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**Returns
After
High
Season
Ratings**

In its first season, The Parkers became the number one show in African-American households.

The Parkers, UPN's highest rated comedy, was also the only freshman comedy that premiered last fall, on any network, to return this fall. With this success, the second season of The Parkers premieres.

Kim Parker's (Countess Vaughn) mom, Nikki Parker (Mo'Nique) is a hip, young and has attitude, just like Kim. Kim's mom is fun and has an outrageous sense of humor, just like Kim. Kim's mom is going to Santa Monica Junior College, just like Kim.

A mother and daughter living together and going to school

together is the springboard for the comedy on The Parkers, a spin-off of the popular sitcom "Moesha."

Sara V. Finney, co-creator/executive producer. "Kim and Nikki going to college together allows us to explore a different type of family dynamic while getting great comedy out of that situation."

The Parkers is set in the Leimert Park section of Los Angeles (Moesha's neighborhood) and at Santa Monica Junior College. In fact, Finney grew up in Leimert Park. "It's

working class, middle class," she says.

"All you hear about the urban inner city is bad, but there are a lot of good people you never hear of, regular folks trying to provide



The Parkers continue their second season with (from left) Jenna von Oy, Ken L., Countess Vaughn, Mo'Nique, Dorien Wilson and Yvette Wilson.

In the second season premiere, we find out what happened in Vegas with Kims wedding. Other storylines this season will include: a zany Halloween show, an election show, Kim and Nikki moving back in together, Kim continuing to grow as a young woman and possibly a cross-over episode with "Moesha."

The show will also further develop the relationship between Nikki and Professor Oglevee by taking it to a different level. However, there will still be the intrigue of the chase.

"The Parkers at its core is about parents and children relating and allowing each other to be who they need to be," says

the American dream for their families. Everyone will be able to see themselves in the trials and tribulations, joys and sorrows of Nikki and Kim."

The Parkers is a television show anyone can enjoy. Everyone is invited to have a good time and share a few laughs. Its success in its first season proves that.

"The cast has come together and everything has clicked for us," says Finney. "They are great to work with which makes it that much easier for us to write. Their energy and enthusiasm rubs off on everyone."

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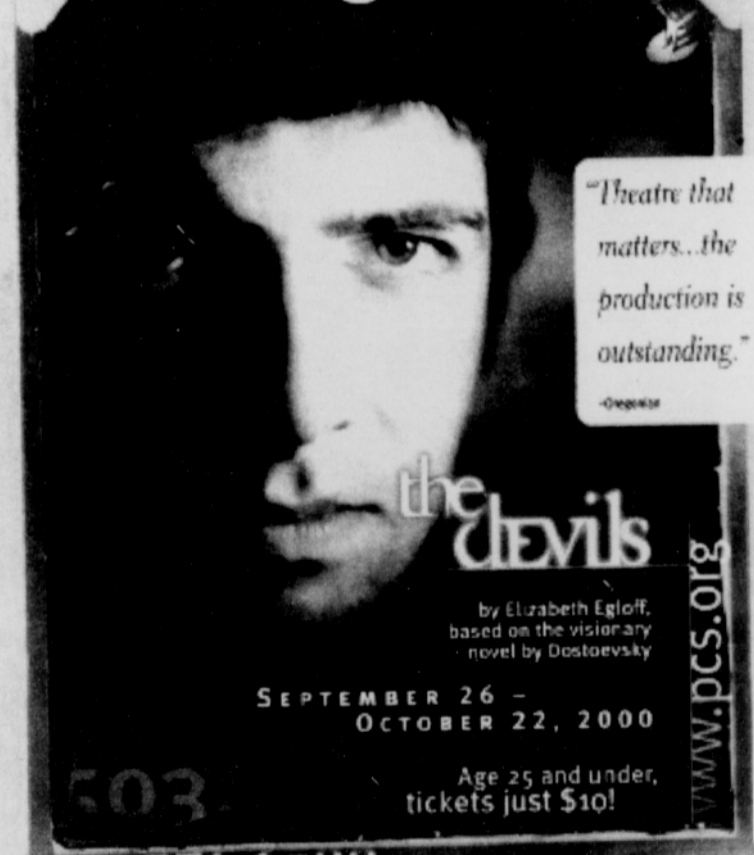


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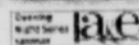
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