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Repent, ye sinners...



Jim Ferguson/Contributing photographer

Brother Rick Warzawak preaches on the Green earlier this week. The former high school science teacher said he is trying to convince students to repent.

Illegal immigrants take advantage of taxpayers, political consultant says

□ But denying benefits to children of illegal immigrants is hurtful and racist, protesters say.

by OMAR DAJANI
Staff writer

About 30 people gathered at Vivaldi's restaurant in downtown Orlando Tuesday to begin the process of creating Florida's own Proposition 187. The group, which included representatives of several immigration control organizations, appeared ready and willing to immediately begin the long journey of placing the yet unnamed initiative on the ballot for the 1996 elections.

The event was organized by Doug Goetzloe, an Orlando-based political consultant who worked for the pro-Casino initiative and against the gill-net ban during last November's elections. Goetzloe has not been hired to manage the Florida campaign, but it is likely that his firm, Advantage Consultants, will be directly involved in the day-to-day operations once a committee is officially formed.

As the meeting took place, about 40 protesters gathered at the

door of the restaurant, carrying banners condemning Proposition 187, a measure passed by a nearly 2-to-1 margin last year in California that would deny illegal aliens welfare and education benefits. They vowed to fight any similar move in Florida.

"If something similar to Proposition 187 will happen here in Florida, that will result in a lot of discrimination against all Hispanics in the United States," said Tirso Moreno, general coordinator of the Farmer's Association of Florida, a labor union that opposes any initiatives similar to Proposition 187. Many people who opposed Proposition 187 argue that such an initiative creates racial tensions, poisons the political atmosphere, and in the end does not serve its intended purpose.

"Denying any children medical or educational benefits will have a severe negative impact on them as they reach adulthood," Moreno continued. California-based anti-187 groups were consulting him and his coalition on strategies to oppose a similar Florida initiative, he said.

"We are starting early in building coalitions to oppose [a similar proposition in Florida]. In California,

they started too late and didn't have enough time to get the message out on the real dangers of Proposition 187," Moreno said.

"The real issue is that people are coming in to the U.S. illegally and then receiving taxpayer funded services while thousands of Americans are denied benefits," said Bob Kiley, who currently heads a public affairs firm in Yorba Linda, California. He added that "it is not an issue of race, but a matter of principal."

"We essentially have open borders," said Ted Phillips, an Orlando resident who attended the meeting as a supporter of a possible Florida initiative. "All other countries have very tight immigration laws, and it's time to put an end to our liberal immigration system," he added.

To put a similar initiative on the ballot would require 430,000 signatures, which Goetzloe estimates would cost about \$2 million to gather. Additionally, the language of the proposition would have to be approved by the Florida Supreme Court. The committee that will head the effort will be created in the next few weeks.

Proposition 187 is currently under review by a Federal judge.

MENSA newsletter sparks outrage over plan for homeless

□ High IQ group also says killing of Jews in Holocaust was not Hitler's greatest offense.

Reuters

LOS ANGELES - Articles in a newsletter published by the Los Angeles chapter of the high-IQ society Mensa have sparked outrage by appearing to advocate the extermination of the homeless, the mentally retarded, the old and the infirm.

The publication, whose readership is made up of those with IQs in the top two percent of the population, has caused a furor with such statements as: "Those people who are so mentally defective that they cannot live in society should, as soon as they are identified as defective, be humanely dispatched."

In another article, Jason Brent, an attorney and Mensa

member, contended that Adolf Hitler's greatest offense was not the killing of six million Jews in the Nazi Holocaust but "the fact that his actions prevent a rational discussion of the creation of the master race."

Some members of Mensa, a private group that only admits those with IQ's above 132, have accused the writers of the controversial articles of promoting fascist views.

But Brent defended his writings Tuesday in an interview with Reuters, saying his comments were only "half serious and half tongue-in-cheek" and that he was trying to provoke debate.

Newsletter editor Nikki Frey said she saw nothing wrong with publishing the articles, telling the *Los Angeles Times*, "I would not print anything I thought was truly harmful or offensive."

"I didn't think it was harmful; I don't think its even that offensive," she said. "Nobody

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FTU to start law school in Orlando

by KATIE JONES
Managing editor

Law school is coming to Central Florida, but it won't be at UCF.

Florida Technical University, the newest university recognized by the Florida State Department of Education, will establish Central Florida's first law school, and will offer graduate degrees in business and education.

FTU President Dr. Neil Euliano said that the new law school will be the only one within a 100-mile radius of Orlando.

"As far as the law school is

concerned, we're just about ready to roll," he said.

"Lawyers on our faculty have drafted a competitive curriculum, complete with course de-

already cover our M.A., M.B.A., and Ph.D. programs," he added.

Although FTU's new programs will offer degrees that can also be found at UCF, its impact on UCF should be minimal.

Dr. John Middleton, Associate Dean for UCF's Department of Education, said that although there may be some competition with FTU's education program, he doesn't expect any enrollment decline in UCF's program.

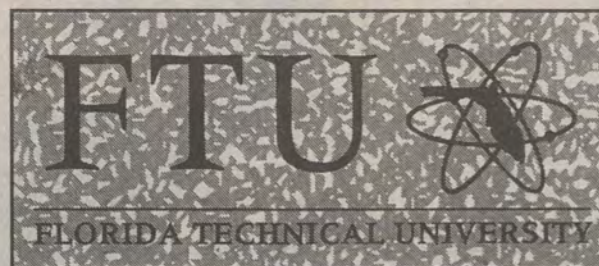
"It's hard to tell how it will affect graduate programs at the University of Central Florida, but I can say that our graduate enrollment has been increasing and we cer-

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photo/ARMANDO SOLARES

Officials, including FTU President Dr. Neil Euliano (second from left) dig into the ground at FTU's groundbreaking.



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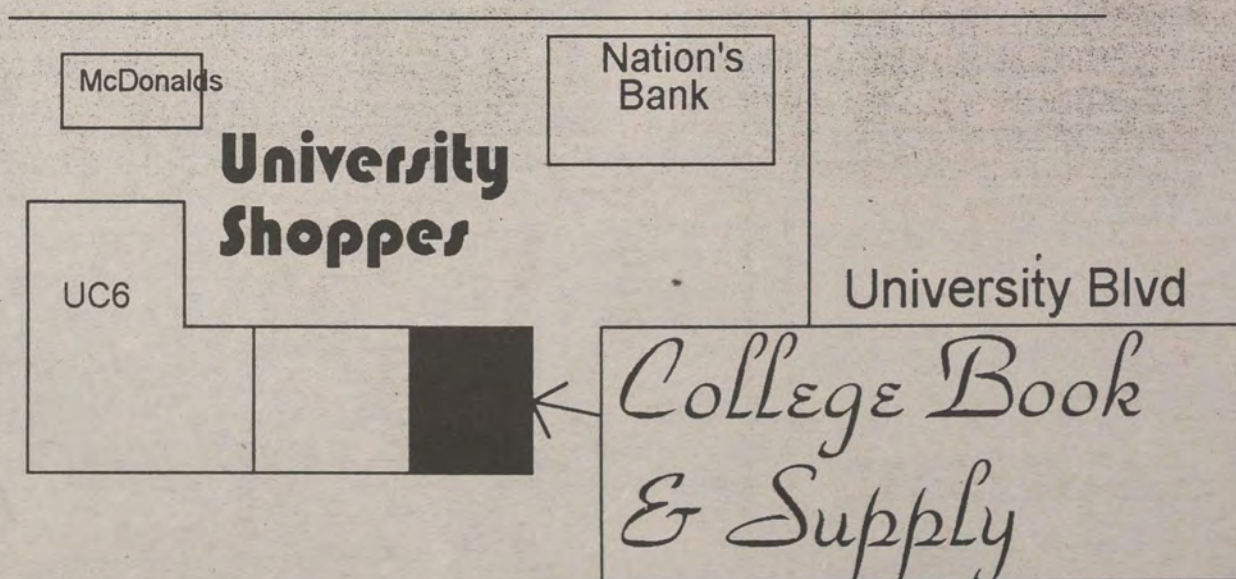
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National News



NY city passes tough non-smoking act

Reuters

NEW YORK - New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani Tuesday signed into law one of the country's toughest anti-smoking bills and deflected criticism that it would damage business in the city.

The law banning smoking in workplaces, most public places, including open-air sports stadiums, and restaurants with more than 30 seats, was approved by the City Council on Dec. 21, 1994, despite hints by tobacco industry giant Philip Morris that it would consider leaving its New York headquarters.

Other cities have tough smoking restrictions in restaurants and offices, but opponents say the provisions on smoking outdoors make the New York City law

stricter.

Groups such as the United Restaurant, Hotel, Tavern Association and the National Smokers Alliance challenged the bill right up to Tuesday's signing by Giuliani, which was expected. The Mayor held public hearings on the bill Tuesday.

"Smoking jeopardizes, in a significant way, the rights of other people," the Mayor said. "It is not just what you are doing to yourself but it is what you are doing to the people around you."

Giuliani said that for that reason he did not see any inconsistency with his beliefs in business and less government when the government could protect people.

"...We cannot allow people in restaurants or anyplace else to assault people, to assault them

physically or to assault them in a way that makes it more likely that their health is going to deteriorate and they're going to die," he said.

Restaurateurs had told the City Council that the smoking ban would reduce their revenues and a German smokers group, citing the large number of German tourists who visit New York, threatened to boycott the city if the law passed.

NHL players, owners reach deal to save the season

Reuters

NEW YORK - The NHL Players' Association agreed Wednesday to contract terms with the club owners, in a move that appears to save the season from cancellation, according to union president Mark Gartner.

However, ratification by the players union membership is still needed to clinch a deal. There are roughly 700 players in the union, officials said.

"I imagine there will be a vote in the neighborhood of tomorrow morning," said Los Angeles Kings player representative Marty McSorley.

"The players may vote it down, and if we vote it down we'll have a lot of work ahead of us,"

McSorley said.

The latest revision proposed by the owners followed a marathon bargaining session between NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and union head Bob Goodenow.

Details of the contract were not disclosed.

The season was scheduled to begin October 1, but was postponed until October 15 in hopes that both sides could make progress towards reaching a new bargaining agreement.

The league extended the lock-out due to a lack of progress.

The lockout is the longest work stoppage in hockey history, easily surpassing the 10-day players' strike in 1992.

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At Theatres Soon



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Casey Joung, a junior majoring in computer science, climbs up a Velcro wall at the "Fly on the Wall" display at the Jeep/Eagle Health and Fitness Tour. Students could put on a Velcro-covered jumpsuit, jump on a spring-loaded platform and jump onto the giant wall of Velcro. The event was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Population control debate leads to suggestions of killing weak

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wants to have a deformed child."

But her views were not shared by all of the 2,000 chapter members. Mensa admits only those with IQ's over 132.

Some local members wrote letters, called to complain and even attended a board meeting to protest the articles in the November issue of the newsletter, which is called "Lament."

In his article, Brent — a resident of Tehachapi, a rural town about 50 miles north of Los Angeles — suggested that Hitler's actions had the unfortunate consequence of spoiling the concept of a master race.

He further suggested that "society must face the concept that we kill off the old, weak, the stupid and the inefficient."

But Brent told Reuters, "I was trying to start a debate within Mensa about the need for population control and how we allocate scarce resources," he said.

"We're already killing people everyday," he said. "If a child in New York needs kidney dialysis, he gets it. But if that child is in Zimbabwe or Gabon, he's dead."

Brent, who says he is Jew-

ish and lost dozens of relatives in the Holocaust, said his comments about Hitler in his article were intended "to get people thinking."

"I'm ready to take my lumps," he said. "But when you're considering the survival of the species, the fact that someone killed six million or 20 million people pales by comparison."

Another article written by Jon Evans, stated that "the vast majority (of homeless people) are too stupid, too lazy, too crazy, or too anti-social to earn a living."

Most of the homeless "should be done away with, like abandoned kittens," Evans wrote. Of the infirm he wrote, "A piece of meat in the shape of a man but without a mind is not a human being..."

The newsletter's puzzle editor, whose stepchild has Down's Syndrome, wrote a letter in the December issue in which he threatened to quit unless an apology was printed and the policy allowing the printing of "hate articles" was retracted.

Bruce Kent, publications officer and board member of American Mensa Ltd., the chapter's parent group, told the Times the group's publication guidelines deplore "hate material."

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tainly are happy that we are able to serve the surrounding communities," he said.

FTU had its ground-breaking ceremony Wednesday, for a 20-acre Central Florida campus, just minutes from UCF on Colonial Drive, east of State Road 436. The campus is slated to open in September for the Fall term of 1995.

The new campus, with \$5 million facilities, will initially include a multi-level administration building, a learning resources building, a computer science building and a graduate studies/library building, totaling over 40,000 square feet.

The UCF Arena is 87,000 square feet, so the expanded FTU campus will still pale in size to UCF.

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January 12, 1995

Dear Students,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break, and is ready to come back and work hard in your field of study. Since I am more than halfway through my term, I wanted to update you on a few things. Many of my objectives have been accomplished and incorporated into our University environment. In the weeks to come I will be publishing the achievements and other projects that Student Government has accomplished.

At The University of Central Florida, the Student Government Association provides many services, facilities, and activities in which students may participate. I want to encourage everyone to sample some of the opportunities that SGA provides. These are provided through the activity and service fee that each student pays in their tuition. If you aren't sure of the services, facilities, and activities offered, please stop by the SGA offices to pick up information in the Student Center room 155.

Student Government is also your voice on campus. We are here to act as your advocate in matters that are of importance. If there is any time where you want some idea you have to be heard just come by and talk to me. I'm here to serve you! Once again, good luck this year in all you want to accomplish. Always remember, Student Government Association is all about you!!!

Your friend and representative,

Darin Patton
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'Sesame Street' set for redevelopment in Republican's contract

Sunny days are growing quickly darker around *Sesame Street*, as the shadow of a right-wing storm of Republican spending cuts looms over it. In their zeal to reform the federal government and finally to pass a balanced budget amendment, Republicans have expressed their goals to begin slashing away at "unnecessary" elements, such as the National Endowment for the Arts, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and National Public Radio.

Last week, on the *700 Club*, Pat Robertson's platform for preaching his own political agenda under the guise of "Christianity," Robertson stated that those organizations were just for the rich, anyway. In a way, he's probably right. After all, that money for art and public education just went into the pockets of those huge television moguls like Mr. Snuffleupagus and Elmo.

As everyone knows, not only does art emasculate strong young men in their development years, but it also drives them to all sorts of horrible, impure thoughts. Certainly, thinking is not something anyone in government would want to encourage.

In regards to public television, how could this atrocity have continued for so long anyway? The last thing Our Heavenly Father would have wanted was for children to actually learn how to count to 10 or what words use the letter "s." In fact, an excellent argument could probably be made for the direct connection between the slow eroding of American society and the slovenly antics of Oscar the grouch, who preached morals of sloth and slovenliness.

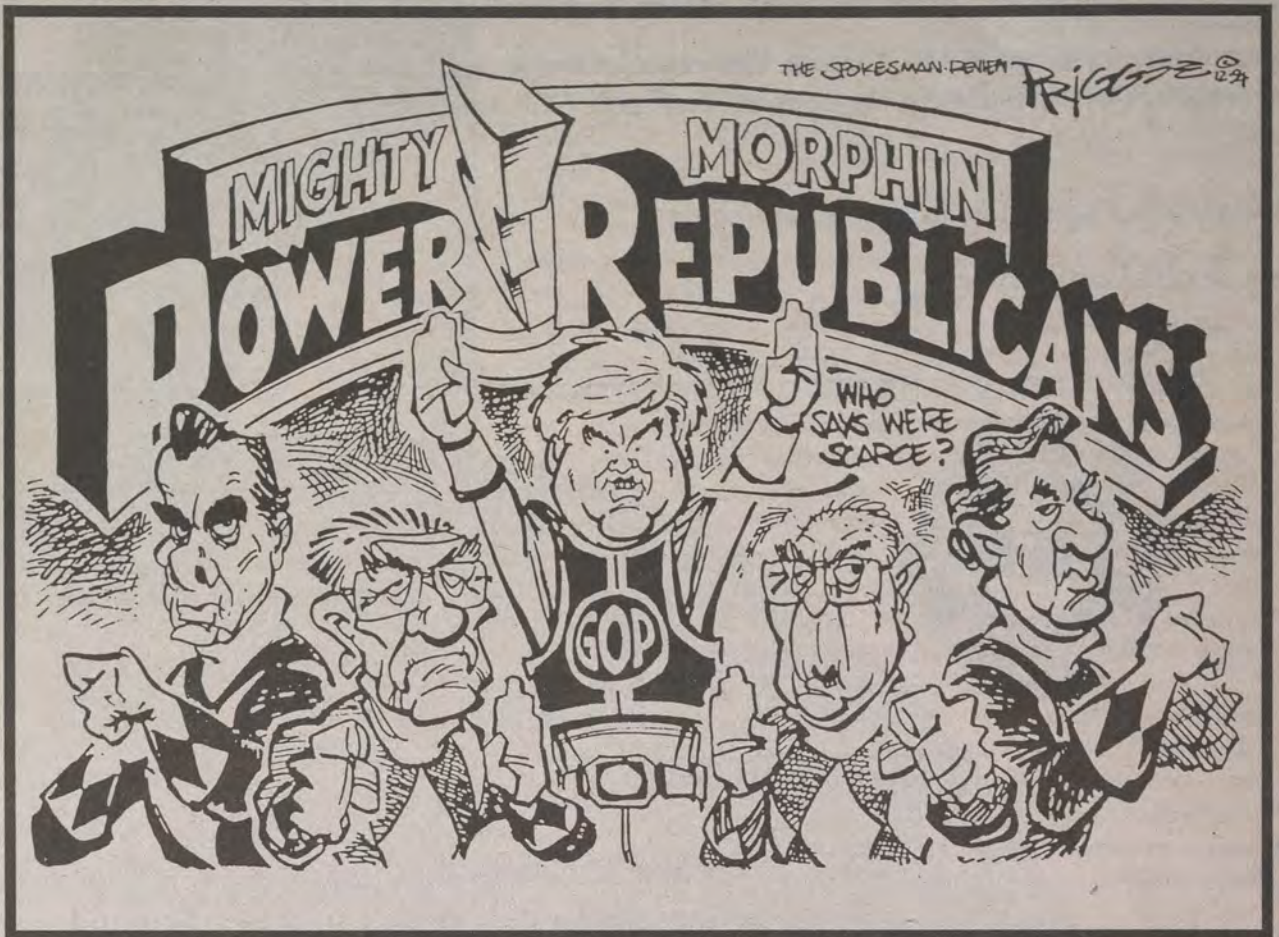
Thank God for people like Pat Robertson, who not only has the strength to stand up against such works of the devil as *Ghost Writer* and *Reading Rainbow*, but who also strives to educate the masses while preaching the beliefs of trickle-down economics and Congressional term limits.

As long as there are those mindless masses out there who believe everything that is told to them by the "God TV," the battle will rage on: Free will versus religious morality; cuts for band and orchestra to pay for new football uniforms; women's right to choose versus gun control.

It's been 40 years since the Republicans took control of the Congress. Let's see how much damage they can do in two years. Enjoy *Sesame Street* while it's still out there. If the Republicans have anything to say, it will probably turn into another C-Span, or even yet, another Christian Broadcasting Network. Maybe some odd sort of hybrid, that half the time shows an empty House of Representatives while the other half preaches for whom to vote and what bills are best for the salvation of this poor, poor country.

This article brought to you by the letter "c" and the number "7."

Chad Brunner
Opinion editor



Cal Thomas vs. Calvin and Hobbes: Morality, tolerance and stuffed tigers on U.S. campuses

After the demise of Gary Larson's *The Far Side*, I lamented over a reason to turn to the funny pages. I was very relieved to hear that just a Larson was leaving, Bill Waterson was returning with *Calvin and Hobbes*.

I particularly enjoyed last Monday's strip in which Calvin explains to Hobbes his disdain for New Year's resolutions: "In order to improve oneself, one must have some idea of what's 'good.' That implies certain values. But as we all know, values are relative. Every system of belief is equally valid, and we need to tolerate diversity. Virtue isn't 'better' than vice. It's just different. I refuse to be victimized by notions of virtuous behavior."

On the same day, *The Orlando Sentinel's* editorial page ran a column from Cal Thomas titled "Ups, Downs at U.S. Universities." He detailed the results of a survey that reflects what he believes to be a growing tide of amorality on college campuses all across the U.S.

It may not surprise many of you to know that 56 percent of the respondents said that right and wrong are matters of personal opinion, while only 38 percent said that there are absolute standards for behavior. (So that's why *Calvin and Hobbes* is so popular among college students!)

Anyone who is familiar with Thomas' writing knows what kind of absolute standard of behavior he advocates: Religion. He asks, "[W]hat good does it do to study theology if the student [has no] higher authority than his own mind[?]"

What has happened? Just over 50 years ago, the poet W.H. Auden predicted that "reason will be replaced by Revelation... Knowledge will degenerate into a riot of subjective visions — feelings in the solar plexus induced by undernourishment, angelic images generated by fever or drugs, dream warnings inspired by the sound of falling water."

It's funny that Thomas should choose religion as his standard of behavior when it does not even to profess to acknowledge reality as any standard for determining anything. He implies that in order to be moral, one must look beyond one's own mind, and that man cannot be moral if he depends upon his own judgement.

But let's face it: Philosophy instructors are teaching

Bob Vogel
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their students that they cannot depend on God while they cannot even depend on their own minds, and that they must be infinitely accommodating if they are to reach true enlightenment.

College students have always been skeptical of religion (as they should) but become confused when all other alternatives are equally condemned by those who teach by example that the road to enlightenment is paved with cynicism and disappointment. College students (for the most part) are turned off by morality because they have been taught that religion has a monopoly on it.

Students in their formative years are questioning, so they don't quite know how to react when someone asks, "You believe in God, don't you?" I believe the No. 1 answer would be, "Uh, I dunno," or "Sure, but ...

[INSERT TOKEN PROTEST]."

If they can get you to say the former, then they'll convert you. If you say the latter, they have succeeded in getting you to agree to their basic premise and can therefore do whatever they please.

So don't be surprised to see an Constitutional amendment allowing school prayer. Because while the 56 percent of you who say that morality is all subjective outnumber the 36 percent who say otherwise, the sad fact is that they are rock and you are slush.

My predicament is this: I consider myself to be very conservative except for the fact that I do not believe in God, and (get this) I think it matters. I agree with Thomas in that the problem facing America is moral, but moral reality must first pass through the eyes before it finds its way to the heart. Reality is the single absolute that is available to anyone that can see and, more importantly, think.

But for those of you who are "cognitively disadvantaged," just listen to Hobbes. His reply to Calvin's moral subjectivism was, "I don't know if I can tolerate that much tolerance."

Students...don't quite know how to react when someone asks, "You believe in God, don't you?"

Well, the semester's just starting, and once again we're looking for opinion writers. Drop off a column and a resume in the University Shoppes next to the UC 7, or just fax it to us at 823-9495.

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Being a hero means never having to be responsible for one's actions

Why is it that the rules and regulations that apply to ordinary people don't seem to apply to the celebrities or "heroes," if you will? A better question, perhaps, is why do we as a society condone this special treatment and even encourage it?

Two recent examples of this are the incidents involving Orlando Magic basketball player Anthony Avent and Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall, the military pilot who crashed in a U.S. military helicopter over North Korea last month.

On Dec. 31, at about 5:30 a.m., Anthony Avent walked into Sand Lake Hospital and received treatment for knife wounds. Officials at the hospital called the police. Avent told officers that three white men attacked him at about 3:30 a.m. as he was retrieving his car on Church Street, west of I-4. The men supposedly attacked Avent because he was rude. According to *The Orlando Sentinel*, the police had their doubts about Avent's story.

Surprise, surprise, surprise! Avent finally admitted on Friday that he lied to the police about the attack. He was apparently stabbed by a friend (?) in Avent's house. To protect that person from prosecution, Avent decided to fabricate a story about anonymous attackers, figuring that it was an easy way to deal with the situation. According to Avent, "... In my heart, I felt what I did was right. My intentions and heart were in the right place." What a load of crap.

Avent lied to the police, refused to cooperate with an investigation and filed a false report. Is he going to be held responsible for it? Of course he isn't. The official line, according to police spokesman Sgt. Mike Holloway, is that people lie to officers regularly, but police file charges only if the lies hurt someone or a lot of time is spent investigating. Well, what is the definition of "a lot of time?" This explanation just doesn't wash.

Dan Griffin EVERYTHING IN MODERATION

Most likely, we're dealing with a case of starstruck police who can't see prosecuting one of the "heroes" of the Orlando Magic. They probably figured that the public backlash from such a prosecution wouldn't be worth it. You can also bet that Rich DeVos, owner of the Magic, had more than a little influence in this case. Wouldn't be good for the team image, y'know.

Don't count on the Magic disciplining Avent either. Team officials have expressed support for Avent. After all, when it's their turn to break the law, they want to be able to get away with it, too.

Sure, Avent was a victim, but he's supposedly a role model to our children. What type of message is being conveyed here? That it's okay to lie to the police because

everyone does it? That being a celebrity means never having to say you're sorry? Not only does Avent need to be charged by the police with at least filing a false report, but the Orlando Magic need to discipline him as well. By encouraging this behavior, all

the parties involved are sending out the message that it's okay to lie if your heart is in the right place. What a wonderful message to be sending to our kids.

Speaking of which, a celebration was held last Saturday in Brooksville in honor of Bobby Hall. Hall is the army helicopter pilot who was held in North Korea for 13 days after crashing there. Tell me, why is this coward and

disgrace to America being honored as a hero?

What did Hall do that was so heroic? Let's see. He crashed his helicopter behind enemy lines killing his co-pilot David Hilemon. He got lost on a "training mission." He signed a statement selling out his country after four days of intense arguments with his captors. Does this make Bobby Hall a hero? No, it makes him a gutless, spineless wimp. Bobby Hall is an embarrassment to the army and the

country that he serves. His actions should get him a dishonorable discharge and other military discipline, but no. He gets picnic, parades and a commendation from President Clinton.

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Why?

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I don't know that any of this should surprise me, though. We adore wife beaters and murderers like O.J. Simpson. We condone violence in the name of religion. (Paul Hill and John Salvi, please stand up.) Where have our values gone? Next thing you know, and elected official like the Speaker of the House will be calling the First Lady a bitch, and people will be on the Speaker's side. Nah, that would never happen.

...we're dealing with a case of star-struck police who can't see prosecuting one of the 'heroes' of the Magic.

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A word with Frente!

FEATURES

by JIM MARTIN
Staff writer

When thinking about Australia, what comes to mind? Fosters lager, kangaroos, Crocodile Dundee? One hardly stops to think about some of the music that is exported from the Outback. Bands like Men at Work and INXS have made their mark in the States, but have not opened the floodgates for other Australian bands to follow on their coattails. Although not receiving any help, Frente! has managed to break into the American spotlight.

The band scored big with its acoustic cover of New Order's classic "Bizarre Love Triangle." Frente! did not intend to make it big on New Order's accord; actually their first single was "Labour of Love" from the *Labour of Love* E.P. and their debut longplayer *Marvin the Album*. "Bizarre Love Triangle" was more or less an accident. San Francisco radio station KITS put it on their play list, and the rest is pretty much history.

I spoke to Simon Austin and Angie Hart, the creative forces behind Frente! about their success and what they wanted from that success.

The conception of Frente! came about in a Melbourne bar. Austin was the bar tender and actually kicked the underage Hart out a few times. When he started up the band, he asked his friend if she knew anyone that sang. She recommended her sister, Angie, the same girl he

had thrown out of his bar.

"It's made me more confident and given me direction," Angie commented about her adolescent beginnings in Frente!.

Angie grew up in the environment of a Christian commune. This sheltering from the monumental

changes that took place in '80s allows Hart to take a more innocent and romantic look at today's society.

I asked them about the lack of Australian music that hits America. Austin replied, "It seems as if the American scene is bubbling over with new music...There isn't even anything

coming out of England right now." With their current success in the United States, I wondered how they were perceived in their native Australia. They said that they were "middle ranked" in Australia, but "Now that things are going well, we are gaining respect."

Although Frente! is a strictly pop-oriented band, there are clear influences of jazz. Some of their more well-known jazz influences include Billie Holiday, John Coltrane and Miles Davis.

Due to the acoustic nature of their music, I was curious to whether they would incorporate a more bluesy feel or an electric edge. Both Hart and Austin declined on the electric portion. Hart had to correct Austin when he said he didn't want to explore the blues, however — so look for that on Frente!'s next album. They do not have plans to record anytime soon, as they are taking "a holiday" after this round of touring. Look for a new album next summer.

Frente! may have not have won the hearts of every American, but it seems like they are on their way. Touring with bands like the Violent Femmes, they are quickly becoming more recognized. Look for Frente! in your local record store or on tour.



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Everyone from the big man, Sly, to the really cool New York bartender, Bruce Willis, showed for Planet Hollywood's grand opening last month. Wait times at the restaurant still average two to three hours.

Shrine to Elvis blamed for Texas blaze

Reuters

AUSTIN, Texas - Elvis has left the candles burning.

Candles left burning on a shrine to Elvis Presley are being blamed for a fire at a popular Austin nightspot, Pearl's Oyster Bar, which caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage.

Austin fire department officials said Tuesday the Monday blaze was

caused by candles burning on an altar to Elvis in the bar area.

The altar, decorated with candles, news clippings, photographs, a doughnut and a bottle of Jack Daniels whisky, was erected Sunday in the nightclub and restaurant in honor of the King of Rock and Roll's 60th birthday.

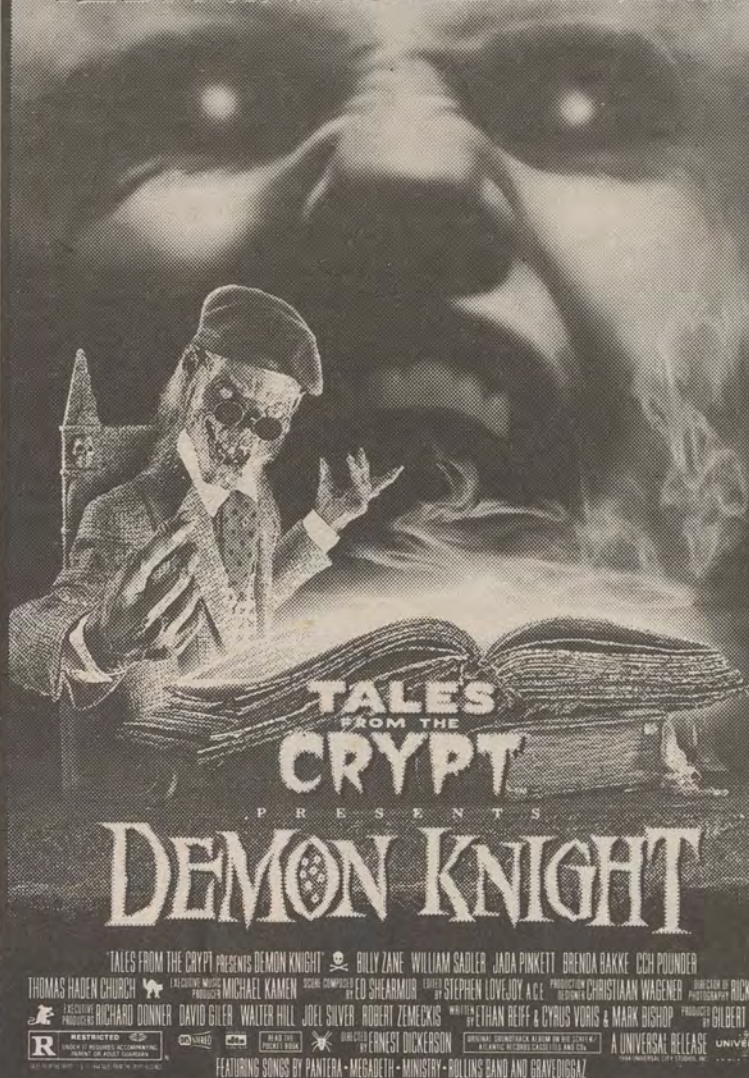
"They had sheets draped and quite an elaborate setup," fire de-

partment spokeswoman Cathy Brandewie said. "Nobody saw exactly what the candles set fire to, but literally fuel was added to the fire when nearby cans of Sterno caught fire," Brandewie said.

Pearl's is well known for its Elvis birthday celebrations, Brandewie said. Last year, the nightclub set up a junk food buffet table in the bar in Presley's honor.

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'Learning' needs a few lessons

Higher Learning
★★ 1/2 (out of 4)
Rated R

by **DEREK KRAUSE**
Flick critic

John Singleton's last film, *Poetic Justice*, starred Janet Jackson and Taupac Shakur. If I'm not mistaken, their primary talent is singing, not acting — the reason for *Poetic*'s failure.

Disappointed with Singleton's second effort, I was glad to see *Billboard*'s Top-10 artists weren't starring in his most recent film, *Higher Learning* (which opens today).

Unlike *Poetic*, Singleton hired real actors and brought along the usual controversy along with Ice Cube (who is only vocalist I would even consider delegating the title of actor to) — two pieces that helped formulate the success of Singleton's directing debut, *Boyz n the Hood*. This time, though, the action comes to the college campus, instead of Compton.

The campus at Columbus University is the backdrop for *Higher Learning*, where two students, Malik (Omar Epps — *The Program*) and Remy (Michael Rapaport-*Zebrahead*), deal with the pressures of school, work, leisure and what brings them involuntarily together — racism.

As their relationship burns, other characters come into the picture, namely Malik's professor, Laurence Fishburne (*Deep Cover*), his friend,

Ice Cube (*Trespass*), his girlfriend, Tyra Banks (the newest model turned actress), and on the white side, Kristy Swanson (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) and Jennifer Connelly (*Career Opportunities*) provide the racial balance in the film. This balance would have been better left out, like it was in *Boyz n the Hood*.

Although it turns out to be a moving film with an elite social message about our world, *Higher Learning* wasn't exactly the most perfectly



Film Boy
Derek Krause

created film.

Although intriguing, *Learning* has a few problems, mainly juicy and pointless scenes, wasted characters and unimportant situations. With about 10 major stars acting in a span of two hours, the difficulty of bringing purpose to each one of their roles is impossible. Thus, we see a scrambled and desperate attempt to tie in about five of six different messages into one film: Everything from rape, alcoholism, lesbianism, racism and reverse racism. And after awhile it all be-

comes a bit annoying.

Although Ice Cube once again defied the rapper/crapper actor, unlike the rest of the rap game, and Jennifer Connelly finally came back to the big screen, they were just roadblocks to the final outcry.

With all of its unnecessary rambles, Singleton's actors are bold and confident with their roles. Without its gracious acting, the film would be nothing more than a Martin Luther King Jr. speech without his entertaining and honest approach.

One magnificent performance is Michael Rapaport's portrayal of Remy. His role as the loner-turned-skinhead is overwhelming and basically his best work to date. He turns heads in amazement and on the way to his final scene, you see his rage, frustration, sadness, and when it all comes down to it Rapaport is so convincing it is frightening.

Far from being well-pieced together, *Learning* definitely needed some tutoring. However, all is well that ends well; Singleton saved his strength for the knockout punch. The ending is simply a heart stopper.

Rapaport soars beyond what he needed to do for this film and sealed *Higher Learning*'s grade into a sympathetic and extreme curve.

Come to think of it, at least my ears weren't blasted every other second by *Higher Learning*'s soundtrack, like they were in say... *Poetic Justice*.

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Ochiel Swaby had 15 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals.

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by MIKE WHITE
Staff writer

They didn't do it pretty, but they got it done. Despite sloppy play and what coach Kirk Speraw called a "very poor" defensive performance, the Golden Knights beat Florida Atlantic University Monday at the UCF arena, 68-62.

Chuck Roberts led the Golden Knights in scoring with 17 points. After a disappointing first half in which he scored only four points, the senior center came alive in the second half, posting up strong and hitting turnaround jumpers.

Roberts said Speraw lectured him at half time about his lack of productivity in the first half.

Speraw said he told Roberts before the game he needed to post up strong and be tougher. He made it perfectly clear that this was the type of team, not too big and not too aggressive, that Roberts had to be physical against. He also said he reiterated the point to Roberts at

halftime.

Speraw might have fired up Roberts, but it was Roberts who fired up the crowd. Early in the second half, he connected on the game's first dunk, a jam that brought the crowd to its feet. Later in the half, Roberts blocked a shot, forced a poor shot and grabbed a rebound all in the same series. Again his performance won the crowd's approval.

In fact, after the game, the UCF band began to chant, "Chuck-y, Chuck-y," just as the lanky center was setting up for a postgame interview with the Sunshine Network. Roberts acknowledged his fans with a smile that reeked of a newfound confidence.

Roberts said that the fans' reaction helped him to pull harder for the rebound.

Early on, it looked like it would be an easy victory for the Golden Knights, but FAU cut an 11 point UCF lead to three by halftime.

In the second half, turnovers and poor defense allowed FAU to grab the lead and keep the game close. FAU also managed to out-rebound UCF despite having a smaller lineup.

"We thought we had the game won," point guard Patrick Butts said. "We got stationary. Their penetration hurt us."

Butts had another fine game, scoring 12 points and delivering nine assists. Once again he performed well from beyond the arc connecting on two of three 3-point attempts.

"Offensively, I'm confident," Butts said. "I can score if I have to score. I try to get everyone else involved."

Coach Speraw was not pleased with the team's defensive effort.

"Our man-to-man defense was very poor. When we went to zone, it seemed to disrupt their flow," Speraw said.

Speraw felt the game was exciting despite the sloppy play.

"It's important that we're able to win even though we were struggling with some things," Speraw said. "We're making small strides. They're starting to believe in one another."

Next up for the Golden Knights is a road trip that will see them take on Georgia State on tonight and Samford this Saturday. The team will return home Jan. 19th to play host to Mercer.

Wentworth puts UCF running program on the right track

by NICOLE GRAPPO
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This upcoming track season for the Golden Knights will be unlike any other. The reason is the recent hiring of a full-time track/cross-country coach here at UCF.

In December, coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth was introduced to the team and will be coaching both the men's and women's track and cross-country teams. Wentworth came to UCF from the University of South Florida where she served as an assistant coach for the women's track/cross-country teams and led the Lady Bulls to a national ranking (No. 23).

"We're very glad to have her on staff," said UCF Athletic Director Steve Sloan. "She

is well qualified, and we feel she'll do an outstanding job developing the track and cross-country programs at UCF."

Wentworth is well respected for her coaching skills as well as her running talents. She has personal records of 16:29 for five kilometers and 4:24 for 1500 meters (equivalent to 4:45 in the mile), and she also runs for Team Reebok.

Wentworth feels it's a great opportunity to be here at UCF.

"The student athletes I've spoken with seem very enthusiastic, and the school is very committed to the program... Hiring a full time coach shows commitment along with the increased scholarships we will be getting in the future."

The track team will head up to the

University of Florida today for their first indoor meet, which will consist strictly of relays. Wentworth is looking at this meet as a warm-up meet, to see what kind of shape everyone is in. The indoor track season will run into March, while the outdoor season will begin in February.

"I don't put a whole lot of stock in indoors. I look at it as fun and preparation for outdoors," Wentworth said.

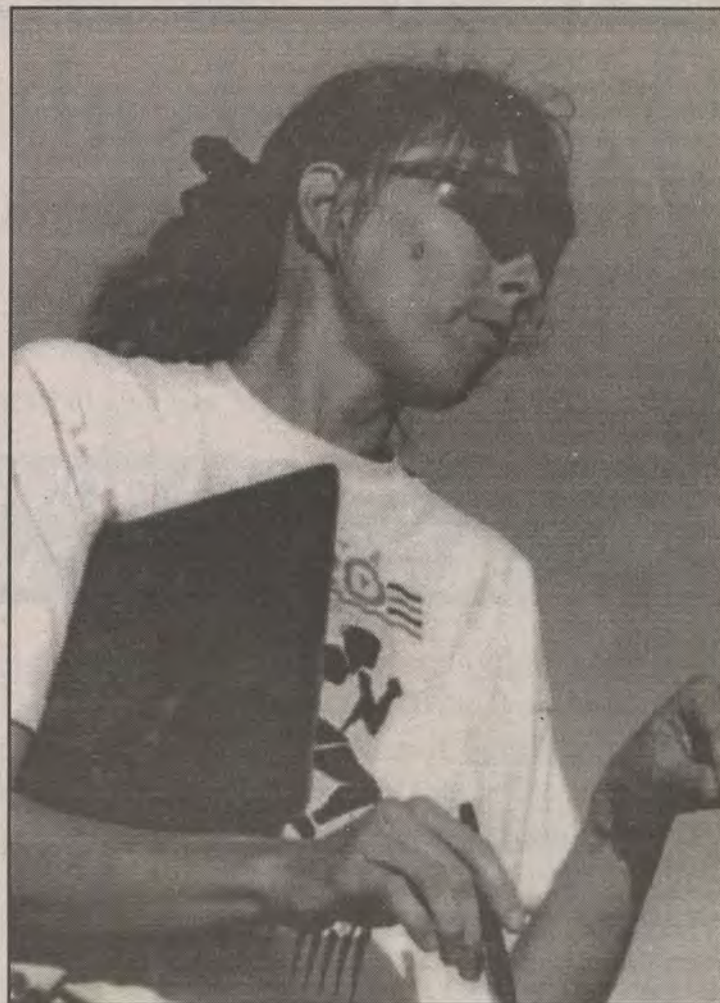
Wentworth has already earned the respect of her athletes.

"I'm really excited. I've heard a lot of really good stuff about her, and I think she'll bring out my full potential," said junior cross-country/track runner Heather Shulz.

Athletes to watch this season include Olen McLean (sprints/heptathlon), Michelle Boike (hurdler), Kelly Kobia (discus), Cheria Bell (800 meters) and Heather Shulz (distance).

Due to the gender equity Title IX violation that hit UCF last spring, there is no longer a men's track team, but there is still a men's track club. Men to watch include Erik Lipham (distance), Rene Plasencia (middle distance), Drumeco Laruston (long jump) and Robin Holmes (sprinter).

Although the men are not considered a



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New track/cross-country coach, Marcia Mansur-Wentworth, comes from USF where she coached the women's cross-country team to a national ranking (#23).

team in UCF's eyes, they are still receiving coaching advice.

"I think the season is going to go real well. I feel a lot more confident about my running because I have direction from a very qualified person (Wentworth)," Plasencia said.

Wentworth's goals this season are to get to know everyone and to improve every member's performance.

With a renewed spirit and a rebirth in confidence, the UCF running program appears to be on a smoothly paved road to success.

Steelers eye Chargers in AFC showdown

Reuters

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers and the San Diego Chargers return to the American Conference Championship Game after long absences when they meet Sunday in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers last appeared in a conference title game in 1985, when they were beaten by the Miami Dolphins, 45-28.

The Chargers haven't been in the AFC final since 1982, when they were beaten by the Cincinnati Bengals, 27-7, in a game played in wind-chill conditions of 59 degrees below zero.

This is the first time the two teams have ever met in post-season play.

The Steelers and Chargers met in the final game of the regular season, with San Diego winning, 37-34, on John Carney's 29-yard field goal with three seconds left.

But both teams already had clinched playoff spots heading into the final weekend of the season and used the game to rest injured regulars.

San Diego quarterback Stan Humphries had a strong game, completing 21-of-35 passes for 245 yards and a touchdown before leaving late in the fourth quar-

ter with a sprained right thumb.

Humphries was not hampered by his injury in rallying San Diego to a 22-21 win over the Miami Dolphins Sunday to advance to the conference championship.

Pittsburgh had a much easier time in getting to the finals Saturday as the Steelers routed Central Division rival Cleveland, 29-9, at home. The Steelers have home field advantage throughout the playoffs and have won the Super Bowl all four times they have had the home field advantage.

This year, Pittsburgh's defense returned to its glory days of the "Steel Curtain" with the AFC's number one defense. Four defensive players—linebackers Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd and defensive backs Carnell Lake and Woodson—were selected for this year's Pro Bowl. All but Greene were chosen as starters.

Leslie O'Neal and Seau head a San Diego defense which is the best in the conference at stopping the run. Both are Pro Bowl starters. The Chargers use fullback Natrone Means, also a Pro Bowl selection, to control the clock and wear down opposing defenses.

The Chargers are one of nine NFL teams who have never appeared in a Super Bowl.