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2:15 and 5:15 p.m - 4:15 and 7:00 p.m  
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3-113 (2:15 PM) & 5-112 (5:15 PM)

**Fuel Tool**

Lowest prices for regular unleaded gasoline in Orlando (as of Jan. 23):

**\$2.91<sup>9</sup>**  
**Costco**  
741 Orange Avenue

**\$2.93<sup>9</sup>**  
**7-Eleven**  
1439 West Orange Blossom Trail

**\$2.93<sup>9</sup>**  
**Shell**  
1919 McCoy Road

Source: www.gasbuddy.com  
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Photo by Abigail Isham / Valencia Voice

The breakage caused a need to shut off all water on Valencia's West Campus closing all bathrooms.

## Classes in soggy situation

### Broken water main distresses students, teachers, computers

By Marcel Evans  
Valencia Voice

The two yellow "Caution floor is wet" signs created an obstacle around several puddles of water. The standing pools of water were there due to a broken valve in Building 5 that resulted in an hour long water shortage.

"I saw nothing, I heard nothing, but you can see the results," Helen Mcknight, an instructional assistant, said glancing in the direction of several computers covered in garbage bags in the Writing Center. "When we saw water dripping we started to move furniture."

After the installation of a water heater in Building 5, a broken control valve required the campus wide shut down of all running water.

"They promised us we would be up and running within 45 minutes," said Dan Dutkofski, Dean of Fine Arts.

The shortage created a bathroom crisis for some. "When I heard the water was gone, I ran to use the bathroom," said Sylvia Piotrowski.

According to Dutkofski the water had coursed along a conduit to the Writing Center on the first floor.

"We had to relocate a class but the majority of the water could be found in the Writing Center," said Dutkofski.

The writing lab houses 104 student computers, ten of which had to either be moved or covered due to leaking ceiling tiles.

"The water would fry the computer," said Alex Nagy, a writing lab tutor. "It could bring down the network if it got into the outlet."

On the second floor of Building 5 others were less concerned.

"It hasn't affected me at all," Ed Frame, Honors Humanities professor, said. "They sent me an e-mail but no, water damage here. During the hurricanes this office flooded. I don't need any more water issues."



Photo by Abigail Isham / Valencia Voice

Water leaking into room 5-224 threatens student art projects and supplies, while students coped with the situation.

## Romney, Clinton prevail in Michigan primary

By Frank Tobin  
Valencia Voice

After her win in New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton scored another victory on the campaign trail with her success in Michigan, while GOP candidate Mitt Romney nabbed his first victory in this presidential election process.

The presidential primaries in Michigan showed two determining factors.

One: Democratic leaders voted to strip Michigan of all its delegates to the nation-

al convention next year as punishment for scheduling an early presidential primary in violation of party rules, thus rendering Clinton's win inconsequential.

According to Clinton's camp though, a win is a win.

Two: Mitt Romney's re-energized campaign might seem a little underwhelming if Mr. Romney's attitude is to be believed.

Overall, the Michigan primaries revealed a number of trends that may end up playing a role in the upcoming primaries.

The most unique trend from this primary, according to an MTV report, can be seen in

## Kenyan bombings scare off tourism

By Munene Kilongi  
McClatchy Newspapers

MOMBASA, Kenya — It's supposed to be the peak tourist season on Kenya's warm Indian Ocean coast, but the violence and uncertainty following last month's disputed election have driven away tens of thousands of visitors.

Now officials are warning of a major slowdown that could have broad implications for the East African country, whose growing tourism industry is a pillar of the economy and the source of more than 500,000 jobs.

"If tourism as a sector collapses, it will trigger a collapse of the entire economy," said Ongonga Achieng, the head of the Kenya Tourist Board.

Since President Mwai Kibaki claimed a disputed election victory, more than 600 people have been killed in politically motivated clashes, and a quarter-million people have been driven from their homes. On Friday, opposition leaders called off protests and said they would launch boycotts of companies owned by top allies of Kibaki, who they charge stole the election.

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Photo by Shashank Bengali / MCT Campus

Many beach resorts along Kenya's coast, like this one south of Mombasa, are grappling with cancellations as Kenya's tourism industry takes a hit due to the country's recent political crisis.

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# What should be on a Valencia TV network?

By Ashley Gonzalez  
Valencia Voice

Oprah Winfrey, the queen of all media, is getting her own cable channel called OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network.

Valencia students are planning to follow suit and come up with their own television channel called VVTV: Valencia Voice Television.

Valencia Voice asked several students, faculty, and staff to tell us what they would be interested in watching a television channel produced by Valencia Voice students.

Valencia students were shocked by the idea of a television channel designated for Valencia students that would ultimately start from scratch according to their interests

Some students said that if such a channel existed that they wouldn't even watch it. Some don't even have enough time in the day to watch it and others don't really watch television on a daily basis.

The majority of the other students, faculty, and staff actually had tons of ideas for VVTV.

The creation of VVTV could spark the beginning of a channel that hits the ground full force with not only information, but helpful and fun tips and ideas for Valencia students and others alike.

Those working on VVTV plan to focus mainly on current issues, sports, food, health, the latest technological advances, fashion, opinions, interviews, professions, and, most importantly, the issues that are most important to all who are a part of the Valencia environment.

VVTV would also be a channel for everyone. Families, students, neighbors, faculty, and staff would all be welcome to watch VVTV.

You are also welcome to voice your own opinions about Valencia Voice Television by contacting [news@valenciavoices.com](mailto:news@valenciavoices.com).

Look for further updates in future issues of Valencia Voice.



"The teams that play, scores, or anything related to sports."  
—Amine Bouri



"Sports."  
— Ivan Rodriguez



"Upcoming Valencia events."  
— Joe Cabalfin



"Things that actually matter to the student body as well as to the rest of the world."  
— Kristopher Lleras



"I'd like to see a show that interviews students on basic problems. I would like to see the problems solved and addressed."  
— Karen Jorgensen



"Current issues, health, fun stuff, entertainment."  
— Valerie Ocasio



"I'm really into athletics. Local teams, scores, highlights, stats."  
— Jen Smothers



"Something medically oriented."  
— Lindsay Smith

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## Oscar nominees announced

Oscar nominees were announced Jan. 22. The 80th Academy Awards will be presented Sunday, Feb. 24.

- **Best actor**  
George Clooney in "Michael Clayton"  
Daniel Day-Lewis in "There Will Be Blood"  
Johnny Depp in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"  
Tommy Lee Jones in "In the Valley of Elah"  
Viggo Mortensen in "Eastern Promises"
- **Best supporting actor**  
Casey Affleck in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford"  
Javier Bardem in "No Country for Old Men"  
Philip Seymour Hoffman in "Charlie Wilson's War"  
Hal Holbrook in "Into the Wild"  
Tom Wilkinson in "Michael Clayton"
- **Best actress**  
Cate Blanchett in "Elizabeth: The Golden Age"  
Julie Christie in "Away from Her"  
Marion Cotillard in "La Vie en

- Rose"  
Laura Linney in "The Savages"  
Ellen Page in "Juno"
  - **Best supporting actress**  
Cate Blanchett in "I'm Not There"  
Ruby Dee in "American Gangster"  
Saoirse Ronan in "Atonement"  
Amy Ryan in "Gone Baby Gone"  
Tilda Swinton in "Michael Clayton"
  - **Best director**  
Julian Schnabel ("The Diving Bell and the Butterfly")  
Jason Reitman ("Juno")  
Tony Gilroy ("Michael Clayton")  
Joel Coen and Ethan Coen ("No Country for Old Men")  
Paul Thomas Anderson ("There Will Be Blood")
  - **Best picture**  
"Atonement" (Focus Features)  
"Juno" (Fox Searchlight)  
"Michael Clayton" (Warner Bros.)  
"No Country for Old Men" (Miramax and Paramount Vantage)  
"There Will Be Blood" (Paramount Vantage and Miramax)
- Source: [oscars.org](http://oscars.org)



# West SGA celebration rings in new year

By Shaniece Dixon  
Valencia Voice

On Jan. 10, SGA held Valencia's first New Year's Bash on West Campus, which proved to be a great start to the year. The event was a huge welcome back treat for both students and faculty, celebrating the start of 2008. Hosted by SGA President, T.J. Cole, and Alan Collins.

Collins, many students and faculty were all able to enjoy the free food, music, and dance contests. According to T.J. Cole, the main purpose for the event was to increase student involvement.

"My favorite thing about the event was watching the students come [to the event] and being able to talk to people, while promoting school spirit. Overall, I think it was pretty successful," said Cole.

The members of the SGA have been planning the event since the end of the fall semester. But even for them, the experience was quite enjoyable and still gave them time to celebrate.

"It not only gives us the opportunity to show our leadership skills, but also gives us the opportunity to meet new people. It's a good way to get together now that we're back at school," said Vernecia Webb, a member of the SGA.

Promoting the event was local radio station Power 95.3, who usually collaborates with SGA when it comes to planning "Talent Tuesdays." Even for them, the New Year's Bash was not only a time for fun, but a time to celebrate Valencia's 40-year anniversary and the amount of excellence that it has provided to the community. John Barroso, better known as radio personality Jon Boy Fresh, is just one of those individuals who feel that way.

"It's great to work with T.J. I see all the construction that they're do-



Photos by Marcel Evans / Valencia Voice

Valencia students welcome 2008 on the SSB patio with Power 95.3, Jan. 10 (Above) Allen Collins, West Campus SGA's senator of marketing, MC's the event (Below).

ing on the West Campus, and it's nice to see that Orlando is really becoming a hub for education," said Barroso, a Valencia alum of Osceola campus.

Even Lester, the balloon guy, who performs at colleges and universities nationwide, not only considers it a pleasure to perform for Valencia students, but can agree that the event exemplifies the positive influence that Valencia has on its community. Like Power 95.3, he also worked with Valencia's SGA to bring several school events to success.

"I've performed at the West Campus dozens of times since 2000, and the students here are so nice and positive. It seems like everyone had a good time today," Lester said.



## UCF back goes pro

By Ryan Guilfooy  
Valencia Voice

After running for over 2,500 yards and scoring 30 touchdowns this past season, Kevin Smith has decided to enter the NFL draft.

All this after Smith reportedly told coaches, teammates, and the Orlando Sentinel last month that he would stay for his senior season.

Smith is the all time leading rusher in the state of Florida, 2007 Conference USA Player of the Year, a Heisman Trophy contender, and a 2007 first team All-American and, as reported by the Orlando Sentinel, he had planned on staying for his senior season in order to "gain some weight and improve his speed".

Smith holds almost every meaningful record a running back can hold. He has the most touchdowns in a single season of any Florida running back, and boasts the same title in regards to career touchdowns. He has broken records held by great running backs such as Emmitt Smith, Warrick Dunn, Edgerin James, Willis McGahee, Clinton Portis, and Fred Taylor, all of whom have played in the NFL and turned out to be potential Hall of Famers.

Last year, Smith averaged 5.7 yards a carry, led the NCAA in scoring and had the most rushing yards in the NCAA. He is projected to be drafted in the second round but could slip all the way down to the fourth round depending on how many other junior running backs enter the draft this spring. His best game this season was at home against the University



Stephen M. Dowell/Orlando Sentinel/MCT) Central Florida tailback Kevin Smith runs for yardage during the Liberty Bowl. The Bulldogs defeated the Knights 10-3.

of Alabama-Birmingham in which he racked up over 300 yards rushing and four rushing touchdowns. However, the game that put him in the eyes of NFL scouts was the first home game played at the newly built Bright House Networks Stadium. In the stadium's debut he ran for 149 yards and two touchdowns in an attempt to knock off Big 12 powerhouse Texas.

Some analysts have compared him to great running backs like Barry Sanders, and Emmitt Smith. Others have criticized his size and his lack of experience against "big" teams. Both sides have valid arguments; he does have the cutback ability that Barry Sanders had when he entered the NFL draft, yet he has only played two "big-time" teams, Texas and Florida. In both games he had sub par performances and did not seem to be himself, particularly in the Florida game two seasons ago.

After talking to people following his announcement, more fans understand and support him.

Some fans were even hoping that a Florida based team, either the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Miami Dolphins, or Jacksonville Jaguars, will draft him so they can continue to watch him grow.

## West chamber chorus among new clubs in '08

By Jordan Keyes  
Valencia Voice

Coming back to school can mean a busy schedule and a lot of stress for some students. Standing in long bookstore lines, struggling to find your room, and getting the right homework done are just a few of the time consuming necessities of these first few weeks.

For those of you who have extra time to fill before, after, or in between your classes, there are a number extracurricular activities that cater to many diverse interests.

If you are one of those people who enjoys playing along with Jeopardy on TV then you might enjoy Brain Bowl. Brain Bowl is an academic contest, very similar to Jeopardy, in which teams of students attempt to answer questions before their opponents can answer.

The question topics range from History to Pop Culture to Mathematics to Politics. Valencia's Brain Bowl team happens to have multiple national championships under its belt so the team's coach, Chris Borglum, takes it very seriously while keeping it fun.

The team travels all over Florida to competitions and just returned from Tallahassee where Valencia made a strong showing in the tournament's playoffs.

If you are interested in joining the team, contact Chris Borglum at [cborglum@valenciacc.edu](mailto:cborglum@valenciacc.edu). The team meets for practice every Monday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the West Campus.

For all the singers on campus, the Valencia Chamber Chorus is coming to the West Campus. The Chamber Chorus is this Campus' first choir in its history.

Veteran director/producer, James C. Jones, will direct the choir which will venture into many different musical genres each semester.

It is being promoted through flyers as a "chance to get in on the ground floor of something bound to be truly special and rewarding" for those interested, the class meets on Thursday nights at 7-9 p.m.

The Student Government Association is a prominent presence on campus that gives students a chance to improve Valencia for everyone.

SGA members are responsible for representing the student body when important decisions need to be made and they also coordinate many of the activities and opportunities on campus.

To join, go to the Student Government Association office on campus and pick up an application and a letter of intent. If accepted, students will be able to participate in SGA's first meeting on Jan. 17.

One of SGA's regular events is the weekly talent contest known as Talent Tuesday.

Beginning Feb. 14, weekly showcases will take place where students can display any talent they choose. Performers compete to become eligible for the finals where cash prizes are awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Sign-ups will take place on Feb.14.



# Valencia chess team moves toward big goals

## Club proves to be more than just another extracurricular

By Shaneece Dixon  
Valencia Voice

Chess is considered a rigorous game for many, especially since it requires much skill and technique to be successful, so it's no wonder that our very own West Campus wanted to get in on the craze.

Officially a club since the summer of 2007, the West Campus Chess Club is open to everyone interested and if you don't already know how to play, the Chess Club members will gladly give you free lessons.

"We'll not only teach new members how to play, but we'll also teach them strategies," said Thanapat Phoolsuk, vice president of the organization and a chess player since his days at Olympia High School.

The club, which is sponsored by U.S. Government professor Ann Farrell, has been very successful in gaining interest from future members.

According to the club presi-

dent, Alejandro Trimarchi, the club's popularity was something quite unexpected.

"I thought finding new members would be a lot harder to do. But there were so many people who would always watch us play in the library, so we figured that we'd just have a club of our own," Trimarchi said.

One feat that the club accomplished within the last semester was holding a tournament against UCF's chess team. Though they didn't win, members of the club were able to make a good enough connection with the opposing team to play them again this semester, and they are positive about what else they want to accomplish in the future.

"We've been working on getting some more tournaments set up with other colleges and universities in the state of Florida," said Katherine Neill, one of the team's co-founding members.

"We also want to have a tournament within our own club to determine rankings, which will show us who has the most skill."

For aspiring members, simply wanting to socialize and to meet new people are good reasons to join.

According to James Weaver, a chess player for many years and a club member since the beginning of the fall semester,



Photo by Eric Hood / iStockphoto.com

the Chess Club at West Campus certainly isn't your average chess club.

"It's not like a traditional chess club," Weaver said. "We do a lot of other activities like going to the beach and hanging out outside of school."

The club has already participated in several of Valencia's events, such as College Night and Trick-Or-Treat on Matador

Street, which was held a week before Halloween and sought to give kids within the Orlando area a safe way to go trick-or-treating for Halloween and also encouraged clubs to host activities for the kids to participate in.

"We came up with a bowling game and a chess table for the kids to play with. It was a lot of fun. Some of them knew how to play chess, and even challenged

some of the members," Neill said of the event.

For anyone who's interested in becoming a member, meetings are held every Friday in Building 7, Room 230A, at West Campus.

Everyone is invited to stop by and watch the group of people in the library who never seem to stop playing chess. Just follow the club slogan and "Make a move!"



Photo by Eric Hood / iStockphoto.com

## Controversial U.S. chess champ Fischer dies after years in exile

### MCT Campus

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — U.S.-born former world chess champion Bobby Fischer died Jan. 17 in Reykjavik at the age of 64, Icelandic national media reported.

No cause of death was given by the hospital where he died.

The controversial chess legend had been in the hospital since November, when he was treated for a kidney problem.

Fischer had moved to Iceland in 2005 after having lived in Japan in seclusion from the world media for many years. He was a constant and fierce critic of the U.S. government and subsequently gained Icelandic citizenship.

Fischer became the youngest international grand master in 1958 at 14, winning the first of his eight U.S. Chess Championships that year.

He gained worldwide attention

in 1972 after beating the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky in a World Championship match that took place in Reykjavik during one of the tenser periods of the Cold War.

Fischer's victory ended decades of international domination of the sport by the U.S.S.R. and turning the new world chess champion into an instant national hero.

In 1992, Fischer and Spassky played a rematch in the former Yugoslavia, under strict United Nations sanctions at the time. He was later charged with breaking a UN embargo and a warrant was issued for his arrest by U.S. authorities.

The game, billed as "Revenge Match of the Century" ended in a second victory for Fischer.

Despite having Jewish parents, Fischer was well-known for his anti-Semitic and anti-Israel views.

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# Professor hopes to Frame home in Hawaii

By Sarah Soliman  
Valencia Voice

It is a fact that Valencia Community College is one of the best community colleges in the nation

This statement might not hold its truth if it were not for the professors who take pride in their work and most importantly, their students.

The subject of this week's "Teacher Feature," professor Ed Frame, has been the coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Honors Program for a year and a half.

Frame resides in Clermont with his wife and four children. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii and later earned his

## Teacher Feature

master's degree from the Ohio State University. Frame has taught at other institutions including the University of Wisconsin and the Universiti Sains in Malaysia.

Frame has also been a business owner for 15 years in Clermont and Orlando. He has traveled extensively to various parts of the world, such as Southeast Asia, China, Europe, India, Russia and Africa.

Frame has taught at VCC for 14 years, 10 of which he spent as a professor for the Honors Program.

Frame was asked 10 questions unrelated to his profession. Here is

what he had to say:

**1. What is your most embarrassing moment?**

"In college I was giving a piano recital and forgot completely the music. For almost five minutes I just played whatever came to mind. My professor said she had never heard Debussy like that."

**2. What is the worst gift you have ever received?**

"One Christmas I received a hat with a ponytail attached to the back."

**3. What is your ideal vacation?**

"An ideal vacation is to go to a place I have never been. I particularly like places that have a spiritual feeling, such as the large cathedrals in Europe."

**4. What is your most memorable childhood memory?**

"I remember most the long walks through the woods of Southern Ohio where I grew up. I spent hours of free time in total oneness with nature."

**5. Do you have any special hobbies?**

"I like yard work and travel."

**6. Favorite movie?**

"My favorite movie is 'Oh Brother Where Art Thou?' Its tie-in to the Odyssey is brilliant. I also thoroughly enjoy the Harry Potter movies."

**7. What is your pet peeve?**

"My pet peeve is encountering people with no respect for others. This includes, naturally, the highways of our country."

**8. Have you made any New Years resolutions?**

"To travel and to start building my house in Hawaii."

**9. Who or what inspires you?**

"Mythology and my children."

**10. Do you consider yourself to be a healthy eater?**

"Absolutely, except for a love of sweets and ice cream."

Frame's passion and love for teaching is reflected in Valencia's Honors Program. Frame makes it a point to address the importance of education to his students as a professor and a friend. he influential professor is one of many Valencia instructors who help make the college a successful one.



# Snipes claims he was duped in tax case



Attorney Billy Martin, actor Wesley Snipes, attorney Daniel Meachum, and public relations specialist Judy Smith address the news media at the Orlando International Airport's Galaxy Aviation. Photo by Roberto Gonzalez, Orlando Sentinel / MCT Campus

**By Stephen Hudak**  
**Orlando Sentinel**

OCALA, Fla.—Wesley Snipes’ lawyer described the star as “the boy who made good” and a victim of anti-tax schemers during opening remarks Wednesday in the actor’s tax-evasion trial.

“He has never, ever been a cheat,” defense lawyer Daniel Meachum said of Snipes, who has Orlando roots. “He has never, ever been a tax protester.”

Snipes, 45, star of “White Men Can’t Jump,” “Jungle Fever” and the sci-fi trilogy “Blade,” faces up to 16 years in federal prison if convicted of conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and other tax-related charges.

Interim U.S. Attorney Robert E. O’Neill outlined the government’s case using computer-projected graphics that charted the actor’s earnings and a time-line of his relationship with co-defendants Douglas Rosile, 59, and Eddie Ray Kahn, 64.

Rosile, an accountant who prepared a tax

return for Snipes seeking a \$7 million refund, was associated with American Rights Litigators, an anti-tax organization founded and led by Kahn from a second-floor office on Donnelly Street in downtown Mount Dora.

“Its focus was to thwart the processes of the IRS,” O’Neill said.

O’Neill said the group, and its later hybrid, the Guiding Light of God Ministries, espoused a “jibberish kind of idea” that Americans are not required by law to pay taxes on wages and income earned on U.S. soil.

He warned jurors that they would be presented with hundreds of pages of documents collected by IRS investigators in their probe of Kahn’s group and Snipes, who paid no federal taxes on \$38 million he earned from movies and investments from 1999 through 2004.

Robert Bernhoft, one of six lawyers defending Snipes, disputed the prosecutors’ claims during a 45-minute address to the all-white jury.

Bernhoft said Snipes had not intended

to join an anti-tax movement, but instead paid Kahn’s group for tax and investment advice because he was dissatisfied with Starr & Company, the New York firm that had handled those affairs for him.

Starr & Company counted former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw, actress Goldie Hawn and actor Sylvester Stallone among its clients, but invested poorly for Snipes, costing him \$757,000 in 1998, Bernhoft said.

Brokaw, Hawn and Stallone, who later sued Starr & Company over investment losses, are named on a witness list for Snipes that also includes boxer Muhammad Ali, filmmaker Spike Lee and actor Woody Harrelson.

Unfortunately, according to the lawyer, Kahn’s group also betrayed and exploited Snipes — confusing him with legal opinions that he owed no federal taxes and also was due a hefty refund for past overpayments.

Although prosecutors allege that Snipes dodged taxes by filing “frivolous correspondence,” Bernhoft said the actor repeatedly sought answers from the IRS, seeking a meeting and an explanation of what he owed.

He even asked for an audit.

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“Not too many people ask for an audit,” Bernhoft said. “Welcome to the wacky world of the IRS.”

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David Wilson, lawyer for co-defendant Rosile, told jurors his client did not try to defraud the government when he prepared documents for Snipes that sought a \$7 million refund.

Kahn, who has rejected court-provided counsel and called the proceedings a sham, spoke briefly to the panel, telling them he was not participating.

Rosile and Kahn could be sentenced to 10 years in prison if convicted.

# Murders in 3 states linked to 1 man

**Gary Hilton**  
**suspected, but**  
**not yet charged**  
**with multiple**  
**homicides**

**By Keisha Sweeney**  
**Valencia Voice**

Authorities say the man charged in the killing of a hiker in Georgia may also be connected to the deaths of victims in both Florida and North Carolina.

During a hike in the mountains on New Year’s Day, 24-year-old University of Georgia alum Mer-

edith Emerson was kidnapped, allegedly, by 61-year-old Gary Michael Hilton. Emerson’s body was discovered by Georgia authorities on Monday, Jan. 7.

Investigators are currently looking into the possibility that Hilton was also the killer of Florida resident Cheryl Dunlap. Dunlap’s body was found in December within the confines of the Apalachicola National Forest in Leon County.

Leon County investigators discovered that Hilton was actually in the area at the time of Dunlap’s disappearance. Hilton made contact with a forestry agent on duty who then made note of Hilton’s tag number.

Leon County Sheriff’s Office Maj. Mike Wood explained that running tag numbers at random

is a part of “routine checks” performed by forestry officials. The tag came back with no warrants when ran by forestry agents.

After discovering Dunlap’s body, many tips came in from concerned hikers and hunters who claimed they had come in contact with a “disheveled man with a knife.”

Florida officials are now collaborating with Georgia officials to compare cases concerning Emerson, of Georgia, and Florida victim, Dunlap.

Hilton made a deal with a Union county prosecutor in which he agreed to lead officials to the body in exchange for the option of the death penalty being dropped. Though Dawson County district attorney Lee Darragh maintains that he had nothing to do with the

deal, it is unclear whether the offer will become void.

Though Georgia authorities have a full plate with prosecution proceedings, and working with Florida officials, they found time to also meet up with officials from Transylvania County, North Carolina.

The Transylvania County Sheriff’s Department began to notice significant parallels between the murder cases of victims John and Irene Bryant and Georgia hiker, Meredith Emerson.

John, 84, and wife Irene, 80, disappeared after hiking in the mountains of the Pisgah National Forest some months ago. While Irene’s body was found near the couple’s vehicle, John’s body has yet to be found.

North Carolina investigators

believe John was kidnapped and pressured to divulge information concerning the couple’s bank accounts and other personal information. During the time of the couple’s disappearance, money was withdrawn from the Bryant’s account via an ATM. Surveillance video reveals the image of a man whose face is covered with a jacket using the couple’s debit card to make the withdrawal.

While the similarities between the cases continue to accumulate, Florida officials will not confirm the reports that, like Emerson, Dunlap was decapitated.

Sharing the sentiment of Florida officials, Valencia Osceola Campus student Natasha Baptist says “I hope that Hilton is the killer in all three cases, so that we can have such a heinous killer off the streets.”





Chevy's hybrid gas-electric 2008 Malibu, which has a price tag of \$22,730, \$2,000 more than the base price for a gasoline model.

Chevrolet / MCT

## Tourism industry crippled in African country

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Television images of rioting and protests have prompted many Americans and Europeans to cancel vacations in Kenya, which is known for its spectacular safaris and perpetually warm beaches. Throughout the coastal region, hotels and resorts that usually operate at 85 percent capacity at this time of year are now only 20 percent full.

Although no tourists have been hurt in the fighting and the unrest has largely spared the coastal areas and other vacation hot-spots, the U.S. Embassy issued a travel alert last week that said, "The situation in Kenya is volatile and subject to change on short notice."

The embassy has had a travel warning for Kenya for more than four years, due largely to a 2002 attack by al-Qaida suspects on a hotel outside of Mombasa that's popular with Israeli tourists. Despite the warnings, however, 100,000 Americans visited Kenya last year, a record.

Tourism contributes \$900 million to Kenya's economy and a tenth of the country's jobs, but the industry figures to take a sharp hit this year. Officials had expected 315,000 visitors in the first three months but have reduced their estimate to 134,450. Expected earnings have been slashed by one-third, from \$300 million for the quarter to slightly more than \$100 million.

Before the elections, the expansive, 610-bed Sun and Sand beach resort in the town of Kilifi was fully booked. Now it hosts slightly more than 100 guests who are spread around the palatial five-star hotel crafted in Swahili-style architecture.

On a recent afternoon, rather than mixing drinks, bartender Andrew Charo polished cabinets housing fine wines and whiskies until they gleamed in the sun. There were hardly any customers around.

"I will be out of work if this trend goes on," Charo said. "This is where I earn my bread, and if I go down my family goes down with me."

Along the coast, where an estimated four in five residents depend on tourism for their livelihood, experts fear that 20,000 jobs could be lost by the end of the month. An additional 120,000 jobs could be lost by March.

## Fuel efficiency comes at high price

By Justin Hyde  
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — From plug-in hybrids to biofueled supercars, automakers at the North American International Auto Show say they know how to build environmentally conscious vehicles. What they don't know is how many customers will buy them, and at what price.

Every automaker has given a glimpse over the past two days of their strategies for dealing with tougher U.S. fuel economy regulations, rising oil prices and a surge of global warming rules around the globe. While Toyota Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. have pledged new hybrids, General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC have touted a variety of approaches, while Ford Motor Co. has bet big on a single technology.

But in interviews with the Detroit Free Press, U.S. industry executives said the technical hurdles to meeting a 35 mpg standard by 2020 are less diffi-

cult than getting customers to accept the changes and extra costs that come along with the goal.

General Motors Corp. Vice Chairman Bob Lutz told reporters at the show that the new U.S. rules would cost the industry \$5,000 to \$7,000 per vehicle, with much higher costs possible for some models.

"Technology is an easy thing to do. What's not easy is how you absorb the cost," Lutz said Monday. "I don't care if you're Toyota, Honda or anybody else, you're not going to do it without adding expensive technology to the automobile."

And while the classic American V8 engine isn't extinct, the new rules could sharply cull its numbers. GM killed plans for a new V8 last month, and Ford Chairman Bill Ford said such engines will be "more industrial than retail" in the future, limited mostly to high-end sports cars and commercial trucks.

"Will we turn our back on the Carroll Shelby of the

world? No," Ford said referring to the sports car icon and the high-performance Mustangs that bear his name. "But will we sell them in big, big numbers? Not really."

While green cars have been a part of the Detroit show for years, the new U.S. fuel economy rules have given automakers a sense of urgency toward bringing them to market. Even luxury brands such as Mercedes, BMW and Ferrari noted the drive toward fuel efficiency and reducing carbon emissions from vehicles.

The two largest Japanese automakers recommitted themselves to gasoline-electric hybrids as their main tool for more efficient cars and trucks, despite hybrids' additional costs. Honda announced plans for three new hybrid models, two of which will be sold in the United States. Toyota President Katsuaki Watanabe pledged Sunday to unveil two new hybrids at next year's auto show, and said he had challenged the

company's engineers to meet the 2020 standard early.

Toyota enjoys a sizable head start toward the goal because of its lead in hybrids, which produce extremely high fuel economy numbers under the federal tests used to measure compliance. Toyota's U.S. hybrid sales rose 44 percent last year to 277,750, and Toyota wants to sell 1 million annually worldwide by 2010.

But Detroit executives at the show expressed less concern about lost sales and more concern about the added costs of a hybrid, which can easily run to thousands of dollars per vehicle, a serious matter for automakers with weak finances.

GM touted its hybrid portfolio, saying it would launch 16 new models over the next four years, but several of those models are so-called "mild" hybrids with modest fuel savings. But GM executives pushed hard to paint bio-fuel-powered vehicles as a better environmental solution.

## 'Uncommitted' voters spark debate

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Michigan ballot and for apparently making plans to campaign in Florida, despite signing a pledge not to campaign in the state, according to the AP.

Clinton's camp responded.

Through <http://www.freep.com>, a memo by the Clinton camp retaliated. "She had honored the pledge not to campaign in either state and had no plans to do anything in Florida other than a small fund-raiser,"

the memo read. "Obama also has done this in recent months."

The memo also noted that Obama supporters held press conferences and ran ads urging people to vote "Uncommitted" as a way to show their support for Obama.

According to a CNN exit poll, among voters ages 18-29, 48 percent chose uncommitted, while Clinton tallied 43 percent of the vote among that age group, which her campaign has been heavily courting since her win in New Hampshire.

CNN has also reported that 68 percent of Michigan's black voters, who made up nearly a quarter of all Democratic voters, chose uncommitted over Clinton.

Bill Ballenger, editor of the 20-year-old biweekly subscription newsletter, "Inside Michigan Politics," said in an interview with CNN that the 40 percent uncommitted vote was pretty "impressive" considering that two out of every five primary goers essentially showed up at the polls to vote for none of the above.

"I think the story out of this election is that Hillary dodged a bullet by not being beaten by uncommitted," he said. "It wasn't an overwhelming victory, but it could have been a lot worse."

"It's been evident in Iowa and New Hampshire that younger voters are going Obama's way," Ballenger added, "and she that does better with low-income and less-educated people and older people, and that's the demographic that came out for this primary."

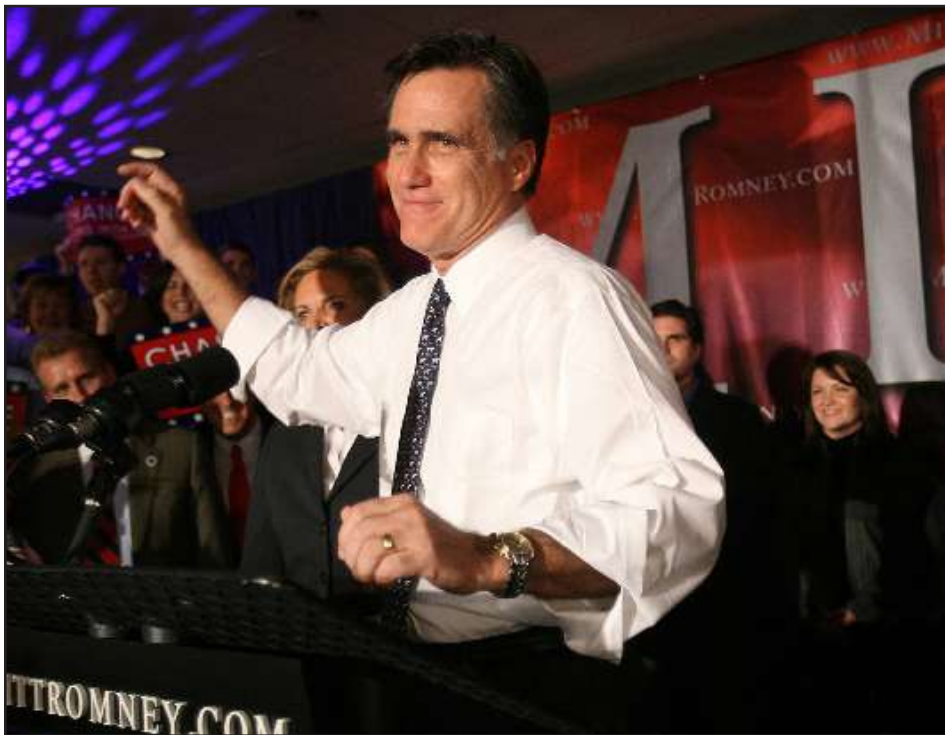


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Photo by Christopher Kezer / MCT

Despite urges from the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton remained on the ballot in the inconsequential Michigan primary. The Michigan primary also marked a first win for Republican candidate Mitt Romney.



# Radiohead's new 'In Rainbows' album in stores now

By Kevin Norris  
Valencia Voice

"Hello everyone. Well, the new album is finished, and it's coming out in 10 days; We've called it "In Rainbows." Love from us all. Jonny

Millions of jaws hit the floor after reading Radiohead's announcement of a new album being released. The news was comparable to being blindsided by a semi-truck. It was unbelievable and thrilling. It caused a flurry of questions, predictions, and expectations on millions of message boards worldwide. Many questioned when Oct. 10 finally arrived, what would be the foremost reaction?

After listening to the opening nine seconds of "In Rainbows" first track "15 Step," I had to once again pick my jaw up from the floor. I have an intuitive feeling that the reaction I had was very similar to everyone that listened to "In Rainbows" for the first time.

Essentially, "In Rainbows" is everything we wanted from a new Radiohead album. It draws influences from fan album favorites such as "OK Computer," "Kid A," and even "Hail to the Thief," while still taking us into new areas that previous music acts have been unable to capture. Produced and recorded by Mark Stent and Nigel Godrich over a period of two years, "In Rainbows" features 10 tracks that will take you on a romantic journey never before experienced in an album.

Unlike the political vibe featured on 2003's "Hail to the Thief," "In Rainbows" carries out a more comforting tone. Be careful though, the first few seconds you listen to the jackhammer funk machine that is "15 Step," you might just find yourself breaking out in a dance that will only be greeted by the frequent bursts of shouting guitars on "Bodysnatchers." "Bodysnatchers" resembles a mental patient trying to break free from their straitjacket.

"Nude" is the engaging sedative to help with all the dancing appropriated by the two previous tracks. Lead singer, Thom Yorke's voice is haunting, playing as the perfect compliment to the dreamy ambiance usually found on Radiohead albums. "All I Need" is also an emotionally profound track loaded with piano, synthesizers, and random noises. It is beautifully composed, making it one of the many highlights on "In Rainbows."

The next two minutes of delicately plucked acoustic guitar and strings, "Faust Arp," brings you back down to earth before the rattling cymbals of "Reckoner" takes you to where the previous tracks have already gone. While it may not be considered one of "In Rainbows" strongest tracks, "House of Cards" does possess a blizzard of spooked, sexy strings that plays the perfect contrast to "Jigsaw Falling Into Place."

"In Rainbows" ends with the most personal, raw track Radiohead has ever created. For five minutes straight, Yorke's delicate voice and dis-tressing keys from the piano keep building and



Radiohead's Thom Yorke sings during their performance at the Shoreline Amphitheater in Mountain View, California on Tuesday, September 23, 2003.

building, but there is no payoff, just the song obediently dying to the sound of a piano.

When looking back on "In Rainbows," it proves to be one of the most exhilarating and penetrating albums of not only 2007, but maybe of the last decade. All of it rocks; none of "In Rainbows" sounds like any other band on earth; it delivers an emotional punch that

proves all other music acts owe us an apology, or at least a little help picking our jaws up from the floor.

Radiohead-In Rainbows.

5 out of 5 stars.

Released via free download, October 10th, 2007



Jackie (Katie Holmes), Nina (Queen Latifah), and Bridget (Diane Keaton) keep each other from letting their secrets come out.

## 'Mad Money' steals success

By Ashley McBride  
Valencia Voice

Three successful actresses join together to bring one very hilarious film to the screen. Diane Keaton ("The First Wives Club"), Queen Latifah ("Bringin' Down the House"), and Katie Holmes ("Thank You For Smoking") form an unlikely trio in "Mad Money" by Overture Films.

Bridget Cardigan, played by Keaton, finds out that after living a carefree lifestyle, she must enter the job market. She gets a job as a janitor at the Federal Reserve Bank, where she gets the idea to steal right from under the bank's nose.

The highly secured bank shreds old money during the day and puts new fresh money in its place. Queen Latifah's character, Nina, is a single mother with two boys and she is in charge of shredding the cash.

Holmes' character, Jackie, takes out the trash everyday and the trio scheme a plan to get away with millions. After the initial robbery, they decide to keep stealing until they are very well off.

The unlikely team of females are surprisingly hilarious, with Nina making most of the funny one-liners. Nina tells Bridget in the film, "If this thing goes bad, I will kill you. Are you scared of me?" And Bridget mutters, "Yeah."

Bridget's husband, Don, is played by Ted Danson who was last seen in the television series, "Damages" and is well-known for his role on the show, "Becker." In one scene, Don is talking with his wife about her crazy plan. She asks him, "Is it wrong to have financial security?" His reply? "How about maximum security?"

The movie breezes past at 104 minutes. The film jumps around between people narrating the story and the actual story itself, but the movie is still very entertaining.

Katie Holmes' performance is rather immature. She seems to be caught between her Joey Potter days on the television show, "Dawson's Creek" and her now post-Suri, grown-up self. She is rather ditz in the film but the two other ladies in the film carry the movie through.

The movie plays like a woman's version of "Ocean's Eleven," only with far fewer people. The film starts off with the characters talking about the robberies from the Federal Reserve Bank in the past tense, and they tell how the idea of it all and the enactment of the robbery takes place. The movie does jump around between characters narrating and the actual chronological series of events, making it a little hard to follow, but in the end the whole story does make sense. In one of the opening scenes, Bridget's husband, Don, is shredding money over the toilet, and periodically flushing the money down the drain.

When you get greedy, you get caught. When the women decide to carry out the plan of stealing several times, they eventually do get caught, by a man named Barry, who has a crush on Nina. So Bridget and Jackie try to persuade Nina to seduce Barry, a security guard at the Federal Reserve Bank. Nina tells them, "Do you know what it is when you trade sex for money?" Jackie's responds, "Advertising!"

A must-see hilarious film, "Mad Money" makes you wonder what you and your friends could get away with if you really thought about it.

## 'Treasure' hunters explore theaters

By Ashley McBride  
Valencia Voice

Did you know there is more than one Statue of Liberty? According to the film, "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," there are reportedly three. Only one is important to the film, the one located on the Seine River in Paris, France. Identical to the one in New York in design, it stands in clear view of the Eiffel Tower.

In the film, the cast returns for the second time to find the Native American City of Gold, Cibola. Nicolas Cage, last seen in 2007's "Next," returns as Benjamin Gates and it is up to him to clear his great great grandfather, Thomas Gates' name, when a man named Mitch Wilkinson steps forward during a lecture Gates is giving and tells him his ancestor was in on the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

The sequel is more engaging than the first, but both have the same idea: find hidden treasures in history. "Secrets" is a very elaborate treasure hunt, and maybe that is part of the appeal. "Secrets" held the box office number one spot for the last three weeks, but fell three spots this week to number four, according to Entertainment Weekly's website, <http://www.ew.com>.

The treasure hunt takes the threesome to Paris, France, Buckingham Palace, and lastly to South Dakota, the home of Mount Rushmore. At one point in the film, Ben Gates kidnaps the President of the United States by leading him down a secret underground tunnel at Mount Vernon, to ask him about the infamous Book of Secrets. The Book of Secrets is said to be passed down from president to president, and is only for the presidents eyes, containing such secrets as the missing minutes of the Watergate Scandal and clues leading to the City of Gold.

Jon Voight returns as well, as Ben Gates' father, Patrick, who helps Ben with finding some of the puzzle pieces. Ben's mother, Emily, played by the stunning Helen Mirren (The Queen), is a wonderful edition to the movie, and the interactions between her and her ex-husband Patrick, are delightful to watch.

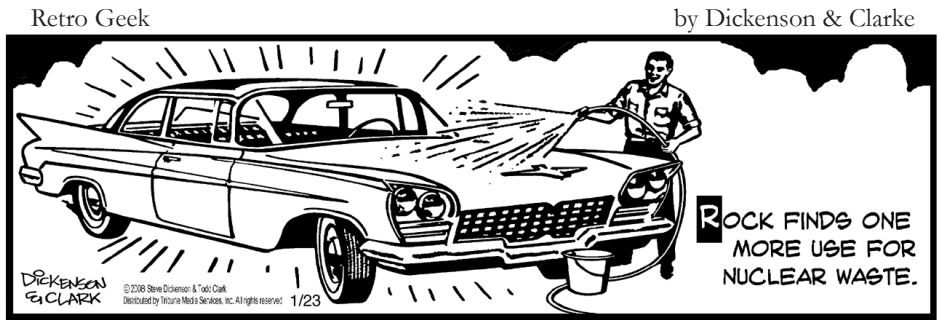
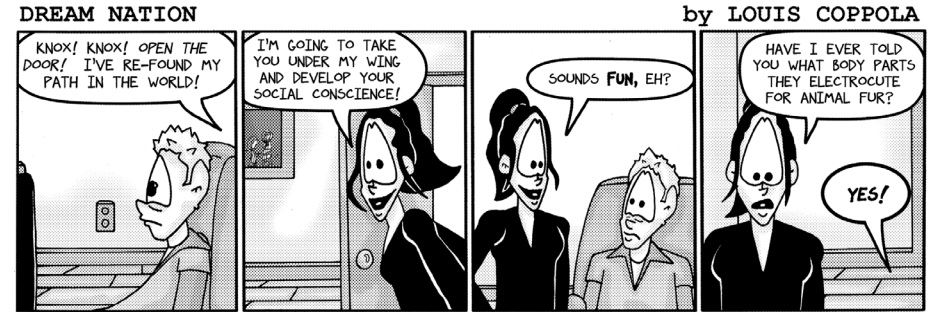
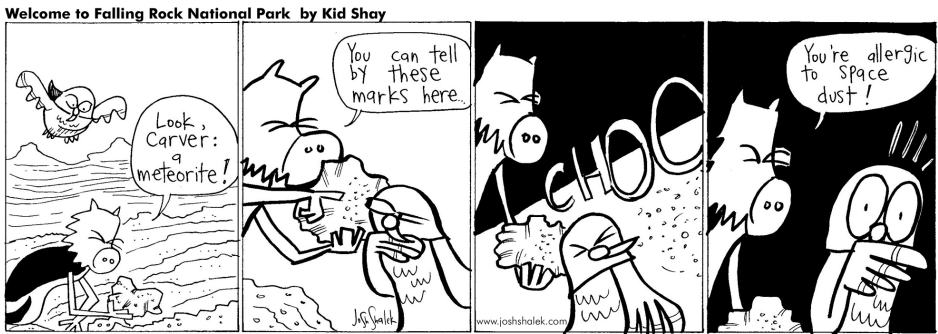
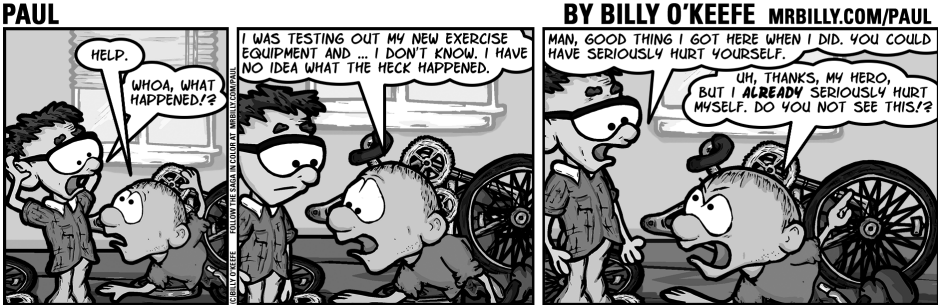
The real fun begins when Patrick, Emily and Ben Gates, along with Abigail, Riley, and Mitch get to the entrance of the City of Gold. The film has a very "Indiana Jones" feel to it, although Ben doesn't have some of the finesse that Harrison Ford musters in the Indy films. At one point, the group of six get separated, leaving Patrick and Emily to find their own way by swinging on some vines. Meanwhile, Abigail, Riley, Mitch and Ben land on an ancient teeter-totter device and have to find a way to go without falling to their deaths.

Historians will probably rip the film apart, citing possible inaccuracies, but as movie viewers, most of us look for a good cinematic adventure, this is it. It has treasure, puzzles that need to be solved, a race against the bad guy, comedy, a few sentimental moments (albeit very brief ones) and lots of action.

Could there really be a treasure under Mount Rushmore? Is there really a Presidential Book of Secrets? Are there two resolute desks and are they really in Buckingham Palace and the Oval Office? Is there more than one Statue of Liberty? Well, at least the last one I can answer. There is a second Statue of Liberty in France.

If you threw "Tomb Raider," the "Indiana Jones trilogy," Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?, and the "History Channel" in a blender, "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" would be the result.





"... And I'm not saying he wouldn't make a good president, but with a name like 'Mitt Romney' he'd make a better quarterback."



Brothers Watt



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by William Wilson



## Weekly Horoscopes

Today's Birthday (01-23-08) A partnership developed this year brings you security. You'll also make new friends and do things you've never done before. Try not to spend too much on toys.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) - You're in an awkward position, when you're trying to be two places simultaneously. You may be tempted to cancel both those appointments, and do something more fun. You might get away with it, too.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) - To the casual observer, it may not look like you're doing much. Actually, you're saving, which works very well for you. It's not easy. Save up, so you can spend.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) -There's a bit of confusion, as you have to choose between two attractive options. Don't worry, you can have one now and the other one later. Set your priorities.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) - Don't waste another minute, even if you're sort of nervous about trying the Unknown. Either admit you're doing what you love or put in the correction. Choose it or change it.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) - You're very attractive now, so don't waste all your time on business. Set aside a healthy chunk of it for pleasure, too.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Don't be hasty. Think about all the possible consequences. Everything will turn out all right, by the way. Knowing that doesn't give you an excuse to take wild risks. Make a wise choice instead.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Social activities interfere with your private time. Keep everybody in communication and minimize the problem. Make it one big party.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Extreme caution is advised, if you're going to win the game. Traditional skills are important, of course, but creativity gives you the edge.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - News from far away provides calming reassurance. Others seek your advice and you're able to help them solve a problem. Thanks to your participation, all ends well.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Keep your financial situation a secret, even from yourself. Don't think about the money you won't let yourself spend. Pretend you've already spent it.

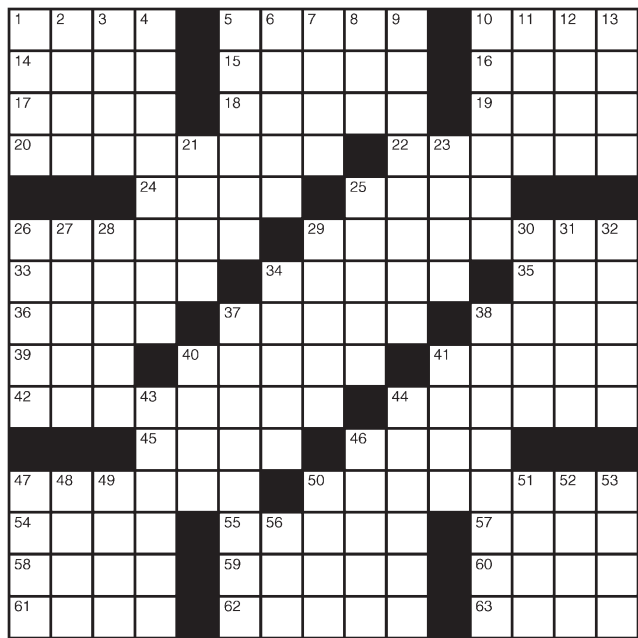
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Show polite restraint with a person who thinks he or she knows it all. Only make corrections when you're sure you're right. Have the facts at your fingertips.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) - If you can get the job done, under adverse conditions, you'll make an excellent impression on the authorities. Give it your best shot.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fight to breathe
  - 5 Crime group
  - 10 "Lohengrin" lady
  - 14 Thickening agent
  - 15 Large antelope
  - 16 Placed
  - 17 Outdoor gala
  - 18 Roadside furrow
  - 19 Texas city's epithet
  - 20 Sun spots?
  - 22 Time periods
  - 24 Impetuous ardor
  - 25 Work gang
  - 26 Mine-laying soldier
  - 29 Sets sail
  - 33 Packing case
  - 34 Sty denizens
  - 35 Bat wood
  - 36 Sorry 'bout that!
  - 37 Yet to be paid
  - 38 French cheese
  - 39 Ms. Thurman
  - 40 Architect Jones
  - 41 Time between 12 and 20
  - 42 Impetuosity
  - 44 Deepen a harbor
  - 45 Exploits
  - 46 Unit of bread
  - 47 Head cheese
  - 50 Romantically naive
  - 54 In a frenzy
  - 55 Popeye's honey
  - 57 Bird of peace
  - 58 Donate
  - 59 Orange variety
  - 60 4-string guitars
  - 61 Matinee idol
  - 62 Fencers' foils
  - 63 Fringe benefit
- DOWN**
- 1 Hook with a handle
  - 2 Maturing agent
  - 3 Fill past full
  - 4 Tenets
  - 5 Bitter fruit
  - 6 Green-card holder
  - 7 Singer Domino



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- 41 Busboy's carrier
- 43 Computer invader
- 44 Wooden pegs
- 46 Riverside ridge
- 47 Crones
- 48 Leave off
- 49 PBS series
- 50 Gainer or swan, e.g.
- 51 Oxen holder
- 52 In any way
- 53 Office piece
- 56 Track circuit