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SAGGY PANTS MAY SOON BE DROPPED

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CAB TO HOLD MR. UCF PAGANTE TONIGHT IN THE STUDENT UNION

UCF is bridging the gap between human and computer interactions that may allow computers to adapt to users, instead of users adapting to them.

It’s called augmented cognition, AugCog for short, and it consists of components such as acoustic elements, electric engineering, neuroscience and even psychology.

Denise Nicholson is the director of the Augmented Cognition and Interaction in Immersive Virtual Environments Lab at UCF and has been teaching and training Nicholson since 2000. In 30 years of serving those years to the government and companies, Nicholson is one of the first to adapt to human cognitive as advanced human computer interaction.

Nicholson said, “We want the computer or the system that we’re working with to adapt to the user.”

To achieve this, Nicholson and her team of 20 students use technology that can read heart rate, track eye movements and measure brain activity to create systems that gauge a person’s reaction to a computer system or environment.

In the past, people had to adapt to the changing machines, Nicholson said.

“The difference with augmented cognition is adapting the system and the interactions based on the personal and psychologi­cal state of the user,” she said.

Nicholson also recently developed a system to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of voice disorders in children. A voice disorder can include deviant vocal behavior related to the pitch, loudness and overall quality of a child’s voice.

Nicholson and her team adapted the software into an interactive singing game developed by graduates of the UCF Florida Interactive Entertainment: Animation Academy, to read and measure the tone and pitch of the play­ers’ voices.

In Opera Singer, players sing into a microphone and attempt to match the pitch, tone and duration of the singer’s voice.

“We’ve found that for children, typically boys, who are not compliant with therapy, voice treatments,” said Karen Trifone, a professor in the department of communicative disorders who also worked with Nicholson on the project.

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Gunn has given signs of coming attack

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Deceased professor leaves legacy of caring

Friends remember her warm attitude

LAUREN EDWARDS

UCF lost a pioneer as well as an influence on students and faculty on Oct. 2.

Kim Green was a professor in the School of Social Work. She lived in a hospita­l after surgery on a perfor­ated bowel.

Green began her tenure at UCF in the late 1970s. A native of Atlanta, she earned her PH.D. from Clark Atlanta University.

She was a practicing social worker when she came to UCF. She was an expert in the area of gender.

“She had the unique ability to show stu­dents that they could achieve more than they thought they could,” said Joseph Green, the director of Research and Mon­i­toring at the director of the McNair Scholars pro­gram.

Cheryl Green’s manner drew students and colleagues to her. She was a “tremendously warm person” with a rare sense of humor, Allgood said.

“She was one of the reasons I came to UCF,” Cheryl Green said.

Cheryl Green’s humor put frustrated students at ease. She used daydreaming exercises to break tension and allow levity in stressful situations.

“She was fun and laid back, to the core of class,” said Bonnie Forde, a 2007 graduate from the School of Social Work.

“She was very helpful in any need,” Cheryl Green offered guidance to students in serious situations.

Vision plans axed

CORRINE SCHULER

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Those changes include the elimination of vision insurance and the addition of more provisions like dental options for dental coverage.

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**Author visits UCF for annual event**

**AMANDA PEARY**

The appearance of author Keith Donohue drew hundreds of students to the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union on Tuesday. Donohue's speech was part of the UCF Composition Program's annual event.

Every fall, the English department chooses a new invited for the students to read and then brings in the author to give a lecture.

This year, the event featured Donohue's, *The Stolen Child.*

Donohue's novel tells the story of Harry Day, a 7-year-old who is kidnapped by a group of changelings after he falls asleep in a hollow tree trunk.

The changelings leave another boy in Day's place, and he assumes his identity in the human world.

William Butler Yeats' poem "The Stolen Child" inspired the novel, Donohue said. He told the novel is about going home, written as a meditation on lost childhood.

When Donohue first started writing the novel, he said he didn't think about publishing it. He was just writing the kind of book that he would like to read. "I don't write for anyone else first but myself," Donohue said. "It's hard enough to keep yourself entertained."

Lindsey Owen, co-organizer of the UCF Composition Program and an English instructor said she read a review about The Stolen Child that caught her attention."We loved it," Owen said. "The highlight of the year was to see the man who wrote the book." More than 100 freshman English class sections read Donohue's book, and many students become fans.

"This is probably one of the best school books I've ever read," freshman Erin Stauder said.

Another freshman, Angela Hinck, said, "I didn't think the book would be so deep, I was pleasantly surprised." Donohue began his speech by talking about his goals and the challenges of publishing in general.

"The reason for writing a novel are the same as reasons to read," Donohue said, "It's not to pass a single question, but to raise more questions. It is not to provide simple answers. I want to do that. I want to be a problem maker." Donohue later explained that he incorporated certain aspects of himself into Aidan and Harry Day, the two main characters in the novel.

"I'm not a changeling, don't play the piano and can't speak German," Donohue said. "I've been alive at all. I've felt things that the characters haven't." Despite similarities to people in the real world, Donohue said his characters are completely fictional. "You can only create what you know," he said. "I've known people that like that not based on a specific person." A short question-and-answer session followed Donohue's lecture. "I was so interested," Hinck said. "He was great to read the authors' poems [and] hear the hidden meanings in them."

Professor Max Claxton agreed. "I have read a lot of questions I had about certain meanings," he said. Donohue signed copies of his novel after the lecture.
Turkish officials seek help at UCF

Orlando site for leadership program, seminars on emergencies, crises, gov't

AMANDA PEVRY Contributing Writer

UCF was chosen by the Turkish government to host a leadership program for some of its government officials this year.

"This is historical for us," Naim Kapucu, an assistant professor in the UCF public administration department, said. "This is the first time the Turkish government has sent people outside the U.K."

Kapucu, who also serves as director of the Public Service and Leadership Development Program, said UCF was chosen to sponsor the program based on its location in Orlando and the opportunities the area offers.

Kapucu already has a strong understanding of how Turkey operates because he is Turkish, and he can serve as a key connector to the officials.

"This is wonderful for our reputation in Turkey because those are top officials," he said.

Two groups of six Turkish government officials will be visiting.

The first group comprises inspectors. They arrived in Orlando in July and will stay until December.

Kapucu said they are here "trying to learn tools to apply to their country."

The group is taking extensive English classes, attending seminars and workshops on research projects that were assigned to them by the Turkish government. The topics relate to performance management in government.

The first group, made up of most of the seminars, which range in topic from the U.S. Government System to managing emergencies and crises.

When the group of Turkish officials are ready, they will be guest speakers in some of the public affairs classes.

Chad Hogan, the graduate assistant for the program, is responsible for setting up meetings, training, sessions and visits to local government agencies.

"Mostly I keep schedules and coordinate everyone," Hogan said. "I'm along for the ride."

Besides visiting venues of local government, the group will also go to Washington, D.C., and Tallahassee to see how state and federal governments operate.

The feedback from the officials has been smooth, and they are happy to be here, Kapucu said. "They want to learn tools to apply to their country."

Kapucu said the program is a model, and these officials will be UCF's delegates in their country.

"The Turkish government is paying all the expenses for the program. The officials are staying in apartments close to the campus with their families."

Kapucu said the transition has been smooth, and they are "very happy to be here."

Hogan said, "This is an experience for me as it is for them."
CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Local & State

A county has been named after the Success Tech Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada, after a gunman opened fire, wounding four people before killing himself.

From the Associated Press

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Ethics: It's the Right Thing to Do

The UCF Core Commitments Grant Project is sponsoring the UCF Ethics Bowl for all colleges and majors. Teams are forming in Fall Term 2007 for competitions in Spring Term 2008. Registration deadline: Oct 31, 2007.

Ethics Bowl competition is for all undergraduate majors and undergraduate students of all interests and backgrounds. College and department teams are forming. If you want to participate as a faculty or graduate student team leader for your college or department, or if you are a student who would like more information about ethics bowl competition, please contact us.

Contact: stanicki@mail.ucf.edu or go to ucfethicscommitments.wordpress.com for Team Registration Form

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AugCog improves voice therapy

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"The factors that motivate adult patients aren't completely similar, so our intent for this program is to improve compliance, which may result in saving money for the employees involving further medical or surgical treatment," Edwards said.

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Ten students compete to be CAB’s Mr. UCF

Mr. UCF 2007-2008 Contestants:

- Justin Lang
- Alex Lord
- Josh Blasberg
- Jaime Rodriguez
- Christopher Mielke
- Randy Simone
- Stephen Coddington
- Brandon Wormsder
- Jevhreny Garcia
- Larry Harris

KELDA SENO

UCF students will choose who among them will be their best man at the Mr. UCF contest tonight.

The contest will be judged on both physical appearance and court presence.

Contestants will be judged on a variety of criteria, including their physical appearance, their answers to the final question, and their manner of presentation.

The winner will be Award Winning KELDA YOUNG, the second-place finisher.

The contest will be held at 8 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom. The Mr. UCF contest is sponsored by the Central Florida Future Foundation.

He said that preparing for the contest has been the biggest challenge of this year’s contest. "It takes lots of practice when it comes to doing magic," Simone said.

Along with perfecting his talents, Simone said he has been practicing for what he considers the most memorable moment of the contest: "Booty poppin’!

That’s what I’m going to say. You’ll be able to see it tonight during the opening number.

Simone said that those of us who have been able to see it will be pleasantly surprised by his talent. "You’ll definitely be surprised at what a white boy can do," he said.

Arrested can face banning

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Hot rod

We conducted a search warrant at his house, and based on a review of his computers and the contents of that house, we had to do something about those images found on his laptop, desktop and removable media.

They were taken away from him Oct. 4. His Facebook profile explained the situation on Oct. 5. "Andrew is without a computer ... Call the cell to reach me."

According to the FBI, his charges are possession and distribution.

Hot rod

As his hearing Wednesday, his charges were dismissed.

Cpl. James Roop, the community relations officer for the UCF Police Department, said that anyone who is arrested at the game can be banned from attending any football games at the discretion of the Athletics Department. Those arrested can even be trespass from UCF property altogether.

According to the Central Booking Office, Sparks began to fly from the apartment complex.

A firefighter wraps caution tape around a car outside of the apartments Tuesday.

CAB’s Mr. UCF 2008,

The Mr. UCF contest has proven to be more rewarding as it goes on, said Lord. "It’s been kind of rough because, when it comes to dancing, I’m kind of a perfectionist," Lord said.

He said that the audience will be pleasantly surprised by his talent. "You’ll definitely be surprised at what a white boy can do," he said.

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He is still being held at John E. Polk Correctional Facility in Brandon with no bond set.
Pegasus Landing to heighten security

ASHLEY ROGERS/Correspondent

Pegasus Landing plans to increase security by spending about $500,000 on new safety measures, including gates and cameras.

College Park Communities is collaborating with UCF Police and the UCF Parking Department to upgrade the Pegasus Landing apartment complex. Increased security measures will go into effect near the end of this semester.

Among the planned changes, headed by such groups as the Student Government Association, are cutting down excess vegetation, increasing lighting, adding video cameras, hiring guards on bicycles and on foot, and installing gates with barcode readers.

"UCF is a safe place." SGA Housing and Safety Coordinator Alexander Hamilton said, "I think they just want to work together to make it safer."

Hammond said the estimated cost of the project is $500,000 in one-time expenses and $400,000 in additional expenses.

Mark Matosky, a spokesman for College Park Communities, which owns Pegasus Landing, declined to comment on many details of the new upgrades, including who is paying for them.

"We want to make our property as safe as the other residential properties around us, but that's it," Matosky said.

The current system at Pegasus Landing includes courtesy officers who patrol the grounds 24 hours a day.

Hamilton said UCF police officers suggested ways to increase the security in this housing.

Cpl. James Roop, spokesman for the UCF Police Department, said the PD offered many of the suggestions being implemented, including the installation of the gates.

Two manned gates will be added, with a 24-hour courtesy guard and cameras.

"Residents will have to scan in every time they come and go, so people will be more aware," Roop said.

The security guard system is being provided by the National on Corporate Boulevard that can be opened by pedestrians using a barcode system.

The entrance into Pegasus Landing next to the CVS on McCraugh Road was already closed for safety reasons.

Hammond said he thinks the number of entrances after the number of incidents that happen at Pegasus Landing.

"The other complexes have only one entrance," he said. "I think that's why they haven't had that many issues.

Hamilton said he feels Pegasus Landing's reputation attracts more attention than other communities.

"I think that when occurrences in Pegasus Landing happen, it gets reported more," Hammond said.

Both Pegasus Landing and Pegasus Prime are campus-affiliated housing, which means that the police are swiftly able to report crimes in the complexes to the community, Roop said.

"I think Pegasus Landing only gets such an interest because we have to report the crimes," Roop said.

On Oct. 15 at about 2 a.m., a home invasion occurred at Pegasus Landing. An armed robbery also occurred on Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. The victim knew one of the perpetrators.

According to police reports for 2000, Pegasus Landing was the site of 21 incidents of robbery, more, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. In the past two months, there have been 25 cases on the police activity log, excluding non-crime and traffic incidents.

Roop said that the new system will work, especially with the addition of gates.

"Once the 24-hour security is in, it definitely makes the crime over there," he said. "I think gates will be an effective tool.

Although Roop feels the new system will be helpful, he warns students to inform the police of any suspicious activity they witness.

Hammond said he also feels that the new security measures will greatly help the community.

"It's good they're getting in and doing all of this," he said. "I want to stress, they're doing it for the students."

Vincent Nocera, a 22-year-old finance major who lives in Pegasus Landing, said he didn't mind about having to wear a hooded-proof vest.

"I think we don't really have a choice," he said. "I don't know if we should consider the system we have now.

Nocera said about the security issues during the Pegasus Landing orientation.

Although he said the current system is institutionalized, he doesn't feel the new system will be much help.

"They could do more than getting it," he said. "It's a start."

Nocera said he feels getting the community won't help, because he thinks a lot of the crime is committed by other residents in Pegasus Landing.

Like Hamilton, Nocera said that Pegasus Landing criminals get reported more often than those in other communities.

"They just make fun of us," he said.

Psychology major and Pegasus Landing resident Nick Russo said he thinks there is another reason for the crime in his apartment complex.

"It's the broken window theory," he said. "I think people know they can get away with crimes here."

Russo said he is also disenfranchised with the current system in Pegasus Landing.

"I think the security guards are a waste of money," he said. "I don't even stop when they are out there 'cause I just drive past."

Like Nocera thought, Russo said he feels that the new security system will make a difference.

"I think anything helps," he said. "I think the Gates will act as a good deterrence. I also think they should make the cameras visible so people know they're being watched.

Russo said he believes that he is mostly safe at Pegasus Landing, but he still locks his door every night, just in case.

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UCF will face off against the South Florida Bulls tomorrow. The No. 5 Bulls will be the highest ranked opponent that the Knights will face this season, and victory balls down to USF maintaining control of the USF offense.

"Turnovers happen for three reasons: lack of concentration, poor technique or someone just had a good hit," head coach George O'Leary said. "As much as you gather them on the sidelines and talk to them about it, they fallas, come on, let's get going -- you just can't do those things."

Not only that, but the Bulls have one of the best defenses in the country. Led by Thad Williams, Mike Jenkins and Nate Allen in the secondary, and Ben Moffitt and George Selvie in the front seven, the USF defense is solid. They are ranked sixth nationally in total turnovers. Through its first five games, USF has recovered seven fumbles and intercepted 11 pickoffs.

"Worry about the [cornerbacks]," O'Leary said. "You can protect great rushers, but there's only one way to get off those corners -- the receivers have to walk out there. Anything you have two corners that can play well, you can shut some people down in the.

**Two-way Grothe could plague UCF**

**Brian Murphy**

After Saturday's third-quarter debacle against East Carolina, in which the UCF Football team committed five turnovers, head coach George O'Leary had two routes he could choose from when it came time to prepare the Knights for their next game.

He could either have the Knights try to forget about the five turnovers, seven penalties and what beating East Carolina could have meant to their season. Tomorrow is a new day and another chance to prove themselves is here again.

The Knights will travel to Tampa to face South Florida for their last non-conference game of the season.

The UCF-USF rivalry is upon us again. But this time, the stakes are a little higher.

USF enters the game as the fifth-ranked team in the country with a 5-0 record. On top of that, the Knights clearly have something to prove.

"As a whole, the Bulls' defense is sold. They are 10th in the nation in scoring defense and part of that is due to the havoc that sophomore defensive end George Selvie is creating for opposing offenses this season. Selvie leads the nation with 10 1/2 sacks and 17 1/2 tackles for a loss per game.""
USF will pass game to be more consistent

Brendan Gallaud
Sporting The Style

The University of South Florida Bulls have made a historic start, and they're continuing their game this season. The team is currently ranked higher than at any time. The team is still being evaluated, but they've been making a positive impact on the field.

The Bulls have a great runner on their team in senior Marcus Selvie. He is completing 60 percent of his passes and is a leader for the team. Marcus Selvie has passed for 200 yards and has also added two touchdowns. He is also a leader in the Atlantic Conference games.

Grothe leads the running backs

Grothe, lead Greco on defense

USF Bulls will face Notre Dame in the season opener. It is expected that the Bulls will dominate the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. However, the Irish are expected to pose a challenge.

The game is expected to be close, but the Bulls are favored to win. The game will be played at the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa.

USF will face a tough test in their season opener. The team is looking to prove that they are one of the best teams in the nation. They will be playing against a team that is expected to be a top five team in the nation.

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Men's Soccer falls again

Knights remain winless in C-USA

ZACH PARDEE

The UCF Men's Soccer team remains winless in Conference USA after a 2-0 loss to Florida International University at University Park on Wednesday night in Miami.

The Knights (4-9-2 overall, 0-4-1 in C-USA) had a strong start with a goal in the 15th minute of regulation play. Captain Ryan Roushandel tied a goal with a shot from the outside of the box that found the bottom right corner of the net.

A defensive breakdown allowed FIU 0-8-2, 0-2-1 in C-USA to even the score, however, with just seconds remaining in the half when Freshman Steven Caballero scored the first of his two goals.

Roushandel put UCF back on top when he scored his second goal of the game and seventh of the season in the 58th minute. Senior Cam Jordan was credited with the assist after Roushandel shot the ball directly into goalkeeper Kyle Thomas to the lower right corner of the net.

UCF could not manage to hold the slim advantage for long. FIU sophomore ChristianCaporale tied the game 2-2 a little more than a minute later. A goal in the 93rd minute of regulation by Caballero secured the victory for FIU.

"We played a tough team tonight," head coach Bryan Cunningham said in a press release. "We continued to get our chances but couldn't finish them. FIU was able to capitalize on an opportunity late in the game and hold on for the win."

At the conclusion of the game, the Knights were outshot by the Golden Panthers, 21-14. Cunningham had five saves in goal, while Gaines scored the only UCF goal.

The Knights have a few days to correct their mistakes, and will try to break their current four-match losing streak when they host Kentucky on Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Regal sequel a lush ploy for awards

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

In Elizabeth: The Golden Age, Queen Elizabeth (Cate Blanchett, reprising her Oscar-nominated role) is one busy gal. She can't decide: whether to retain the title of the Virgin Queen to the admiration of many or to produce an heir before time runs out.

Sure, religious zealot King Philip II of Spain (Jordi Molla) is on the brink of a holy war with England, but when it comes to the flirtations of cocky explorer Sir Walter Raleigh (Oliver Owen), that pesky Spanish Armada can stand to wait.

And so it goes. A love triangle between Her seemingly bipolar Majesty, Raleigh, and one of the queen's gal pals (Abbie Cornish) takes priority over the machinations of King Phillip and Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots (Samantha Morton), not to mention the disconcertingly brief inclusion of the culminating Armada attack itself.

Director Shekhar Kapur (1998's Elizabeth) has taken things in a more elaborate direction production-wise, even to a somewhat distracting degree, as some scenes are simply to show off the more extravagant costume designs.

For all its plot and pretty touches, the entire endeavor can't help but come off as an aloof bait.

Opening in theaters everywhere today.

PLEASE SEE SPORTS ON A 13
**BOW DOWN TO SHARON JONES, MASTER OF SOUL**

If you've already heard the new Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings album, don't be all excited. No one has seen the machine that actually works yet.

The new album, 100 Days 100 Nights, is in fact recent, though you'd never guess that from its solid, soulful makeup. The release pushes the boundaries of traditional R&B and rock into the edge of a funk-fortified cliff.

Jones and the band have jumped in line with a list of contemporary artists who actually works yet.

Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings

**100 Days 100 Nights**

Label: Daptone Records

Available Now

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**PLAID'S PATTERNED HISTORY**

Tartans, the official names given to kilts with a plaid pattern, is associated the world over with the highlands of Scotland. Tartans can be woven from many colors, and it was originally a sort of uniform and the distinguishing feature of many clans and islands of Scotland.

Although plaids are available in an array of clothing today, the very first form of tartan is nothing like its modern day counterpart. It was a type of skirt that added just a touch of the, known as kilt in Glesca.

In later years, brightly colored kilts were incorporated into the kilt to indicate the wearer's rank.

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**THE TUBE**

**FEBRUARY 12**

7 p.m. ABC, U.K. Night Lights

The story of channel king way

changes. Daily now is the mother of a newborn seen in all the UK.

The boy's name, and maybe we'll be celebrating a year of CF.

**FEBRUARY 12**

8 p.m. CBS, Alibi Mystery

Bag Man

Nurse finds a body, but it's not her husband.

**FEBRUARY 12**

10 p.m. Fox, American Crime Story

OJ Simpson

The story of how one man tried to save the man he loved.

**FEBRUARY 12**

12:30 p.m. CNN, America's_references

Ralph Nader

Ralph Nader's contribution to the making of a new man.

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**FEBRUARY 13**

7 p.m. ABC, Beauty and the Beast

For one of the most romantic and beloved new leads, at its Beauty and the Beast.

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**FEBRUARY 13**

7:30 p.m. NBC, Saturday Night Live

Steve Carell

with the element of melody to her sound.

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**FEBRUARY 13**

10 p.m. ABC, Scandal

Olivia Pope

The woman who changes the politics of Washington.

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**FEBRUARY 14**

8 p.m. ABC, Grey's Anatomy

Dr. Derek Shepherd

The man who has the heart of a giant.

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**FEBRUARY 14**

7:30 p.m. ABC, The Bachelor

Women try to win the heart of a man.

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**FEBRUARY 14**

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**FEBRUARY 16**

8 p.m. ABC, Scandal

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**FEBRUARY 16**

9 p.m. ABC, The Bachelor

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**FEBRUARY 17**

8 p.m. ABC, Scandal

Olivia Pope

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**SPORTS, ROMANCE, ACTORS TO OPEN**

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The Final Season | Director: David M. Evans

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As an American as apple pie and as bland as the diet vanilla ice cream on top, this true-life baseball drama doesn't stint on a mark as an Iowa high school baseball movie seeks to win the twentififth state championship before clinging for gold.

The kids have nothing better to do than play, so they're good, damn good. The town has something better to do but watch, so they're proud as can be.

The all-star cast includes Pacey Bodeen and Sean Astin get out as many nuggets of wisdom as any other married couple. Apparently, having a girl friend is optional, much in the same way that choosing regular friends is optional. I knew this truly is stay-at-home material.

With this knowledge in mind, I began a new approach to integrating these relationships.

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**THE DRYER SIDE**

Learning the hard way that grammar isn't sexy

**GRANT LOWNDES**

**Gardening Columnist**

It's hard to get back in "The Game." Do the kids still call it that? Whatever.

I'm telling The Game, and I've been trying to get back into it.

The game I'm referring to is the dating game, and after my brush with the romantic comedy genre, I'm proving to be a difficult choice to rebound.

At one point, nearly six months ago, my girlfriend of two years and I split on amiable terms. Of course, "amiable terms" is a relative term. We didn't participate in any dramatic flash-point scene as if the first time we joked, "We're better off as friends." Rather we simply respected one another's emotions.

But despite our two-year hiatus, I attacked the scenario with and end result. I had just taken a positive and necessary step by beginning a change in my life with the breakup, and this confirmed me with the confidence of a seasoned leader.

I was Grant Lowdes, master of grammar and syntax. All I had a few candles, burnt out my favorites and took to ground on your latest composition. Who wouldn't want that?

That's sexy.

However, considering the fact that my experience with The Game was two years removed and relegated to the bygone era of high school, perhaps I should have showered my newly found sense of grammar-based machismo with the confidence of a true Cammessa, but I had the swagger and smoothness of a woodwicking bend. No wonder when I asked her, if a lady didn't get the joke in that last paragraph, I would scold her and called her a parochial Polynesian.

"No, you're the worst elements of indie cinema today, Ira Astin's participation as the King of California, Ira Astin spit and as bland as the sugar-free diet vanilla ice cream on top.

**SPORTS, ROMANCE, ACTION TITLES TO OPEN**

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Carrabba's Confessional

Chris Carrabba, the man behind Dashboard Confessional, perfoms 5:1 or the first of two consecutive nights at House of Blues. The last time the Orlando native was here was in 1997, which corresponds with the new album, "The Shade of Blue," that has fans singing along to his new songs made the hair on the back of his neck stand up.

Carrabba later wrote on his acoustic tour in five years, which corresponds with his new album, "The Shade of Blue." Carrabba's fans sing along to his new songs made the hair on the back of his neck stand up.

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