The Big Man on Campus is... Mr. Universe-ity

By Amy Broadway
Staff Writer

Imagine 21 guys struttiing their stuff across the stage. Imagine a pageant, similar to a Miss America Pageant. This was the scene last Thursday night at Leon Cole Auditorium.

Alpha Omicron Pi sorority sponsored the Mr. University Pageant, an annual event to raise money for their philanthropy, the American Juvenile Arthritis Foundation and Arthritis Research.

When last year's winner, Dan, announced the winner, here's how it turned out: 2nd Runner-up was Wes Sea of Sigma Phi Epsilon, 3rd Runner-up was Ryan Fitchpatrick of Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity, and the winner was Daniel Kirkland, a running back on the football team and 1998-1999 Peer Counselor.

Various campus organizations sponsored 21 young men. The contestants' sponsors had to pay $30 to be in the pageant, and there was an admission fee at the door. All the money will go towards Arthritis Research.

The evening started with the usual wear competition. The contestants had to pay a fee to wear their clothes, and the audience voted on their favorite. After the wear competition, the contestants gave a speech to try to impress the judges.

The evening ended with the final competition, where the contestants had to answer questions about their culture. The judges selected the winner, and the pageant ended with a party for the contestants and their friends.

The flavor comes out at JSU this week

By Amy Phillips, Matt Wiram and Chris Lauer
Staff Writers

International students come from all over the world to study at JSU and to learn about American culture. Last Monday night, JSU students had a chance to gather in the Roundhouse to share their different cultures with one another as part of International Week.

"It's so very nice so many people can get together and share their cultures with each other," said Art Poverenov, who is from Ukraine. JSU has students from 61 different countries, 20 of which had displays at the heritage festival. Some of the countries involved were Germany, Sweden, Kenya, Brazil, the Bahamas and the United States.

The German representatives said bikes were the most popular means of transportation in Germany and the parking at JSU would be improved if there were more bike racks. He also noted that recycling is mandatory in Germany.

The Swedish representative said all beaches in Sweden were topless or even nude since the country is very liberal.

The representative from Kenya said that before Kenyans were poisoned by western culture, a woman's life was much different. He said the determining factors of whether or not a woman got married were the size of her breasts and her ability to cook well with only a see International, page 3

Casino night deals out fun

Gambling is legal for one night only.

By Amy Phillips and Matt Wiram
Staff Writers

Soon visitation hours may be something of the past.

Restricted visitation within Logan and Patterson dormitories was approved last Monday night at the weekly S.G.A. senate meeting. Before the bill passed there was a debate in which S.G.A. senator Jimmy Whited said, "It's a good time to act on this and bring J.S.U. up to speed with the 90's." Now residents of Logan and Patterson will be able to visit each other within their own dorm twenty-four hours a day on the weekends instead of only being able to visit from 10 p.m. until 12 p.m.

Money was another key issue at the SGA meeting. A total of $1,175 was divided among five different organizations, including Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Alpha Psi, the Baptist Campus Ministries, the J.S.U. Rugby and the African American Association. All organizations are eligible for $300 every semester as long as they have attempted a fundraiser before they ask for the money.

Kelley Johnson announced that next week is Residence Hall Olympics week. "This is the first year to have this Olympic week, and they will kick it off on Sunday with a road race. Free food will be served in the quad on Sunday."

Krizinski then reminded everyone that the 2nd Chance Box is still in the student activities office. 2nd Chance is an organization that shelters domestic violence victims. He also encouraged everyone to sign up for Higher Education Partnership Day which will be April 8 in Montgomery. Ala. An announcement was also made informing everyone about the Pageant to Street Forum on Monday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Kruzinski also wanted the student body to be aware that the candidate for president will be touring the campus in the next few weeks. The first candidate, Daniel Wiram, will be touring today. Ball is the current Vice President of Academic Affairs at Southern Arizona University.

The candidate will be questioned by a panel of eleven students during their tour. Complete factsheets for all three candidates will be placed on the Newsbox which can be reached from the SGA website.

SGA meetings are held every Monday at 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.
**Announcements**

**Alphonsia Pi**

The Alpha Omicron Pi sisters of JSU would like to thank all those who participated in the 1997-1998 Pageant. We would like to congratulate our winners: Second Runners-Up—Wes Sealy, First Omega—Ryan Francis, and the 1999 Mr. University—Daniel Kirkland. All of our comments and support played a part in the success of these events and will greatly benefit the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority's philanthropy work.

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**JSU Stunts**

For more information, contact Corey Salter, of JSU, at 782-5744.

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**JSU Student Organizations**

The Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is currently re-organizing on the JSU campus. Alpha Phi Omega is an organization for campus and community service for men and women. Each chapter develops its own program, based on the interests of its campus and community. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 782-5491 for more information.

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**American Society of Safety Engineers (A.S.S.E.)**

The Rex Memorial Scholarship ($500) is now available for Safety Engineering majors. See Mr. Goforth or Kathy in Room 203 Self Hall. Deadline is March 31.

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**Chili Alpha Christmas Fellowship**

Chili Alpha meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 212 Stephens Hall. Interested? Contact Latier at 782-0768.

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**College Club**

There will be a new service program available for students. It's free; email, voice mail, and chat. You can even check your email by phone. It's free. For more information, call Ben Wyskod at 435-9402. To sign up, go to www.collegeclub.com.

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**Foothills Environmental Organization**

The Foothills Environmental Organization will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Dr. Adrian Aven at 782-5674, of JSU.

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**International Student Organization (ISO)**

International Student Organizations (ISO) will meet on 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 5, 1999, at the Roundhouse. ISO is organizing the International Week, time to enlighten all as to our various cultures and lifestyles. International Week 1999 will be held March 7-11.

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**The Chanticleer Staff** encourages, or rather, drives the feedback from their readers. If you would like to comment about anything written in this newspaper, please send via email to studentmail@jsu.edu. We are located in Room 180 in Self Hall and our office email address is studentmail@jsu.edu. Let your voice be heard!

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**JSU Area Events Calendar**

**Thurs 11**

- JSU Jazz Band will play in the TMB Food Court at 7 p.m.
- International Week: Speakers, 11th floor BC, 7 p.m.
- JSU Softball vs. Troy State, 782-5781 or 5783.
- JSU Baseball vs. Stetson at home.
- JSU Softball vs. Stephen F. Austin.
- JSU Sweetwater vs. Dayton.
- Thomas More's Thirteen, 782-3676.

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**Sun 14**

- JSU Men's Tennis vs. Eastern Kentucky.
- JSU Softball TBA single elimination tournament.

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**Conrad Ross:** "Prints and Drawings," Hammond Hall Gallery, until March 19

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**Crime Docket**

- Items in the Campus Crime Docket are obtained from and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department.
- JSU students have the right to review police records.
- If any information is incorrect, please contact us at 782-5701 or the JSU Police Department at 782-5305.

**March 1-5, 1999**

- Brie Lynn Smith, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring at Pen House Apartments, at 5:12 a.m.
- Nia Nadine Diggs, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring at Curtis Hall, between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.
- Corey Salter, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring at Crow Hall, between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m.
- Alphonzo Ivory, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall, between 7 and 12 p.m.
- JSUPD reports loitering at Sparkman Hall at 10:10 p.m.
- Alphonzo Ivory, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassment communications to JSUPD occurring at Crow Hall between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on March 2.
- Timothy Justin Reese, of Calhoun County, Ala., was arrested for possession of alcohol in the ATO fraternity's parking lot at 11:59 p.m.
- JSUPD reports burglary at the TMB at 3:45 a.m.

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Discussions of writing and literature: Share your current writing project! The Writers' Club holds regular meetings on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Houston College LC on the 2nd floor. Join us anytime! Bring a poem, short story, essay, article or other writing project! Bring a friend, or come meet new ones! For further information, contact John Jones, 110 Stone Center, 782-5537, orallriver@ju.edu, or Elaine Osby, 102 Stone Center, 782-5946, corey@ju.edu.

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**JSU Student Organizational Groups**

TEAM MEETING: The team's next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, in Room 203, Martin Hall, at 4 p.m. for JSU students participating in this year's Model Arab League. BOOK SALE: This will be held on a week of the used book sale in room 225, Martin Hall. All books will be reduced in price to 25 cents each. Funds from this book sale will help defray the expenses of JSU students participating in this year’s Model Arab League.

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**JSU Student Council**

The Department of Criminal Justice is offering more Saturday seminars for a total of 100 hours of the required 120 hours.

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**Correction:** In the March 4 issue of The Chanticleer, we printed an editorial about the ridiculous new mega-SUV produced by Ford. We called it “The Expedition.” Ford calls it “The Excursion.” We apologize for any confusion that may have arisen, the incident should change to reflect the truck’s use: You wouldn't use a mega-SUV for short "excursion" trips.
Go tell it on the mountain

JSU Gospel Choir performs Sunday at Stone Center

By Christopher Lauer

“We’re gonna blow up!” says the director of the JSU Gospel Choir, Dr. Myrtice Jackson-Collins, and it seems as if the explosion has already begun.

The soon-to-be nationally-known JSU Gospel Choir will perform at the Stone Center this Sunday at 6 p.m. The concert is free, and “if gospel music is something that is new for you...come out and hear an arousing, exciting, uplifting, kind of music and be prepared to get involved,” says Jackson-Collins.

The some 47 members of the group recently performed in Orlando at Walt Disney World as a part of the black heritage festival. The performance was taped by Black Entertainment Television Network and will be broadcast into some 60 million homes when it airs on The Bobby Jones Gospel Show sometime this month (exact day not yet determined).

The choir has performed for Congressman John Conyers and Secretary of Transportation, John Slater. The group has also opened for the Birmingham Community Choir and made a recent appearance on “Good Day Alabama.” They are now beginning work on a CD that will be distributed nationally.

This Sunday the choir will perform songs from the movie “The Preacher’s Wife” including “Joy” and “I Love the Lord.” The choir’s style can be likened to the recent Grammy winning artist Kirk Franklin. “The music is very current. Were it not for the lyrics, you wouldn’t be able to tell the difference between R&B and some gospel music,” says Jackson-Collins.

Sunday’s concert will also feature the Birmingham Community Mass Choir and an appearance from the 13-year-old prodigy from Centre, Ala., Dedrick Cowiser. Some of the JSU Marching Southerners will provide the musical accompaniment for the choir.

The concert is part of Kaleidoscope, which is a festival of the Arts held every spring by JSU. Jackson-Collins is currently looking for talented individuals, such as gospel rappers and praise dancers, to expand the choir. She will offer scholarships in the fall. Any interested individuals can contact her at 782-5545 or stop by her office at 109 Mason Hall.

You too could be a millionaire!

By Sarah Trotter

Staff writer

Everyone has had $10 extra on Monday and blown it by Wednesday. Why not invest?

If you invest $50 each month (little more than $10 per week), during four years at college at 12 percent interest, you could accumulate $3,000 by graduation. That money could grow, without additional investment, to $91,677 in 30 years.

You may feel too young to consider retirement. Rodney Lankford, JSU graduate and financial advisor for Raymond James Financial Services in Gadsden, says college students are never too young to focus on saving for retirement. Investing early “can put you light years ahead,” he says.

When “Jane” was 21, she joined her company’s retirement savings plan and contributed $2,000 every year, earning 7 percent interest. At age 31, “Jane” decided not to contribute anymore. However, she had $12,000 in her money in the plan. It grew until she retired at age 65. Her initial investment of $22,000 had grown to $295,000.

You should not only invest, you must consider the impact that inflation has on your money. In 1980, a stamp cost 15 cents and a loaf of bread cost 65 cents. Today, a stamp costs 33 cents and a loaf of bread costs $1.29. At this rate, you lose half of your purchasing power every 15 years. You must invest your money so that it grows and outpaces inflation.

Paine Webber experts generally agree that you must consider what you will need approximately 75 percent of your pre-retirement income to maintain your current lifestyle after retirement.

Dr. James McIntyre, JSU professor of finance, debunked the idea that retired people have a lower cost of living because homes are paid off and children have grown. McIntyre believes retirees “could need more than 75 percent” of their pre-retirement income because most retirees travel, build new houses and want to try new things.

Where will you get retirement income? According to a recent “Reader’s Digest” article, fewer individuals are putting into the Social Security Trust Fund than ever before and more people are drawing from the fund.

As people live longer, the strain on Social Security will grow. McIntyre says Social Security will probably not be available for today’s college students.

You should not only invest, you should invest wisely. Lankford says young people must “become disciplined to save.”

He recommends investing aggressively, putting everything in stocks. Young people have enough time before retirement to ride out any decline in the market.

You should start saving and investing now. McIntyre says once you graduate and have a job, you will probably have access to a 401k retirement plan. You should participate in this plan immediately, “even if you only invest $25 per month,” he adds.

You should invest to the “maximum extent” that you can, he says. Investing $200 per month can earn $1 million dollars after 30 years.

“So far we have had a pretty good turnout,” says Mottet, “we are hoping to see more and more people.

For more information, please contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Adrian F. Aveni, at 782-5674, the JSU President’s Office, 782-5839.
You had to be Greek to eat

The annual Greek Awards Banquet turned out more than togas

By Eric L. Adler
Staff Writer

At the Greek Awards Banquet honoring achievements in 1998, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha took honors for the second year in a row as Fraternity and Sorority of the Year. The banquet took place on Monday at Leone Cole Auditorium.

Fraternities and sororities, as well as individuals, also received awards for everything from the Philanthropic Achievement Award to Greek Man and Woman of the Year.

Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon each won two other fraternity awards in other categories, and Zeta Tau Alpha member Elizabeth Webb took honors as Panhellenic Delegate of the Year.

Awards for Greek Woman and Man of the Year went to Chastity Henley (Alpha Omicron Pi) and Don Killingsworth (Delta Chi), Gloria Horton (Alpha Xi Delta) and Tim Moore (Delta Chi) earned honors as Sorority and Fraternity Advisors of the Year.

Rusty Hughes, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, attributed the fraternity’s strong showing to “the hard work we’ve done in the recruitment area, as well as our campus involvement. We look for guys who are very well-rounded.”

Josh Bearden, Vice President of Sigma Phi Epsilon for Recruitment, says that 80% of the fraternity’s members “had some sort of extracurricular activity.” He said the fraternity conducted a lot of volunteer work with organizations such as the Brain Tumor Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy Center and Coosa Valley Youth Detention Center.

Jessica Barker, President of Zeta Tau Alpha, stressed the sorority’s high level of involvement in campus activities, as well as its ability to keep its membership at a chapter total of 65 members. Barker cited several sorority programs to improve grades and teach standards, as well as donations of over $2,000 by the sorority to a breast cancer research fund. She also said that “we won several spirit competitions.”

A selection committee chose the winners in each of the categories based on information provided by each fraternity and sorority about itself. The members of the selection committee included Steven Whitton (English Department), Michael Marker (Marketing Department), Gena Christopher (English Department), Linda Shelton (Counseling and Career Services), and Martha Mitchell (Admissions and Recruiting).

“The turnout for the banquet was good,” said Cara Dawn Byford of Student Activities. “We had a big crowd . . . We also recognized individuals who achieved a GPA higher than 3.5.”

The awards for categories not mentioned above are as follows:

Highest Panhellenic Chapter GPA: Phi Mu
Highest IFC Chapter GPA: Alpha Tau Omega
Highest NPHC Chapter GPA: Alpha Kappa Alpha
Most Improved Panhellenic Chapter GPA: Alpha Xi Delta
Most Improved IFC Chapter GPA: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Most Improved NPHC Chapter GPA: Sigma Gamma Rho
Outstanding Philanthropic Achievement: Alpha Xi Delta
Outstanding Philanthropic Achievement: Sigma Phi Epsilon
Student Life Excellence Award: Zeta Tau Alpha
Student Life Excellence Award: Sigma Phi Epsilon
Intramural Participation Award: Zeta Tau Alpha
Intramural Participation Award: Delta Chi

University, from front page

competition, keeping the audience content. Also, between segments of the pageant, door prizes were awarded to audience members.

The second competition was the evening wear competition where contestants showed off their suits and ties. After this portion of the show, the scores were tabulated and the top 5 were chosen.

They were Ryan Fitchpatrick, Daniel Kirkland, Craig Robinson, Wes Seay and Jeff Tipton. Each finalist drew a piece of paper with a question on it from a basket. The answers were very clever.

Daniel Kirkland’s question was “What would you most likely be on the cover of People magazine for?” He said “Teacher of the year because I want to make a difference in a child’s life.” the judges.

When the curtain opened at the end, the contestants were all holding hands, spoofing most pageants. The contestants all had that great answer, which made it hard for “Judges were Doug Rocky, an environmental science teacher at JSU; Pearl Williams, a part time employee, and Nancy Edge Schmitz, a nurse at the student health center. They rated the contestants on personality, attire and poise.

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Regatta 69 has performed more than 400 shows in over 40 states and have shared the stage with a host of ska luminaries including Bim Skala Bim, and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

The band has gained fans all over the world via college radio play (not unlike our own WLJS, 91.9, 92J), but are best known for their energetic live performances fronted by bassist, lead-singer, songwriter and founder Brian Hill.

Other members of the band include Joby Decoster, drums; Lee Slythe, guitar; Whit Roberson, tenor sax; and Andy Francis, trombone.

“We started in ’88 and began playing reggae and rock mixed together and as our education in that kind of music grew, we started to figure out that our sound was more of a ska sound than reggae or rock necessarily,” Hill said. “Then we just kind of fined tuned the sound.”

What a sound it is. A sort of ska with a swift twist of off-beat rock fast reggae rhythms, singable pop melodies and a tight, very tight horn section.

“We’re trying to expose new people to ska music and also I think our music is very songwriter-oriented and that is kind of different than a lot of ska bands,” Hill said. “A lot of ska bands are more instrumental, even jazzy. It’s like one solo after another after another on the horns and things.”

Like other ska bands they are not. They are unconventional, upbeat, progressive and they will be here in Jacksonville for two nights. First playing Gaterz on St. Patrick’s Day (March 17th) and Brothers the following night on the 18th.

With three CD’s under their belt, 92’s eponymous disc, 95’s “Fat Free”, 97’s "Prime Time" and several compilations, Regatta 69 is working on a fourth album and are proving they are not going away anytime soon.

For more information concerning the band, before you go out to see them next week at either or both locations, check them out on the web at www.geocities.com/bourbonstreet/1678/buy one of their previous listed CD’s, request them on 92J or trust us here at The Chanticleer.

Regatta 69’s infectious melodies, memorable lyrics and exciting crowd participation live shows make ska believers out of everyone, even those who are in the dark and don’t know what ska is.

This is two nights in town that you do not want to miss.
Wilco breaks the skin
“Summerteeth” has a definite bite

By Adam Smith
News Editor

A “Shot In The Arm” is exactly what the rock scene needs. Wilco is trying to do that and more with their new album, “Summerteeth,” released on Tuesday. Wilco is primarily known as being one of the two surviving bands that rose out of the ashes of the late great Uncle Tupelo, which disbanded in 1994. The other band being the equally talented Son Volt, led by Uncle Tupelo leader Jay Farrar.

Wilco is a different breed of band, however. While Son Volt plays a brash mix of country-rocks, Wilco has always been more experimental. Nothing proves this point more than “Summerteeth.”

Wilco’s first album, “AM” appeared in 1995, and set their agenda. Jeff Tweedy’s voice, though not a strong instrument, provides an unsettling emotional release. His voice flows easily from a cracked high to a rumbling low over assured melodies.

Their second album, “Being There,” was a more in studio trickery. The use of the studio as an instrument. They eloquently combine such new elements like old Moog synthesizers and Mellotrons which give them even more of a retro feel. Unfortunately, at times this works to the disadvantage of the album. While Wilco has usually been associated with sweetly played steel guitars and hard-edged rhythms, they sever all past ties with “Summerteeth.” The result is a sad reality that at times Wilco sound like imitators, not innovators.

The majority of the album displays Tweedy’s world weary view with uncharacteristically simple lyrics. This is evident in the unsettling “Via Chicago” proves this point in the opening line. “I dreamed about killing you last night,” sings Tweedy. “And it felt alright to me.” Wilco has never been known for sheer predictability, and nothing proves that better than “Summerteeth.” It should also be noted that the CD includes two unlisted bonus tracks at the end of the album. One of which is a harder edged “A Shot In The Arm.” The album as a whole is great, and had it been released by any other band than Wilco, it may be considered a near-classic. Either way, if you’re a Wilco fan or not, it’s a safe buy.

Movie Lines:
1. “It could be worse... it could be raining!” 10 points
2. “Do you take drugs Danny?”
   “Everyday.”
   “Good, good.” 5 points
3. “Ya’ll know me... know what I do for a livin’.” 5 points
4. “Ed-- if I woke up in the morning with my head sewn to the carpet, I wouldn’t be any more surprised than I am right now.” 5 points
5. “I’ve been going to this high school for 7 and a half years... I’m no dummy.” 5 points

In The News:
1. How many games was Joe DiMaggio’s hitting streak, still held to this day? 10 points
2. What famous gladiator movie starring Kirk Douglas did Stanley Kubrick direct? 10 points
3. Whose appeal did the Supreme Court turn down this week? 10 points

By Graham Smith
Contributing Writer

Joe Henry lights the “Fuse”

Guess the Band
1. Mike and the Mechanics
2. They Might Be Giants
3. Violent Femmes
4. The Buggles

80’s Band Word Jumble:
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We had to have known it was coming.
Joe Henry’s last album, “Trampoliner,” now three years old, pushed his acutely vivid songs so far forward musically that half the excitement it caused was anticipation. Its final song “Parade” swept this new aggressive sound into the air, its lovely melody constructed out of looped drum machinery and tonal feedback, pedal steel lingering over the extended fade-out. “Trampoliner” ended and Henry disappeared.

An enigmatic musician and elliptical songwriter, Henry had dabbled in various formats to execute his songs. Just as his latest direction was coming, Henry abandoned his status as revivalist pioneer and released “Trampoliner.” Pump organs cranked, opera singers wailed, and tremolo guitars echoed across the spacious landscape, and Joe Henry had created his masterpiece. And it was so close to the edge.

‘Fuse,” remarkably, goes over this edge; the results soar. Dominated by Carla Azar’s steadi-ly disjointed drum rhythms and thumping lead bass rumbles, it forges a dense, murky atmosphere illuminated by hissing cymbals and jagged guitar breaks. Henry’s voice—that thin, reedy tenor—punches holes in the darkness; it dives out of the mix with a sly, subtle force. The songs swirl with call-and-response instrumen-tal fills, the players “wobbling like a bent bicycle wheel.”

Adding immense depth to the sound are stellar players Chris Whitley and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band and recording mixers Daniel Lanois and T-Bone Burnett. Whitley’s loopy guitar attack and chaotic sense of melody shape “Skin and Teeth” and “Like She Was A Hammer” (in which “she” is likened to an anvil, a tightrope, a fever and Roosevelt’s funeral in the street—but never like a hammer). “Angels” and “Fat” employ rhythms skin to funk and jazz fusion, and “Want Too Much” redelines the grooves “Trampoliner” initiated. “Great Lake” comes the closest to classic Henry songwriting; musically it sounds like a propulsive locomotive that never ceases. Bookended by the distorted muffle of “Monkey” and the 40’s standard “We’ll Meet Again,” “Fuse” is the sound of an artist with ambition to spare, and a wit to match.

And once again, the question is posed: where will he go from here? The album ends with a sample of George Seedorff’s poetry reading (discovered on reel-to-reel tapes, says Henry), saying, “And Jesus, all I wanted was an orange sarsaparilla...”. Seedorff’s involuntary narration of the album is incongruously effective, his distant voice dueling with Henry’s. Is there anything not on this album?

May Joe Henry refuse to remain anywhere for long. He knows what he’s doing.
Freudian nightmare

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

How funny is a mob boss with unstable emotional problems seeking therapy to reclaim his tough-guy persona? Very funny.

Though it trailed a few months after the premiere of HBO's "The Sopranos," a new series by the network with the same premise (also very funny), "Analyze This" held its own, opening this weekend at #1, and earning a reported $17.7 million.

Starring Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal and directed by Harold Ramis ("Caddyshack" and "National Lampoon's Vacation"), this film was sure to be golden from the start. One thing that re-occurred throughout the movie was the theme of classic 80's humor that has all but disappeared from the silver screen.

Crystal ("When Harry met Sally" and "This is Spinal Tap") plays Ben Sobol, a prominent psychiatrist who seems to be bored out of his mind with his mediocre patients that have nothing but a menagerie of crybaby problems. It seems fate steps in when he accidentally rear-ends the henchman of famous crime boss Paul Vitti (De Niro, of "The Untouchables" and "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein") who lately has had problems coping with his life. This anxiety begins to seriously interfere with his line of work and with a fast-approaching crime boss meeting, he has to pull himself together to avoid being whacked. And with this, our two heroes meet.

Crystal's wise-ass comments made De Niro's wiseguy reactions as funny as they come. The chemistry between the two was amazing though it would have been difficult to think of the two starring opposite each other before now.

The only mistake made in the film was that of Lisa Kudrow (NBC's "Friends" and "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion") being cast as Sobol's fiancée. Kudrow is only going to be able to take her Phoebe character so far before Hollywood is going to expect something else, though her character in this movie did have a slightly higher IQ.

Ramis (also a co-writer) presented one hilarious gag after another, keeping moviegoers rolling with laughter. From a "Godfatheresque" dream sequence to De Niro crying (that's right, De Niro crying!), the film was directed with comedic brilliance to be noted as one of the best in cinematic history.

This week, money is no object. Whether you go to a matinee or you pay full price, you must see this movie!

Rating A+

The Alley -- by Dave Mathews

Turner does Oscar

By Dave Mathews
Features Editor

Been in the dark for the majority of film history? Now is your chance to catch up on some of the greats.

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An affair to forget...

By Adam Smith

Can we get on with it now? Why? I mean literally! Is the Lewinsky scandal finally over? Can late-night television hosts go back to making jokes about something else, other than Bill Clinton's sex life? Are we now able to flip the channels at night and find a Sanford & Son rerun more enlightening than Linda Tripp's weight?

No. Do you know why?

We are a country obsessed. Obsessed with nonexistent sex. Barbara Walters interview with Monica Lewinsky on March 3, was one of the most highly watched events of all time. Why? That's what I want to know.

I have to admit I was one of the millions that watched. Probably because I was hoping to hear something. Anything. A grand revelation. I thought maybe that O.J. Simpson would appear out of nowhere and confess to everything. Even the Lewinsky affair. I also wanted to see if they would call Lewinsky a slut, bitch or jezebel. But alas, I was foiled again.

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A journey of tragedy

By Dave Sharp

It's always been a dream of mine to visit the Dark Continent: Africa. Many say it is the last place on the surface of the earth left to be explored. Its dense forests could hold many treasures including natural aquifers, valuable ores and possibly vaccines for diseases that have plagued this planet since the dawn of man.

I've only seen pictures of this strange undiscovered land but what I have seen is beautiful and wondrous. It is full of wildlife, plant life and a people that are unlike any other. It may take a very long time to save the funds for such a safari but I think it's worth it to travel and expand ones horizons in such a way that it may make me a better person. I know their are many risks in making such a trek but one thing I don't want to have to worry about is being raped and slaughtered by a small army of sub-civilized freedom fighters who disagree with American and British politics.

So your may know what I'm talking about. On Monday, March 1st, eight tourists visiting the Ugandan outback became casualties of a war they wanted no part of. A group of about 130 soldiers, Don't think about cigars or blue dresses. Repeat when necessary. See how easy you too can get through your day without Bill & Monica and the rest of those bastards. I mean media hogs.

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Don’t be Cruel

Cruel Intentions is in theaters now

By Lisa Schwarzbaum
Entertainment Weekly

Writer-director Roger Kumble’s foxy, snotty, enjoyably trashy update of 1988’s “Dangerous Liaisons” isn’t the second or even the third movie to adapt Choderlos de Laclos’ 1782 novel about sexual manipulation among spoiled aristocrats — Roger Vadim’s “Dangerous Liaisons” (1959) and Milos Forman’s “Valmont” (1989) came before. But “Cruel Intentions” is the first to move the story from gilded 18th-century Paris to moneyminded contemporary Manhattan and set the players in high school. It’s the first time we’ve ever heard Valmont report on his erotic adventures like this: “If you’re asking if I nailed her, the answer is no.”

It’s certainly the first time the heartless Marquise de Merteuil — a fangs-baring role previously occupied by Glenn Close and now rented by “Buffy the Vampire Slayer”’s Sarah Michelle Gellar as Kathryn Merteuil — describes her position in society quite comme ça: “I’m the Marcia F—ing Brady of the Upper East Side.”

“Cruel Intentions” is calculatedly, wantonly naughty; no passing character is too negligible to ridicule, from Swoosie Kurtz as Sebastian’s media-star psychiatrist (an in-joke: Kurtz costarred in Frears’ “Liaisons”) to Christine Baranski as the snobby mother of a dim-bulb virgin (Selma Blair) about to fall into Sebastian’s clutches. (The virgin is given a particular boot in the rear. She’s made to galumph around in an Australian souvenir T-shirt that is, like, so lame.)

Yet for all the sewer talk, for all the times Kathryn anesthetizes her ennui with toots of cocaine from a silver crucifix, “Cruel Intentions” never shocks or even offends by ascribing fully adult cruelties and erotic activities to obnoxious kids; such harshness wouldn’t flatter a cast this moused and magazine-layout-ready. Showing less skin than an average Lever 2000 soap commercial and making less orgasmic noise than prods for Clairol shampoos, these teenthrobs are merely playing at being studs and vamps.

They’re fawns, they’re puppies, they’re tadpoles with potty mouths. She may run her hands over her corseted breasts and strike a smoldering pose (assisted by a hair-color change from Buffy blond to bitch-brunet), but Gellar looks about as come-hitherish as Monica Lewinsky in that sad, sad beret, waiting to hug the Big Creep. Witherspoon plays a good girl who gives her heart and then her bod to the wrong man, but she does so like a 4-H club member at a livestock fair. And Phillippe? Well, he’s livestock if ever I’ve seen some, an androgynously pretty young man with a riper lower lip. That his Sebastian can bag young women is remarkable, considering how he can barely be bothered to smile or stand up.

There’s a satisfying payoff in “Cruel Intentions,” courtesy of the original novelist. It’s not as electrifying a theatrical moment as when Glenn Close wipes lipstick off her powder-white face while one tear falls, but it’ll do. A bitch gets her comeuppance and a bastard repents in tragedy. What sneakerhead can teach teens a lesson, and then really shock them. The adults are shocked — shocked — by their experimentally wicked ways?

Grade: B-

Retirees open teaching jobs

By Buffy Smith
JSU News Bureau

Over the next decade, the United States will suffer from a major teacher shortage, which is presenting excellent opportunities for JSU’s education majors.

Due to a rapidly expanding student population and a growing number of teachers reaching retirement age, the country will need to recruit approximately 2 million new teachers in the next ten years, according to the National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future.

There are two factors contributing to the shortage, according to Kelly Ryan, Director of Certification and Advisement at Jacksonville State University’s College of Education and Professional Studies.

One factor is what’s called the “Baby Boom Echo.” The Baby Boomers’ grandchildren are starting school which is causing an increase in the student population. The second factor is that a large majority of teachers are reaching retirement age.

“In Alabama, 48% of teachers are going to be available for retirement in the next five years,” says Ryan. “Not saying that they all will retire, but they will be eligible.”

Ryan says that there are more pronounced shortages in other states. When asked if there are less students pursing careers in education, Ryan says, “I have not seen that in Alabama — our college has grown of the past six years — but there are more pronounced shortages in other states, so they may not be producing enough graduates.”

As a whole, the major areas lacking teachers are library media and hard sciences, but each state has different needs, according to Ryan.

“We get calls quite often looking for teachers,” says Ryan. “Like, when I first came to JSU, no one was hiring elementary teachers, now everyone is.”

A survey was conducted in 1996 by the Alabama Department of Education. The state surveyed all education graduates from September 1, 1995 — August 31, 1996. On December 1, 1996, they surveyed all school systems that and asked them to send them a list of employees. They compared the two lists and found that the following areas of teaching are in great demand:

- Science
- Language Arts
- Library Media
- Technology
- Administration

In Science, 44 teachers were certified and 46% were employed. In Language Arts, 120 were certified and 44% were employed. In Library Media, 32 degrees were issued and 90% were employed. In Technology, two people were certified and one was employed. In Administration, 137 were certified and 93% were employed.

Do you think that Iraq really needs a good bombing?

No! Do not want to start a war!

Lori Turner Freshman

I personally believe the U.S. needs to concentrate on our own problems and quit spending millions on other countries’ problems.

Kelly Finn Senior

I don’t think they need to bomb Iraq. I think they need to find the leader of Iraq and bomb him. You control the leader and you control the whole country.

Les Roberts Senior

We shouldn’t have been bombing it should have been one bomb! The Big Mushroom!

Dave Sharp Junior

Sure! Why Not? It’ll be more land for Clinton’s illegitimate children to live in.

Johnny Chandler Senior

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Keith Tasker Senior

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JSU’s season ends in a heartbreaker

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

March Madness came right on cue last week for the Lady Gamecocks, as they traveled to Atlanta, Ga., in hopes of coming away with the TAAC Championship crown.

JSU provided the audience with incredible performances that make this time of year special to all basketball fans.

A long-awaited season opener for the Gamecocks was supposed to be last Wednesday. However, strong winds and cold temperatures prevented Jacksonville State from playing their home opener against UAB.

Things got off to a bad start for the Gamecocks. They had to travel to Jacksonville, Fla., to face the Dolphins in a three-game series. The Dolphins took two of three from Rudy Abbott’s team. Here is a look at the action:

**Jacksonville State 65**
**Samford 64**

The third time proved to be the charm for JSU against Samford. After beating the Lady Gamecocks twice in the regular season, the Lady Bulldogs couldn’t make it three straight, thanks to Heather Mayes.

Mayes hit the game-winning shot at the buzzer to propel the Lady Gamecocks into the second round. Mayes only had nine points in the contest, but her key three-pointers down the stretch proved to be the difference in the game.

JSU also had solid performances from Lateatrice Thomas, Betsy Trau and Lisa Baswell. Thomas had a game-high 20 points and 15 rebounds. Trau scored 17 points, including three three-pointers. Baswell chipped in with 13 points as the Lady Gamecocks advanced to meet the Campbell Lady Camels.

**Jacksonville State 93**
**Campbell 89 (OT)**

As if a game-winning shot in the first game wasn’t enough, the Lady Gamecocks stopped a few more hearts from beating in their second round matchup with Campbell.

Trailing 78-76 with less than nine seconds left in regulation, Mayes dazzled the crowd again with her clutch performance. She hit a running jump-shot with less than a second left to send the game into overtime.

In the extra session, JSU outscored the Lady Camels 15-11 to advance to the championship game.

Leading the charge was Baswell. She came away with a game-high 27 points, going 10 of 13 from the floor.

In addition to the game-tying shot, Mayes also rocked the rim and scored 24 points. Thomas chipped in with 10 points as the Lady Gamecocks marched on.

**Central Florida 80**
**Jacksonville State 59**

After two emotional wins in the first two rounds, the Lady Gamecocks were quickly reminded that March Madness isn’t always kind.

Central Florida came into the game as the TAAC’s top seed, and showed why they earned it. They took charge from the beginning, outscoring the Lady Gamecocks 30-19 at the end of the first period.

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Gamecocks lose two of three to Jacksonville

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

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The game will be rescheduled in April.

After the cancellation, the Gamecocks had to hit the road once again. This time, they had to travel to Jacksonville, Fla., to face the Dolphins in a three-game series. The Dolphins took two of three from Rudy Abbott’s team. Here is a look at the action:

**Jacksonville 5**
**Jacksonville State 2**

Things got off to a bad start for the Gamecocks. Pitcher Sammy Button lost his second game of the year despite pitching seven innings and giving up only three runs.

Designated hitter Jason Nunn tried to help Button out at the plate. He belted out two hits, including a homerun. Rightfielder Sam Grant also had two hits, but the Gamecocks couldn’t capitalize.

Dolphin pitcher Nick Regilio hurled seven innings, yielding only two runs off of six hits. He kept his record perfect at 4-0 on the season.

On offense, the Dolphins were led by the bat of Chad Oliva. He belted out three hits and all three Gamecock runs. He suffered his third loss of the year.

Jacksonville State finally got to play their first home game on Tuesday. They hosted Butler University at the new baseball field. This is just the first of 13 straight home games for the Gamecocks.
Ed Hill: the man behind the camera

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

He sits beneath the basketball goal, looking across the hardwood floor at Jacksonville State University's Pete Mathews Coliseum. Just like he's done so many times before, Ed Hill is looking to capture the moments of the game with his camera.

Hill is not a coach or a star player on the team, but to many people he's just as important. He is the 12-year photographer of JSU, but this was a profession that happened by chance.

"I really didn't choose it. None of this was by design," he admits. "I backed into photography because of a dance recital with my two little girls."

Like every other proud father would do, Hill wanted to keep the memories of the moment alive. He decided to take pictures of his little girls. He brought with him an Instamatic film camera and a film cassette.

That summer day in 1975 changed his life. When he got the pictures he had taken developed, Hill became disgusted. In his mind, the pictures weren't any good.

He started taking pictures for the rest of his life. "I've probably saved more than a lot of people would have because some of these things I recognize. I'm kind of a living historian, I guess."

Hill hopes to get some place on campus so the pictures can be displayed and enjoyed by the public. "If you think Hill is about to hang up his camera, think again. He intends to be there taking pictures for the rest of his life."

"I just assumed I'd rather fall over dying doing something I love. It's been a source of reward."

Hill points out the public often asks to see Ed Hill underneath that kibehal goal for a long time to come.
Golf teams come up big in their recent road competitions

By Shannon Fagan  
Sports Editor

In their recent competitions, Jacksonville State’s golf teams have been tearing up the links.

On March 2, the women earned a first place team finish in the Jaguar Invitational held in Gulf Shores, Ala. In three rounds of play, the Lady Gamecocks finished at +66, 20 shots ahead of second place Troy State.

Other teams in the competition included UAB, South Alabama, Arkansas State, Oral Roberts, Samford, Mobile, Spring Hill, North Texas and the University of Denver.

Jacksonville State had five players finish in the top 20. Maria Borgesson was the top individual finisher for the Lady Gamecocks. She finished with a three-round total of 228.

Vicki Hanks and Erin Elias also had top five finishes. Hanks found herself tied for third with a score of 231. Elias finished fifth with a three-round total of 232.

Jody Swier and Missy White rounded out the women in the top 20. Both finished tied for 18th with a score of 242.

The men took part in the Lonnie D. Small Intercollegiate last weekend. As a team, they finished second with a two round total of 593. They were only three points behind the top team, the University of North Carolina.

The gamecocks finished ahead of such teams as Campbell, Samford, Jacksonville, Mercer, Hampton, Davidson, VMI and South Carolina State.

Blake Terry was the top finisher individually. His two-round total was 145 was good enough to put him in second place overall.

Ramiro Perez finished tied for fourth place. He ended with a total score of 147. Gregg Meyer finished tied for seventh with a score of 148.

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The second half set the stage once again for JSU to display some late-game heroics, but the Lady Golden Knights prevented JSU from even getting close.

In their final game, two Lady Gamecocks scored in double-digits. Thomas led JSU with 17 points. Baswell stripped the nets for 16 points, but it wasn’t enough.

For Central Florida, a trio of players scored in double-figures. Leading the way was Chariya Davis. She came away with a game-high 20 points.
By Eric Adler
Sports Writer

Support your local JSU hooker

It is difficult to write about JSU’s rugby games when people know little about the sport. Here is some basic information on the game, to include history, rules and terms used.

Rugby is a popular sport in more than 100 countries throughout the world, but it is almost like a religion in some countries in the British Isles and southern hemisphere—Oceania. It originated in 1823 in Rugby, England, when a student, William Webb Ellis, picked up the ball during a game of soccer and ran with it.

Rugby is played as a professional and amateur sport, and it is even played in some places by women. The World Cup of Rugby takes place every four years. The next World Cup takes place in Wales in October of this year.

Each “side” (team) usually has 15 players, but may have less. Games with seven players per side are popular. There are no separate offensive and defensive units. See the diagram at the bottom of this article for exact positions. The larger players on the team are called “forwards” or the “pack.” They are numbered one through eight on the diagram. The smaller and quicker players in the backfield are called “backs.” They are numbered nine through 15 on the diagram.

Games usually have two 40 minute halves, although length is flexible. “Sevens” games can have halved as short as seven minutes each.

The ball is similar to a football, but is larger and has no laces. The “pitch” (field) may be as large as 110 yards long and 75 yards wide.

Scoring is different from football because players have to “ground” (touch the ball to the ground) the ball in the “goal area” (end zone). A score is called a “try.”

“Tackles” are illegal, as is tackling another player from behind. Tackles may not involve one player tackling another player from behind. Teams.my not substitute players in the case of injury; injured players may not return to play. Players generally do not wear any padding, although soft head and chest padding, shin guards and mouthguards are allowed.

Ready for some rugby trivia? President Clinton has played rugby at the University of Arkansas. Pope John Paul II played rugby for the Polish national team. The United States—currently a weak international rugby competitor—won the Olympic gold medal in rugby the last two times it was played (1920 and 1924).

The next game for the JSU rugby team is Saturday, Mar. 23, a home game against Arkansas at Emory University in Atlanta. The team will play in the St. Patrick’s Day Tournament in Savannah, Ga. Call 435-9889 to find out more about how to join the team.

DIAGRAM OF RUGBY POSITIONS

1. Loosehead Prop
2. Hooker
3. Tighthead Prop
4. Left Lock
5. Right Lock
6. Blindsider Flanker
7. Openside Flanker
8. Eighthman
9. Scrumhalf
10. Flyhalf
11. Left Wing
12. Inside Center
13. Outside Center
14. Right Wing
15. Fullback
Today’s Birthday (March 11): Friends can help you get the funding you need to achieve your financial goals. Let them know what you’re up to in March, so you can be well on your way by May. The money is available as soon as April, if you know how to do the work; and you can earn that, so by August you can be an expert. Your best time to travel is in the autumn, but focus on work in December. Heed an older friend’s advice in January, and put papers into order in February.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Try not to lose your temper with an older person today, especially the one who hands out the grades or paychecks. You might think this person doesn’t like you, but the opposite is more likely true. You’ve been making a very good impression lately, when you weren’t wishing off. Control that tendency and you might even earn a bonus.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — If you can start your weekend early, you really ought to do it. This is a fabulous day to travel, with a couple of minor annoyances. You can get by those relatively easily, if you watch where you’re going. You also need to watch what you’re saying. Don’t let the cat out of the bag.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 5 — There’s an argument brewing today, but it doesn’t concern you personally, so you’d be wise to stay out of it. The people who are bickering with each other can reach a compromise more quickly if they don’t get nervous. Just focus on the job you’re supposed to be doing, and let them work it out among themselves.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 5 — You may have to shout today to be heard over all the noise and confusion. If you can make sure your ideas get across through subtler ways, by all means, go ahead. You’re a master at innuendo, but today it might take something a little bolder than that. Don’t be afraid to speak up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — The work you’ve been putting off all week is finally going to catch up with you. Don’t let it take you by surprise. Be prepared. Be willing to work overtime if necessary, but don’t complain. You’ve had so much lately, this extra bit of work will seem like nothing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — The work you’ve been doing lately should be starting to show results. You can stop trying to convince your friends that it’s all been worthwhile. They’ll be able to see that with their own eyes when you invite them over, which may not be tonight. Tonight you should save for a more private celebration.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — Looks like somebody’s pushing you to make a decision, but you’re not quite ready yet. Don’t let yourself get pressured into acting hastily. Decisions are not made in a Libra under the best of circumstances, and when you get rattled, you’ll probably choose badly. Just explain that you’re still collecting data.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — If you’re running into a bunch of new problems today, congratulations. This means you’ve solved all the old ones. It’s always a sign of growth when you don’t know what you’re doing anymore, and that’s the territory you may find yourself in now. Not to worry. You learn quickly under pressure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Today there are some things you’d never put up with. That means you can’t just sit there and ignore them any longer. Something that’s been bothering you is going to have to be straightened out, and you’re probably the one who’s going to do it. Be bold.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Watch out for breakdowns today. Something you thought was going to be there, isn’t. Somewhere you expected to call you, won’t. You might miss a call yourself. Communications are garbled; the computers might even go down. Make sure you back up every thing. It’s a good habit in general; today it’s a requirement.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Be careful today to express yourself clearly. You won’t be the only one having trouble getting the point across. You should be more successful at it than most, since you tend to be careful with your words. Advice caution to a friend who hasn’t yet acquired that habit.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You might notice today you’re a little short of cash. You may have to postpone something you’d like to do, but don’t despair. You’ll find a way around this dilemma by going a little farther out of your way. In other words, don’t pay top dollar if you can get a bargain elsewhere. The time you spend looking could equal quite a lot of money.

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