The Business Family

The Mother

Probably one feels that the easiest thing to do is to write about the Mother. However, when one embarks on doing so he comes to notice that the opposite is true. The Mother is beyond description and whatever is said about her seems little in comparison with her status and what she represents for her children. Especially, through the endless sacrifice she willingly endures for the sake of her sons and daughters, without waiting for anything in return. She is the only non-selfish human being when it comes to her feelings and doings towards her children.

All the words of the World are not sufficient to describe her because the word “Mother” itself engulfs all the words of the World in one, as she is the one and only, who never seizes to give without complaint. Day and Night, she is available to render assistance and to serve needs and even if sick. She never hesitates to fulfill what she believes to be her mission in life. The Affection and Love which springs from her is tantamount to that of a candle which melts to light the place for others.

Accordingly, the Mother who advances and prioritizes the interests of her children to surpass her own deserves to be described as “Divine”.

On the occasion of the Mother’s Day which is annually celebrated on the 21st of March, I wish my mother and all the mothers in the world all the best and many happy returns of the day.

Contributed by
Tammam Shahwan

Quotes on Mothers

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

A mother understands what a child does not say.

A Mother’s menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.

A mother’s love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity; it dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path.
**Fair Trade and Environment**

Last semester, I attended the trade and environment course offered by Friends of Earth Middle East (FoEME) in coordination with the Faculty of Business at Bethlehem University. Our instructor Mr. George Manarious (FoEME) with the help of Mr. Jall Hazboun (Instructor at the Faculty of Business Administration), introduced us to the MFTZ “Mediterranean Free Trade Zone”. This free trade area that will be created in 2010 is supposed to create a market with a population greater than 601 million people, as it will open the market in the Mediterranean area and join the countries in one large free of quota market. It is also expected to improve the economies of the member countries including Palestine. However, after finishing the course, we realized that the MFTZ may raise serious environmental concerns due to increased unsustainable production and consumption rates resulting in higher pollution rates. After gaining insights, the students participated in the workshop sponsored by OXFAM, which was held in the university on February 2006 aiming to raise awareness on agriculture in Palestine and its relation to trade. Representatives of PARC and the Ministries of agriculture and commerce participated and helped in sharing important information about the ability of Palestinian farmers of meeting the desired quantity and quality of crops in order to join the MFTZ.

In 1994, originally founded as “EcoPeace”, FoEME came about when environmental non-governmental organizations from the Middle East met with the common goal of furthering sustainable development and peace in the region. For more information visit: http://www.foeme.org

**The Palestine Information and Communications Technology Incubator (PICTI)**

The Palestine Information and Communications Technology Incubator (PICTI), is an independent Palestinian organization that has been created through the initiative and support of the Palestinian Information Technology Community. PICTI and its partner organizations have as their mission the revitalization and the sustainable growth of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) sector in Palestine. The strategic core components of PICTI include the establishment of an Incubator facility that will offer professional business services to Palestinian entrepreneurs who have mature concepts for unique and innovative ICT products assessed to have strong market potential. These core elements will form the backbone of PICTI’s operations and it supports to the ICT sector in Palestine as well as address many of the unique challenges facing its development, growth, and expansion. PICTI looks forward to working with Palestinian ICT firms to jointly identify, develop, and implement new initiatives that will be of significant benefit to the sector. PICTI is eager to join with the ICT community to ensure that the Palestinian people become a dynamic participant in the global spread, adoption and utilization of information technologies with all the resulting benefits that can be obtained.

PICTI’s Objectives:

1. **Incubation Program:** An incubator that offers professional business services to entrepreneurs.
2. **Professional Business Services:** Staff expertise with local industry practitioners to design, develop, and implement an ICT sector support infrastructure that will provide a comprehensive, in-depth service selection of customized professional business services to PICTI client firms.
3. **International Market Research:** Actively work with client firms to identify and assess future ICT development trends where high-value-added regional and/or international niche markets will emerge.
4. **Industry-University Link Program:** Initiate efforts to establish a dynamic, market driven Industry-University Linkage program that will focus on identifying the key technical and managerial curriculum that will be essential for university graduates to be internationally competitive.
5. **Loan Fund:** PICTI will identify and closely work with regional/ international investors and financial institutions to create a Venture Loan Fund for new ICT enterprises in Palestine.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that PICTI conducted a half day workshop for the students of the Faculty of Business Administration and the CAIS program at Bethlehem University on Thursday, March 2nd, 2006. This event came as a part of raising awareness about PICTI and Incubators.

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For more information visit: http://www.picti.ps
BeWare! New Websites Promoting Group Suicides Activities

Yesterday, during watching my favorite TV programme "The Oprah Talk Show", I was shocked by the topic of the show. Oprah hosted a family who has been through a terrible nightmare, having to deal with the death of their daughter who was considered to be the perfect child, being the top of her class and a winner of a full scholarship to one of the top universities.

Suzan Gonzales was her name. Unfortunately, Suzan was introduced to a very unusual website which was the main cause that lead to her death. A new dark side of the use of the internet is emerging among the young people especially among vulnerable teenagers. These Websites are promoting a dangerous lethal trend among the users which is: "Suicide Groups". Lonely younger people from various walks of life, search on these websites seeking others with whom to commit suicide, as they don’t want to die alone. All it takes is just one simple e-mail or one small phone call to get pulled into this nightmare. They trick people suffering from depression with the idea that they have the solution to their problems.

These websites are offering detailed instructions on ways to how to take one’s life. They display posting such as "Looking for a friend to kill myself with!" or "For people who have got tired of life." They even help you to write a letter (a good-bye letter) to family or friends that will reach them when it becomes too late, i.e. (after you die).

These websites are truly a modern phenomenon for people for the first time are meeting strangers for the purpose of committing suicide together.

Suicide has become a common case of death especially among young people in their 20s and 30s. It kills nearly 4000 teenagers every year in the USA.

In just the first 3 months of the year 2005, there have been 20 cases in Japan of group suicide after individuals met on the web, resulting in 54 deaths. The World Health Organization puts Japan’s suicide rate per capita at more than twice that of the United States and higher than any other economically advanced nation.

Being aware of the fact that we are a country and a nation that tends to mimic the manners and the way of living of the advanced nations such as the United States of America and other western nations, and also due to the fact that we as Palestinians are facing huge frustration in our daily life, I find it very important to be aware of such dark sides of the internet especially, since it has become a main factor influencing our lives. We as students in the present and as parents in the future should fight these murderers and take all the possible precautions to prevent our beloved ones from the position of these sites.

Contributed by Rawan Mansour

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**MSN Messenger Tip**

Do you wish to know if your friend had deleted you from his Contacts List?

Just do as follows:

1. Open the Messenger
2. From the Main Menu ... Choose Tools
3. From (Tools Menu) ... Choose Options
4. You will see a Window
5. Choose Privacy
6. Now you suppose to see two Rectangles
7. From the Left Rectangle choose the name you think he/she had deleted you (by using the right – button of the mouse)
8. From the pop-up menu that appears, see whether the (Delete) option is in Black Color or not.
9. If the (Delete) option is in Black Color, that means your friend had deleted you...

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![Potential new risk from mobile phones](source: Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority)
Your Traits According To Your Horoscope!

**Aries**: possesses great force and energy. It is instinctive and dynamic; sometimes it makes big mistakes because of its impulsiveness.

**Taurus**: represents art, beauty in all its forms, and strength. Taureans are security loving (both on the material and psychological level) and they like routine.

**Gemini**: the main characters of this sign are its dualism and its contradictory nature. They are quiet, fascinating, clever and active, but are pessimistic.

**Cancer**: is sweet, conservative, capricious, enigmatic and fanciful. It loves living in luxury, traveling, and taking care of its house, it loves past and tradition.

**Leo**: is independent, free, authoritative, active, passionate and very generous. Sometimes they trust too much in themselves.

**Virgo**: is precise, efficient, severe and rational. Usually they think money is very important and, even though they like living without suffering privations, they hate wastes.

**Libra**: Librans love beauty and elegance and they hate arguments. They express rational and impartial judgments on any subject. They are nice, gentle, balanced.

**Scorpio**: Scorpios’ personality is extremely complex and contradictory. It is serious, authoritative, jealous, possessive and it likes going into deep.

**Sagittarius**: is trustful, cheerful, sincere, and faithful. They believe in a positive future and in changes, they love traveling, taking walks in the open air and animals.

**Capricorn**: is ambitious, resolute, cold minded. Fatigue never makes them a fraud; they work hard and are ready to sacrifice themselves.

**Aquarius**: is sincere, altruistic, free and active. They are quiet, but sometimes they can be extremely nervous or strained. They ask a lot from other people.

**Pisces**: is patient, sweet and tolerant. However, they can be also touchy and treacherous. Their typical features are a complex character.

Contributed by Hanine Musleh

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Paradise Now

The winner movie of the Golden Globe awards for “Best Foreign Film Category” from the Country Palestine, was also nominated for the 78th Annual Academy Awards (Oscars 2006) from Palestinian territory for the same category. The film also won an award in the international Berlin Festival entering the competition as a film from Palestine. The film is directed by Hany Abu-Asaad and starring Kais Nashef and Ali Suliman.

**The film’s story:**
Paradise now chronicles 48 hours in the lives of two young men in Nablus who are recruited for a mission in Tel-Aviv. The two (Saed and Khalid) are friends since childhood, they work as auto mechanics, drink tea and never discuss politics or religion, yet when they receive news of their selection to do the bombing mission in Israel, they treat the job as an honor. They spend what should be their final night with their families because of the need for absolute secrecy, they cannot make proper goodbyes.

Saed views bombing as the only way for Palestinians to reclaim their lost dignity in the Israeli “occupation” of Palestinians’ land. And with more time to think, Khalid begins to have his doubts. Finally, when Saed makes it to the Israeli bus, he puts his hand on the wire of the explosive belt, suddenly the screen turns into white indicating the inevitable explosion.....

Contributed by Manar Arafeh

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Business Crossword Puzzle

**Across**

3. Relates the quantity of a good that consumers would purchase at each of various possible prices, over some period of time, ceteris paribus

6. Basic convictions about what is right and wrong.

7. Referred to as “doing things right.”

8. An internal organizational communication system that uses Internet technology and accessible only by organizational employees.

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**Down**

1. Coordinating work activities to achieve organizational goals

2. A situation in which there are too few resources to meet all human wants.

4. The purpose of an organization.

5. Current and potential buyers for a certain product.

Answers will be published in next edition.
الخصائص الفعالة، الاستثمارات الشخصية المالية، الأساليب الجغرافية في بيئات الشتاء والصيف، والإنتاج المالي غير متكافئ، حيث يتعين على الأشخاص أن يكونوا على علم بأشكال الأنشطة المختلفة. في مثل هذه الأوقات، يكون الأمر أمرًا بحاجة إلى قدرة على الفهم والبصيرة، حيث يمكن أن تكون أنماط الأنشطة المختلفة تزداد في الضرورة على الاستقرار. الأشخاص الذين يرغبون في الحصول على معلومات أفضل يجب أن يكونوا على علم بأن الأنشطة المحددة يمكن أن تكون فريدة وعادة ما تكون مربحة.

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