University on alert after sexual predator escapes

BY ANA SANCHEZ
News Editor

Carlos Garay, a 34-year-old, was arrested on sexual battery and burglary warrants on April 13, but managed to drive off in the police car in which he was being held, handcuffed and armed.

According to University Public Safety Lieutenant Frank J. Tomassini, Garay was placed in the back of a police car, when he managed to climb over the front seat and drive handcuffed, while the police officer stepped out of the car.

The car lacked the cage that separates the front and back seats of the police car. In the car was a handgun, a stun gun and handcuffs.

Garay was thought to be in the west Miami-Dade area, which led the police to secure University Park with police and helicopters circling the campus.

“There is no positive indication he came on campus but we don’t know,” Tomassini said. Tomassini wants students to be aware of how dangerous Garay is and warns students to be careful.

“Be very cautious. We are short-handed,” Tomassini said. “We are very limited and would love to have an officer in the dorms but can’t.”

This case falls under Miami-Dade police department jurisdiction but Public Safety and Sweetwater police helped search and secure the west Miami-Dade area.

This also caused of the State of Student Address to be postponed until April 19 in the Graham Center Pit at noon.

“The State of the Student Address was postponed because [Garay] was on the loose and we were advised to keep doors closed,” said Alex Prado, Student Government Association president.

Garay is accused of two rapes (connected by DNA matches) that occurred between September and December 2005.

According to The Miami Herald, investigators think that Garay is responsible for break-ins and sexual assaults in the Hammocks and Midwest districts. Police said the suspect entered unlocked doors and windows between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., fondling women or masturbating while they slept, reported the Miami Herald.

As of early April 14 Garay was still on the loose.

Additional reporting done by Editor in Chief Harry Coleman.

BBC construction near completion after two years

BY CRISTELA GUERRA
Staff Writer

Construction at the Biscayne Bay Campus has been in the works for about two years.

When construction is finished, it will offer more space and comfort with new eating facilities as well as a recreation center, new classrooms and a marine biology building.

“There are two parts that are underway in WUC,” said Gregory Olson, senior director of Student Affairs. “One is site work that involves all the underground sewer lines and border lines around the university. We are also in the process of digging test piles under the foundation, which takes about 28 days to cure, and then begin erecting the building.”

Olson looks forward to the opening of the new buildings tentatively set to open February 2007.

Students are anticipating the changes as well.

“The new gym will definitely be a really nice improvement to have, especially for those of us that live on campus, because the current gym is so small and often overly crowded,” said freshman Shirin Madzhidova.

Vice-Provost Raul Moncarz said it would be a matter of time before creating a meal plan for BBC students with the Fresh Food company, which is available to students at University Park.

“It’s mostly a question of numbers,” Moncarz said. “But if housing continues to fill up and enrollment rises, a student meal plan is definitely something we are considering for the future.”

Complaints from students about classroom sizes are also something the administration will address in the near future when the cafeteria is moved from its current location.

The current cafeteria would be replaced by larger classrooms that would provide a more spacious and comfortable environment for students to learn, according to James Wassenar, executive director of student affairs operations and auxiliary services who oversees construction projects that involves student services.

“Work is progressing, the food court will provide needed food service capabilities and a better environment overall as well as a water front view on the east side of the building,” Wassenar said.

“It will also be more easily accessed for students and faculty coming from Academic I or [Academic] II.”

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Students concerned with religion

BY JENNIFER MARTINEZ
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON – A majority of U.S. college students say religion is important in their lives and that they’re concerned about the country’s moral direction, a finding that could influence the way they vote in upcoming elections, according to a Harvard University Institute of Politics poll that was released Tuesday.

In a telephone survey of 1,200 American college students, 7 out of 10 said religion was somewhat or very important in their lives, and 1 in 4 said they’d become more spiritual since entering college.

Fifty-four percent said they were concerned about the moral direction of the country.

Students who were surveyed said abortion policy, stem cell research and gay marriage provoked questions of morality.

In a finding that surprised the institute, 50 percent said the U.S. government’s response to Hurricane Katrina raised questions of morality.

Sixty-two percent of students who identified themselves as religious said religion was losing its influence on American society, while 54 percent of Democrats said it was increasing its influence.

Most agreed, however, that a candidate’s religion wouldn’t affect how they voted.

Jeanne Shaheen, the director of the Institute of Politics, said in a statement that the findings showed that “religion and morality are critical to how students think about politics and form opinions on political issues.”

“Students have gone from the ‘me’ generation to the ‘we’ generation,” Shaheen said.

The poll results make it hard to define college students as an liberal or conservative, based on the traditional definitions of those political views, the institute found.

While 44 percent of the student population could be considered traditional liberals and 16 percent traditional conservatives, 25 percent could be considered religious centrists and 15 percent fall into the secular centrist category.

American college students could play a major role in upcoming elections. Eighteen- to 24-year-olds cast 11.6 million votes in the 2004 presidential election, 4 million more than in 2000, according to the institute.

“We do care, we are involved and we do vote,” said Caitlin Monahan, 20, a Harvard government major who helped formulate the poll questions and collect data for the survey.

The institute also found that:

College students’ opinions about potential 2008 presidential candidates Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and John McCain, R-Ariz., are split. Forty percent said they’d vote for Clinton, and another 40 percent favored McCain.

The remaining 20 percent said they were unsure which candidate they liked best.

Only third-third of the job President Bush was doing, while 59 percent disapproved.

Eight percent were unsure. 59 percent said they thought the country was on the “wrong track,” 30 percent said it was on the right track and 12 percent said they didn’t know.

Seventy-two percent said the United Nations, not the U.S., should lead in international crises and resolve conflicts.

Sixty-six percent said the U.S. should deploy troops in cases of genocide or ethnic cleansing.

Sixty percent said the U.S. should begin to withdraw troops from Iraq.

To see which political classification you’d fall under, go to www.iop.harvard.edu and click on IOP Political Personality Test.
Campus has come a long way after 29 years

By Sergio Carmona
Staff Writer

Students and faculty members attending the Biscayne Bay Campus in the late ’70s were often serenaded by the sounds of wildlife coming from the nearby woods of Oleta State Park. After all, the campus had only 2,000 students enrolled and consisted of a couple of buildings: the library, a building that would be the future Hospitality and Management Building, and a few trailers.

Today, 8,000 people are enrolled and more buildings have been added to offset the wildlife sounds around BBC. For 29 years, the campus has welcomed and bid farewell to several programs and has met the goals set by the University.

“We wanted to give our students a good enough education to be competing with other universities in the country,” said Charles McDonald, professor of International Affairs, one of a few faculty members who has been at BBC 29 years.

BBC, which was originally built for the International Trade Exposition of America — a center that allowed buyers and sellers to meet in one location — was opened in January of 1977. However, in the early years, BBC struggled to complement the much larger University Park campus due to its small size and low enrollment.

“There was no overload because classes were small,” McDonald said. “At first, UP didn’t see us as part of the University.”

The campus’s early struggles with enrollment occurred because students were only enrolled part-time.

“The large number of part-timers was due to a lack of programs,” McDonald said. “However, the implementation of several programs such as the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and Hospitality and Management have prompted students to attend full-time.”

“The campus now offers Arts and Science courses so students can now start and finish here [full-time]. Before they couldn’t start and finish majors here to get Liberal Arts,” said Vice-Provost Raul Moncarz, who has been at BBC since the campus’ inception. “The campus continues to add new classes and this past semester, enrollment increased by 2,000 [students].”

Throughout the ’80s, studies in fields opened, such as communications in 1980, science in 1983, and hospitality in 1989 opened.

These programs have been an integral part of the campus’ success, including the honors given to the hospitality program, which has consistently placed one of the top six schools in the nation in industry journals and was ranked number one by a national student survey in 2002.

“Today, the best programs are at Biscayne Bay and that makes me very proud,” Moncarz said. “Creative Writing has all kinds of accolades and most of the faculty is very well known in the literary world.”

As the size of the programs and enrollment increased, the school also added more buildings, including Academic I in 1979, the Wolfe Center in 1980, Academic II in 1983, and Kokens Center in 1996.

Despite its long success, BBC struggles to complement the much larger University Park campus because there are more full-time students and they get an increased feeling of participation.

Current students feel that the spirit keeps enticing new students every year.

“Students are very enthusiastic,” said Lorna Sylvestra, a junior who is also the SPSO Women’s Celebrations Chair and Secretary and has worked as a peer advisor. “Each year, I notice freshmen are more involved and open to all kinds of activities.”

The campus’s growth is expected to continue when the marine biology building is completed.

This continuing growth of the campus makes campus pioneers, like Moncarz, reminisce about the early days.

“When I see someone expressing the ‘we’ feeling, I remember where we were before,” Moncarz said.

“Of one of the things you notice is people being proud of feeling part of the campus and doing whatever is necessary to serve students,” Moncarz said.

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Locals must be more involved with immigration issues

BY CHRISTOPHER NECUZE
Opinion Editor

If I were ever to put myself in the position of a member of the jury in the case against Zacarias Moussaoui, a Sept. 11 conspirator, the only thing going through my mind in the deliberation room would be how to cause this man as much pain as possible.

When asked by prosecutor Rob Spencer about Sept. 11, Moussaoui swiftly responded: “No regret, no remorse.” I just wish it had happened on the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th.”

“You wake up every day to destroy the United States, don’t you?” asked Spencer.

“To the best of my ability,” answered an increasingly smug and resolute Moussaoui.

When asked whether or not he wants to stay alive to kill Americans, he responded “anytime, anywhere.”

During his trial, Moussaouie detailed his hatred and failed terrorist he is.

As jurors sat transfixed by the voice recorder data from Flight 93 — in which a group of Muslim extremists were thwarted in their attempts to hijack a plane by the passengers onboard — all Moussaoui could manage to do was smile, giggle, and sit slumped in his courtroom chair, apathetic to the often wrenching recordings and various testimonies from some of the victims’ families.

This man’s life is unimportant to me. I care as much about his life as I do about the life of Osama Bin Laden or any other member of the Al Qaeda terrorist network.

I am more worried about the message his death would send to the world. I don’t want it to seem like the United States is merely acting out of pure vengeance and hatred.

If we kill this man, he will have accomplished his mission; his place in history as a martyr will be consolidated.

Killing him would only secure in the minds of our enemies that the United States is as evil as they say and that their war, or jihad as they so lovingly call it, is justified.

The United States has been granted the opportunity to make a huge statement. I am not concerned not the wellbeing of this man, as he has admitted to being involved in the Sept. 11 plot and said that he would do it again if given the opportunity.

Jurors in this case need to seriously consider what their sentence recommendation to the judge means, not just for Moussaoui, but for the United States itself, because the decision is about so much more than life and death.

Moussaoui needs to be punished for his actions, but what ever the punishment may be, it should not glorify his image in the least. Killing this man would make him a martyr in the eyes of his associates and deify him as the man who willingly died at the hands of the superpower.

To kill him would be to catastro- pult a man with nothing but hatred in his heart to stardom; something which the United States simply cannot do.

Lock him up and throw away the key. Let him suffer away the vile life of death that he is.

Moussaoui should not receive the death penalty

Six workers at a seafood restaurant in Houston were fired last week after leaving their jobs to attend a pro-immigration march, according to a South Florida Sun-Sentinel report.

Though a bill enforcing border security by making felons of those who enter the U.S. through unauthorized means passed by the House in December was originally targeted at the thousands who yearly cross the Mexican border, the bill’s vague language would eventually make it possible to label all unauthorized immigrants as felons.

By the attacks, calling them pathetic and saying that he was disgusted by the fact that they had not died.

“So you would be happy to see 9/11 again?” Spencer asked.

“Everyday,” Moussaoui responded.

This is a man who, although he denies it, wants to die by the hand of the United States. I believe it is his mission to get a home, albeit a temporary one, on death row – but the only reason he wants it is to achieve martyrdom.

If what Moussaoui wants to do is die, then let him rot in solitary confinement for the rest of his life as the shamed and failed terrorist he is.

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South Dakota lawmakers toying with victims’ rights

BY JAMIE BLANCO
Staff Writer

A 15-year-old girl sits in a hospital bed in South Dakota. She’s been molested by her uncle for years, then finally was beaten and raped. She lies listless in her hospital bed feeling dirty, used and hurt. She’s not in bed because of the beating that happened weeks before. She’s lying there because doctors say she’s pregnant with her tormentor’s child.

The doctors want to keep the child. Are the risks to keep the child few? The risk of disease and complications in the baby and the young mother are great. Her youth and feeling of resentment and shame is only one reason to remove the child. She wants to return to school and be a normal kid. Her youth and feeling of resentment and shame is another.

When it comes to challenging the constitutionality of the law, South Dakota has the right idea, hoping to make it to the Supreme Court. I understand it’s a democratic process. But to go so far as to deny the procedure even to the victims of rape and incest is callous and wrong.

At some point this stops being a fight for life and becomes a game of ego. Republican Representative Roger W. Hunt is delighted that the “special circumstances” were also banned, he told The Washington Post in February, because they could have “diluted the bill and it’s impact on the national scene.

Oh yes, I think it’s making an impact. It’s sending a negative message to women across the nation that they are less valued citizens.

So what if these girls are first victimized by a brutal attacker, and then by the state. So what if the law would eliminate a woman’s rights as an individual during pregnancy. So what if forcing a woman to go through with an unwanted pregnancy increases all sorts of risks on mother and child, including post-partum depression, child neglect, child abuse and even death.

Forcing every unwanted birth would flood an already overwhelmed Child Services system, with more and more children falling through the cracks. Imagine forcing thousands of children to be born to unfit and unwilling parents daily.

Ironically many pro-life advocates don’t support the social programs necessary to deal with the influx of unwanted children into the child services system or to help families struggling with finances.

I think these lawmakers are the ones not thinking about the consequences of their actions. If politicians really want to save what lives they can, they need smarter solutions. Put an end to partial birth and late term abortions, offer counselors at abortion clinics so all the options are well represented, set a cut off time, invest in preventative safe sex education; all are reasonable measures.

To strip a woman of her rights over her own body, is not reasonable.

As an individual I despise the idea of abortion. It’s something I would never do, but that’s my choice over my body.

I have no right to make that choice for any other person, and neither does anyone else.

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WINNER & LOSER

WINNER

Revenge of the nerds: Money magazine and salary.com recently named software engineer the best job in the United States.

loser

Penn State Republican: The College Republicans at the the University planned to host a “Catch an illegal immigrant day.” Luckily their efforts were curtailed when they were all rounded up because of the previously organized “Catch an idiot day.”

QUOTATION NATION

“There has been no disruption to our service. Our pilots are performing professionally, flying as scheduled, and together with all Delta employees, are taking good care of our customers.”

– Edward H. Bastian, executive vice president of Delta, on a deal the company made with pilots who were threatening to strike. The strike would have severely damaged the company that has already faced many financial downturns.

“I do not believe Secretary Rumsfeld is the right person to fight that war based on his absolute failures in managing the war against Saddam in Iraq.”

– Charles H. Swannack Jr., Maj. Gen., on Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld’s job performance. Several other generals have called for his resignation as well.

“It takes 60 or 80 years for a saguaro to grow an arm.”

– Carl J. Pergam, a radiologist, on the Cactus Rescue Crew’s attempts to, well, rescue cactii.

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“It make my day.”

– Zacarias Moussaoui, al-Qaeda terrorist, on testimony from families of 9/11 victims. Zacarias took the stand and testified that grief was what al-Qaeda was attempting to inflict on Americans.

“If housing continues to fill up and enrollment rises a student meal plant is definitely something we are considering for the future.”

– Raul Moncarz, Biscayne Bay Campus vice-provost, on construction taking place at the campus and the possibility of growth.
Capoeira class combines philosophy, agility, music

This is part four of a five-part series that features fun classes available to students.

BY GEOFFREY ANDERSON JR.
Staff Writer

Nearly 3,000 people filled the Pharmed Arena to witness the mtvU Campus Invasion tour April 11.

The concert, featuring headliner Motion City Soundtrack and opening acts Straylight Run and Hellogoodbye, lasted three hours and marked the tour’s second appearance at the University in two years.

Opening the show promptly at 7 p.m., Hellogoodbye went onstage dressed in costumes before starting its set. Ranging from fruits to animals, the band’s costumes complemented its set’s fun vibe.

Hailing from Huntington Beach, Calif., the band’s mix of upbeat pop and rock elements kept several fans in the crowd bouncing around and singing along.

For an opening act, Hellogoodbye delivered an outstanding performance with ample stage presence and catchy tunes that set the tone for the rest of the performance.

As lead singer and guitarist Forrest Kline crooned the lyrics, “My Bonnie lies over the ocean / My Bonnie lies over the sea,” from the band’s hit song “Bonnie Taylor Shakedown,” it was difficult to hear his voice over the singing voices of the fans.

The band finished their energetic half-hour set with fan-favorite “Shimmy Shimmy Quarter Turn” and left the stage to make room for Straylight Run.

Although Straylight Run performed a solid set, the crowd was not very welcoming to the band. Throughout the band’s set, bottles and cans littered the area of the audience.

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that was created and developed by African slaves in Brazil. It is one of the many students enrolled in and actively involved in the University’s capoeira class (PEM 1405).

The art involves movement, music, as well as elements of practical philosophy.

“A person experiences the essence of capoeira by playing a physical game called jogo de capoeira [game of capoeira],” said Marcio Pizanelli, instructor of the capoeira program.

“The game of capoeira involves strength, flexibility, and a lot of energy which is derived from the music of the berimbau [a single string percussion bow-like Brazilian instrument].”

Capoeiristas usually gather in a circle and chant, clap and sing to the music provided by the musicians while the two people in the circle (the roda) play to the rhythm. The art is often considered a dance, a fight and a game all-in-one.

“With capoeira, you are not only learning a martial art, but something that is part of the Brazilian culture,” Pizanelli said.

“The first time that students

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Self-defense, art merge

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come in, they learn the
jinga, the basic dance of
caiopeira – it’s to setup
the rhythm. After they
learn the jinga and have
coordination and balance,
they learn how to do cart-
wheels, learn different
kicks and moves we learn
only in capoeira."

There are two main styles
of capoeira – angola, which
is characterized by slow
movement and technique
which is more in line with
the customs and traditions
of the nation are key techniques.

Regional is known for
its fluid acrobatic play
where strategy and coordi-
nation are key techniques.
This is the type of capoeira
that Pizanelli instructs.

Sophomore Linda
Salgado, an accounting
major, was introduced to
Pizanelli’s class
by Stewart, a bio-
chemistry major, agrees
that capoeira taught her
to defend herself in a
proper way.

“I wanted to learn how
to defend myself in an
organized manner and
not to fight like a crazy
person,” Blancas said.
“I have learned things
I never expected to be
doing. The instructor is
great, he’s interesting, he
makes the class fun and he
doesn’t make the students
study things in a formulaic
method.”

Pizanelli, who has
taught the program at the
University for more than
a year, mentioned that
anyone can take this class;
no previous martial arts
experience is needed.

Students enrolled in
the program are graded
based on attendance, class
participation, demonstra-
tions, and a final exam in
which they are quizzed
on the history of capoeira
as well as details of differ-
ent kicks and other basic
movements.

At the end of the semes-
ter, students participate in
a graduation ceremony
called a batizado during
which students receive a
colored cord (a mark of a
higher grade level).

Graduates also receive
nicknames, a capoeira tra-
dition stemming from the
1960s when nicknames
concealed the identities of
practitioners of the then
banned art.

This semester’s cer-
emony will take place at
the Graham Center Pit
April 22.

More information
about the capoeira pro-
gram can be found at
www.capoeiraberimbau.
com.
Younger, disrespectful crowds mar concert

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shoes were thrown at the group and caused singer and guitarist John Nolan to address the crowd’s behavior.

Playing songs from both their full-length self-titled debut and their extended play album, Straylight Run effectively mixed their set with slower-paced songs such as “Existentialism on Prom Night” as well as slightly more upbeat songs such as “Hands in the Sky.”

The band closed with the latter song, which made almost the entire crowd clap their hands to the beat and sing the chorus, “Big shot screaming put your hands in the sky.”

Despite the crowd’s initial disrespect, the group’s half-hour set of emo-rock provided a nice change of pace for the show before headliner Motion City Soundtrack performed.

Motion City Soundtrack took the stage a few minutes after 9 p.m. and immediately caused people in the mosh pits to frantically dance in a way that appeared to cause injury. During the band’s set, one attendee passed out and had to be taken out of the venue.

Although MCS blazed through the better songs from both its records, its performance was somewhat lacking.

As their set progressed, some songs started to blend together, making their one-hour set seem painfully longer.

The band’s set, however, was salvaged by a few highlights. Keyboardist Jesse Johnson, who appeared to be possessed, constantly danced and clapped around the stage as well as performing handstands and other random odd actions on stage.

Also, more well-known songs such as the band’s single “Everything is Alright” livened up an otherwise bland set.

The concert was an overall fun experience, but certain details kept the show from really standing out.

Aside from Motion City Soundtrack’s somewhat bland set, the crowd was predominantly composed of middle-school and high-school aged kids, a surprising fact because the majority of tickets sold were bought by FIU students.

“Most of the tickets sold were to FIU students, but a majority of the crowd that showed up were high-school kids. Their older siblings probably got them their tickets,” said SPC Concerts Chair Jackie Gadea.

Despite the scarce presence of FIU students, the concert was considered a success by SPC.

“We had over 2,700 people in attendance and MTV chose [University Park] as the featured campus on this tour. Looking back, [it] gave students something to do on a Tuesday night,” Gadea said.
The Gamekillers OBITUARIES April 2006

Game Killed
Joe Magnier
Rashid Theodore
Andy Tider

Peter Maysen
Mike Choi
Judd Engelbrecht

with a gorgeous pixie-named Bunny Flower. But such is the fate of any man who tries to scare while in the chill out room of a rave, especially if that chill out room is inhabited by the cuddly teddybear of a soul otherwise known as The Gamekiller, Sensitive. For as cute as rave girls can be in a pair of neon purple pajamas, it best not to tell them so when they are in the middle of wondering why the Earth doesn't orbit around love. Nor is it cool to try to cop a feel inside their fuzzy onesie and pass it off as a momentary lapse of depth perception. Nor is it cool to mention that all his music seems to be stuck on repeat. And these were just some of the many lessons Ross learned from Sensitive, the last of which came when Sensitive took his Bunny Flower home at 9 a.m. to, "Just know, mellowness and lounge on your warm, velvety comforter."

TIDER, Andy, Teaneck, NJ
Andy Tider's game was alive and well, busting up the place and making the ladies say, "Dramn." His game was a fine thing—full of one liners, well-timed nods and booyah smiles. He was firing smoothly while he talked to a little young American princess named Shaalence. Lives like, "You should be called Sha-lace. Because you're beautiful, and so is Joc." confirmed that his game was flying an all cylinders, until along came the future half-off-rimmer himself, The Baller. The one Gamekiller with more moves than a nomad, Andy Tider could have kept his cool, could have shrugged off The Baller's play for his girl with a simple pump fake to the bar and a drive to the Shaalence lane, but instead he got caught in The Baller fullcourt trap. And before he knew it, Tider and the Baller were reracting Detroit vs. Indiana 2005. Andy Tider, you are the first player to turn an easy layup into a personal fail. Somewhere up there, Andy Tider, Witt is laughing.

MOYSE, Peter, Washington, DC
This is to mark the demise of Peter Maysen's game. Peter's game had been happily working on a pair of foreign exchange students. Well aware that there's so much that can be misconstrued as charming and witty when there's a language barrier. Peter was about to go for broke, offering to teach them the meaning of his favorite (and only) French term: mémoire a trois, when fate dealt him a cruel blow; for in walked The Gamekiller, The Balladear. A walking repository of meter and rhyme, The Balladear is more than a pair of ripped denim jeans and an unruly haircut. For as any music groupie would attest—especially those who could care less about lyrics—a song song is like night octaves better than one spoken. Peter could have kept his game alive if he'd just kept his cool. But did he? Hell no. He stepped out of his game and went all a cappella on the foreign bedrooms. Leaving the girls with no choice but to nightmare at The Balladear's house where he delighted them to his latest chart topping track, "Just the Three of Us."

ENGELRECHT, Judd, Braintree, MN
Judd's game was proceeding along nicely as it followed closely behind the toned and tanned posterior of his athletic date, Beth, an biucical mountain bike ride through the hills of San Francisco. When all of a sudden something punctured Beth's tire, leaving it and subsequently Judd's game, sprawling for air. For while Judd tried to repair the tube, along the path came The Gamekiller who has never consulted the thesaurus, known simply as Early Man. And, as all dummies in distress will do, while Judd tried in vain to remove her tire from the wheel frame, she gradually grew weary of his laundry list of excuses and began to turn her attention to Early Man whose brain might resemble a slim mold, but whose biceps require their own zip code. And before Judd could say, "Uh, Beth I thought we were on a date here," Early Man had picked up Beth, perched her on his shoulders, and took a camaraderie pride about showing her each and every hill of San Francisco, then Sacramento, then Santa Barbara, and finally, San Diego.

Obituaries can be created and sent via email to friends at gamekillers.com

BARTON, Ross, McDonough, GA
Approximately at dawn or sometime early like that last Saturday morning marked the death of Ross Barton's game. Which came as some surprise to Ross who thought for sure he was in the process of scoring at Club Vaindeke. Keep Your Cool. Axe Dry.
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— is quite possibly the hardest thing for a human being to overcome. It happens to the best of us and Gooden is a perfect example. I used to think it was his fault entirely. I mean, he was on pace to possibly become the best pitcher of all time and not only did he mess up once, he messed up multiple times. Addiction took over his desire for greatness. As testament to that, Gooden not only turned himself in after using cocaine and violating his parole, he chose prison over extended parole. If Gooden had chosen extended parole, another positive test for cocaine would have landed him in jail for five years. He knows what addiction has done to him and he knows what it could do to him. Looking at the footage of Gooden being taken out of that courtroom in handcuffs was one of the final chapters of a life of wasted talent. And that is truly a sad thing.
Freshman golfer talks success, Harry Potter

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Freshman sensation Susan Nam has made serious noise on the golf course this season. Nam hails from Seoul, Korea, a country that she said started featuring golf only six years ago.

It wasn’t Korea that gave Nam her passion for the sport, however. Coming over to the Western Hemisphere at 12 years-old so that her sister could play the piano, Nam was influenced by her uncle – a professional golf instructor – and from then on, her love for golf grew.

With her family’s sudden move to Canada, Nam settled in Edmonton where she became a huge success on the golf course.

By winning 14 of 25 junior events in 2004 and shooting an average of 75.6 per round, Nam became the third-ranked golfer in the Canadian Junior Girls Order of Merit and first in her province of Alberta.

That caught the eye of a FIU David Pezzino, golf head coach, as he brought her down to Miami.

In just her first year of collegiate competition, this freshman prodigy has amassed some great success.

This past Fall semester she was the top finisher in three out of four tournaments and averaged a team score of 76.27 – good enough for eighth in the Sun Belt Conference.

Her successes earned her SBC Golfer of the Month for February and attention from the Beacon, who caught up with Nam to find out more about the person underneath the talented amateur.

Q: Growing up in Korea, what is one character trait your parents always instilled in you?
A: They always told me that I could do whatever I want in life and to make sure I enjoy it, but to always take responsibility for my actions. I make my choices, but I’m responsible for the decisions I make and I have to stand by them and deal with it.

Q: Who’s one person you would love to play 18 holes with and where?
A: I would have to say Tiger Woods. He’d probably beat me pretty bad too. I guess if you’re playing Tiger Woods it doesn’t matter where you play, so I really don’t care.

Q: Who’s your biggest role model and why?
A: Annika Sorenstam has been a big influence in me just because she’s a woman and she’s been so successful. Surprisingly, she’s had a lot of influence back home in Korea in making the game of golf spread.

Q: Your major is undecided; how do you choose FIU instead?
A: Because of [head coach] Pezzino. He called me up and seemed very interested and heard he is a great teacher so I knew it was a great opportunity for me.

Q: Finish this sentence: Most people would be surprised to know I...
A: Have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and I can kick your butt!