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'Tis the Season to be Jolly



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When it comes to celebrating the holidays there is probably no better place to be than Orlando, Florida.

About twenty minutes down the road from Rollins College is Walt Disney World.

Guests of the magical resort will find that the Disney is one merry place to be during the holidays.

This year Disney's MGM Studios will be featuring its new "dancing" lights as part of the Osborne Spectacle of Lights. Each year this event is set up in the backlot of MGM Studios using millions of Christmas lights, holiday music and snow flurries.

The event will be at Disney until January 7, 2007.

A grand musical performance along with a celebrity narrator will be held at EPCOT's Candlelight Processional. The narrator will re-tell the story of the birth of Jesus and the story of his life.

If it is fireworks, snow, hot chocolate and cookies you are looking for then Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party at

the Magic Kingdom is the place to be.

And then down the street from Walt Disney World is Universal Studios where one can enjoy even more holiday events.

Live music is always a festive event to attend especially if the live music is holiday music to ring in the New Year. Disney is holding a wide range of events to bring in 2008. Enjoy live music, DJs, dancing, and fireworks.

At Islands of Adventure guests can meet the Grinch during the holiday event known as Grinchmas.

Also other than Grinchmas guests can enjoy a parade just like the Macy's parade itself. The parade features high-flying balloons and colorful floats. Why go to New York City when the Macy's parade is down the street.

There is no way of forgetting about the holiday season while in the theme park. Universal's holiday celebration is not only in the theme park itself but also in all the on-site hotels and restaurants.

The hotels are filled with the festive decor of the holidays. Carolers, tree-lighting ceremonies, holiday movie presentations and special holiday menus.

The holiday season is a time to be merry and Orlando is the place to be for holiday festivities and themed events.

SNOW WHITE FLORIDA

Central Florida has begun its holiday season with a snowy wonderland.

No, Central Florida residents were not seeing things on Tuesday November 21, 2006, snow did fall from the sky. At about 9 o'clock at night white flakes, mixed with snow, fell from the sky.

According to the National Weather Service snowflakes fell in Orange, Lake, Seminole and Volusia counties.

No one was out in the streets with snow shovels the next morning, but snow flurries did fall in Orlando. This was the first time snow has fell to the ground in Orlando since 2003.

Snow fall in history has been very limited. The most significant snow fall in history was in 1977, when it snowed in Miami. In 1989 North and Central Florida had a big freeze and in 1993 a storm swept through shocking the southeastern USA with snow.

A large developing storm out at sea off of Florida's coast drove the cold air southward into the state of Florida. Freeze watches occurred throughout the state. However, as temperatures usually do in Florida, they quickly rose.

The snow was the cause of the at-

mosphere reaching record low temperatures and the temperature was even low enough to keep the flakes from melting in the sky. The temperatures dropped into the low 40's. Wind chills in some

areas of northern Florida dropped into the 20's and temperatures in the Keys only reached a high of 60.

However, the temperatures were not cold enough to keep the snow from melting, but it is still rare to even have snow at all in Central Florida.

Citrus in the area is unlikely to be harmed by the cold weather since the temperatures did not stay below freezing for any significant amount of time.

The weather system did not seem to make some surfers happy in Miami Beach, however, some wave-riders took advantage of the high-than-normal surf along the southernmost tip of Miami Beach according to USA today.



CONGRATULATIONS FALL 2006 GRADUATES

WORLD News



COURTESY OF CNN

ENGLAND: Authorities grounded three British Airways jetliners in London and Moscow and drew up plans to contact thousands of airplane passengers as they broadened their investigation into the radiation poisoning death of a former Russian spy.

LATVIA: NATO leaders meeting in the Latvian capital Riga have agreed to ease some restrictions governing rules of engagement in Afghanistan, but only in emergency situations.

FIJI: Fiji's military stood poised to take over parts of the capital in defiance of the government and possible foreign intervention, hours after an Australian army helicopter crashed nearby amid fears of an imminent coup.

IRAQ: Fierce fighting Wednesday between coalition forces and insurgents shut down the city of Baquba, which has been roiled by violence in recent days, killing scores of militants and civilians.

EGYPT: Al Qaeda in Iraq on denounced Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Turkey, calling it part of a "crusader campaign" against Islam. The Vatican said the comments showed the need to fight "violence in the name of God."

NATIONAL News



CALIFORNIA: Hundreds of white wooden crosses planted on a quiet suburban hillside have prompted a debate over whether they honor or exploit the memory of troops killed in Iraq.

NEW YORK: A former fugitive whose dramatic capture ended the largest manhunt in New York state history pleaded guilty to shooting three state troopers, one of whom died.

MISSOURI: A fire that killed 10 people at a group home for the elderly and mentally ill could have been caused by faulty electrical wiring, authorities said.

OREGON: An Oregon lawyer wrongly arrested and accused of involvement in the 2004 Madrid train bombings has settled a lawsuit against the U.S. government for \$2 million.

MISSOURI: A fire at a fraternity house near the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus killed a student, less than two weeks after a fatal blaze at the home of a Nebraska fraternity.

FLORIDA: Florida sheriff's deputies jumped into a dark lake and pulled a naked man from the jaws of an alligator.

Winter Park Boat and Light Parade

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On December 9th 2006, the third annual Winter Park boat parade and festival of lights will take place. With Also on this date dinky dock and the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden will be open for full public viewing.

Starting at sun sat Winter Parks Lakes will be illuminated filled with illuminated boats. Sailing across the Oecol and Virginia lakes, area boat owners will begin to light and decorate their boats. Once fully decorated to

their full potential, the boat owner begins to parade their lighted and decorated boats along the les displaying different holiday themes. Each boat owner thrives to impress the local celebrity judges praying to be awarded different prizes for the best and most creative boats.

For the best two years the Winter Park boat parade and festival of lights celebration has acted as the time of year for the whole community to get together. As stated by the press release "for the past two years it has become a fun community wide water parade". During this time areas of families gathers and line the

shores of each lake to see the impressive imagination and creativity of their fellow neighbors. As well attending this with their boats are Local sponsors such as Southeast Correct Craft, Fannie Hilliman and associates and Dynetech. In past years more the 60 boats, including those of six corporate sponsored boats, have participated in this event.

Those who attend these events proceeds will go to the benefits of the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens. This museum is designed to encourage the legacy of internationally known sculptor, Albin Polasek. The museum promotes the study, admi-

ration and the furtherance of representational art.

All local registered boat owners from the community of Winter Park City are invited to participate this annual event. Those who are not registered simply have register by filling out an application and paying a registration fee of \$50. These applications are available by contacting Carrie Nepple at 407-644-2425 or via email at cnepple@yahoo.com. Deadlines for these registration to participate in the community wide event are due Wednesday, November 29, 2006.

The Fitzgerald Symposium

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The F. Scott Fitzgerald and Zelda Fitzgerald symposium was a three day event that ran from November 15 to November 17. This event was open to the public with a goal to inform students and visitors alike to enter the private lives of two intelligent, prolific and talented individuals whose success credited an epoch that holds their name, the Fitzgerald era.

The first day of the symposium, November 15, was brief with the majority of the information were presented on November 16 and 17. Keene Hall hosted events throughout these two days including overviews, keynote speakers, discussions and dramatic presentations about Zelda's artistic work, paintings, dance, and celebrity. The symposium ended with closing remarks and a Great Gatsby themed gala held at the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens.

On the chilly evening of Thursday, November 16, the dramatic readings of "Devotedly, With Dearest Love," were performed by Robyn Allers, who

acted the part of Zelda Fitzgerald and Roger Casey, who portrayed the famed F. Scott Fitzgerald. The performance was based on excerpts taken from the book entitled, "Dear Scott, Dearest Zelda: The Love Letters of F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald." The dramatic readings revealed private thoughts and conversations of two individuals who lived, loved, and supported each other while they struggled to fight their internal demons. The literary works were edited by Jackson R. Bryer and Cathy W. Barks, arranged by Lorrie Kyle, and directed by Jennifer Jones Cavanaugh.

The readings commenced as F. Scott Fitzgerald's character tells the tale of falling in love with Zelda in June 1918, while on military training in Montgomery, Alabama. Fitzgerald first had to prove himself to Zelda before the relationship could blossom. Shortly after writing his first novel, "This Side of Paradise" in 1919, he gained fame and the couple married in 1920. For a few years, the couple remained close and had a daughter, Scottie. The family of three traveled the world, commuting between America and Europe. By the end of the decade, Scott struggled to produce a follow-up success to his literary masterpiece, "The Great Gatsby."

By the 1930's the Fitzgerald's mirrored the times in America as the struggles of the Great Depression burdened the country. The couple continually struggled to maintain a stable sense of marriage while spending time apart. While Fitzgerald travels around the country writing novels and battling alcoholism, Zelda is in and out of mental hospitals for her manic episodes. The story comes to a tragic end when at the age of 44; Scott died of a heart attack. Zel-



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da remained institutionalized in North Carolina and died a tragic death at the age of 48.

Zelda and Fitzgerald wrote letters to each other during times spent apart, revealing feelings of vulnerability, loneliness and despair. These letters allowed for a dramatic reading to be accomplished. The many letters also served to recreate a story line, yet some arrangements needed to be made in order to create a fluid and sequential time line. The use of dashes, documented stories and letters from close friends of the Fitzgerald's were intertwined into the readings due to the limited amount of letters written by

Fitzgerald.

The director's hope for the dramatic reading was for the audience to fall in love with the Fitzgerald's; the goal was certainly accomplished. The performance was astonishing, the heartfelt sincerity of emotions fell across the room and both performers managed to transport the audience to an iconic time of decadence, and inside the intimate lives of two of the most influential people in literary history.

Rollins International Food and Art Festival

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Ever wish you could travel the world and experience different foods, culture, music and sites? If you have ever gotten the traveling itch, the International Food Festival, held in the Cornell Campus Center, was the perfect place to begin your journey. This festive and diverse event took place on Thursday, November 16.

Greeters presented each attendee with a passport to indicate the many places soon to be traveled. Exhibited in the Darden Lounge was an endless sea of pictures from across the globe. Some of the pictures captured sites, while others showed faces that revealed its unique culture and heritage.

Beans Café hosted many performances and events, one such event was the announcement of winners of the International Photo Contest sponsored by the International Program. Due to the overwhelming submissions, over 160 pictures were received, three different categories were created: Best International Picture, Best Study Abroad Picture and Best Faculty Picture. The winners, and their corresponding pictures, can be found on the International Programs website.

The Darden Lounge also accommodated nine different booths that displayed the diverse gathering of Rollins clubs. The organizations represented were:

International Student Services, International Programs, Office of Multicultural Affairs, International Business Club, Cultural Action Committee, Jewish Studies & Hillel, Latin American Studies Association, Black Student Union and Activism 101. Each booth was tended by an active member of the association, handed fliers and answered many questions about the organization's services and goals.

In celebration of international education week, Dining Services created some delicious cuisine from around the globe. The diverse menu indulged attendees with a delicious African fruit salad and some Indonesian Chicken Satay from South East Asia. The Caribbean menu included Jamaican Jerk chicken and Cuban sandwiches. Central and South America served some Mexican quesadillas and Chilean empanadas. East Asia offered a bite of Chinese pot stickers and Japanese California rolls.

Europe nourished the crowd with quiche from France, pizza and bruschetta from Italy, seafood paella from Spain, and Russian blintzes. The Middle East sampled hummus, and tabouli; while North America offered the Canadian delicacy of poutine, and USA fed us some good ol' pumpkin pie, grilled cheese and PB & J sandwiches.

Over at the Skillman Dining Room, the flag presentation displayed the many flags



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representing the different countries of international students who currently attend Rollins. Currently, 149 international students attend Rollins from as many as 30 different countries.

Entertainment was provided by various performers. Among the talent was former Rollins class of '76 alumni, Don McClellan, who delighted the crowd with playing traditional and modern Scottish musical tunes on bagpipes. Also, "The Thought Doctors," an acoustic reggae band, performed Bob Marley style music live and sang some material from their debut album which will soon to be heard on WPRK.

The Ospina sisters, Adriana and Stephanie, performed two belly dancing routines for the captivated and cheerful audience. Belly dance was originally performed as a part of fertility rituals; women danced with other women in sacred ceremonies and also served as preparation for childbirth. After the routine, it was announced that if anyone is interested in starting a belly dancing club on campus, please e-mail Adriana at aospi-na@rollins.edu.

Adetya Gayah danced to the tunes of Bollywood movies. The dance depicts the incorporated elements of traditional East Indian

dance, modern moves and beats which came together to create the unique style of Western and Bollywood dance.

Jaime Ruiz and Lohens Ubiera performed three Latin American dances. They performed the ballroom tango, salsa, and merengue. The tango is a dance that originated in Buenos Aires and was once considered to be an immoral dance due to its provocative

movements and flirtatious musical lyrics.

The dance of salsa is a mix of Latin and Afro-Caribbean dances similar to the Mambo but with fancy foot steps, spins and turns. The dance of merengue is a quick and precise rhythmic dance which originated in the Dominican Republic; it is a flavorful combination of African and French minuet dances.

As the event came to a close, President Duncan made a special appearance and was pleased to see the Rollins community come together to celebrate diversity on our campus.



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Crummer MBAs Create Webpage in Ecuador!

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During the Fall 2006 project period, a group of Crummer MBA students traveled to Otavalo, Ecuador, to set up an e-commerce Web site for the traditional market in the town's square. The market in Otavalo has been in existence for 3,000 years; the artisans and vendors specialize in handmade goods, including jewelry, blankets, bags, jade carvings and more.

Most of the artisans sell their goods directly to travelers at the market, making the prospect of participating in an e-commerce Web site was very new and exciting to them.

Over the course of the week, the Crummer group worked with artisans, photographed and priced goods, secured shipping rates, and trained the office staff of the sponsoring organization, UNAIMCO, on the workings of the website.

Through a lot of hard work, and by bridging many divides, the Crummer MBAs were able to deliver www.MercadoOtavalo.com to UNAIMCO and the artisans of Otavalo. The experience was very rewarding to the Crummer group, all of whom wish all the best for www.MercadoOtavalo.com and their new friends in Ecuador!



CHRISTOPHER BELLE/The Sandspur

CRUMMER CONSULTING: Crummer Consulting group in Ecuador. After working with artisans for a little over a week, the Crummer consulting group was able to get enough information for the start-up of their website.

Art on the Green Exhibit in Winter Park

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If you take a walk through Park Avenue's Central Park, you might notice some colorful sculptures in the once predominately green park. Art on the Green, which is an international art exhibit, is currently showing in our nearby park.

The City of Winter Park is proud to be hosting Art on the Green, which is an outdoors sculpture exhibition located in Central Park. The event takes place from November 1, 2006 - February 19, 2007. By hosting this exhibit, Winter Park "joins cities all over the world in the belief that public art enhances the life

of a community."

The main goal of Art on the Green is education. Throughout the length of the exhibit there will be numerous events that coincide with the art exhibition. Music, speakers, and outdoor festivals are scheduled throughout the length of the exhibition. On January 6 and February 3, the Rollins College Department of Music will be playing in the park. On February 7, Vito Acconci, who is one of the featured artists, will be speaking at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum. The exhibition will close after a ceremony on February 19.

Some of the names of the sculptures include "Hole in the Ground," "Hot Dog Vendor," "Tree of Knowledge," and "Horse and Rider." "Hot Dog Vendor" is a vibrant and fun sculpture that

depicts the typical idea of a hot dog stand and vendor. "Horse and Rider" is a bronze statue of a woman riding on a horse.

"When I was in Winter Park visiting last weekend, I enjoyed walking through the Art on the Green exhibit," said Rollins Alumni Mikaela Green. "I especially liked 'Hot Dog Vendor' because it was very colorful and fun. It reminded me of being a kid again."

Central Park is located on Park Avenue between New England Avenue and Garfield Avenue.

Imagine walking through a museum that has no walls or ceiling - this is what Art on the Green is all about. Stop by Central Park today and see the exhibition before it's too late.



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ART DISPLAY: The Art on the Green event had an exhibition of many sculptures.

Winter Park's Flag Illumination Ceremony

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On Saturday, November 18, 2006, Pinewood Cemetery held the Flag Illumination Ceremony to celebrate and honor deceased veterans. Each veteran was dedicated a solar panel light, which accumulatively will light the American flag at the cemetery for 24 hours a day. Attending this event was the public as well as representatives from the local Marine

Corps, Winter Park officials, Winter Park Police and Fire Rescue all to honor their veterans.

The ceremony included many different forms of entertainment performed by different members of the community. Winter Park's Westside Community Choir performed patriotic music; the AM-VETS Post 18 conducted the flag presentation. Also attending the ceremony were numerous guest speakers. Bob Noble, former WFTV anchorman and Doug Metcalf, Winter Park City Commissioner and retired United

States Air Force Major General. The final event, raising the flag, performed by Winter Park's color and honor guards was the very flag flown over the United States Capitol on October 6, 1985.

The creation and history of the Flag Illumination Ceremony began with its title. The ceremony is known as the "Smedley-Noble Project" after Marine Corporal Larry E. Smedley, Orange County's only Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, who died in Vietnam. The ceremony was created when a man noted that the

flags that were over the country's veterans were not illuminated 24 hours a day because light was not available at nighttime. The creator, Marine Corps League Detachment's Junior Vice Commandant Steve Noble decided that through private and corporate donations, they would be able to purchase solar panels. With these solar panels, the flags sailing over each veteran's grave, around the entire cemetery, will be able to be illuminated 24 hours a day.

Noble would like to thank those who made the ceremony

and installation possible. As he states, "We couldn't have honored our veterans in this way without the assistance of the City of Winter Park, generous donors and the support of many civil and volunteer groups." He also stated that "our only goal is that the flag these veterans served under can now fly over them as they rest. Their service is over, our dedication to remembering them, however, will never cease."

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LPE Celebrates Local Kids

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lpe officer

On Saturday November 11, eleven members of Lambda Pi Eta (LPE) served at the Birthday Party for Homeless Children sponsored by Hands on Orlando. This event provided a birthday party with activities, food, and gifts for children who otherwise might not have a celebration on their special day.

LPE is Rollins'



Communication Honor Society and is an accredited member of

the Association of College Honor Societies. Applications for membership are encouraged from anyone who has a major or minor in communication and meet the academic qualifications. A holiday social is planned for all current members on December 13th to celebrate the end of the semester and meet new members.

Participating members included Elizabeth Graver, Kitty Hull, Rachel McNeill, Jennifer Raby, Jennifer Hodgetts, Andrea Batres, Mark Schroeder, Shelly Goodwin, Jennifer Rutland, Sabrina Collins and Dr. Sue Easton, LPE Faculty Advisor. For more information, check out our website at <http://www.rollins.edu/holt/students/lph.shtml>

HHSGA Latest Service Success: CANstruction '06



Courtesy of HHSGA

WORTHY CAUSE: Congratulations and thank you goes out to the students, faculty and staff who found time to help feed the hungry in the community.

the CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Question:

In a recent interview I was asked to talk about my greatest strengths and weaknesses. I felt uncomfortable with both of my answers. Do you have any advice?

Answer:

Taking the time to prepare for these types of interview questions in advance is key. However, before planning your strategy, you need to know as much as possible about the job that you are interviewing for. This knowledge will allow you to structure your answers to both questions more effectively.

"TELL ME ABOUT YOUR STRENGTHS"

- Base your response on the position, your research and other data you have gathered. Be ready to offer examples of how these strengths have made an impact.
- Be honest. Nothing can replace an authentic answer. Borrowing "clichés" or ideas from friends on their strengths is rarely effective.
- Be aware of your nonverbal cues, body language and eye contact.
- Don't ramble.

"TELL ME ABOUT YOUR WEAKNESSES"

A few key points on answering the "what are your weaknesses?" question include:

- Only offer one example of a weakness. This is not the time to elaborate and offer additional examples.
- Since we all have weaknesses, the challenge is to be

"real" and honest without sharing a weakness that could potentially cost you the job. For example, if you are applying for a finance position it is probably not a good idea to say that you lack "attention to detail".

- Don't borrow a "weakness" or a cliché from someone else. During mock interviews, I often have students use "lines" like, "I am a perfectionist" or "I am a bit of a work-a-holic...I work too hard". When I ask them if this is really a weakness, they appear sheepish and admit that someone else suggested this answer. Don't fall into this trap.

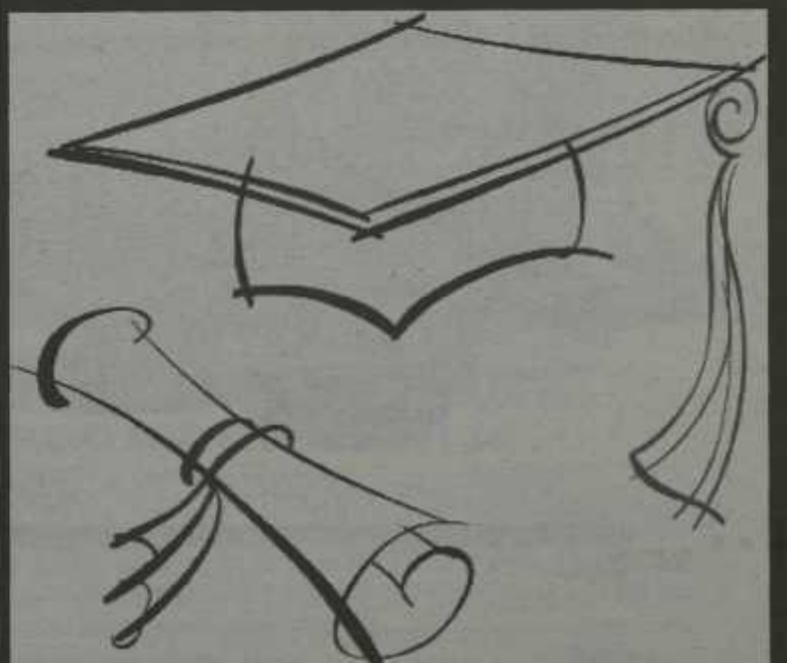
- Be prepared and be brief. The "less is more" rule certainly applies here. Do not ramble!

- Never leave the "weakness" unattended. What do I mean by that? If for example, you have identified that your weakness is an advanced knowledge of Excel and Access, I would suggest that you follow-up this statement by adding that you have bought a tutorial and am already working to get up to speed on the software. If you said that you lack confidence in public speaking, you may also want to add that you have taken the Public Speaking class at Rollins and am considering joining Toastmasters after graduation.

- Don't say, "I can't think of any". We all have developmental areas and evading the question this way will not be effective.

Would it help to practice these and other tough interview questions in a mock interview? Assistance is available by emailing Marian at mcacciatore@rollins.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF DECEMBER 2006.



Arts & Entertainment

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SPY GAMES

Zero in on the secret world of James Bond

By Eric Goodwin and John McClatchy/Tribune

Ever since Sean Connery introduced himself as "Bond, James Bond" in 1962's "Dr. No," fans have watched 007 beat the bad guys, get the girl and drink lots of martinis.

Before "Casino Royale," the 21st film of the series, arrives in theaters Nov. 17, take this quiz to test your sleuthing skills. See how much you know about the Bond men, the women, the villains and all the cool stuff.

THE BONDS

With Daniel Craig's debut in "Casino Royale," six actors have starred as Ian Fleming's spy. Which of the statements about the men are true and which are false?

1. Sean Connery has appeared in the most films in the Bond franchise.

2. Timothy Dalton appeared in the 1987 Spice Girls movie "Spice World."



3. Roger Moore is actor Dudley Moore's brother.

4. George Lazenby appeared as Bond in two films.

5. Daniel Craig gained notice in the United States for his role as Paul Newman's son in "The Color of Money."

6. Sean Connery has a tattoo that says "Scotland Forever."

7. Pierce Brosnan was married to a Bond woman.

ANSWERS: 1. False, not of Roger Moore appeared in seven Bond films.

Daniel Craig as 007

8. "Live and Let Die," "The Man with the Golden Gun," "The Spy Who Loved Me," "Moonraker," "For Your Eyes Only," "Octopussy" and "A View to a Kill." Connery played Bond in six films of the "official" franchise: "Dr. No," "Goldfinger," "From Russia With Love," "Thunderball," "You Only Live Twice" and "Diamonds Are Forever." He also played Bond in "Never Say Never Again," but because it was not part of the EON Productions film series, led by producer Albert R. Broccoli, it is not considered an official Bond movie. 2. False. Roger Moore appeared in "Spice World." 3. False. 4. False. Lazenby only played Bond once, in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." 5. False. Craig played Newman's son in "The Road to Perdition." 6. True. The tattoo is a tribute to his hometown. 7. True. Brosnan's wife Camille Baile was Connery's last in "For Your Eyes Only." Harris died in 1991 from ovarian cancer.



CONNERY



LAZENBY



MOORE



DALTON



BROSNAN



CRAIG

THE WOMEN

007 has encountered many, many women on his assignments. These actresses from the Bond films have appeared in other well-known — and some not-so-well-known — movies. Can you match the Bond center with another one of her onscreen roles?



1. Halle Berry (Jinx in "Die Another Day")

2. Ursula Andress (Honey Ryder in "Dr. No")

3. Fanny Ardant (Xenia Onatopp in "GoldenEye")

4. Jane Seymour (Solitaire in "Live and Let Die")

5. Grace Jones (May Day in "A View to a Kill")

6. Maud Adams (Octopussy in "Octopussy")

7. Lois Chiles (Holly Goodhead in "Moonraker")

Halle Berry as Jinx

ANSWERS: 1. D; 2. C; 3. E; 4. B; 5. F; 6. G; 7. A.

8. The mother of brainy Diane Court in "Say Anything."

9. A woman trapped in a time-travel love affair in "Somewhere in Time."

10. Aphrodite in "Clash of the Titans."

11. A crack addict in "Jungle Fever."

12. The telepathic mutant Jean Grey in "X-Men."

13. The warrior Zulu in "Conan the Destroyer."

14. The girlfriend of villain Francisco Scaramanga in "The Man with the Golden Gun."

THE VILLAINS

Wealthy. Powerful. Denigrated. James Bond has fought his fair share of evil masterminds bent on world domination or domination (and sometimes both). See how much you know about Bond's rogue gallery.

1. What does the acronym SPECTER stand for?

2. What did Auric Goldfinger hope to accomplish with "Operation Grand Slam"?

3. How many villains did the towering sharp-toothed heronman Jaws work for?

4. What is Odd Job's signature weapon?

5. Which Bond villain inspired



6. Mike Myers' Dr. Evil character in the Austin Powers movies?

7. Where did Karl Stromberg locate his secret headquarters, Atlantis, from which he hoped to lead a select group of people after dedicating human life on Earth?

8. Who assassinated James Bond's wife, Tracy Di Vicarini, as she and Bond drove off on their honeymoon?

ANSWERS: 1. Special Executive for Counterintelligence, Terrorism, Revenge, Extortion. 2. Irradiate the gold supply of the United States, shoring up the value of the massive amount of gold stock he had acquired. 3. Two — Karl Stromberg and Sir Hugo Drax. 4. A derby hat with a razor-sharp steel beam. 5. Ernst Stavro Blofeld. 6. Beneath the Mediterranean Sea. 7. Irma Sato. 8. Odd Job.

Harold Sakata as Odd Job

9. Bungle, what's the name of the dog in "The Living Daylights"?

10. What are the names of the two men who were the only ones to survive the attack on the HMS Rainbow in "The World Is Not Enough"?

11. What is the name of the car that Bond drove off with in "The World Is Not Enough"?

12. What is the name of the car that Bond drove off with in "The World Is Not Enough"?

THE GADGETS

Thwarting the forces of evil has been on world domination titles special equipment. Thankfully, the Q-Branch arm James Bond with all the cutting-edge tools a secret agent could need. Dismayed as everyday items, these stealthy gadgets help Bond get the job done against impossible odds. Plus, they're just plain cool. Below, match the gadget to the movies in which they appear.

DEVICES

- 1. Pen grenade:** Mimicking the pen grenade for an ordinary writing instrument can have explosive consequences. Clicking it three times will activate the small bomb and its four-second fuse. Deactivating it requires an additional three clicks.
- 2. Underwater breather:** This breathing apparatus is small enough to fit in a cigar tube and stores up to four minutes of oxygen, just enough to get by in an emergency situation.
- 3. Attache case:** Hidden in this ordinary-looking leather briefcase are exploding tear gas canisters, a throwing knife and a super rifle. Try getting this through airport security!
- 4. Hairbrush bug detector:** As any man of mystery will tell you, it's important to stay well-groomed — you never know who's secretly spying on you.
- 5. Wrist dart gun:** A good agent always keeps something up his sleeve, hence this wrist-mounted dart gun that fires with a quick flick.
- 6. Camera ring:** This guy's ring not only catches the eye, but also allows the wearer to capture pictures.
- 7. Repelling belt:** Containing several feet of ultra-thin steel cable and an explosive-propelled piston, this leather belt is handy for swinging out of harm's way.

MOVIES

- A. "A View to a Kill"
- B. "Die Another Day"
- C. "From Russia With Love"
- D. "GoldenEye"
- E. "Live and Let Die"
- F. "Moonraker"
- G. "Thunderball"

ANSWERS: 1. D; 2. B and G; 3. C; 4. E; 5. F; 6. A; 7. D

THE TRANSPORTATION

Gadgets aren't the only thing Q-Branch supplies to Agent 007. The clever engineers also supply Bond with exotic — and often, heavily modified — means of transportation to pursue and subdue the bad guys. Match the vehicle to the best-fitting description.

VEHICLES

1. Aston Martin Volante ("The Living Daylights")
2. BMW 750i ("Tomorrow Never Dies")
3. Acrostar mini jet ("Octopussy")
4. Q-Boat ("The World Is Not Enough")
5. Aston Martin DB5 ("Goldfinger")
6. Lotus Esprit ("The Spy Who Loved Me")
7. "Little Nellie" autogyro ("You Only Live Twice")

DESCRIPTIONS

- A. Could be driven via remote control hidden in a cell phone.
- B. Transforms into submarine, complete with retractable fins, propellers and periscope.
- C. This is the car most closely associated with James Bond, and the model used most frequently.
- D. Compact and lightweight, this vehicle could be disassembled and stored in four large suitcases.
- E. This small craft was small enough to be hidden in a horse trailer.
- F. Hides a concealed small laser gun, useful for disabling pursuing enemies.
- G. Actually an unfinished prototype, this one-seater proved itself battle worthy as Bond used it to chase an assassin down the Thames River.

ANSWERS: 1. F; 2. A; 3. E; 4. G; 5. C; 6. D; 7. B

James Bond favors the Aston Martin DB5.





World Entertainment News

Nicole Shaffer
the sandspur

London Underground bans "Niggas"

The London Underground railway has rejected display posters advertising the show "Pride and Prejudice and Niggas." The show, created by Afro-American comedian Reginald D. Hunter, plans to run the first three weeks of December as part of the 2006 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Media conglomerate Viacom owns the advertising space in the underground, and believes the material could offend commuters (adpunch.com).

Transgender on Daytime

ABC's Emmy award winning soap opera, "All My Children," introduced daytime televisions first ever transgender character on last Thursday's show. The male character, Zarf, will transform throughout the course of the series into daytime's newest drama queen. Although post-op transgender roles have been shown on cable and nighttime programming before, this will be the first transgender character in daytime programming. Actor Jeffrey Carlson will portray the rocker character Zarf (AP).

Fox News copies Daily Show

In efforts to keep fake news fair and balanced, Fox News Channel is considering airing their own right-leaning version of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." The yet-to-be-named political satirical comedy will air on Saturday nights in January 2007 on the Fox News Channel, with the possibility of becoming a weekly show. Creators of the unnamed, half-hour show, include producers from the Fox hit "24," and former "Politically Incorrect" writer Ned Rice (Hollywood Reporter).

Pam and Kid Rock Split

Pamela Anderson has filed for divorce from husband Kid Rock. Anderson, who is represented by celebrity lawyer Neal Hersh, cited irreconcilable differences. The couple was married August 3, 2006. Sources tell Eonline that both Pam and Kid were in a race to get their papers filed first. The process server for Kid was at the courthouse when it opened at 8:30 AM and filed five minutes later (Eonline).

Holiday Horoscopes: Check What is in Your Future

Linda Black

Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (12-04-06). This year, you'll have to adapt to other people's input more. You can do it well but it still may be frustrating at times. Keep smiling.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19). Today is a 9. The more you study, the farther you'll get. It's amazing how well that works. Pick out

a place you want to explore, and learn the language.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20). Today is a 5. You're generally good with money but sometimes you get crazy. That could happen now, so take care. Stay away from the Mall unless they're having a clearance sale.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21). Today is an 8. Knowing the right answer doesn't always ensure victory. Be cheerfully persistent is also required in this situation.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22). Today is a 6. Don't let the attention go to your head; keep priorities

straight. Your family is your reason for working, and your major inspiration. Acknowledge them.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22). Today is an 8. Caution is advised. You're in a good mood but everybody isn't. Be kind but don't appear too happy and successful. Some find that irritating.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22). Today is a 5. If at first you don't succeed, figure out what didn't work. Proceed with caution and wait for clues, if the answer isn't apparent.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22). Today is an 8. You're so cute, you'd

look good in a gunny sack. So don't spend all your money on clothes. Buy a few stocks and bonds for later.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21). Today is a 5. The challenge you're facing now is to get what you want, while avoiding debt. Don't be impatient; this will take planning. Chill.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21). Today is a 9. You've been very busy but now you can see ways to distribute the load more evenly, give more responsibility to others, and let them do more work.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Today is a 5. Assume anything that can go wrong will at least give it a try. Be watching for impending disasters and nip them in the bud.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18). Today is an 8. Controversy rages but you don't have to get involved. Let the others fight it out, while you referee.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20). Today is a 5. First, gather up the data. Find the instructions. Read the manual. Then, start the task. The other way around will only cause frustration.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Trolley sound
- 6 Surprised sounds
- 9 British racetrack
- 14 Beau number two
- 15 Help-page acronym
- 16 Strong point
- 17 Sharp
- 18 Prevent from succeeding
- 20 Friendly
- 22 Four-legged friend
- 23 All tied up
- 24 Funny
- 26 Bow skill
- 28 Flabbergast
- 30 Lack of success
- 32 Adjective-forming suffix
- 33 Hind part
- 34 Grassy field
- 38 Culpability
- 40 Capture
- 42 Sun-dried brick
- 43 Theater drops
- 45 Withstood
- 47 Take the gold
- 48 Hear visually?
- 50 Brad or William
- 51 Sea cow
- 54 Pose for again
- 56 Informed about
- 57 Actress
- Longina
- 59 Hunted
- 62 Purple shades
- 65 Shoulder scarf
- 66 Rub out
- 67 Pest
- 68 Provide quarters for
- 69 Spirited horse
- 70 Smoked salmon
- 71 Part of ICBM

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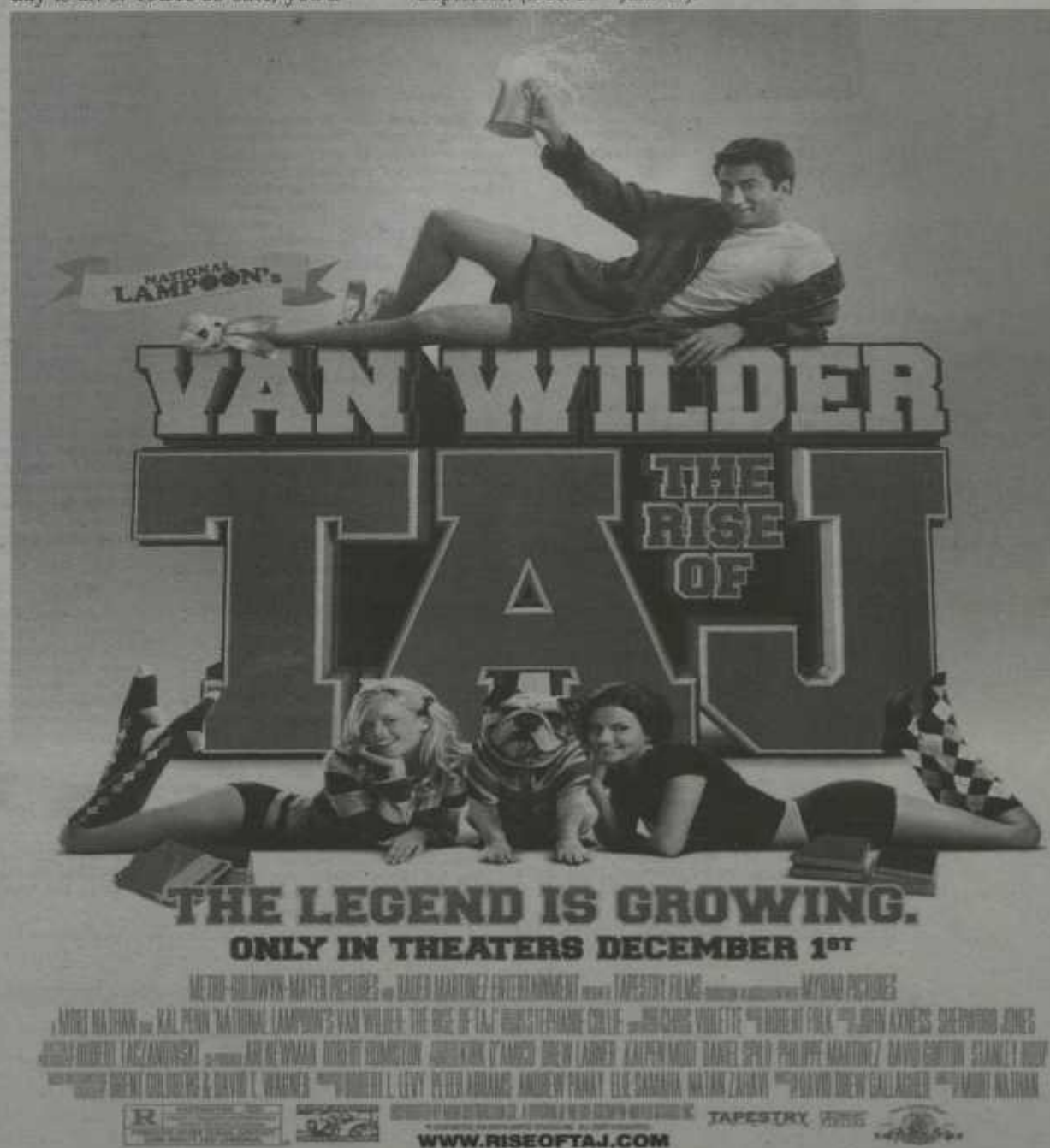
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SHOP ON

By Wendy Zandi
McClatchy Tribune

Online shopping is a great way to escape the crowds, the noise, the lack of parking spaces, the overworked sales clerks and all the other "joys" of holiday shopping at the mall. But logging on can be just as overwhelming. Where to go? What to buy? You can easily be sucked into searching and browsing for hours, and you don't even get the benefit of a good mall walk to help fight off the holiday pounds.

Never fear, get our holiday guide to online shopping to use. Then go for a walk around the block and reward yourself with a few holiday cookies.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

• **Kid O** (www.kidso.com): Kid O promotes itself as "the leading resource for products that cultivate creativity, learning, and development in children from birth to age 5." The site is great for anyone into the Montessori learning philosophy. Our picks: the Schleich model animals (\$3-\$50), hand-crafted alphabet blocks (\$200) and Silly Cars and Trucks (\$25-\$40).

• **Land of Nod** (www.landofnod.com): Land of Nod, the children's furniture store owned by Claire and David, offers a wide range of unusual toys and gifts including art and craft products, doll houses, kitchen sets, puzzles, games, costumes and musical instruments. Our picks: George of the Jungle beanbag toss (\$20), Furry Monkey stuffed monkey (\$20), personalized artwork (\$99-\$109) and Nod's Baby Gift Bag (filled with goodies for newborns, \$68-\$140).

• **AbcMouse** (www.abcmouse.com): The recently launched AbcMouse is the first of the month club of the baby world. The company offers gift series for children ages 0-5. Children can start four gifts a year, or one every three months. You can also buy items individually (including the Melissa and Doug Stacks Set, \$25). Our pick: the Premium 100 series for newborns (Night Light Soother, Battery Plug, Rattle, Knack Knack soft blocks and the Musical Musical cube, \$150).



Melissa & Doug Stacks Set, a wooden version of the trendy trend, \$25, from abcmouse.com.

FOR BIGGER KIDS

• **Kidrobot** (www.kidrobot.com): According to the site, "the products sold at Kidrobot merge ultra-street trends and pop art to produce limited edition, collectible toys and apparel." There's a strong straight-out-of-Brooklyn cool vibe that's hip for teens and adults. Our picks: Robot head hoodies (\$40), do-it-yourself Minny collectible figurine, \$24-\$35 and the Ice Phone (chrome, \$29-\$35).

• **Back to Basics Toys** (www.backtobasictoy.com): Proving that they do make toys like they used to, Back to Basics Toys has an immense selection for kids of all ages. Especially impressive are the toys promoting active play for elementary and middle-school kids. Our picks: the activity set (\$29-\$99), the Balance Board (\$27-\$99), the Ballerina mat and bar (\$22-\$99), and moon shoes allowing kids to jump with anti-gravity effects, \$39-\$99.

FOR THE ARTIST (OR ART AFICIONADO)

• **MuseArt Store** (www.museartstore.org): The Museum of Modern Art has a fantastic online store with everything from holiday cards to modern furniture and is a great shopping stop for any fan of modern art. Our picks: the state vasebowl (\$125), Barnes for pattern-coasters (\$25) and the two-stop-amp-socket (\$24).

• **The Moat Store** (www.moatstore.com): Not a fan of modern art? Check out the selection at The Metropolitan Museum of Art's online store. There's a good selection of high-quality products, including jewelry, scarves, art supplies and Christmas ornaments. Our picks:



• **Audible.com** (www.audible.com):

Especially good for the want-to-be avid reader who just doesn't have time to pick up a good book, Audible.com allows you to purchase and download audio books, as well as magazines, radio shows and podcasts. Click on "gifts" at the top of the home page for information on gift certificates (in amounts from \$10-\$250). Our pick: A \$50 gift certificate, which covers an audio book (average price: \$30-\$50) and a magazine subscription (average price: \$18.95 a year).

• **Unger's** (www.ungers.com):

For the carnivores in your family, check out Unger's sausages. From breakfast to lunch, dinner and hors d'oeuvres, the company offers a great selection of sausages and deli meats. They also put together a theme gift box. Our picks: "Pebst" from Berlin Sausage Beef Salami (\$69.99 per pound) and the Wurstmeister gift box (salami, summer sausage, bratwurst, old-fashioned liver sausage, Swiss and cheddar cheese, and a sausage knife, \$24.90).

• **Harry and David** (www.harryanddavid.com): Known for their juicy peaches and their sweet Moose Munch popcorns, Harry and David offers an impressive selection of goodies. Gifts include fruit of the month clubs, towers of sweet treats, all-occasion food baskets. Our picks: the Deluxe Christmas Basket (pears, cookies, cakes, breads, chocolates and Moose Munch, \$89.95), Christmas Classic Tower of Treats (pears, Moose Munch, chocolates and cheese, \$44.95) and the 12-month Fruit of the Month Club (\$289.95).

FOR THE SPORTS JUNKIE

• **Sports Addicts** (www.sportsaddicts.com): Sports Addicts offers authentic memorabilia and merchandise, including autographed merchandise that comes with a certificate of authenticity. You can shop by event, team, type of merchandise or even "game used" items. Our picks: 1999 Cubs Game Signed Wrigley Field Souvenir (\$65), Dale Earnhardt Jr. 14-inch Bear (\$25-\$39), Brent Force Autographed Football (\$344.99).

• **Looking for additional sports items?** Check out the official Major League Baseball shop (shop.mlb.com), the National Football League shop (www.nflshop.com), the National Basketball Association store (store.nba.com) and the National Hockey League shop (shop.nhl.com).

FOR THE READER

• **Lewinger** (www.lewinger.com): Lewinger's tag line is "tools for serious readers," but the company also offers desk accessories, wallets, briefcases and a bevy of organizational products. Our picks: Single Sheet Newspaper Clippers (great for clipping articles or recipes out of magazines or newspapers, and great stocking stuffers, \$14), the Clockwork Booknight (a lanyard, pages of your book, open, bookmark, \$30) and the True Winter Fountains Pen (\$25).



Clockwork Booknight lanyard, keeps your book open while you read, \$30, from Lewinger.

• **shoe ornaments** (\$10), the Metropolitan Museum architectural tie (\$40) and the book they inspire (\$25).

• **Have you satisfied that an craving?** Check out **The Smithsonian Store** (www.smithsonianstore.com) or the **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** (www.mfa-shop.com).

FOR YOUR FAVORITE GEEK

• **ThinkGeek** (www.thinkgeek.com): According to the site, "ThinkGeek started as a way to serve a market that was passionate about technology." But this is much more than just cool electronics. ThinkGeek offers toys, T-shirts, gadgets, sci-fi, geeky (yes, coffee production), and home and office accessories. Our picks: culture play sets (\$3.99-\$12.99), the "I Love My Geeks" baby-doll tee (\$17.99) and the Flat iPod LCD remote (\$69).



Culture play sets, \$3.99-\$12.99, from ThinkGeek.

FOR THE GEAR HEADS

• **Griff's Garage** (www.griffs-garage.com): Griff's Garage is the ultimate online auto store. Beyond geeky plugs and shock absorbers, this is the place to find specialty tools, garage organizers, floor jacks and more. There's also a good "gift ideas" section that can really help the automotive challenged. Our picks: the Starter Car Care set (\$29-\$99), the Battery-Front compact tool set (\$209) and multi-tool and pepper grinder (\$29-\$99).

FOR THE FOODIES IN YOUR LIFE

• **Zingerman's** (www.zingermans.com): Zingerman's has a vast selection for food lovers of all stripes including olive oils, breads, vinegars, cheeses and more. Check out their holiday gift page for great ideas at all price points (from \$10 sausage to \$200 100-year-old balsamic vinegar, on sale from \$700). Our picks: chocolate-walnut bread (\$6), the Bayview Sampler Gift Box (\$25-\$50) and The Z Club (a food club for the "Indiana Jones of the culinary world," \$275-\$800).

FOR THE GLOBALLY/ ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE

• **Viva Terra** (www.vivaterra.com): Viva Terra (meaning "living earth") offers eco-sensitive, organic items, many of which are hand-crafted. There are products available for the home and garden, but also bath, dining room and kitchen, as well as food, jewelry and apparel. Our picks: the Root of the Earth bowls (made from discarded root balls, also available filled with organic fruit) (\$35-\$185), the Twig Flower Holders (\$62-\$119) and the Veggie Parchment Bowls (bowls made from sliced vegetables, \$42-\$119).



Viva Terra root basket of organic fruit, \$125-\$185.

• **(PRODUCT) RED** (www.joinred.com): U2's Bono and Bobby Shriver created (PRODUCT) RED to raise awareness and money for The Global Fund by teaming up with well-known brands to create (PRODUCT) RED-branded products. A percentage of the proceeds from each sale is given to The Global Fund, which helps women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. You can't directly buy on this site but are provided with easy links to the brand sites. Our picks: the (PRODUCT) RED iPod nano (\$199-\$249) and Clap's (PRODUCT) RED T's (\$28).

FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING

• **Uncommon Goods** (www.uncommongoods.com): Uncommon Goods promises "anything but ordinary." The site offers a variety of gifts from jewelry to home decor and has a good search engine that allows you to shop by price, recipient and occasion. Our picks: the musical washboard (\$16), Wash Away Your Sin bath set (\$30) and recycled record ornaments (\$18 for three).

• **Excitations** (excitations.com): For the person who has every THING, Excitations gives experiences — from skydiving to spa weekends. Gift packages are not cheap, and they are only available in the New York, D.C., Chicago and Philadelphia areas (though they would make a good gift for anyone traveling to those cities). Our picks: the Lighthouse tour of the Chesapeake Bay (\$240) and the Extreme Stock Car Driving Experience (from \$415).



Record ornaments, \$18 for three, from Uncommon Goods.

New CDs to Put on Your Christmas List

Nicole Shaffer
the sandspur

Artist: ...And You Will Know Us By The Trail Of Dead

Album: *So Divided*

(4/5 stars)

This practice question that will not appear on any of your final exams:

1....AND YOU WILL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF DEAD is ____

- A) A nightclub in Rwanda
- B) The resurrection of the Trench Coat Mafia
- C) An art rock band from Austin, Texas

If you guessed A, you are a liar. If you guessed B, you spend way too much time in your room alone. And if you guessed C, congratulations for being fully aware that this is the CD review section of "The Sandspur" and not a public service announcement.

Trail of Dead is, in fact, an art rock band from Austin, Texas, and will spend the better part of this holiday season on tour, pushing their latest release "So Divided." And don't let the gothic-like exterior of their latest album cover confuse you, because these five musicians (and I use the term musician with confidence) have

proven to me once again how dangerous it is to judge an album by its artwork.

"So Divided" contains the variety and cohesiveness of a late Beatles album, without actually being able to compare them to the Beatles in any other way. Their black hair, pale skin, and gloomy wardrobe makes it easier to compare these guys to an Edgar Allan Poe character than Sgt. Pepper, but if you're looking for an album that sounds like an album (i.e. no cheesy radio friendly 'single') and

instill you're quickly fading faith in indie-rock, this is your band.

The album switches from African jungle percussion beats, to symphonic electro synthesizers, with underpinnings of punk rock guitar anthems, making this the most rock chaotic, yet unified album I've heard in a long time. For those unconventional music aficionados that are looking to stay as far away from Mainstream Boulevard as possible, this album is for you.



Courtesy of MySpace Records

Artist: Mickey Avalon
Album: *Untitled*

(4/5 stars)

Sure, Mickey Avalon sounds like a pop idol from the "Beach Blanket Bingo" days, but don't let his wholesome name confuse you with his actual image. According to Avalon's press release, "no street kid glam rap where ever sang about his dick with such panache." In short, Avalon sounds like an Eminem/Beck hybrid, and looks like Marilyn Manson's glam-punk brother from another mother.

Calling the quaint village of Los Angeles home, Avalon, with his slender tattooed body in the

shape of a 1970s guitar hero, spent the last few years rapping over computer mixed hip-hop beats produced by ex MTV VJ (and gay porn star) Simon Rex. After enjoying his artistic integrity on his own label, he finally joined the major leagues, signing with Interscope Records this year.

The untitled album features sophisticatedly poised rhymes about street drugs, death, Jane Fonda, his sexual ambiguities, and most notably, his who-hong (the hidden track that gave him MyFame); Avalon leaves no taboo of his past left untold. His unpretentious beats make his music easy to digest. But instead explain it to you (and doing a poor job of it) read these sample lyrics:

Jen was a herdy-gerdy-dirty little girly/I heard it from a birdy/she could cook a mean turkey/with gravy...baby baby baby.

I like a girl who eats and brings it up/a sassy little lassie with bulimia/her best friend's a plastic surgeon/and when her Beamer's in the shop she rolls the Benz."

In closing, Avalon proves to home-based musicians around the world that you don't need \$100,000 worth of recording equipment to produce an album and break industry stereotypes. All you really need is a large hard drive; both on your computer and in your work ethic. (Myspace.com/mickeyavalon)



Courtesy of Interscope

Know Your Own Mind? Take this Quiz to Find Out

Leslie Van Wassenhove
The Dallas Morning News

True or false: At birth, the female brain is more mature than the male brain. According to neuropsychiatrist Louann Brizendine, it's true: A girl has a literal head start over members of the opposite sex. In fact, her noggin will develop faster than that of a boy by one to two years, as Dr. Brizendine explains in "The Female Brain" (Morgan Road Books).

This is just the first of many differences she describes that stem from the structure and development of the male and female minds. Dr. Brizendine traces the neurohormonal disparities between men and women from conception through post-menopause, offering evidence on why women may perceive and react to situations differently than do men.

QUIZ

How brain-savvy are you? Test yourself to see how much of The Female Brain you know:

1. Men have more brain cells than women.
2. Women have more neurons than men in the brain centers for language.
3. During the three months after birth, girls' skills in eye contact increase by more than 400 percent, while boys' skills do not increase at all.
4. Women can't develop the desire to have a child just by holding someone else's baby.
5. Pregnancy causes a woman's brain to grow.
6. Women tend to value a man's appearance over his material resources and social status.
7. Hugging, especially for women, releases neurochemicals that can increase trust in the hugger.
8. Breast-feeding can make women absent-minded.

ANSWERS

1. False; women have just as many brain cells, but they are packed more tightly into their smaller skulls.
2. True; as a result, women are naturally more talkative than men, using approximately 20,000 words per day compared with the 7,000 uttered by their male counterparts.
3. True; girls are not exposed to the testosterone surge in utero that shrinks the neurological centers for communication, observation and processing of emotion in boys, so girls are better equipped from birth to develop skills that use those parts of the brain.
4. False; infants produce pheromones that cause the female brain to produce oxytocin, a hormone that can create that desire.
5. False; the brain shrinks in the last three months of pregnancy but returns to normal by six months after a woman gives birth.
6. False; in a study of 10,000 individuals in 37 countries, women in every culture looked for social and financial independence more than visual appeal in a mate.
7. True; after a hug lasting at least 20 seconds, the brain produces oxytocin that turns on the trust response and dulls more critical judgment.
8. True; breast-feeding can extend and intensify the mental foggiest that many women experience after

Four Weddings and a Divorce

Jo Piazza
New York Daily News

Pam Anderson and Kid Rock had four different wedding ceremonies, but it has taken the pair only four months to call it quits on the actual marriage.

Anderson's rep Tracey Nguyen confirmed to People magazine that the former "Baywatch" beauty filed for divorce Monday.

"It wasn't a happy Thanksgiving," Nguyen said.

Anderson confirmed the divorce on her Web site Monday, writing: "Divorce, Yes it's true. Unfortunately impossible."

Anderson, 39, and Rock (whose real name is Robert Ritchie), 35, both filed separate divorce petitions Monday, citing irreconcilable differences and giving different dates for the separation.

Anderson's papers said the couple separated before the Thanksgiving weekend on Nov. 21, 2006, while Rock said they separated on Nov. 26.

Anderson and Rock first started tying the knot in a much-publicized "celebration ceremony" aboard a yacht in St. Tropez, France, on July 29, where the bride wore a skimpy bikini. Elton John, Cindy Crawford and other celebrity pals were on hand as witnesses. They formalized the union when they returned to Los Angeles in a private ceremony at the Beverly Hills courthouse.

The couple also married in Nashville, Tenn., and Rock's hometown, Detroit.

Anderson has hired famed celebrity divorce lawyer Neal Hersh, whose clients include Kim Basinger, Halle Berry, Drew Bar-

rymore and Denise Richards.

Even though there was no prenuptial agreement, legal experts say the duration of the marriage rules out any major money issues.

"It was only four months, so I'm not thinking there will be anything substantial. Four months is not going to give them any real claim on each other's assets," explained Lois Lieberman, a partner in the matrimonial group at Blank Rome.

Earlier this month, Anderson suffered a miscarriage. It would have been her and Rock's first child together.

It was the second time that Anderson and Rock had tried to make their relationship work. The pair dated from the spring of 2001 to the fall of 2003. They got back together this year.

In the interim, Anderson reunited with ex-hubby rocker Tommy Lee after she was diagnosed with hepatitis C.

This was Rock's first marriage. Anderson's marriage to Lee ended in divorce in 1998. Anderson and Lee have two boys together, Dylan, 8, and Brandon, 10.



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The Senior Column

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This morning I received an e-mail from Student Records saying that our class schedules for the spring semester are now posted on Foxlink. Before I checked my schedule I thought, what if I do not get the last few classes I need to graduate. Once I checked it, my fears were suppressed because all was assigned all the classes that I needed to officially be finished with my education at Rollins. This got me thinking about some of the things that I want to do before I graduate. My top priorities are securing my future for next year and having fun. For most of us, this is the last time we can get away with staying out until four a.m. with class at 8 a.m. I decided to compile a list of some things that seniors should do before they graduate. Some are serious, some are fun, but all are worthwhile adventures. Have fun and happy holidays.

Nine Things Seniors should do in Winter Park before they graduate:

1. Go on the Winter Park Boat Tour. Yes, it is a little cheesy and most of us went in our RCC classes four years ago, but it is a local favorite. Boats set sail hourly starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. (312 East Morse Blvd)
2. Shop at the Winter Park Farmers Market. Every Saturday from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. local vendors gather at the old train station. Munch on kettle corn while browsing through local artwork, fresh produce, and a variety of other goods. (200 West New England Avenue)
3. Catch a movie or two at the 15th Annual Florida Film Festival, which will take place from March 24 - April 2, 2006. This ten day event that is produced by the Enzian Theater will showcase many excellent independent films from around the world.
4. Every year, Winter Park hosts two art festivals on Park Avenue. The first one has already



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passed, but the larger of the two is not until the spring. The forty-eighth Annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival will be held March 16 - 18, 2007. The festival features artwork from approximately 285 artists, who are selected out of a over 1,400 applicants from around the world.

5. Spend a day visiting the local museums. In Winter Park, there are four museums: the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens, the Cornell Fine Arts Center



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE MUSEUM, the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, and the Winter Park Historical Association & Museum. Each museum offers its own unique collection of exhibits.

6. Win a game of Curtis Earth Trivia. Those of you who

attend Rollins and have yet to play Trivia at Fiddler's and now O'Boys seriously need to play in at least one game of Trivia before you graduate. Winter Park residents of all ages turn out to play. Win or lose, drinking or not, Curtis Earth Trivia is fun for all. Games are held Tuesday at 8 and 10 p.m. at O'Boys Bar-B-Q and Monday thru Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fiddler's Green.

7. Attend as many sporting events as possible. One great thing about Rollins is despite its tiny size, its athletic department is among the best. The Basketball seasons are about to get into full swing, and baseball begins in the spring.

8. Eat at every restaurant on Park Avenue. From Luma to Bosphorous, Park Ave offers numerous dining choices - most of which are delicious. It seems that new restaurants are popping up weekly, so be sure to check them out.

9. Go BIG on Fox Day. This Fox Day, which I am already looking forward to, I am planning to have as much fun as possible. I think that all seniors should. This is our last Fox Day. Next year, when we are in grad school, traveling Europe, or sitting at our desk in a boring office we will remember certain events of our college careers. Fox Day will most likely be one of them, so whether you go with the crowd and head to Cocoa or do your own thing - go big. Make memories that will last.



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Deaths Are Part of Rise in Drug Use at Florida Universities

Scott Travis
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Manuel Larenas wants his fellow students to stay away from drugs.

So Larenas, a member of Florida Atlantic University's "Peer Education Team," was distraught when he learned one of his classmates died of an apparent overdose.

"We've been very active trying to bring awareness, and when a student dies, you feel like you're not doing that good of a job," he said.

The deaths Sunday of freshman Nicole Phillips, 18, and her off-campus friend, Richard Cardinale, 19, put a spotlight on what statistics suggest is a stubborn problem on college campuses.

Figures show a decline in overall drug use among college students nationwide, but there are some trouble spots. Cocaine use is up, and in Florida, it's a problem in college towns such as Gainesville with the University of Florida, Tallahassee with Florida State University, and Boca Raton with FAU, said Dr. Mark S. Gold, who conducts addiction research for the University of Florida.

Abuse of prescription drugs is on the rise among college-aged students, said Jim Hall, a researcher at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla. He conducted a drug usage study for the United Way of Broward County, Fla.

He said popular drugs include tranquilizers such as Xanax, painkillers such as Oxycontin and Percocet and stimulants such as Ritalin. Many of these drugs are stolen from family medicine cabinets or bought on the street, he said. FAU handled 36 drug-related discipline cases in 2005, up from 33 in 2004 and 11 in 2003. Officials say one reason for the rise is the campus is becoming younger, serving more students right out of high school.

"We always have had very low statistics, but the reality is when you have a more mature population, it really helps you," said Rosemary Dunbar, who directs wellness programs for the university. "Now we're reaching out and recruiting more 18-year-olds, and they are more at risk."

Charles Brown, vice president for student affairs, said he believes the university has

good drug prevention programs. But he said the campus deaths will prompt officials to review their efforts to see what can be strengthened.

Larenas believes such a review is necessary.

"Whether it's more funding or resources for groups like ours, I think there definitely needs to be a push for what could be done to improve things," he said.

FAU police have not said

"Others deal with the stress of a heavy college load or exams or to escape from pressure."

~ Amanda Perez, FAU Student on why Ritalin is perceived as a "smart drug."

what drug killed Phillips and Cardinale. They are awaiting the results of a toxicology report.

But Amanda

Perez, 19, who lived with Cardinale and another roommate in a Boca Raton apartment for about two months, said Phillips was a regular Xanax user and bought the prescription drug from a dealer on campus.

She said Cardinale told students in Phillips' dormitory the night before they were found dead that he and Phillips were using a combination of Xanax, powdered morphine and alcohol. She said they were dating and weren't heavy drug users.

"They were good kids. They're just experimenting," Perez said. "This was a fluke."

Hall said more young people are also reporting mixing two or more drugs, which dramatically increases toxicity and can increase the chance of death.

The reasons for drug abuse vary, he said. Some take Ritalin because they view it as a "smart drug" that can help them concentrate on their studies.

"Others deal with the stress of a heavy college load or exams or to escape from

pressure," he said. Drug overdose deaths are rare on college campuses. These were the first at FAU in four years. But drug and alcohol abuse create many other problems that educators warn students about, including flunking out of school, losing a scholarship, having unwanted sex or getting arrested.

Students receive drug education during their freshman orientation and during a college skills class that most freshmen take.

But Dunbar said it's a constant battle to reach students.

"As soon as you think you're getting the message across, another drug seems to be looming or there's another way of misusing drugs that pops up," she said. "Young people are always way ahead of the game."

BEATING BULLYING

Stephanie Hanisak
the sandspur

Throughout the fall semester, Dr. Easton's Interpersonal Communication class participated in a service learning project at Grand Ave Elementary School, which is located on Paramore Street. The project aimed to teach second graders about bullying, which is a common occurrence at schools throughout the country. Students researched, prepared, and taught lessons surrounding bullying.

"Service learning helps to ground theoretical concepts and stretches the in class learning," said Dr. Easton, who is teaching her first Arts & Sciences course. "It also extends our classroom and college into the community and often exposes us to people and places we would not otherwise have an opportunity to experience."

Dr. Easton randomly divided her class into four groups of four or five students. Within the groups each person was assigned a specific role. There was a student in charge of being the contact with the teacher at Grand Ave, a student who ran the meetings, a student who wrote and posted minutes, a student who was in charge of the in class presentation, and a student who communicated with Dr. Easton

and ensured group is prepared. Once the groups were divided, each group chose what content they wanted to cover and how they wanted to execute their sessions. Dr. Easton required two 45 minute teaching sessions at Grand Ave.

"I learned that there are good kids out there who just need a good role model to follow and they don't have one", said Rene Naranjo, a student in Dr. Easton's class. "It [the project] opened my eyes to something we all try to ignore."

Grand Ave Elementary school is nestled amongst a neighborhood in Orlando

because the night before some shot and killed his stepdad and uncle. A few weeks later a couple of older kids beat him up in the bathroom.

"Working on this project has given me insight into school life and the everyday issues facing children in Holden Heights", said Kelly Welch, another student in Dr. Easton's class.

Each group went about this project in different ways. Some



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BULLY FORTUNE TELLERS: Hanisak volunteered to help create crafts to teach children how to deal with bullying.



that doesn't receive much positive attention. Before the students even met with their teachers at the school, Dr. Easton's school contact told her about something that had happened to one of the students. One of the second graders, who would be involved in the service learning project, went to school one day without their backpack

taught their class a whole, while others divided their class up into smaller groups that were more manageable. Some of the activities the Rollins students used to convey their lessons were art projects,

mov- ie clips, discussions, sports, and singing songs.

"Kids are perfectly capable of setting their own terms when it comes to creating social rules for themselves", said Welch, who is doing her senior thesis on online peer harassment and

found many aspects of this project helpful. "I was super-proud of the class when they came up with their own no-tolerance bullying pledge, in their own words, and with very minimal coaxing. They seemed to grasp the idea of a mutual promise to one another, and each member of the class contributed their ideas."

As a whole, the students of Dr. Easton's class were very proud of their work at Grand Ave this semester, and they encourage other students to get involved.

"What surprised me most about this experience was that I actually feel like I learned something through the whole process," said freshman Trinidad Serrano. "At first, I simply thought of it as a set of tasks we had to get done to get a good grade. Later I realized that teaching these kids was very rewarding."

"What has been your experience with bullying at Rollins?" Is it a big problem here?"
"How does bullying differ on a college campus from in grade school?"

Danika Tanzini
the sandspur

"Bullying here is not as bad as other schools. My experience is that everyone comes from well-mannered families and everyone is polite. This is the friendliest campus I have been on. With grade school bullying, the threats are less serious but in college people can make a wider variety of comments and do more damage." - Barrett Perlman

"Bullying doesn't happen much here, at least not physical bullying; mostly emotional bullying." - Jeff Mueller

"I have never been bullied. I don't think that anyone in their right mind would try to bully me. There aren't many intimidating people on our campus. More bullying happens in high school which is where you should learn to stand up for yourself. If you let someone bully you, it shows a lot about your character." - Lianne Forrester

"I don't have any personal experience but I do know about it occurring at Rollins like with the problems in Ward with discrimination. It's different in elementary school when bullying is about making fun with silly names but in college it's making fun of peoples beliefs and way of life." - Jessica Muffs

"Grade school bullying doesn't really differ from bullying here. It's the same people with the same insecurities; how the bullying is done might differ." - Leslie Osei

"I have not experienced bullying. I believe the majority of people on campus are respectful of one another. Whatever pressures that were present in grade school really don't exist here. But it is present and needs to be addressed immediately in order to preserve the harmony on campus." - Stephanie Schuldt

"I haven't really experienced any bullying. Once people get into college, they are more mature and it doesn't really happen." - Craig Reichel

"I have seen bullying, in terms of peer pressure, but there's not much pushing or shoving around here. The difference between bullying in high school and in college is that high school kids can't stand up for themselves as much but in college kids realize that they don't have to put up with it. In college we understand that 'sticks and stones will break our bones' but words don't really hurt us." - Eric Boucher

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Perfect Paradoxes and Delectable Distractions

Chelsea Williams
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Only on a chilly November evening could one stand in solitary reflection atop the Rialto Bridge, squinting through the fog at a hauntingly endless row of perfectly dilapidated windows lining the Grand Canal. The tourists, once a ubiquitous flow of noise and flashing cameras, have cleared out of Venice in anticipation of the "acqua alta" season and left tranquility in their wake. This is the city of my dreams, the one that has become so much more than home to overzealous

pigeons and Hemingway's favorite bar.

Though my travels are not quite over, I have encountered enough of Italy to conclude that Venice is unique in its subtle magnificence. Granted, it cannot compete with the tremendous history and pace of Rome or the notorious passions of Florence, but its beauty lies in the fact that it does not try. Studying on the minuscule island of San Servolo, a short boat ride away from St. Mark's, I am far enough removed from the rhythms of Venice to be stirred by the sweet soundtrack of mandolin players every time I arrive at the boat dock. Realizing that I only have four more weeks in which to soak up every serene moment, I have foregone the opportunity to ride the vaporetto all over the city, instead opting to trek in circles, crossing the Academia Bridge and cutting through St. Mark's Square more times than is necessary.

Most of the time, I take off on tours of Venice alone, preferring to lose myself both literally and emotionally. When I head out with my non-American friends, though, I am consistently intrigued by the new perspective

they bring to the same squares and canals. This weekend, I watched the Christmas markets being set up with a German, which sparked a conversation about our different holiday traditions. A few days ago, I went to study at a newly discovered coffee bar with an Israeli, and ended up swapping our different impressions of the attractive Italian guys at the next table rather than making progress on my history homework. I have no doubt that I will miss the insightful distractions of

cultural diversity as much as the everyday charms of Venice when I have to leave VIU.

Before studying abroad, I

was not convinced that all the clichés about it being the greatest experience of my life would prove true. It is precisely



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because of these doubts that it has turned into more than a mere experience. I have unveiled parts of myself that once hid comfortably beneath the person I thought I was before being introduced to the heart of Italy and its people. Leaving familiarity behind, I came to Venice poised for adventure. Having triumphed over homesickness and the confusion of public transportation systems, I have discovered that I don't need such a fantasy setting in order to feel as alive as I have these three months. The same sensory details that create unnecessary preoccupation also have the power to twist ordinary moments into personal journeys. Returning home holds all the same potential as departing for Italy once did.



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Welcome home ... is it time for a curfew?

Cassandra Spratling
detroit free press

While home during a break from North Carolina A&T, where she's a sophomore, Rickelle Winton casually mentioned to her mom that she was having a friend over.

They planned to watch TV in Rickelle's bedroom.

"No way," said her mom. Rickelle's friend is a guy.

"I told her I didn't think that was fair because I have boys in my room in my dorm," says Rickelle, who attends the college in Greensboro, N.C.

Dorm's one thing; home's another, her mother, Doreen Odom of Detroit, told her.

Parents and their children home for the holidays are bound to have similar discussions as college students accustomed to living by their own rules return home to live by their parents' rules over the winter break.

"At school, you could come home at 4 o'clock in the morning and she'd have no idea," says Rachel Kay, 19, a University of Michigan sophomore, referring to her mother, Janice Kay, 50, of West Bloomfield, Mich. "It is a frustrating thing when you're used to being on your own, but it's understandable because she's my mom and she worries."

The holiday season will be a happier time for parents and stu-

dents if they talk about and agree on rules, curfews and plans for the holidays.

And the sooner the better.

Curfews are the top concern, say parents, students and college officials.

"When I was in high school my curfew was 1 a.m.," says Rachel. "When I come home from college, she extended it to 2 a.m."

Janice Kay says she understands the frustration, but she needs the peace of mind. "We talked about it and I told her that when she stays with me, she needs to let me know where she is and when she'll be home. If she's not going to make it home by that time, she just needs to call and let me know," says Kay, a speech-language pathologist with the Detroit Public Schools. "I went away to school too, so I understand what it's like to be away at school and have freedom and come home and have rules."

Doreen Odom, who is in her 40s and an administrator at a community health center, doesn't set a curfew, preferring to let the occasion dictate the time Rickelle should be home. But she says she does expect Rickelle to tell her where she's going, with whom and what time she'll be home -- something Rickelle forgot when she first returned home last year.

"When I asked her what time she'd be home, she said, 'Why? Why do you need to know?' And then she told me, 'Nobody tells

me what time to come in when I'm at school. I make my own rules. I'm an adult.'"

"I said, 'Yes, you may be an adult by age. But as long as I'm paying the bills, you're half an adult.'"

Rickelle laughs recalling the conversation. "I guess my excuse wasn't cutting it," says Rickelle, who's majoring in chemical engineering.

Brittany Mae Zito, 20, a Michigan State University junior, says students will have a better time at home if they try to look at the situation from their parents' point of view.

"It's really not that big a problem," says Zito, a pre-med major from Clinton Township, Mich., who lives in her own apartment. "They usually want me home by 2, but if I call they're OK."

Curfew is not the only concern, says Cindy Hellman, assistant director of residence life at Michigan State University.

Hellman says when students return to school, she and other staff often hear complaints about living at home again.

"It's everything from how late they can stay out to how late they can sleep in in the mornings," Hellman says.

The other area of disagreement centers on how the student spends his or her time.

"The family expects they'll be home every night for dinner and watching TV with their little brother after dinner and the stu-

dent wants to go out and socialize with friends," she says.

Hellman says students and parents sometimes discover after time apart that they think differently now.

"A student from a homogeneous background comes to a place like MSU where they're exposed to all kinds of different people and points of view and then they go home and dad tells a joke that suddenly isn't funny anymore," Hellman says. "The student may not be as willing to laugh. But do they confront their dad?"

"Parents have to realize that sometimes the college student who comes home is probably a little bit different from the student that left home in August," she says.

Students say they appreciate their parents, even if they don't always agree with them.

"I do remember getting into arguments with my parents because I wanted to have more freedom to come and go as I pleased, but in hindsight, it makes sense that my parents show their worries," Rachel Kay says. "After all, they are parents. They are here to worry about us."

Communicate: Agree upon rules, curfews and schedules.

Plan: Discuss plans for the holidays as far in advance as possible. If there are events parents want the student to participate in, such as a religious service, a visit to the grandparents or

a family night out, inform the student. The same applies to the student. If there are parties or activities you're looking forward to attending, let your parents know as soon as possible. Coordinating schedules is especially helpful when students also have to split time between two households, as in cases of divorce.

Be understanding: Parents should understand that the student has become accustomed to a certain amount of freedom; students should understand that parents' need to know is rooted in concern, not nosiness. Parents have a reasonable expectation to know where you're going, when and with whom, and approximately when you're returning.

Be real about expectations: Parents should not expect students to automatically resume the practices that guided their behavior before they left home. Remind them, for example, if you expect to be called if they'll be late or if the evening's plans change midstream. Students should not expect to live life at home the way they live at school.

Make adjustments: Do not assume a student who sleeps late is lazy. Often students have been up late studying for exams or completing papers before returning home for the holidays. Students shouldn't, however, use home solely as a place for sleeping. Plan to spend some waking hours with the family.

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Dread the schmooze?
Mind the mingling?
Get over it
and learn
the gift of gab.

Don't sweat the small talk

By Erin Wace
The Dallas Morning News

"Hi there, how are you doing?"

"Great, thanks, how are you?"

"Just fine, thank you — uh, and you?"

Ugh. Pause. Uncomfortable silence. Crickets.

Downward glance. Twiddling thumbs. Rising blood pressure. Now what?

Why does small talk have to be such a big cause of stress?

While some may be gifted with the ability to gab, many more feel uncomfortable with small talk, mingling, networking, "schmoozing," what have you, be it at work, a party, the gym or the bar. But there are ways to keep the conversation going without feeling phony or betraying your personality.

Debra Fine is a former engineer who is now a professional speaker and author of "The Fine Art of Small Talk" (Hyperion, 2005), living in Colorado. She says small talk didn't come naturally to her either. "I honestly had no clue how these people did this. My philosophy was that, if it didn't come naturally, then you just didn't do it. But now I know you can learn it."

So why is small talk so difficult? Fine says it's because the less gregarious of us are too self-concerned and only worried about our own comfort level.

"Most of us are afraid of rejection," Fine says. "But you have to take the risk of talking to someone new. They may be in a bad mood or getting sued or something, but it's up to you to take the risk."

Also, if we take more of a burden of communication upon ourselves, it puts us more in control of the situation.

"I always used to hope that someone else would come up with something to talk about, but that's unfair," Fine says. "You have to take the burden of making everyone else feel comfortable. If someone asks you how you are doing and you say 'Fine,' that's not enough. You have to give them something to work with."

Here are 10 more tips from the experts on how to conquer small talk and actually learn to enjoy it.

1. ASK QUESTIONS.

Ed Peters of 4Profit Institute in Arlington, Texas, has been a professional speaker for about 15 years. "When talking to someone one-on-one, you have one minute to find out everything about them. You have the rest of your life to tell them about you," he says. "We immediately think that we have to do all the talking. But let the other person talk, or you may never have a chance later down the road to tell them about you."

2. KEEP IT SIMPLE.

"The most basic thing to do is keep things simple," says David Erkel, a Dallas financial planner and member of Toastmasters. "Where are you from? What are your plans for the weekend? Stay away from tricky topics."

3. BE VAGUE. If you don't know the person well or haven't seen them in a while, don't assume they are still working for a specific company or they are still married, etc. Instead of "How's the wife?" maybe ask "How's the family?" Or instead of "How's the job at the newspaper?" ask "What's been going on with work?"

4. AVOID CORRECT.

"I've done a little bit of reading on communication and happiness, and one of the things I often come across, where people get into trouble, is when they insist on being right," Erkel says. "About 99 percent of the time, being right doesn't really matter. If someone says a car is a nice shade of blue, but it doesn't look blue, there's absolutely no reason to be right. It's better not to take a position. Be agreeable."

5. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPILL YOUR GUTS.

If you're a private person, that's OK. You can still engage in small talk and keep your private life just that, Erkel says. "You have a private life and a social life," he says. "Small talk doesn't mean that you're opening up your personal life. You're just navigating and socializing through any given day."

6. FOCUS.

It's OK not to talk to everyone. If you get a good conversation going, then run with it and build that relationship. "In my experience it's been much more valuable to have a good conversation with one person in a limited amount of time versus trying to talk to 20 or 30 people," Erkel says.

7. LEARN TO LISTEN.

Some people may not be the best talkers, and Peters says that there

is a responsibility on you to get something out of the conversation. "Some people may have distracting mannerisms, or be all over the board, or be really boring," he says. "But ... I always try to find something that's usable. If you walk away from them without understanding, that's as much your fault as it was the speaker's."

8. TELL A STORY.

While Peters encourages small talkers to do a lot of listening, inevitably someone is going to ask you a question.

"Don't just say, 'I had a great day.' Tell them a story," he says. "People love stories, be it something that happened at work or with the family. It's more interesting than facts or statements." It's also a great way for people to remember you. "I can run into someone I met 10 years ago who won't remember my name, but they'll remember the story."

9. WATCH YOUR BODY LANGUAGE.

Uncross those arms. Look them straight in the eye. "Your body language will betray you if it doesn't match your words," Erkel says.

Peters also says that too much movement can distract the listener from what you are trying to say. "Gestures and movements should have meaning," he adds. "Step forward to make a point, or step back and open your arms when you expect someone to react."

10. PRACTICE.

"If somebody's bashful or not tremendously comfortable with small talk, make it a project or personal goal to improve," Erkel says. "Continue to experiment with waiters, clerks in stores, etc. Set a goal to open up the door to conversation."

Do these sound familiar?



THE LOW TALKER

Signature trait: You find yourself nodding to nothing in particular.

How to deal: "Ask the person to speak up," says author, life coach and columnist Harriette Cole. "It would be ruder to stand and presumably talk to someone who expects a response from you. It's far kinder to let them know you can't understand them."



THE CLOSE TALKER

Signature trait: You can see their teeth — and smell their breath.

How to deal: "Reposition your body and stand with your shoulder near the person," Cole says. "This creates a bit of distance. Also, speak up. If you speak louder, the other person will usually back up."



THE INAPPROPRIATE TALKER

Signature trait: They are either talking about someone behind their back or using racial slurs, and similar offensive speech. You don't want to be caught talking to those people!

How to deal: "This depends on your level of risk," Cole says. "If it's really offensive, say, 'I'm sorry, this topic makes me uncomfortable.' Try to personalize it and not attack the person. But I always believe in accountability, so I think it's better to say something."



THE INCESSANT TALKER

Signature trait: The person who won't let you get a word in edgewise.

How to deal: Just nod happily until you can get away. At least you get a break from talking for a while. Excusing yourself to the restroom is often the perfect getaway — unless, of course, they decide to follow you there.



THE INTERRUPTER

Signature trait: They finish your sentences or try to one-up you before you're done with your story.

How to deal: "If it's a person you talk regularly with, you need to train them on how to talk to you," Cole says. "Say, 'Just a moment, I'd like to complete my thought.'"



THE NO TALKER

Signature trait: Are they even there? Hello? This person won't hold up his or her end of the conversation.

How to deal: "In a social setting, you don't need to stay and try to talk to them," Cole says. "The person may be distracted, or having a bad day, but you don't need to subject yourself to that. Just say, 'It's been nice talking to you,' and move on."

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Hillary Clinton Could Run and Win

By Dick Polman
MCT Campus

We hold these truths to be self-evident: The sky is blue, the grass is green, and Hillary Clinton can't win a presidential election.

Indeed, the latter is so embedded in the current conventional wisdom that even Clinton devotees consider her potential candidacy to be foredoomed. Which is why so many Democrats are latching onto Barack Obama, despite the fact that he has never been exposed to the withering crossfire of national combat; why others are yearning for Al Gore to lose his paunch and fight anew; and why still others are talking up John Edwards' cute-guy charisma, Bill Richardson's Clinton-era credentials, Evan Bayh's Hoosier centrism, John Kerry's comic timing ... OK, everyone except that last guy.

But the problem with conventional wisdom is that it's often dead wrong.

In 1979, it was widely assumed that a movement conservative, a former B-movie actor who had co-starred with a chimpanzee, could never get elected to the White House; one year later, it happened. As recently as the summer of 2003, it was widely assumed that Netroots darling Howard Dean had a lock on the Democratic nomination; six months later, he flamed out.

But my favorite verdict was rendered back in 1932, when the esteemed Washington pundit Walter Lippmann gave his thumbs-down to a Democratic aspirant whom he

dismissed as "a pleasant man ... without any important qualifications for the office." He was referring to future landslide winner Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Therefore, in the spirit of contrarianism, here are four reasons Hillary Clinton actually might be well-positioned for an '08 victory:

1. The rap on Clinton, even among her fans, is that she couldn't possibly win a single state beyond the 20 Kerry captured two years ago. But now the national map has opened up, courtesy of the '06 elections, thereby potentially giving her a wider playing field. Seemingly impregnable red states tilted blue this year: Ohio, Missouri, Virginia, Colorado, Arizona. If those states stay in play two years hence, Clinton would have more ways to build on Kerry's 252 electoral votes and reach the magic 270.

Granted, the '06 results aren't automatically transferable to '08; even though '06 swing voters in red states rebuked President Bush for Iraq and the GOP Congress for its sleaze, this doesn't mean they are poised to go Democratic in a presidential race. But clearly, the GOP "brand" has been somewhat devalued, to the point where more voters might well view Clinton with a more open mind.

In fact, a post-election Newsweek poll reports that 53 percent of Americans now say there's a chance they would vote for her (a hike from previous polls). And it's important to remember that Democratic governors were just elected in Ohio and Colorado; they will be crucially important in

2008, in terms of mapping the ground games in those crucial states.

2. The '06 elections can be called the "revolt of the angry middle." Independent centrist voters swung heavily Democratic, and those voters may well be most receptive to Clinton, who has been charting a moderate course during her Senate stint. Regarding the war in Iraq, swing voters are generally focused on the Bush administration's currently incompetent execution, not on the war-authorization votes on 2002; Clinton today is focused on the poor execution, not on explaining or apologizing for her affirmative war-authorization vote in 2002. The latter may be important to the liberal blogosphere (which would ultimately back her against a Republican opponent anyway), but centrist voters couldn't care less.

These voters would also like to see more bipartisanship in Washington. Clinton has demonstrated bipartisanship by partnering on a range of issues with a gamut of Senate Republicans, including Rick Santorum, Sam Brownback, Bill Frist, and Lindsey Graham. As Graham himself remarked earlier this month, "She has the power to change minds. Those who stereotype her don't know what they're talking about."

3. Another rap on Clinton is that she's too polarizing, and that the GOP message machine will hum accordingly, resurrecting memories of past scandals. But that bit of conventional wisdom ignores the fact that those scandals are so 10 years ago. Most of the lurid stuff that would be thrown at Clinton in 2008 has been thoroughly hashed out already.

Yes, there are surely voters still incensed by Whitewater and Monica, but those folks are generally going to vote Republican anyway. Let's also remember that voters under age 30 — 55 percent of whom voted for Kerry two years ago, and 60 percent of whom voted for Democratic congressional candidates this month — probably dismiss the '90s as ancient history. To quote the novelist L. P. Hartley, "the past is a foreign country; they do things differently there."

As for Clinton's rascally husband, it's true that she would be badly hurt if he again gets caught acting like a bad boy. But, absent that, he also happens to be a major fund-raising asset, as well as the best strategist in the Dem-

ocratic Party. (He might have a few insights into how she can carry crucial Ohio — which he won twice.)

Here's another quote: "She won't get a single vote from those whose minds were made up against her in the '90s. But from everyone else, those years are either remembered fondly or not remembered at all, and trying to tag her with misbehavior more than a decade old would be a political calamity for her opponents." So says John Podhoretz, ex-Reagan speechwriter and a regular conservative commentator on Fox News, who dismisses the Hillary-can't-win argument as "delusion."

4. Her gender might well be an asset, contrary to the notion that Americans aren't poised to elect a woman, much less one of the Democratic variety. She is dismissed in some circles as an "ice queen," which implies that voters wish to see female politicians exuding warmth, as opposed to Clinton's allegedly cold calculation.

As for the "ice queen" label, tell it to rural Republican voters in upstate New York, whom she has won over in countless personal meetings. This month, in her landslide re-election win, she captured upstate counties that never vote for a Democrat.

True, it can be argued that she'd have scant opportunities, in a far-flung presidential campaign, to practice personal charm in small meetings, and that, indeed, she seems chillier on television, which is where most Americans would see her. But here's the bottom line: the '08 election will be about choosing the next leader in the global war on terror. In that political environment, it's preferable that a woman exude toughness, not warmth. And Clinton has already met that image test, because in a national poll last summer, 68 percent of Americans described Clinton as a strong leader.

All told, what matters most is that her foes don't buy the conventional wisdom. As former Clinton strategist Dick Morris, who thinks that she would score big with normally GOP-leaning white women, now contends that "the threat of a Hillary Clinton victory is real and present." Considering that Morris now leans rightward, and that he once speculated on radio that Clinton was a closet lesbian, his bullish assessment of her '08 prospects is perhaps the highest compliment of all.

A College Girl Named Joe



by Aaron Warner



Letter to the Editor

The Sandspur's Nov. 20 publication of the doctored Hitler photo undermines the credibility of the newspaper and Rollins College, displaying a disturbing lack of sensitivity toward racism and of discernment about what constitutes appropriate news coverage. The Sandspur had a very important news story — and blew it by relegating it to the shadows of a photographic prank. My hope is this irresponsible incident will yield disciplinary consequences and, additionally, that The Sandspur staff will decide to issue an apology in the next issue.

- Robbie,
A concerned student



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It's Magic: The Magic are 11-4 and Lead Eastern Conference

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It seems like an eternity when the Orlando Magic since the Orlando Magic last made the playoffs back in the 2002-2003 season. It seems like billions of years have passed since the Magic made the Finals back in 1995, only to get swept by the Rockets 4-0.

Ever since their near apocalyptic upset of the Detroit Pistons (who would go on to win the NBA Finals the next season), the Magic have endured numerous enigmatic players (Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley), an unfortunate amount of injuries (Grant Hill, who has played 135 in six seasons since he arrived in Orlando) and a lineup full of busted draft picks (Fran Vazquez, Reece Gaines, Jeryl Sasser and Ryan Humphrey).

After their collapse in the 2003 playoffs, in which they blew a 3-1 lead to the Detroit Pistons, the Magic endured their second worst season in franchise history going 21-61. After that season, they won the NBA Draft Lottery which gave them the right to select #1 in the 2004 draft.

They made one of the toughest decisions they ever had to make as a franchise and drafted Dwight Howard with the #1 pick

instead of college standout Emeka Okafor.

That decision has proved to be great so far with Howard turning into one of the league's most physical big men, and he has averaged 16.7 points and 13.7 rebounds this season. He also has been one of the top rebounders in the league throughout his first two seasons in the league.

After the selection of Howard, the Magic traded their best player and fan favorite Tracy McGrady who was upset with the direction in which the franchise was headed. In exchange the Magic received Steve Francis, Cuttino Mobley and Kelvin Cato.

The 2004-2005 season got off to a great start for the Magic. They opened the season 10-4 and were one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference. But then things started to go downhill from there.

Mobley was traded to the Sacramento Kings for Doug Christie. Christie would last the rest of the season with the Magic, but would then spiral out of the league the next season. Mobley's best friend Steve Francis seemed to let that affect his play the rest of the season, and the Magic ended up finishing 36-46 costing Coach Johnny Davis his job.

In 2005-2006, the Magic were vastly underachieving and were

forced to trade Steve Francis to the New York Knicks at the trade deadline. The Magic rallied to win 16 of their final 22 games and have used that end of the season

Wesibrod had made many controversial moves, but many moves that he made helped the Magic suddenly catapult to the top of the Western Conference standings.

Prior to the 2004-2005, he signed sharpshooter Hedo Turkoglu to a 6 year, \$39 million deal. He drafted Howard, re-hired Brian Hill as head coach and cleared many of McGrady's 7 year, \$85 million off the books.

He also drafted Jameer Nelson, who is quietly emerging as one of the top point guards in the Eastern Conference.

The Magic's effective Princeton offensive set, the underrated point guard combo, Dwight Howard, Grant Hill's health and the fourth best defense in the NBA have lead the Magic's ascension into the top of the Eastern Conference.

If Hill's ankle stays healthy and the Magic continue their effective play, it's not a long shot to say that they may unseat the Miami Heat as the defending Southeast Division champions.

Furthermore, Magic first round pick JJ Redick's back is slowly healing back to full strength, and the more minutes he gets, the better the chance that he can further improve the Magic's .500 field goal percentage which is tops in the league. He will also help improve the Magic's 21st ranked attendance rate by attracting many fans of the female variety if he improves his play.

It's hard to remember the last time that anyone was so excited about the Magic. They have two fan-favorites in Arroyo and Redick, provide an exciting brand of basketball and they are winning.

Winning is a word Magic fans haven't been exposed to in a long time. Let's hope that Magic basketball will let Orlando have something to be excited about.



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Air Time: Dwight Howard grabs a one-handed dunk during a game against the 76ers. Howard was the number one draft pick for the Orlando Magic in 2004.

surge to win 11 of their first 15 this season.

After drafting Vazquez with the 11th pick, GM John Wesibrod resigned. By trading McGrady,

His backup Carlos Arroyo is having one of his best seasons as a pro, and fans are also flocking to the TD Waterhouse because of his Puerto-Rican heritage.

Who Will The Ohio St. Buckeyes Face In the Big Showdown?

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As the college football season winds down, it is clear who the nation's most elite team is: the Ohio St. Buckeyes. Ohio St. (12-0) has handled every obstacle that's been thrown at them this season.

With the exception of one close battle against Illinois, the Buckeyes have dominated their competition, beating two #2 teams (Texas and Michigan) during the year, and remaining the top ranked team from week one to the present.

So, it is obvious that Ohio St. is college football's best team right now as they clinch a spot in the national championship game, but who will be their opponent come game time? As of now, the teams with the most legitimate shots are: Michigan, Southern California, Florida, and Notre Dame.

Michigan's (11-1) regular season finished with their loss at Ohio St. on Saturday, November 18. Currently, they hold the #2 spot in the BCS polls, but there is a good chance that will change, as USC sits one spot behind them at #3.

In the next two weeks, USC will get their fair shot at the title game, playing the #5 BCS-ranked Notre Dame, and UCLA. If they win both games, they would leapfrog Michigan as the #2 team

and battle the Buckeyes for a national championship.

However, if USC loses to Notre Dame, it would increase Michigan's chances of going to the championship, but then Notre Dame would also be in the picture with only one loss.

Also, if Florida wins the SEC outright and USC loses to Notre Dame, then Florida would also

be a contender along with Notre Dame and Michigan.

So, the only sure thing about the championship game as of now is that it's in Glendale, Arizona and the one of the teams is Ohio St.

If USC wins their next two matches, they would practically be a sure bet to face the Buckeyes; if they lose, it will make things

interesting in the BCS between Michigan, Notre Dame, and Florida.

Whoever the team may be, if they are not as mentally and physically prepared as they have ever been, we may witness another blowout by one the most explosive Ohio St. teams in history.



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Sacked: Ohio St. Buckeye Antonio Smith sacks Michigan's quarterback Chad Henne. The play was part of the Buckeye's close victory, 42-39, on November eighteenth that put them in the national championships.

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Trojans Triumphant Against Notre Dame

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In the past weekend of college football, some crazy upsets took place. Nobody could have ever predicted that South Florida, a team that has not been publicized all year, would upset #7 (BCS ranked) West Virginia 24-19, holding the dynamic duo of quarterback Pat White and running back Steve Slaton to just 60 yards rushing.

Then there was the upset of Texas A&M knocking off #13 Texas, but that is a bit more explainable because the teams are bitter rivals, and anything is bound to happen in a rivalry game. In addition, the #10 LSU Tigers earned a solid road victory over #6 Arkansas, jumping five spots in the BCS this week.

However, the biggest news from last week's games was #3 Southern California's 44-24 pounding over the #5 Notre Dame Fighting Irish. There was no luck for the Irish last week, as their defense was unable to control USC's explosive offense.

USC got off to a quick start at home in the Coliseum, scoring touchdowns on each of their first two possessions, both to wide receiver Dwayne Jarrett, who finished the game with seven receptions for 132 yards and three scores. That was pretty much the story for Notre Dame throughout the game: their fragile pass defense could not contain the big

plays through the air.

The Fighting Irish though did cut the lead to 14-3 at the end of the first quarter, hoping to climb back in the game slowly but surely. USC would not make it easy, however, as they marched down the field on their next possession which was capped off by a one yard quarterback sneak by John David Booty to start off the second quarter.

With the score now 21-3, Notre Dame put together a little run of their own, converting a blocked punt into a seven yard touchdown pass from the Heisman-candidate quarterback Brady Quinn to wide receiver Marcus Freeman.

Booty, who finished the day 17 of 28 for a respectable 265 yards passing with four touchdowns (3 pass, 1 rush) and two interceptions, went through a second quarter slump in which he threw both of his interceptions back to back. So, at the end of the first half, Notre Dame had momentum with the game still in contention at 21-10, USC.

The second half was miserable for Notre Dame, but a statement to the BCS voters for USC. On the opening drive of the third quarter, USC once again controlled the line of scrimmage, tediously marching down the field and scoring on a two yard run by tailback Chauncey Washington, and pushing their lead up to 18, at 28-10.

The remainder of the third

quarter was quiet until Quinn brought back Notre Dame within 11 with a key fourth down conversion from the two yard-line; it was a pass to wide receiver Rhema McKnight with 1:57 remaining in the third.

USC broke the game open in the fourth, scoring ten unanswered points on a field goal and a 43 yard touchdown catch by the freakish Dwayne Jarrett. Jarrett showed a good case of both strength and speed on the play, breaking a tackle and outrunning members of the Notre Dame secondary to the end zone.

At this point, the game was practically over as Notre Dame swapped insignificant touchdowns with USC later in the fourth. Still, Quinn performed fairly well in the game, completing 22 of 45 passes for 274, two touchdowns, and no interceptions, though he would have had more if it were not for a few dropped balls by his receivers.

However, credit USC's run defense, as they only allowed 56 yards rushing to Notre Dame's starting tailback Darius Walker. In fact, it was Quinn who led the

Irish in rushing with 74 yards, and he is not even known for his mobility (most of the yards came off of one big run).

With USC's convincing win over the #5 team in the nation, they have jumped Michigan in the BCS polls as the #2 team. If they take care of business next week against UCLA in their final regular season match-up, they will get to play Ohio St. in the National Championship game in Glendale, Arizona. For all the football fans out there, and even the non-followers, this would be a thriller to watch.



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Facemask: Notre Dame's Tom Zbikowski is charged with a facemask penalty trying to tackle Chauncey Washington Jr. of USC. Despite such efforts, fifth ranked Notre Dame lost to Southern California.

Briefs

Basketball

Men's

After opening up with a gutwrenching loss to LICE, Rollins men's basketball has proven themselves unstoppable. They are on a four game winning streak, beginning with a 95-81 victory against Flagler on November eighteenth. They followed this decisive success with wins against Puerto Rico Mayaguez on the twenty-first and Warner Southern on the twenty-second.

The fans came off the Thanksgiving break strong, defeating Southeastern University 87-62 on the twenty-eighth. Their victory helped propel them to a fifth ranked spot on the NAIA Division II Coaches Poll.

Rollins' first Sunshine State Conference opponent of the season is Tampa. It is an away game on December second.

Women's

The Lady Trojans opened up their 2006-2007 season on a high note with a overpowering 71-52 victory over Puerto Rico Mayaguez on November eighteenth. Two days later they won a slightly closer game against Puerto Rico Mayaguez. Rollins matched its third straight win in their first away game against Flagler on the twenty-first.

November twenty-eighth was the first day of a two day tournament, the Rollins College Thanksgiving Classic. Schools from the great white north, including Michigan Tech and Lake Superior State, also of Michigan, take Florida home teams Rollins and Tampa. Unfortunately, Rollins has dropped the ball against the Michigan teams with losses against both. Hopefully they can bounce back and defeat Palm Beach Atlantic, a home game on Wednesday the twenty-ninth.

Trivia

Question:

How many Cy Young awards has Pedro Martinez won?

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MySpace Becomes A New Frontier For Recruiting

Trae Thompson
MCT Campus

Tray Allen has heard from the Texas Longhorns, but it hasn't been around town or at games.

It's been on his MySpace page.

"There's not been any coaches, but a lot of fans," said the senior offensive lineman from South Grand Prairie, who has committed to Texas. "People contact me asking stuff like, 'How do you weigh this much? How did you get your footwork?'"

The popular site that allows people to have their own Web pages could be the newest tool in college football recruiting. Recruits and coaches have pages, but problems arise with truthfulness and the inability to monitor contact.

Starting a MySpace page is free and simply requires registration. People then can design their own pages, leave comments on other pages and send e-mails to others.

Some prominent recruits in Texas often hear from fans. Hempstead receiver Terrence Toliver, a member of the Star-Telegram Elite 11, has two comments on his MySpace page urging him to attend Nebraska. Texarkana, Texas, quarterback Ryan Mallett, another Elite 11 member who has committed to Michigan, has numerous comments displayed from Wolverines fans with good wishes, images of T-shirts with his name and requests to have

him lure running back Noel Devine of North Fort Myers, Fla., considered one of the nation's best at the position.

"That's amazing," said University of Houston senior quarterback Kevin Kolb, a former player at Stephenville. "Every angle is getting worked, and it's going to continue to escalate."

The NCAA has no specific rules regarding MySpace, but has rules about improper contact between recruits and "representatives of an institution's athletic interests." That led the Kentucky men's basketball team to report secondary rules violations in July after fans contacted a potential recruit on his MySpace page.

"That's the one thing that's the scary part," said Jeremy Crabtree, national recruiting editor for Rivals.com. "No one knows if there's some illegal contact going on. Even though people on MySpace are supposed to be who they are, I guarantee there are 500 pages claiming to be Vince Young. You don't know who anybody is in these things, and it's scary that there could be communication between recruits and guys who are college students, donors or boosters."

Besides recruits, there are MySpace pages for coaches, including Texas Tech's Mike Leach, Ohio State's Jim Tressel and Florida State's Bobby Bowden. The pages have details, such as pirates being among Leach's interests (an actual hobby), and Bowden starting "each day by reading the Bible before breakfast."

Leach, however, said he has nothing to do with his page, nor does Bowden, according to a Nov. 23 article in The Florida Times-Union.

Leach, who first saw his MySpace page six months ago, said he isn't concerned as long as whoever runs the site doesn't do anything abusive or say something he disagrees with. Getting to know a recruit personally is paramount, but Leach didn't rule out MySpace as a recruiting tool.

"The guy down the road might have the ability to BlackBerry, and you have to be able to do that, too," Leach said. "You have to do both hand in hand. You've got to get to know the guy, but that will help."

Many coaches say they know little about MySpace and barely know how to use a computer, but also say they're not surprised that it is used in recruiting. Crabtree said there have been more instances of recruits posting comments on pages of college players whom they met on official visits, which allows them to continue building a relationship.

"We see that after a school wins a big game, a recruit will post a message on a (college player's) Web site," Crabtree said. "These kids' MySpace pages are up to date, and it's without having to keep track of calls, or worry about losing cellphone numbers. It's just like a social networking vehicle. It would be silly for a coach not to utilize this."