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Missouri, which had been called for Clinton earlier in the night, was pulled back as too close to call near 1 a.m. EST Wednesday.

Obama, though, wouldn't fade, as the Illinois senator won states with large black voting blocs—Georgia, Alabama and Delaware—while taking primaries in his home state, Utah and Connecticut as well as caucuses in North Dakota, Kansas, Minnesota, Idaho, Alaska and Colorado.

The results mean that the Clinton-Obama duel will continue for weeks and possibly months. Both campaigns stressed Tuesday night that they were ready to battle later this week in Louisiana and Nebraska, which hold contests Saturday, then on to Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia next Tuesday and perhaps all the way to the August convention.

Obama told cheering supporters in Chicago, "The polls are just closing in California and the votes are still being counted in cities and towns across America, but there is one thing on this February night that we do not need the final results to know. Our time has come. Our movement is real and change is coming to America."

Clinton's triumph in California was typical of her victories throughout the evening. Fifty-four percent of the voters were women, according to exit polls, and they gave her an 18-point edge. She also beat Obama by 2 to 1 among Latino voters, who made up 29 percent of the electorate, and did well among voters earning less than \$50,000 a

year.

She held back from declaring victory Tuesday night when speaking to supporters in New

Neither side wanted to claim victory Tuesday night, and both wanted to look ahead to the remaining contests.



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama and wife Michelle celebrate his Super Tuesday victories at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Chicago, Illinois

Nuccio DiNuzzo / Chicago Tribune (MCT)

York. Instead, she recited her campaign themes and said: "I look forward to continuing our campaign and our debate about how to leave this country better off for the next generation. That is the work of my life."

Obama did well in states such as Georgia, where more than half the voting population was African-American and went for him by 8 to 1. He got 39 percent of whites. His appeal also followed another familiar pattern: He won the 18- to 29-year-old vote by 77 to 21 percent.

He countered Clinton's win in Massachusetts by taking neighboring Connecticut, where local political leaders tended to rally behind him and brought the state's large liberal community with them.

While winning statewide popular-vote margins carries psychological importance for any candidate, neither Clinton nor Obama expected to gain a significant advantage from final results in the all-important convention-delegate count because of the Democrats' complex system of awarding delegates. It takes 2,025 delegates to win the Democratic nomination, and 1,681 were at stake in 22 Super Tuesday contests.

Clinton's top strategist, Mark Penn, was upbeat but cautious, saying "we've seen some encouraging results in some of

these early states."

He urged Obama to debate Clinton four times this month, saying "our campaign believes it's critically important we continue the debate between Senator Obama and Senator Clinton," he said.

Obama's camp didn't immediately accept the challenge.

"Our schedule's not going to be dictated by the Clinton campaign," Obama campaign manager David Plouffe said.

Obama was hoping that the strengths he'd showed in previous primaries would lead him to win East Coast and Southern states.

Connecticut and Massachusetts have large blocs of liberal voters, as well as voters swayed by the endorsements of the Kennedy family, and blacks make up an estimated 35 percent of Delaware's Democratic vote and about one-fourth of Tennessee's and Alabama's totals.

The voting suggested that the patterns that had been evident throughout the campaign were continuing, as the race between Clinton and Obama has had the same feel in state after state: Clinton does well among older voters and women, while Obama captures younger and minority voters.

Voters younger than 30, in

particular, found themselves irked by what they saw as politics as usual.

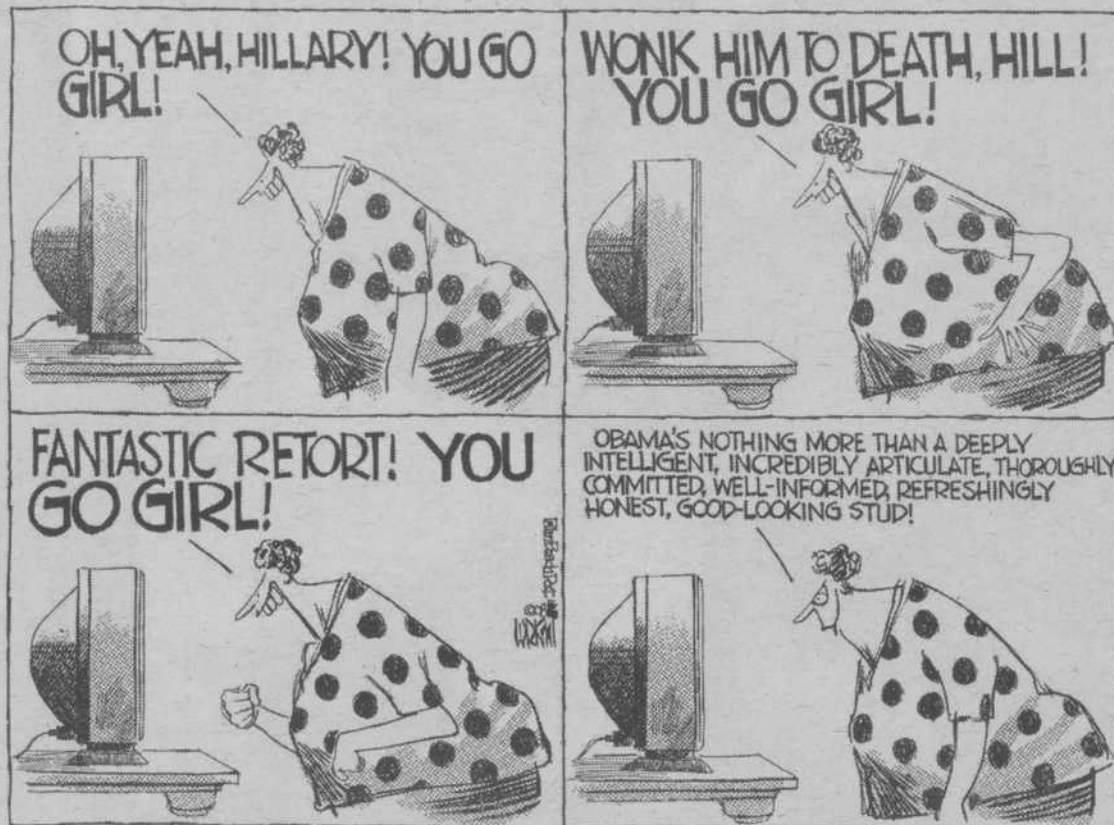
Obama also benefited from the celebrity culture that younger voters have known all their lives.

"In California, particularly, star power means a lot," said Mark Baldassare, the president of the Public Policy Institute of California. The combination of Obama and supporters Oprah Winfrey, Caroline Kennedy and Maria Shriver at a rally Sunday at the University of California at Los Angeles was powerful celebrity wattage.

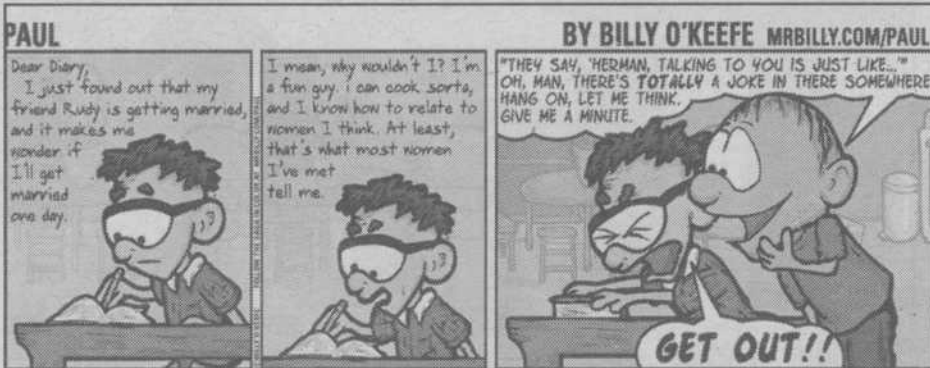
Despite that and palpable momentum, Obama couldn't derail Clinton's organizational strength Tuesday. She showed that she had too much support not only from her usual cadre of voters but also from the party establishment.

"Clinton seemed to have the support of every available Latino politician," said Kareem Crayton, assistant professor of law and political science at the University of Southern California, notably Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

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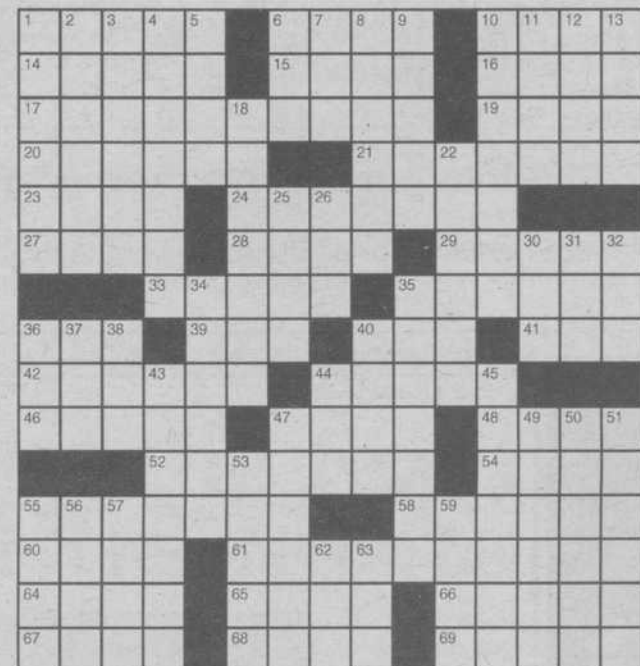


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  - Florida key
  - Unalterable
  - Indian port
  - Tavern brew
  - Seize suddenly
  - Hoover or Grand Coulee
  - Off one's feed
  - Dwell
  - Plains dwelling
  - Dolphins' home
  - Rhythm
  - Interlock
  - Tiny aerobic life forms
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  - Gambling houses
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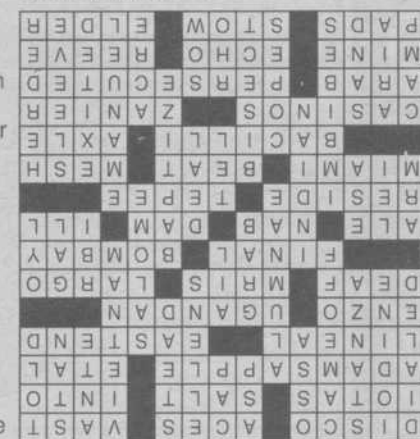
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  - Narrated
  - Female graduates
  - Strauss opera
  - Seize forcibly
  - Feel poorly
  - Baseball stat
  - Guy's date
  - Popeye's Olive
  - One of Cleveland's nine
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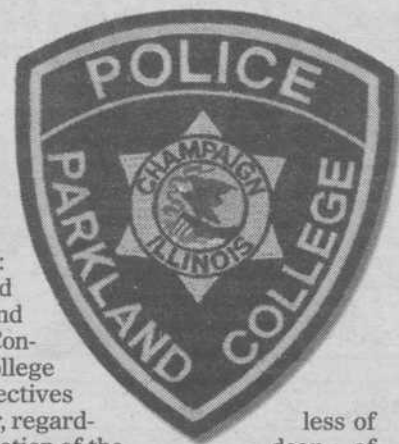
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### Off Campus Behavior

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- Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 16.
- Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 9.
- Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.
- Monday Night:** A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.
- Tuesday:** A chance of snow or rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33.

## CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

This week, CrimeStoppers and the Urbana Police Department are seeking your assistance in identifying the person or persons responsible for a shooting death that occurred on Wednesday, January 23.

At approximately 6:37pm on Wednesday, January 23, officers responded to an apartment located at 1713 East Florida Avenue, Urbana. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the male victim, Paris Thompson,

had been shot and killed. Urbana Police investigators are asking for your help in solving this murder.

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to: [www.champaign-countycrimestoppers.com](http://www.champaign-countycrimestoppers.com).

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## New Web mag gives students the real deal

### ■ Hard-to-find source offers students rich resources, help

By **KATHLEEN SERINO**  
*Prospectus Writer*

Did you know that there's been a virtual student health and wellness magazine circulating around Parkland's Web site since last semester? You may not have. You should definitely take a look at this magazine filled with videos, pictures, prizes and articles that relate directly to the Parkland student (and perhaps the college faculty and staff, too!).

An entirely online publication, *Student Health 101 Newsletter* is one-of-a-kind. Purchased through a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health by June Burch of the Department of Health Professions, the magazine has been receiving positive feedback.

"I've heard a lot of wonderful feedback about the magazine from students, staff and faculty, but it's very difficult to get to and a lot of students don't know about it," Burch said.

The reason is probably because it has not been properly displayed or advertised. Since Parkland Policy prohibits Burch from sending blan-

ket emails to students, one must dig through the links of Parkland's Web site in order to find this extremely interactive and informative virtual health magazine. One way you can find the link is on the Parkland student email login page. If you look on the bottom left-hand corner there is a box for rolling announcements. If you hang out on that page for a bit the *Student Health 101 Newsletter* link will eventually appear. Another way to get to the magazine is through this link:

<http://www.parkland.edu/ss/stulife/wc.htm>.

It is important for students to be aware of this online magazine because not only does it provide pertinent health information but also it addresses real life situations that students face everyday: relationships, financial issues, grades, etc. Many of the topics are angled toward a particular time during the school year (i.e. proper stress management during finals season).

The coolest part about *Student Health 101 Newsletter*

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To find out more read this month's issue of *Student Health 101*. You'll find it in your e-mail or on the health center web site.

**What's HOT for spring break this year?**  
Would you believe spring breaks that don't involve partying on the beach? More than half of the students surveyed say they'll be spending spring break on healthier, altruistic, or career-related activities.  
To find out more read this month's issue of *Student Health 101*. You'll find it in your e-mail or on the health center web site.

**How many of your classmates are doing drugs?**  
Not as many as you think. See the latest research in the current issue of *Student Health 101*. Available in your e-mail inbox or on-line at the health center web site.

**Cafeteria food making you sick?**  
Let's define it: the daughter of Oprah declared you to some health choices that are already on the chow line.  
See what she has to say in this month's issue of *Student Health 101*. You'll find it in your e-mail or on the health center web site.

**FEELING FAT?**  
Maybe it's just poor body image brought on by or that can lead to an eating disorder. Do you know the warning signs of an eating disorder? We do. Check 'em out in this month's issue of *Student Health 101*. You'll find it in your e-mail or on the health center web site.

**HEADING FOR FUN IN SUN?**  
If you are heading off to the beach, do you know how to protect your body's "big gun" eyes? To avoid cancer and premature aging, your skin needs you to take an active role in protecting it from damage. This month's issue of *Student Health 101* gives you tips so what to do. See the issue in your e-mail or on the college web site.

Watch your email for the latest issue of *Student Health 101* or visit the Health Services or Counseling sections on your school website to start reading today!

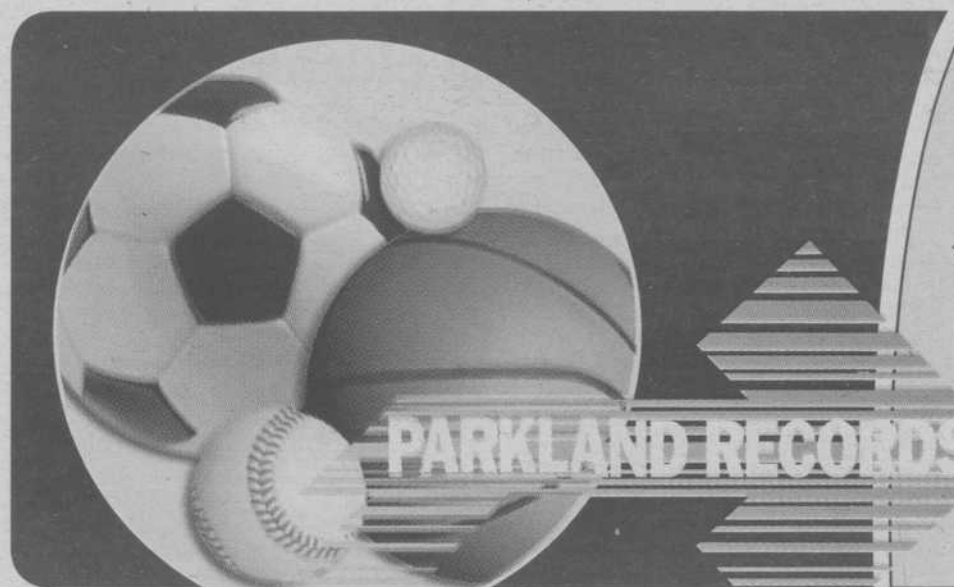
is that student comments are important. You can comment to the newsletter directly through their website, which makes the newsletter that much more hands-on. According to Burch, there is even a parent version of the newsletter.

If you have more questions about the magazine, you can visit the *Student Health 101* website at [www.studenthealth101.com](http://www.studenthealth101.com) or you can email June Burch at [jburch@parkland.edu](mailto:jburch@parkland.edu).

If you've visited the magazine, loved it and wondering what's expected in the February issue, here's what's coming up next: Is a Kiss Just a Kiss? Alternative Spring Breaks That Make a Difference, The Real Deal on College Drug Use, The Skinny on Eating Disorders, and Chronic Illness: Not a Roadblock to College Success.

[Editor's Note: visit our Web site online for access to to the *Student Health 101* digital magazine, as well as other Parkland features that you might have missed.

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## Patriots muffed multiple chances to finish 19-0

By **NICHOLAS J. COTSONIKA**  
*Detroit Free Press (MCT)*

GLENDALE, Ariz.—This is why they would have been the greatest. There is a reason why no NFL team has gone undefeated since the Miami Dolphins went 17-0 in 1972.

To go 19-0 in this day and age, to win your last game in the Super Bowl, to overcome all the hype and pressure, is almost an impossible task. Not even these New England Patriots could pull it off.

"Any time you have a team that's 18-0, stop and think about that," New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin said Sunday night. "In this league? That's just an incredible accomplishment for them."

But that's why the Giants' 17-14 victory in Super Bowl XLII was such an incredible accomplishment for them, maybe the second-biggest upset in Super Bowl history, behind the Jets' victory over the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III.

The Giants beat the unbeaten. Their defense suffocated the highest-scoring offense in NFL history. Quarterback Eli Manning, who led the league in turnovers this season with 27, led the team on a dramatic game-winning drive and was named most valuable player.

Manning proved he could do it. Sounds familiar. Big brother Peyton, who once couldn't win the big game, was named Super Bowl MVP just last year after

leading Indianapolis over Chicago.

"The Patriots have had an unbelievable year," said Peyton Manning, who has had more epic battles with them than his brother has.

"I can't tell you how good of a football team they are. For the Giants to have beaten them in this game tonight—and in these surroundings—it is going to go down as one of the greatest games of all time."

I didn't give the Giants much of a chance. Few did. To be honest, I didn't think they might actually win until Plaxico Burress caught that touchdown pass with 35 seconds left, and I didn't accept that they had pulled off the upset until Tom Brady's last desperate pass fell to the turf incomplete.

Give the Giants credit. They came out confident and played like they had nothing to lose. Their fearsome pass rush absolutely smothered Brady and never let the Patriots' offense get into rhythm. In the end, they made the plays; the Patriots didn't.

But as well as the Giants played, the Patriots were one play from winning, one play from perfection, one play from their fourth title in seven years. It's such a fine, cruel line in the NFL.

The Patriots became the first NFL team to go 18-0 but couldn't complete their quest. They will look back forever on this missed opportunity and all the missed

opportunities that led to it.

"Our team is extremely disappointed," Brady said. "I am sure it will be tough to swallow."

We could go back to the first three quarters—two failures to recover New York fumbles, coach Bill Belichick going for it instead of attempting a field goal on fourth-and-13 at the New York 31—but all we need is the Giants' final drive:

Fourth-and-one at the New York 37. Stuff the Giants, and the Patriots win. Brandon Jacobs powers up the middle for two yards, just enough for a first down.

Second-and-five at the New York 44. Manning floats a ball at cornerback Asante Samuel down the right sideline. If Samuel catches the ball and lands in bounds, the Patriots win. He lets an interception slip through his fingers.

Third-and-five at the New York 44. Manning is surrounded. No. 97 has a hold of his jersey. If Manning takes a sack, it's fourth-and-whatever, and the Giants are on the ropes. But somehow he escapes, runs to his right and heaves the ball down the field. Safety Rodney Harrison and wide receiver David Tyree have a jump ball. If Harrison gets it, game over. If Tyree drops it, again, it's fourth down and the Giants are on the ropes. Tyree catches it and somehow holds on by trapping it against his helmet.

Third-and-11 at the New England 25. If Manning fails to com-

plete the pass, he's down to one last shot. He finds Steve Smith for 12 yards, just enough for a first down.

"You have to give them a lot of credit," Harrison said. "We had our opportunities and didn't capitalize."

Just goes to show you and me.

"You never know," Coughlin

said. "The right moment, the right time, every team is beat-able."

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### Parkland Athletics Press Release

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#### Basketball

Both the Parkland Men's and Women's Basketball teams made quick work of Spoon River on Saturday as the Cobras picked up a pair of important M-WAC victories. The Women broke away late in the first half and cruised to an 88-63 win while the Men built a 20 point half-time lead and knocked off SRC 84-64.

#### Women's

In the women's victory, Ashley Lillard continued her strong play scoring 27 points on 13-15 shooting from the field. Ashley Runck poured in 17 points, pulled down 6 boards, and added 4 steals while Jara Bechtold added 11 points. Parkland shot 59% from the field for the game and out rebounded the Mudcats 37-24 and forced them into 27 turnovers. PC improves (15-6 6-1) with

their sixth straight win while SRC falls to (8-11 2-4). Next up for PC is a non-conference home game with Robert Morris College at 5:30 on Wednesday night.

#### Men's

The PC men raced out to an early lead and cruised to the 20 point win over SRC. PC was led by the trio of Matt Mierzycki (20 points 7 rebounds), Tydus Townsend (16 points 10 rebounds & 6 blocks), and Antonio Lofton (19 points 3 steals). PC shot 49% for the contest and out rebounded the smaller Mudcats 45-31. Ronnell Isom led SRC and all scorers with 23 points.

Parkland remains in a second place tie in the M-WAC improving to (8-12 5-2) while Spoon River falls to (4-14 1-6). Parkland will host #10 Illinois Central College at 7:30 on Wednesday.