Adult video shot in fraternity house

FIJI investigated for possible role in porno

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Bang Bros Network, an entertainment company, filmed a pornographic video at the on-campus Phi Gamma Delta, also known as FIJI, fraternity house.

According to a caption under the video trailer posted Oct. 24 on Bangbros.com, “Manny... a Frat Boy” invited the company to come to the house for “some fun with his...”

“Manny” is believed to be an unidentifiable person’s T-shirt. Among the graphic sexual images presented in the trailer video were occasional references to a “Halloween Extravaganza。”

Ruiz would not confirm any FIJI brothers or FIU students participated or were present around Facebook and was also sent to several University officials.

Ruiz said, “It is completely contrary to the values the fraternity and the fraternity’s national organization, according to Armeson. “Obviously, the University would never condone this kind of action,” Armeson said. “If this is true, it’s very disappointing and the University will respond accordingly.”

According to Bill Martin, executive director of Phi Gamma Delta International, the FIU chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has been placed on a “graduate trusteeship.” This means alumni of the fraternity have been appointed to supervise the chapter, investigate the incident and discipline members.

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VOTING FAIR
Students shuttled to polls

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The different political activity has set the stage for the violation of freedom of expression by administration.

On Oct. 14, College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Joyce Peterson forwarded Wartzok’s e-mail to faculty with a message of her own.

“I have removed campaign materials as I find them around in our offices, but if you don’t want a message from the provost, take note. It’s a no-no,” it said.

According to Media Relations, Florida law states that “political expression on campus is not prohibited, but the use of state facilities for political campaigning and using work time to engage in such activities is prohibited.”

However, other than the State statute, the University has no policy that differentiates between political expression and political campaigning, according to Media Relations.

General Counsel would only respond through Media Relations.

Within the University community, different and sometimes conflicting definitions have arisen.

Wartzok’s e-mail defines political campaigning as “posters and other political propaganda” and states that “University resources, e.g., e-mail” cannot be used “to campaign for or against any ballot item or individual.”

Peterson, who said she only removed political flyers from a table in the dean’s office, believes faculty’s academic expression is protected in the classroom “as long as they are not insisting that students think a certain way” but it is not once they step out of that academic sphere.

“[Academic freedom] does not extend to posting political material, say, on the outside of their office door,” Peterson said. “Political material is a particular message with specific endorsement of a political candidate.”

For Will Credle, director of legal and public advocacy at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Wartzok’s e-mail reflects the events that unfolded from it are just another example of a “spike of censorship seen across public and private campuses around the country.”

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Faculty Senate pushes for limits on campus political campaigning

Faculty Senate Chairman Tom Breslin insists the University does have a right to set policies that ensures it would not seem like it is endorsing a particular candidate. “The University wants to be a neutral big tent for all ideas that come in our society and again, we wouldn’t want that partisanship,” he said. “We do receive support from the State, which is also supposed to be a big, open tent on our part.”

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to bring in food items to help make this event a success,” said Steven Aragon, a freshman with undeclared major, and senior assistant in the Panther Hall. 

Panthers at BBC will also have a Halloween event-BBC’s third annual “Monster Bash,” taking place Oct. 31. The event, which is organized by the Programming Council at BBC, will also include a “Battle of the DJs,” coinciding with the Halloween party to increase attendance, according to Petra Haven, SP-CBBC vice-president and senior in marketing. “Much planning and preparation went in to make this a successful event,” Haven said. “I hope everyone comes out and enjoys themselves.”

The “Monster Bash” is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. and will last until 2 a.m. DJ Push Play and DJ Skip were selected as the two DJ’s to face off at the Halloween party. With DJ Push Play being more commonly known for UP events, and DJ Skip for BBC events, SP-CBBC has set up a battle of North Campus versus South Campus. “I believe students will love it,” said Ryan Lytle, SP-CBBC president.

Students will be able to attend the event by bringing in candy. In conjunction with the “Monster Bash,” students will be able to vote for their favorite DJ. “The first DJ to get the crowd going will win,” Lytle said.

As the event closes, the Biscayne Bay Campus has seen its share of political campaigning. Students got a chance to interact with different advocacy groups and learn what’s on each side of the aisle at the “BBC Rocks the Vote.”

The event took place in the Wolfie Union Ballroom and included special guests such as North Miami Mayor Kevin Burns, representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Chip Amit, the president of Freedom Democrats. BBC student organizations such as Stonewall at BBC, College Democrats, Black Democrats, LGBT and FIU College Republicans were also present.

Chip Amit, who is also a former winner of “The Amazing Race 4,” executive director of the Florida LGBT Democratic Caucus, was stumping at the fair for presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama, and said he has contributed more than $20,000 to the campaign. He also spoke about fear of immigrant voter fraud.

“Amy, you might think people to register, and it’s expensive,” said Amit, referring to the system of paying volunteers per registered voter. “I’m all for incentives.” He then added that creating incentive structures leads to voter fraud. Amit later said that in this economy, people are out of work and they are looking for anything that pays including their rent. Voter registration jobs pay $8-10 per person registered, according to Amit.

Amit granted the system was improved at the bottom of each amendment to make them more understandable,” Tory told The Beacon.

As a special guest, the Student Government Association at BBC brought in North Miami Mayor Kevin Burns, who is a Republican. “I support Barack Obama, but I was a previous supporter of Hillary,” Burns said.

The mayor also says he is against Amendment 2, which revokes all the benefits that domestic partnerships currently have. However, he supports the new voting infrastructure.

He said the fears of voter fraud are “unfounded, since the system is much better on check and balances. You have the right to exercise your vote.”

The fair ended with free food for all attendees.

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On-campus Halloween party offers DJs, candy buffet for attendees

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Speaker educates students about presidential candidates

GO VOTE: North Miami Miami Mayor Kevin Burns speaks at the “BBC Rocks the Vote."

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Rocky Horror delivers alternative Halloween experience

There are no rules when it comes to clothing on Halloween. Sexy high heel shoes, overly-done makeup and tight clothes are a must have, for girls and boys, in the showing of “Rocky Horror Picture Show.”

Every Saturday at midnight, Flippers Cinemas and Arcade at 700 Tilt St. in Hollywood, hosts a showing of this cult classic Halloween movie, with a twist.

I had seen the movie at home a dozen times before, but according to those who run the show, that doesn’t count. The way they see it, we are vampires unless we see the movie in theaters. I was watched with three friends. I was the only virgin in the group, so I had to go through a ritual that all virgins go through. I refuse to talk about this ritual and ruin the surprises, but make sure to let the person at the entrance know that it is your first time watching the movie. Trust me, you’ll be in for a treat! "Rocky Horror" is the perfect Halloween movie and it is anything but ordinary. Despite its name, it is more sexy and fun, than scary. The plot revolves around Janet (played by Susan Sarandon) and Brad (played by Barry Bostwick). Their car breaks down, and they end up at Dr. Frank-N-Futer's. Dr. Little do they know that Dr. Frank-N-Futer, (Tim Curry’s char acter) "who is a sweet transvestite from Transsexual Transylvania," according to one of the movie’s songs, is far from normal. He guides the couple through an odd night of singing, dancing and unexpected sexual exploration.

Before the movie begins, Sunshine Marmalade, the host of the show, comes out in his extravagant dress and over the top makeup, and describes the "rules" for the night. He always makes sure to make everyone feel welcomed everyone. When the movie begins a giant pair of lips recite the plot of the movie. As the movie plays on the big screen, a shadow cast acts out the entire film in front of the theater. This can get a bit confusing at times, but think of it as a live show and a movie playing at once.

Don’t think the actors are the only ones who get into the magic of "Rocky Horror," get ready for a lot of audience participation. At one point, the audience goes into the aisles and do the "Time Warp" dance along with the actors on screen. During the dance to be my favorite part of the whole movie watching experience. Although the show is only $6.50, bring extra dollars and buy a “throw” bag. It is full of random items to throw in the air during the show. There’s always a story behind, so try to keep up because the class to whom you throw the items are easy to miss. For example, when there is a marriage scene in the movie, throw the stick that is in your bag, and when Dr. Frank-N-Futer says the line “cards for sorrow, cards for pain,” throw a card.

Since its release in 1975, the movie has made itself into one of the most iconic cult clas sics. The spirit of Hollywood lives on in the theater every Saturday night.

On Halloween, the show starts at 11 p.m. and Flippers has a costume contest, and cash prizes for those who have the best "Rocky Horror" theme outfits.

So forget about trick or treating this Halloween and watch one of the wildest movies you will ever see. Watching "Rocky Horror" is an experience of its own. It may seem that I have dish out a lot of details about the show, but there are no words to describe the madness that occurs; you have to go and experience it first hand.

Get dressed up with your friends, watch "Rocky Horror" and then go out to celebrate the holiday. The show ends around 12:30 a.m. so you will have plenty of time to party after the credits begin to roll.

I recommend going to Daisy Dukes Saloon at 10061 Pines Blvd. located a few minutes from the theater. This country bar is a great place to hang out and have a few drinks with friends. Plus, the country theme goes along with the "make believe" notions of Halloween.

Halloween is not about the candy to me; it is about getting lost in a different reality. You can pretend to be whatever you want on this day, so why not go somewhere that allows you to experience a movie in a unique way, and then to a bar that takes you to the deep South?

Just make sure to come back to the real world before the movie is over. Just come Nov 1.

Weekends with Paradise is a biweekly column about North Miami night life. If you have any suggestions for places I could visit, email me at paradise.afshar@fi usm.com.
Powell's endorsement sends poignant message

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It was on Oct. 19—a “Meet the Press” interview with former Secretary of State Colin Powell became a prominent news story, and in my book he’s one of the most respectable Republicans when he announced his support for Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential election.

Powell is a distinguished American with amazing credentials and experience both in the government and the military. He served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense.

President George W. Bush who has similar views as the current Republican nominee John McCain, appointed Powell as his Secretary of State in 2000. However, today Powell is supporting Barack Obama.

Powell’s decision has further proved that this country needs Obama as the next president.

Clearly, Powell is aware, as most democrats are, of Obama’s brilliance along with his leadership, oratory and embracing qualities as well as his plans to renovate the United States’ government. “Meet the Press,” Powell stated, “I think we need a transformational figure. I think we need a president who agenda-driven president.

Powell is a long-time friend of McCain and even donated to his campaign, but Powell put aside his friendship with McCain for the best interest of the United States, and away from partisan politics for the revitalization of our image abroad.

“I am beyond honored and deeply humbled to have the support of Gen. Colin Powell. He knows, as we do, that this marks a new chapter for all of us,” he said, the moment we all need to come together as one nation—young and old, rich and poor, black and white, Republican and Democrat.”

When explaining his decision to support Sen. Obama, Powell referred back to the mentality of the Republican party, of which some voters have falsely accused Obama of being a Muslim as justification for not voting for him.

“When is there something wrong with being a Muslim in this country? The answer is no, that’s not America,” Powell said. He added, “John McCain is as nondiscriminatory as anyone I know. But I’m troubled about the fact that, within the Republican party we have these kinds of expressions.”

It saddens me, a Democrat, who believes in voting for Obama to know that the reasoning behind many lost votes will be because of Obama’s religion.

Clearly, Powell is a superbly qualified politician and credible public figure. His role in the military, his status as Secretary of State and his active participation in numerous non-profit organizations all go to prove his credibility and knowledge of the American society as a whole.

Whoever Powell decides to support in the next presidential election should matter to the American people. It absolutely matters to me. Americans deserve to hear an honest opinion and if a strong respectable republican supports a democrat, Americans should choose to support that Democrat.
Ah, Halloween - a day for running around in costumes and make up in the noble pursuit of free candy and house parties. But what will you be dressing up as for All Hallow’s Eve? We can’t answer that for you, but we can tell you what not to wear – because everyone else will. From pranksters to dazzling vampires, we’ve got some Halloween costume don’ts that will help you stay out from the crowd.

DON’T

I don’t care how long it took or how much it cost to make that Glasgow smile prosthesis – no Jokers, Period!

This costume was over killed by every last fanboy and girl who put on their whitest mime makeup to recite the why-so-serious monologue for unwitting movie goers lined up for Heath Ledger’s performance in “The Dark Knight” last summer. You may have a season or two of drama classes under your belt, but you are most definitely not an Australian Oscar nominee.

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Twilight’s star crossed couple may be the perfect costume idea for you and your own spawn. But since this year’s campaign buzzword is “change,” why not switch things up?

Go out as John F. Kennedy and Jackie O. for the night – in drag.

She can wear a three-piece suit with lipstick kissed collar and he can top his kitten heels, kid gloves and mini-dress with a little pink pillow box hat.

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The battle for superiority between pirates and ninjas has been waged on screen and online for ages. But it’s been at a stalemate since the last Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Pirates of the Caribbean installment went head to head in 2007. It’s pointless dressing up as either party, not for unwitting movie goers lined up for Heath Ledger’s performance in “The Dark Knight” last summer. You may have a season or two of drama classes under your belt, but you are most definitely not an Australian Oscar nominee.

Sarah Naylin

Bella and Edward: Twi-neither

Dazzle everyone by dressing up as the origami obsessed lovebirds, Romeo and Juliet. Thanks to Baz Luhrmann’s 1995 reinterpretation, all you’ll need are a Hawaiian shirt and dress pants for him, a black shift dress and beret for her, and toy water guns for both.

Oversized, white framed glasses required.

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Halloween Flicks
Have your fill of fright indoors

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Staff Writer

Don’t have a costume? Stay in for the night and have nothing else to do. Here is a slew of horror movies that may be fun to watch on All Hallow’s Eve.

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Before the Wayans brothers spoofed the horror genre with the “Scary Movie” franchise, comedic actor/writer/director Mel Brooks became the first person to do so with one of the funniest films of all time. The grandson (Gene Wilder) of Victor Frankenstein learns that he has inherited his grandfather’s estate. While going through his grandfather’s research on his experiments, he realized they would work if he carried them out. Aiding him is his hunch-backed assistant Igor (Marty Feldman), a beautiful woman (Teri Garr) and a creepy caretaker (Choris Leachman).

Did you know? “Young Frankenstein” was shot with many of the same props and lab equipment as the original 1931 Frankenstein movie.

DAWN OF THE DEAD

I am not mentioning the Zack Snyder directed 2004 remake of the movie that featured accelerated, rage-filled zombies. The movie I am talking about is George A. Romero’s sequel to his previous movie, “Night of the Living Dead.”

“If you think there is an evil force from the woods. One by one, the friends are possessed by this evil force and the only way to kill the possessed person is to hack them to death with an axe.”

Did you know? Raimi and Campbell were friends in high school, where they made many super-8 films together.

THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS

Based on the novel by Thomas Harris, this is the first film to focus on the character that would become the American Film Institute’s number one villain, Dr. Hannibal Lecter. In this film, FBI agent Clarice Starling (Jodie Foster) is assigned to interview Dr. Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) to get insight on how to find a serial killer (Ted Levine) that has been skimming his victims. Using the method known as “zippo pro”, Starling trades information to Lecter about her past in exchange for hints to who the killer might be.

Did you know? “The Silence of the Lambs” is one of only three films (“I Happened One Night” and “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”) to win Oscars for Best Picture, Best Actor (in a leading role), Best Actress (in a leading role), Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay.

DEAD ALIVE

Known as Braindead in New Zealand, Oscar-winning director Peter Jackson’s (“The Lord of the Rings”) hilarious and over-the-top violent third film is about Lionel, a man’s boy who finds himself in a predicament when his evil overbearing mother is bitten by a rare rat monkey that turns her into a zombie. She starts to infect other residents and soon Lionel’s house becomes the feeding ground to the incoming army of dead.

Did you know? 300 liters of fake blood were used in the final scene of “Dead Alive.”
scrutinized receiver finally breathes air into organization

ANTONIO GONZALEZ AP Wire

DAVIE — Ted Ginn Jr. cracked a rare Monday morning smile, getting to savour a breakout game with something usually reserved for winners: a day off.

It was a long time coming for Ginn and the Miami Dolphins.

In a short professional career filled with disappointments, Ginn had plenty of reasons to be in good spirits. He shed some of that “draft bust” stamp that has plagued his stay with the Dolphins, catching seven passes for a career-high 175 yards in Miami’s 25-16 win against Buffalo on Sunday.

“It was different,” Ginn said. “It was more of an enjoyment.”

Most days with Miami have been otherwise.

Ginn’s career with the Dolphins began with boos on draft day, and Miami’s much-maligned second-round pick.

Bit by bit, doubts about his ability to create separation, ended last season with 34 catches for 420 yards.

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“It was more of an eye-opener that, too. He’s very hungry. He wants to do this again and not get any outcome out of it,” Ginn said. “To where now, you know you got a chance.”

Those around him are realizing that, too.

“Ginn often speaks with friends and family after games, sometimesstruggling to get a hold of them by phone.”

After his big game against Buffalo, things were different.

And he’s hoping to keep it that way.

“Sunday,” Ginn said, “I heard from everybody.”

Can I Kick It: Sophomore midfielder Marcos Balladares evades a defender during a game this season. FIU ends the season on a four game homestand.

The volleyball team continues their impressive season playing five straight conference games at FIU Arena beginning with New Orleans (14-8) tonight at 7 p.m. FIU (20-4) leads the Sun Belt Conference East Division with a 10-1 record and has won eight straight games.

The upcoming stretch of home games is important because FIU’s seeding for the conference tournament and the NCAA tournament will reflect heavily on the stretch run of the season.

“We understand we hold our destiny in our own hands, we’re not depending on other teams… we’re in first place,” head coach Danijela Tomic said. “We work even harder and get better and better every week, look at the statistics. We deserve to be there.”

As of today, FIU is holding on to a one game lead over MTSU.

“I think he seized the moment,” Dolphins coach Tony Sparano said Monday.

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“My happy with the RPI ranking but I think we deserve to be in the [American Volleyball Coaches Association] Top 25,” Tomic said.

“We accomplished a lot but we understand that we’re one of two seed. Our goal is to be the number one seed and have the best record in the conference,” she said.

FIU’s schedule gets tougher as the Golden Panthers have the highest Ratings percentage index ranking in the Sun Belt Conference, which boasts five teams ranked in the top 61. This is the third RPI ranking this season; the next one comes out Nov. 11. The RPI is used by the NCAA selection committee to help seed teams in the NCAA tournament.

“The success has to motivate us to work even harder and get better and our team understands that This is our time.”

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DEFENSIVE TEST

Golden Panthers’ defense face nation’s best rushing attack

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The Golden Panthers (3-4, 2-1 Sun Belt Conference) are coming off a bye week where the focus was on two things; healing up, and stepping up the run. The Golden Panthers lost game came against Troy on Oct. 18, when they fell to the Trojans 33-23. FIU committed 10 penalties and three turnovers in the contest, which snapped their three game winning streak.

This will be a difficult match-up for FIU, visiting the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns (4-3, 3-0), which leads the nation in rushing yards per game at 311.7. ULL also ranks seventh in total offense nationally, and leads the Sun Belt in that category.

The rushing attack is led by a two headed monster in the backfield of senior running back Tyrrell Fenroy, and the nation’s leading rushing quarterback Michael Desormeaux. Fenroy averages 138.5 yards per game, making him fourth in the country. Desormeaux is the only quarterback in the country averaging over 100 yards rushing per game, and he leads the Sun Belt in completion percentage, 62.6 percent, and ranks second in the league in passer efficiency.

It’s no secret that the Ragin’ Cajuns are going to try and run the ball, and a win the Sun Belt is equipped to load up the box and play three-deep against ULL trying to stop the run, it’s FIU.

The Golden Panthers have the personnel to defend the spread option attack of ULL, and will have the opportunity to send several contenders for post-season league honors to try to stop the rushing attack.

Scott Bryant leads the charge up front. The senior linebacker leads FIU with 59 tackles, and playing on the outside, is going to be one of the players called upon to try to control the option on the edge.

Because FIU has such a strong secondary, they’ll have the opportunity to present eight-man fronts to ULL, to try to slow down the running attack.

The corner play has been outstanding, and Anthony Gatour leads the Sun Belt in passes defended with 10, and Robert Mitchell is one of the top tackling defensive backs in the Sun Belt with 48 stops.

For FIU to be successful in this game, the offense must be able to move the ball and that all begins with Paul McCall.

The junior quarterback has continued to improve, and with a week off between games he will have opportunity to build on what was perhaps the best performance of his college career. McCall was 22-of-33 for 266 yards and two touchdowhns and one interception.

The FIU running game will have to get on track too. As Julian Reams continues to nurse an injured calf, Daunte Owens and Amond Ned will have to continue to shoulder the load.

At Troy, Owens carried 14 times for 69 yards, and caught two passes for an additional 21 yards. The Golden Panthers must get their major playmakers involved, particularly T.Y. Hilton and Greg Ellington on the outside. These have been the most consistent receivers this year for FIU, and will have plenty of opportunity to do so, as will the running backs.

Louisiana-Lafayette ranks near the bottom of the Sun Belt defensively, and FIU will have the opportunity to move the ball. ULL ranks seventh out of eight teams in the SBC defending the run, allowing 222 yards per game. The Ragin’ Cajun pass defense is allowing 218 yards per game, sixth in the Sun Belt, and has a minus 5 turnover margin for the season.

BEACON PREDICTION

FIU and ULL will start slowly, with the FIU defense slowing ULL down early, coming out with a high energy level, and FIU has started slowly on the road this season. Both teams will trade big plays throughout what will be a high scoring contest. ULL’s passing at home will ultimately be the difference in a close contest that will feature lots of fireworks. Final score: ULL 33, FIU 31.

COMMENTARY

O! First round pick where art thou? Tom Brady, Joseph Addai, Randy Moss, Terrell Owens; All didn’t pan out. Luckily, your teams not in the dudledums hovering around .500.

Week 9 of the NFL season is the beginning of the last fourth of the fantasy football season. Most of the solid waiver wire pickups are gone, and the players told you to pick up last week are probably gone too.

The hard part is trusting them enough to start those high risk players and bench your top pick. Sometimes, it’s worth taking the chance, because starting these guys can propel your team to victory.

Donnie Avery- Wide Receiver, St. Louis Rams: I preached about Avery last week, and I was right on point. He is the number one receiver on the Rams with a quarterback who has found new life in Marc Bulger and a healthy running back in Steven Jackson.

Coming off two monster weeks, Donnie Avery is being snatched up in leagues, but he is still available in most leagues. The Rams take on Arizona, the Jets, and 49ers over the next three weeks and they are in the bottom half of fantasy points surrendered to receivers. The rookie wide receiver proves his worth as the first wide receiver taken in this years draft out of the university of Houston.

Nate Washington- Wide Receiver, Pittsburgh Steelers: With a touchdown his last three weeks, Washington has become the premier deep threat for Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers offense. Pittsburgh has thrown the ball deep to Washington at least three times a game, and usually convert on at least one play of over 40 yards. Washington has been praised by head coach Mike Tomlin and his speed will continue to be utilized successfully.

Lance Moore- Wide Receiver, New Orleans Saints: Moore has earned the trust of QB Drew Brees, who loves spreading the ball around to different receivers.

Ted Ginn Jr.: Wide Receiver, Miami Dolphins: Will the real Ted Ginn Jr. please stand up?

Young pass catchers have potential to hit big this weekend

Chief: If you need an emergency start at quarterback, don’t be scared to start Thigpen.

Even though he is on a bad team, he has a pair of viable weapons in tight end Tony Gonzalez and Wide Receiver Dwayne Bowe.

He might not win your team a title, but he is good if your stuck with an injury or bye week.

Ted Ginn Jr. – Wide Receiver, Miami Dolphins: Will the real Ted Ginn Jr. please stand up?

Don’ts are hoping last week’s 175 yard performance was not an anomaly, and Ginn might have turned the corner.

Chad Pennington don’t play to Ginn’s strengths as a receiver; the long ball, but he will be more involved in the offense after proving himself a viable threat. Miami plays Denver and Seattle, both weak defensively, and Ginn should find his way into the end zone.