Essay Assignment – Due Friday, May 7

1000 to 1500 Words – Single spaced, 12 point TNR Font

From the Wired.com site, September 2009 issue read the article “Gone Forever: What does it really take to disappear?”
From the Wired.com site, December 2009 issue read the article “Vanish: Finding Evan Ratliff”.
More information is available at http://wired.com/vanish

Start your essay with a very brief overview of the “Gone Forever” article and the “Vanish” project, focusing on the parts that will be most related to the remainder of your essay.

For the remainder of your essay, write with emphasis on one of the following ideas:

1. What mistakes did Evan Ratliff make that could be “fixed” to improve the possibility of success.
2. How was technology used by the “searchers” to find Ratliff.
3. How technology can help a person “vanish forever.”
4. How technology can prevent a person from “vanishing forever.”

Or you may submit an essay idea of your own for approval by Dr. Halverson.