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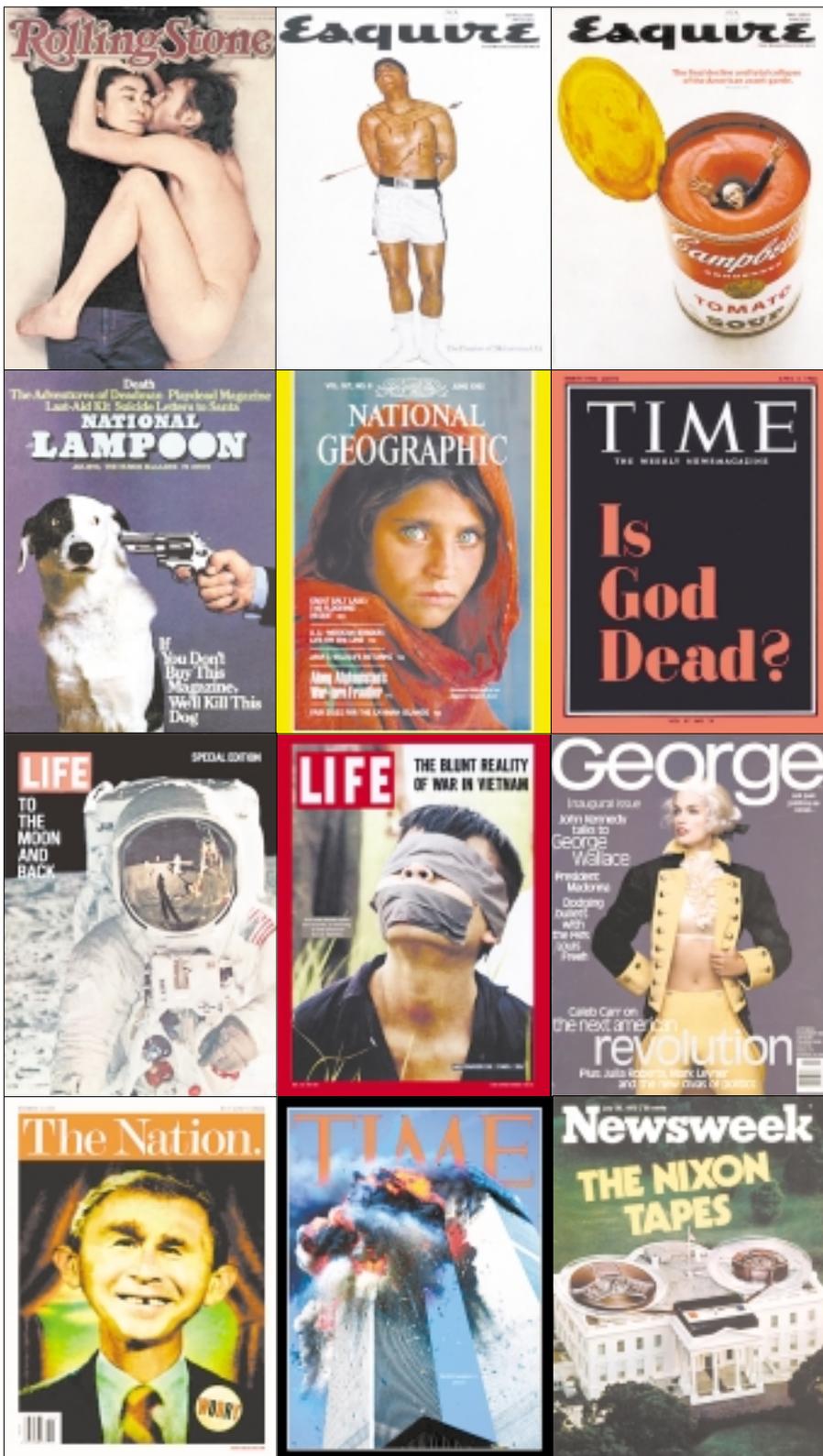
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TRACKING GROWTH

Toll road could cost \$2 billion

Cross-state highway starting in Manatee studied by officials

DUANE MARSTELLER
Herald Staff Writer

MANATEE — They haven't finished studying the idea, but Florida's turnpike officials said they already know two things about a potential cross-state toll road originating in Manatee County: It won't be cheap to build, and toll revenue won't pay for it all.

The price tag for the conceptual, 130-mile road could top \$2 billion, with tolls likely

covering only a quarter to half of the bill, a Florida's Turnpike Enterprise official said Monday.

"You're talking about a \$1.5-, 2-billion road," said Randy Fox, the turnpike's planning manager. "I suspect the traffic won't pay for the whole project. It might pay for a quarter to half, but that's better than nothing."

Those estimates are loosely based on current costs to build a four-lane, divided, limited-access highway and revenue histories for other Florida toll roads, he said.

The turnpike leaders are

TOLL ROAD TO 8A

Medicine maker moving to Manatee

NICHOLAS AZZARA
Herald Staff Writer

MANATEE — A company that manufactures blood-clotting agents plans to set up shop with 55 scientists and technicians in a 50,000-square-foot plant just north of Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport.

Haemacure, a Canada-based manufacturer of biological adhesives, biomaterials and surgical devices, will take over the plant at 600 Tallevast Road.

Haemacure President Marc Paquin said Manatee County and state incentives were the most significant draw when considering locations.

Paquin said the operation requires a 28-foot-tall warehouse, and builder Aldina L.C. completed a building meeting that specification earlier this year.

The general area where Haemacure plans to locate is increasingly becoming a magnet for medical research companies. Biolife LLC, a company that manufactures powder to stop external bleeding is located at 1235 Tallevast Road. And the



Paquin

MEDICINE TO 8A

T.S. Wilma strengthens, could head toward Gulf

By JOHN PAIN
Associated Press

MIAMI — Wilma, the record-tying 21st tropical storm of the season, formed in the Caribbean on Monday, and forecasters warned it could become a powerful hurricane and hit somewhere along the U.S. Gulf Coast as early as the weekend.

"I think the message is that the season is certainly not over. People in the Gulf Coast are going to have to watch Wilma," said National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30.

Wilma reached tropical-storm strength before dawn, tying the 21-storm record set

Weather watch

- Find the latest updates on the tropical system and how it might affect you at heraldtoday.com.
- For tracking Tropical Storm Wilma, including detailed maps, visit the National Hurricane Center's Web site at www.nhc.noaa.gov.

in 1933. By today, it could become the season's 12th hurricane, which would match another record: There were 12 hurricanes in 1969, the

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Local statistics

The numbers say crime in Manatee and surrounding areas is down for the first six months of 2005.

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