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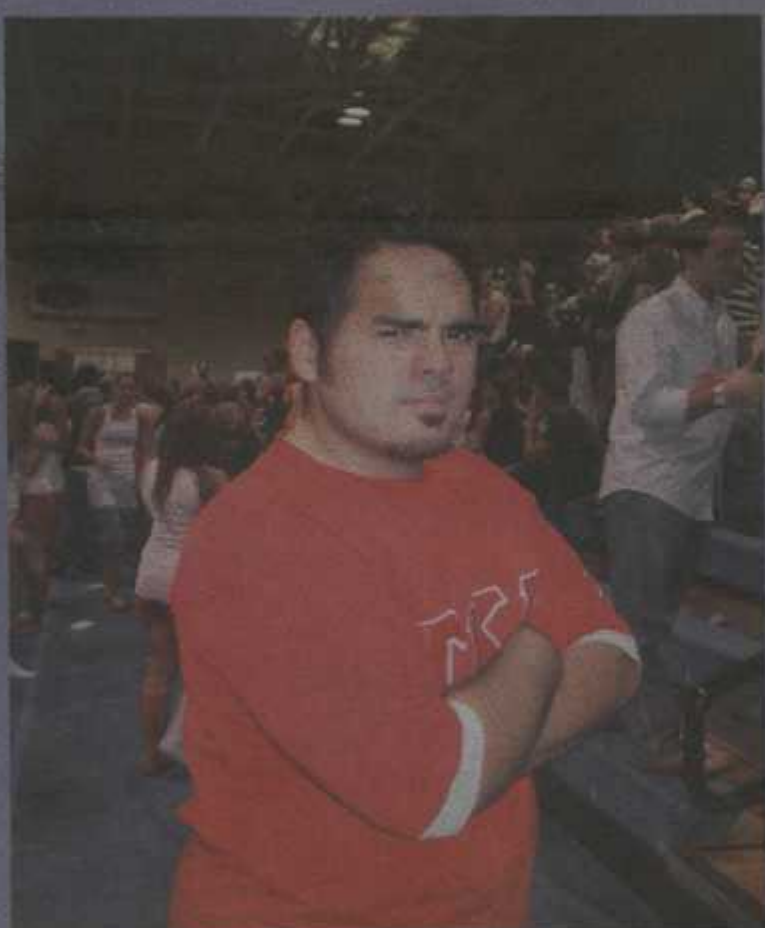
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Lip Sync Captivates Rollins Once Again



Lip Sync, sponsored by Student Government Association, features lip singing and choreographed dancing to classic favorite songs by the new pledges of our campus sororities and fraternities. The groups are judged on originality, synchronization, energy, word accuracy, and crowd response by faculty and staff judges, according to Cat McConnell. They compete for over \$1000 in prize money and the highly treasured Lip Sync Trophy.

Student Charlie Stevens says, "It's a great way to promote a healthy academic community."

This year, Kappa Delta won Crowd Favorite. X-Club took home Most Original. Chi O walked away with Second Place, and ATO won the First Place prize of \$500 and the trophy.

Congratulations ATO!



Photos by Justin JB Braun

WORLD News



COURTESY OF CNN

IRAQ: At least 30 Iraqis were killed when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest at a popular cafe in Balad Ruz.

INDONESIA: Scores of victims of deadly earthquakes in Indonesia were buried in West Sumatra, as aid flowed in for thousands displaced after their homes were flattened.

IRELAND: The people of Northern Ireland went to the polls in a fresh effort to elect a new parliamentary assembly that could help to heal the troubled region's sectarian divide.

RUSSIA: Two American women have been released from a Moscow clinic after they were hospitalized with possible thallium poisoning.

NIGERIA: The ruling party candidate for Nigeria's crucial presidential elections is undergoing medical consultations related to a kidney ailment.

INDONESIA: An Indonesian passenger jet crash landed and burst into flames killing 23 people trapped inside. A further 117 people escaped, clambering through burning wreckage to safety.

NATIONAL News



FLORIDA: John Evander Couey was found guilty of murder, kidnapping, sexual assault and burglary in the abduction and death of 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford.

GEORGIA: Georgia truck driver stepped forward to claim half of a \$390 million jackpot, the richest lottery prize in U.S. history.

MICHIGAN: A teenager shot his former girlfriend four times outside her high school, then killed himself.

TEXAS: A man was killed when he jumped under a moving school bus in Montgomery County.

In attempt to save electricity, the U.S. Congress introduced a provision in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 mandating that clocks "spring forward" three weeks earlier, on the second Sunday in March, and "fall back" a week later, on the first Sunday in November.

Rollins Swing Dancing

Nicole Hogan
the sandspur

Does the idea of swing dancing sound interesting and fun to you? On Saturday March 3rd the Rollins College Swing Dance Club or "Rollins Swingers" hosted a dance in Dave's Down Under. Don't worry, they host these swing dances at Rollins on the first Saturday of each month until May. So if you missed out this month, you can definitely make it for next month's event!

The dance itself was not a structured dance class, it was a social event. However, at the dance people did come and taught an hour lesson on swing dancing. For the rest of the night the instructors DJed. It was a nice relaxed atmosphere so people could go up to the instructors and ask them questions. The dance was held at Dave's Down Under for numerous reasons. It was really convenient for people to come in and out, or stop by The Grille for a quick snack. Having it at Dave's Down Under allowed the feel of a school dance as opposed to a dance class for this event. President Yahaira Lorenzo described the event as "a whole lot of fun!" According to Lorenzo, "the purpose of these dances and the Rollins Swingers is to revive that feeling that was going on in the forties and fifties." Dave's Down Under gave the feel of an old time jazz club where a person can go and dance. Basically, the dance is there for people to have fun so it is acceptable to come and go as you please.

This club itself expands fur-

ther than Rollins. It is much larger involving most of Central Florida including the University of Central Florida. The club at Rollins was created when a member of this Central Florida swing community came up to Yahaira Lorenzo and brought up the idea to her about having a regular dance. Since a student at Rollins needed to head this, Lorenzo was perfect for the job.

The dances are occasionally themed. Such themes include a forties, fifties or sixties night. On occasion they will have nights to honor the soldiers over in Iraq. This is because swing dance became increasingly popular during World War II. The dress of the events varies on what is going on in the world. "Swing dancing is a very important part of America's history in the cultural aspect" Lorenzo explains. Although the dances fluctuate in numbers there are often thirty-five to seventy people that show up.

If joining the Rollins Swingers or even becoming involved in this large community of swing dancers you can contact Yahaira at YLorenzo@rollins.edu. She can tell you about upcoming events at Rollins. She can also tell you about other people in Central Florida who are involved in this swing community. Or if you cannot wait until next month and want to try some swing dancing she teaches people basic lessons. She can get you connected with her group that often goes to other schools swing dance dances.



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AOII's Strike Out Arthritis

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Saturday March, 3 AOII had a kickball tournament to raise money for arthritis. The tournament had teams of six people. Some of the teams were Greek affiliated such as Kappa Kappa Gamma and X-Club. AOII even had two teams in this kickball tournament. However, this was an event not limited to the Greeks. There were some teams not Greek affiliated that showed up.

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The money is going to a foundation that is working on finding a cure for arthritis and it also supports both juvenile and adults that have arthritis. There is no cure for arthritis and it affects millions of people. This is AOII's main philanthropy. The event raised over \$800.00 which included donations. President Duncan showed up, had a great time, and donated money as well. So what is the next AOII event to

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TARA NELSON/The Sandspur
GETTING TOGETHER FOR A CAUSE: AOII gets together and plays kickball to raise money against arthritis.

Lights, Cameras, Rollins MovieFest

Ariel Krieger
the sandspur

Everyone on campus was there. What? You weren't? Oh, wow, did you miss out! March 1st, 2007 marked the most glamorous night of the year: Rollins College LEAD team presented the one and only Campus MovieFest. This entirely student run organization could not have been put together any better, even if they tried.

The amount of talent which shone through in these films was certainly reflected in the

audience's hysterical laughter, or speechless awed expressions. The editing techniques, the seriousness of the dramas, and the comedies were all hits and proved once again how remarkable the student body of Rollins College is.

The LEAD team at Rollins worked so hard for over a year to pull this show off. With the décor, red carpet, and limo waiting outside the Alford Sports Center, I could hardly believe that we were not actually transported to Hollywood.

Even the dining hall was set

up with the glitz and glam, along with prizes and trivia. To all the students' desires, they served barbecue chicken and good, old fashioned mac and cheese. There was no way that people could not get into it. As people who were wearing their gowns and tuxes paraded into the gym, it was impossible to anticipate how great the movies were going to turn out.

Hosts Steve Miller and Emily Killian were engaging and ridiculously funny as they introduced the films, adding just another exciting element to the

already grandiose night.

The winners of these films not only have amazing respect and pride in their showcased work, but many of them received money, gift certificates, and, of course, a limo ride to a lovely paid for dinner on the town in Winter Park!

After the show, the "big bang" finale was the incredible fireworks display over Lake Virginia. What a beautiful sight, people in gowns, holding hands with their dates, and watching a fireworks display. What a perfect way to end this crazy night!

The 2007 Colloquy Keynote Speakers

Maya Angelou

Angelou spent the early years of her life moving back and forth between her mother's and grandmother's house. At the age of eight, she confessed that her mother's boyfriend had sexually abused her and her uncle beat the man to death. After that Angelou became mute and did not speak for nearly five years. She believed that her words caused the death of another man.

Angelou is most well-known for her autobiographical writings "I Know Why the Cages Bird Sings" and "All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes." She was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for her volume of poetry. In 1993, Angelou read her poem "On the Pulse of Morning" during Bill Clinton's Presidential inauguration. She was the second poet to be asked to read at an inauguration, the first being Robert Frost at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy.



Salman Rushdie

Rushdie grew up in a Muslim family in Mumbai, India. He attended King's College at Cambridge in England and later began a career with the firm Ayer Baker, but later became a full-time writer. He pursued a career as a British-Indian essayist and fiction writer. He achieved fame in 1981 for his second novel, "Midnight's Children," which won the prestigious Booker Prize. He is currently a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Most of his fiction is set in the subcontinent of India, where he was born. He is best known for the violent reactions that his fourth novel, "The Satanic Verses," provoked among the Muslim community. He spent years underground an attempted assassination and only appeared in public every once in a while.

Francis Fukuyama

Fukuyama received a B.A. in classics from Cornell University and a Ph. D from Harvard in Political Science. He is best known as the author of "The End of History and the Last Man," in which he made an argument that human history as a struggle between ideologies is at an end. He declares that there will be an eventual triumph of political and economic liberalism. Fukuyama's work assumes that human nature is governed by a desire for recognition and it is liberal democracy which provides a way of satisfying the need for recognition.

Fukuyama, along with other prominent political thinkers, founded "The American Interest, a quarterly magazine devoted to the theme of "America in the World."



TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket pick-up dates for the Student Colloquy are March 21, 22, 23 in the Campus Center at 12:00-2:00.

Tickets are required for keynote events: Maya Angelou, Mon. March 26, Salman Rushdie, Tues. March 27, Francis Fukuyama, Wed. March 28.

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Pell Grant Increase May Aid Students in Upcoming Year

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A college degree is no longer an added bonus on a resume, but rather a necessity, making the cost of tuition, room and board and other fees a thorn in the sides of many students struggling to pay for school.

The rising cost of higher education is an issue constantly at the forefront of public policy, and one President Bush is addressing in his \$2.9 trillion 2008 budget released Feb. 5.

The administration is proposing to raise the maximum Pell Grant award by almost 14 percent, or \$550, next year, the largest increase in more than 30 years. It also calls for a 33 percent raise during the next five years, reaching a maximum of \$5,400. The current maximum grant is \$4,050.

The Pell Grant is the federal

government's main financial aid program for low-income students. Aside from financial need, factors such as the cost of the school, status as full- or part-time student

The award hasn't been increased since before 2002 and in the 2006-07 academic year the grant covered 33 percent of the average cost of tuition, room and board and other fees at a four-year public school. This is a stark contrast from 20 years ago, when the award was enough to cover 60 percent of the cost of schooling.

"This is real money that will help more low-income students achieve the dream of a college education," said secretary of education Margaret Spellings at a forum for higher education held at North Carolina State University on Feb. 1.

Spellings remarks came four days before the official release of the 2008 budget, a move that could have been in response to the House of Representatives passing a bill Jan. 31 in which the grant would increase by \$260, or 6 percent, to be \$4,310.



A LITTLE HELP: The rising cost of higher education continues to be a critical domestic issue for the President and the US Congress.

and length of time the student is planning to attend the school are also taken into consideration when awarding the grant.

Even Well To Do Can Find Themselves Living in Poverty

Tony Pugh
mct campus

Two years ago, Douglas County, Colo., had the nation's second highest median income among small counties.

But as new home construction, top-notch schools and a serene lifestyle draws thousands of new residents, the affluent community just south of Denver has struggled to deal with a rapid growth in population and poverty.

A surge in service, retail and construction jobs that typically accompany high-growth areas has brought more low skilled, working poor people to Douglas County despite the area's high cost of living.

Only about 7,000 of the county's roughly 250,000 residents are poor, according to recent census data. But 3,908 of the poor — 55 percent — are in deep poverty. They include struggling newcomers and families once entrenched in the county's upper-middle class.

The recent technology slowdown caused many Douglas County homeowners to lose their jobs. County foreclosure filings topped 1,000 in 2006, compared with 212 in 2000.

"We've had quite a few people end up losing jobs and going through their savings and their retirement savings," said George Kennedy, Douglas County's human services director. "We certainly have had a lot of cases where the family splits (by divorce) and

one spouse or the other ends up with the house and the mortgage and the kids and can't make ends meet."

Marie Kissinger, a 50-year-old stay-at-home mother, was pitched into severe poverty when her husband left the family and his \$138,000-a-year job and moved to Seattle in August 2005.

Now as a part-time supermarket stock worker, Kissinger said her income fluctuates from \$200 to \$1,500 a month, depending on her hours. She said she'd be lucky if she made \$5,000 in 2006.

A parent with one child would have to make more than \$6,948 to escape severe poverty, according to current Census Bureau guidelines.

In the waiting room of the Task Force of Douglas County, a local social service agency, Kissinger fought back tears as she sought help to get her electricity turned back on.

Already behind on her car payments, Kissinger realizes that she'll probably have to sell her house. "But I don't want to put my son through another change," she said. "I just keep holding on to the thought that somehow I'll be able to work it out."

Next door, in the agency's thrift store, 34-year-old Kyra Wharton picked up items for her children along with some free disposable diapers and bags of free groceries from the task force pantry.

Wharton's battle with severe poverty has been the latest chapter in a tough life. As a child she was moved to a Louisiana board-

ing school to escape an abusive home in Texas. She married at 14 and had her first child at 17. She now has five children and shares custody of one with the father.

After she was laid off in 2004 from a \$32,000-a-year customer service job, Wharton settled last year for a \$13,000-a-year job working nights as an auditor at a budget hotel. Under 2006 federal poverty guidelines, a single mother of five was considered in deep poverty if she made less than \$13,217 a year.

After paying her rent and other bills, Wharton said she typically had between \$30 and \$60 dollars to last the month. She depended on \$418 in food stamps to keep food on the table.

Wharton wanted a better job, but she said most baby sitters wouldn't accept her state-provided child care voucher because it paid less than the county's \$300-per-week standard rate.

In late 2006, Wharton completed an outpatient alcohol rehabilitation program and this week she took a new job as an office assistant at a car dealership. Along with better hours, the new job pays \$19,200-a-year and technically lifts her out of severe poverty. However she's well short of the \$26,434 salary needed to escape moderate poverty for a single mother of five.

Despite her tough upbringing, she blames no one for her struggles.

"A lot of where I'm at is because of my own mistakes," she said.

the CAREER COACH
Marian Cacciatore

INTERNSHIPS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

This week, in an effort to encourage Hamilton Holt Students to take advantage of internships, I am spotlighting one of our current students in the Masters in Human Resources program.

Two years ago, when Leanne Bestwick decided to enroll in the Master of Human Resources program at Rollins College, she knew that an HR internship would become a priority for her. "I knew I would need to find an internship. It was important that I have the chance to apply the theories that are presented in the classroom."

After diligently searching through the Rollins Internship database, she found a posting for an HR internship at Tews Company, a Central Florida recruiting firm. "Everyone at Tews made me feel very comfortable during the interview process. Each person that I talked with asked me about my expectations for the internship. It was evident that they wanted to create a learning environment that was mutually beneficial to the company and to me as a student."

Leanne competed her first semester at Tews in December and remains very enthusiastic about the experience. "The internship at Tews was just what I needed. I gained insight, hands on experience and a great deal of confidence. I'd also like to think that

I contributed to Tews as well. In addition to assisting in several HR projects I was willing to jump in and do whatever needed to be done."

Vivian DiDomenico, Director of Operations at Tews is equally enthusiastic about offering the HR internship to a Rollins student. "Leanne arrived every morning with a smile on her face and motivation to learn another aspect of the Human Resource process. She has approached the internship in a professional manner with a consistent question: 'What can I learn this week?'"

Leanne is participating in a second semester internship at Tews. This second semester will provide her with additional learning experiences and even greater responsibility. Leanne is confident that this internship experience will prove to be an advantage when she graduates. "I am hopeful that this experience will round out my resume. I want potential employers to view me as the valuable resource that I know I am!"

Do you have a question regarding your job search? Email Marian at mcacciatore@rollins.edu. Hamilton Holt students are also encouraged to take advantage of Career Services by contacting Marian via phone 407.646.2232 or the email address listed above.



Did the letter from the Hamilton Holt School answer your questions regarding the 26% tuition increase? If not, what do you want to know? Email your thoughts to editor@thesandspur.org.

Communication Majors and Minors
LAMBDA PI ETA

National Communication Honor Society

-Lambda Pi Eta is the national honor society for undergraduate communication majors and minors and membership reflects the attainment of high academic goals.

-Lambda Pi Eta members are recognized at graduation by wearing the gold cords that signify academic achievement and success.

-Lambda Pi Eta is a great networking opportunity for career possibilities and graduate studies after graduation.

-Lambda Pi Eta at Rollins offers opportunities for leadership and participation in social and charitable events.

-Lambda Pi Eta at Rollins let's you decide your level of involvement. There is no time commitment required to join.

Find out about membership requirements and get an application on the Rollins website at: <http://www.rollins.edu/holt/students/lph.shtml>

Most Florida Students are on the Six-Year Plan

Scott Travis
mct campus

Forget about the four-year college student. At most South Florida universities, students are struggling to finish their educations in six years.

Graduation rates at South Florida's colleges and universities trail the state and the nation. Only one major four-year institution in South Florida, the University of Miami, has a six-year graduation rate above 50 percent, according to the most recent figures available from the schools and the National Center for Education Statistics.

At Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, 37 percent finished in six years. Nova Southeastern in Davie had a graduation rate of 39 percent. A substantially smaller number of students finish in four years, with FAU among the lowest at 16 percent.

"To graduate in four years, you have to take 15 hours every semester and basically have no life," said FAU sophomore Kristi Digennaro, of Boca Raton, who expects to graduate in five years. "I take 12 to 14 hours a semester."

But some education experts see this as a problem. Students who spend five or more years in college end up with more debt and a smaller lifetime earning potential than those who get out in four years, said Danette Gerald, senior research associate for the Education Trust, a research and policy organization based in Washington, D.C.

"We should be very concerned if students who enroll in our colleges have less than a 1-in-2 chance of getting a degree in four years," she said. "Most don't finish until five or six years, and

of course many never finish at all. We need to ask ourselves, are we setting our students up to be as successful as possible?"

Educators say there are many reasons for these low numbers. Some students transfer to other colleges. Many students are non-traditional, fitting in a few classes

er graduation rates.

In addition, schools that serve traditional 18- to 22-year-old students have rates higher than those serving commuter or nontraditional students.

As a statewide system, the graduation rate for public universities in Florida compares favorably with the nation's. About 63 percent of students finish in six years, compared with about 53 percent nationally. But seven of the 10 largest public universities in the state have six-year graduation rates below 50 percent. This concerned Connecticut consultant Alceste Pappas, who drafted a report on the future of higher education in Florida. She recommended that the state offer financial incentives to universities that achieve higher graduation rates. State officials haven't decided if they

four years," he said. "That has never been the norm at a place like FAU."

In addition, FAU has traditionally had low admission standards. For the first time this year, the university stopped admitting students whose test scores showed they needed remedial work.

"We took in students who had no business attending the university and then were amazed when they didn't do well," FAU President Frank Brogan said.

FAU is also asking the Legislature for \$800,000 to create a new office that focuses on improving faculty instruction and student performance.

Students at Florida International University have complained that they have a tough time getting the courses they want, which may be one reason for its low graduation rate, officials said. At FIU, 20 percent of students finished in four years, while 48 percent completed in six years.

The university is changing its schedule so that more classes are offered on Fridays, and students can plan their coursework further in advance, said Rosa Jones, FIU's vice president for student affairs and undergraduate education.

FIU officials say they also plan to do a better job of tracking students to see if they are on course to graduate, she said.

"We're not accepting these graduation rates," she said. "We think we can do a lot better."

The University of Miami has made retention and graduation a major focus in the past 15 years. The rates have steadily climbed since the 1990s, and this year the four-year graduation rate is 63 percent and the six-year rate is 73 percent. Those are

among the highest in the state.

Unlike most other South Florida institutions, the University of Miami consists mostly of traditional 18- to 22-year-old students. Officials said they've also worked to address issues that affect retention. The registrar's office works to make sure students are able to get into the classes they need. The university has also become more selective.

"Every student we admit we assume has the capability of being successful and graduating," said Paul Orehovec, vice president for enrollment management at the school. "We're trying to get our numbers as close to 100 percent as possible."



ITS A NEW NUMBER: Long gone are the days of the four-year college plan. Students now take an average of six years to complete their four-year degree.

between work and family life. Some students can only afford to take a few classes at a time. Some schools have low admission standards and end up with a large number of students who are unprepared for college.

"We have a commitment to open access," said Don Rosenblum, dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla. "We have a sizeable non-traditional population—students who have not been in a university setting for 10 or 15 years. Not all of them are going to be successful." He also said many students take core classes at Nova Southeastern, then complete their degrees elsewhere.

National research has shown that schools with higher admission standards tend to have high-

want to take her advice.

FAU's low graduation rates are not as alarming as they look, said Michael Armstrong, associate provost. The university tracks what happens to students after they leave FAU and found that only about 10 percent truly drop out. The others are still working on their education or have transferred to another university or to a community college.

Armstrong said it's unfair to compare FAU to other universities in the state. The school serves more older and part-time students than average.

"When people think about graduation rates, they tend to think in terms of the traditional 18-year-old who gets out of high school, lives in a dorm, takes 15 hours a term and graduates in



Courtesy MCT Campus
ITS A MARATHON: Students should focus less on the time it take to earn their degree and more on the experience.

Stop-Smoking Tips For You and Sen. Barack Obama

Patrick Kampert
mct campus

When they were serving together in the Illinois Senate, now-retired state Sen. Denny Jacobs said, his colleague Barack Obama was not a heavy smoker.

"He'd normally sneak one from me once every three or four days and, of course, when we'd play poker occasionally," Jacobs said.

Now that the junior U.S. senator from Illinois has publicly declared his intention to quit smoking (he says he normally smoked four or five cigarettes a day), Jacobs said he thinks the stress-filled life of a possible presidential campaign could actually help his former poker buddy quit.

"I think sometimes if you're more active, it helps."

But if Obama wants to quit and maybe you do too Carol Southard, a smoking-cessation specialist at Northwestern Memo-

rial Hospital in Chicago, offers some advice:



Courtesy MCT Campus
CHOKING SMOKING: The fight to stop smoking is a long battle with many pitfalls.

Chantix, a new prescription drug. It's not "a magic bullet," she said, but it does seem to block the effects of nicotine from smoking.

Nicorette gum or the patch.

Obama chews Nicorette. Southard is all for both aids, noting that nicotine doesn't kill you; it's the 40-plus toxins in cigarettes that cause strokes, cancer and heart disease. But Nicorette takes 20 minutes to kick in; the patch takes two hours.

Zyban (or Wellbutrin). They're the same drug. Zyban is prescribed for smoking. Wellbutrin for depression. Insurers usually don't cover Zyban.

Persistence. Most people need three to eight attempts to finally quit.

Hunger. Smokers experience a spike in blood sugar after a cigarette, so have more meals with small portions as you try to quit.

Cost. Most insurance companies don't cover smoking-cessation programs or drugs. Maybe that's something Obama can address now in the Senate.

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Arts & Entertainment

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GOING THE DISTANCE

Test your knowledge of college football through the years

By PAT SUTHERLAND
McClatchy Newspapers

Over the past few months Saturdays have been spent lounging at the pool or swimming at the beach. But summer is quickly fading away, and now Saturdays mean just one thing: gameday for college football. Before you settle in to watch your favorite team, we've put together a quiz for die-hard fans. See how much you know about the history of the game.

1. What school has won the most college football national championships?

A. Yale
B. Notre Dame
C. Miami (Fla.)
D. UCLA

2. The 2003-04 national championship was shared by Southern California and what team?

A. Florida
B. Louisiana State University
C. Georgia
D. Texas

3. In which year were there two first-time NCAA football champions based on split poll results, and who were the teams? (Note: This covers college football history beginning in 1936, when AP polling began.)

A. 1954, Ohio State and UCLA
B. 1990, Colorado and Georgia Tech
C. 1965, Alabama and Michigan State
D. 1973, Notre Dame and Alabama

4. In 1935 Jay Berwanger won the first Heisman Trophy. What position did he play?

A. Wide receiver
B. Tight end
C. Quarterback
D. Halfback

5. In which NCAA college football bowl game did More Island defeat Camp Lewis 19-7 in 1918?

A. Sugar Bowl
B. Cotton Bowl
C. Rose Bowl
D. Orange Bowl

6. Which team was the first repeat NCAA football champion since AP polling began in 1936?

A. Minnesota
B. Pittsburgh
C. Notre Dame
D. Army

7. Who was the first winner of the Heisman Trophy who did not play an offensive position?

A. Hugh Ocen
B. Lawrence Taylor
C. Bruce Smith
D. Charles Woodson

8. Who set the record for most points produced in a game when he threw 11 touchdown passes?

A. John Elway
B. Andre Ware
C. David Klingler
D. Kerry Collins

9. Which of these college players averaged the most rushes per game over his career?

A. Ed Marinaro
B. Barry Sanders
C. Herschel Walker
D. Marcus Allen

10. Using a minimum of 325 career completions, what quarterback has the highest efficiency rating for his career with a 163.6?

A. Chris Rodman
B. Shaun King
C. Danny Wuerffel
D. Ty Detmer

11. What college player holds the single-season record for rushing touchdowns?

A. Barry Sanders
B. Marshall Faulk
C. Travis Prentice
D. LaDarius Tiedman

12. What college kicker set a single-season record of 135 points?

A. Martin Gramatica
B. Mike Prindle
C. Chris Juchie
D. Roman Anderson

13. While stones are arranged in an "M" in what team's stadium?

A. Michigan
B. Memphis
C. Missouri
D. Marshall

14. Who was the only Heisman winner of the 1990s to not play in the NFL?

A. Gino Torretta
B. Danny Wuerffel
C. Charlie Ward
D. Ty Detmer

15. Which conference won the most national championships in the 1990s?

A. Big 8
B. SEC
C. Big Ten
D. Pac 10

16. Which of the following players has not been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame?

A. Larry Csonka
B. Paul "Bear" Bryant
C. Joe Namath
D. Jim Plunkett

17. Don Morgan (Miami, Fla.) won what award in 2000?

A. Butkus
B. Heisman
C. Jim Thorpe
D. Walter Payton

18. What quarterback led Notre Dame to the national title in 1977?

A. Joe Montana
B. Steve Buechele
C. Blair Kiel
D. Joe Theismann

19. What University of Pittsburgh tight end was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1961?

A. Max McGee
B. John Mackey
C. Russ Francis
D. Mike Ditka

20. In 1984, Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie threw a Hail Mary pass for a touchdown to beat Miami (Fla.). Who was the Hurricanes' quarterback in that game?

A. Vijay Tostovande
B. Jim Kelly
C. Bernie Kosar
D. Steve Walsh

21. What offensive tackle was nicknamed the "Mad Scientist"?

A. Bart Bucio
B. Anthony Munoz
C. Jonathan Ogden
D. Dan Dierdorf

22. Which of these NFL players did not win the Heisman Trophy?

A. Chris Weinke
B. Ron Dayne
C. Peyton Manning
D. Carson Palmer

23. What player holds the record for rushing yards in a game?

A. Marshall Faulk
B. Corey Dillon
C. Barry Sanders
D. LaDarius Tiedman

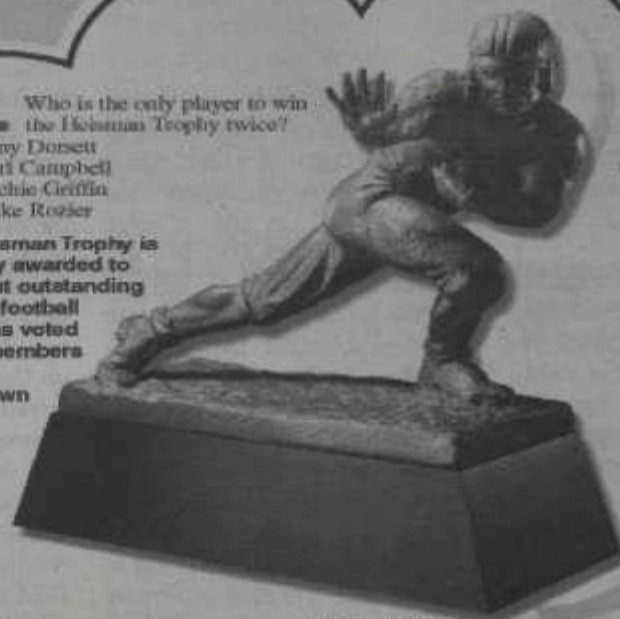
24. What is the oldest bowl game?

A. Rose
B. Sugar
C. Orange
D. Cotton

25. Who is the only player to win the Heisman Trophy twice?

A. Tony Dorsett
B. Earl Campbell
C. Archie Griffin
D. Mike Rozier

The Heisman Trophy is annually awarded to the most outstanding college football player as voted on by members of the Downtown Athletic Club.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A. Yale has won 18 titles, the last in 1923.
2. B. LSU was ranked first in the coaches poll.
3. B. 1990, Colorado and Georgia Tech.
4. D. Halfback.
5. C. Rose Bowl. They were service teams filling in during wartime.
6. A. Minnesota. It won in 1936, '40 and '41, becoming the first three-time champion.
7. D. Charles Woodson. He won it in 1997.

8. C. David Klingler, against Eastern Washington in 1990.
9. A. Ed Marinaro. He averaged 34 rushes per game for Cornell from 1969-71. He totaled 918 in 27 games.
10. C. Danny Wuerffel. From 1993-96 he was 708-of-1,170 passing for 10,875 yards with 114 touchdowns and 42 interceptions.
11. A. Barry Sanders. In 1988, he scored 37 in 11 games.

12. A. Martin Gramatica. He had 22 field goals and 69 PATs for Kansas State in 1998.
13. C. Missouri. Franksters rearranged the stones to form an "M" before the Nebraska game in 1957.
14. C. Charlie Ward. He went on to play for the NBA's New York Knicks.
15. A. The Big 8 (now the Big 12) won or shared four of the 10 championships (Colorado 1990; Nebraska 1994, 1995, 1997).
16. C. Joe Namath.
17. A. Butkus.

18. A. Joe Montana.
19. D. Mike Ditka.
20. C. Bernie Kosar.
21. A. Bart Bucio.
22. C. Peyton Manning.
23. D. LaDarius Tiedman. He ran for 406 yards in 1999 for Texas Christian against UTIEP.
24. A. Rose Bowl. It was first played in 1902.
25. C. Archie Griffin in 1974 and '75.

David E. Kelley Misses the Brass Ring with *Wedding Bells*

Chuck Barney
met campus

There was a time, not so long ago, when prolific producer David E. Kelley reigned as television's King Midas. Everything he touched turned to 24-karat brilliance. Remember when "Ally McBeal" and "The Practice" were Emmy champs in the same year? It doesn't get much better than that.

Lately, however, Kelley has cranked out more dross than gloss, with the dreadful "Girls Club" and "Snoops" serving as ego-crushing low points and "Boston Legal" achieving only marginal success. In this business, past success clearly guarantees nada. Just ask Aaron Sorkin.

Still, when Kelley breaks out a new show, it tends to get your curiosity percolating.

After all, you always want to see what this undeniably gifted writer has up his sleeve.

Unfortunately, "The Wedding Bells," a series Kelley dreamed up with Jason Katims ("Roswell"), doesn't exactly have us swooning upon first glance. What sounds

like a frothily fun concept — a romantic comedy tethered to a family-owned wedding-planning business — is only sporadically fresh and amusing in its disjointed pilot episode. Our guess is that viewers won't be in a rush to get hitched to this show.

The Bell sisters — Annie (Kadee Strickland), Jane (Teri Polo) and Sammy (Sarah Jones) — took over the Wedding Palace after their parents divorced. Now they find themselves wrangling on a daily basis with out-of-control Bridesillas, wedding-day jitters and the usual logistical nightmares as they attempt to send the betrothed off into matrimonial bliss.

We'd love to tell you all about these new Kelley girls, but Wednesday's pilot does a poor job of fleshing them out. As far as we can tell, Annie had a relationship with the wedding photographer (Michael Landes) and she's still not quite over him.

Jane is married to an uptight bean-counter (Benjamin King), but their union lacks passion and you're left wondering how long she'll be able to fend off the advances of their head chef. As for Sammy, she's a sexually aggres-

sive gal who is not above getting her carnal jollies with the studs in the bridal party.

Generally speaking, you want your lead characters to make strong first impressions. But "The Wedding Bells" script allows guest stars Missi Pyle (a snooty bride-to-be) and Delta Burke (her overbearing mother) to overshadow the others in hammy roles. While that might stand as a compliment to the comic abilities of Pyle and Burke, it also underscores the fact that the main stars don't exactly command our attention. (Pyle has since been added to the regular cast.)

Many of the familiar Kelley elements are interwoven throughout the show: some humor mixed with heartache, lots of pretty people flanked by wacky oddballs, a few catchy tunes (there's a whole subplot built around the Supremes' "Someday We'll Be Together") and a little titillation to spice things up. Regarding the last, Jones is seen at one point in a washcloth-size miniskirt that would have made even Ms. McBeal blush.

Through it all, an intriguing dynamic is at play in "The Wed-

ding Bells." You've got these lovely sisters working their tails off to provide a romantic fairy-tale experience for their customers while simultaneously struggling to find a little romance in their own lives. Alas, it is undermined by a faintness of spirit, as much of the show feels flat and overly familiar.

Whether you're a fan of Kelley or not, you can't accuse the man of being boring; yet, at times, he comes perilously close here. And unless he can find a way to quickly regain that Midas magic, these "Bells" aren't going to chime for long.



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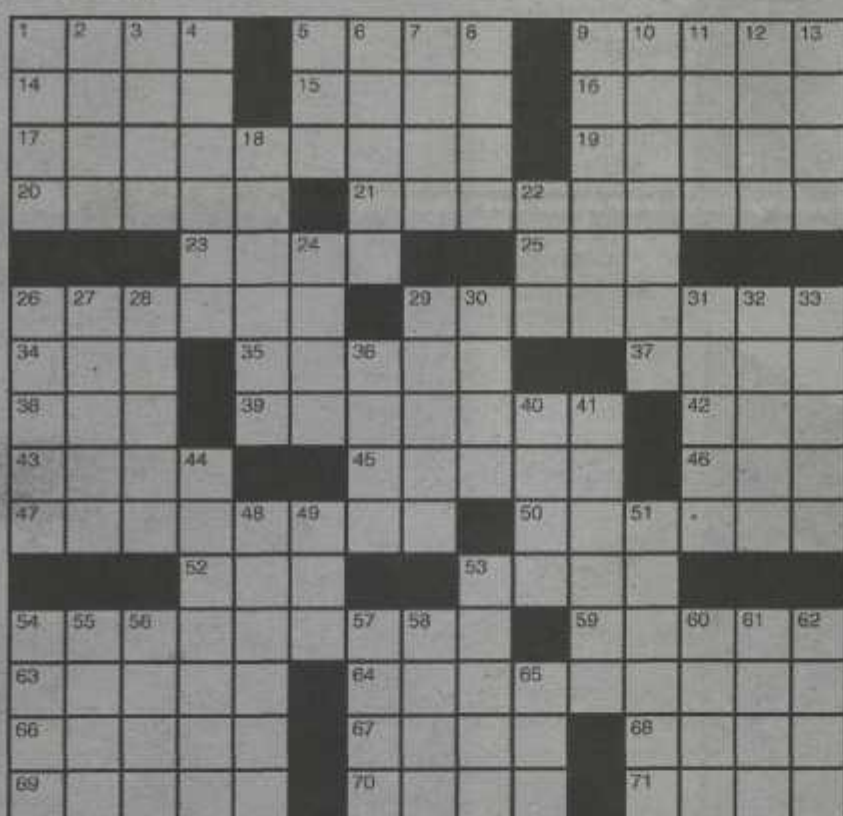
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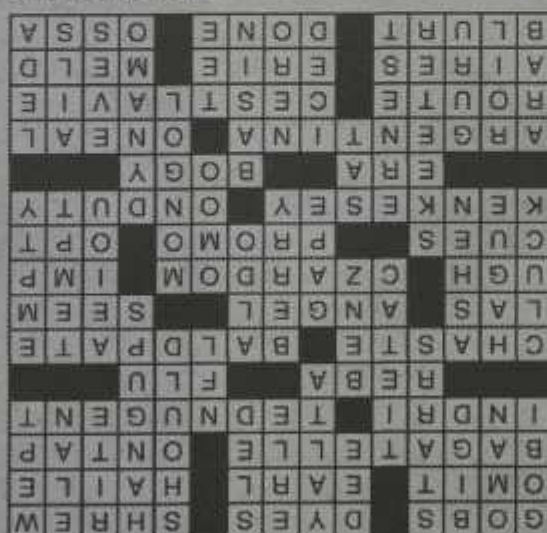
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- 40 "Typee" sequel
- 41 Genghis Khan, for one
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Word on the Street

By: Ariel Krieger

Ahhh, finally the midterms are done! Where is everyone going to escape for spring break? Do most students need to bundle up or lather on the sun tan oil?

After surveying some students on campus here is what I found out...

- New York City - 12
- Hilton Head - 2
- Fort Lauderdale - 6
- Home - 16
- London - 2
- Dominican Republic - 2
- Colorado - 3
- Miami - 6
- Staying at Rollins College - 4
- Cocoa Beach - 3
- Brazil - 1
- Tallahassee - 2
- Panama City - 1
- Maryland - 1
- Bahamas - 2
- Key West - 2

Well... Taking a look at these responses it seems that many of the students are headed up north to the Big Apple to brave the cold, while the majority is staying to bask in our Floridian sun!

Why go anywhere at all if you can stay in a spring break central of the America's college students! It seems that most students are visiting friends in other parts of Florida, the sports players will be at Rollins College, and others are visiting up North to check out the snow!

It seems that everyone will have a fabulous break and get an even more fabulous tan!!

Wear your sunscreen...

British Artist Mika Debuts with Catchy New Album

Nikki Fiedler
the sandspur

Mika's debut album, "Life in Cartoon Motion," accurately describes the infectious sounds found on his 2007 release.

Mika's sound can be likened to a mixture of Queen at times and intermixed with the high pitched sounds of the Bee Gees. The album is filled with upbeat, fun-loving and energetic tunes

like "Lollipop" and "Happy Ending," making the cartoon analogy appropriate.

Mika was born Michael Holbrook Penniman on August 18, 1983 in Beirut, Lebanon. Although the album cover is laced with pictures of grandeur – bright colored cartoons and flowers – and his record includes many cheerful tunes, Mika did not always lead such a charmed life.

His family fled Lebanon shortly after his birth to avoid the complications of an ensuing civil war and relocated to Paris for a little while. The next move to London was certainly not all a bed of roses and then some, as his peers and teachers critically ridiculed him and socially outcast him.

After this event, Mika was so traumatized he literally forgot how to read and write. His mother took him out of school for six months and sent him to study with a Russian singing coach where Mike quickly found himself again and appeared in a Strauss production at the Royal Opera House.

Mika eased into the business by writing in-flight music for British Airways and then later wrote an Orbit gum ditty before his record deal with Casablanca.

Given the short amount of time it has taken for Mika's unique sound to break onto the pop/rock scene, garnering success has been quite an easy task for this tall, lanky and poofy-haired twenty-three year old.

Not only is Mika's debut single "Grace Kelly" gracing radio stations throughout the US but it is also a number one hit overseas: his single has

topped the Irish singles chart for the fifth week in a row.

Mika has come along way from the tormented days of his youth. Currently Paul Smith has snapped Mika up for his summer fashion campaign and one of Mika's tracks has been licensed for a Motorola commercial.

The first released single, "Grace Kelly," has been featured on MTV as an MTV sneak peak first listen song. This video is very reminiscent of "The Killers" style – there are many elements of fantasy, loads of creative imagination and much sensory entertainment for the eye.

Mika himself is a unique character as he flounders around between the makeshift stage setup in the video and the piano, where a young girl in a church style pinafore sings back to him.

The video is very dream-like and flees from the daily and often commonplace existence of everyday life.

Mika's contagious beats, lively tunes and catchy lyrics are certainly reason enough to inspire dancing and an afternoon of easy listening. While his sound is different than mainstream pop its overt merri-ness carefully avoids crossing that line and succumbing to nauseating jolliness.

It is apparent Mika has drawn on European and Pacific inspiration as well. His music is much like a magical escape to another world – a musical jour-

ney everyone should try.

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Notable Quotables Celebrity Quotes of the Week!



"The only nonentertainment job I took was at Burger King (as a teenager). My older sister, Julia, was the super-employee. I made a mess of everything. Burgers would go flying out of my hand. I'd drop the cheese. It made me realize I better find a job doing something completely different."

-Jennifer Hudson, in Life magazine.



"When I'm trying to concentrate, pokes me, like boys did in school when I liked you!"

-Paula Abdul, on flirting among the "American Idol" judges, in People magazine.



"I have a dislike for clowns. They're always so happy and jovial, but they are obviously so evil. They should not be allowed near children. You have to wonder about the guys who become clowns. Stay away from me!"

-Kristen Stewart ("The Messengers"), on what scares her, on TeenPeople.com.



"'Eye of the Tiger' – that's a cheesy song that gets your engines going. I was on a diet once, and a friend would play it every time I was about to pig out."

-Drew Barrymore, in People



Oscar's Sound Choir Outshines the Stars!

Ariel Krieger
the sandspur

The dresses were fabulous, Scorsese finally won an Oscar after being nominated 8 times, and host, Ellen DeGeneres had the audience laughing the entire time! The Oscars blew us away on Sunday night, February 25, 2007. How could they ever top these fabulous performances?

A large part of The Acad-

emy Awards is to bring in performances that give the audience a glimpse of the immense talent there is out there in the world of cinema. It is a wonderful tradition to honor those 100's of experts who contribute critical elements to the production of a movie. What movie-goers generally forget is the masterpiece they watch is a collaboration of talent with the art design, soundtrack, actors, directing, lighting and more. By having the Oscars, it pays all of the people dues who are under-

scored in the movie business. For the most part movies would not happen without this entire sea of brilliant people working together. Among the talent they brought in was a hit piece from Academy nominated "Dream Girls."

Beyond that, was what I think is the best and most remarkable display of all. It was the tremendous skills in vocal control and manipulation of the soundtrack choir. This choir was inspired by Steve Sidwell, the composer of a Honda Civic commercial which

displays a car, and a group of 60 people who are making all of the soundtrack noises. It is phenomenal because it sounds as though it is a regular soundtrack for a car commercial. The only difference is, instead of a car making the noises of the Vrooms, tires, wind blowing through the window, rain falling on the roof, and the screeches of the break, it is this remarkable choir!

This choir performed at the Oscars making the sound effects for a movie montage. The movie

montage was played in order to honor the efforts which go into movie soundtracks. This movie montage was being accompanied by this sound track choir. They mastered the noises of cars driving, planes taking off, rockets, horses, and everything else you could possibly dream of. What is even cooler is they each have a book with notes which they are reading.

I certainly wonder how these people read their notes. Don't You?



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The Zodiac: 60s Killings are Still a Bizarre Whodunit

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — To this day, writer Robert Graysmith believes that Zodiac, the serial killer who terrorized San Francisco, Vallejo and Napa County in the late 1960s, was Arthur Leigh Allen, a onetime schoolteacher and convicted pedophile who died in 1992.

Retired cop Ken Narlow doesn't think so, and he has a feeling Zodiac is still alive.

"I think he's out there somewhere," says Narlow.

The five murders Zodiac claimed — four young people and a San Francisco cabbie — remain unsolved, and his identity is uncertain.

Graysmith and Narlow were major players in the sensational drama that surrounded the Zodiac killings more than 30 years ago — and in the making of the documentary-style thriller "Zodiac" (in theaters Friday). It's based on Graysmith's true-crime best-sellers "Zodiac" and "Zodiac Unmasked."

Graysmith (played by Jake Gyllenhaal) was a young editorial cartoonist at the San Francisco Chronicle in 1969. He was in the publisher's office getting a cartoon approved when the first of Zodiac's taunting letters — with cryptogram "clues" to his identity, many misspellings, endless threats and Zodiac's trademark cross-inside-a-circle signature — arrived in late July.

In similar letters delivered to the San Francisco Examiner and the Vallejo Times-Herald, Zodiac bragged about killings in Vallejo a few weeks earlier, on July 5, and in December 1968.

"The thing that galvanized us all was that he was sending us ciphers, and they were all slightly different, and no one knew which one came first, in order to break the code," Graysmith says from

his home in San Francisco. "The threat that went with it was that he was going to start killing people on a rampage if (the newspapers) didn't print his cipher on the front page. After a lot of soul-searching, all three papers did (on Aug. 1, 1969)."

Narlow (Donal Logue plays him in the movie) was an investigator with the Napa County Sheriff's Department in late September 1969 when he learned that two college students were stabbed while picnicking at Lake Berryessa, 30 miles north of Napa. He rushed to the hospital and was waiting when the ambulances arrived. Cecilia Ann Shepard died two days later. Her companion, Bryan Hartnell, survived six stab wounds and now practices law in Southern California.

As for Narlow, he retired from the department 20 years ago but is still working the case, unofficially. He was a technical adviser on "Zodiac."

He and his wife, Marie, were on location at Lake Berryessa when director David Fincher re-created the attacks on Shepard and Hartnell for the movie.

"I tell you," Narlow, 76, says from his home in Napa, "I always pictured myself as a hard-nosed cop. I've sat through autopsies. I've seen a lot of blood and gore over the years, but that scene there really affected me. It got me teary-eyed. I didn't break down, I'm not gonna go that far."

Shepard and Hartnell were

Zodiac's third pair of victims. The first were Betty Lou Jensen and David Faraday, high school kids out on a date Dec. 20, 1968. They were supposed to be at a Christmas concert but instead had parked at a popular "lovers lane" spot near Vallejo's Lake Herman. She was shot five times in the back, and he was shot once in the head. They both died.

on their first date, and they're shot down by someone."

Zodiac was quiet for a while, until just after midnight on July 5, 1969, when he shot Darlene Ferrin and Michael Mageau as they sat in her car at Blue Rock Springs golf course in Vallejo. Ferrin died.

On July 31, the three newspapers received their first correspondence from Zodiac, in which he demanded (the misspellings are his):

"I want you to print this cipher on your front page by Fry Afternoon Aug 1-69. If you do not do this I will go on a kill rampage Fry night that will last the whole week end. I will cruise around and pick off all stray people or couples that are alone then move on to kill some more untill I have killed over a dozen people."

A high school teacher and his wife broke the code a few days later, after studying the letter published in the Chronicle.

"They were so gripped by this case," says Graysmith, 64. "It was the kind of case that gripped everybody and wouldn't let you go. I don't think Zodiac expected anybody to break the code. It told why he killed. His inspiration. It told everything except his name. The last 18 symbols he implied were his name. No one has broken that. It's still there."

Zodiac's last known killing occurred Oct. 11, 1969, when he shot San Francisco cab driver Paul Stine point-blank in the head, near the intersection of Washington and Cherry streets. Witnesses

saw him take Stine's wallet and keys, and cut away a piece of the man's bloody shirt, as proof of the crime.

The last anyone heard of Zodiac was in 1974, when he sent out more letters.

The Zodiac case was all-consuming for a lot of folks in law enforcement and the media, including Chronicle police reporter Paul Avery. After Avery linked Zodiac to the 1966 murder of a college student in Riverside, Zodiac sent him a letter: "You are doomed."

Someone at the newspaper distributed campaign-style buttons that said, "I am not Paul Avery." Almost everyone in the newsroom wore one, including Avery (played by Robert Downey Jr. in the movie). Avery, who suffered from emphysema, died in 2000. (San Francisco Police Department detective Dave Toschi was a friend of Avery's. Mark Ruffalo plays him in "Zodiac.")

"There was sheer panic back then," Graysmith says of the 1960s. "Zodiac sent us diagrams (showing that) he was going to kill kids on school buses. Obviously, he was a very intelligent man. He used different weapons each time. He seemed to know the comings and goings of the police. He knew chemistry and astronomy and horoscopes. It was nothing like anyone had come up against before. It was frightening. I was frightened."

He says Avery took to carrying a gun for protection.

Graysmith, still an editorial cartoonist, started looking into the Zodiac killings on his own, hoping to find something the cops and reporters hadn't. His investigations would lead to the books "Zodiac" (1985) and "Zodiac Uncovered" (2002). He went on to write true-crime books about the Unabomber, the Trailside Killer, the anthrax killer and the slaying of actor Bob Crane, which became the basis of the 2002 movie "Auto Focus," starring Greg Kinnear.

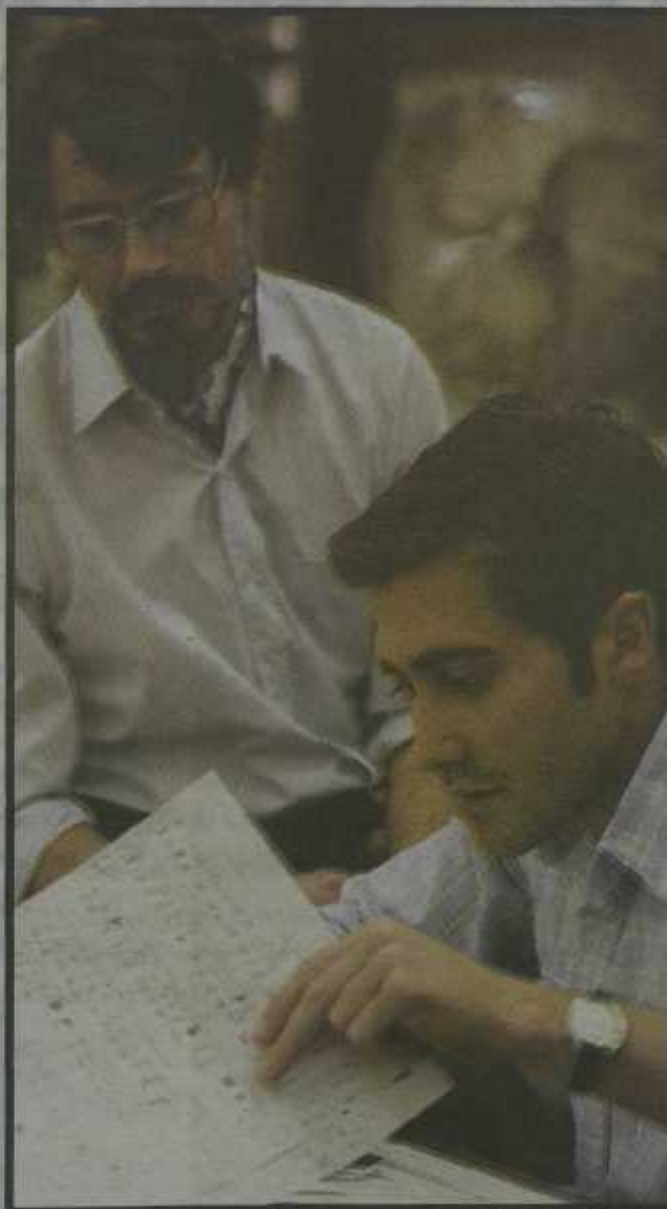


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"The thing that struck everybody," Graysmith says, "is that these were really, really nice kids, literally an Eagle Scout and a straight-A student. They're out

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Beauty 911 Sweet Hits that Delight the Taste buds of Idol Fans

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As Americans become more health- and environment-conscious, their desire for natural living is driving businesses to offer less-processed products.

And the cosmetics industry is no exception. Case in point: mineral makeup.

"(Mineral makeup is) now the bandwagon that everyone's jumping on," said makeup artist Kathleen Abraham of Newport Beach, Calif. "This is a good way to protect the skin and enhance it. It doesn't feel like you're wearing makeup."

Abraham believes an increasing number of women with acne and other skin problems is helping drive demand for mineral makeup.

The Sephora Anaheim, Calif., store gets several customers a day looking for mineral makeup, said Bernadette Romero, store director. Romero said the makeup's popularity has skyrocketed over the last couple of years.

Jane Iredale's mineral cosmetics and Bare Escentuals' i.d. bare-Minerals are a couple of the more well-known mineral makeup out there. But there are many others, including some established brand names that have added mineral makeup to their product lists.

L'Oreal Paris' Bare Naturale mineral blush and makeup, for instance, is preservative and fragrance-free, safe for sensitive skin, and contains an SPF 19, according to Rosanne Fama, vice president of product development for L'Oreal Paris.

"It's clear there's a demand for healthy beauty, and the current trends in skincare, such as peels and microdermabrasion, have further increased the need for makeup that works on sensitive skin," Fama said.

Minerals in makeup are nothing new they've been used for ages to add color and beauty to the face, noted Anastazia Grey Woodin, a makeup artist and esthetician at Baker Street West Salon in Costa Mesa, Calif.

She feels the most important thing is for women to make educated decisions and not view mineral makeup as a cosmetic cure-all for sensitive skin.

"Mineral makeup is good for most skin types," Woodin said. "(But) clients with acne don't necessarily like it because it doesn't provide enough coverage for them."

"On the other hand, clients with dry or aging skin love it. ... Makeup, no matter what kind, will not cover or cure all the problems of your skin."

Many mineral makeup products promote their talc-free ingredients, but whether talc is harmful is still a subject of debate.

In its natural form, talc a magnesium trisilicate mineral can contain the carcinogen asbestos, according to the American Cancer Society (cancer.org). However, all home-use talcum products must be asbestos-free, a legal requirement since the early 1970s.

Kim Ossi
MCT Campus

"American Idol" addicts, beware. The show has teamed up with Edy's (aka Dreyer's) ice cream to release five dangerously yummy sounding flavors. The picky public then gets to vote on their favorite (a la "Idol") and the winner will become a regular part of the Edy's Slow Churned lineup (which is a very tasty light ice cream seriously, you can't even tell it's light!).

The flavor finalists are: Choc 'N Roll Caramel (caramel and chocolate light ice creams with a caramel swirl and mini caramel cups); Hollywood Cheesecake (cheesecake flavored light ice cream with graham cracker and strawberry swirls); Soulful Sundae Cone (vanilla and choco-

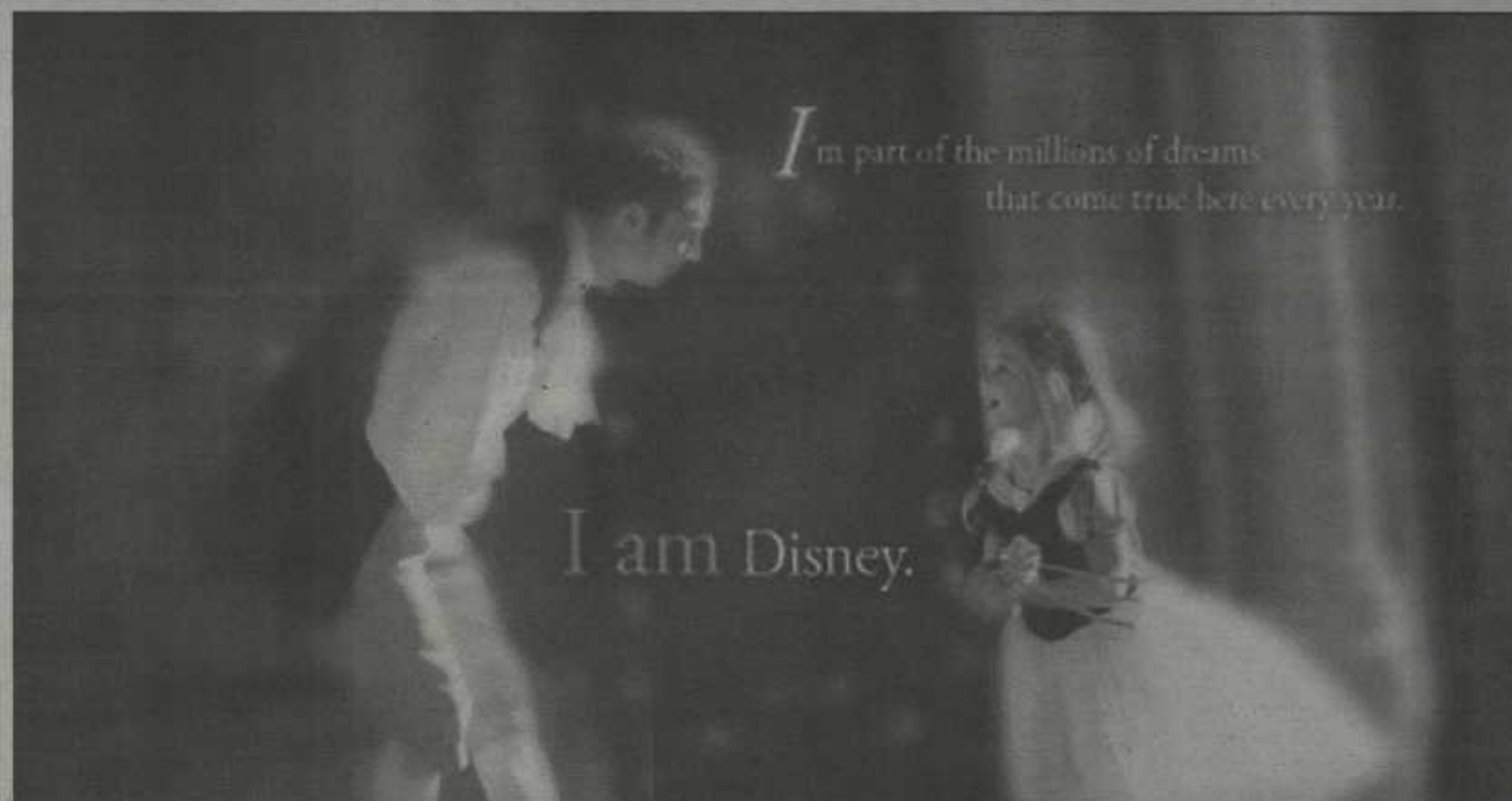
late light ice creams swirled with chocolate coated peanuts and cone pieces); Take the Cake (yellow cake flavored light ice cream with frosting swirl and multicolored sprinkles); and Triple Talent (milk chocolate, chocolate mousse and dark chocolate light ice creams).

We haven't tried them all yet, but we definitely can vouch for the star quality of the Soulful Sundae Cone and Take the Cake (You can't go wrong with frosting and sprinkles, can you?).

As if eating ice cream wasn't enough incentive to taste and pick a favorite, voters are also entered into a sweepstakes and could win tickets to see the "Idol" finale or other prizes. There is a limit of one entry per person/phone number per day and you have to be at least 13 to enter and vote. To learn more and enter, visit <http://vote-edys.slowchurned.com>.



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Celebrating Spring Break '07!



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Have you been thinking about Spring Break since the day school started? Or have you not made travel arrangements for Spring Break yet? Have you even thought about what you are doing for Spring Break or are you just too busy writing papers and taking midterms? If you have not made any plans yet for Spring Break there is still time you just have to know where to look. Luckily for us, travel destinations are just a click away on the internet.

Some students have been organizing and preparing for Spring Break since the first day of school while others have been putting it off to the last second. Either way is all right as long as you enjoy your vacation because after Spring Break we have about six more weeks of studying, writing papers, taking tests, and then its finals time. Eek!

Some popular websites to find cheaper, last minute trips are: travelocity.com, statravel.com, cheapflights.com, expedia.com, southwest.com, and studentuniverse.com. These are not the

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only good websites to plan your vacation with there are many more but these are some of the ones that student's at Rollins use. You can also go to Google and type in "cheap trips for students in Florida" and then a bunch of websites with pop

up. There are many different ways to find vacation destinations on the internet.

Whether you are traveling to London or Peru with International Programs at Rollins, going to the Bahamas with your family, or spending time with your friends in Key West, have

a blast! Be safe and remember to have a designated driver! Cherish the time you have with your friends and family before you graduate from college.

For seniors: it is your final Spring Break before you go out into the real world and have to get jobs, have the greatest time of your life! You are only in college once!



Finding The Female In History

By Kim Oost / McClatchy/Tribune

Doctors, lawyers, legislators, Supreme Court judges, athletes, pilots and astronauts. There was a time when all professions, athletic clubs and even the halls of justice were strict men's clubs. But then came a long line of strong women who weren't afraid to take the first steps in the direction of equality for all. Women like suffragist Susan B. Anthony, orator Sojourner Truth and pilot Amelia Earhart.

In honor of Women's History Month, we pay tribute to these female pioneers. Take this quiz to see how much you know about some of women's famous firsts.

1. The first women's rights convention, held in 1848 in Seneca, N.Y., was organized primarily by these two women:

- A. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony
- B. Lucretia Mott and Sojourner Truth
- C. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott
- D. Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott

2. The National Women's Suffrage Association, co-founded by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, was created in what year?

- A. 1840
- B. 1869
- C. 1895
- D. 1901

3. In 1916, Jeannette Rankin became the first woman elected to the House of Representatives. What state was she from?

- A. California
- B. Missouri
- C. Montana
- D. Arkansas

4. Who was the first woman to serve as U.S. secretary of state?

- A. Geraldine Ferraro
- B. Madeleine Albright
- C. Condoleezza Rice
- D. Donna Shalala

5. Before becoming the first female Supreme Court justice in 1981, she established her own successful practice after she was unable to find work at an Arizona law firm because of her gender.

- A. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- B. Sandra Day O'Connor
- C. Harriet Miers
- D. Janet Reno

6. Who is the only first lady to be elected a U.S. senator?

- A. Eleanor Roosevelt
- B. Lady Bird Johnson
- C. Betty Ford
- D. Hillary Rodham Clinton

7. This famous woman founded the first professional nursing school — St. Thomas's Hospital in London — in 1860. She also was the first woman to receive the British Order of Merit in 1907.

- A. Florence Nightingale
- B. Mary Seacole
- C. Mary Todd Lincoln
- D. Clara Barton

8. The first black woman to receive a medical degree in the United States was Rebecca Lee Crumpler in 1864. She received her degree how many years after the first white woman, Elizabeth Blackwell, earned her M.D.?

- A. 5 years
- B. 15 years
- C. 25 years
- D. 75 years

9. In a letter written to her husband, this woman wrote: "Please know I am quite aware of the hazards. I want to do it because I want to do it. Women must try to do things

as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others."

- A. Gertrude Ederle, first woman to swim the English Channel
- B. Maxine Dunlap, first American woman to earn a glider pilot license
- C. Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
- D. Jeannette Piccard, first woman to set an altitude balloonist record for 57,579 feet

10. The following charitable organizations were founded by women:

- A. American Red Cross and the Salvation Army
- B. American Red Cross and the Peace Corps
- C. House of Industry and the Salvation Army
- D. Goodwill and the Salvation Army

11. Mary Baker Eddy became the first woman to found a religion in 1879. What religion did she establish?

- A. Mormonism
- B. Seventh-Day Adventists
- C. Christian Evangelists
- D. Christian Science

12. The modern Olympics, which started with the Summer Games in 1896 in Athens, Greece, didn't allow women to compete until what year?

- A. Summer Games: Paris, 1900
- B. Summer Games: Stockholm, 1912
- C. Summer Games: Paris, 1924
- D. Winter Games: Lake Placid, 1932

13. In 1971, tennis player Billie Jean King became the first female athlete to

- A. create a line of sportswear
- B. play two sports professionally
- C. win more than \$100,000 in one season
- D. be on the cover of Sports Illustrated

14. Churchill Downs opened and was officially named the "Home of the Kentucky Derby" in 1875. In what year did Diane Crump debut as the first woman jockey to race in the Derby?

- A. 1901
- B. 1933
- C. 1970
- D. 1984

15. The first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize was

- A. Emily Greene Balch
- B. Jane Addams
- C. Aung San Suu Kyi
- D. Mother Teresa

16. Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

- A. Tina Turner
- B. Aretha Franklin
- C. Madonna
- D. Janis Joplin

17. The "Mercury 13," members of the first Lady Astronaut Trainees, were accomplished pilots, and many were recruited from The Ninety-Nines, a group Amelia Earhart

helped organize and first lead as president. The first woman to pass all three phases of astronaut testing in 1960 was

- A. Geraldyn "Jerrie" Cobb
- B. Irene Leverton
- C. Sally Ride
- D. Valentina Tereshkova

18. In 1921, she became the first woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for her tale of Newland Archer and his society wife in "The Age of Innocence."

- A. Willa Cather
- B. Edna Ferber
- C. Margaret Wilson
- D. Edith Wharton

19. Chuck Yeager, while piloting the X-1, was the first person to break the sound barrier on Oct. 14, 1947. What year did Jacqueline Cochran become the first woman to break the sound barrier?

- A. 1950
- B. 1952
- C. 1957
- D. 1960

20. Lt. Col. Eileen Collins is the first woman astronaut to do what?

- A. Command a space mission
- B. Pilot a space mission
- C. Perform a spacewalk
- D. Both A and B

21. The first woman to be named major general in the U.S. Army was Mary Clarke. What year was she promoted?

- A. 1965
- B. 1978
- C. 1983
- D. 1999

22. The Citadel, formerly an all-graduate military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace, in what year?

- A. 1987
- B. 1990
- C. 1999
- D. 2001

23. The first African-American of any gender to win an Academy Award was

- A. Halle Berry for "Monster's Ball"
- B. Hattie McDaniel for "Gone With The Wind"
- C. Cicely Tyson for "Sounder"
- D. Sidney Poitier for "Lilies in the Field"

24. In 1976, Barbara Walters became the first woman to co-anchor the evening news. Who was her co-anchor?

- A. Harry Reasoner
- B. Mike Wallace
- C. Don Rader
- D. Walter Cronkite

25. Oprah Winfrey is the first black woman to own her own television production company. What is the company's name?

- A. Winfrey Productions
- B. Queen of All Media
- C. Harpo Studios
- D. O, The Company

ANSWERS: 1. A. 2. B. 3. C. 4. B. 5. A. 6. D. 7. A. 8. C. 9. D. 10. A. 11. D. 12. D. 13. D. 14. C. 15. A. 16. A. 17. D. 18. A. 19. D. 20. D. 21. B. 22. C. 23. B. 24. A. 25. C.



Imagine that you are the boss of hundreds of thousands of people who work in dozens of federal agencies or departments. You'd probably want to know what they are up to, right? And how much they are paid? And whether they're spending their days shopping on eBay?

In fact, you are the boss of hundreds of thousands of government workers. As a citizen, as a voter, as a taxpayer, you have a right to peek into your employees' files — just like your boss in the private sector knows what you do and how much you make.

You can't just walk into the Department of Agriculture and ask to see all the files, but the federal Freedom of Information Act — which is being celebrated now during Sunshine Week — allows you, within reason, to poke through the federal government's files.

The FOIA, as it is known, is joined by individual state public records laws. So if you want to know what the leader of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development is doing, you use the federal FOIA. If you want to know what your city's housing department is doing, you use your state's public records law.

The most visible users of the FOIA and related state laws are journalists. Reporters for newspapers, magazines, television and radio stations and Web sites use the FOIA to gain access to the paper documents and computerized databases used by government workers as they perform their jobs. The FOIA allows journalists to uncover information that may have otherwise never seen the light of day.

But journalists overall are a relatively puny number of users of the FOIA. Professors and advocacy groups use FOIA to help further their research, companies use the FOIA to gather information on their competitors and regular citizens use it to discover what information the government may have about them.

Using the FOIA isn't always easy, and it doesn't mean you have access to everything the government is doing. In fact, there are huge parts of the government's operations you can't get at with a FOIA request — often because lawmakers have determined that one government priority (openness) conflicts with another.

So you can't get access to many law enforcement records since their disclosure could impede an ongoing investigation. You can't get a specific patient's medical records from a stay at a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital since that would violate that patient's right to privacy. You can't find out a protected trade secret since that would hurt a company's competitiveness.

Beyond that, federal and state agencies are forever dragging their feet in releasing information, either because they are drowning in requests or because they really don't want to release the information and hope you will go away.

But you can learn a lot through the effective use of the FOIA. Here's how.

Understanding the Freedom of Information Act

Find out how much you can learn with your access to government records

By CHRIS ADAMS
McClatchy Newspapers

What you can find out

Here's a brief sample of what is available through the federal Freedom of Information Act and individual state public records laws.

- Government budgets and spending information: How are tax dollars being spent? How much did the local police department spend for its new squad cars?
- Salary information on public workers (but not other personnel information).
- Government audits and reviews of programs the government oversees.
- Communications — such as e-mails and letters — among government workers within a particular agency, or between government agencies.
- Inspections and other oversight records created when a government agency regulates a company or other institution.
- Information collected by environmental agencies about pollution from local factories.
- Computerized records that detail government activities.

What's not available

The federal Freedom of Information Act has several exemptions that allow information to be kept secret, often because its release would conflict with another government priority. State records laws contain similar exemptions.

- National security records, the release of which would cause some "damage" to national security.
- Certain internal agency information, such as "insider" information that is essential to an agency's operations. For example: computer security codes, the release of which could undermine the agency's ability to operate.
- Trade secrets and confidential commercial information, such as customer lists and secret formulas.
- Internal agency memoranda and other documents that detail opinions and recommendations of decisions still in the works.
- Personal information, such as individuals' Social Security numbers or their personal health records from government hospitals.
- Law enforcement records whose disclosure would jeopardize criminal or civil investigations.

How to make a request

Requesting information isn't as simple as placing a call or dashing off a letter and getting a thick manila envelope in your mailbox a week later. Even if you have a right to information, there are certain snags that can hamper your ability to access it.

Filing a request starts with writing a letter citing the federal Freedom of Information Act or your state's public records law. You must be as specific as possible in requesting information, and you must make efforts to send the letter to the proper FOIA officer. The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press has a helpful site that can help you structure a simple FOIA letter (http://www.rcfp.org/foi_letter/generate.php).

But once the letter is sent, be aware of these pitfalls:

■ **A bad request:** When you write a request under the Freedom of Information Act, it must be specific. Some agencies have tens of thousands of workers and produce millions of documents a year. Your request needs to be specific enough so the FOIA officer who receives it can direct it to the person who actually has the document you want.

■ **Overwhelmed agencies:** Some federal and state agencies are swamped by FOIA requests and take months before action on a request is taken. Other agencies are poorly organized, so requests get lost or improperly shuffled from division to division. The law says that agencies should give you an initial response to FOIA requests within 20 days, but some languish for months or years. If you file a request, periodically call to check on its status.

■ **Stubborn agencies:** Sometimes government officials don't want to give up information. They might know its release could bring embarrassment. Or they might consider collecting the information to be a hassle. They can stall you by charging high fees for collecting the information, seizing on technical glitches in your request to say a document doesn't exist or by simply ignoring your request and hoping you go away. Persistence is vital.

■ **Incomplete information:** Agencies may fulfill part of a request but redact — black out — large portions of it. It could be the agency has legitimate reasons to redact the information, or it could be it doesn't want important details — names or dollar figures — to become public.

■ **Legal barriers:** If an agency denies your request for information, you can file an appeal. If the agency denies that, you are stuck — unless you want to hire a lawyer and sue. The government has staff lawyers who are prepared to defend any lawsuit, so choosing to fight can be a long and expensive process — something that deters even the biggest media companies from picking legal fights over every FOIA request that is improperly denied.

For more information

There are a handful of organizations that work to make the Freedom of Information Act useful for journalists and all citizens. Each of their Web sites has information on how to use the FOIA, as well as reports on trends in FOIA use and stories on the ongoing threats to open government.

■ Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, www.rcfp.org

■ Investigative Reporters and Editors, www.ire.org/foi

■ Coalition of Journalists for Open Government, www.cjog.net

For FOIA requests, reaching the right person is pertinent. To help with this, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy (OIP) offers advice and guidance for federal requests through their FOIA Counselor service or online directory.

■ FOIA Counselors: (202) 514-3642 (514-FOIA)

■ Principal FOIA contacts at federal agencies: www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiacontacts.htm

About Sunshine Week

The American Society of Newspaper Editors launched the first national Sunshine Week in 2005 to promote open government and the freedom of information. Print, broadcast and online media participate, along with schools, civic groups, libraries and other organizations to support the public's right to know.

Sunshine Week is celebrated in mid-March — this year it's March 11-17 — coinciding with National Freedom of Information Day and James Madison's birthday on March 16.

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Trans-Fat: Not the Problem?

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Junk-food lovers rejoice, for government officials are on the job protecting your health. Or are they?

Philadelphia recently became the first city to pass legislation to ban artificial trans fat — that artery-clogging, industry-created substance used in frying oil and many baked goods. Following the lead of New York City's Board of Health, which enacted regulations in December, more than a dozen states are now considering similar laws.

As an advocate for good nutrition, I'm pleased to see major cities take action on one of the most pressing public health problems of our time — the way we eat. Given that the food industry continues to lobby hard against common-sense nutrition policies at federal and state level, we need more local governments protecting the public's health. Moreover, removing trans fat from the food supply could help reduce the risk of heart disease.

Yet the current effort threatens to overshadow the bigger dietary picture.

Focusing on this single ingredient misses the fact that most of the items prepared with trans fat are junk foods to begin with. Fried chicken, french fries, chips, cookies and cakes are unhealthy no matter what type of fat is used. What good is a trans-fat-free donut?

This reductionist approach to nutrition has encouraged such absurd marketing hype as "zero trans fat" Cheetos. Replacing one ingredient does not magically create health food. Even without trans fat, these highly processed products remain devoid of nutrition, high in calories and fat, and chock full of chemical additives.

Ironically, some restaurants are substituting saturated fat, which highlights the most important limitation of trans-fat bans. Does anybody remember that we discovered the numerous cardiovascular risks caused by saturated fat (found mainly in meat and dairy products) long before food manufacturers invented trans fat?

But we never did deal adequately with the problem of excess saturated fat in the food supply. That's understandable when

you realize that doing so requires taking on the extremely powerful meat and dairy industries, which have worked hard to condition Americans to make animal products the centerpiece of every meal.

And the problem isn't limited to steaks and hamburgers. Collectively, we now eat about 1 million chickens an hour (even the leanest chicken has far more fat and cholesterol than most people realize), and the average American consumes more than 30 pounds of cheese a year. The high levels of saturated fat in these foods help explain why cardiovascular disease still kills hundreds of thousands of Americans every year, despite widespread use of cholesterol-lowering drugs.

In a 2005 lecture about the role of local health departments in addressing the obesity epidemic, New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Friedman acknowledged that saturated fat was also a public health menace. But, he lamented, "People aren't about to become vegetarians." Imagine the same policy approach to cigarettes. Would Friedman ever consider saying, "We can't regulate tobacco because people won't stop smoking." Of course not. True leadership means speaking the truth, even if it's not what some people are ready to hear.

What Friedman meant is that trans fat is a politically safe target. To ban it doesn't rock anyone's world. Food manufacturers and restaurants can find substitutes and keep on churning out slightly less unhealthy new versions of the same old junk food. KFC, Frito-Lay and Kraft can conduct business as usual. And the public won't change its eating habits, so all remains well in junk-food sales.

But what if health departments and legislatures began educating the public about the dangers of meat and dairy products, or processed food more generally? Then we would have to confront the sad truth that most of the 24,000 eateries in New York City and thousands more in Philly are still clogging their patrons' arteries with king-size steaks, buckets of chicken, and tubs of ice cream. The politics would be much more challenging, of course. But if health officials and politicians are serious about reducing our nation's epidemic of obesity and diet-related diseases, they won't stop with trans fat.

Letter to the Editor

Are today's children more narcissistic? The Sandspur (3/5/07, p.4) reports that they are. Do Rollins College students have an inflated sense of their own abilities? That, I believe, is a function of their life experiences.

In the real world, people who have lived long do not always prosper. "What the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve" is not a new idea; in the bestseller *Think and Grow Rich*, Napoleon Hill (1937) stated that the mind can control all circumstances. Nonsense! Tell that to the people of New Orleans, or Rwanda.

However, our powerful minds and spirits give us a chance to interpret our circumstances in a positive or negative light, and to choose our actions in response to difficult life experiences, according to the hope that is within us.

Who has hope? Consider this:

at age 18, only about 50% of men and 75% of women in the U.S. have even graduated from high school and the bottom 20% of U.S. families earn less than \$20,000 per year.

Today's college students who score "above average" in narcissism represent a group of privileged children who have had access to resources the rest of the world can only dream about. And consistently positive life experiences can lead to an inflated sense of personal ability, relative to the rest of the world. This is a sense of internal locus of control, linked by researchers to a belief in a just world where everybody (especially from MY neighborhood) gets what they deserve.

Does that mean that Mister Rogers and I should stop telling children that they are special? Bunk. Love brings hope. Our oft-quoted and beloved Rollins

alumnus was seriously misrepresented in the Sentinel as a person whose writings promoted narcissism.

In fact, he championed an ethic of care for others, self sacrifice, kindness and truth, both in his popular TV shows and his personal life. So pardon me if I continue to croon to my child each night: "You're special to me. You are the only one like you" (Fred M. Rogers, 1967).

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While Playboy Bunnies Are Buried

Lily Velez
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The media has had a field day with celebrity waywardness within the past few weeks thanks to a pop star's meltdown, a Playboy model's untimely death, an American idol's dark secret, a hotel heiress' repeated run-ins with the law, and of course the 79th Annual Academy Awards. Tune into E! for the latest gossip, or

...I am not only sick of turning on the TV to see live shots from a helicopter chasing after the coffin being moved from Florida to the Bahamas, but I'm also confused. Why do people want to see this? What purpose does it serve?

~ Adrian Cohn, '10

Only a week passed before Britney Spears checked into a drug rehab in Antigua, only to ditch the place in less than 24 hours in favor of a tattoo parlor and a sudden fixation with going bald. Before the month was over, Simple Life starlet Nicole Richie was hospitalized for dehydration; Harry Potter cast aside his cloak and wand to revive Equus at the Gielgud Theatre in London; and Paris Hilton was cited for driving with a suspended license. These, of course, are only a few of the eccentricities with which we have been swamped as of late.

Meanwhile, African American History month just passed by without so much as recognition on our TV screens. Anti-Slavery Day (February 28) came and went without special heraldry, even though there are an estimated 28 million slaves in the world (ten thousand of which live within the United States), 31 tornadoes ravaged the nation from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico in a recent onslaught of bad weather where, in one county in Alabama alone,



SHASHANK BENGALI/Metcampus

REBELS IN DARFUR: The death of thousands of Sudanese still fails to attain the captive audience that the death of one American celebrity has.

just sign into your respective instant messaging program to have a browser brimming with the "juicy details" shoved into your face. Better yet, simply stand in line at your local grocery store and you will have the pleasure of being surrounded by bold print headlines striving to reel you into the wildest stories to grace our world-even tabloids cannot top these maniacal tales.

So what exactly is the scoop? It all started a little over a month ago on February 5, when Lisa Nowak, a NASA astronaut, was arrested for an attempted kidnapping and murder-the result of a classic love triangle. Two days later, and also in the Sunshine State, Anna Nicole Smith was found dead at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. What followed was a three ring circus of paternity claims, courtroom theatrics, and questionable photographs.



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Attention Deathmatch: Entertainment News Scandals Versus Global News Scandals



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as we encourage the media, they'll keep at it."

Another student, Adrian Cohn, '10, agreed, adding, "While the death of Anna Nicole Smith is very sad, and deserves a certain amount of attention, I am not only sick of turning on the TV to see live shots from a helicopter chasing after the coffin being moved from Florida to the Bahamas, but I'm also confused. Why do people want to see this? What purpose does it serve? It is not our business to know who has custody over her body and child. Shouldn't we be more focused on pressing issues that affect us?"

Cohn believes that it is important to have a greater understanding of global events rather than entertainment-focused news because, "If we do not focus on bringing our troops home, more American's will die overseas in Iraq. If we do not focus on the AIDS epidemic, people in Africa and all over the world will continue to die. If our country does not improve education for America's youth, we will suffer. If New Orleans is not rebuilt - if it is left to rot, not only will a great culture of this world be lost, but this country's economy will be in grave danger. It is up to the media to exploit more important issues that WE, as a United States, as a global society, can look at and act upon."

This begs the question, what is the obligation of the media to the public?

gration laws, affirmative action, and of course the war in Iraq. Let us not forget one of these candidates is a woman and another a black man, meaning the long lineage of white male politicians reigning from Washington D.C. might just be broken come voting time. Lastly, the U.S. military death count is now at 3,168 since the war officially began four years ago. This number is up from 3,006 on January 1, 2007, alone.

And yet, it is the tabloid-worthy tragedies that get more hype when it comes to taming the attention span of the American people. Is the population putting "real" news on the back burner and prioritizing the pop trivia of tomorrow?

"It's ridiculous," one Rollins student who preferred to remain unnamed said, "I was at The Grille the other night, and some girl received a text message. After checking it, she announced that it was decided Anna Nicole Smith's burial would be in the Bahamas. We had a former president die not too long ago, and he didn't have nearly as much fanfare. I don't even know what the big deal is about these people. They're flesh and blood, just like you. The power of the press is in our hands, though, and so long

Libby guilty in CIA leak case

Former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby found guilty on four of five counts:

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| Guilty | Obstruction of justice | Misled grand jury about how and when he learned Valerie Plame worked for the CIA |
| One count | Lying | Lied to FBI during interviews |
| Two counts | Perjury | Lied under oath to grand jury when testifying about conversations with reporters |
| Not guilty | Lying | |
| One count | | |

eight high school students lost their lives.



Maximum penalties
• Up to 30 years in prison
\$1.25 million in fines

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The right stuff?

Top qualifications that would make these four candidates good presidents, according to a recent poll

Hillary Clinton

Experienced, qualified 45%
Knowledgeable, intelligent 15%

Barack Obama

Young, new, fresh ideas 22%
Knowledgeable, intelligent 15%

John McCain

Experienced, qualified 26%
Military background 17%

Rudy Giuliani

Terrorism issue 21%
Did good job as mayor 18%

Source: USA Today/Gallup Poll of 1,006 adults, Feb. 9-11, 2007.
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NFL Combine: Testing the Limits of Sanity

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Lately, all football fans have heard about is the NFL Combine. While some fans know about the Combine, most don't know a thing about what goes on there. The Combine is an invitation-only event for college players with professional aspirations to succumb to the most rigorous testing known to man, and still see Lawrence Phillips drafted sixth overall.

The Combine includes fourteen different categories, most of which are tests, but an interview is included too. The most prolific are the 40-yard dash, and the 225lbs bench press (NC State DT Tank Tyler logged 42 reps). The strangest is the Cybex Test, where players are strapped to a machine to test joint movement, and the least useful is the urine test, because the NFL doesn't do anything to guys who test positive anyway.

The most talked about aspect of the Combine every year is the Wonderlic Test. The Wonderlic doesn't necessarily test any one thing. However, many organizations believe it will test someone's ability to know a playbook, and quickly read and react within that playbook when

under pressure.

The Wonderlic is most scrutinized for Quarterbacks who are required to read defenses pre-snap and mid-play. Dan Marino scored a 15 on the test and Vince Young recorded a 6 (according to USA Today). Marino is in the Hall of Fame and Young totaled 2,751 yards passing and running and 19 touchdowns combined in his rookie year. Marino and Young both have shown the weaknesses in the Wonderlic's armor.

One of the drills that perplex people the most is the Broad Jump. NFL talking head Mark Schlarer said "I've never seen someone broad jump during a football game." However, the reason NFL scouts test the broad jump is for explosiveness. What most people don't realize is that when scouting players, organizations want someone who has power, not strength. Everyone at LA Fitness is obsessed with how much they can bench press, but a coach once told me (and I paraphrase) "If you're good at maxing out at bench press, then you must be good at pushing people off from on top of you in a game, and that means you're a bad football player."

The Combine carries a lot of weight with NFL teams as to which players to draft and where to draft them. Each year some people help their stock, some

reaffirm their position, and some severely hurt their stock. At this year's combine, Arkansas CB Chris Houston ran a 4.32 in the 40-yard dash to put his name on the map. Local high school star and UCF WR, Mike Walker, ran a blistering 4.35 in the 40.

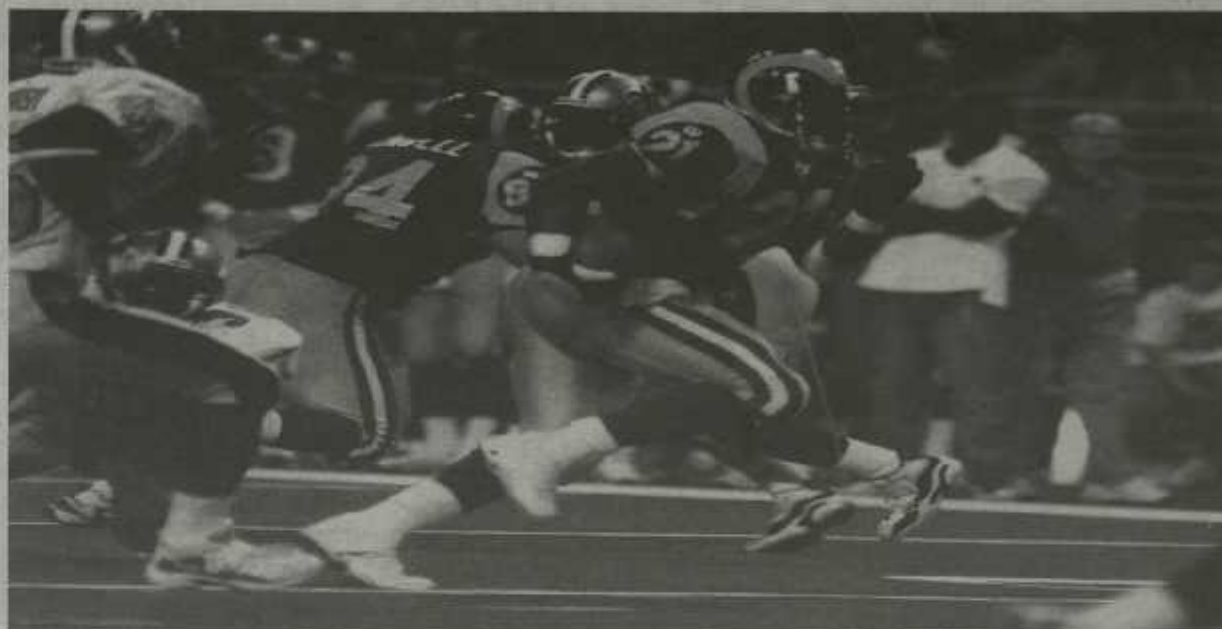
The one player who probably did the most to prove that he's earned his mock draft position in the top 5 was 6'5 235lbs Calvin Johnson, the WR out of Georgia Tech. After overhearing rumors he was out of shape, he borrowed fellow prospect James Pinkney's

shoes and ran a 4.35 40. Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson guaranteed his spot in the top 5 picks of the draft with a 4.40 40 proving he's anything but done.

But does the 40 time matter? For most positions, I would say no. An offensive lineman rarely runs 40 yards on one play. The importance of a CB to be able to bench press 225lbs is still up in the air as well. But the NFL uses these metrics to determine who has what it takes athletically, and who doesn't. While it truly means nothing, it is worth noting Notre

Dame QB Brady Quinn benched 225lbs 24 times, not bad for a skill guy.

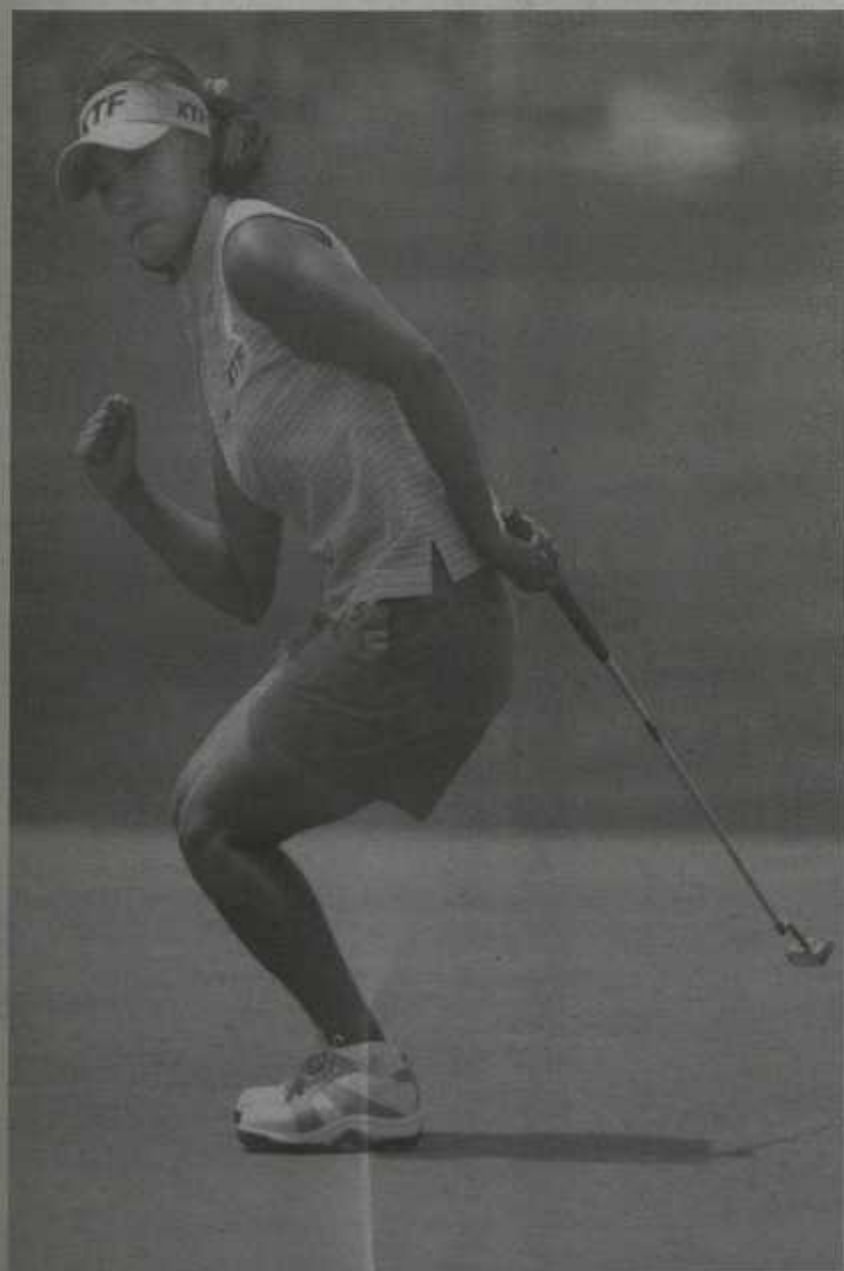
While all of these statistics and scores can be overwhelming, one thing has to be remembered, none of these tests and drills can measure work ethic or heart. You can never tell if you're getting the next Tony Mandarich, or the next Marcus Colston. However, there must be some correlation between Combine results and performance or the NFL wouldn't waste so much money on facilities, hotels, and coverage... or would they?



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St. Louis Rams' running back Lawrence Phillips, (#21), breaks through the Saints defense.

Big College Golf Events Set for Orlando Area



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Forget the fact that Central Florida is teeming with players from the LPGA and PGA Tours. For the next two weeks, Orlando stands at center stage on the national college golf scene.

Starting with the women's NCAA Division I East Regional, which begins Thursday at the Mission Inn in Howey-in-the-Hills, the colleges will all but own the town.

Next week, the Division II men's and women's national championships will be held at Victoria Hills in DeLand and The Legacy Club at Alaquia Lakes, respectively. Both are co-hosted by Rollins College.

The Division I East Regional, a 72-hole event that ends Saturday, marks the eighth consecutive year that the Mission Inn has hosted a postseason college event.

The course hosted the Division I women's finals three years ago. Stetson is co-hosting.

"Our region has a solid record of success," said John Saboor, director of the Central Florida Sports Commission, which is hosting the three events. "This streak is truly unprecedented and we take it very seriously."

The Division I event features No. 1 Duke and national-

honors candidate Virada Nirapathpongorn, who won the Nancy Lopez Award last week, which is presented annually to the top female amateur player in the country.

Duke's roster includes three of the top five players in Golfweek magazine's individual national rankings.

Florida, Auburn, Oklahoma State, Wake Forest, UNLV, North Carolina, Tulane, LSU, Tennessee, Furman, South Carolina, Florida State, Mississippi, UNC-Wilmington, Alabama, Miami, NC State, Campbell, St. Francis and Southern University also are in the regional field. All-SEC pick Aimee Cho of UF, is ranked No. 9 individually by Golfweek.

No. 32 FSU gets a lift from the return of Windermere native Carrie Sordel, a senior who was academically ineligible during the spring semester. She will return to the lineup this week.

The Division II men's and women's finals, which run next Wednesday through Saturday, each will feature eight teams.

No. 1 Rollins College, the defending national women's champion and a heavy favorite to repeat, is competing today in the final round of the South Regional near Pensacola and must finish first or second to advance.

As for down the road, Saboor's group has entered a bid to host the 2007 Division I women's finals, which would be held at LPGA International in Daytona

Beach. The Mission Inn also will host the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship, a major event featuring the top teams in golf, on Nov. 14-16.

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A Look at the American League Central

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Arguably the worst division in baseball a few seasons ago, the American League Central has grown in stature the previous two years. The Chicago White Sox won the World Series in 2005, and the Detroit Tigers rose from obscurity to win the American League pennant last year. Furthermore, both the Minnesota Twins and Cleveland Indians look to be competitive. Despite the lackluster Kansas City Royals, this may be the best division in baseball.

Cleveland Indians

The Reason for Hope: Luck was not on the Cleveland Indians' side last year. They outscored their opponents by 88 runs, but finished with a 78-84 record. Their Pythagorean record, calculated using their runs scored and runs allowed, said they should have won 90 games. Luck will even out this year for them and vault them to the top of the division.

The Cause for Concern: Concerns abound in the rotation after ace CC Sabathia. Jake Westbrook has an excellent sinker, but he's only a middle-of-the-rotation guy. Cliff Lee and Paul Byrd are, at best, fifth candidate options, while Jeremy Sowers and his slow-paced stuff may get knocked around once hitters adapt. The Indians will find

themselves hard pressed to match up against the stronger rotations in the American League.

Prediction: First place, with 96 wins

Detroit Tigers

The Reason for Hope: A lot of their pitchers took huge steps forward last year. Justin Verlander won 17 games and the Rookie of the Year Award, while Nate Robertson had an ERA better than Curt Schilling. However, it's Jeremy Bonderman that got Tiger fans excited. He struck out 202 batters in only 214 innings and had the peripherals to bring his ERA to the low 3s rather than 4.08. All five pitchers in the rotation could easily average 15 wins.

The Cause for Concern: Young – and in the case of Kenny Rogers, very old – pitching has the tendency to be inconsistent. There could be excellent seasons from all five members of the rotation or a couple of them may show their age, which would be problematic in this division.

Prediction: Second place, with 92 wins

Chicago White Sox

The Reason for Hope: Their offense powered 236 home runs last year, 26 more than the vaunted New York Yankees. A big reason for their production was the four players eclipsing the 30 homer mark: Jim Thome, Joe Crede, Jermaine Dye, and Paul Konerko. All four could combine to hit .290/130/420, which would be a tremendous middle of the lineup.

The Cause for Concern: The rotation did not have a starter whose ERA was below 4.00 last season. In a division where Johan Santana and Sabathia lead their respective staffs, that spells trouble. And it doesn't get better from there: Mark Buerhle and Javier Vazquez both threw too many innings in their early to mid 20s, which has caused declines once they reach what should have been their primes.

Prediction: Third place, with 90 wins

Minnesota Twins

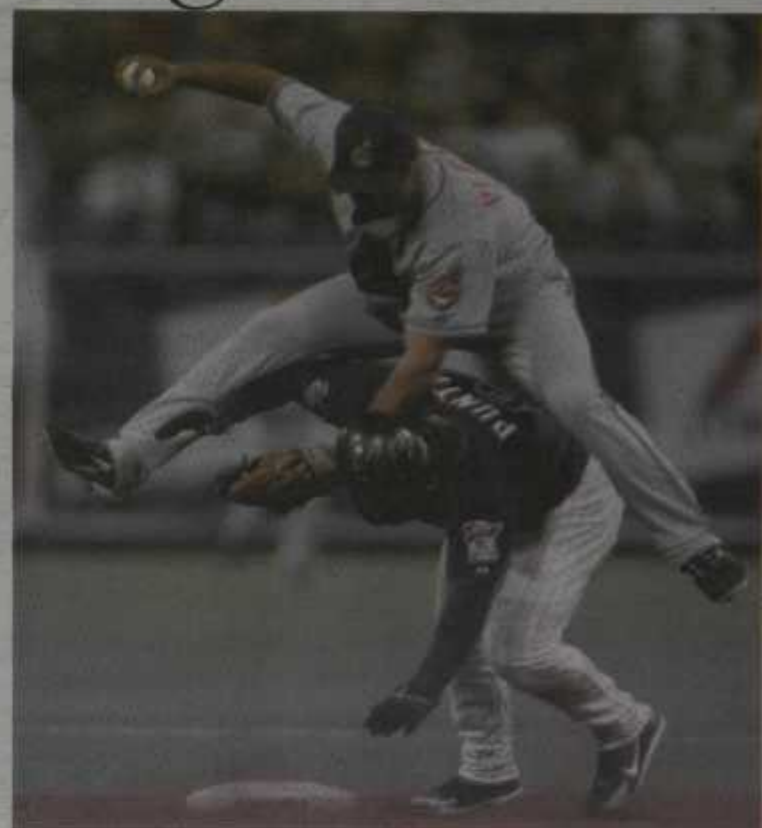
The Reason for Hope: The Twins are built upon star power. Santana is the best starting pitcher in the major leagues, while Joe Nathan is a top 3 closer. Both Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau ranked among the best at their respective positions last season. These talents may be enough to carry a team, even one in a strong division.

The Cause for Concern: While there is plenty of top-end talent, the Twins find themselves lacking in depth. Morneau, Mauer, Michael Cuddyer, and Torii Hunter combined for 455 runs driven in, 60% of the Twins' 754 runs scored. There are too many guys in that lineup contributing little to nothing, like Rondell White and Nick Punto.

Prediction: Fourth place, with 88 wins

Kansas City Royals

The Reason for Hope: If you're looking for hope at the major league level, it's going to



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GOT YA: Cleveland Indians' shortstop Jhonny Peralta pounces on his prey.

be difficult to find some. Mark Teahen provides one slither of optimism, as he hit above .300 the final four months of the season. And Gil Meche may prove he's worth the \$55 million contract the Royals gave him because he's similar to pitchers Jason Jennings, Chris Carpenter, and Jason Schmidt through their Age 27 seasons.

The Cause for Concern: Many of the players that figure to

be on the Royals' 2007 roster just shouldn't be starting on a true major league team. Angel Berroa has a claim as the worst player in the major leagues, while Emil Brown and Reggie Sanders are both role players who happen to take the field every day.

Prediction: Fifth place, with 65 wins

Rollins Falls Short of 2nd SCC Tourney Title

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After the Rollins Men's Basketball team accomplished their goal of winning a share of their fourth regular season title in five seasons, the next step was to try to capture their second consecutive conference tournament title. The team would travel to Boca Raton on March 1-4 in order to try to accomplish that goal.

In the first game, the men would face the eight seeded Florida Tech Panthers, whom the Tars had beaten twice in the regular season. The first three minutes summed up the story of the game for both teams. The Tars billed an early eight point lead and would lead by as much as 19 in the first half. In the half the Tars bench outscored the Panthers 20-0. In the second half, it was more of the same from the Tars. The Panthers would creep back to within six points with 13:29 left in the half. However, the Tars would go on an 18-5 run in the next five

minutes of the game to bury the Panthers. The Tars would end up taking the game 80-65, and move on to Saturday's semifinal match-up with the Nova Southeastern Sharks. Johnny Reibel led four Tars in double figures with 17 points, eight assists, six rebounds and four steals. Kevin Hogan added 16 points on 4 of 6 from the field. Isaac Codrey and John Thinnies would wound out the double figure scorers with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Saturday's match-up with the fifth seeded Sharks loomed as a potential pitfall for the Tars. The Tars escaped the regular season with two victories over the Sharks by a combined three points. Saturday's ballgame looked more like a war than a basketball game. "There were 50 fouls called in the game, and there could have been 100, this was as physical a game as we played all year. Our kids kept their poise, and I'm proud of them for that," said Coach Tom Klusman after the game. The Tars would jump out to an early 20-10 lead and spent the whole game hanging on to the lead, surviving numerous runs by a desperate Sharks team, who was picked to finish second in the conference at

the beginning of the season, but instead finished a disappointing 8-8 in conference play and 14-15 for the season. John Thinnies' third three pointer of the half with 34 seconds left in the half gave Rollins a 36-23 lead that they would end up taking into the halftime locker room.

In the second half, the Tars were able to fend off the Sharks' comeback attempts by using their zone defenses to suffocate the Sharks into 38% shooting and 23 turnovers for the game. The Tars would also limit the Sharks to 2 for 17 from the three point line. Rollins would also get to the line an astonishing 28 times, one of their highest marks this season, including 16 for 20 from Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year Jonny Reibel. The Sharks would cut the lead to within six with 5:15 left in the game, but just as in the Florida Tech game, the Tars would use a 12-5 run to end the Sharks' season. The Tars would use four free throws in the final 1:11 to seal a 62-49 victory. Jonny Reibel would continue his spectacular performance this season with 20 points, seven assists and six rebounds. John Thinnies added 17 points, 15 in the

first half. Craig Reichel was the only other Tar in double figures with 12. The Tars out-rebounded the Sharks 30-20 and shot 44% from the field.

With the victory over the Sharks, the Tars would go into Sunday's final against the Eckerd College Tritons looking for revenge against the team that dealt the Tars their least loss of the season. The third seeded Tritons defeated Saint Leo in the first round and edged Barry in the semifinal. In the first half, the Tars would once again jump out to an early lead, but the Tritons would stick right there with them the whole way. With the Tars up 28-16 with a little under six minutes left in the half, the Tritons would go on a 13-2 run to close out the half. The Tars took a 30-29 into halftime. In the second half the Tritons would take advantage of the Tars' inability to hit shots and execute on the offensive end. After Deon Troupe hit a three pointer to put the Tars up 48-47 with 11:12, the Tars simply just ran out of gas. The Tritons would end the game on a 20-4 run and capture the Sunshine State Conference Tournament title. Johnny Reibel led the Tars with

14 points and Deon Troupe added 12 for the Tars who shot just 32% in the second half and 40% for the game. Johnny Reibel and John Thinnies were named to the All Tournament Team along with Eckerd's Matt Cenatus, who was the MVP of the tournament and Andre King-Holland. Cenatus and King-Holland had 19 and 17 points respectively for the Tritons against the Tars, who out-rebounded the Tars 33-23 and shot 48% from the field.

The road to Springfield, Massachusetts runs through Montevallo, Alabama for the Tars as they go to the South Region Tournament. The second seeded Tars face the seventh seeded Valdosta State Blazers on Saturday March 11. If they move on they will face the winner of the third seeded Benedict Tigers and Eckerd who earned the sixth seed on Sunday. The final is set for Tuesday. The other Sunshine State Conference team to go to the South Region Tournament is the fourth-seeded Barry Buccaneers. Point Guard Jonny Reibel was named to the All Region First Team.

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