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STUDENT RUN SINCE VOLUME ONE

Cheerleader recounts modeling exploitation on live radio show

Joseph Williams
Staff Writer

Young women in this country are split in their views on Playboy magazine. Some see it an opportunity to be paid generously while having some harmless fun, while others see it as a disgusting exploitation of feminine beauty.

UHD student Jennifer Ahmed could not be reached for comment on her views regarding Playboy or feminism, but she was very upset to have discovered revealing photos of herself on Playboy's website. She recently took the step of calling into the popular "Roula and Ryan Morning Show" on local radio station 104.1 KRBE.



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Ms. Ahmed described her experience as a young, impressionable 18-year-old student who thought taking these photos was just an innocent way to earn some quick cash. Years later, they have resurfaced, allegedly without her permission, on

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Amanda Todd suicide raises more questions on bullying

Jessica Fuentes
Staff Writer

For several weeks now, Amanda Todd's story has been splashed across news channels and web pages, recalling the sad tale of bullying that pushed a young girl over the edge. Her struggle has many questioning how a young girl that was desperately calling out for help could have been met with silence, leading to an untimely end to her life.

Amanda Todd began her search for help on YouTube, a highly trafficked video sharing site

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Violence erupts as Mexican authorities raid campuses seized by irate students



Protesters set fire to vehicles as they battle police (photo courtesy of BBC)

Tianna Thomas
Staff Writer

The recent protests over curriculum changes in Michoacan, Mexico turned violent as authorities raided

campuses seized by students angry about changes in their curriculum.

The raids began on Monday, 15th as the police's patience with the protesters began to wear thin. In recent weeks,

the students torched dozens of delivery trucks, hurled explosives and stones at authorities attempting to quell the upheaval. 176 strikers were subsequently detained by authorities as the violence came to its most intense point since it began weeks ago.

Students seized the teacher's college campuses to protest curriculum changes that would require them to take English and Computer Science courses, which the students see as unnecessary since their key demographic is rural areas where such skills are not needed.

The students hijacked several delivery trucks and moved them to the campuses that had already been

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Amanda Todd surrounded by her handwritten notes



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So You Think You Should Vote?

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Hell no you're not going to vote!
You may have the right to vote, but you are not going to.

You are a college student.
You are between the ages of 18 and 29 years old.

You don't care about politics. You would rather hang out with friends, watch TV, or sleep than drag your sorry butt to the polls.

You are a statistic, a very lame statistic.

Never mind that in 2012 approx. 46 million of you are eligible to vote. Of that 46 million, only 9 million turned out to vote in 2010, 1 out of 5.

By 2015 you will make up 1/3 of the electorate, according to "Youth Democrats of America." That's huge kids! You have the greatest power, yet you do the least. Way to use it.

You may say, "Politics don't focus on my age group, my vote isn't going to make a difference, I don't care about current issues." Well hello, you don't vote, remember? Why should politics focus on your age group? Why should the current issues concern you, they're for "old folks".

Bingo!!
Old folks vote; they rock the vote. That's why politics and issues focus around them, everyone wants their vote. Their 59.9% turnout smoked your measly 19.6% at the polls.

Oh, it gets better.
If you are Latino age 18-29, you are low on the totem poll, pun intended. Statistics say you are the fastest growing and largest population of youth voters.

600,000 Latinos tuned 18 between 2006 & 2010. So what, you don't turnout either? African American youth, you are cohesive and solid and lead the youth in showing up at the polls, but your percentages are at an unimpressive 22.1% turnout for the 43.2% of you that are registered to vote.

voter participation according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Asian youth, your group is the smallest, out of 24.2% registered, 9.5% of you managed to get out the vote.

Way to be statistics, guys. You're really showing the man.

Listen up, college campus youth.
Your voting bloc has the collective ability to create change. You have the ability this election to change the future and how the world views young voters.

Complaining accomplishes nothing.

Show up and participate.
Grab the attention of our leaders and make the turnout numbers work in your favor. Make the issues center around the youth.

Vote early.

You know you can go to any early voting location and cast your ballot if you register on October 22. It only takes a few minutes out of your day to make your voice heard.

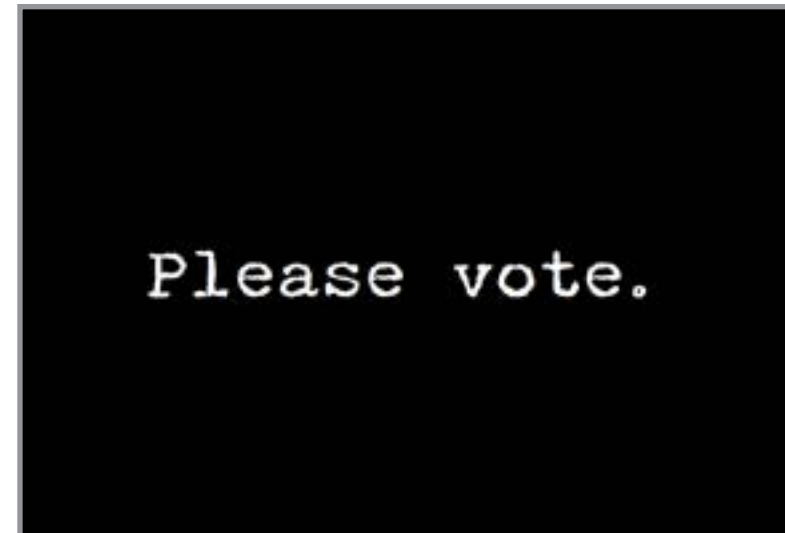
So what is it going to be? You think you're going to vote?

Hell no you're not going to vote.

You may have the right to vote, but you're not going to.

You're a college student, you're a lame statistic and I dare you to prove me wrong!

White youths, you have 42.8% registration, but a measly 19.7%



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Racism: An Interview with Cherry Steinwender

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INTERVIEW

Cherry Steinwender, Co-Executive Director

The Center for the Healing of Racism

At a recent workshop offered by The Center for the Healing of Racism, I had the opportunity of interviewing its Executive Director, Cherry Steinwender.

The Centers main goal is to create a safe and supportive environment for attendees to share their feelings about the issues. Sharing is voluntary and every one can feel secure knowing that their comments are confidential.

1) What are the greatest obstacles we face today when trying to overcome the intolerance we feel towards others?

"Denial. Refusing to examine the possibility that racism still exists and refusing to talk about it. Refusing to believe people of color when they share their own stories about stereotypes and racism with people who are different from them, is another great obstacle".

2) What would you say to those who believe in your cause, but feel that their voice or work wouldn't



Protesters set fire to vehicles as they battle police (photo courtesy of BBC)

make a difference?

"I believe we are NOT doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past. To make things happen, you must believe that you were chosen to make a difference in the world. Hold on tight to hope, but also roll up your sleeves and act. Doing nothing will guarantee that nothing will happen"

3) What advice would you give to those who propagate intolerance and hatred towards specific groups?

"We haven't really learned or internalized that we are all one people. Today's rhetoric comes right out of our heads. We have the concept of oneness, but only in our minds. We have to move all

the stuff in our heads to our hearts, where we can really believe in what we think."

4) Do you believe you have made a true difference in those you are able to reach?

"I am aware that this is an uphill battle, but it is a worthwhile one. As people become more aware of their racial conditioning, you are able to touch their hearts. People walk up to me and say "you've changed my life" all the time. Workshop participants begin living more inclusive lives; they begin to educate themselves, socialize, date and marry outside of their racial or ethnic "comfort zones."

5) Besides electing a colored President to the White House, what

else can people do to chip away at racial inequality?

"We must all abandon the fear of self-examination as well as the refusal to openly discuss racism. After the 2008 election, the media went into a frenzy, using phrases like "post-racial America", and this infuriated me because the election of Barak Obama did not mean that racism had disappeared. When Houston elected its first openly-lesbian mayor, it did not do away with homophobia.

6) Besides racism, what other social issues do you explore with workshop participants?

"There is a wide spectrum of issues we touch on. We discuss bullying, social inequality, gender inequality, homophobia, xenophobia, stereotypes, and because embracing diversity is key to the healing process, we also make great efforts to spotlight and develop a greater application of the various cultural practices that exist in our community."

If you would like more information about The Center for the Healing of Racism, their work, upcoming workshops, fundraisers, volunteering opportunities or other events, visit their website at: www.centerhealingracism.org

ties/programs. Hours: flexible but mainly daytime, but some evening and some weekends.

d. Input data on videos and books in the Center's resource libraries.

e. Assist with ongoing evaluation project.

Criteria for Interns
Good communication skills - written and oral (in person and on phone); Basic computer knowledge; Creative, organized, dependable, personable, hard worker, likes working with people. Bilingual is a plus, but not a requirement. Open to social science, multi cultural, and diversity oriented majors who are open to learning a broader definition of

racism and a focus upon change in the individual and healing of the damage done by racism. Minimum age 18

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Please read about the Center on its website and then call and leave a detailed message describing your interests in the Center's work: www.centerhealingracism.org

Internship

There are a variety of areas for internships:

a. Work with Program Director to plan, implement, and evaluate Dialogue activities/programs. Hours: flexible, but mainly late mornings and early afternoon. Some workshops take place in

evening and some Saturdays.

b. Volunteer Coordinator - research and implement volunteer program including recruitment, training, monitoring, and recognition. Hours: flexible, but mainly daytime hours, some evenings and some weekend.

c. Event Planner - assist in planning and coordinating special events and fundraising activi-

Senator Mario Gallegos, UHD's voice in legislature, dead at 62

Angelica Leicht
Editor

State Senator and UHD ambassador Mario Gallegos passed away Tuesday, October 17, following complications associated with his 2007 liver transplant.

Sen. Gallegos, a Democratic lawmaker with 22 years in Texas Legislature, had a career marked by controversy and commitment to the issues he found most pertinent. A graduate of UHD, he served a strong voice for the university in the legislature.

As the first Hispanic elected to the Senate from Harris County, he worked to resolve issues in the

Hispanic community despite his numerous health issues, going so far as to install a hospital bed in the office of the Senate seargent-at-arms in order to vote against a bill requiring voter identification. He argued that the bill would discriminate against voters.

Gallegos has been described by fellow Senators as "a man of matchless generosity" as well as "a man who...fought hard for the underdog".

Gallegos is survived by his wife, Theresa, three children, and five grandchildren.



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Ed-U-Gator: Unmasked

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Staff Writer



photo by Elpidia Medina



photo Elpidia Medina

Although we can't show you the face behind the mask, Ed-U-Gator's mystery man sat down with our staff this past week to give you a peek at who's truly under that Gator suit.

The person behind Ed-U-Gator has asked to keep his name anonymous in order to conceal his true identity, as is policy within the mascot code, but answered any and every question we threw at him. Here's a little look at who's really running "Ed's" show.

"Ed's" journey toward mascot notoriety started out when he was in elementary school. Ed was struggling in math, and took a paid spot with the Rockets tutoring program. As an avid Rockets fan, Ed quickly realized he wasn't being tutored by anyone from the Rockets poster. He figured there was no reason to ask the tutor for an autograph; after all...he

wasn't really a Rocket. Turns out he was.

As Ed found out (thanks to a rally thanking the Rockets tutors), he had been studying next to a Rockets team member all along: their mascot. And so began his interest in the field; it was from then on that every time Ed saw the Rockets

mascot, he found himself intrigued by the enjoyment that spread across the faces of the fans.

From that young age, Ed has made it his mission to follow in the footsteps of the man he looked up to; he has put his heart into making people smile and has such a passion for it. He loves the idea entertaining

people and lifting the spirits of all those around him.

When Ed first tried out for the role of Ed-U-Gator, he thought he'd gone crazy. As a Criminal Justice major, he was just a normal student before "Ed" - and he had no idea what he was supposed to do or how he was supposed to act - being a mascot doesn't come with a handbook; it's all heart.

Nerves and all, as soon as Ed stepped in front of that camera he felt at ease, and it all seemed to come naturally. Gone was his own self-described "shy" qualities; he became Ed-U-Gator, and even speaks about Ed-U-Gator as being separate and apart from him. It's more than a role; he has given Ed-U-Gator his personality.

Ed has grown into his mascot role, abiding by the following motto; "I

live

Houston's Ode to the Margarita



Margarita Festival Antics (photo by Wendy Williams)

Wendy Williams
Staff writer

On Saturday October 13, 2012, Discovery Green hosted the Houston Margarita Festival, a day of food, fun, live entertainment, and of course, the drink being honored at the festival - the Margarita.

Sponsored by FiestaMart, Pappasitos Cantina, BudLight and 1800 Tequila, the day started off as cool and overcast. The sky was a perfect backdrop at a downtown landmark known as Discovery Green. For those of you unfamiliar with Discovery Green, this public

park created the perfect landscape to kick back with a Margarita in hand on lush landscapes that bank at Kinder Lake.

Discovery Green is a public park; however, patrons were asked for identification upon entry to the festival area, as there was a strict limit of patrons ages 21 and up.

From a line style hot plate of tacos served with a side of beans and rice, to meat pies, kabobs, turkey legs, and hamburgers, patrons had tons of food to choose from. Margaritas were ready and waiting to help wash that food down, available in almost every variety. From on the rocks to frozen, from lime to strawberry, from 1800 tequila to el Jimador tequila, there was something for every taste.

Several vendors were on hand where festival goers could buy themed T-shirts, support breast cancer, buy a pair of shoes, purchase some awesome artwork or even change energy providers.

In addition to the

abundance of margaritas, bands were ready to entertain, including the ever popular Step Rideau and the Zydeco Outlaws. In the evening hours there was a Salsa competition where contestants tried for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place prizes where the audience got the chance to act as judge.

The Margarita Festival was ready to serve up patrons with a mix of three important ingredients; good food, great music, and the most popular mixed drink in Texas, making for one heck of a festival.



Festival patrons hanging out (photo by Wendy Williams)

Join the Down's Syndrome Association of Houston and The Dateline: Downtown for the 12th Annual Buddy Walk!



Come and join hundreds of Houstonians at the Down Syndrome Association of Houston's 12th Annual Buddy Walk.

The Buddy Walk will be held at Minute Maid Park November 10, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Diamond Lot.

The event will be hosted by Renzo Heredia of Univision Radio and Katherine Whaley of KHOU.

There will be live music and performances, refreshments, games, and more.

The Down Syndrome Association of Houston is a non-profit organization that helps provide information and support for parents around the Houston area for children with Down Syndrome.

The organization provides programs that include Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome (D.A.D.S), which has support groups for fathers of children with Down Syndrome, as well as summer and weekend camps, Talent shows, and much more.

Buxton

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Outside of Walters on a fresh Sunday night, October 21, 2012, were a few fans of folk rock waiting for the show to begin by three bands. The event was a small concert of around fifty fans, all of which enjoyed the live music, swaying along with the gentle beat. Buxton, the headlining band, rounded out the show, leaving fans full of energy and excitement.

Buxton began as a musical project right out of Houston, Texas, in 2003. The band's lineup includes Sergio Trevino (guitar, vocals), Jason Willis (guitar, mandolin, and pedal steel), Chris Wise (bass), Justin Terrell (drums) and Austin Sepulvado (guitar, accordion).

The name Buxton originated from the film Pee-Wee's Big Adventure; Buxton being the bad guy who steals Pee-Wee's bike.

With motivation from fans and parents and the sacrifice of being away from home, the band



The band members relaxing after the show at Walters (photo by Aron Negashi)

became seen the benefit of their sacrifices, gaining popularity through word of mouth about their alternative country/folk/rock music combination.

As the band performs their first song on stage, the crowd automatically began to dance along with the music and after each song they'd be clapping and wooing. The band even performed a song that was only a week old and practiced

while being on the road.

After the performance, Sergio Trevino took time from his break to be interviewed about the band.

Q: When did you first get interested in music?

A: "My dad played in a band when he was younger, he always wanted me to be in a band, but at that moment I didn't care about playing music; I never wanted to until after high school. I was trying

to impress a girl and I learned how to play guitar and wrote her songs to impress her. It didn't really impress her and she broke up with me. But still, I kept writing songs."

Q: Did you have any idea that the band could have gone this far?

A: "No, I started playing music as a hobby. I wanted to be in movies. I was going to school for theater and then I started doing music just for fun, and that ended up getting popular. It was never hard for me to create music, so I just kept doing it."

Q: What are some of the obstacles you have to face?

A: "The number one obstacle is the state of music. It's hard to make a living out of music because people now download music. The money in making music is very tricky, and I think that's one of the biggest obstacles."

Q: Is this the only thing you want to do for the rest of your life? Or are there any other dreams or goals you want to achieve in life?

A: "I don't think I'll ever not play

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Scienter



Arfeo Yllana - Vocals
Glen Allinger - Bass
Peter Smuda - Drums
Mario Lence - Guitar
Gerardo Barrera - Guitar, backing vocals

Scienter: [Latin, Knowingly.] Guilty knowledge that is sufficient to charge a person with the consequences of his or her acts.

The typical antics of a struggling band are no where to be found among the guys that make up

Scienter; couch surfing and begging for gigs be damned.

The guys in Scienter just aren't about that.

The use of a Latin term for "guilty knowledge" as their band name is a fitting choice; they may collectively be the most educated band in existence.

The band is headed by Arfeo Yllana, a litigation attorney with a wicked set of pipes and a drive one would expect from a law school survivor. Glenn Allinger is on bass,

Peter Smuda is on drums, Mario Lence is on guitar, and Gerardo Barrera, a UHD grad, is on the guitar and backing vocals.

Each member of the band has at minimum a college degree in hand, and all hold professional jobs.

Don't let that fool you, though.

These guys are as serious about their music as they are about their MBA's, pushing out a sound with a potential to give them the street cred they deserve.

Although a fairly young band in terms of "band

years", these performers definitely aren't lacking in musical talent.

Described by Barrera as a "rhythm driven alternative rock band", the guys have taken a queue from bands like Pearl Jam and Red Hot Chili Peppers to create a sound all their own.

Arfeo's booming voice varies with intensity from track to track, but his vocal mastery bleeds across the album, pushing the tracks to new levels as the album progresses.

The guys will have their next performance on November 10, 2012 at 8 pm at Numbers located at 300 Westheimer Houston, TX 77006. So if you're up for jammin' out to a new perspective of alternative rock, come on out to Numbers!

Check out their music at <https://www.reverbnation.com/scienter> and like them one Facebook to keep up with upcoming events, music and more www.facebook.com/scientermusic.



Conservative Student Group wins Free Speech Case Palm Beach students fight for their right to exercise free speech

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Staff Writer

A student group at Palm Beach State College has won a two year long free speech based case against the university. Young Americans for Freedom v. Bryant, which was originally brought before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida has finally come to a settlement that requires the University to revise its speech code to better allow students to exercise free speech.

In 2010, the student group, Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), was instructed by administrators to cease distribution of flyers provide to the by the Heritage Foundation, a national "public policy research institute" founded by radio personality and political commentator Rush Limbaugh. Allegedly, the students were told by school administrations that they were not allowed to distribute flyers in the school's "free speech zone", a designated area created by some universities to allow students to freely express social and political opinions.

The incident began when club president, Christina Beattie, was told by administrators that the organization was not allowed to

participate in the school's annual Club Rush, an event held by many colleges where student organizations are allowed to recruit new members, which usually requires permission from school administration. Christina explained that she had been given verbal permission by an unnamed official, but was still not allowed to participate until written, official permission documents were produced, which required official registration. When Christina began to seek official permission, she was told by the staff of the Student Activities Office that organizations were not permitted to distribute literature under the college's speech code.

The organization filed suit in 2011 and was represented by the legal counsel of Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a Christian, non-profit organization that has a goal of "building an alliance to keep the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system and advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family", according to their website. Upon further investigation, the ADF lawyers found that PBSC's speech code was one of the most restrictive among public universities. As a part of the code, flyer distribution and off-



(Gaston de Cardenas/Genesis Photos)

campus activities after 9pm or on weekends were without two week advanced permission from the dean and at least two adult college staff members present strictly prohibited. As part of a provision by the suit, PBSC was ordered to eliminate permission requirements for public speech and flyer distribution.

PBSC is not the only university whose speech policies have caused controversy. In 2011, Yale University prohibited their freshman class from using the names of Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Matt Damon on their

Freshman Class Council Harvard-Yale shirt under the university's "Use of Name" code. The policy specifies the context in which the university's trademark can be used. The ADF's recent crackdown on restrictive university speech policies has included University of California at Los Angeles, Virginia Tech and the University of Alabama, and 40 other colleges. The schools have decided to alter their speech policies to better protect the student population.

(Buxton continued)

music, but I also want to have a family. I don't want to be a dad that's gone for 6 months out of the year. I don't know how far I'll get, but I know I will always play music and I know the rest of the band feels the same."

Q: What does it feel to be on stage and see a crowd of people who are there to enjoy the music you make?

A: "It's rewarding. It's the main reason we do it; I'm sharing my passion with the world and sometimes sending a message."

Q: Where do you see your band in 5-10 years from now?

A: "I don't know, maybe successful and maybe not successful. I don't know; I don't want to say we'll be under big lights and a big stage, but I am hoping that we get more fans and get more successful."

Q: What makes your band unique?

A: "We don't want to be any certain band. We play folk music, but we're not just a folk band and we play rock

music, but we're not just a rock band. We don't want one thing. I think it's important to always be changing; it is fun to play different stuff."

Q: What is some advice that you would give to young people who want to go into the music

career?

A: "The best advice I can give is to explore all the music that's out there. Don't stick with the only music you heard before, it's always good to explore because you never know what else is out there that inspires and motivates you. To me, finding new music is like meeting someone new."

With all the achievement, the band members consider each other families as they create music and travel together. "It's like one of those families when you are sometimes very angry at each other and then sometimes you're really happy; it goes up and down. I definitely consider each other family," says Sergio.

Buxton is on its way to play along the West, but Sergio explained it's not fun to pack up and unpack and be away from home, but the only thing that makes it worth it is seeing the crowd of fans dancing to the beat of his music.

Now reaching 2,734 likes on Facebook, the band is on their way



Buxton playing their set at Walters (photo by Aron Negashi)

Show Your Snark

In honor of the election, our staff searched out the most controversial political shirts (well, the ones we could print, anyway). Whether you're a Mittens fan or are keeping it old school with President Obama, we're sure you'll find a way to flash your snarky political side across campus. Enjoy!



2Legit2Mitt, anyone?

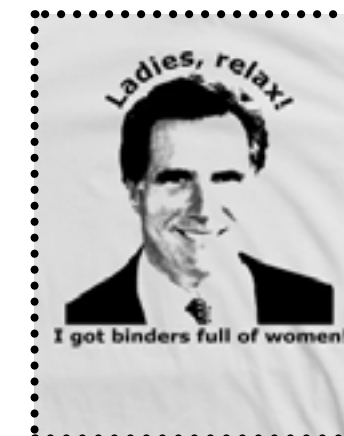
For the hipster Republica in you, we bring you the "2Legit2Mitt" shirt. It would make Reverend MC Hammer proud.



Mittens Romney

Given that most people polled were of the belief that his full name was Mittens Romney, you can show your support to your favorite accessory/candidate.

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Mitt's got binders full of women!

He said it himself - his recruiting efforts involved binders full of women...which leaves only one question. Romney still uses binders?!

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Relax, dude.

No need to call Arizona's law enforcement yet.

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Let's call it like it is.

We're all here illegally in some form or another, so let's just blame the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria for it all, shall we?

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Does this even need a tag line?

We'll just call it awesome.



Mitt Simmons

demockratees.com



See above.

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long chosen not to intervene in the protests due to the concept of "university autonomy", which allows colleges to run their own affairs, including controlling upheavals. However, the authorities were forced to intervene after the incident began to affect common citizens not in any way involved in the protests. The student's took over toll booths and blocked highways, preventing people from going to their jobs.

The protests have also begun to affect students not involved in it. The students are forced to hold classes in tents and soccer fields, and many have expressed their frustration over the deplorable conditions in which they hold classes under. The students complain of flooding in the tents after rainfall and the lack of the necessary facilities, such as computers. Many students also fear that future employers will steer clear of them simply because they attended the college and will somehow associate them with the violence.

The recent upheaval brings back bitter memories of past protests, some of which have erupted into violence, such as the Tlatelolco massacre in 1968, which resulted in the death of several civilians.

Interesting Fact



First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was so convinced the White House was haunted that she kept a via of holy water on her nightstand.



The lion used in the original MGM movie logo killed its trainer and two assistants the day after the logo was filmed.

Smokey Joe's Cafe



(photo courtesy of UHD Skyline)



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Social Networking: Friend or Foe?

Alma Garcia
Contributing Writer

Before social networking was the "norm" in society, people would gather in parks, have parties, and meet for coffee to catch up with a friend that one hasn't seen in a while. Now, however, you can simply type a name on the social networks "friend finder" or search page and find yourself instantly connected to that person, given that you get accepted. While social networks can begin as a harmless aim at finding lost friends, it can end in a hurtful way if it is not used wisely.

For example, the media has exposed many politicians and celebrity figures as unfaithful and liars. Most of the time, the audience is the first person to know this tragic episode before their families, friends, and respective partners find out. Not so far from these respected and public figures is the average person who opens a social network with the intention to find friends whom they have lost contact with. While they have good intentions, others might not. Constant check-ins and status updates give these "friends" the right to see into your life. They become virtual friends, that you can't see and in some instances you can't even meet to have a face-to-face conversation. This form of communication decreases your ability to form bonds with people and increases the bond one has with a virtual friend via the internet.

Regardless of the "privacy controls" you have placed on your page, you forget that once you add these friends, your information becomes

their information as well, and let's be honest; most of us know at least one person who has more than 300 friends. These strangers, because they cannot be called friends if you have not met them in person, have complete access to your pictures, comments, status, and even the places where you have been. But how do you know that this person actually exists? Have you met them in person or have they shown proof, besides the pictures, that they are real? The answer is that you cannot prove the person's existence unless you meet them. That is not to say that I am encouraging anyone to set up a meeting with these strangers, but it would be wise to start thinking twice about adding that physically attractive person who just so happens to have found you.

It is hard to think that all of those care free and party moments could one day cost someone their job, but it's true. When a company hires a person, they expect that person to be a mature and professional adult. You may have outgrown the parties and the drinking, but what happens when your boss or a co-worker runs into a picture of you in a compromising situation? Obviously, you cannot use the "I was young, I didn't know what I was doing excuse," because your boss will most likely ask if you were forced to act in that way. But what does your past life have to do with your job? Well, once you start working for someone, you become a representative for that business. Even if you delete the compromising information from the page, the information is not completely gone. In cyberspace, nothing is ever deleted



but merely erased from one site. While more and more people trust social networks, they ignore the idea that among their friends there might be a cyber criminal. This cyber criminal uses your pictures and other information you have posted on your page, to create a false profile in order to cyber stalk and harm others. This is a form of identity theft because this person has become you without your knowledge. Did you know that social networking was primarily created for the purpose of making money? While you are adding information on your profile, the cookies on your computer save your

information for the purpose of tracking your activities; that way businesses can understand the demands of the people and create advertisements that will catch your attention.

While social networks can ruin romantic relationships, ruin the reputation of public figures, cost a person their job, and steal a person's identity: the good news is that social networks are helping real life friends and family members to keep in touch. Just be careful with what you publish, because remember: nothing is truly erased in cyberspace.

(Cheerleading continued)

the website of a company that she claims she never gave permission to photograph her or use her photos for any purpose.

Ms. Ahmed is an international business student who will be graduating this spring, as well as the founder of the UHD cheerleading squad. She is also currently a litigation assistant for a law firm, and she is planning to attend law school in

the fall.

It is common for potential employers, future clients, and admissions boards to search the internet for any mention of the person they seek as a business partner or student. Thus, Ms. Ahmed can possibly be hindered in her advancement through academic, legal, or business circles because of one ill-advised decision that she made several years ago.

This situation warrants further investigation due to the serious

implications that it holds for this young woman's future. Beyond that, hopefully it will serve as a warning to current students. Think carefully before you take any picture on your cell phone, upload any video to Youtube, post any Facebook message, send any email, or add any new tweet to your Twitter account. Once something is on the internet, it can forever be accessed by anyone and used against you at any time.

2012 UHD Sports & Fitness Intramural Sports

Badminton Tournament

Interested students must register online at www.uhd.edu/sportsandfitness/intramuralsports/badminton/
 Entry Period Oct. 26 - Nov. 08
 \$5.00 Entry Fee per individual (Men's & Women's)

Follow Us

Gator P.A.T.R.O.L

Stephen Kidd
Gator PATROL Founder

Gator PATROL Press Release

Does the campus creep you out at night? Are you parked at the far end of the surface lots, and Shea building, Academic building, or Commerce building seem miles away? Afraid of walking to your car alone?

Crime happens all the time, but are you on the lookout for danger?

Think about it.

We as students do not expect to be the victim of a crime, but it can and perhaps will happen if we do not take some extra precautions.

In order to minimize the danger to students on campus, I present to you GATOR P-A-T-R-O-L, or GP for short. GP is a group of University of Houston-Downtown students who are sincere about preserving the safety and well-being of our friends on campus.

We all know what the Gator

represents, of course...but what about the word P.A.T.R.O.L?

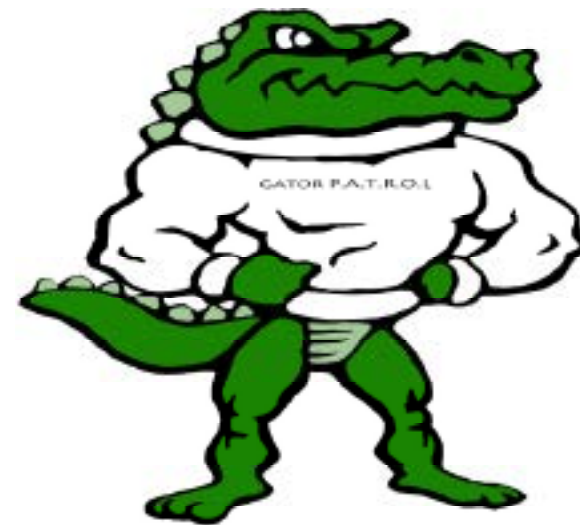
Well, P.A.T.R.O.L is actually an acronym that stands for our motto:

- P** Personal
- A** Affiliations
- T** Through
- R** Responsibilities
- O** Of
- L** Life

We are not police officers, peace officers, or security guards. We are just a group of UHD students who have made a decision to look out for one another

as we journey through the UHD experience.

We look forward to having more participants as we grow together with this experience, and if you're interested or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me a word or two to my email at kidds2@gator.uhd.edu.



Like something we said?

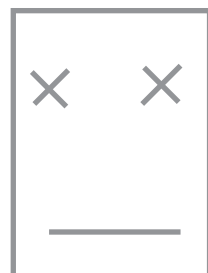
Hate something we said?

Notice something around the campus everyone should know?

Let US know and we'll publish it for you!

Here's what you do:

Send us your thoughts, minus the whole "adult language" part, along with a small photo of you, and we'll put your stuff in the paper!



----- your face

your comments here!

All submissions should be sent to gators.snapback.dateline@gmail.com

(Amanda continued)

Todd Facebook, demanding that Amanda give him a "show" or risk him exposing her flashing picture. She ignored the message, but the man continued, telling her he knew her address, school, friends, and family. He made good on his promise and spread the photo around the internet, leaving Amanda struggling with people taunting her. The torment went so far as to push her out of her school, but the man found her and sent photo to people at her new school. She began to be bullied there as well, and began struggling with depression. She began drinking, doing drugs, and cutting herself. Her life became a living nightmare as days passed by. She attempted committing suicide by drinking bleach and overdosing on anti-depressants. A year later a man messaged her on

with millions of users. Posting a YouTube Video entitled "My Story: Struggling, bullying, suicide, self-harm", Amanda began telling her story in hand-written flash cards. She speaks through these cards, mentioning how she began using webcam chats to meet new people when she was in seventh grade. People would compliment her in these chat sites by calling her "beautiful", "stunning", and "perfect". She seemed to find the validation that she needed on the site, relishing in the kind comments.

However, a single event turned the compliments into a nightmare. While chatting on the site, she was asked her to flash her breasts and obliged. All was quiet for about a year. A week before her death, she posted a video

on YouTube of her singing to "Outside Looking In" by Jordan Pruitt. The song contained haunting lyrics, presumably relating to her plight. "You don't know how it feels/To be outside the crowd/You don't know what it's like/To be left out/And you don't know how it feels/To be your own best friend on the outside looking in."

Amanda Todd was found dead in her hometown of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia on October 10. Since her death, her



Amanda Todd (Facebook image)

YouTube video has been viewed over 5,000,000 times, all of which are too late to save her.

If you or someone you know has ongoing thoughts of death or suicide—or if a suicide attempt has been made, please contact a doctor, go to a hospital emergency room immediately or call 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

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News from the Center for Public

UHD CPD Hosts: Public Deliberation Forums: November 6th, 8th & November 13th, 20th And...Begins Scholarship Fund Drive!



David Slaughter
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UHD CPD Forum: Shaping Our Future, How Should Higher Education Help us Create the Society We Want?

University of Houston-Downtown's Center for Public Deliberation (UHD CPD) will host two two-session forums entitled Shaping Our Future, How Should Higher Education Help Us Create the Society We Want?

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Three specific options will be posed for the forum participates to discuss in the context of a broader discussion of the role higher education plays.

Option 1: Higher

education should help the economy stay internationally competitive.

Option #2: Higher education should teach responsibility and integrity and help us work together.

Option #3: Higher education should help ensure that we have a fairer society.

The event is organized by Dr. Windy Lawrence, Associate Professor of Communications Studies and UHD CPD Co-Director and Founder, as well as students enrolled in COMM 3318 - Facilitating Public Deliberation.

Students enrolled in Comm. 3318 learn about the history, theory and practice of public deliberation in U.S. communities. The course culminates with the students leading one deliberation in the



Dr. Windy Lawrence, UHD CPD Co-Director and Founder

community, like the deliberation being held in November. Interested students can also contact Dr. Lawrence to participate in a UHD CPD internship.

Dr. Lawrence recently commented concerning the significance of this event to be held at UHD, stating: "My students and I have been asked to join the

American Commonwealth Partnership, an organization that is working closely with over 300 forums across the U.S. and education leaders in D.C. to set the agenda for higher education. People who come to our forums will be asked to make hard choices and to consider difficult trade-offs.

Our communication 3318 students will compile the results into a final report which will be submitted as part of a national discussion. When people in our community decide to participate in this forum they are effectively saying, 'I need to be a part of the decision-making facing higher education-it is not enough to let policy makers do this without my perspectives and other perspectives in my community.'

The first forum will be held on November 6, (9:50 am-11:15 am) and November 8 (9:50 am-11:15 am). The second forum will be held on November 13 (9:50 am-11:15 am) and November 20 (9:50 am-11:15 am) in the Commerce Building, Room 222.

Participants are asked to commit to either of the two day forums by registering at www.uhd.edu/cpd.

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A Fall Fundraising drive!

The (UHD CPD) - hosted a successful fundraising drive this fall to help start a scholarship fund, and there's more to come.

According to Dr. Lawrence, "In October students held two cupcake fundraisers

which generated over \$750.00 towards this fund".

"More importantly", she said, "is the fact that in the first fundraising event we had over 42% of the class participate by making or selling cupcakes and in the second event, we had 52% participation".

According to Dr. Lawrence, "theteamwork was amazing to watch during these two events as the work of the UHD CPD was led by capable students here at the University of Houston-Downtown". She added, "I look forward to seeing the effort and results from the upcoming events."

According to the CPD intern for this semester, there will now be a cookie fundraiser held in the same location (North ticket booth) on Wednesday October 31st and again on Wednesday November 7th from 10 am. - 2 pm.

The funds will be used to award scholarships for qualifying students beginning in the fall of 2013.

About UHD CPD:

According to the official UHD CPD website at www.uhd.edu/cpd -

"The UHD Center for Public Deliberation (CPD) is a collaborative, non-partisan group that encourages citizens to actively participate in the deliberative democracy process through public discussions about issues that affect their lives. The UHD CPD is an affiliate of the National Issues Forums (NIF) network."

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to laugh, and I laugh to live". Ed does what he can to prepare himself to step into Ed-U-Gators shoes; he often gets into character by listening to music.

His go-to song lately has been Bombs Away by B.O.B Ft. Morgan Freeman. It helps him relax and get ready to motivate and pump the crowd with all his might and release that energy into making people smile.

Wearing the suit isn't always fun and games, however; Ed has actually had so much fun working the crowd that he's been close to passing out. The temperature in that suit in the Houston heat can reach astronomical temperatures, and Ed - true to mascot form - has a hard time taking breaks if the crowd is entertained. Now that's one dedicated mascot for ya!

Although he loves becoming Ed-U-Gator, Ed recently stepped outside of his box to try out for a new role: that of the new Astros mascot. He fared quite well in the contest; he began as one of 500 contestants, and quickly launched his way to the top, finishing in the top 10. Although he didn't quite land the spot, he certainly doesn't regret the experience. He's happy to keep stepping into Ed-U-Gator's suit for as long as he can. After a year and a half in Ed's suit, he still loves what he does.

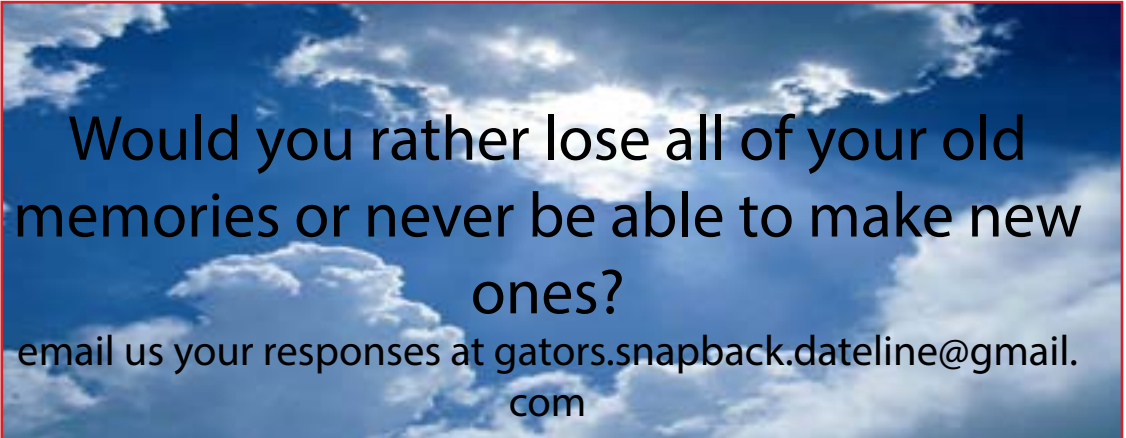
Through his experience he met many other mascots from various states. He likes to keep in contact; they network on new ways to keep the energy up in the crowd.

Although anyone can be a fair target to a mascot, Ed usually looks for the people who are smiling or smirking, which can be the go-ahead he needs. So be warned! If you smile, he may come after you!

Ed will soon be welcoming more appearances from his new partner - "Ally-Gator", so be on the lookout for her!



Thought Provoking Question



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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57 Credit Hours (Transfer and UHD hours combined by the end of Fall 2012)
 24 Credit Hours - from UHD by the end of Fall 2012
 Full-time Enrollment (Fall 2013/Spring 2014)
 3.5 UHD GPA
 (See scholarship webpage for additional requirements.)

Deadline: January 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.



Two Week Forecast

