

1 v.79, no.1 AUG. 2012

# MINARET



REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION  
2012

LOCAL  
**BUSINESSES**  
GEAR UP FOR  
**RNC CROWDS**



**PACKING  
HEAT**

WHAT ROLE SHOULD  
GUNS PLAY IN REGARDS  
TO PUBLIC SAFETY?

# WTF? WEDNESDAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY



## WEDNESDAYS?

# \$5

FULL CHEESE PIZZAS  
ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS EXTRA

DOZEN WINGS

BEEF BURGERS WITH FRIES

SUSHI

SELECT DRAFT LITERS

STARTS AT 5 PM



live DJ's spinning your favorite music all night

516 S Howard Ave | Tampa fl 33606  
Info: 813 251 5634 | [www.lodgetampa.com](http://www.lodgetampa.com)

# Lodge

MEET • EAT • PLAY





# South Tampa

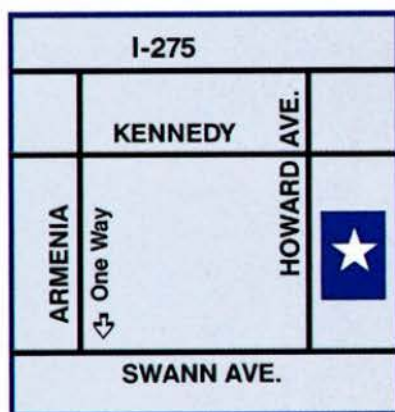
## IMMEDIATE CARE

WEEKDAYS: 8am- 10pm • WEEKENDS: 9 am - 5pm

**Get a \$5 Starbucks gift card when you check in with us on Facebook!**

*No Appointment Needed. Just walk right in.*

*Care provided by physicians. Located conveniently 5 minutes from campus.*



### We Treat:

Sore Throat, Colds, Flu, Upper Respiratory/Sinus Infections, Asthma, Allergies, Ear and Eye Infections, Headaches, Back Pain, Sprains, Muscle Injuries, UTIs, STDs, Burns, Rashes, Broken Bones, Cuts and More

### And We Also Offer:

Sports and Wellness Physicals, Flu Shots, X-Rays

## SKIP THE WAIT!

**Enter our Virtual Waiting Room by calling (813) 253-2113 or texting "immediate care" to (626) 414-3210**

**602 South Howard Ave. • Tampa, FL 33606**  
**813-253-2113 • [www.southtampaimmediatecare.com](http://www.southtampaimmediatecare.com)**

# CONTENTS

- 6** EDITOR'S NOTE
- 8** WHAT'S HOT THIS SUMMER
- 9** LOCAL BUSINESSES GEAR UP FOR RNC CROWDS

---

- 14** RNC FASHION
- 16** 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE RNC

---

- 20** HOW FAR CAN WE PUSH OUR FREEDOM?
- 23** PACKING HEAT: WHAT ROLE SHOULD GUNS PLAY IN REGARDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY?
- 25** THE BASEBALL REVIVAL
- 27** SKIN DEEP
- 28** SMOOTH SAILING: UT EMBRACES CHANGES FOR THE RNC
- 29** WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CANDIDATES



# MINARET

ISSUE 79.1 | RNC | AUGUST 2012

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Joshua Napier  
MANAGING EDITOR Chelsea Daubar  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR Jessica Keesee  
FACULTY ADVISER Dr. Daniel Reimold

NEWS AND FEATURES Mia Glatter  
Yasaman Sherbaf

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT Natalie Hicks  
Kelly St. Onge

OPINION Paola Crespo  
Annabella Palopoli

SPORTS John Hilsenroth

PHOTOGRAPHY Samantha Battersby

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Shivani Kanji

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB DIRECTOR Jennifer Bedell

HEAD COPY EDITOR Nikita Hernandez

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

Imani Cruz  
Victoria DeLone  
Jake Patterson

## WRITERS

David Adams  
Dominique Barchus  
Stef Crocco  
Katelyn Edwards  
Daniel Feingold  
Xelmarie Medina  
Michael Paonessa  
Miles Parks  
Laurel Sanchez

## COLUMNISTS

Alex Caraballo  
Amanda Sieradzki  
Hannah Webster

## ADVERTISE

[theminaretonline.com/advertise](http://theminaretonline.com/advertise)  
[minaret.ads@gmail.com](mailto:minaret.ads@gmail.com)

## ADDRESS

401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Box P  
Tampa, FL 33606

## OFFICE

Phone - 813.257.3636  
Fax - 813.253.6207  
Editor - 813.257.3462  
Managing Editor - 813. 258.7250

## ONLINE

The Minaret Online - [theminaretonline.com](http://theminaretonline.com)

[ut.minaret@gmail.com](mailto:ut.minaret@gmail.com)



# MAKE IT COUNT

---

I clearly remember my first voting experience, and it was nothing how I expected it to be. The 2008 Presidential Election was underway, and the church where I was registered had been transformed into a political circus. The lawn was littered with campaign signs, protesters were chanting outside the entrance holding banners while their leaders shouted through megaphones. I didn't realize then how special an event that was taking place. Those individuals weren't being obnoxious, they were practicing their First Amendment rights.

Next week, I'd like to invite you to do the same. As American citizens, we live in a country where we hold the right to speak freely, and now, a rare opportunity has presented itself in which some of the world's most powerful leaders will be coming together in your backyard to participate in one of the largest media events this year - The Republican National Convention.

Whether you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican or unaffiliated with a party, take advantage of this unique experience and make it count.

We at *The Minaret* have compiled a wide selection of articles and features in recognition of this historical event and are pleased to present to you, the RNC Special Edition Magazine.

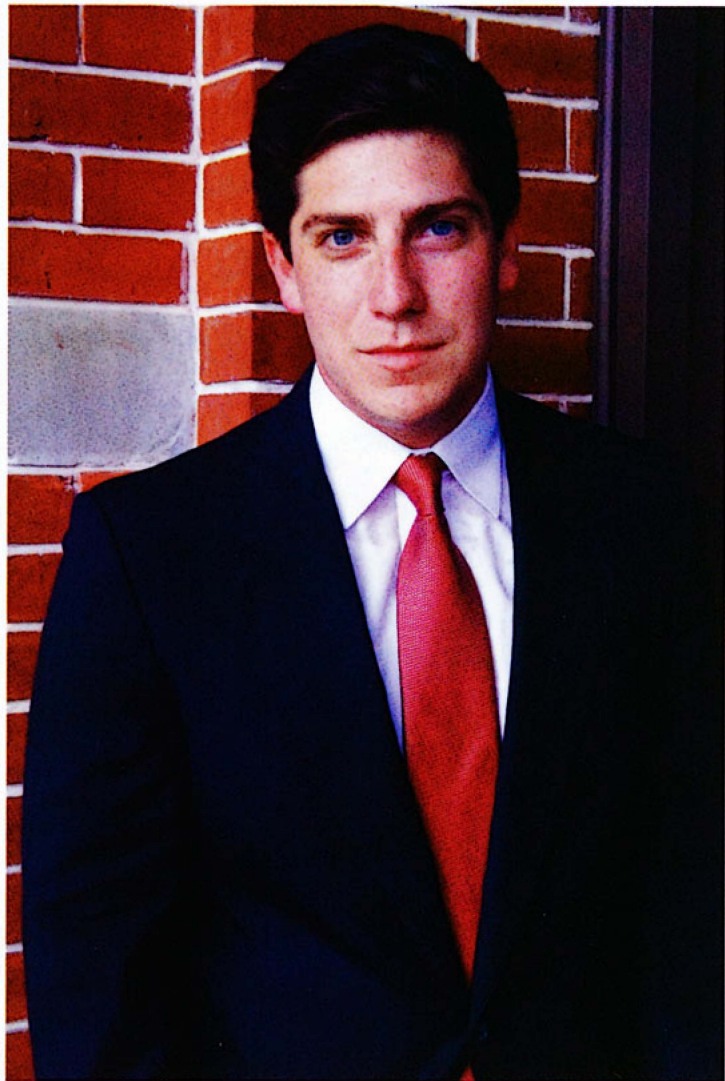
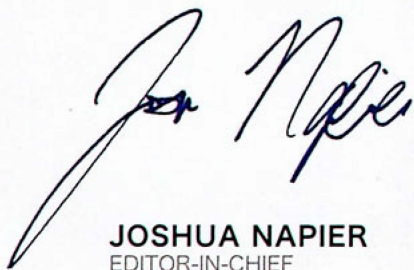


Photo by Jessica Keesee



**JOSHUA NAPIER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

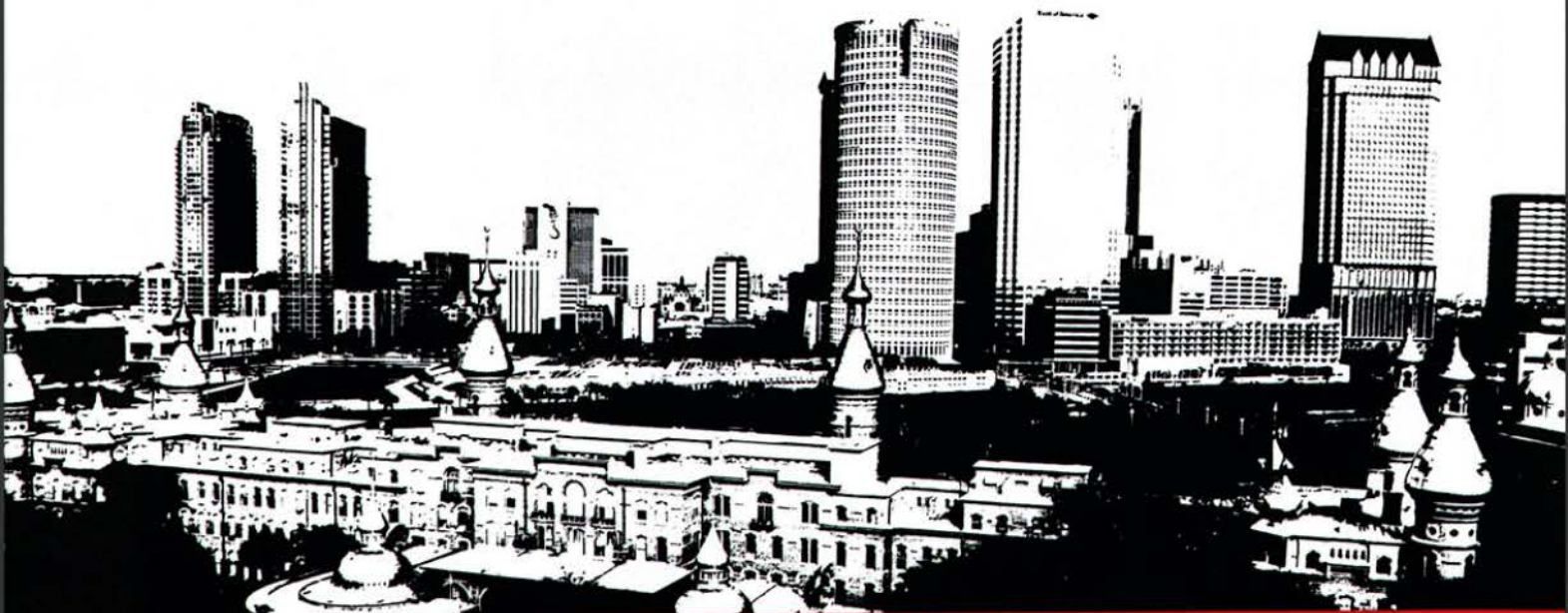


# THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IS IN TOWN! AUG. 26-30

This is a once-in-a-lifetime event to experience U.S. politics in action.

**BUT, A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

- School is in session. If your professor hasn't alerted you about a class cancellation, you should expect class to be held as normal.
- Check the UT-RNC website often for updated information. **WWW.UT.EDU/RNC**
- Be aware of your surroundings, don't take risks, don't walk alone and use the **LASER team**.
- **No overnight visitors** are allowed in residence halls during RNC. If you invite a visitor on campus during the day, remember that you are responsible for them at all times.
- If you or your student organization is planning a protest, let **OSLE** know in advance. That will ensure you can get your message out most effectively.
- Be sure and have your **SpartanID** at **ALL times**.
- **Secure your belongings**, don't prop doors to outside, and lock your residence hall room.



# WHAT'S **HOT** THIS SUMMER

## THE VIRAL VIDEO YOU MISSED

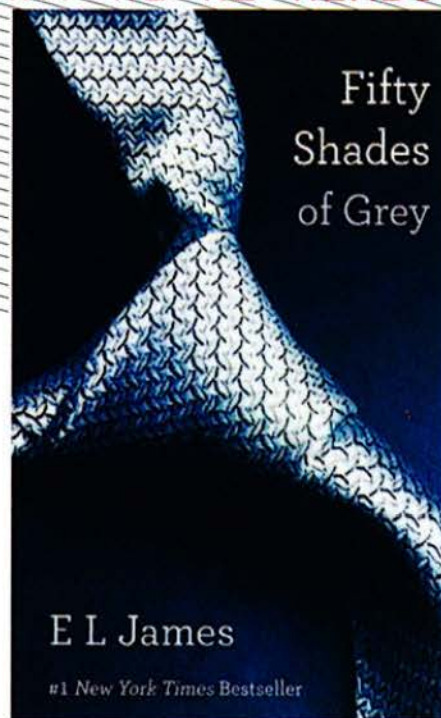


When a friend of mine returned home in June after studying abroad for a semester, she texted me one day asking, "Do people actually like this *Call Me Maybe* song?" Apparently they do, because still in late August, Carly Rae Jepsen's hit single is being lip synced in music videos all over the Internet. Arguably the most popular of these videos is that

done by the USA Olympic swimming team, featuring Michael Phelps, Missy Franklin and Ryan Lochte—just to name three out of dozens who appear in the video. The song is good in a "it's so bad that it's catchy" kind of way, but there's enjoyment to be had from watching gold medal winners showing off both their lip syncing skills and senses of humor.

- Daniel Feingold

## WHAT WE'RE READING



"It's something wives read when they don't want to have sex with their husbands."

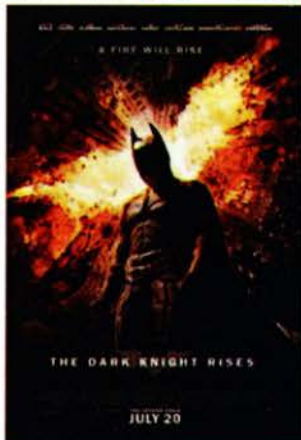
That's what my sister told me when I asked her about her newest summer read, *50 Shades of Grey*. Despite her protests, my curiosity got the best of me and I gave into my temptation, completely unaware of what I had gotten myself into. By the time I finished chapter one, I was convinced I had accidentally spent \$9.99 on *Twilight* fan fiction. While the story line held the smallest ounce of promise, it is lost in the sea of grammar mistakes and overuse of the word "there" in italics. Meaning down *there*. A novel with the goal of being an erotic escape sadly became the story of what sounds like a 12 year old discovering her own body. This book rightfully claims it's cliched and overused quote: "50 shades of f\*\*\*\*d up."

- Chelsea Daubar

## SUMMER 2012 HIGHEST GROSSING MOVIES



1. *The Avengers*;  
\$617,595,391



2. *The Dark Knight Rises*;  
\$409,787,260



3. *The Amazing Spider-Man*;  
\$257,435,325





# LOCAL BUSINESSES GEAR UP FOR RNC CROWDS

By KELLY ST. ONGE  
Photos by JOSHUA NAPIER

With the RNC coming to town next week, some local businesses are expecting an increase in business while others are concerned it may hurt.

Michael Vanderburg, owner of Café European, a small restaurant located on Hyde Park Avenue just outside UT's campus, said it's the unknown

that concerns him. "We're not sure what's going to happen," he said. "We don't know the security angle of things yet." He said some roads are going to be blocked off to downtown Tampa, but he doesn't know which roads as of yet.

He said he expects security to be strict and not knowing how strict that

security will be is a concern. "We might have to have proof that we have a business here to be able to drive in and park," he said.

Vanderburg said he hopes some of the visitors find their way to his restaurant that week as it is expected to bring in more than 350 charter buses and more than 500 private vehicles.

Vanderburg said he plans to be open the week of the RNC and is planning for it as best he can with the little information he has been given.

Georgia Xanthoudakis, owner of Samariá Café on Tampa Street, said she is excited about the coming of the RNC. "We need something like this," she said.

Xanthoudakis explained the RNC is a good opportunity for out-of-town visitors to see what Tampa is really like. "It's going to bring a lot of business to everyone," she said. "My partnership downtown doesn't want me to do to advertising . . . He said don't waste your time and gave us free posters."

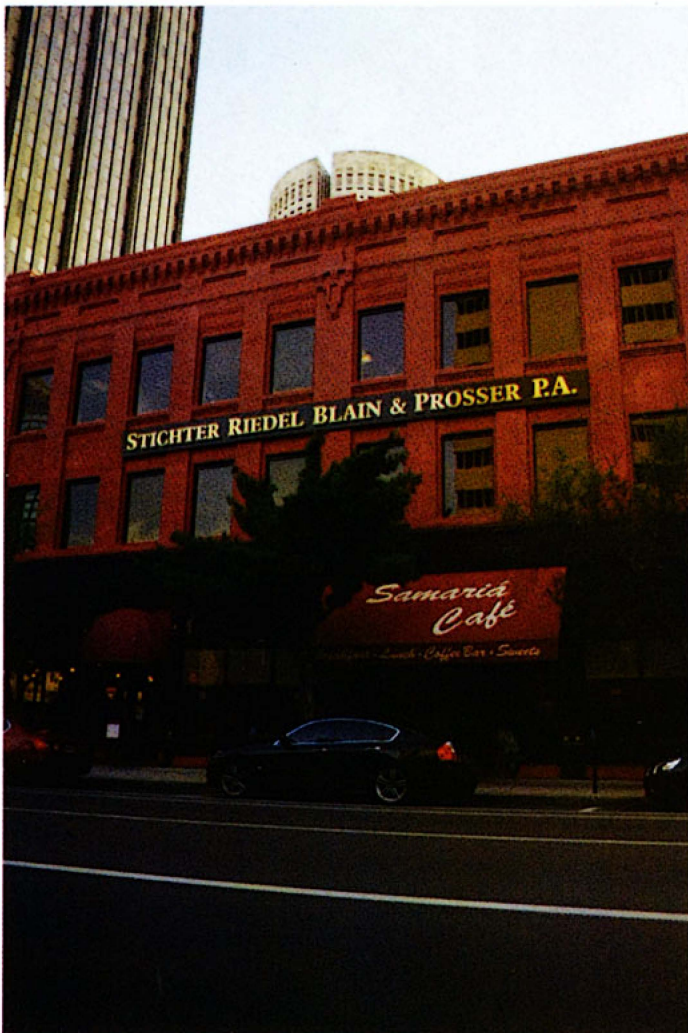
With the large number of people expected to come through downtown and her business being within walking distance from the convention center, Xanthoudakis has prepared for an influx of new customers.

Samariá Café will be extending its regular business hours from 6:30am to 4:30pm to a new closing time at 9:00pm, running from Aug. 17 through the rest of the month. "We have a lot of regulars who come and they are so excited we are going to open our doors until 9:00pm because they would love to come here at nighttime," she said. Xanthoudakis can't wait for the RNC and expects the extra four

and a half hours of business to pay off driving back and forth to her home in Safety Harbor. Though she joked, "I've been thinking of bringing a cot!"

Deron Thornton, partner of Hayman Jewelry Co. on Madison Street, said accessibility to his business is going to be extremely difficult that week, which is why he'll be closing up shop the week of the RNC.

"Being located in the police headquarters, they're putting an eight foot barricade around this whole building," he said. "They will still allow access to our store if we wanted them to, but based on the feedback we are getting from TPD [Tampa Police



Samariá Café located on 502 N. Tampa St. is extending its business hours for the RNC



Hayman's Jewelry Co. located on 305 Madison St. will be closing for the RNC due to a wall Tampa Police is assembling next door that will block their entrance

Department] and other sources, they're saying you probably want to be closed."

Hayman's Jewelry Co. has been family owned and operated since 1930 and is Tampa's oldest retail location. The business started when grandfather Solomon Hayman started selling jewelry from the trunk of his

*"We'll have to have signs and customers will have to go through a screening in TPD to be allowed in the building."*

car during the Great Depression.

Thornton said he expects to lose two weeks worth of business, which for Hayman Jewelers means up to an \$8,000 to \$10,000 loss. An eight foot wall will be going up around the jewelry store three days prior to the RNC, but he's going to try to keep the business open while the wall is being assembled. "We'll have to have signs and customers will have to go through a screening in TPD to be allowed in the building," he said. "From what I understand, it's going to be that way when you go into these

big corporate buildings too."

Thornton said that a lot of businesses can expect an increase in revenue that week, and for restaurants, hotels and transportation businesses he can understand why. But for a small mom and pop shop like his, that won't be the case. "It's not like we can just cut salary checks





to our employees," he said. "We have to have income coming every week." He said there is no way to know for sure what the final effect will be. "Maybe they're hyping it up more than it really needs to be, but we won't know until afterwards," Thornton said.

Alfredo Castro, owner of Spain Restaurant on Tampa Street, said the extra security measures are inconvenient. "We're not going to have garbage cans outside," he said. "They're going to have secure garbage areas and we'll get a key to where we need to take garbage every day." He said extra security measures are being taken to keep

protesters from becoming violent. "We've been told that if we normally put tables outside, to [not] put them out because they're trying to get anything they can use as projectiles off of the street," he said. Castro said the sidewalk grids outside of his businesses were welded closed too. He said TPD is trying to implement lessons learned from other conventions, such as the riots in the 2008 RNC in St. Paul.

Castro explained that a lot of the locals are leaving town so he expects a lot of new out-of-town customers to be coming through. "It's kind of like Gasparilla," he said. "They tell us that parking is going to be a nightmare,

that there's going to be a lot of congestion, a lot of traffic restrictions and closed streets and barricades, so that scares away our regular customers." He said the best thing he can do is wait and see what happens that week and prepare for it as best as he can.

"We've heard some of the city jobs are either being relocated to other city locations or they're telling people to take time off," said Castro, and that some financial businesses will be closed that week including BB&T and the court house downtown. "We've been told if you don't need to come down here then don't come because it's going to be complicated."



Spain Restuarant located on 513 North Tampa St. has been told by police not to seat customers outside during the RNC to prevent projectiles in the case of a potential riot.

# BMC FASHION



cafePress.com, \$25



mittromney.com, \$30



mittromney.com, \$30



mittromney.com, \$30



cafePress.com, \$30



mittromney.com, \$40

Nowadays, showing support of your favorite presidential candidate goes so far beyond a lapel pin to your shirt, a yard sign or a witty bumper sticker.

The presidential campaigns of 2012 have expanded upon the basic merchandise in order to seem more stylish and current. This also helps them entice younger voters.

Are you a huge advocate for Obama? Deck out your dog in Obama gear, complete with a dog bowl and leash. Want your iPhone case to sport Romney's slogan? Have at it. With so many ways to incorporate political inspiration into your everyday life, it will be difficult to resist jumping on the bandwagon.

- Natalie Hicks

barackobama.com, \$75



etsy.com, \$40



barackobama.com, \$30

printliberation.com, \$19



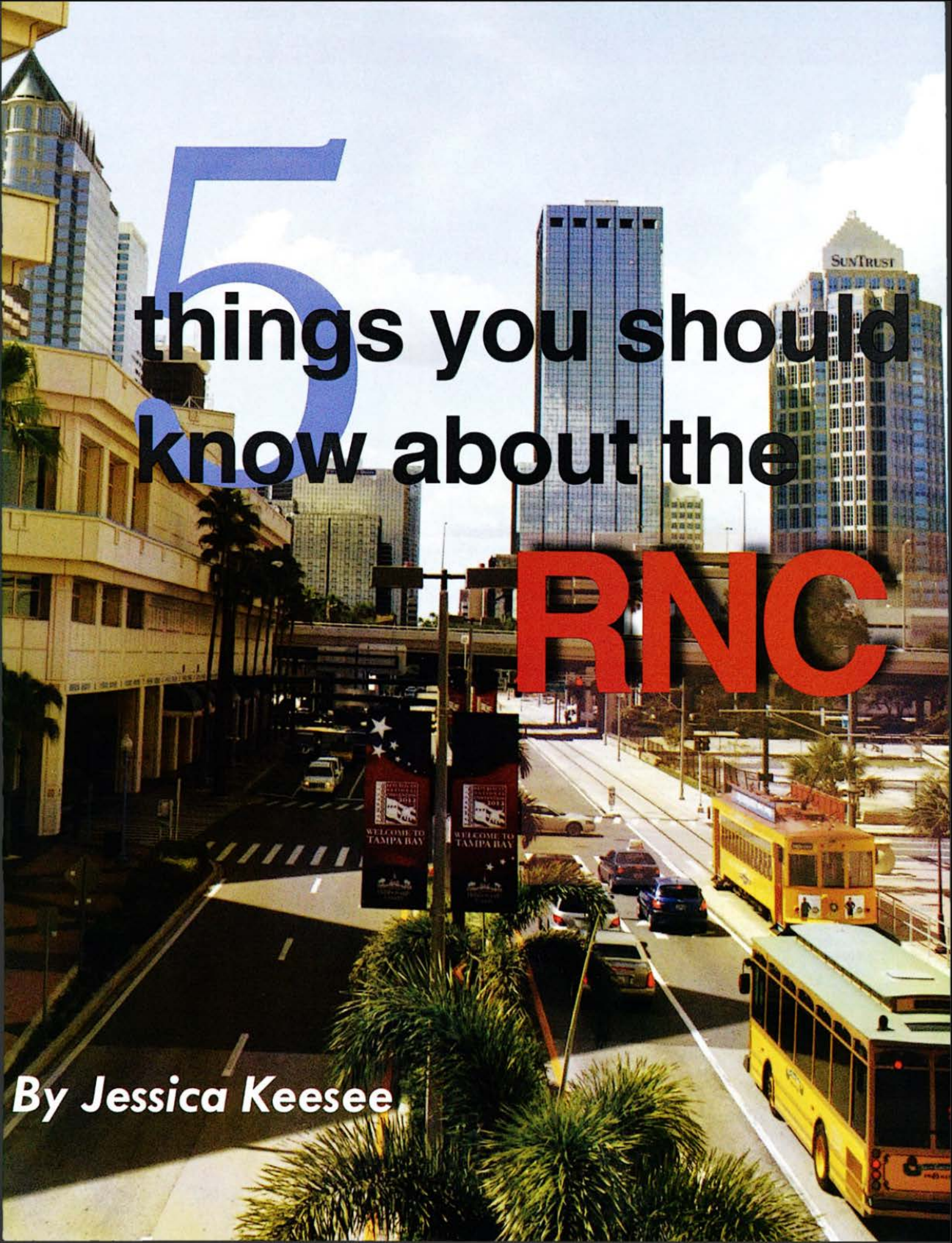
barackobama.com, \$30



barackobama.com, \$40

barackobama.com, \$30





**5**  
**things you should**  
**know about the**  
**RNC**

*By Jessica Keese*



For some University of Tampa students, the Republican National Convention (RNC) will be a rare opportunity to get a glimpse of politics at work and could even jumpstart a political career or two. For others however, the RNC and all the politicians, reporters and tourists it is set to bring to Tampa, Florida will verge on nightmarish. With the week of the RNC coinciding with the first week of classes at UT, there are bound to be some headaches for students, professors, and staff.

## Traffic Panic

With UT being less than two miles from the Tampa Bay Times Forum where the RNC is being held, traffic will be understatedly terrible. Seriously, just stay home if you commute, or plan to leave two to three hours before classes start. If driving through downtown during rush hour wasn't bad enough, add an estimated 50,000 visitors, as reported by the 2012 GOP convention website, and it just might be smarter to ground yourself

on campus that first week. All 2,286 delegates, 2,125 alternate delegates, 15,000 members of the media, and other tourists and visitors will be flooding the streets of Tampa. Try to avoid that at all costs.

## Road Closures

If you do have to drive to or from campus during the week of the RNC, expect plenty of road closures along with that traffic. The Secret Service has issued plans and restrictions for where residents of Tampa and the 50,000 visitors can park, drive, and walk during the RNC. The Selmon Expressway for example, will be closed from the start of the RNC between Willow Avenue and 50th Street, a major route to the university for some commuters. Although, the Reversible Elevated Lanes of the Selmon Expressway will be open during that time. Street parking will be prohibited in many areas and traffic patterns have been altered. Navigating one way streets through

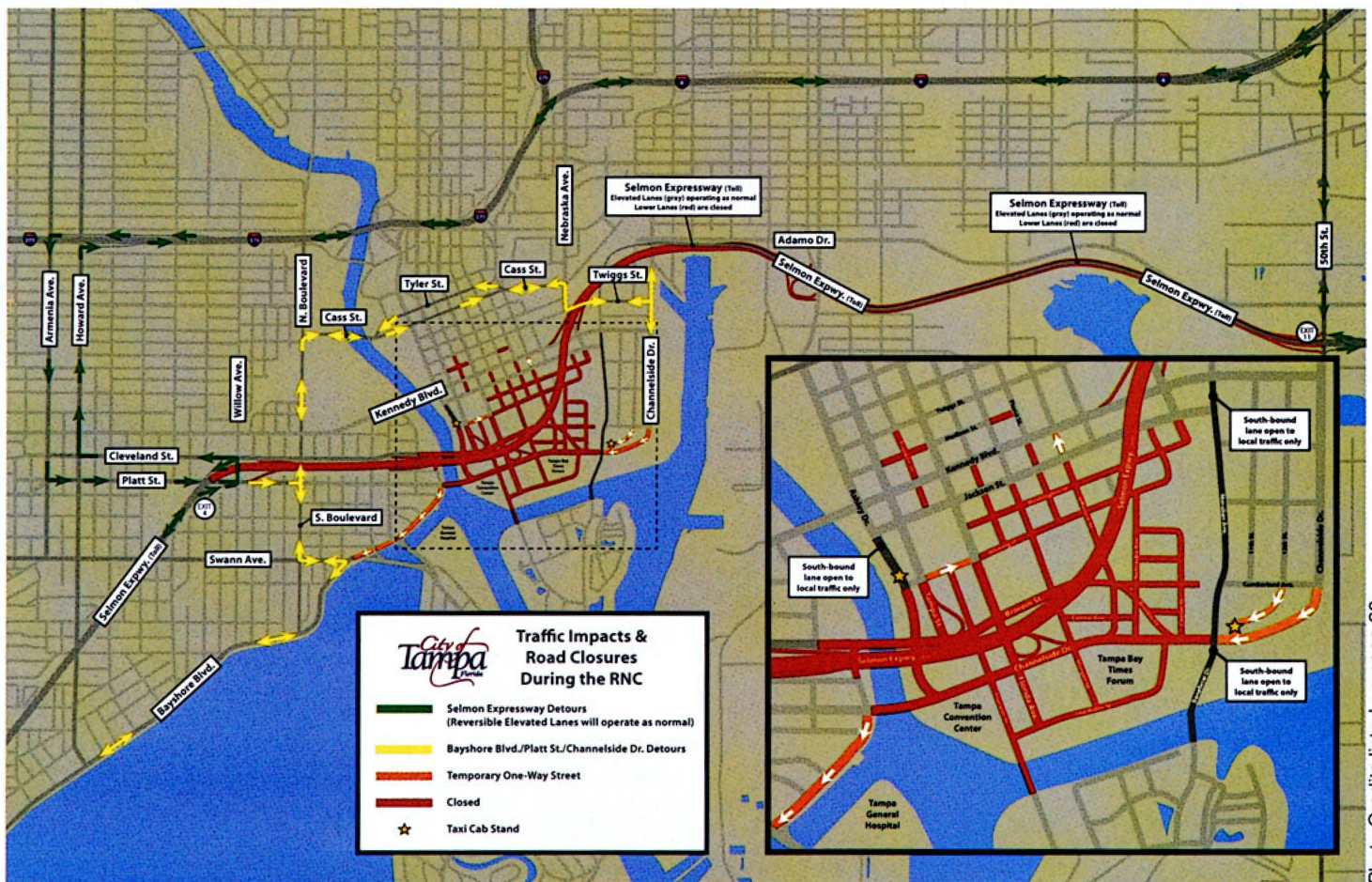
downtown is difficult enough for some. These new plans and restrictions sure won't help any.

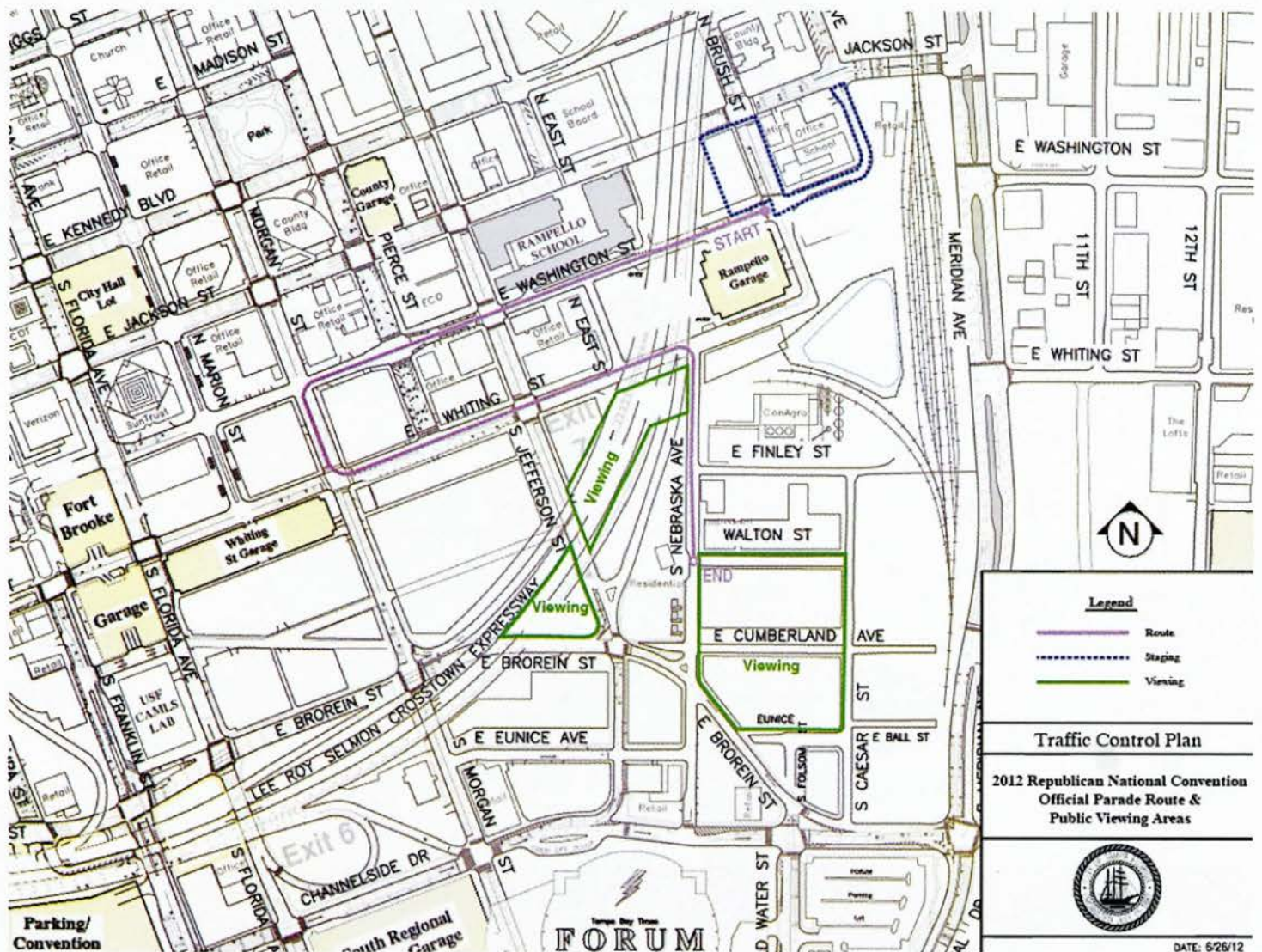
## Safety in Protest

It's estimated that 10,000 protesters will come to Tampa for the RNC. Now, some of these protesters may be peaceful, just exerting their First Amendment rights and voicing their qualms with the GOP, government, war, jobs, and more. However, protests aren't always peaceful and that brings up the concern of safety for UT students, professors, and staff, particularly because campus is so close to the Tampa Bay Times Forum.

## Orientation Craze

Those 50,000 visitors, delegates, and journalists will need ways to get to and through Tampa and will need a place to stay. So, what does that mean for UT students moving in and the parents that will be helping them? Over 90,000 hotel rooms have been





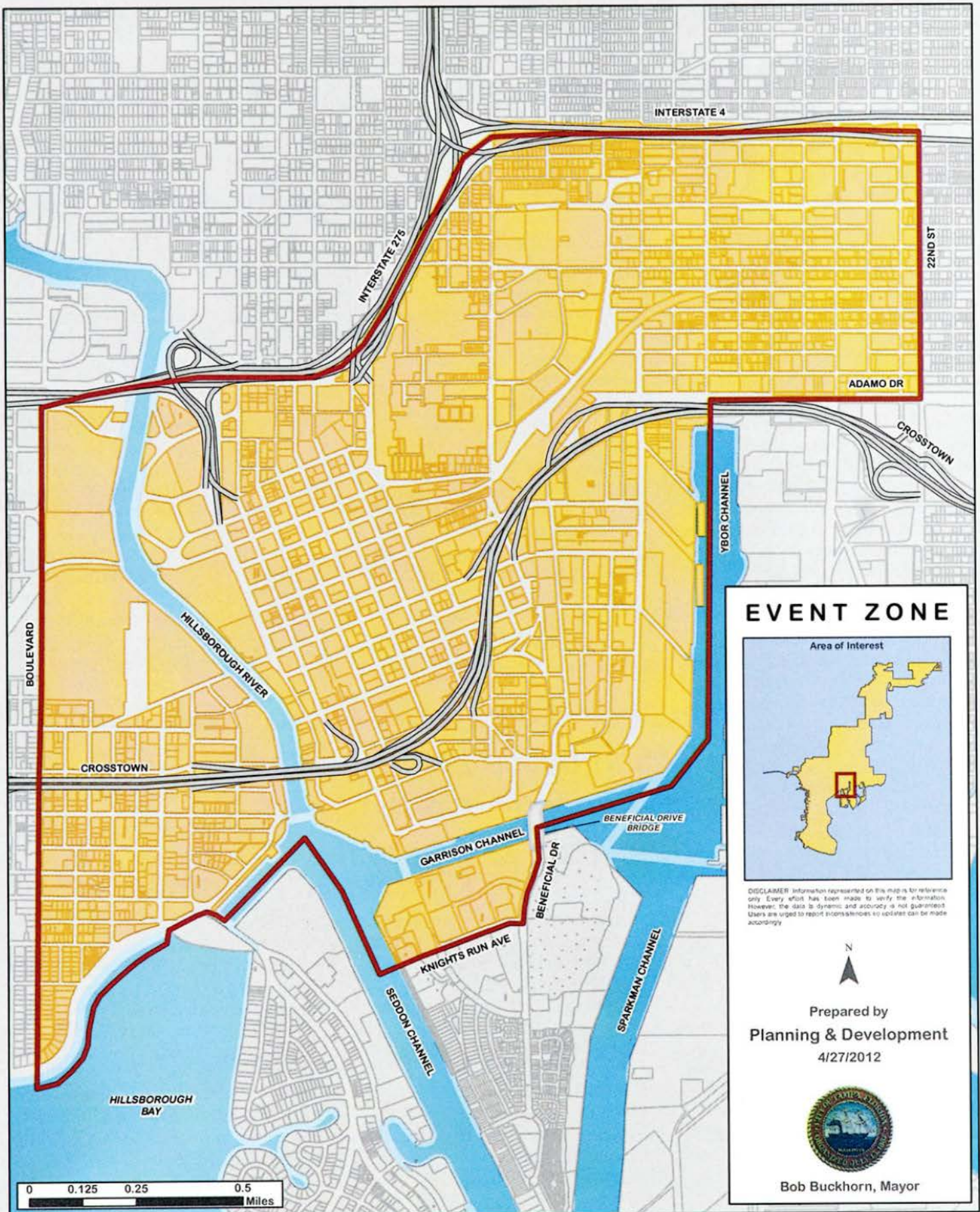
booked for the week of the RNC, apparently 20,000 more than expected, and the Tampa International Airport is expecting heavy traffic. Orientation and move in week is an exciting time for students, but it can be stressful. Add 50,000 visitors in the mix for crowded airports, hotels, and streets and that stress level can only escalate.

### Classes Will Continue

Despite the above difficulties and concerns, classes will be held as planned in accordance with the regular Fall 2012 schedule. While some professors may choose to hold classes online through Blackboard, others may stick to regular classes forcing some to face the chaos throughout Tampa and around the RNC site. Through endless traffic, tricky road closures, the danger of protests and potential riots, and of course the influx of 50,000 people to the city of Tampa, classes will continue on, whether we like it or not. Luckily, students, professors, and staff will only have to bear through these stressors for a week, though will no doubt be glad to leave it behind them.

## RNC Event Zone Prohibitions

- Any wooden stick or post larger than a 2" by 1/4" if rectangular or 3/4" otherwise or filled with any material or pointed.
- Any metal or plastic more than 3/4" with wall more than 1/8" or filled with any material or pointed.
- Aerosol cans
- Weapons (other than guns with concealed carry permits)
- Any container or inflatable device filled with any material
- Any launcher, including water guns
- Any material greater than 6', 30 lbs tensile strength
- Any glass or ceramic
- Any locks, unless part of your car or for your bike
- Any shields, other than umbrellas
- Any gas masks, except medical



**THIS PAGE:** The area within the red perimeter is considered the event zone and will be under high security during the week of the RNC from Aug. 27-30.

**LEFT PAGE:** Official parade routes and public viewing areas have been designated throughout the event zone.

# HOW FAR CAN WE PUSH OUR FREEDOM?

*As protesters prepare for the upcoming RNC, the city of Tampa must find the balance between security, First Amendment rights and safety.*

"Mr. Chairman, my fellow Americans, my fellow Democrats, I proudly accept the nomination of our party." These were the words of Democratic Presidential Nominee Hubert Humphrey in 1968 Chicago, as he accepted the Democratic nomination for president to thunderous applause. What unfolded outside the walls of the convention, however, was complete anarchy as protestors rioted in a Grant Park that was barricaded with barbed wire fences and surrounded by a police force armed with assault rifles and tear gas.

Chaos reined in the streets for hours as protestors hurled rocks at police and the police responded in kind with baton beatings and tear gas. In a report issued by the Mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, analyzing the protests of the convention, it was listed that a total of 500 people had been treated for injuries and 152 officers were wounded. By all accounts, the events surrounding the 1968 Democratic National Convention were disastrous and were a model of a convention gone wrong. Thoughts of 1968 are clearly on the mind of convention officials as Tampa prepares to host the 2012 Republican National Convention.

We stand in 2012 as a nation starkly divided in governing philosophy, mired in an unemployment crisis that has lasted for four years, and patronized by a do-nothing Congress that continues to bury its head in the sand rather than dealing with the problems of our economy. Politics aside, this election will have a strong impact not only on the federal government but on people's

daily lives. Issues such as healthcare reform, tax reform, Supreme Court nominations etc. will be decided by the next president and these decisions will have vast implications on our lives. As such, passions will be on full display at the Republican National Convention in Tampa. Many will come to exercise their 1st amendment rights by supporting or protesting at the convention and a careful balance must be struck between the people's right to protest and security to be able to avoid the anarchy of the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

The proper balance is almost an insurmountable feat to achieve as

***"It seems that free speech isn't being denied by baton wielding police but rather by a bureaucratic nightmare of regulation and permits."***

security fears have always outweighed the first amendment rights of protestors. The amount of security that will be used during the convention rivals that of some military bases as an entire section of the city of Tampa will be completely barricaded off and closed to the public during the convention. Everything South of Brorein street and West of Beneficial Dr. will be cordoned off to create the convention area. The immediate area surrounding the convention zone will be on high alert as street parking will be eliminated and some streets will be closed to traffic. Major traffic arteries such as Platt St. and the Crosstown Expressway will be closed. Tampa

is not alone in sharing the burden of onerous security as many Convention events are also scheduled to take place in St. Petersburg.

Protestors will be limited in their ability to demonstrate as the city established what I call a "free speech zone." On May 17th, 2012, the Tampa City Council voted to establish an "event zone" next to the Tampa Bay Times Forum which would be solely used as a protest zone. This "event zone" will be the only place that is lawfully recognized where demonstrators, supporters, and protestors can lawfully assemble to express themselves. On

its face, these event zones seem like something out of a dystopian novel. On the other hand, the convention organizers want to avoid a situation where convention goers are harassed or intimidated by protestors.

Attendees of the convention have just as much right to attend the event with piece of mind as demonstrators have to protest outside.

Despite criticism to the contrary, the reasons for these strict security precautions are not completely unfounded as the convention will host Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and a large number of Republican elected officials from across the country. In this respect, the security of convention goers is more paramount than the ability for protestors to wave signs outside.

The United States, however, is a country founded on the principle of peaceful protest and the ability to redress grievances and it would seem that the establishment of a "free speech zone" would be antagonistic



Photo by Channing Hailey

Events like the 1968 DNC in Chicago and the Occupy Tampa Movement (pictured above) have Tampa worried about safety over the right to protest.

to that idea. I find that even though the idea of limiting the locations of where protestors are able to gather and assemble might seem detestable, the content and message of the protestors is not being manipulated or restricted in any way. A protestor can carry a sign that says "DEMOCRATS KILL BABIES" or a sign that reads "REPUBLICANS ARE RACIST."

Neither of these signs will land that person in jail. If that person decides to hurl rocks at people or act in ways that are not at all peaceful, that is no longer a constitutionally protected action but rather a criminal act.

Some of these issues of public security versus speech rights were touched upon last year during the Occupy Wall Street protests that took place across the country. Tampa was no exception and has a vibrant chapter aptly named Occupy Tampa. The Occupy movement began with daytime protests in Lykes Gaslight

Park in downtown Tampa with the first meet up occurring on Oct. 6th, 2011. Mayor Bob Buckhorn and the city council allowed the protests to occur despite the lack of a permit as an act of good faith. The event went smoothly and received favorable press coverage as 600 or so protestors came and went to the park throughout the day.

The tactics of the Occupy movement soon wore out their welcome, however, as Occupy members began staying overnight in Curtis Hixon park. Sleeping bags littered the sidewalk at night as protestors were allowed to sleep only during the night and they were promptly awoken by police at 6am. While generally supportive of the goals of the Occupy movement, Mayor Buckhorn was less than enthusiastic about the methods used by the Occupy Tampa group. The Mayor stated "If they want a place

to sleep, they can go home or to a hotel, just because they want to occupy something doesn't mean we are obligated to provide them with an opportunity to camp out in a public park or on a sidewalk."

Therein lays the crux of the matter; the opposition to Occupy Tampa was not due to the content of the message but rather the methods used by Occupy. The right to protest was not being contested; rather it was the methods of the protestors. The ability for Occupy protestors to speak their mind, despite their tactics being curtailed, is a far cry from other countries that seek to quash political dissent. Three members of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot are facing up to seven years in prison for performing a song that was highly critical of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Our system is not perfect, but America does not imprison people based solely on the content of their message.

The Occupy protests did help to illuminate issues with the City of Tampa's permitting process for protest events with more than 200 people. Events scheduled in Tampa with more than 200 people must apply for a permit no less than 60 days before the event and the organizer must carry \$1 million in liability insurance to cover any damage or injuries that may occur during the event.

Liability insurance of that magnitude is a costly affair that requires a serious financial investment. Since most protests are the result of spontaneity and have an inherent lack of coordination or central organization, protests such as those done by Occupy highlighted the issues with the permitting process of large protests. It seems that free speech isn't being denied by baton wielding police but rather by a bureaucratic nightmare of regulation and permits.

Passions tend to be on full

display at protests such as Occupy and the upcoming convention and these actions and policies by the City of Tampa can serve to agitate protestors because they are viewed with suspicion as actions intended to limit their message or ability to express themselves. There will no doubt be many demonstrators at the Convention that will be upset by the limitations in where they can assemble and will view this as an assault of their constitutional rights. It seems that these actions taken by the City of Tampa, although intended to avoid anarchy and chaos, will agitate protestors more.

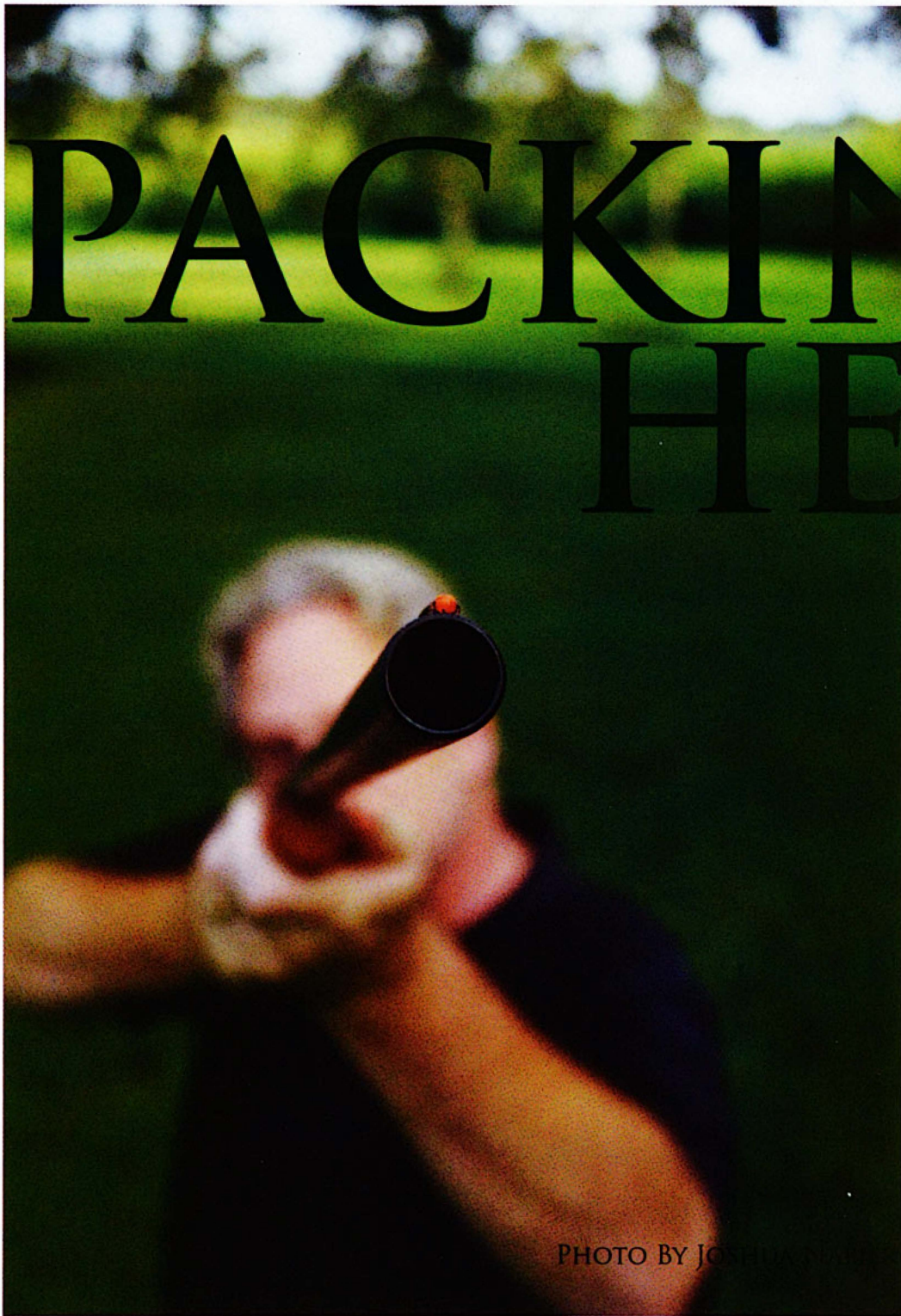
There's no doubt that seeing police armed with riot shields, tear gas, machine guns, and full body armor will make for a toxic mix that acts as an intimidating force to peaceful protestors. It is important to remember, however, that on both sides of the fence of the Convention

are people expressing their political beliefs and ideals. All sides, despite their differing views, can agree that the expression of speech is a sacred right and tradition in America that must be upheld.

As I've stressed before, the security protocol surrounding the Republican National Convention is an extremely delicate balance of security and first amendment rights. The security situation surrounding the upcoming Convention is not perfect and many attendees and demonstrators alike will probably see their rights curtailed as other national conventions have in the past. While no city or convention will ever perfect this mix and achieve a harmonious event, cities such as Tampa can learn from the past and make an effort to prevent the anarchy of the 1968 convention in Chicago while maintaining free speech for everyone who chooses to express themselves.



Although Mayor Bob Buckhorn supports Tampa citizens' right to protest, he does not condone the methods used in the Occupy Tampa Movement.



# PACKING HEAT

WHAT  
ROLE  
SHOULD  
GUNS  
PLAY IN  
REGARDS  
TO  
PUBLIC  
SAFETY?

BY  
PAOLA  
CRESPO

PHOTO BY JOE HARRIS

Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn wrote to Florida Governor Rick Scott on May 1, 2012, requesting a temporary ban of concealed weapons at the Republican National Convention. According to the Tampa Bay Times, the two-page letter asked to temporarily prohibit the types of weapons the city cannot regulate. "Normally, licensed firearms carried

in accordance with the Florida statute requirements do not pose a significant threat to the public," the mayor wrote. "However, in the potentially contentious environment surrounding the RNC, a firearm unnecessarily increases the threat of imminent harm and injury to the residents and visitors of the city."

The mayor makes a solid point.

Thousands of protesters are expected to be in Tampa for the RNC, from Aug. 27-30, and the risk of having firearms present amongst so many people is a dangerous one.

Mayor Buckhorn appealed to Governor Scott saying, "As governor, you have the duty to meet dangers presented by events such as the RNC where there is a threat of substantial

injury or harm to Florida residents and visitors to the state.”

Instead of agreeing with the mayor on the dangers of firearms and the importance of keeping civilians safe from them, Governor Scott strongly defended the people's second amendment right: the right to bear arms. He wrote, “Like you, I share the concern that ‘violent anti-government protests or other civil unrest’ can pose ‘dangers’ and the ‘threat of substantial injury or harm to Florida residents and visitors to the state.’ But it is unclear how disarming law-abiding citizens would better protect them from the dangers and threats posed by those who would flout the law. It is at just such times that the constitutional right to self-defense is most precious and must be protected from government overreach. I am confident that the many federal, state and local law enforcement agencies focused on the RNC will fully protect Floridians and visitors, without the need to resort to sweeping infringements on our most sacred constitutional traditions.”

First of all, how does Governor Scott know that all people holding weapons are “law-abiding citizens?” He has no way of knowing for sure and the risk he takes in assuming this is dangerous. I am not saying that there are no such people who bear arms, but it only takes one person with a weapon and an unclear head to start a problem that can result in a deadly or harmful situation. I know this is the case in any situation, on any day, now that the crime rate has increased so much, but there is a difference between someone with a gun on a street on a random day and someone with a gun in a closed area in a crowd of thousands of people.

A perfect and tragic example can be taken from the infamous mass shooting that took place July 20th at a Century movie theatre in Aurora, Colorado during a midnight screening of the film *The Dark Knight Rises*. James Holmes, later referring to himself as “the Joker” to police, dressed in tactical clothing, set off tear gas grenades and shot randomly into the audience

of theatre nine with multiple firearms, killing 12 people and injuring 58 others. According to *The New York Times*, Holmes used a 12-gauge shotgun, a Glock 22 handgun and a M&P15 semi-automatic rifle with a 100-round drum magazine. All of which he bought legally. All it took was one person who was not in their right state of mind to use his precious second amendment right and cause a tragedy. This situation can happen anywhere and it is not far off to say that it could possibly occur during the RNC.

In the letter, the governor continues to say that in these precise times “the constitutional right to self-defense is most precious.” Essentially he is saying that people should have the right to bring their guns to the

## THOUSANDS OF PROTESTERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN TAMPA FOR THE RNC . . . AND THE RISK OF HAVING FIREARMS PRESENT AMONGST SO MANY PEOPLE IS A DANGEROUS ONE.

convention in case they need them for self-defense. This makes me think that Governor Scott thinks it's OK for people to use weapons as a means of defense in case something happens. Does he expect people to start shooting at whoever is bothering them in the crowd? In the case of the Aurora shooting, Holmes was most certainly not using his firearms as self defense and a similar situation can happen during the RNC. Instead of encouraging people to be peaceful and handle tense situations with caution and respect, the governor seems to be encouraging citizens to bring out their guns and use them to solve their problems.

It is reassuring that the governor is confident in the federal, state and local law enforcements' abilities to protect the civilians. However, it is still a risky business to potentially have a hostile, armed person within such a huge crowd during those four days of the convention.

Unless they are handled by trained law enforcement officers, weapons should not be allowed in the Event Zone. No matter the efforts people make to have a peaceful event, tensions can arise and skirmishes can take place. There will be groups of people with opposing political views and that can get pretty heated.

It seems the Tampa City Council also shares the mayor's opinion. According to the Tampa Bay Times, the council voted at the end of April to make its own appeal to Scott asking him to temporarily ban concealed weapons. “We believe it is necessary and prudent to take this reasonable step to prevent a potential tragedy,” council member Lisa Montelione wrote in a draft letter.

Governor Scott also added in

his response letter to the mayor, “We have had political conventions in this country since the dawn of the Republic. They are an essential means of furthering our Constitutional rights of free speech and to vote. Our fundamental right to keep and bear arms has coexisted with these freedoms for just as

long, and I see no reason to depart from that tradition this year.”

Governor Scott is only trying to maintain citizens' second amendment rights, but it is an unsafe move. The second amendment right should be removed all together as it is outdated and was made under circumstances that no longer apply in the modern day. This law only makes it easier for people to obtain weapons that can provoke violent acts or can cause accidents, as was the case with Holmes in the Aurora shooting. Self-defense and the second amendment right are not reasonable excuses for a normal citizen to be able to purchase a semi-automatic rifle or any other firearm. Governor Scott should think less about proudly keeping a hazardous constitutional law, and be more concerned about the safety of his citizens and people who will be visiting for the convention. The mayor's request to ban people from carrying weapons for only four days is not unreasonable. It is manageable, and it should be done.





# THE BASEBALL REVIVAL

*The Spartan Baseball team is looking at a promising season as transfer power-hitter Mike Danner steps in after the team lost several key seniors.*

By JOHN HILSENROTH

Every year, the University of Tampa baseball team is amongst the best in the very competitive Sunshine State Conference and in Division II in general. Last season, the Spartans won the SSC with an 18-6 record and went 38-10 overall.

However, the Spartans lost several key contributors from last year due to getting drafted or graduating. This

offseason, Coach Joe Urso had to pay a lot of attention to pitchers, but he was able to bring in a big bat as well.

Transfer Mike Danner, from Polk State College is a key addition to the Spartan baseball team. Danner, who primarily played left field the last two seasons, is durable enough to play other outfield positions and third base.

"Mike is an extremely well rounded

ball player," said Polk State baseball coach Al Corbeil. "He played every day for us for two years and he did a great job out there. He's a good outfielder who gets good jumps, runs the bases well and obviously he's a very good hitter. He led our team with 10 homeruns and about 70 RBI this year."

Tampa only has two current

outfielders on the roster that have played even one game for the team.

"The guy is a special talent and we're extremely pleased to have him," said University of Tampa head coach Joe Urso. "He's projected to bat somewhere in the front half of our order. He was the best bat we brought in this year." **CC**

With two years of college ball already under his belt, Danner is expected to come in and do some damage immediately. "Offensively he can beat you different ways," said Corbeil.

"He'll get a single and steal a base or he'll get extra base hits. Defensively, he gets great jumps and knows what to do when the ball is hit to him. I think he's got a chance to get into professional baseball."

Coach Urso is excited to add Danner for his academic prowess as well as his athletic ability. "He is a University of Tampa kind of guy," said Urso. "We liked that he excels in the classroom. He's a hard worker on and off the field. The ball just explodes off his bat."

Yes he hit ten home runs last year, but he is a line-drive hitter. We're looking to put him in left field for now, but we like his versatility and ability to play other positions like third base."

Despite being such a talent, Danner

***He was the best bat we brought in this year . . . I think he's got a chance to get into professional baseball. - Coach Joe Urso***

chose the University of Tampa over several Division I options. Danner is from the Tampa Bay area and has had UT and Coach Urso on his radar since high school.

"Mike had a number of schools that he was interested in and quite a few offers, but from the beginning, Mike's number one choice was the University of Tampa," Corbeil said. "You guys reciprocated that interest. He had Division I offers, but he wanted to go to Tampa."

In the two years Danner played at Polk State, he formed a terrific relationship with his Coach, Al Corbeil. "[Corbeil] was great; he works with everyone day in and day out and never took a break," said Danner. "Ever since going to Polk, I've grown tremendously. I play the game so much better now than I did in high school."

Coach Urso acknowledges that this year's team will be very different from last year's. "We're losing our number one and number two pitchers as well as our closer, so we have some big spots to fill, but here at Tampa

we don't rebuild, we reload," Urso said.

Danner wants nothing more than to win. "I wanna go in there and win the conference and win a lot of games," Danner said. "I think Coach Urso works with the players a lot and it seems like a great fit for me to be going into this program."

The UT baseball team will have the entire fall semester to practice and get ready for the season beginning in the spring.

Mike Danner, a transfer student from Polk State College, is set to revitalize the Spartans baseball team playing left field. Coach Joe Urso has high hopes for Danner and for the new season.



Photo Credits listed on page 30



1



2



3



5



4

# Skin Deep

August is a blazing hot month. Although, the incessant heat will not stop people from laying out by the pool, riding their bikes along Bayshore or attending the Republican National Convention. Many Tampa residents and visitors, may they be Republican, Democrat or any other party member, you will have to face the dog days eventually.

In order to stay safe in the sun, a reliable sunscreen and other UVA/UVB protection is absolutely vital. Plus, anti-sun skincare is easier now more than ever. Try a Neutrogena's Sunblock. They don't leave a greasy residue. Add a pair of classic Ray Bans, and you've got yourself a look that compliments anyone with a face.

Before you head out into the masses of people that will be parading around Downtown Tampa, remember to show your skin a little TLC.

- Natalie Hicks

- 1 Neutrogena Ultra Sheer Dry-Touch Sunblock SPF 55, Walgreen's, \$9
- 2 SunBurnt Therapeutic After Sun Relief Gel, Walgreen's, \$6
- 3 Frayed Bow Fedora, urbanoutfitters.com, \$29
- 4 Clarins Self Tanning Instant Gel, Macy's, \$34
- 5 Ray Bans Clubmaster, ray-ban.com, \$145

START GETTING MORE OUT OF COLLEGE.

START MOTIVATING OTHERS

START PUSHING YOURSELF.

START SHAPING YOUR FUTURE.

START GETTING MORE OUT OF LIFE.

START BUILDING CONFIDENCE.

START GETTING MORE OUT OF YOU.

# ARMY ROTC START STRONG.

There's strong. Then there's Army Strong. Enroll in Army ROTC at the University of Tampa to complement your education with the training, experience and skills needed to make you a leader. Army ROTC also offers full-tuition scholarships and a monthly stipend to help pay for your education. And when you graduate, you will have an edge in life as an Army Officer and a leader. To get started, contact (855) 276-9542 today.



ARMY ROTC



U.S. ARMY

ARMY STRONG.

Ask about our summer leadership programs and scholarship opportunities. Earn your Bachelors, Masters, or Nursing degree while pursuing a Commission as an Officer in the U.S. Army. Active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard opportunities are available. Contact our Army ROTC department at (813) 258-7200 or (855) 276-9542 or visit us on the web at [www.ut.edu/rotc/army](http://www.ut.edu/rotc/army).



# SMOOTH SAILING

## UT EMBRACES CHANGES FOR THE RNC

By Stef Crocco

With more than 50,000 visitors in town for the Republican National Convention, the University of Tampa is making an effort to have the first week of school run as smoothly as possible. Nevertheless, the beginning of this fall semester won't be like any other. Necessary changes have been made in order to ensure the safety of incoming students and to accommodate the RNC.

For those new and even those returning to UT's campus, the most visual change will be the increased presence of Campus Safety, as well as other uniformed personnel. According to Linda Devine, Vice President of Operations and Planning, the number of security guards will vary by day and assignment. However, staff will be especially visible, always in uniform and easy to identify near the entrances to campus and parking garages.

"[UT] has retained the services of additional personnel for about two weeks (including before and after the convention) that will work under the direction of Kevin Howell, Director of Campus Safety," Devine said.

Howell has been working for months with local law enforcement in planning for the RNC security. "We have good relationships with outside

agencies, and we made a special effort to reach out to our college colleagues in other cities that have hosted conventions. RNC 2012 is a bit different as it is a multi-day event, so our planning [has been] extensive," said Devine.

As far as senior and marketing major Elyse Perez is concerned, "I doubt the extra security will do very much. It's such an open campus." Though the RNC is new to Tampa, the amount of people is not new to Perez. "It's important to keep in mind that a similar amount of people flow into the city during Gasparilla every year," said Perez.

According to Devine, events like the RNC have been common over the years besides the annual Gasparilla. "Queen Elizabeth visited our campus in the 80's; she walked through Plant Hall and was honored at a reception in Fletcher Lounge. What a day in Tampa that was!" said Devine.

The security procedures like these have varied; however, "For the events involving heads of state or persons of national prominence, all levels of government (local, state, federal) are involved. The details vary according to the schedule, but every effort is expended to coordinate and otherwise share information and resources," said Devine on behalf of Kevin Howell.

When it comes to the university protecting its students, Rachel Lurie, a junior and psychology major, has no doubt that the school will do its job. "The school has been taking such large measures to protect everyone for while the RNC is here, so I don't feel threatened at all, said Lurie, "Even if I did feel unsafe, I would never hesitate to call security."

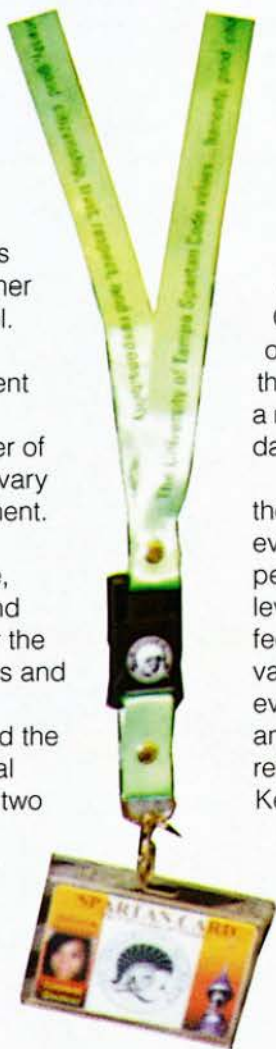
Another safety measure that will be put in place is bright, neon green lanyards that students will have to wear at all times during the week of the RNC. There are two purposes for the lanyards: first, to have a tangible reminder to carry one's identification, and secondly, to have a visual signal that students are part of the university. In order to get on campus, students must have a valid Spartan ID Card with them at all times.

"[We're] making every effort to have a regular first week of classes in an extraordinary period in Tampa," Devine said, "Dr. Sclafani, Professor of Psychology and Interim Dean of Student Services, has been working with faculty to see that classes meet, either in person or remotely."

Yet, some students have mixed feelings about how normal the first week of school should be. "I would rather UT try and keep the first week of classes as normal as possible," said junior and writing major Jorgia Stone, "I think if they cancel the first week it will only create more chaos."

Lurie appreciates the school trying to make the first week as normal as possible, but under the circumstances, she doesn't think there's any room for it. "There are so many students that live off campus and getting to campus everyday is going to be a nightmare. The teachers getting to campus is going to be a nightmare," said Lurie. The Republican National Convention is almost here, and with recent gun violence around the country it's time now more than ever to stay safe.

"These occurrences are sad and tragic reminders of how we must be vigilant and care for one another," said Devine. To keep up with the most recent news about the Republican National Convention, check out [www.ut.edu/rnc](http://www.ut.edu/rnc).



# WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Collects Spiderman comic books

Has admitted to smoking marijuana and doing cocaine as a teenager

Has read all the *Harry Potter* books

Can bench press 200 pounds

Distantly related to Brad Pitt and Dick Cheney

Has 7 half siblings from his father's previous marriages

Smokes cigarettes occasionally, but has tried to quit multiple times

Is a Mac guy

Favorite former president is Abraham Lincoln



Arrested for sliding down a golf course on a block of ice

Met his wife, Ann, during elementary school

Loves hot dogs and meatloaf cakes

Once saved a family of 6 from a sinking boat

His haircut is known locally in Massachusetts as "The Mitt"

Accidentally declared dead in a car accident in France

His cousin was recently kidnapped and held hostage in Mexico for 3 days

Favorite movie is *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

Photo Credits listed on page 30

AVAILABLE at Publix.



"THE WHOLESOME IN A HURRY"



"THE INSTANT ENERGY BOOST"



"THE STUDY NIGHT POWER SNACKS"



"THE 24/7 CLASSIC"



"THE IN-BETWEEN CLASS PANIC"



BECAUSE  
LIFE MAKES YOU  
HUNGRY.

©ConAgra Foods, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Slim Jim® Handi Pak

BUY 1 GET 1 Free



REDEEMABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT Publix.

Limit one deal per coupon per customer. Customer is responsible for all applicable taxes. Reproduction or transfer of this coupon constitutes fraud. ©ConAgra Foods, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Coupon expires 10/7/12.

LU #11911

Orville Redenbacher's® Gourmet® Popping Corn (2, 3 and 4-pack)

BUY 1 GET 1 Free



REDEEMABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT Publix.

Limit one deal per coupon per customer. Customer is responsible for all applicable taxes. Reproduction or transfer of this coupon constitutes fraud. ©ConAgra Foods, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Coupon expires 10/7/12.

LU #11906

DAVID® Seeds 5.25 oz.

BUY 1 GET 1 Free



REDEEMABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT Publix.

Limit one deal per coupon per customer. Customer is responsible for all applicable taxes. Reproduction or transfer of this coupon constitutes fraud. ©ConAgra Foods, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Coupon expires 10/7/12.

LU #11912

Free Marie Callender's® Single-Serve Pie when you buy TWO (2) Marie Callender's® Frozen Meals



REDEEMABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT Publix.

Limit one deal per coupon per customer. Customer is responsible for all applicable taxes. Reproduction or transfer of this coupon constitutes fraud. ©ConAgra Foods, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Coupon expires 10/7/12.

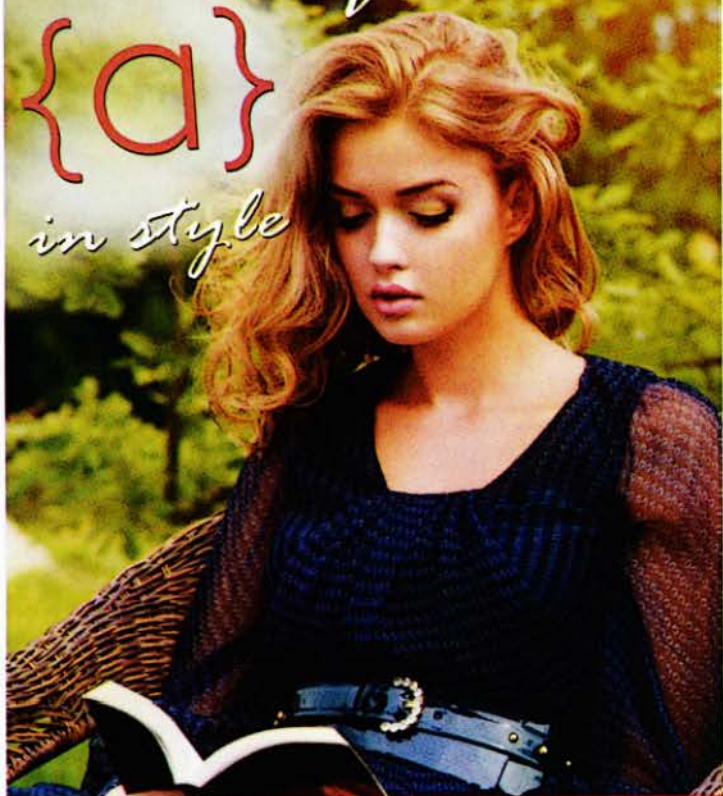
LU #11909

welcome back...

**UT STUDENTS!**

come in for an

{a}  
in style



{a}haley  
BOUTIQUE

128B S. Westshore Blvd.

at the corner of  
Westshore & Kennedy  
next to Pier 1 Imports

f [www.facebook.com/ahaleyboutique](http://www.facebook.com/ahaleyboutique)

UT students always get

**10% OFF**

with student ID

# SOURCES

## 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE RNC

(Page 17) "Traffic Impacts & Road Closures" (ACLU)

(Page 18) "Traffic Control Plan" (ACLU)

(Page 19) "Event Zone Map" (ACLU)

## HOW FAR CAN WE PUSH OUR FREEDOM?

(Page 23) "Bob Buckhorn" (tampagov.net)

## SKIN DEEP

(Page 27) "Neutrogena Ultimate Sheer Dry-Touch Sunblock"  
[www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com)

(Page 27) "SunBurnt Therapeutic After Sun Relief Gel"  
[www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com)

(Page 27) "Clarin's Self Tanning Instant Gel"  
[www.urbanoutfitters.com](http://www.urbanoutfitters.com)

(Page 27) "Raybans Clubmaster"  
[www.ray-bans.com](http://www.ray-bans.com)

## WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

(Page 29) Illustrations by *DonkeyHotey* via flickr.com

## ADVERTISE WITH US

EMAIL

[minaret.ads@gmail.com](mailto:minaret.ads@gmail.com)

UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA'S NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1933  
**THE MINARET**  
[WWW.THEMINARETONLINE.COM](http://WWW.THEMINARETONLINE.COM)



bloggers  
designers  
columnists  
podcasters  
**creative minds**  
online editors  
ad sales reps  
copy editors  
webcasters  
writers

### INTERESTED IN JOINING?

E-mail us at:  
[ut.minaret@gmail.com](mailto:ut.minaret@gmail.com)

**TUESDAY IS THE NEW FRIDAY**



**\$2**

**STARTS AT 6PM**

**DOLLAR**  
**TACO TUESDAYS**

**\$2**

**TACOS**  
**CORONAS**

**LIVE**  
**DJ**

**\$20**

**MARGARITA**  
**PITCHERS**



2% OF ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ARIMUS DIXON FAMILY FUND

**THE LIME**

**FUN MODERN MEXICAN**

915 S. HOWARD AVE., TAMPA FL 33606  
WWW.THELIMETAMPA.COM 813.868.5463



TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER