Storm forces Greek Rush to regroup

Jewish fraternity has conflict with holiday

JOSEPH CRUZ

Though the wind of hurricanes Frances and Charley downed trees and damaged campus buildings, it couldn’t down Jewish recruitment. Scheduled for the week before classes started, sorority rush fell victim to Hurricane Charley four weeks ago. It was rescheduled and completed just as Hurricane Frances made its way toward the Florida coast.

About 600 girls participated, said Katie McDaniel, a member of Kappa Delta since 2002. From Aug. 26 to Sept. 2, the prospective new members visited all of the 10 sororities, writing down their choices day by day.

Rush is the period in which fraternities and sororities open their doors to new and returning students so that both the organization and its potential members can get to know each other. The home is all of sororities and fraternities hosted by the Office of Greek Affairs.

"I am thankful for so much fun," freshman Amy Joly, 21, said during the recruitment activities. "I am looking forward to meeting new people and making lifelong connections," the recruit added.

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Checking out from afar

Off-campus access to information just got EZ thanks to new software

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Sports Editor

Off-campus access to UCF Library’s electronic resources just got easier thanks to newly installed software called EZProxy.

Previously, students, faculty and staff who wished to access the library’s system off-campus had to configure their browsers to use the proxy, a somewhat technical and cumbersome procedure for the average computer user.

"Students had problems setting up the proxy," said Athena Hoeppner, an electronic resource specialist. "The most common questions from our Ask-A-Librarian service are, 'How do I set up EZProxy?'

Hoeppner has eliminated all of those problems by allowing off-campus access to the library’s system.

One of the UCF Library’s Web sites, http://library.ucf.edu, allows students to sign up for Off-Campus Access" and login by selecting the option. "You can sign up for Off-Campus Access," said Hoeppner. "Once you sign up for Off-Campus Access, you will log in by selecting your library number. There’s no way you should be aware of that your card needs to be activated," Hoeppner said. If their card is not activated, users can fill out an activation form, which is provided

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Setting the tone for the season

CHRISTINE DELLETT
Associate Editor

A couple hundred students packed the Student Union yesterday, waving pom-poms and singing the UCF Fight Song in support of this weekend’s first home football game of the season.

Football Coach George O’Leary — the poster child of UCF Athletics’ Get Motivated campaign — took the mishandled stage at noon, urging students to come to the Citrus Bowl this weekend, make noise and flaunt their school spirit. Cheerleaders tossed T-shirts to boost students’ enthusiasm and stadium rations.

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Sorority recruitment gives attendees a rush

Police Beat

Lying part 1: Is a beer tight worth it?

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Denard's makes a trio for St. John's Braden. "I thought it was going to be cool," said Kyle Tingen, member of Alpha Rho Chi fraternity. Tingen said his fraternity will be putting in some of the rush on Saturday. They are working on a holiday. Without means to complete the rush, the fraternity is trying to reach their goal to raise money added. Members and poten- tially friends are trying to work for social events. They are still trying to blame the Office of Greek Affairs for not giving them the change of dates," he said.

One smaller turnout, though, was not the case with the woman, for whom there was no such scheduling conflict. "Usually you can see just a few people," said Dustin Robertson, "but it was great." Indeed, said Jeymee Moore, a Kappa Kappa Gamma volunteer, "it was a great experience." She said, "I wish my friends are going through it. I am having the time of my life."

All the recruits are arriving for their last event at 12 p.m. on Greek Road, on Sept. 2, with their friends. Then they are greeted with high and hugs. The rush ends with the doors closed. Outside, the members check the rolls and the party begins. Organizers are looking for a "one in a thousand" special thing for their new recruit," said one organizer.

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In a joint effort from Florida Center for Library Information and the UCF Library, EZProxy was released for the first time in the spring and was fully functional on the 14th of May. The software allows access to the databases that are otherwise available only via the internet. EzProxy can be reached by calling 407-582-6532.

Lying part 2: Do you think a fake beer is worth it?

Res problem is a big deal for the Buzzard's, he said. "The Buzzard's is a big deal," said the Buzzard's owner, "and we are trying to keep it open."

When officers approached Paul Barnett, 35, the suspect wanted to know how old he was. In the end, Barnett ended up being arrested, charged with revolting arrest and possession of cannabis by a minor.

According to Sgt. Troy Watson of the Tallahassee Police, Barnett because he looked too young to be out on the street and decided the Bad Bug was his信赖. Barnett followed up and confirmed that Barnett, who worked at the Buzzard's, was indeed the 28-year-old he was searching for. The Buzzard's owner, Anthony Richardson, also went along with the Buzzard's reputation. Barnett was charged with the arrest, charged with the Buzzard's arrest, and was quickly identified as the beer who got caught in the act.

When officers questioned the other occupants in the room and ascertained that none of the names and identifications given matched those listed, said the Buzzard's, the residents of the apartment. "Things became clearer when a Shotz Creek 1C-room was rented by a resident, said Dr. John Morgan, who had been listed as Michael Braun.

Braun was arrested for use of his BAC and was transported to the Leon County Jail. According to the police report, Braun was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

In fact, Turner had been classified as a habitual offender in October of 2004. He was trying to get his BAC down, Turner was arrested and his car was towed.
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Governors saw economy has seen recurrent issues after jobs at all levels.

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress Tuesday that the economy has "regained some traction" after the rate of inflation, although they have not been heard from her, campus police said.

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A young man dashes through the halls of his chemistry department and disappears into one of the offices. The blue sky accentuates his piercing blue eyes, and the thin beard and mustache accentuate his serious demeanor. The office, located next to the lab, is filled with equipment. The student, titled Thomas Selby, an assistant professor in the department of chemistry, is busy working on his research. His desk is covered with drawings and models of molecules, proteins, and other subatomic particles. A lava lamp on the window sill gently accentuates his intense focus.

Selby, a native of Ohio, was born on the 2nd of January, 1985. His mother, a professor of biology, and his father, a chemist, instilled in him a love for the sciences at a young age. He is looking at some complicated drawings and models and is deeply involved in his research to the lecture hall and the lab. Over the years, he has developed a passion for teaching and is deeply involved in teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level courses. He is looking at some complicated drawings and models of molecules, proteins, and other subatomic particles. He is looking at some complicated drawings and models of molecules, proteins, and other subatomic particles. He is looking at some complicated drawings and models of molecules, proteins, and other subatomic particles. He is looking at some complicated drawings and models of molecules, proteins, and other subatomic particles.

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"Frances did a lot of minor water damage," Evelyn said, to a variety of buildings on campus. Buildings harmed by Frances' angry sheets of rain and shrieking winds included Classroom Building I, the Arena, the Academy for Teaching and the Library. The Library suffered the most damage, campus officials said. A leak in the roof caused water to seep into the building's fifth floor. Campus employees quickly covered bookshelves with tarps. Twenty dehumidifiers and an assortment of fans were brought in, too. The thought was that the moisture in the air could affect the books, Evelyn said. Physical Plant employees have already patched the leak.

Though Charley's rains rusted most of the 73 electrical workout machines and 18,000 pounds of free weights when the roof ripped off the Recreation and Wellness Center on Aug. 13, Frances caused no additional damage to the building. Some local apartment complexes, including Pegasus Landing and Pegasus Pointe apartments, did not have Internet or telephone services during the storm. Many report that these utilities are now working.

The UCF Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay branch campuses will re-open for faculty and students on Monday. Plans to resume classes on Monday at the Daytona Beach and Deland campuses have not been finalized. Students, faculty and staff needing updates for those campuses may call 407-823-5334 for more information.

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THE DEFENSE KEEPS
POUNDING AWAY

Kay Jay Harris leads a steep West Virginia Mountaineer offense
ASHLEY BURNS
Sports

Last week, West Virginia running back Kay Jay Harris ran for 337 yards and four touchdowns against East Carolina as the Mountaineers spanked the Pirates 56-23. The Golden Knights defense is in for a long Saturday. But in UCF's defense, Harris did run all over one of last season's worst teams in Division II football. The Pirates finished 2003 with a 1-11 overall record, and their only win came against a pliable Army squad that finished the 2003 season 0-14.

Regardless of opposition, Harris leads the No. 11 Mountaineers (1-0) into the Citrus Bowl Saturday for the UCF home opener. The game marks the first home game for George O'Leary's second coach at UCF (0-3). The former national 'Coach of the Year' is aware that stopping Harris and the Mountaineer running attack will be a tough task.

"I think that he's an outstanding back that can really take it to the barn," O'Leary said of Harris during Tuesday's MAC teleconference. "He can make the cuts that need to be made with the confidence that they're running. I think that there is no question that he had a heck of a game against East Carolina. He's a heck of a back that can make you miss, but he can also run you over. He has all the tools.

The Knights are coming off a 34-0 pounding at the hands of No. 23 Wisconsin last Saturday. The UCF defense gave up 260 yards to the Badgers' running attack and another 160 yards in the air.

UCF saw big improvements on both sides of the ball.

The Knights suffer rare shutdown in LSU, hope for redemption against Utah State Valley in Provo
MATT DANOKY
Sports

With portions of 109 closed, UCF's挥发

Anneals was decided to stay in New Orleans and will embark for the BYU Mizuno Classic later this week.

"It's something once again that we really can't control," Coach Map Coals said. "We're just thankful that we were able to get some traveling exchanged, to be on our way to Utah."

UCF has been practicing at Tulane University for the past couple of days. Assistant Coach Sam Ojo spent the previous five seasons at Tulane.

"I think it's a perfect start to the season because they have been in this conference for six years or so and we played them last year," Ojo said. "They're a great team and we're hoping to win tonight against Rice with a negative percentage."

"We were expecting the winning with the defenses to be slightly off in the beginning," Coals said. "But I was surprised at the uncharacteristic errors by our own defense.

UCF faces Utah Valley State tomorrow night and future Conference USA for Mountain and national powerful BYU on Saturday. Here's a glimpse at this weekend's tournament field in Provo.

Scouting Utah Valley State
The Wolverines will enter their second season of Division II play under Coach Brian Allatoz as an independent. Last season, UVSC posted 18 wins over Washington-Stark and Boise State. The team has already faced No. 34 Utah this season. UVSC remains outside Jacksons Aloma Walser and Insert and Kristi Peterson along with actress Lucie Kozicki, who all received independent awards at this year's Independent Film Festival, have been chosen to help organize the "Independent Newcomer of the Year" award. UVSC's Second Team, Kozicki Peterson and Peterson were both former members of the Independent All-American Team.

BETWEEN THE LINES
WVV holds advantage on Saturday

The Division

The Golden Knights defense is in for a

that can really take it to the barn," O'Leary said of Harris during Tuesday's MAC teleconference. "He can make the cuts that need to be made with the confidence that they're running. I think that there is no question that he had a heck of a game against East Carolina. He's a heck of a back that can make you miss, but he can also run you over. He has all the tools.

The Knights are coming off a 34-0 pounding at the hands of No. 23 Wisconsin last Saturday. The UCF defense gave up 260 yards to the Badgers' running attack and another 160 yards in the air.

UCF saw big improvements on both sides of the ball.

The Knights suffer rare shutdown in LSU, hope for redemption against Utah State Valley in Provo
MATT DANOKY
Sports

With portions of 109 closed, UCF's挥发

Anneals was decided to stay in New Orleans and will embark for the BYU Mizuno Classic later this week.

"It's something once again that we really can't control," Coach Map Coals said. "We're just thankful that we were able to get some traveling exchanged, to be on our way to Utah."

UCF has been practicing at Tulane University for the past couple of days. Assistant Coach Sam Ojo spent the previous five seasons at Tulane.

"I think it's a perfect start to the season because they have been in this conference for six years or so and we played them last year," Ojo said. "They're a great team and we're hoping to win tonight against Rice with a negative percentage."

"We were expecting the winning with the defenses to be slightly off in the beginning," Coals said. "But I was surprised at the uncharacteristic errors by our own defense.

UCF faces Utah Valley State tomorrow night and future Conference USA for Mountain and national powerful BYU on Saturday. Here's a glimpse at this weekend's tournament field in Provo.

Scouting Utah Valley State
The Wolverines will enter their second season of Division II play under Coach Brian Allatoz as an independent. Last season, UVSC posted 18 wins over Washington-Stark and Boise State. The team has already faced No. 34 Utah this season. UVSC remains outside Jacksons Aloma Walser and Insert and Kristi Peterson along with actress Lucie Kozicki, who all received independent awards at this year's Independent Film Festival, have been chosen to help organize the "Independent Newcomer of the Year" award. UVSC's Second Team, Kozicki Peterson and Peterson were both former members of the Independent All-American Team. 
Young Wolverine program has already pulled off large upsets

For their efforts, Lauren Richards, who averaged an astonishing 49 assists per game in games three and four. Pre-season All-Mountain West setter was named to the All-Tournament team.

Memphis started its road trip yesterday with a match at Weber State. Results were not available at press time.

Memphis felt a little left out on a junior campaign where she finished 24th in the NCAA, smacking one ace. Last season Memphis finished 24th in the NCAA, reaching the Conference USA Championship match before falling to Louisville.

For the second straight season, the Tigers ripped 31 kills and few digs in 11-0 victory over the Cougars.

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Haynes compiled 63 yards on 11 carries against WVU last season

George O'Leary and the GOLDEN KNIGHTS take on West Virginia Sept. 11th at 6 p.m. in the Florida Citrus Bowl

Student ticket pickup will take place at the student union, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, 9/7 through 9/10.

Students who wish to park in the parking lots located adjacent to the Citrus Bowl must pick up their tickets and accompanying hang-tag during student ticket pick-up.

Students that are unable to pick-up their tickets can still get the game free of charge, and park free of charge, but parking for those without hang-tags will be less convenient.

In addition to preferred parking, students who pick up their tickets will be able to sit in the Black and Gold section of student seating. Those students sitting in the Black and Gold section will be eligible for great prizes and games. Those students who purchase a game against West Virginia will be giving away a free year's worth of rent courtesy of University House at Alafaya.

UCF will also be celebrating Patriots Day by honoring Police, Fire/EMT as well as Military Personnel. A patriotic themed pre-game show is planned.

Ray Georges/DIESEL PHOTOGRAPHY

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UCF offers shuttles to and from off-campus apartment complexes including:
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- Jefferson Commons
- Village at Alafaya Club
- Village at Science Drive
- University House
- Boardwalk
- Research Park
- College Station
- Arbor Apartments
- Collegiate Village Inn
- Northgate Lakes
- Riverwind
- Tivoli

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Matt Prater was two-for-two on field-goal attempts, including a 51-yarder, and averaged 41.2 yards per punt. Aaron Onaga gave up an average of 17 yards kick coverage -- 19 yards on punt returns, and picked up a raucous home crowd behind them -- UCF went on to upset a top-25 squad and are ranked seventh in the ACC.

UCF special teams vs. West Virginia special teams

Advantage: West Virginia

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**Senate opportunities can create change**

Student Government Association

September 4, 2004

As fall begins, our campus community is excited for the opportunities available for students. As leaders, we must make the best of this opportunity by working hard for the campus and the student body.

**Student Senate requires a leader with passion and vision.**

A leader must be passionate and dedicated. At the same time, a leader must be willing to listen to their students and make changes to meet the needs of those students.

**Students should get at least one vote.**

Students should have a voice in their government and should be represented fairly. A greater number of students should be included in the process and have a say in what happens at their campus.

**Immediate run-off voting**

The future of the student body is in our hands. We must work hard to ensure that our campus is a safe and comfortable place for everyone.

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**U.S. war on terror should be consistent**

On Sept. 1, a small little school in a remote area of Dagestan, Russia gathered worldwide attention for all the wrong reasons. Thirty without warning and without cause, heavily armed Chechen rebellion forces stormed into Beslan school No. 1 in Dagestan, Russia. Several days later, more than 300 people were reportedly dead and thousands more injured. This attack on a school in a remote area of Russia has been described as the terrorist attack that set the stage for the war on terror.

**The siege lasted for three days.**

During this time, students and teachers were subjected to unimaginable conditions. They were held hostage in a school that was filled with noxious gases and smoke. The only thing that kept them alive was the hope that they would be released.

**Most westernized nations**

Most westernized nations have been reluctant to negotiate with terrorists and have instead chosen to go to war. This approach has proven to be ineffective in dealing with the terrorists who have threatened our nation.

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**Rush Hashana**

Rush is the Jewish High Holy Days, a time of reflection and renewal. It is a time to remember the past and to look forward to the future. The holiday is marked by prayer, fasting, and the giving of charity.

**Mountains sold out!**

The mountain has sold out for the upcoming football game. This is due to the high demand for tickets and the limited seating capacity of the stadium. It is important to note that the mountain has sold out for all upcoming games and it is recommended that fans purchase tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

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**Israel**

Israel is a small country in the Middle East that is surrounded by nations that are hostile to it. Despite this, Israel has managed to maintain its independence and has a vibrant culture and economy.

**China**

China is a large country in Asia that is rapidly developing. It has a population of over 1.4 billion people and is the world's second largest economy.

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**Suspended vote**

The suspension of the vote on the Patriot Act was a move that was praised by many. It was seen as a way to give more time to debate the bill and to ensure that it was passed with the support of all members of Congress.

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**Comments**

We welcome comments from our readers. Letters to the editor should be sent to the Student Newspapers at 407-447-4556 or by email to CentFLFN@ucf.edu. The editors reserve the right to edit all letters for length and clarity.
A GOP convention thrill: Tax reform

CHRIS DANIEL
Contributing Writer

Chris Daniel, 22, was the youngest Texas delegate to the 2004 Republican National Convention. He is a senior in mechanical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin.

On the final night of the Republican National Convention I stood only 50 feet from Vice President Dick Cheney. Being as close to the president was a thrill in itself. The next thrill was being privy to the real drama — the real story — of the convention. In the corner of the press area, the administration staff was trying hard to control and simplify what he promised to lead. Politically, this president was as specific as he could be. His first priority is the general election. Even so, one can listen to the arguments and observe the facts, and thus figure out what is going on. But first, without reform, what is in store for us as we graduate and join the workforce?

Today we have an income tax loophole sapping the wildcard confidence of a freshman in September. Beyond that, recall the crushing blow of looking at your first summer paycheck. "Who is FICA?" "What happened to my paycheck?" badly, the difference between your gross and net pay only grows as you make more money.

Without reform, the Social Security payroll-gas station will rip even more from your paycheck to fulfill obligations to our grandparents.

Corporate income taxes and the massiveness of computing such taxes drive up the gross and net pay only grows as you make more money.

The best news I can bring you is what I learned about this initiative on the road to and at the convention. Tom Delay, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, sponsored this legislation. Not only is he the third most powerful elected official in our country, he has declared all forms of income taxation, including the flat tax, dead. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert has made similar statements throughout his book tour — as our second most powerful elected official.

More than 55 members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, have co-sponsored the FairTax legislation. There is a grassroots organization for its passage with more than 600,000 members. And now the president says he will sign the tax reform effort in his acceptance speech.

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For U15

Craig, I support the hypothesis of the Future that most of us don't feel there is a worthy choice. Hopefully this year, the opening of the debates will give us a choice. In September. Beyond that, recall the crushing blow of looking at your first summer paycheck. "Who is FICA?" "What happened to my paycheck?" badly, the difference between your gross and net pay only grows as you make more money.

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Q: What do JENNIFER LOPEZ and JIM MORRISON have in common?

A: They both donate plasma at DCI Biologicals Orlando!

* Of course, J-Lo doesn’t live in Orlando and Jim Morrison is dead, but we really do have donors with these names.

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**HAPPENINGS**

**Sondheim does Shakespeare in 1973 musical**

Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival brings it to life

EMILY SCOTT  Staff Writer

Coming to us as a production of the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival is the Stephen Sondheim musical *A Little Night Music*. Fans of classical music might immediately think of the Mozart serenade "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik." You know that melody — it has been used in cartoons and cartoon commercials for years. Broadway fans might immediately respond to the name Sondheim, following his other plays such as *Into the Woods* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. However, you'd be a little off if you were to make either of those assumptions.

The original musical, first premiered in 1973, is based on the Ingmar Bergman film *Smiles of a Summer Night*. The plot consists of a convoluted series of adulterous affairs and other infidelity-related zaniness, all leading up to an unfaithful husband and wife and their friends spending a sexually charged weekend in a country estate. There are a couple of notable and unique features of this show, as well. There is a singing quintet that opens the show may be that all of the songs are in 3/4 time. For the lesser musically inclined, think of a familiar waltz or a German "oom-pah-pah" song and dance. According to Moonstruck Drama Bookstore's site, Sondheim has said that he wrote the songs in this less-common meter to create a feel of a continuous waltz throughout the storyline. So if you think this musical is just another infidelity comedy, you'd also be incorrect.

The Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival grew out of the UCF Theatre's vision to create a professional, classical theater in the area. This idea began in 1987 and grew into the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival in 1989. This partnership with the community has created one of the most renowned theater programs in the Central Florida area as well as opportunities for theater students for internships, independent studies courses and professional seminars. The Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival also provides K-12 educational programs and summer theater programs for secondary school students in the Central Florida area. The Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival is an integral part of the Orlando Fringe Festival — our Fringe being the first of its kind in the United States.

The show will be playing at the Lowndes Shakespeare Theatre on Rollins Avenue in Loch Haven Park. Showtimes are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., starting Wednesday and running until Sunday, Oct. 10. Admission ranges from $13-$38.

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**IN THE ISSUE**  Vol. V, No. 3, Sept. 9 - Sept. 15, 2004

Yeah yeah, we know, why is the indie so small this week, where are the Miscellaneous pages, where's Real Life for Real, where's the Gig review, what's going on ... we know your concerns and we're going to explain. You see, because of the hurricane, we didn't know we were going to run a new issue of the indie until Monday afternoon. And when did we have to put this rag together? Tuesday. And what's the main reason we worked so hard to release this new content in such a small amount of time? Because we care.

Actually, the paychecks would be the No. 1 reason, but caring is definitely up there at No. 2.

And besides, if you could go two weeks without Conan O'Brien during NBC's Olympics coverage, you can surely go a week with only half an indie.

— JOHN THOMASON
HAPPENINGS

CALENDER

Ani DiFranco will start screaming at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the House of Blues. Ticket prices are $33.50.

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York City Bike Fest
Sept. 10 to Sept. 12, various times, free
Florida State Fairgrounds
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911 for Charities
Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight, $50
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Kerry-oke
Saturday, 7:30 p.m., $15
The Social, 541 N. Orange Ave.
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Zoo, Us (rock)
Tonight, 9 p.m., $6
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    - 55 West, 55 N. Church St.
    - 407-541-6400
  - **Sugar Oaks (indie)**
    - Saturday, 10 p.m., $4
    - The Posh Room, 1321 N. Mills Ave.
    - 407-228-0048
  - **Rhino, To Earn, Monday’s Hero, Kristina Wagner (rock)**
    - Saturday, 9 p.m., $5
    - Back Booth, 37 W. Pine St.
    - 407-999-2570
  - **The Morning After, Greater Grey, Chase Theory, Distance (rock)**
    - Saturday, 7 p.m., free-
    - Hard Rock Live, Citywalk at Universal Orlando
    - 407-351-5483
  - **Pretty Ugly (rock)**
    - Saturday, 10 p.m., free
    - Stardust Video and Coffee, 1842 E. Winter Park Blvd.
    - 407-228-8272
  - **Minus the Bear, Paris TX, Statistics (indie)**
    - Sunday, 8 p.m., $8-
    - The Social, 54 N. Orange Ave.
    - 407-228-0048
  - **Amy Steinberg, Justin Bedder (pop)**
    - Sunday, 9 p.m., $5
    - EAMAC, 37 S. Magnolia Ave.
    - 407-992-1200
  - **Phrases and Ups, Humrah, Skycraft (indie)**
    - Sept. 13, 8 p.m., $5
    - The Social, 144 N. Orange Ave.
    - 407-228-0048
  - **Tesla, Bastard Pie (rock)**
    - Sept. 14, 7 p.m., $22-
    - House of Blues, Downtown Disney West Side
    - 407-994-2583
  - **There for Tomorrow, Forever Changed (punk)**
    - Sept. 14, 6 p.m., $5
    - Back Booth, 37 W. Pine St.
    - 407-999-2570

- **And If Franco, Dan Bern (rock)**
  - Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., $33,50
  - House of Blues, Downtown Disney West Side
  - 407-994-2583

- **Red Animal War, Whole Wheat Bread, Believe in Toledo (punk)**
  - Sept. 15, 8 p.m., $5
  - WHP Pub, 1321 N. Mills Ave.
  - 407-898-5070

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**THE GRATEFUL DEAD: 30 YEARS OF ART, IMAGERY AND MUSIC**

The Grateful Dead may or may not be considered an art-rock band, but the fact remains that few, if any, bands have been the inspiration for so much acid-drenched, freaked-out artwork since their 1965 conception. Tonight, a Dead retrospective will feature more than 100 images by Deadheads Les Kippe (who started that whole underground tape-trading culture), Tony Brown (editor of seminal jam-band magazine Rebel) and Gary Keenan. Keenan will even be present to discuss some of his artwork.

The exhibition will take place at Hard Rock Vault at 8437 International Drive. Tickets are $14.95 at the door, and the show will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 407-599-7625.

**Van Halen**

Jump into your spandex pants and get ready for an eruption: Van Halen is coming to Florida. The crew will rock and people will be dancing the night away, unchained, at 7:30 p.m. today at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa. Yeah, it’s a little far, but at least it’s not in Panama. The price of $45 to $85 per ticket may be steep, but for many it’s not enough to keep them away from these rock icons.

There are sure to be beautiful girls (or at least, they were beautiful when they started listening to David Lee Roth in 1978). Who knows, maybe that teacher you were hot for in grade school will be there.

For those curious about the current lead singer, right now it’s Sammy Hagar, but who knows how long until the band gives him the runaround again.

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**MOVIES**

**DVD REVIEW** ★★★★★

**Time to round out your DVD collection**

The disc's re-release brings a bevy of special features

**MATT HEDGECOCK**

Staff Writer

_Rounders_ is a film released six years too soon. Poker is the hot alternative "sport" at the moment, and all well-behaved capitalists are trying to get a piece of the pot. There are innumerable books on how to master the game by pros (and those claiming to be pros), and several cable programs showcasing tournaments, the most famous being _The World Series of Poker_ on ESPN. In 2003 the number of entrants in the WSOP was 839. In 2004 it was 2,575.

Yes, _Rounders_ was released much too early. Or perhaps it was released at just the right time. Had it been released today it would be little more than a cash-in product (like the new special edition DVD). But as it stands now, _Rounders_ is a hot-rod of a movie - a sleek, cool ride without sputters or stalls.

Mike McDermott (Matt Damon) is a law student — no scratch that. He's a poker player, and a damn good one at that. The law student gig is an attempt to go straight after losing $30,000 in one hand to "pocket rockets" — a pocket pair of Aces. Things are going well until Mike's swindler of a friend "Worm" (Edward Norton) is released from prison and proceeds to involve Mike in some goons and Worm's recklessness) confront Mike, to play through Atlantic City and hit the tables. All you love to do. When Mike starts playing poker his girlfriend promptly leaves him. Instead of trying to win her back, he and Worm head down to Atlantic City and hit the tables. All throughout the film, obstacles (his girlfriend, mob goons and Worm's recklessness) confront Mike, and he faces each one to achieve his goal — to play poker. As Marlin Landau tells Mike in the film, "We can't run from ourselves, our destiny chooses us."

This fascination with "risky" behavior and pushing the odds also makes _Rounders_ a quintessential "Guy's Movie." In the same league as _Fight Club_ or _GoodFellas._ The performances are superb. Norton's smart-ass Worm seems second-nature, while Malkovich delights in chewing the scenery. The film is authentic to the world of high-stakes poker (the writers spent weeks playing with poker pros to perfect the experience), but its slick story and perfect characterizations make it approachable to anyone, regardless of poker intellect.

_Miramax has re-released the film with some special features, making up for the last bare-bones version. The best new features are two full-length audio commentaries. The first features the writers, the director and Edward Norton (but sadly no Matt Damon). It's a fun and informative track, and really showcases just how much love these men have for this movie.

The second commentary is the gem of the disc. It features professional poker players Johnny Chan, Chris Moneymaker, Phil Hellmuth and Chris "Jesus" Ferguson. More important than their own particular insights on the film and its accuracy is the insight on the pros themselves and the camaraderie the four seem to share. The verbose Hellmuth dominates much of the track and comes across much more likeable than the arrogant side he shows at the WSOP table. Though non-poker fans may not see much value in this track, it makes the disc worth the price of purchase for WSOP junkies.

The other extras on the disc (which include two woefully short documentaries and a boring "Play the Pros" video game) are mostly filler, but the commentaries help to offset the balance and keep the disc from feeling like a rip-off. If you already own the previous version of _Rounders_ and are a fan of the film, replace it. The commentaries make this a double-dip worth going in for.

Edward Norton, right, plays Worm, the slimy counterpart to Matt Damon's Mike McDermott in the film _Rounders_.
**MOVIES**

**COMING TO DVD—SEPT 14**

**Angels soars to DVD bins**

Plus, Richard Linklater defines a generation

**JOHN THOMASON**

**Indie Editor**

Angels in America

Angels in America may go down as the best film to never play in theaters, but this unfortunate fact may also cause the film to slip through the cinematic cracks and hinder its lasting impact. The six-hour series, divided into two parts and six chapters, was picked up by HBO in an angelic steal for the network (it already has every other competitor beat in TV series, so they might as well kick ass in the miniseries category too).

The series, shot by the masterful Mike Nichols and based on Tony Kushner’s famed Broadway play, is certainly worthy of a theatrical release. With its depiction of country on the brink of the AIDS outbreak and filled with criticisms and observations of Reagan’s America, the film works as a splendid ’80s time capsule, but it doesn’t lose its relevance or resonance.

Young Adam

To those of you ladies out there swooning over Ewan MacGregor’s inherent hotness, you owe it to yourself to see Young Adam, where your opinion may slightly change. In a film wholly reflecting the nihilistic core of the Beat novel on which it was based, MacGregor has sex with just about anything, young or old, animate or inanimate. Though his character is thoroughly unlikeable, you get to see MacGregor frequently in the buff — his Little Adam even makes a cameo — which may be of interest to some of you. But despite the critical acclaim the film received, it’s mostly undeserved.

Young Adam is filled with vibrant cinematography, hilarious black comedy and provocative insights about human nature, guilt and redemption, buried beneath a slightly soft-core porn surface.

Slacker: Criterion Collection

The long-awaited DVD version of Richard Linklater’s cult classic Slacker is finally out. Not only do you get to see disaffected youths wandering aimlessly for the first time in letterbox, the film that defined the GenX movie is stocked full of drool-worthy extras. A second disc includes Linklater’s rarely-seen first feature, It’s Impossible to Learn to Fly by Reading Books, as well as a 1985 short called Woodshock, made on 16mm by Linklater and Lee Daniel. With three audio commentaries, original casting auditions and a Linklater essay on slacker culture, this Criterion should keep you slacking off for weeks.

**DVD REVIEW**

Millenium Mambo an unusual dance

Taiwanese film a total escape from Hollywood

**JOHN THOMASON**

**Indie Editor**

It’s no surprise that major Hollywood movies tend to conceal the formal qualities of film as much as possible. Even in the most daring mainstream movies, the story is usually the highest priority, with the form merely serving the content. The films of Taiwanese director Hou Hsiao-hsien are the exact opposite. Even the most common of film attributes — the breaking up of a scene into individual shots — are abandoned almost completely.

Millenium Mambo (released on DVD in America in August) is an excellent starting point to dive into Hou’s idiosyncratic films. While not as visually ravishing as his flawless 18th-century set Flowers of Shanghai (1998), Millenium Mambo is the perfect example of a deliberately simple story used as a backdrop to showcase form.

Shu Qi plays enigmatic heroine Vicky. Vicky is stuck in a lifeless, stifling and abusive relationship with her live-in boyfriend Hao Hao, an unemployed DJ who spends his days playing video games, smoking speed and hassling Vicky about her fidelity. Sex is methodical and unloving between the two, as flat and unemotional as the movie’s techno score. The film’s one sex scene is interrupted visually by a pulsating light, as if plucked from an earlier club scene, but, symbolically, without a beat to thro to.

It’s a visually driven picture, with long stretches of silence saying much more than the sparse dialogue, which often comes off as improvised. Every frame is drenched in a luminescent atmosphere, with Hou finding a meticulous balance between artificial light and the light created by set lamps and especially candles (taking a cue from Barry Lyndon). The long takes stretch on for minutes without a cut, requiring patience from the viewer.

And yet, what could easily become boring is rendered captivating. Because the scenes aren’t chopped down as we’d expect them to be, Hou’s camera delivers an unflinching look at Vicky’s pathetic relationship with Hou Hou, never providing us with the comfort zone of shot/reverse shot familiarity. Instead, we get doors, blinds and shades blocking our view, never knowing when Hou Hou’s next outburst will occur, watching at Vicky’s pace the deconstruction of a relationship.

The film is also incredibly moving thanks to the sporadic voice-over moments from an unseen, omniscient narrator, who tells Vicky’s backstory from 10 years into the future. It adds new depth to the voice-over formula, especially when romantic stories of Vicky’s past are juxtaposed with the present-day images of her downtrodden life.

Because of its focus on contemporary club life, the film isn’t as exotic or unusual as, say, Flowers of Shanghai, but it’s more universal. Many can relate to a heroine like Vicky, no matter what the culture of language. But rarely has a filmmaker captured her with such a fresh eye.

See the beautiful and talented Shu Qi in Millenium Mambo, before she went on to Hollywood crapper The Transporter. Chun-hao Tuan plays her neurotic slacker boyfriend in this persuasive gem from Taiwan.
Wicker Park is one of those maddening movies in which the characters do incredibly stupid things simply for the sake of plot contrivance, and everyone's problems would be solved if they simply picked up their cell phones. They just choose not to use them. Instead, they say things like, "Meet me in the park at 3." Then one person doesn't show up for some reason, and leaves a note for the other explaining why — which, naturally, isn't delivered in time, if at all.

All this may have seemed quaint or even romantic if it had taken place, say, 200 years ago in London. But the setting is now, in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago, in a film that tries desperately hard to be slick and modern.

Director Paul McGuigan relies heavily on split screens, mirror reflections and screechy sound effects — visual tricks ostensibly intended to give the film tension, but instead seem like transparent, pretentious gimmicks.

Josh Hartnett and Diane Kruger play Matt and Lisa, a young couple who are madly in love, or so we're told. They're individually fabulous looking, but she and Hartnett's, who's even more low-key than usual, have zero chemistry.

We learn in flashbacks that Lisa, a dancer, disappeared two years ago after Matt told her he had a big, new job. New York and asked her to come with him.

Now, in the present, Matt has moved back to Chicago with Lisa's soon-to-be fiancee (Jessica Pare), whose brother is his boss. One night during dinner before a business trip to China, Matt thinks he sees Lisa at the restaurant, and promptly cancels his flight in order to obsessively look for her.

He tells his best friend Luke (Matthew Lillard, who gets the few funny lines in Brandon Boyce's script) about the clues he's found: a plastic hotel room key, a silver compact, a torn-up newspaper obituary. He could have just done an Internet search for Lisa's phone number, but that would have been too easy.

Instead, he sneaks into what he thinks is her apartment and finds another woman who says her name is Lisa.

Turns out Lisa No. 2 is a clingy, seemingly bipolar woman named Alex, an actress that Matt's buddy Luke recently started dating. The ensuing series of near misses and mistaken identities seems to give the film tension,

Unfortunately, all the confusion is much ado about nothing.

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3. KATIE BALL — Any Cool Music?
4. DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS — Dirty South
5. GUIDED BY VOICES — Half Smiles of the Decomposed
6. FURTHER SEEMS FOREVER — Hide Nothing
7. SAVES THE DAY — Ups and Downs: Early Recordings and B-sides
8. KILLERS — Hot Fuss
9. HOT ROD CIRCUIT — Reality’s Coming Through
10. G. LOVE — Hustle
11. VARIOUS ARTISTS — Future Soundtrack for America
12. THE GOOD LIFE — Album of the Year
13. VARIOUS ARTISTS — This is America
14. CLINIC — Win auster Cathedral
15. JOAN OF ARC — Joan of Arc Dick Cheney Mark Twaun
16. ENGINE DOWN — Engine Down
17. TWILIGHT SINGERS — She Loves You
18. F**KING AM — Gold
19. VARIOUS ARTISTS — Rock Against Bush 2
20. SCISSOR SISTERS — Scissor Sisters
21. SONIC YOUTH — Sonic Nurse
22. POLYPHONIC SPEERE — Together We’re Heavy
23. HIVES — Tyronniousaurus Hives
24. VARIOUS ARTISTS — Por Vida: A Tribute to the Songs of Alejandro Escovedo
25. KITTIE — Until the End

SCENE REPORT
Make a scene
How to be, and why not to be, a scene kid

RICKY SURILLO
Staff Writer

A lot has been said about the indie scene. Fashion, slang, spies, are all part of an endless topic. But while delving into the different things that go on in the music scene, there may be some questions as to what it is exactly.

A music scene can be divided into its own genres: country, hip-hop, etc. Each has its own styles, trends and slang. What makes the indie scene (which consists of punk, hardcore, emo and indie rock) stand out from the rest is that it has the most ridiculous and immature things surrounding it.

Obviously, for a scene to exist, there has to be people in it. Only in the indie scene, however, are those kids called “scene kids”. Scene kids typically go to lots of shows, usually for free because they are on the guest list. The scenester makes friends with band members, dresses in the “scene uniform” and, of course, talks in the über-popular scene slang.

As My Chemical Romance singer Gerard Way said in the August issue of Alternative Press in reference to the scene, “It’s extremely homoerotic, especially the whole emo-sensitive thing. Everyone’s wearing women’s pants; everyone’s got women’s haircuts; everyone’s wearing youth-medium shirts. I don’t have to come out and say it. It’s blatantly obvious.”

The indie scene is a scene where a haircut is more important than music. It’s almost like there is a certain uniform that comes along with whatever musical style one is into. There are even some sites showcasing the hilarity that comes along with such dress styles. http://www.dobi.ru/emo shows the basic things you need to “dress emo”. It shows everything from what shoes to wear to typical bands to AIM screen names. It’s ironic, however, that the creator of the site designs t-shirts for some bands that can be considered emo.

http://www.maniclab.com has a flash cartoon that shows not only emo kids, but punks, hardcore rockers and even vegans. There is also a band name generator that continues to make fun of the scene.

Hopefully now, all those questions the indie never received about the scene are now answered.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT
Gina: A performer unintended

The health nut and science geek plays to her own piano

EMILY JANE SCOTT
Staff Writer

To her friends, she’s an inspiration. To a large crowd of people, mostly strangers, whom she played in front at Nature a couple weeks ago, she was most certainly something to talk about. Who was the skinny, brown-haired, bespectacled girl alone at the piano? Why can’t we tear ourselves away from her sweet but raw voice? Why can’t we take our eyes off of her amazing presence that she maintains through her obvious nerves?

She was and is Gina Riggio, a 23-year-old Penn State student who used to attend UCF. She is a nutrition major with a penchant for organic chemistry and does a lot of work in alternative health. Her sound is comparable to that of a musical lovechild of Tori Amos and Ben Folds, but with her own undeniable sense of humor. Originally from Boca Raton, she began her music minor at UCF and also began her performing career at the old Stone Soup Collective while living in Orlando. There she made friends who she continues to collaborate with today — friends who helped her to book her gig last Friday while she was visiting down here. She spoke to the indie about who she is and, in the meantime, gave us many reasons to continue to listen to what she has to say.

The indie: Your sound seems like it could be classified as “geek pop.” How would you describe your genre?

GR: My friend says I’m punk. He’s actually convinced that I’m the first punk pianist. I think it’s because of my lyrics. I rant a lot. It’s like, what would I say to your face that you wouldn’t want to hear unless it was in a song?

Please See GINA on 19
CD REVIEWS

THE FAINT

Wet From Birth

Genre: indie rock
Label: Saddle Creek
Release date: Sept. 14

What American city is home to a completely new sound combining danceable new-wave electronica with indie rock? If you answered, "Omaha, Nebraska," you may already be a fan of The Faint. Everyone else is probably a little surprised.

Beginning as a quirky lo-fi punk outfit with startling, nearly-emo lyrics, The Faint mutated into their current incarnation in 1999 with the release of Blank-Wave Arcade. The addition of a keyboard dramatically catalyzed their change into a sound that's not distinctly of any genre. Dark, grating, processed, and unmistakable, it's filled with a brutally overt sexuality slightly gothier but more personal. From the first few seconds of the opening "Desperate Guys," it's something old and something new with a dose of strings added to throbbing bass in a tale of seduction full of inventive metaphor. A mention of being "conjoined at the tongue" could easily top off a list of the most bizarre descriptions of kissing ever invented.

"How Could I Forget" plows on with even harder beats in a discussion about the futility of in-relationship communication before slipping into a pleasant harmony of scratches, booms, and bleeps. The bass reaches an apex in "I Disappear" before bringing down for a reintroduction of the strings in "Southern Belles in London Sing." To end the first half, the album gets an "Erection," seemingly written as a guy's apology for getting hard at inopportune moments.

Opening the second half is "Paranoyatack," with a theme of politics and psychosis before "Drop Kick the Punkies" rebels against the rest of the CD with a screaming, defiant anthem of musical revolution.

Then the theme shifts back as "Phone Call" laments all the things that could have been in a relationship if not for a single mysterious phone call. Like "Belles" seemed to continue "Desperate Guys:" a few tracks later, The Faint do it again with "Symptom Finger" resuming "Paranoyatack." It tells sickness felt from lies and propaganda in the media. Also likening back to the first half, track 10 finishes the piece with a brutally overt sexuality in the title track, detailing the so-called Miracle of Life with all the poetry of an English class and all the gory detail of Biology 204.

Trying to describe The Faint causes a new appreciation for just how unusual they are. Their sound calls to be played loud and in public places, but its "mature content" makes for a more personal experience that feels deliciously like a guilty pleasure with every listen. This album carries a strong recommendation for previous fans and anyone to whom the concept sounds interesting. Check out Wet From Birth Tuesday or wait until they come to The Social on Oct. 23. Just be warned: It's not for the faint of heart.

—CHRISTOPHER SCHWALB

Gina aspires to inspire pals

From 16

should people who care about a lot of things be considered nuts when there are so many things to care about in the world?

the indie: You care, so you're a science geek/activist. How did you become a music geek?

GR: I was seven and I started on the organ. Peer pressure brought me to the piano. I'd had really bad teachers, so I was sloppy. I finished up my music minor at Penn State, and I've taken some singing lessons up there.

When I was younger, I'd always compare myself to Fiona Apple. I used to think that she stole my songs and I'd never make it because she already sang all my songs.

If you told me when I was 16 that I'd be playing and performing my own songs, I would have laughed at you. I was 21 before I had the guts to sing in public. I just had people encourage me and basically force me to play out in public. I killed time one year down here playing piano for people at Florida Hospital, making people feel better. It made them happy and that's all that matters.

the indie: How is the Orlando scene different from the scene in State College, Penn?

GR: The atmosphere down here really creates the presence. I don't have that in State College because I know everyone in the audience just wants to drink their beers. Up there, it's only Penn State or farmers, and all anyone ever does is drink. I had pretty much stopped performing up north because I had so many bad experiences. I really wish I could collaborate with people down here more often. I'm just addicted to the energy down here.

One good thing about coming here was that my friends are here and they're the people whom I've touched, whom I've inspired. That's my whole purpose in life, even if I'm living penniless in a cardboard box. If I inspire people to not settle, to live a better life, then it's worth it.

To hear a sampling of her music, head to her Web site at http://www.ginariggio.com. From there, you can also contact her and order her CD, a color-untinted, under the music section of her site. She has already sold a few albums to new fans at Natura, which of course means that if you don't get in touch with her soon, you'll be the last kid on the block without one. While as she says on her site, she may never be destined for stardom, she's sure to capture you in her gentle piano strains and brutal honesty.

JENS LEKMAN

When I Said I Wanted to Be Your Dog

Genre: Singer/songwriter
Label: Secretly Canadian
Release date: Sept. 7

Despite its title, the first stateside full-length from this young Swedish troubadour is no reference to Iggy Pop. In fact, Lekman's sound couldn't be farther from Iggy. Lekman fully realizing the potential we saw in his earlier Rocky Dennis EP, the amount of grace and maturity apparent on these 11 songs is breathtaking. Each song unfolds with the depth and complexity of a classical composition, with the sugary sweetness of melancholic pop coated over them. From the infectious capella of "Do You Remember the Riots" to the full-bodied, brass-powered arena pop of "You Are the Light," Lekman's Swedish lilt works marvellously to decorate songs as well as carry them completely.

If there's anything critical to be said about Lekman, it's that his influences are too readily apparent. "Song X sounds like artist Y" can be applied to any track; Morrissey, Neil Diamond and Cole Porter are among the artists Lekman apes in both instrumentation and lyrical quirks, though The Magnetic Fields influence stands out the strongest. When I Said I Wanted to Be Your Dog sounds more like The Magnetic Fields than The Magnetic Fields do, it wipes the floor with the Fields' latest album.

—JOHN THOMASON

In the last presidential election 100,228,726 Americans didn't show up to vote.

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THE GEEK LIFE

We should take shelter, but it's so cute!

ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ

Well, it would seem the weather has turned against us yet again. Could it be that Orlando, in its plastic fantastic universe of make believe, has committed some grave crime against the gods in heaven? I can think of few other explanations for this dreadful repeat of misfortune.

Perhaps Mickey Mouse has been conducting some crimes against nature in his secret castle, or maybe there has been some sort of unnatural lust between Pluto and Minnie that has brought this wrath upon us? Just kidding, Disney. Please don't rain upon us with your furious might and marauding hordes of lawyers. We quake in unnatural fear and trepidation.

I sit in my darkened house imagining the terrible tortures those Disney bureaucrats could easily have in store for me. It makes my blood run cold.

Actually, the people I really feel sorry for are the tourists. They come here from countless miles to hang out with the likes of Spider-man and Donald Duck, only to be battered with hurricane after hurricane. What I am actually hoping for is a Mad Max-style apocalypse. How many hurricanes do you think it would take before the thin veneer of humanity slips away and we all become savages la Lord of the Flies? If I remember correctly, humans would form packs for safety and comfort, slowly picking off any outsiders in the name of survival.

I'd like to think that I would survive thanks to my superior intellect, but I fear I may be in for a shock. My extreme myopia will probably doom me to an early death by sharks or murder. Of course, no apocalypse is complete without the mutants.

I would imagine that the local nuclear power plant would explode if we get hit by enough hurricanes. Let's say we get hit by 15 in a row. The state of Florida would separate from the mainland, the national guard would give up and leave us all for dead, and even Gov. Bush would have had enough and run home to his brother.

So then we are stuck fending for ourselves. I am sad to say that even with all my knowledge of future apocalypses, most gained from watching mediocre science fiction movies and my repeated viewings of Battle Royale, in which a group of high-school students are sent to an island and ordered to kill one another, I doubt I could survive. Without my video games, electronics, and of course my trusty iBook, I would soon be reduced to a babbling madwoman.

But maybe I would rise to the task and form an army of techies. Together we would build some sort of matter transporter and escape from the wretched mess. Or, failing that, we'd build some sort of crazy hover ship that runs on coconuts. You never know. It could be possible.

Ok, let's go even further. Let's say that some giant asteroid hits the Earth and there is no more technology, no more anime, no more Final Fantasy XI for anyone. After I finished crying for my lost technology and fantasizing about Quantum Leap ever being picked up for another season, I suppose I would have to deal with the fact that technology is now gone forever.

As long as some of us are alive, I would avoid the mutants and cyborg freaks to search out for other geeks like me. Our task would be to jump start society. Together we would start a new country, a new world order. Drugs would be legal, Shigero Miyamoto would be a prophet and rational science would marry Buddhism to create an incredible new religion. We would live in a dome city and worship science and the memories of video games long past.

Won't you join my secret society? I swear it will be fun.

CRAZED INDIE ROBOT

Hurricane party!

Tips to have fun through Ivan

DIANNA ZISMAN

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How to be a voyeur from your home

Web sites where personal, private lives become public domain...thanks, Internet!

CHRISTOPHER SCHWARZ
Staff Writer

Computers have an amazing tendency to amass information, whether desired or not. Despite all the talk of anonymity online, everything you search for and everywhere you visit shows up in a log somewhere.

Sites generally have a little disclaimer about how they value your privacy and won’t do anything naughty, but there’s no harm in having a little fun with anonymous statistics. Whenever there’s nothing else to do, rely on these sites to deliver you a constant stream of content every time you reload. Of course, seeing live streams of Internet requires a strong stomach and desensitization that could only come from being a veteran. Newbies beware!

50 Latest Livejournal Pictures
http://ga2so.com/lj.php

Love it or hate it, Livejournal is single-handedly the greatest single repository of emo on the planet. One fateful day, some of their programmers were feeling feisty and set up a system to see the address of the latest image posted in a journal. Other sites found a way to catalog them and serve the result for your viewing pleasure. Every reload shows fifty more horrors representing the current trends in net-culture. The Internet has the same gut reaction to the tame “song lyrics typed over a grayscale photo of someone looking sad” to the “look at my boobs” masked as showing off a new tattoo or piercing. There’s also more “friends only” surveys and “cutesy animated-gif adoption” images than you can shake a camwhore at.

Loading the page once to write this brought forth some Dana Scully wallpaper and a drawing of Bugs Bunny having sex with Elmer Fudd. The sum of everything here should serve as a constant reminder for why you should never date people you meet on Livejournal.

Metaspy
http://www.metaspy.com/

Metacrawler is a search engine, but its creators set up metaspy.com to let you see a live feed of what people are searching for. Right now, someone out there is searching for “toothpaste” and wants to know where to find some really badly because he tried it five times. Another is very hungry and wants “food” four times in a row. Someone else wants “free nude erotic female bodybuilding” while yet another random, unknown person out there is looking for “sex in a can.” Sadly, he will probably find it sooner than he expects. Some sites are selling “horsefeed suppliers.”

Disturbing Auctions
http://disturbingauctions.com/daily/

Ever looked around eBay to see all the horrible crap people are selling? There’s no time like the present to begin the habit. Luckily, others already do the legwork and troll the place daily just to submit links to the most amusing ones for your perusal. People offering their virginity is only the beginning. In fact, that was last month’s news.

This month, the new rage is subtlety as sellers covertly include their privates in the reflections of any metallic objects for sale. Who isn’t more likely to buy a silver teakettle if its photo includes a stealthy wag in the reflection? At press time, you could buy a life-sized cardboard cutout of George Jetson for only $20. Gentlemen, start your bidding!

Random Personal Picture Finder
http://www.diddly.com/random/

If you didn’t already know, Google has an image search at images.google.com. Much fun can be had just by typing in random words and viewing the results. Here, someone found a way to automate the process by searching for common filenames used by digital cameras. It works because people don’t bother to rename their image files before putting them online for their friends, and thus everyone else, to enjoy.

They came from cameras, most pictures found here are a bit tame; random friends, parties, vacation spots, kids, etc. It’s perfect for voyeur-style people watching, but don’t be surprised if the inevitable scat porn creeps in when you least expect it.

Marshmallows, poker games highlight ’cane fun

From I10

pleasures of a hurricane party is a game of No-Limit Texas Hold ’Em. Watch the game on ESPN and hone your skills so, when the time comes, you can take your friends for all they’re worth. Once again, preparation is key. Otherwise, you might find yourself tearing your apart looking for something to double as a stack of poker chips. ‘Cause pocket change just doesn’t cut it.

Some people might have raised an eyebrow at the inclusion of “marshmallows” on the list of essentials, but I ask you: What’s better than roasting marshmallows over an open candle flame when your electricity goes out? Not a damn thing. I have to admit that, in this regard, I was woefully unprepared when it came to Frances. We bought no marshmallows and actually went so far as to call Albertsons on Saturday morning to see if they still had the air tight. No one picked up the phone, of course, but I would have loved to hear their reaction to a marshmallow inquiry. Alas, the marshmallows went unroasted that day. I consider it a lost opportunity.

In the unlikely event that a Category 4 hurricane stalls on the coast and spends two days moving at 1 millimeter an hour, make sure that you have plenty of movies to watch to pass the time. I saw cabin fever claim more than its share of victims this weekend, a cruel reminder of how unfair this world can be. Knocking down our trees and power lines is bad enough, but how are we to hang out at Walmart at 3 a.m. if it’s boarded up? Deriving of our 12-cent black-and-white DVDs? Well, that’s just mean.

Do not watch the news. Things are even worse than you think. Is possible to hang out at Walmart at 3 a.m. if it’s boarded up? Deriving of our 12-cent black-and-white DVDs? Well, that’s just mean.

With luck, we won’t be forced to put our hurricane party skills to use anytime soon, but if we do, it’s important to remember these tips. Stay inside, stay off the roads, keep safe, and while you’re at it, make the best of a bad situation by keeping your spirits high. In the meantime, let’s hope that Ivan steers clear of the Sunshine State. If he doesn’t, well, pass me the marshmallows.
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