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Increased spending from \$16 billion to \$36 billion, grants are bigger, more students receive them; says expansion paid for with savings from moving student loans from private banks to Dept. of Education



Federal role

Would want Congress to revise the education law to eliminate the federally required steps that failing schools must take to improve; instead, he'd require that states grade the schools so parents could easily tell how they are doing

Has used money and waivers from 2002 No Child Left Behind law to provide incentives to states to do such things as raise standards, reward good teachers and remove poor ones; says costs are less than 1 percent of total U.S. education spending

School choice

Would allow parents of low-income and special-needs children to decide how tax dollars for their children's educations should be spent

Supports school choice within the public school system; has encouraged investments in public charter schools but opposes vouchers

Cost of college

Wants to return student lending to private banks

Wants student borrowers to be able to cap loan payments at 10 percent of income; started tax credit for low-, middle-income families paying for college; wants incentive plan to get colleges to hold down costs

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Matt Panzo speaking to the press during Tuesday's Orlando Solar Bears media day.

Dreams do come true

Orlando Solar Bears give student opportunity

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Some dream it. Some do it.
Matt Panzo grew up in Eustis, Fla. just north of Orlando playing hockey and is now on the brink of earning a final spot on the return of the Orlando Solar Bears team.

Currently attending Valencia College's Winter Park campus, Pan-

zo's dream of earning a professional contract is in the hands of coach Berehowsky.

"Panzo is a shifty forward, he's very creative, he has good speed," said head coach Drake Berehowsky on Panzo's ability to play with the team. "He's done a great job during the tryouts and I thought this kid could handle it."

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College students "Rent-A-Pup"



Nick Lawro / Valencia Voice

UCF students Katherine Johnson and Kristen Blount playing with Jerome on Sept. 26.

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President wins alumni award

By Carol Traynor
Valencia News

Kathleen Plinske, president of the Osceola and Lake Nona campuses of Valencia College, is the 2012 recipient of the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Also on this year's list of IU's distinguished alumni are a former U.S. ambassador and a Hall of Fame women's basketball coach.

In August, Dr. Plinske was also



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Dr. Plinske was nominated for an alumni award at the Indiana University College.

named the 2012 Outstanding Female of the Year in Orlando Business Journal's 40 Under 40 competition.

UCF takes a stand

Knights reign in prescription abuse

By Alexa Rydelek
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The University of Central Florida held their second annual "drug take back" event on Thursday. The goal was to allow students to drop off their unwanted or expired prescription medications free of charge and anonymously.

Megan Pabian, coordinator of university relations and public affairs, says "It is just good practice to clean out your medicine cabinet at least once a year, so we wanted to offer the community a way to do so."

As far as being part of such an event, she described it as "completely exciting."

Prescription drugs have heavily

swept across our nation, and UCF took a stand against this epidemic with their event. UCF received around 31 pounds of medicines last October at their first annual take back. This year UCF more than doubled their collection, reaching 67 pounds.

"This greatly encourages us to host a Drug Take Back event more often, maybe more than just once a year," said Pabian.

"Proper disposal of medications is a necessity in our community; exposure to children can be deadly. We also avoid these supplements getting into the water supply by disposing them properly."

The event also provides aid to prescription drug abusers.

According to Medline Plus, a gov-



Courtesy of UCF News

Second annual "drug take back" event took in 67 pounds of prescription drugs.

ernment funded website, an estimated 20 percent of people in the U.S. use prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons.

UCF received major support from both the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Oviedo Police Department. Pabian says that with such great support they have high hopes of continuing this opportunity to clean out the community.

East advocates sexual responsibility

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Valencia will be holding "sexual responsibility week" this year. The event will be held at East Campus and will serve as a medium to inform attendees on their sexual responsibility.

Those responsibilities have been downplayed in recent years, as reflected by the increase in teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and even domestic violence.

With domestic violence cases prevalent

in pop culture, programs like these become relevant as people are surrounded with these struggles more and more every day.

Darlene Barriere made an appearance at the event last year to give a presentation on abuse prevention and recovery and made it clear that she was a victim of child abuse and sexual assault herself.

The college created awareness week to inform people about the sexual responsibilities of others as well as your own. We learn from people's personal experiences and stories, whether they be about child abuse,

domestic violence, sex or relationships.

Topics for discussion include dating violence and consent, rape and pregnancy.

"Sexual responsibility to me is just your duties as a person when being close to someone, from condoms to pregnancy and your actions. The do's and don'ts," said Valencia student Alex Mirandez on sexual responsibility.

If you would like to attend the event, it will be held on Monday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the East Campus in Bldg 5 in the Great Hall.

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Local shelter fosters out pups

Dog rescue hosts monthly “Rent-A-Pup” event at UCF

By Nick Lawro
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Rescued dogs in need of homes were given a golden opportunity at the University of Central Florida on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Students were given the opportunity to walk a dog for 15 to 20 minutes.

Students lined up as volunteer members of Pet Rescue by Judy orchestrated their monthly “Rent-A-Pup” soiree. This event allows the dogs to get fresh air outside the shelter, while giving the students and faculty a chance to show affection and support for a noble cause.

Since early 2009, Pet Rescue by Judy has collaborated with UCF in providing students with the opportunity to spend quality time with a dog in need.

“A lot of these dogs come from abusive homes, they need a permanent place to stay,” said UCF student Joe Young. Joe walked Turnpike, a yellow 4-year-old German Shepherd and Labrador Retriever mix. Many students enjoy spending time with the dogs in between classes.

The dogs ranged in age, size and breed, each with their own unique personality and appearance. Every dog present at the event displayed obedience and personality as Judy Sarullo, founder of the rescue organization, delegated dogs to those interested in a walk.

“I’ve always loved animals, after leaving the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) I began my own rescue organization,” said Sarullo. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Sarullo’s pet rescue operation.



Nick Lawro / Valencia Voice

Puppies went on 15 to 20 minute walks with UCF students as part of the “Rent-A-Pup” monthly event for pet rescue.

Many students attending UCF live in dorms or apartments which do not permit dogs. For those who are willing and able to foster a pet, the non-profit organization will provide food and medical care until a permanent home is found.

Located in Sanford, Pet Rescue by Judy houses many animals. The organization accepts donations and offers the opportunity to sponsor dogs in need. Once a month the group can be found on the UCF campus in front of the Burnett Honors College building.

For further information regarding Pet Rescue by Judy, visit her website, PetRescueByJudy.com or call her office at 407-302-4497.



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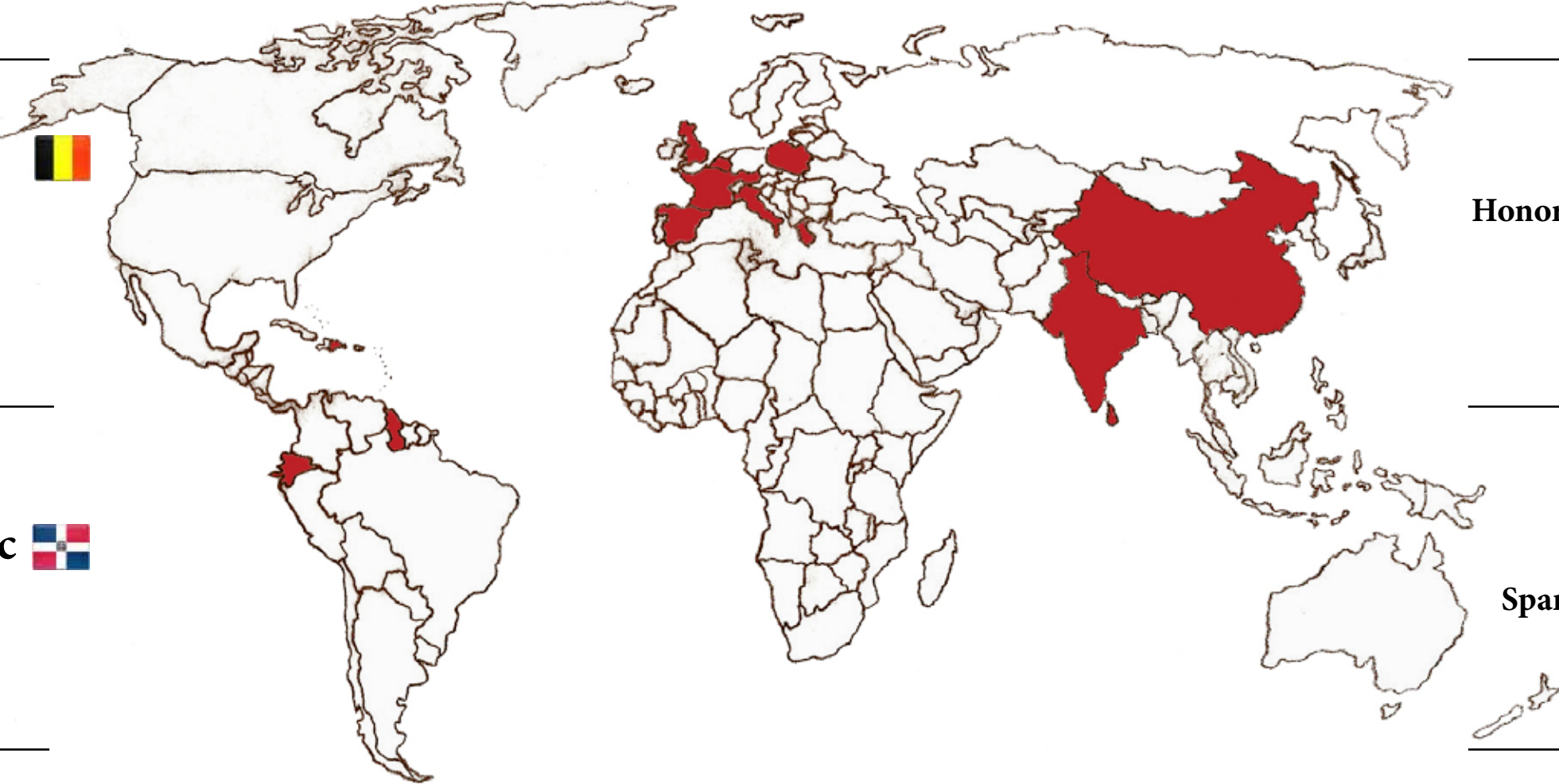







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Group beautifies campus

West installs butterfly garden

By Eileen Ludwig
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The joint effort of the Horticulture Club, Valencia Volunteers of West Campus and the Sustainability Committee took a barren piece of land and created a butterfly harbour, as part of a world wide event on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Valencia Staff and students came together with shovels and gloves to dig and plant.

Using specially identified plants, with nectar sources and host plants, will attract butterflies to the space. Bee balm and tropical sage are examples of nectar sources and milkweed is a host plant. When butterflies come and lay their eggs on the right plants, the garden will be living with butterflies.

The Student Government Association and the Horticulture Club under Dr. Javier Garces sponsored the event.

Dr. Javier Garces is a professor and program chair for the Horticulture Department. Debra Green, director of sustainability, is the primary contact for the butterfly garden. You can access

the Facebook page at Valencia College Sustainability.

The cloudless morning started early with Debra Taylor, working supervisor of grounds maintenance, setting out the plants, hoses, shovels, and rail fencing. Students and staff soon joined in picking up gloves and shovels digging right into the task.

Horticulture Club President Anthony Wilcox said, "The Horticulture Club gave him and other students the opportunity to beautify the environment. Hands on widens their views."

The tropical milkweed and red salvia plants added color to the center collection of plants with the firebush being the centerpiece. Graces said, "One of the best things about horticulture is hands on learning. The butterfly planting provides students with an opportunity to gain hands on learning while beautifying the campus."

Donuts, bananas, apples, juice, and punch were brought by the Volunteer Coordinator Zia-Ur-Rehman Ansari to be enjoyed at the end of the work morning.

Ansari said he was "incredibly thankful for all the volunteers."

More than 25 people came to help plant the butterfly garden.



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The american beauty purple plant is one of the plants at the butterfly garden.

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Kurt Hummel @KurtHummelGLEE
If all else fails, I could just work at a bank in the Cayman Islands.



Jesse Tyler Ferguson @jessetyler
To all those tweeting ME about why you are/aren't voting for Obama: I have a very low attention span & zero clout. Just make sure you VOTE!



jimmy fallon @jimmyfallon
Tonight the mustaches of Ron Swanson and Yosemite Sam battle in the Ultimate Mustache Fighter octagon. @nickofferman has created a monster!



Kai Penn @kalpenn
On Oct 1, 1989, the USPS mistakenly issued a stamp, labeling an apatosaurus as a brontosaurus. ALSO YOUR RENT IS DUE!



braden graeber @hipstermermaid
I think I have more self-doubt than the average person, but I'm probably wrong about that.



Karen @KarenWalkerBot
Honey, love you like a cold sore!



Conan O'Brien @ConanOBrien
I consider myself a 1-percenter since I'm in the 1 percent of people who saw both "Deuce Bigelow" movies.



Neil Patrick Harris @ActuallyNPH
Me, a novelist? Look: huff.to/URt224 I'm so gonna author, like, stories. And write longerer sentences and stuff. Can't wait! #Nobel

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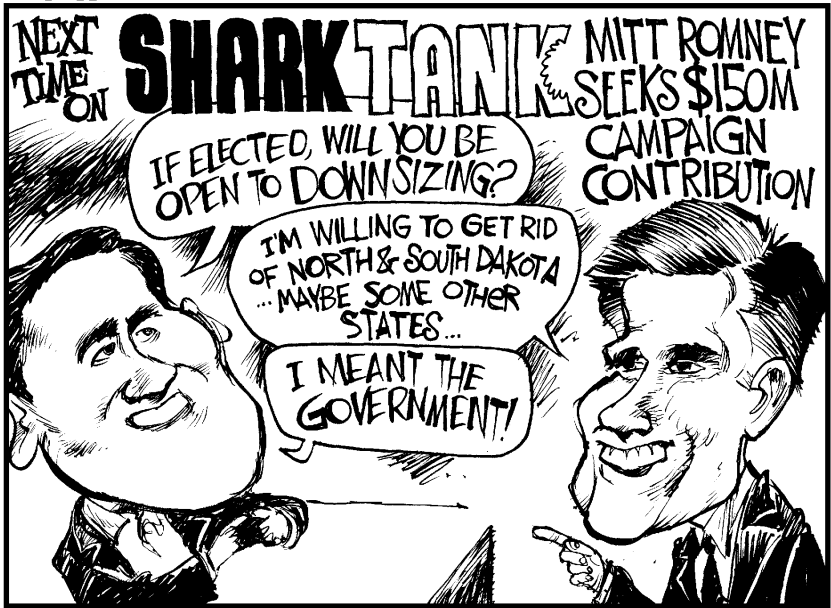
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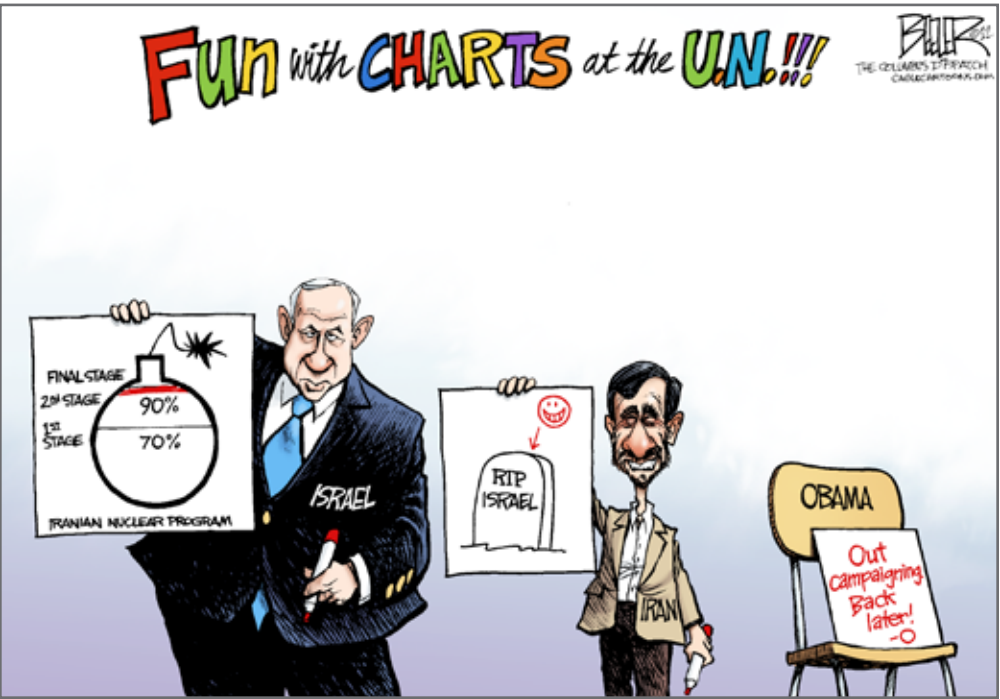
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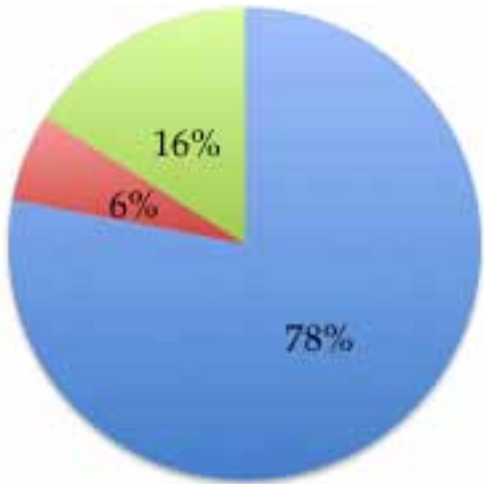


Students weigh in: Who will you vote for in November?

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Out of the 50 students polled last week, 39 want to re-elect President Obama for another term, eight aren't voting for one reason or another and three want to give Mitt Romney a shot on Nov. 6.

Presidential Candidate



- Obama
- Romney
- None



"I'm voting for Obama. I feel like the Republican side is more for war and that's not what we need right now."

— Isis Manar, Senior



"I'm voting for Obama because he's already made a change and I believe he can continue to make it."

— Mari Pantoja, Sophomore



"I want to keep my college grant! If we don't keep Obama, I won't be going to college."

— Travis Taylor, Sophomore



"I'm not voting because I'm not informed, so I don't want to ruin our country."

— Yami Abreu, Freshman



"I'm a seven day adventist. We don't mix government with church."

— Amber Morris, Freshman



"Everyone's entitled to do what they feel. If a woman wants to get an abortion, then that's her choice."

— Joseline Oyomire, Sophomore



"I like Obama. He's making an impact, even though it's not 'noticeable.'"

— Alex Panet, Freshman



"I'm not a political person. I'm not going to vote."

— Juan Rivas, Freshman

Film takes stand against public school system

“Won’t Back Down” reveals many education faults

By Joel Pinero
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Oscar nominee Viola Davis (“The Help”) and Maggie Gyllenhaal (“Batman Begins”) star in the latest film about education: “Won’t Back Down.”

Maggie Gyllenhaal’s character Jamie, a woman living in the lower end of New York, has a daughter who has dyslexia. She is bullied daily and cannot learn due to her disability. The school turns Jamie down when she makes efforts to move her daughter from school.

She then meets Viola Davis’s character Nona, a teacher at the same school, who has issues with her son who also has an initially unnamed disorder.

Although skeptical at first, in an act of frustration the two decide to find out how to overrule the school. The film explores

the difficulty of the task at hand. With talks about unions and the future of their children, decisions have to be made. They risk everything to make a difference.

The movie embraces the fact that if you stand up for what you want and believe in, you can make a change.

In my opinion, the trailer did not do the movie any justice. The film catches your attention from the start and keeps it for the duration of the movie. It has several subplots, but always returns to the main “free-the-school” plotline.

“Won’t Back Down” proved entertaining because it focuses on a subject a lot of people are familiar with. The film also lets you into their homes and personal struggles and inspires emotional investment.

“The movie was great and it made me emotional. I didn’t think it was going to be that good,” said moviegoer Ryma Diaz.



Courtesy of Walden Media

Nona (Viola Davis) and Jamie (Maggie Gyllenhaal) attempt to takeover the school district.

Another attendee, Carlos Mendez, added, “The movie was entertaining, but there was a lot of talking in the movie.”

Roger Ebert, the famous critic wrote, “It embraces a slowly growing movement in which parents vote to take control of their children’s own schools, reward gifted teachers, and throw out overpaid, lazy and administrators held in place by seniority. It all sounds so simple--and it is, because the movie makes it simplistic.”

Opening Oct. 5 “Taken 2”



Rated: PG-13
Running Time: 91 mins.
Genre: Action
Director: Oliver Megaton
Starring: Liam Neeson, Famke Janssen and Maggie Grace

“Frankenweenie”



Rated: PG
Running Time: 87 mins.
Genre: Animation
Director: Tim Burton
Starring: Winona Ryder, Catherine O’Hara and Martin Short

Box Office



“Hotel Transylvania”

Rated:
PG

This Weekend:
\$ 43,000,000

Total Gross:
\$ 43,000,000



“Looper”

Rated:
R

This Weekend:
\$ 21,200,000

Total Gross:
\$ 21,200,000



“End of Watch”

Rated:
R

This Weekend:
\$ 8,000,000

Total Gross:
\$ 26,169,000

UCF fails against Missouri

Mizzou Tigers prove too much for Knights

By Juan Gallardo
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The UCF Knights dropped their second game of the season to the University of Missouri Tigers in a 21-16 thriller. Sophomore quarterback Blake Bortles led the Knights with 267 yards and two touchdowns in front of a home crowd of 35,835 at the Bright House Networks Stadium.

The Knights got on the board with three minutes left in the first quarter on a 42-yard field goal by sophomore Shawn Moffit. The Knights took a gamble early

on the drive going for the 1st down instead of punting at midfield.

Mizzou scored their first points of the game on an 80 yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback James Franklin to freshmen tight end Dorial Green-Beckham in the second minute of the second quarter to give the Tigers a 7-3 lead.

Although it didn't take long for UCF to respond scoring immediately on their next possession, Bortles led the Knights on a 86-yard 7 play drive that culminated in a 14 yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Quincy McDuffie.

Then the bizarre happened with 14 seconds left in the first half Head Coach George O'Leary sent out his field goal unit on third down to attempt the kick when

the offense waved them off the field. The fiasco gave the offense 11 seconds to set up their play before the play clock expired when Mizzou called a time out to stop the clock and allow the Golden Knights more time to set up their play. Bortles was sacked on the subsequent play and the half ended with UCF missing out on the opportunity at the three points.

"I knew it was third down, and I've been through this before and I told Blake whatever you do you don't take a sack," said O'Leary. "well we didn't do that and you just can't give up points like that."

The game was essentially a tale of two halves. The Tigers were gashed in the rushing game in the first half and they made adjustments during the break.

UCF struggled to run the ball in the third quarter only gaining 4 yards in the quarter and their passing game didn't help much as they were only able to complete 2 passes. Mizzou was able to take the lead eight minutes into the third quarter on a 66-yard punt return by sophomore Marcus Murphy to put the score at 14-10.

"I feel like we just lost poise coach always tells us to finish and we just didn't do it," said Johnson.

Tigers then effectively put the game out of reach with a 10 yard touchdown run by senior running back Kendial Lawrence five minutes into the fourth quarter.

UCF was able to get a late touchdown when Bortles hit junior receiver Jeff Godfrey on an 18 yard pass with 4 minutes left



Robert Van Deering/ Valencia Voice

Brynn Harvey (Left) rushes down the 10 yard line as the Knights try to upset SEC Missouri

in the game. After a three and out by Mizzou the Knights were able to move the ball to midfield before a turning the ball over

on a fumble by Godfrey to end the game.

UCF will face East Carolina on Thursday, Oct. 4 in a Conference-USA matchup.



Robert Van Deering/ Valencia Voice

Brandon Alexander (Left) A.J. Bouye (Middle) applying pressure to the Missouri offense

UCF honors veterans

Knights show support to America's own heroes

By Juan Gallardo
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UCF honored all military veterans with a Military appreciation day during the Golden Knights football game against the University of Missouri Tigers. The game featured several military recognitions and there was a mobile museum of Vietnam era military vehicles.

UCF alumni LT. Bradley Miles was one of two pilots in a flyover that took place before the game as well as was honored during halftime along with a group of his fellow veterans during a break in the game.

The Golden Knights football team also has a veteran on the team. Junior walk on Kelly Davison spent five years as a marine before joining the Knights.

The UCF campus is also home to the Veterans Commemorative Site landmark on Memory Mall, a field located between the Student Union and the UCF Arena.

UCF win versus Rice to stay in top 10

Knights get third straight shutout win

By Robert Van Deering
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The No. 10 UCF women's soccer team defeated Rice 1-0 in a tightly contested game. Both teams in the first couple of minutes struggled to keep possession of the ball.

"Marissa and Carleigh job as center back is to step hard one checking forward," said coach Amanda Cromwell. "They are fantastic they are the two best center backs in the country."

UCF settled down and controlled the possession throughout the first half and the entire game. The Knights outshot the Owls 12-0 in the first half. UCF had opportunities early and late in the first half but shot the ball either high or wide of the net.

With much controlled possession of the ball, the Knights led a strong defensive pressure and forced Rice to play a little defensive in the first half. UCF goalkeeper Lianne Maldonado said, "Yeah, definitely concentrated this game just controlling my 18, picking up everything that I can that slipped through or crossed in the air," said Maldonado.

"I owe a lot to the defensive they



Danny Morales / Valencia Voice

Defender Sophie Howard dribbles the ball down the middle of the field on her way to score her first goal for the UCF Knights On Sept. 30

worked really hard they were stuck in the whole time and they were very physical which is good for us when to keep that up the rest of the season if they don't get shots off I'll be good."

The Knights crossed the ball well all game, but, they missed some chances when several of Bianca Joswiak crosses and other players' crosses sparked several chances to score.

The game was tied at halftime, but UCF seemed in control of the game. The Knights

were more aggressive in the second half.

The Knights in the second half made sophomore goalkeeper Amy Czyz make five saves to keep UCF off the board to this point in the match. UCF finally got on the board in the 67th minute when freshman Sophie Howard scored the game winning goal, she took the shot from the top of the 18 yard box to put UCF up 1-0.

Sophie Howard played her fifth game for the Knights. She missed the

non-conference schedule because she was playing in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Japan where she represented the German Women's National Team. Howard said after the game, "I am use to like the German football not as physical but like playing very fast and keeping the ball on the ground. Totally different here but, it's quite interesting to see the two different types." The No. 10 UCF Knights return to play on Oct. 5 when they host Tulsa at 7:00 p.m.

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Solar Bears

Balancing classes and attending hockey practice may seem like a lot, but for Panzo it's all about prioritizing.

"It's tough, it's such a hard schedule, but my teachers have been really great," said Panzo. "My teachers have been really understanding, some of the best teachers I ever had at Valencia."

Panzo began playing hockey at the YMCA when he was 6-years-old, but got into ice hockey when he was 8-years-old.

With the Solar Bears coming back from a 10-year hiatus, Panzo is looking forward to earning an official spot on the roster.

"I used to play at the RDV while I was growing up, and played games during the Solar Bears intermission, so I watched them growing up," he said.

Coach Berehowsky is planning to make several cuts before the start of the regular season and for Matt, proving his worth to the coach means a lot.

"I want to make the final cut and be on the team," said Panzo. "I want to be a player that can contribute and do the small things."

"My goal is to be a contributor," he added.

With preseason beginning on Friday, Oct. 5 against the Florida EverBlades of Estero, Fla., Matt Panzo looks to continue bringing his current form to solidify his spot on the team.

According to Berehowsky, "everything is going to be earned here, nothing is going to be given."

Media day focuses on Vaughn

By Mike Gramajo
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Jacque Vaughn was the center of attention during Monday's Orlando Magic media day, at the practice courts in the Amway Center.

With much speculation regarding the team's new look, Magic head coach Jacque Vaughn will feel no pressure when he starts his job as head coach tomorrow during the team's first practice.

"I feel great, I am not nervous at all," said Vaughn. "I'm prepared for this opportunity, and I'm ready for the challenge."

Even after all what happened with the Dwight Howard saga, Vaughn is in no rush to pick team captains, however, is being open minded on who to pick.

"I have not determined captains, I will see as the season goes along who deserves the title," said Vaughn. "I'm coming in not pre-determined, will I love for it to be a young player? Yes, I wish that's saying good about a young guy."

Vaughn was asked about how the relationships

between him and the veteran players were, he said, "Our main focus is to continue to improve with our veterans and our new guys."

With playoff aspirations being a concern, Vaughn doesn't think the number of wins will define the season. "I'm not going to put a number on what games signify us, I don't know how many games it's going to take to make the playoffs, it's about getting better."

J.J. Redick spoke on Jacque's persona, stating he's looking forward to playing for Vaughn. "I'm looking forward to playing for a good coach, I don't care if he's a former player or not."

"We have a group of veteran players that have all played on winning teams, we may not have a superstar like Dwight Howard, anymore," said Redick. "The frustrating thing is there's five teams that matter in this league, and if you're in a small market and you don't matter, that's frustrating."

The Orlando Magic begins preseason when they play against the New Orleans Hornets in Mexico City, on Oct. 7.

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