



## BELGIUM

### Urged to seek peaceful democratic shift

Egypt needs to build a peaceful transition to democracy, European governments said, urging the govt. to listen to demonstrators and allow an open dialogue on the country's future.



## IRELAND

### Tax-evading lawmaker loses libel case

An Irish lawmaker at the heart of Ireland's first major corruption scandal has lost a libel judgment against Sam Smyth, the journalist who broke the story of his illicit gifts.



## GREAT BRITAIN

### Claims Iran could have nuclear weapon

Liam Fox, Britain's defense secretary, says it's possible Iran could develop a nuclear weapon by next year. Fox told disagree with Israel's Meir Dagan, who said otherwise.

## SIGNED-N-READY



KARINA TELLEZ/THE BEACON

Defensive backs Jonathan Cyprien (left) and Ash Parker (right) sign autographs at the Little Caesar's Hot-N-Ready Panther Party to celebrate FIU's first bowl win in December. The Student Government Association sponsored a party for close to 2,000 students on Jan 28 in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

## Networking options offered to students, alumni at Career Fair

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Staff Writer

In an attempt to prepare students with the transition from college into the working world, the Career Services Office will be hosting its Career Fair -- one of four hosted each year.

Open to all students and alumni, the fair will be hosted on both the Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay Campuses.

Through professional development workshops, practice interviews, career counseling and on-campus interviewing students will be able to practice for their future career paths.

With 76 companies registered to attend, the Career Fair is considered one of the biggest

career-related events and services provided to University students and alumni.

"Last fall, the MMC Career Fair attracted 89 employers, and over 1,000 attendees, so it's a huge event for student and alumni job seekers," said Kenneth Setzer, an employee at Marketing and Publications at the Career Services Office.

"It's also an opportunity for the employers to access so many candidates with varied degrees and experiences."

The Career Fair at MMC will be held on Feb. 3 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Feb. 16, BBC will host the fair at the Wolfe University Center

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## Nine-year-old helps homeless, encourages others to help

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Staff Writer

Flipping through channels on the TV, it is not uncommon to come upon a commercial asking for money to go towards starving children in third world countries.

While it may seem that most students disregard it, Joshua Williams, who was five years old when he first saw it, reacted quite differently.

"I wanted to adopt them all," said Williams of the Joshua's Heart Foundation.

After explaining to him that it would be impossible, his mother tried to direct

his attention towards a cause that he could work with in his own neighborhood.

Williams began by feeding one family in his church, but soon expanded his efforts to that of 250,000 pounds of food and over \$80,000 raised.

During a Panther Hall event on Jan. 27, Williams, now nine years old, spoke of the large homeless population he encountered in his work.

Sierra Montgomery, resident assistant and senior majoring in psychology, organized the event, "Living a Dream, Leaving a Legacy," to educate students on the state of poverty in Miami and encourage them to pursue their dreams.

The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who pursued his dream in spite of the odds inspired Montgomery.

She urges students to follow his example by putting forth the effort to accomplish their goals.

"We come out with degrees and we go in to careers we don't like based on pay... if you really want to work for something, you can do it."

Montgomery feels as though some students are reluctant to tackle difficult tasks, such as obtaining a Ph.D. and instead settle for a fraction of their original dream.

To showcase the value of perseverance,

Montgomery commissioned the performances of three students who danced, sang and recited uplifting poetry.

"I'm pretty sure Obama didn't know he was going to be president when he was five," said Montgomery of the kind of aspirations she hopes students reach for.

Devin Floyd, a member of AmeriCorps VISTA and volunteer for Miami Coalition for the Homeless, brought two guest speakers to share their stories.

"[Homelessness] wasn't a part of their plan, they didn't expect it to happen."

The first speaker, introduced as Pat,

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## Lawyer, author launches guidebook, lectures students

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Speaking on the lessons learned throughout his career and encouraging students to seek advice from mentors, Lawyer Spencer Marc Aronfeld launched his guidebook, "Make It Your Own Law Firm," at the College of Law on Jan. 27.

Specializing in medical malpractice and personal injury, Aronfeld is the founding partner of his legal team, Aronfeld Trial Lawyers, which operates in Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables. Aronfeld is an alumna of the University of Miami, graduating cum laude in 1991. He also holds

a Bachelor's in Business Administration and he is the author of the children's book: "Sara Rose, Kid Lawyer."

Aronfeld began his speech by mentioning part of a personal account featured in his book, such as his classmates' struggle for work and his first legal case.

"When I graduated from law school, I did not know anything about the court," he admitted.

After his first independent experience with a medical malpractice lawsuit, Aronfeld decided to speak to law school students interested in opening their own firm and share what he had learned.

"I speak so no other kid ends

up in a job they were forced into. The greatest tragedy is when you see people who are miserable in their jobs," he explained, encouraging students to open their own firms.

The importance of networking was also emphasized, mentioning that solid relationships with mentors and bankers could lead toward success in the law business.

"I want this to be helpful to those who will come after me," said Aronfeld.

Aronfeld recalled that there is a need for law services both locally and globally, which led him to start a non-profit organiza-

tion that provides legal assistance to the homeless called "Lawyers to the Rescue."

Aronfeld's organization operates an office at the Camillus House, which is staffed by University students serving as externs.

The attorney looks forward to change the reputation of lawyers.

"Last year, I saw lawyers who brought a terrible name to the profession, and that hurts us all," Aronfeld declared.

The speech made prior to the book signing impacted those in attendance.

"The event was heartfelt. He showed the true emotion of his path. I am looking forward to

reading his book, which I am sure will be useful for my career," expressed Veronica Limia, third-year law student.

Aronfeld demonstrated his gratitude toward the College of Law community, highlighting the real world experience and advice that he has received from the University's College of Law faculty.

"I feel closer to the professors at FIU than to the faculty of my university," said Aronfeld.

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## WEIRD NEWS

### Professor charged with peeing on colleague's door

A California university professor has been charged with peeing on a colleague's campus office door.

Prosecutors charged Tihomir Petrov, a math professor, with two misdemeanor counts of urinating in a public place. A dispute between Petrov and another math professor was the motive.

Petrov was captured on videotape urinating on the door of another professor's office. School officials had rigged the camera after discovering puddles of what they thought was urine at the professor's door.

### University awards first Beatles degree

A Canadian woman has become the first person in the world to graduate with a Masters degree in Beatles studies.

Former Miss Canada finalist, Mary-Lu Zahalan-Kennedy was one of the first 12 students to sign up for the Liverpool Hope University course on the Fab Four when it began in 2009 and was the first to graduate, the university said on Wednesday.

Zahalan-Kennedy was the first to accept the MA in Beatles, Popular Music and Society from the university.

The course looks at the studio sound and composition of the Beatles and how Liverpool helped to shape their music.

### Social networking leads to sex faster?

Nearly four out of five women and three of five men believe texting and other social networking tools cause couples to jump into bed faster.

Shape and Men's Fitness magazines surveyed 1,200 men and women for their third annual sex survey.

Nearly 80 percent of women and 58 percent of men say it leads to sex faster.

Flirting occurs with men texting 39 percent more often than phoning and women 150 percent more.

Before a date, 70 percent of women and 63 percent of men use the internet to screen potential dates.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

# 'MEGA Career Week' to include resumé and interview workshops

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Ballrooms from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees can expect major companies such as PepsiCo, GEICO, Sherwin Williams, Target and government organizations like the U.S. Department of State to have representation at the fair. By promoting the diversity at the University, the Career Services Office understands the advantages that FIU students bring to the work force.

"Recruiters know that at FIU they can find the diversity and experience they seek, whether for an entry-level position or a more senior appointment. Where else can you find students and alumni from such different backgrounds, from all over the world? That carries a lot of

value," Jairo Ledesma, assistant director in the Career Services Office told News at FIU.

Career Services advises all students to attend some professional development workshops and complete a resumé before attending the fair.

According to Setzer, Career Services is also sponsoring another major event—MEGA Career Week. During this week, there is an "intensified schedule of professional development workshops designed to help students and alumni get prepared for the Fairs."

The Engineering center, MMC and BBC campuses will all host selective events for this weeklong experience.

Offering the popular workshops, like Resumé Writing, Interviewing Skills and

How to Prepare for Career Fair, Career Services is hoping to accommodate as many students as possible. As preparation for joining the work force, Career Services hopes that these events provide students and alumni better results for the future.

The amount of information and opportunities available at the Career Fair gives employers a chance to spread their name around campus and to provide support for local businesses.

The presentation of a valid Panther ID and professional attire are the only requirements for a student or alumni to attend.

As the week progresses, the Career Fair and MEGA Career Week will release more information.

## CATCH THAT SNITCH



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The FIU Quidditch team played against University of Miami on Jan. 30. UM defeated FIU 120-20 in the first match and 90-20 in the second match.

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# Homeless recall brutal ordeals of living life out on Miami streets

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described her troubled path to homelessness, which culminated in a brutal encounter with her fiancée that left her stabbed over fourteen times and left to die.

After miraculously surviving the ordeal and completing rehabilitation for her injuries, Pat is happy to share that she now has a place of her own and is planning on going back to school.

Floyd's second speaker was Damian St. Martin, who is currently

living in a shelter.

St. Martin told students about his former life with his wife and five children in their Sunny Isles Beach condo.

He managed five nightclubs and did quite well for some time.

He even did his fair share of mocking the homeless, even considering paying homeless people to fight each other for entertainment.

St. Martin never thought he would one day be homeless, but after his condo was foreclosed and his

family split up he found himself turning to a shelter.

After spending the first few nights on the beach he began to lose touch with society, and started living his own reality.

"Have you all seen homeless people talking to themselves?" he asked, "its because there isn't anyone around to listen."

He asked students to try to understand that anyone could be homeless, remarking that many of us were only "one paycheck away."



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Legion making an immediate impact

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The highly speculated and intriguing life of Alex Legion has been analyzed by many throughout his basketball playing career. Starting from high school at Detroit County Day to now playing at FIU, it has been a long journey to get to where he is today.

He first began playing basketball in the third grade, but it can be argued that he was born to play the game.

"Basketball was always kind of in my blood, my dad went to Amherst and played basketball and my mom went overseas," said Legion. "It kind of just came easy to me at a young age."

Legion proved in his sophomore and junior years at Detroit County Day High school that he was an elite player on the basketball circuit. Not only did he make the Associated Press Class B All-State first team in 2005 and 2006, but he also broke records.

In the Class B Regional Final game in 2005, he scored 41 points, setting the single game scoring mark for his school, which was previously held by former NBA star Chris Webber.

In 2007, Legion decided to go to high school basketball powerhouse Oak Hill Academy.

"I wanted to go there because I wanted more," Legion said on transferring. "Michigan basketball was great but I wanted to really prepare myself for this level."

Playing with the likes of O.J. Mayo and Brandon Jennings, Legion won the national championship along with setting some impressive marks.

He became the top three-point shooter for seniors in the nation, and still holds the schools record for both free throw percentage (85%) and three-point percentage (42%) in a season.

By going to Oak Hill and putting up the kind of numbers that he did, Legion was recruited from Division 1 schools all across the nation.

His first choice was originally Michigan University, but reneged that decision once the

coach that recruited him, Tommy Amaker, was fired.

His second option was Kentucky, but he did not stay there long. After just one semester and six games, he would transfer to Illinois. His mother was sick at the time, and thought it best to go play in the Big Ten where he would be closer to her.

Legion did not play the rest of the season due to NCAA transfer rules, but in May of that same year would travel to Poland for a foreign tour trip with Athletes in Action Sports Ministry.

"It was my first time going out the country," Legion admitted. "It was great going over there playing against the top competition in Europe and seeing how you stand out with your peers worldwide. I loved that trip."

In his first year at Illinois, he got to play the second half of the season and made the most out of the opportunity. He played in 22 games and averaged around 11 minutes of playing time and even led the team in scoring in one game against Michigan State.

Following that season, he made another trip outside of the country, this time to China.

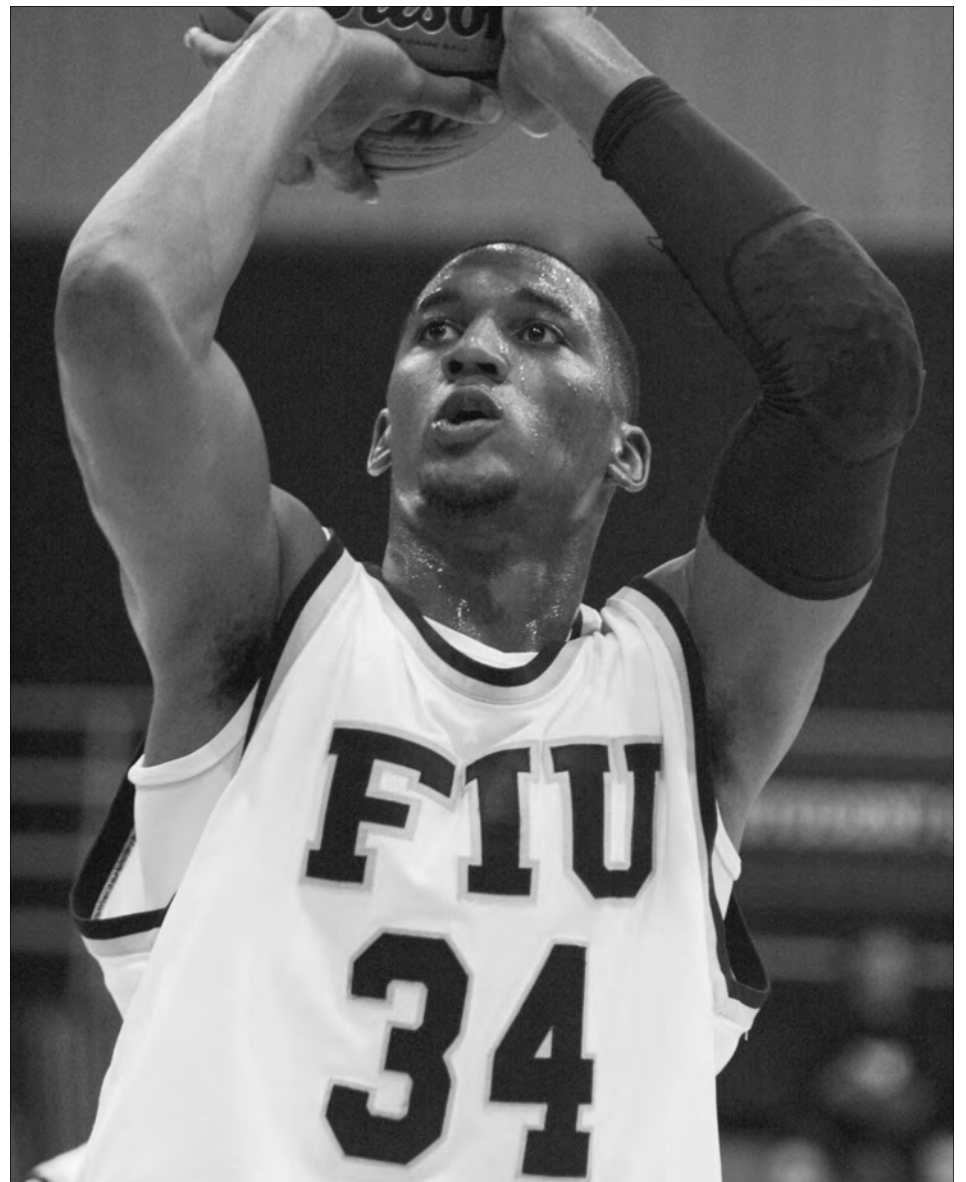
"I really didn't enjoy that trip so much, it was a real culture shock for me," said Legion. "But in the end it was a great experience, I mean not everybody gets to say they went to China."

To everyone's surprise, he would only play in the fall semester for the Fighting Illini before announcing his decision to come to FIU. He didn't get approached by Coach Isaiah Thomas, but rather he approached him.

The history between the Legion and the former Hall-of-Fame player goes back all the way to his high school days, where he played alongside Joe Dumar's son.

Legion asked Dumar what he thought about a potential decision to go to FIU and he told him it was the right move to do.

"It was a basketball move and I wanted to have the opportunity to play for a guy like Isiah Thomas and see if he could teach me a few things and uplift my career," Legion said.



REBECCA VILLAFANEI/THE BEACON

The road to FIU for Alex Legion [above] has been paved with many stops along the way.

This time, Legion would be forced to sit out his spring and fall semesters before being able to play again. He finally got back on the court again Dec. 18 against Sam Houston State and has played what he would call the best basketball of his college career here at FIU. He is

now averaging 13 points and five rebounds per contest for the Golden Panthers.

The transition from the Big Ten Conference to the Sun Belt was considered by many to be a

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Coley earns Sun Belt honors for weekend play

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Asst. Sports Director

Freshman Jerica Coley was named the Sun Belt Conference woman's basketball Player of the Week for the second time this season, the league announced on Monday, Jan 31.

Coley became the first freshman from FIU to receive a conference accolade since the school joined the SBC in 1998, when she shared the Player of the Week award with Denver's Kaetlyn Murdoch.

Coley, a native of St. Petersburg, averaged 20 points, 7.5 rebounds, and a 61.5 shooting percentage from the field in the two games during the week of Jan 23-30. Coley scored 25 points, including 16 points in the second half, to help the Panthers overcome a 14 point deficit to defeat Western Kentucky 69-54 on Jan 26. The win broke the Hilltopper's 17-game winning streak against FIU.

She also put together a 15 point, 8

rebound performance to help FIU knock off the first-place Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders 62-59 on Jan 29. In the loss, Middle Tennessee suffered their first loss in conference play and their first loss to non-ranked team or a team receiving national votes. Coley currently leads FIU (9-14, SBC 4-5) in scoring (15.9 ppg) and rebounding (6.4 rpg). The Panthers will look to tie their season-high winning streak when they travel to Troy on Feb 2.

## FIU GOES ON THE ROAD

The Panthers will look to build on their two-game winning streak when they travel to Troy (5-17, SBC 2-7) on Feb 2 to take on the Trojans. The Trojans are currently sitting at the bottom of the East division of the SBC along with FAU and have the second-worst record of all Sun Belt teams. The Trojans are led by Donette

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## FOOTBALL

# Recruiting class could be best in program history

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Asst. Sports Director

With the National Signing Day looming today, there's a strong possibility that head coach Mario Cristobal could possibly have done his best job recruiting at FIU. Although nothing is official until these verbal commitments sign on the dotted line, Cristobal has a chance of snagging up to 23 recruits for this year's signing day and possibly cracking the top 50 recruiting classes of the year.

## GIOVANI FRANCOIS

Cristobal may have snatched up another three-star recruit, this time from Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Giovanni Francois has verbally

committed to FIU over this past weekend, choosing the Cristobal's team over the University of Temple. The 6-2, 230-pound defensive end was the 46th ranked defensive end in the nation. He'll have a chance to compliment a unit that was ranked first overall in scoring defense and overall defense in the conference.

## CEDRIC WALKER

The Sun Belt Conference's best running attack may be getting some more help for the 2011 season. Cedric Walker, out of Gulliver Prep in Miami, could possibly suit up in blue and gold. The 5-8, 175-pound tailback dashed for 133 yards in the Dade vs. Broward high school all-star game, earning MVP honors last month.

Despite the MVP performance as a running back, Walker may not even see the playing field on offense. According to most websites, the three-star recruit is listed as a cornerback and could aid Cristobal's defense after losing Anthony Gaitor to graduation.

## NORTHWESTERN TALENTS

Cristobal is close to landing three prospects out of the same Miami school where Gaitor, among others, attended - Northwestern high school. FIU currently has four players (besides Gaitor, who will graduate) from Northwestern and are looking to add three more. Cristobal is close to landing the wide receiving duo of Dominique Rhymes and Clinton Taylor.



## Golden Panthers to face off against Troy on the road

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McNair, who leads Troy in both scoring (13.7 ppg) and rebounding (8.5 rpg), and is a top 10 player in the SBC in both categories, ninth and fourth respectively. Joining McNair is DeAngela Sword, who averages 13.5 points a game.

There is not much scoring after McNair and Sword, as the Trojans are the worst offensive scoring team in the Sun Belt, averaging 56.1 ppg. Another factor towards the Trojans short-comings is that they are also the worst in assist-turnover ratio at -6 while giving up the ball 22 times a game.

For the Golden Panthers to continue their streak, look for them to play a similar style of defense that will force the Trojans to take bad shots and force turnovers. While on offense, the Panthers will continue to build an inside presence with Elisa Carey, who is recovering from her knee injury with every game she plays. Jerica Coley will lead the offense, with Finda



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Elisa Carey [right] goes for a rebound vs. MTSU on Jan. 29.

Mansare looking to build off her 14-point performance against Middle Tennessee. One weak point for the Panthers is the lack of depth, as coach Cindy Russo continues to

use a seven player rotation in games. With Rakia Rodgers out of the line-up while dealing with a n ankle injury, Russo continues to play her players with no rest.

## FIU beginning to draw players from top schools

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Rhymes is a lanky, but big 6-4, 205-pound receiver, who did see some time at tight end for the Bulls. Rhymes was the sixth best receiver statistically in Miami-Dade county, hauling 42 receptions for 745 yards and eight touchdowns. Rhymes has already promised that in two years from now, FIU will be in the Top 25 poll. Taylor statistically produced more than his teammate. The little 5-8, 160-pound speedster led the county in receiving yards with 972 and was a reception shy of leading the county in receptions, with 68. Taylor ended his senior campaign with six touchdowns for Northwestern.

Cristobal may have also landed Lyndon Edwards, who played defensive end for the Bulls. Edwards, listed at 6-1, 190 pounds, may see time at the outside linebacker position. Edwards, a two-star recruit, looks to follow the deep tradition of Northwestern linebackers

that have had success in college. All three are familiar to FIU, having played for the Bulls at FIU Stadium a few times during their high school career.

### COREY TINDAL

Another hometown product may sign to play for the Golden Panthers in 2011. This time another 3-star prospect, according to Rivals.com. Corey Tindal, the 52nd ranked defensive back in the nation, verbally agreed to join Cristobal's crew. Tindal, who came out of Boyd Anderson high school is listed at 5-10, 174 pounds.

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## Legion left Illinois to play for Isiah Thomas

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step down for Legion, but he was optimistic about the change.

"The talent to me was just about the same and obviously the coaching is top notch so I was going to make the best of it," said

Legion.

The speculating and analyzing of Alex Legion's decisions might always follow him throughout his career, but in the end there is no denying that he is a great basketball talent that can do some amazing things when he's on the court.

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## Twinkle Toes

1. Committee members get emotional as they reveal their grand total to participants. In its thirteenth year, Dance Marathon at FIU raised \$187,108.30 for children in need. 2. (From left to right): Joe Sevillano, Alfredo Roig and Katrina Pratts as they watch a dance performance. 3. Matthew Wittingham, James Gamito and Martha Maria Lopez dance for a cause. 4. Vanessa Castro, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, battles it out on the court. 4. Shannon Walsh was the Miracle child sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta. 6. Students dance as part of the 24-hour marathon to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network.



# Professor receives Fanning Medal

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Staff Writer

A professor since 2008, Michael Gillespie has been making his name on campus as an accredited scholar of Irish studies.

He has written two volumes in the Norton Critical Editions (a publisher of college books) and 66 articles and book chapters in the field of English and Irish studies.

Professor Gillespie began his interest in Irish studies while attending graduate school at the University of Wisconsin and working on his dissertation based on the Irish writer, James Joyce. After receiving his Ph. D he began to work at Marquette University, a private school run by Jesuits, where he became acquainted with a Jesuit by the name of Robert Boyle. Robert Boyle was a well-known James Joyce critic and he encouraged Gillespie to continue his work on James Joyce and in Irish Studies.

Michael Gillespie's story at the University began with his wife and the school's interest in her work at Marquette University.

She had built the writing program there into a significant and well-known program through her position as the writing center director. She would only take the job if Professor Gillespie was also hired and at the time the University was not able to oblige.

The school contacted Gillespie again while he was in Italy and they informed him that they

would hire them both. So he and his wife came down to south Florida for an interview to make sure, as Gillespie puts it, "that I didn't chew with my mouth open."

Michael Gillespie has been teaching at the University ever since. Gillespie said he was delighted with the entire staff in the English department and that both he and his wife enjoy living in their new, diverse Miami setting.

Recently, Gillespie was awarded the Fanning Medal which is given out for outstanding achievement in Irish Studies. The award honors those who are literary critics and historians engaged in Irish studies and Gillespie was the first American to win the award.

The medal, a lot like a lifetime achievement award, was awarded to Gillespie for his work as a literary critic, the work he has done with the American Conference for Irish Studies and his promotion of Irish studies in the States.

Dr. Gillespie is also working on a book for the University Press of Florida on James Joyce and the experience he had while in exile in Zurich and the writer's passion for Ireland. The book will be a part of a James Joyce collection the printing house is putting together.

The idea came to him when, last February, Professor Asher Milbauer asked him if he wanted to take part in The Exile Studies Certificate Program. "The program

works to provide a human face to the inhuman act of expatriation," said Milbauer. Also working closely with the ESCP is the Center for Humanities in an Urban Environment that Dr. Gillespie is building up.

"The humanities center is going to be an important aspect of FIU because of the way it engages members of the south Florida community so that people have a sense that FIU is not adjacent to Miami, but FIU is part of Miami," said Gillespie.

Last November Dr. Gillespie was in Ireland for the Cork Film Festival in Cork City, Ireland where he

was asked to curate a series called "Green Shoots." The series focused on six new Irish directors whose movies.

"I talked about the six films they showed... and what I tried to do was talk about the way very different films all come back to the issue of family and how family or the absence of family really shapes and sometimes undermines the lives of the characters," said Gillespie. After his lecture, the discussion that ensued was surprising because not everyone had taken into account such a perspective, but with time they all saw how that point of view was pertinent.



GLORIA BAILON/THE BEACON

Professor Gillespie leads his lecture on *Arcadia* during a modern British drama class.

## POP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

# Coachella lineup kicks off music festivals season

When the Coachella Valley Music Festival announced its 2011 lineup on Jan. 19, they unofficially kicked off the Summer Music Festival preseason.



CHRIS TOWERS

While it wasn't the first festival to unveil their 2011 lineup, Coachella is the first of the Big Three American Festivals, along with Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza, and so its announcement is the first major event of the season.

In the coming weeks, other lineups will begin to come out, and interested parties will have to begin making plans for which, if any, festival they will take on.

I'm here, a veteran of four Bonnaros and a Langerado (RIP) or two to give you a preview of what you can expect if you're looking at one of these festivals.

First and foremost, is the music. This is, of course, a factor that is entirely up to the individual to decide which lineup speaks to them the most.

Personally, I was left a little cold by the unveiling of the Coachella lineup, which is heavy on headliners, but doesn't have much in the undercard for me.

Taste being what it is, of course, it could be a can't miss for you.

The great thing about these types of festivals, though is that even though my initial disappointment in the lineup for Coachella hasn't waned, I'm still certain that I would have no problem filling a day with memorable acts, just by the sheer numbers on the card.

If you are planning on going to a festival, don't be turned off by a lackluster seeming lineup, and similarly, don't be blown away by a stacked lineup. You are going as much for the experience as for the lineup.

Often, you'll find yourself dealing with scheduling conflicts that will force you to miss parts of a set, or just plain exhaustion that will keep you from trekking to the other side of the festival or from your campsite to see an interesting band.

Sometimes, you're better off sticking in the same place and catching a whole set from one band than two incomplete sets, and a potentially overwhelming lineup could be

more fulfilling.

And by the way, yes, you read correctly; campsites. Trying to get a hotel near enough to go back and forth is next to impossible on almost any sort of budget, and speaking from experience, the RV-rental is worth neither the money nor the hassle of driving a 20-foot behemoth across the country.

So, if your idea of a good weekend precludes the possibility of no showers, blazing sun, and sleeping on the ground, you probably want to avoid an out of town festival.

If that's the case, and particularly if you are keen on bright lights and dance music, you absolutely can't miss the Ultra Music Festival, which takes place right in Downtown Miami. It is widely considered the premier electronic music festival in the United States.

There is still a further announcement remaining, but Tiesto, Deadmau5, The Chemical Brothers, Royksopp, and Chromeo are just a handful of the artists already announced to be in attendance.

Unfortunately, the Harvest Of Hope festival, a smaller festival in Northern Florida that featured Billy Bragg, Broken Social Scene, Dr. Dog, and the Mountain Goats last year, has been cancelled for 2011.

However, another somewhat more local option is the much more roots rock and jam band oriented Wanees Fest, in Live Oak, Florida, somewhere between Jacksonville and Tallahassee. This year's lineup features The Allman Bros. Band, Widespread Panic, and Robert Plant & The Band of Joy, amongst many others.

Personally, I'm waiting with baited breath for the announcement of Bonnaroo's 10th anniversary lineup.

Confirmed artists like Girl Talk, Talib Kweli, and Big Boi, plus rumors of anyone from My Morning Jacket to Prince to Daft Punk have me salivating for my fifth return to the farm in Central Tennessee.

If you make your way up there this June, make sure you look for the guy who looks sleep deprived, unwashed, and completely blissful. I won't be hard to miss. I'll just be one of 80,000.

*Pop and Circumstance is a bi-weekly column on all things music. Look for it every other Wednesday.*

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

#### MORNING YOGA



WHEN: 8-9 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: TBD

#### CAREER FAIR SUCCESS WORKSHOP

An overview of how to approach career fair with a strategy. RSVP in CBA Career-Link is required.

WHEN: 10-11:30 a.m.  
WHERE: CBC 123

#### BUTCH ROSS



The Chattanooga resident spends as much time as he can on the road, playing shows, and wowing audiences with his mountain dulcimer.

WHEN: 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: \$5  
WHERE: Luna Star Cafe

#### MOONLIGHT MOVIE AND POTLUCK

Join SEA and the Garden Club for a potluck and movie under the moon. Bring a dish and a friend!

WHEN: 6-7 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: FIU Nature Preserve

#### WEEKLY MEDITATION

WHEN: 3-4 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC 343

#### MIAMI HEAT VS. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS



WHEN: 7:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: \$10 and up  
WHERE: American Airlines Arena

#### ADVISOR TRAINING

Hosted by Council for Student Organizations.

WHEN: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC GC 1235

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

#### SPC BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPENING CEREMONY

Come join as we kick off this year's Black History Month!

WHEN: 12-2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Pit, BBC Panther Square

#### HOPE FOR HAITI

Join Active Minds as it raises money for Haiti.

WHEN: 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Hallways

#### SPEED DATING



Getting to know people in MUSE. You will also select your top three want to be mentors or mentees so we will try to pair you with someone you want to be with.

WHEN: 6 p.m.-8 a.m.  
WHERE: Honor Place II Lounge (Everglade Hall 4th Fl)

#### BEGINNER'S SUNSET YOGA



WHEN: 5-6 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Organic garden

#### AFRICAN DANCE ENSEMBLE FEATURING DELOU

Join us and the Delou dancers for a night of educational and artistic entertainment of traditional African dance, drum, and music!

WHEN: 8-10 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: BBC WUC Theater

#### CSO'S FIRST GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: 3:30-5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC 243

## THE POLITICK

*Cold War an era of peace in comparison to climate of today*

I am nostalgic for a bygone era.

I do not mean that I miss the 1960s and the great music that came from it, or the 1950s and the fact that the American dream was not yet saddled with debt. I am specifically nostalgic for the era that spans from the late 1940s to the late 1980s and early 1990s. I miss the Cold War.

## COLUMNIST



IVAN FLORES

Do not get me wrong, as an American, I love a good war, especially the hot ones that we win. However, the threat of a nuclear incident is more present now than ever and chances are it will not come from any nation state. There are currently eight nuclear weapon states: United States, Russia, United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan and Israel. Although Israel has never officially confirmed that it has a nuclear stockpile, it is universally believed that it does possess nuclear weapons.

"In a strange turn of history, the threat of global nuclear war has gone down, but the risk of nuclear attack has gone up," said President Barack Obama in Prague during a speech in April

2009. During the Cold War, we knew who had the nuclear weapons, an idea of where they were and a semblance of a plan should the unthinkable happen. Personally, I love all those duck-and-cover videos from the 1950s.

Rather than stockpiling arms for the next war, both the U.S. and Russia have agreed to phase out chunks of each other's arsenal. In order to create a more nuclear weapon-free world, in April 2010 the U.S. ratified the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, the bilateral nuclear arms reduction treaty between the U.S. and Russia that further reduces the number of warheads by 1,500 on each side.

Unfortunately, our current state of nuclear affairs is far more convoluted than in the past. While there are a few countries that have confirmed their stockpiles, there are rogue nation states who are either pursuing them, (I'm looking at you North Korea) or are in denial about the fact that they are pursuing them, (I'm looking at you Iran.)

However, the biggest threat to our safety does not come from rogue nations who refuse to play nice. It comes from radical terrorists acquiring

materials to create either a dirty bomb, a bomb that has radioactive material but is not a nuclear weapon or from the detonation of a thermonuclear device.

While the threat of nuclear war is still real, the threat of a nuclear incident involving a dirty bomb is more likely. According to Graham Allison, a former special advisor to the Secretary of Defense during the Reagan administration, it is more than likely that a terrorist will detonate a nuclear bomb in the U.S. by 2014.

A decade of war fighting has taught us many lessons about dealing with terrorist organizations. Mainly, we have learned that they are difficult to track, even more difficult to quell and often splinter into various other sub-cells and organizations. Combating the threat of nuclear war is challenging enough when we are cognizant of who our enemies are.

As we enter the new decade and face the threat of nuclear proliferation to rogue states and terrorists groups, we have to consider that the Cold War really was not that bad, and at least some of us could see Russia from our backyard.

*The Politick is a new political op-ed column. Look for it every other Wednesday.*

## Nuclear program in Iran not a threat

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Staff Writer

Although Iran's nuclear competency is drawing near, the situation is probably not as dangerous as it looks, as most countries use nuclear technology for non-aggressive applications.

After obtaining the ability to produce and use nuclear weapons itself, North Korea is now assisting Iran in the development of its own nuclear programs. North Korea has been trading information and technology with Iran that has jump-started the nation's nuclear progress. Iran has agreed to pay North Korea \$150 million for the use of testing facilities to begin testing nuclear weapons.

Most countries with nuclear abilities have them to be taken seriously and to ensure the demise of a hostile country that fires a missile on them first. The United States, being the only country to use an atomic weapon in war, is the only exception. Most other countries use their nuclear weapons as a deterrent rather than an offensive option. It seems that North Korea is helping Iran into the global negotiations arena, as any country with nuclear capabilities must be dealt with using treaties and trade negotiations.

With North Korea on Iran's side, the two countries can use their alliance to increase bargaining power with other world superpowers such as the U.S., the United Kingdom, Russia and China. It is unfortunate that other countries have to resort to building weapons of mass destruction

to be heard in the global negotiations arena, but as long as they are treated fairly in trade and commerce, there is no reason to actually launch a nuclear warhead.

Iran is also using its nuclear weapons program as insurance, decreasing the likelihood of attacks from violent neighbors such as Israel. Just the possibility of nuclear retaliation is enough to make other countries think twice before resorting to aggression.

The current missile design in use by Iran has a range of 1,240 miles, which covers all of the U.S.'s military bases in the Middle East and the whole country of Israel. If fired, one of these missiles could begin a nuclear war as Israel is believed to have nuclear weapons and would surely retaliate.

It is very likely that Iran has no intention of launching any nuclear weapons or creating a joint attack with North Korea on the U.S. and its allies. Doing so would probably start a large-scale nuclear confrontation between many countries. Iran is simply using dangerous weapons technology to edge into the "inner circle" of first-world countries. With instructions on how to develop and make use of nuclear weapons now being traded, it is likely that more countries will become capable of nuclear activity.

Although a situation like that can easily spell disaster, it is becoming more important than ever for countries to look for diplomatic solutions and to be more open to trade to avoid a global-scale nuclear disaster.

## Sexual content in media in need of censorship

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According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the rates of sexual activity have climbed steadily for over two decades. About 20 percent more males and females are having sex today by the age of 18 than they were in the early 1970s. Researchers have made the link to mass media as the cause for this sexual revolution.

Sex increasingly creeps up into everyday life and the sexual revolution reached its sweaty climax. The only rational plan of action seems to be not to watch television, read no magazines and stop listening to mainstream music. However, since this will prove to be impossible, it is not too ludicrous an idea to suggest a little censorship that is much needed in today's society.

Television, ads, film and now video

games have become popular forums for provocative images and obscene material. Children, who learn most of what they know about sex from the media, are not being properly educated as year after year video game characters wear less and less. The Kaiser Family Foundation asserts that when it comes to sexual health questions, 60 percent of teens get their information from television.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, one out of four television commercials sends some kind of attractiveness message. They also attest that children now report that 38 percent of the female characters in video gems are scantily clad, 23 percent baring breasts or cleavage, and 15 percent showing their rears, leaving many teens asking, "How can I compare?"

Provocative images of half-naked women are prevalent in advertising and

media. The famous expression "sex sells" proves to be true as women become sexual objects when their bodies and their sexuality are linked to products that are being bought and sold.

Analyses of broadcast media content indicate that teenage viewers see 143 incidents of sexual behavior on a network television at prime time each week, which portrayals of 3 times as many sexual activities occurring between unmarried partners as between spouses. It is becoming increasingly harder for young teens, or the average person, to measure up to these conceptions of beauty that is imposed on them by the media.

Although many can argue "if you don't like it change the station!" or that it is the parent's responsibility to guard what their children view, and these can be considered valid arguments, it would be a disser-

vice we would be doing to children by attempting to protect them from straight and open information that is imperative for adjustment in the real world.

This is just another argument against censorship for the sake of the youth. Radio and television have been exceptional tools for opening the doors on subjects that were once taboo. However, sex is not doing much better with the present demand for performance than it did under the guise of shame.

It is important to note that while sexual content in the media affects all races, sexes or groups, it is the youth who are particularly vulnerable, as the cognitive skills that allow children to critically analyze messages are not fully developed. This is a huge issue that should not be avoided because the entertainment industry has lost touch with viewer's moral standards.

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## VERBATIM

*"Clearly, the scent of Tunisia's 'jasmine revolution' has quickly reached Egypt."*

Mansoura Ez-Eldin  
Egyptian novelist, journalist





## BOLIVIA

### Flash flood sweeps away bus, truck; 30 die

Police in Bolivia say a raging river has swept at least 30 people to their deaths after swamping a bus and a truck that tried to cross.



## MEXICO

### 33 ex-mayors accused of corruption

More than 30 former mayors in the Mexican Gulf coast state of Veracruz have been ordered arrested on suspicion of corruption.



## COSTA RICA

### Network used fishermen to ship cocaine

Costa Rican authorities say they have dismantled a cocaine smuggling network that used fishing vessels to ship drugs from Ecuador and Colombia through Central America and into Mexico.

# U.S. missionary killed in drug no-man's land

KATHERINE CORCORAN  
Associated Press

American missionaries Sam and Nancy Davis were crossing a drug-cartel battleground in northern Mexico when gunmen opened fire on their truck and mortally wounded Nancy.

Now the search for her killers, an investigation led by authorities in Tamaulipas, could be mired by the same violence as investigators in previous high-profile cases have turned up dead in this state bordering Texas, where two powerful cartels are warring for drug routes.

No law enforcement officials on either side of the border would speak publicly Friday about the security issue, or the fact that few crimes in Mexico ever get prosecuted.

"We expect the Mexican authorities to investigate this case," said U.S. Embassy spokesman Alex Featherstone. "We can't speculate on what might happen to the investigators."

The couple drove up to an illegal roadblock on a stretch of highway just south of the border city of Reynosa. When Sam Davis decided not to stop, gunmen opened fire and hit Nancy Davis, 59, in the head. Sam frantically drove his bleeding wife for help, crossing the wrong way on an international bridge into Texas, where she later died.

Tamaulipas will investigate the assault on the couple and the discharging of the firearm, said state Attorney General spokesman Ruben Dario Rios Lopez. But he said the state is not investigating a murder because Davis died in the U.S.

Her death Wednesday came four months after American David Hartley was gunned down on Falcon Reservoir bordering Texas and Tamaulipas as he and his wife tried fleeing on Jet Skis. Last summer's massacre of 72 migrants also took place in Tamaulipas.

A prosecutor and transit police officer investigating the migrant case both turned up dead. A state police commander looking into Hartley's disappearance was decapitated, his head delivered to a Mexican army post in a suitcase.

Hartley's body was never found and no one has been arrested.

"Falcon Reservoir was a different issue," Rios said. "Assistant Attorney General Hernan de la Garza is in charge of this investigation, and he's known as a very capable investigator."

State and local law enforcement in Texas, as well as the FBI, all pledged to do what they could to help the Mexican investigation.

The couple, who had been doing missionary work in Mexico for 30 years, was well aware of the dangers they faced and had cut back their trips recently as a result.

Intense violence has plagued all of northeastern Tamaulipas state, where the Gulf cartel and the Zetas have been battling for lucrative drug routes in the United States for more than a year.

The Mexican government in November sent more troops and federal police there in what it called a major operative to try to control drug violence.

Francille Davis said her son and daughter-in-law were in Mexico Wednesday to pay pastors in some of the village churches the family had established. She said the drug war had prevented Sam from reaching the churches earlier in the month.

Among their stops was the tiny hamlet of Villa Mainero, where the Davises had a church. Residents said the couple was well-known and well-loved for work they had done over decades.

They ran a children's shelter for some time and founded several churches in other small settlements. Nancy worked as a nurse and midwife, gave Bible classes and was known as a deeply religious person who used music to express her faith.

Adelaeda Martinez, now 42, grew up in the children's shelter, where her mother sent her so she could go to school. She said considered Nancy her spiritual mother.

"My mother died a month ago and they came from the U.S. to be with us in a difficult time," Martinez said. "They gave everything in their

## CELEBRATION BREAKFAST



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Students, faculty and staff at the 11th Annual Jose Marti Breakfast held in Panther Square on Jan. 28. In the event, human rights and responsibilities were discussed with recent former Cuban political prisoners and five students received scholarships from the Jose Marti Scholarship Fund.

lives to be here with us. Not everyone wants to come here because we're in the mountains, the road is difficult and it's not safe."

Like most small towns in Mexico, the pueblo has a central plaza and town hall with a few simple convenience stores and stalls that sell tacos and ice cream. Few residents have telephones in their homes, said housewife Olga Cepeda, and many leave in search of work, often finding their way to cities like Monterrey or across the U.S. border.

In a sign of the effects of Mexico's drug war,

Cepeda said gunmen in flashy SUVs are now a common sight on the roads around the once-peaceful town. The highway that runs past Villa Mainero to Monterrey and north to the border with Texas is a notorious drug-smuggling route.

"They loved Mexico," Cepeda said of the missionary couple. "I think, sadly, that caused her death."

Associated Press Writers Linda Stewart Ball and Paul J. Weber in Texas and Mark Walsh in Monterrey, Mexico, contributed to this report.

# Cuban dissident detained, freed, detained again

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Associated Press

A well-known Cuban dissident was in and out of police custody repeatedly Friday in a cat-and-mouse game with authorities, who told him they will lock him up anytime he tries to gather in public with other government opponents.

Meanwhile, the wife of a jailed activist began a hunger strike demanding her husband's immediate release, the latest turn in Cuba's unending standoff with its small but boisterous opposition.

Guillermo Farinas was first detained Wednesday afternoon in the central city of Santa Clara, only to be released that evening. Authorities picked him up again the next day,

holding him until Friday morning. By the afternoon, he was back in police custody after he and several others defied the warning about gathering in public. Farinas was freed yet again Friday evening, then taken to the hospital complaining of chest pain, according to Elizardo Sanchez, a leading human rights activist.

"Their objective is to neutralize dissident activity," Sanchez said of the authorities' decision to repeatedly arrest Farinas. He said Farinas's condition did not appear to be serious, though he was in a lot of pain.

Farinas and the other dissidents had sought to place a wreath at a monument to Cuban independence leader Jose Marti on the 158th anniversary of his birthday.

"About 20 of them went out to

place the wreath," Farinas' mother, Alicia Hernandez, told The Associated Press. "They had only gone two blocks when they took them away."

Earlier Friday, Farinas told the AP he would ignore the warning.

"They told us they wouldn't let us assemble in groups of more than three people," Farinas said. "If they want to detain me, that's their problem."

Farinas, 49, gained fame while staging a 134-day hunger strike last year. He has largely stayed out of the spotlight since December, when he received the European Parliament's annual human rights prize.

Cuban authorities refused to grant him permission to travel to Strasbourg, France, to pick up the award, a decision he said at the time was "irrefutable testimony to the fact that

unfortunately nothing has changed" in Cuba regarding human rights.

Opposition figures are frequently detained by authorities, often to be released within hours or a few days, but the repeated arrests of Farinas were unusual.

Also Friday, the wife of imprisoned dissident Diosdado Gonzalez announced the start of a hunger strike demanding his release.

Alejandrina Garcia, one of the founding members of the "Ladies in White" opposition group, said in a phone interview from her home in Matanzas that she would only drink water until her husband is out of prison.

Cuba promised to free all 52 remaining opposition figures from a 2003 crackdown on dissent, following

a July deal with the Roman Catholic Church. Just 11 remain behind bars, including Gonzalez.

Church officials are optimistic the government will soon make good on its promise, but there has been little word on the men's fate since the passing of a November deadline by which all were supposed to be out.

The last 11 dissidents have refused to accept exile in Spain, as most of the others did, the apparent reason for the delay.

The government considers Farinas — and the island's other dissidents — to be common criminals paid for by Washington. Authorities frequently note that some of his legal troubles include an assault on a co-worker and other violent behavior. Farinas says all the charges are linked to his activism.