

# School Daze

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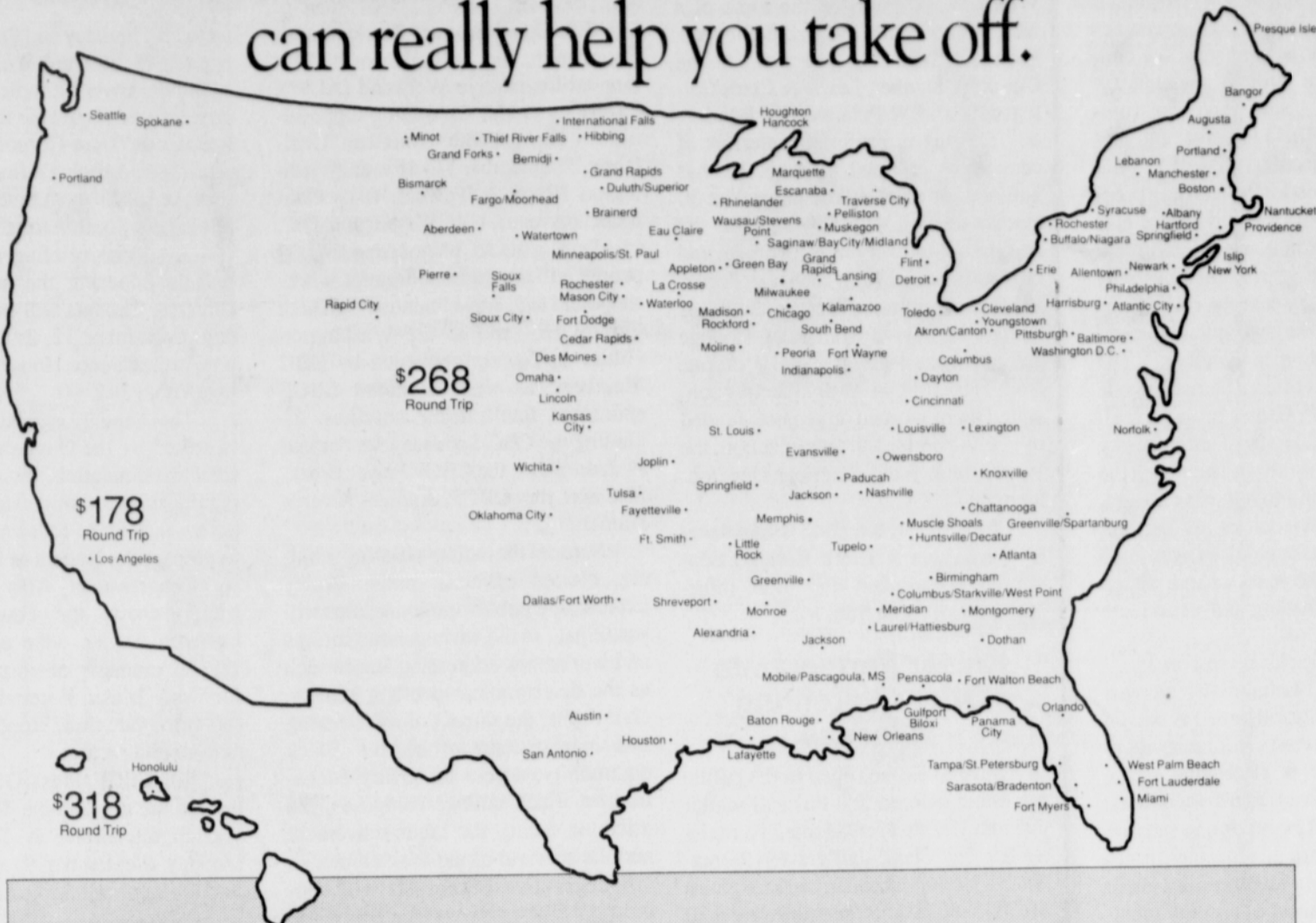
building an academic Tower of Babel, my neighbor was quick to point out that he believed what we are seeing is one of the most sophisticated and lucrative power plays ever devised in academia. "This caper is going to outperform those two classics; METRIC and the NEW MATH. We will see a wealth of new power bases established in the education community -- and new fortunes made."

My friend also pointed out that in a recent article titled, "What Should Students Know & When?" (NEA Today, Sept. '91), Executive Director Bill Aldridge of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) inadvertently made a telling point for a long-term position of mine; Mr. Aldridge said, "We look upon students who enroll in even three years of high school science as future scientists or engineers -- but in

EVERY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATION, all students study at least three years of high school science."

There we go again; the man is making a case for FOREIGN IMPORT because like 99% of the whites involved in education, he doesn't know that in the average ghetto high school before World War II (like mine in St. Louis), THREE AND OFTEN FOUR YEARS OF SCIENCE WERE REQUIRED. General Science I & II, Biology I & II, Physics I & II -- and for future physicians, Chemistry I & II. If parents want to know "what-and-when" about their children's knowledge, they are going to have to ORGANIZE and PARTICIPATE in the system. That "information retrieval" barrier cannot be breached unless they do (see my "Perspectives" column, page 2).

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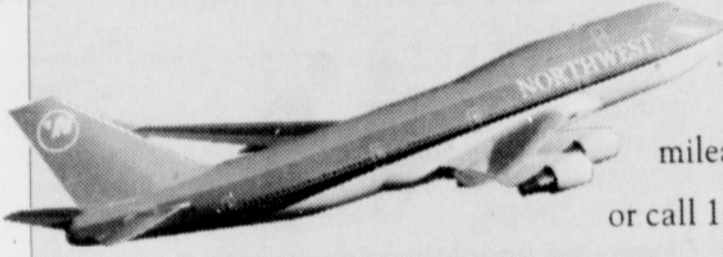
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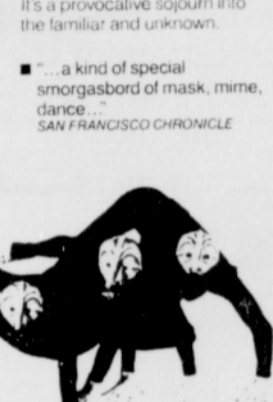
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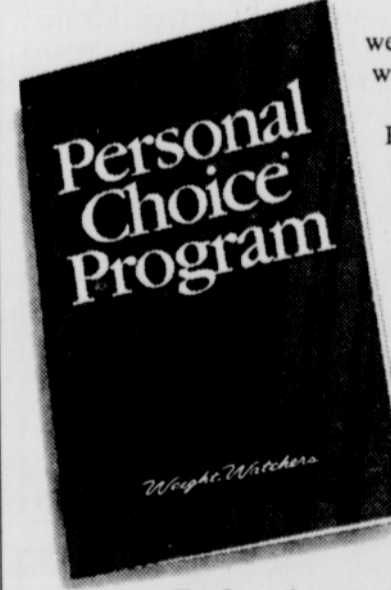
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## Alpha High School Principal Victim of Plane Crash



Debby Norman, who was identified Monday as the victim of Friday's plane crash near the "Flying M" ranch, was principal of Multnomah Education Service District's Alpha High School in Gresham.

Ms. Norman was selected principal of Alpha in August of 1990. Previously she was Coordinator of the Curriculum Department for Multnomah ESD

(89-90), a curriculum specialist (86-89), a teacher at Multnomah ESD's Wynne Watts Alternative School (83-86) and was Vice Principal at Rockwood Middle School (81-83).

Alpha is an alternative high school program for east county students. The staff of Alpha and Multnomah ESD are greatly distressed at the loss of this friend and colleague.

## Official Statement by Urban League of Portland: President Dr. Darryl Tukufu on Pillay Hate Crime

The hate crime committed Monday at the George Pillay family home demonstrates that racial prejudice and intolerance are far from dead in our society. The person or persons who spray painted the threats inside the Pillay home probably live in our own community. The fact that the victims of their attack are visitors from a distant land makes me especially sad. Along with our sympathies, the Urban League has offered its counseling and support services to the Pillay family.

This case has probably attracted more media attention because the victims are natives of South Africa, a country where racism was institutionalized (using the American slavery system as a model). This week's incident causes one to wonder what are the differences between South Africa and our own country today in terms of racial attitudes.

While this attack reaches the front pages, we wonder how many other hate crimes are going by unnoticed. Last year 202 hate crimes were reported in Multnomah County. In just the first six months of this year 165 were reported. Clearly, prejudice is on the rise in our community.

When hate based on race becomes so common, we begin to wonder how such a situation could develop. Racism can enter a society in subtle ways. Is it really any different for people in professional positions to make racist remarks in a downtown cafe or at a private party? Is that any worse than violating someone's home while they're away? Or are these just two sides of the same coin?

Perhaps this is a good time for us all to examine our consciences and to promise ourselves to work harder to make prejudice unwelcome in our community.

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