

Wheelin' and dealin'

Some teams bulk up while others lose big in the MLB trading frenzy,

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**Summer Break!!!** 

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## Valencia professors rock for a reason

## Teachers use talent to make music, raise funds for students in need

By James Tutten itutten@valenciavoice.com

'The Rouge Scholars' performed at the Rock N' Roll charity concert last Saturday at Valencia's Osceola campus. This event worked to raise money for the "Jane Dewey/ Monty Bilyue Emergency Healthcare Services Scholarship." The band, formed by Valencia professors and

years now raising money for different charities, like tonight's cause to help emergency medical student scholarships through the Valencia foundation," said Al Groccia, math professor and founding member of 'The Rouge Scholars.' "Were happy to be here and we're gonna rock the audience tonight!"

administrative personnel put on a family friendly performance with a surprising

"We've been together for about three

amount of talent.

The concert at the Osceola auditorium was attended by over 40 guests, some bringing their kids out to enjoy the showl. Some classic rock songs by Elvis and the Beatles started off the set, which progressed into newer songs from artists Weezer and Jack Jonson. Graphics behind the band displayed song lyrics for the audience to participate and sing along, and included special video segments for added entertainment.

The band is quite literally a family, seen best in the husband and wife members, Lisa and Brian Macon.

"At first I just came to sing for one song, but I loved it so much I just kept coming back" said Lisa Macon, Valencia professor of Information Technology.



'The Rogue Scholars' count Valencia professors and a dean among their members.

Macon will also be the new Dean for Business, IT & Public Service, beginning in the fall semester.

"They know us professionally as college faculty and administrators, so the fact that we are doing something in a band is usually pretty surprising," said Brian Macon, drummer for the 'Scholars' and a math professor at Valencia's Lake Nona campus. Macon is currently "balancing work, family, my music, and working on my doctorate at UCF."

Everyone enjoyed the show and the attendees felt good about contributing to the Valencia foundation.

"It's a great show with a wide range of music selection," said Jack Thomas. "They really are some talented musicians."

The funds raised through this event go to assist with helping students to finish school and move on with their professional careers. In addition to the Valencia Foundation, this band has raised money for Give Kids the World, Freedom Ride, Orange County Families in Transition, and the American Cancer Society.

For more on 'The Rouge Scholars,' go to their Facebook page or email Al Groccia at algroccial@gmail.com.



Al Groccia, guitarist and singer, starts the show with help from a young audience member.

## Graduate students will pay more for loans under debt deal

By Douglas Hanks and Michael Vasquez

The Miami Herald / MCT

Graduate students wound up on the "Loser" list from Washington's debt deal.

Tucked into the bill that would enact the \$2.4 trillion debt-reduction plan is a provision that would force graduate students to pay interest on student loans while still in school. Currently, Washington picks up the interest payments for graduate students while they attend school.

The cut is part of a surprise compromise that preserves tuition payments for low-income college students under the Pell grant program. While Pell grants were expected to take big spending hits next year,

President

would have the

\$15 trillion

Barack Obama

authority to raise the

Current ceiling

\$14.3 trillion

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ceiling \$400 billion

Debt ceiling under the pending deal

Actual debt — Debt ceiling — Increases in debt ceiling

be put in place

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, White House Office of Management and Budget

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to raise the ceiling

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they emerged almost fully funded in the debt deal, said Terry Hartle, spokesman for the American Council on Education, which lobbies for colleges and universities.

"It was an outcome that was unimaginable just a couple of weeks ago," Hartle said. "For Miami Dade College, the budget agreement is good news. It's not as good of a deal for students, say, at the University of Miami."

While the details were sketchy as Washington raced to resolve a debt crisis by Tuesday, education professionals said the deal will mean real changes to how many graduate students fund their education.

Pell grants account for about \$500 million in tuition assistance in South Florida. Miami Dade College,

c A bipartisan committee

recommending additional

amount cut, the ceiling could

go up another \$1.2 trillion

to \$1.5 trillion by the end

of the year

cuts; depending on the

would be charged with

the largest community college in the country, received about \$175 million in Pell grants for the last school year, said Mercedes Amava, head of financial aid for the school. Preliminary 2011 figures at usaspending.gov had MDC receiving \$117 million, easily the top recipient among South Florida schools.

Low-income families and students can apply for Pell grants, and they cover up to \$5,500 in tuition. The interest-free loans for graduate school are also based on need, but students can usually qualify because post-graduate education is so costly. Students may borrow up to \$8,500 a year using the interest-free

University of Miami Director of Financial Assistance James Bauer said the proposed student loan change would affect thousands of UM graduate students. With interest now accruing while they're in school, grad students' overall debt will creep higher, Bauer said, perhaps leading some to default on their loans altogether.

"Nobody knows where that tipping point is," Bauer said.

By forcing graduate students to pay interest while attending school, the federal government should save about \$18 billion over the next 10 years, according to the Council's estimates. The Pell grants will cost about \$35 billion next year under the debt deal, down slightly from the current \$37 billion funding level.

The changes in graduate-school loans, including those for law school and medical school, would take effect July 1, 2012, so loans taken out before then will remain interest-free during the student's enrollment, Hartle said.



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## Blast from the past

## Teen Nick brings back shows from the '90s

By Jenna Scherer and Joshua Walovitch Boston Herald / MCT

The Facebook generation gets what it wants. And if there's one thing Gen Yers love more than anything else, it's 1990s television.

Thanks to 20- and 30-somethings clamoring on Facebook and Twitter, Nickelodeon has pulled some of its most beloved Clinton-era shows out of the vaults. "The '90s Are All That," a new late-night block on TeenNick, premiered this week with four shows: "Kenan & Kel," "Doug," "All That" and "Clarissa Explains It All." Viewers can watch more clips and episodes on 90sareallthat.teennick.com, a site that asks, "Remember when your life didn't suck?"

Response has been seismic. On Monday, 555,000 viewers tuned in from midnight to 4 a.m., "Doug" was the top search hit on Google for the day, and the rest of the shows trended on Twitter. Nickelodeon will consider the next round of shows to feature based on online fan demand, including cult favorites like "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" "Salute Your Shorts" and "Double Dare."

That these neo-retro reruns are getting so much love from viewers comes as no surprise to Keith Dawkins, senior vice-president of Nickelodeon Programming Partnerships. Between the demand coming in from social media sites and in the Nick offices, he said it was the perfect moment to re-release the network's '90s classics.

"A group of young interns and staffers showed us these numbers and said, 'We'd love to see these back on TV,'" Dawkins said. "It was a bat across the face like, duh, let's do this now."

James Zar, 19, a Boston University junior, was among the 15 million people who joined one of the Facebook groups pushing for the shows' return. "I think everyone likes to remember when they were kids. The humor was simple and good-hearted, and that made the shows funny," he said of the old-school Nick appeal.

"We were so little and impressionable, and these shows really stuck in our memories," said Jamaica Plain resident Thom Dunn, 25, whose favorite was quirky comedy "The Adventures of Pete & Pete."

Now watching it as an adult, he said, "It's definitely a kid's show, but it's also so bizarre and brilliant."

Everyone has a favorite show from the '90s run, whether it's a Nicktoon or a live-action comedy from the station's Saturday-evening Snick lineup.

"I probably remember every single episode of 'Rugrats,' my favorite being the Passover special where Angelica was the Pharaoh," said Simmons College grad student Bekah Cline, 24.

Though older generations may claim that it's a little too early to wax nostalgic for the '90s, local fan Annie Kozakiewicz, 24, begs to differ. "We're going through a hard time right now," she said. "It's a good escape to go back to these shows from back then. This is the first time we've been able to claim nostalgia that's our own."



# Where are they now?

1990s Nickelodeon stars find continued success in Hollywood





Above: Amanda Bynes has starred in several films.
Top: Michelle Trachtenberg stars on 'Gossip Girls.'



Kenan Thompson continued his comedy career as a regular on Saturday Night Live.



Above: Melissa Joan Hart stars on 'Melissa & Joey.'
Top: Nick Cannon hosts 'America's Got Talent."

## **FEATURES**

## The almighty 90's

Teen Nick kicks off the end of summer with the return of some classic shows

## **By Shannon Metherell** smetherell@valenciavoice.com

They are finally back; the one thing that me and my friends have been talking about for forever—the shows our generation grew up with and loved.

Last Monday, Teen Nick started two two hour intervals of classic Nickelodeon shows such as "All That," "Doug," "Clarissa Explains It All," and "Kenan and Kel." It starts at midnight and runs until two in the morning, and then repeats again until four a.m.

I am very excited for this phenomenon, I still believe that the 90's era of television was the best era for kid shows.

Watching these shows for the past week have brought back so many memories, like when I used to draw the characters from Doug and hang them up on the fridge. Or how my friends and I used to reenact the Rugrats, acting like babies and getting into trouble when we play tricks on our parents. This is the greatest thing that television has done.

I used to watch the shows religiously, so hearing about them coming back made my heart skip a beat and had me hooked from the start. I stopped watching television after I grew up and saw that the shows for kids were not the same as they



'Rugrats' was equally as popular on the big stage as a musical.

used to be. SpongeBob could be considered the millennium's "Rugrats" but nothing compares to the original show.

I have seen every episode of the almighty 90's, and personally am looking forward to seeing "Hey Arnold" since he was my cartoon crush when I was younger! Seeing these shows come back brought a smile to my face, and I hope that Teen Nick keeps it permanent just as GAS has with reruns of "Legends of the Hidden Temple" and "Double Dare 2000."

Kudos to new media merging with the old and making millions of people from my generation ecstatic! You know what I would love to see next? 90's Disney.

If you want to follow more on 'The 90's Are All That' with schedules, polls, as well as other interactions please visit www.90sareallthat.teennick.

## What was your favorite 90's Nickelodeon show?



"'Hey Arnold.' I loved that show and his football-shaped head."

—Catherine Lewis



"'Rugrats' is my favorite. I love how Tommy always took charge."

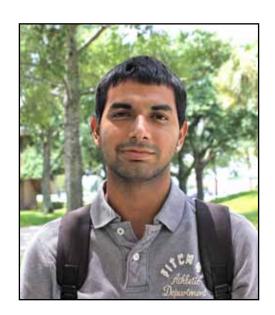
—Dameshia Marshall



"Hey Arnold' is my favorite. It had a real unique comedy style."

—Michael Atencio

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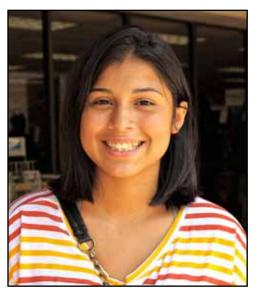
"Rocket Power' because it showed extreme sports like surfing and skating."

—Akbar Pabani



"'Clarissa Explains It All.' I loved her sense of style and I could relate to her."

—Lorca Morales



"'All That.' I loved all the sketches, and Kenan and Kel were my favorite."

—Bianca Martinez



"'Rugrats' was my favorite. Phil and Lil, the twins were the best characters and I loved Angelica." —Isaac Herrera



"'All That' because it's a bunch of shows combined into one and it's really entertaining."

-Mandy Cora

## Twitterland talk: debt deal

"Senate passes #DebtCeiling bill. What I learned? If you act like an obstinate, cantankerous child, you don't have to eat your vegetables."

#### -@walshcommafrank

"Anyone who characterizes the debt-ceiling deal as a victory for the Am people over partisanship understands neither politics nor economics."

#### - @RBReich

"US averted default. Anyone want to party? Yeah, I didn't think so. #debtceiling"

### -@timmytink

"Nobody should cheer this deal. In real terms lower govt spending means less govt jobs. When we have 9.4% unemployment this is bitter pill."

#### -@icarmagic

"You know that bus that the GOP just threw the unemployed, poor, sick and elderly under? THAT was the Teaparty Express. #debtceiling"

#### -@DCdebbie

"Tonight: The GOP has allowed Democrats to raise the #debtceiling. Dems hope to move forward soon on permission for breathing and existing."

## - @ The Daily Show

"Deal will save just enough to pay for bipartisan committee needed to recommend more cuts. #debtceiling" **@MoRocca** 

"Somewhere, there is a room of billionaires smoking cigars and filling the room with maniacal laughter. #debtceiling"

### -@Ziggy\_Daddy

"THIS JUST IN- I take cookies more seriously than Congress takes the #debtceiling. Or just about anything, for that matter."
-@Mrs Landingham

"This is a prime expample of cutting off our noses to spite our face. #debtceiling."

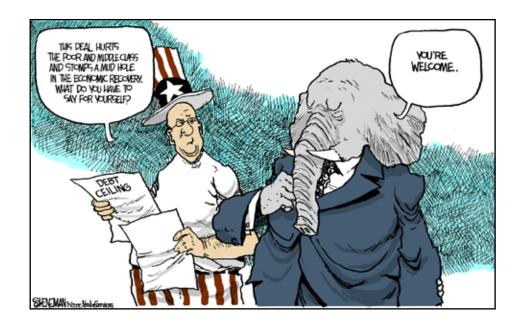
#### -@MARLONLWAYANS

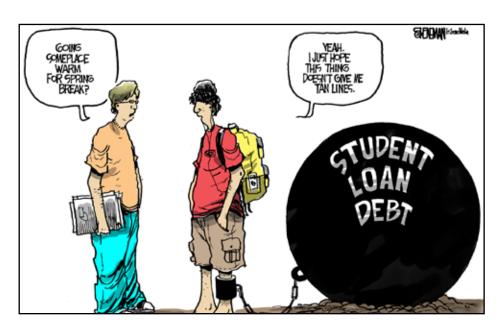
"So deal done. Let the lost decade begin. #debtceiling" -@markos

"After #debtceiling passage, Prez says must close tax loopholes, have rich/corps pay their share. Now that Dems folded, how will that happen?"

#### -@PunditMom

"The #debtceiling will get raised but I haven't seen a deal this one-sided since the Indians traded Manhattan for a handful





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## Partisan bickering hinders progress

## Debt deal pulls the curtain back on political posturing in Congress

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The drama is finally over and the House and Senate finally passed a deal to raise the debt ceiling. Thanks to the power of compromise and unity, we've avoided default.

Bovine excrement.

All of this posturing and arguing and partisan politics was pointless. Obama would have t invokes the 14th Amendment and raised the debt ceiling himself if an agreement hadn't been reached. This would have the added benefit of not having to cut into programs that aren't even contributing to the problem.

There's a lot of places to point fingers. Let's start with the Tea Party. These guys are the political equivalent of biblical literalists, rigidly adhering to their agenda, no matter how wrong or misguided. It's a group that had its leadership usurped by businessmen and paranoid schizophrenics who couldn't pass a high school civics class.

The Tea Party claims to be non-partisan, but how many of them ran for Democratic office? Their agenda is simply to take every bit of Neo-conservative rhetoric and mix it with Ayn Randian fiction and treat it like the Ten Commandments. They're an army that any hardcore Reagan Republican could only dream of having. But they've grown too big.

We've ended up with a new batch of criminal governors whose only goal is to dismantle their states for the benefit of their rich friends, while disenfranchising anyone who has the audacity to earn less than six figures a year. We've got congresspeople who are as unfamiliar with the Constitution as they are with Foucault's Pendulum. Swirl in a complete lack of empathy or ability to compromise, and top with a paranoia of Communists, Socialists and Muslims that would make McCarthy vomit, and you have the present political climate.

The Democrats aren't much better. Most are so terrified of losing their seats, that they take weak, centrist positions and become indistinguishable from your typical Conservative, except with less money. Modern Democrats won't stir the waters because the Republicans have made an art form out of turning anything a Democratic politician does that is left of Mister Rogers into the equivalent of eating babies.

But the gutsiest Democrats don't often seem to have much problem winning their elections. Al Franken isn't going anywhere, and Democrats everywhere look to him as a beacon of what our politicians should be. Alan Grayson is poised to make a comeback and can run on a platform of "I told you so."

As for the Republicans, there's not much to say. They're held hostage by the Tea Party, who is perfectly willing to turn on any Republican who dares have a civilized discussion with a Democrat. They smell compromise like a shark smells blood, and the result is pretty much the same.

The whole game is fixed. The only

reason the debt ceiling deal took as long as it did, is because everybody involved wanted it to come down to the wire. Professional wrestling has a term known as "kayfabe," which is basically when they pretend everything that happens is real, even off-camera, but everything is pre-scripted and the outcomes are known well in advance.

The debt ceiling deal and the back and forth between the Democrats and the Republicans and the House and the Senate was kayfabe at it's finest.

We're being treated like idiots and our political system is being presented like a combination of reality television and sports. People choose their team, and root for them blindly, turning even the most mundane of political decisions into the Iron Bowl.

Politicians pretend to know what the Founding Fathers envisioned, but they never mention that their predecessors did NOT want political parties. They feared that a party system would end up being a cesspool of bickering and would cease working towards the common good. Sound familiar?

Get rid of the parties. If our elected officials had to run based entirely on their policies and integrity, the worst of the political gridlock would end and perhaps we could work towards multiple parties and a more representational government. The biggest pothead in Modesto, California deserves exactly the same amount of representation as the most uptight free-marketeer in Provo, Utah.

## Who got what in debt deal

Dems

President Barack Obama and congressional leaders agreed on a deal to raise the federal debt limit that includes sharp spending cuts but no new taxes.

## **Democrats wanted**

- Debt ceiling increase to pay bills through 2012
- No cuts to Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security benefits
- Cuts to military spending if domestic programs were cut
- Tax increases for upper-income earners

## Republicans wanted

- Spending cuts to match debt-ceiling increase dollar for dollar
- No tax increase
- · Limited cuts to defense
- Entitlement reform
- Congressional vote on a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution

## Democrats got

- A debt-limit increase of \$2.4 trillion in three stages
- Increase gives borrowing power to pay bills through 2012

## Republicans got

- No tax increases
- Immediate \$917 billion in cuts
- Congress to vote by end of year on balanced budget amendment

A 12-member bipartisan congressional committee will find up to additional \$1.5 trillion in cuts; may consider tax reform and entitlement changes

- If committee's recommendations are not adopted, half of spending cuts would come from defense; no cuts to Social Security or Medicaid
- If committee's recommendations are not adopted, half of spending cuts would come from domestic programs

## Debt deal winners?



President Obama

Avoids being the first president to preside over default by getting a debt-limit increase; some say he gave up too much on Democratic priorities with compromise

### Speaker John Boehner

Praised for negotiating ability and forced spending cuts; struggled to control the Republican majority and final deal isn't as conservative as original plan



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## One crazy, smart film

## 'Crazy, stupid, love' is more than a typical romantic comedy

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'Crazy, Stupid, Love' is categorized as a romantic comedy, but don't judge a book by its cover. This movie is far from the generic rom-com formula of boy meets girl, they fall in love, they have a fight, they make up, and they live hap-



Ryan Gosling is the ultimate ladies man.



The bro-mantic chemistry between Gosling and Carrel adds depth to 'Crazy, Stupid, Love."

pily ever after.

This kind of movie only comes out once in a blue moon. It is smart, funny, and unpredictable.

"... don't judge a book by its cover."

Cal Weaver (Steve Carrel) is a suburban dad that has unconsciously let himself go after 20-plus years of marriage. While on a date with his wife (Julian Moore) he asks her what she wants; he says dessert while she says divorce. On the car ride home she confesses she cheated on him with a co-worker named David Lindhagen (Kevin Bacon).

Cal goes to a bar for days and complains about his wife cheating on him to everyone in close distance. After two days of hearing Cal complain, Jacob (Ryan Gosling) takes pity on him and de-

cides to take him under his wing. Jacob is a very well dressed womanizer who gives Cal tips on fashion and picking up women.

Jacob's dating life changes after Hannah (Emma Stone) steps into his life. Hannah is a law student that is different than all the other women Jacob has dated. Cal gets an opportunity to help his wing man out when Jacob calls and asks advice on how to act around Hannah's mom.

Every single actor in this movie did an excellent job. The chemistry between Gosling and Carrel generates a lot of genuine laughs through out the whole movie, but the actor that I was most impressed by was Gosling.

This movie has several layers, each of which is unique and entertaining. One part didn't over power or take anything away from another part. The pacing couldn't be better. From the second it starts to the second it finishes you will be entertained.

## A smurfing good movie

## Blue critters trade mushroom for Big Apple

By: Mary Stevens mstevens@valenciavoice.com

The Smurfs cartoon version is so 1980's. The beloved tiny blue men (and one woman) have truly come to life in this generation on the big screen, through the magic of CGI.

But not everything has changed, the word 'Smurf' can still be used in several different contexts. For example, "Where the Smurf are we?"

The adventure begins when the peaceful Smurf village is attacked by the villain Gargamel (Hank Azaria). The Smurfs panic and run into the woods. A group of six Smurfs are followed by Gargamel, including Papa (Jonathan Winters), Smurfette (Katy Perry), Gusty (Alan Cumming), Brainy (Fred Armisen), Grouchy (George Lopez), and Clumsy (Anton Yelchin). The group takes a wrong turn and they end up face to face with a portal, which transports them to New York City, a perfect place for the chase that ensues as Gargamel follows the hapless Smurfs.

When they arrive at the Big Apple,

Clumsy stumbles into a box that Patrick Winslow (Neil Patrick Harris) is carrying to his apartment. The other Smurfs follow them by camouflaging themselves in a Blue Man Group sign. Patrick and his expectant wife, Grace (Jayma Mays), discover the Smurfs in their apartment.

Grace becomes very accepting of the Smurfs, while Patrick is too distracted by his job to pay attention to them. Patrick is a marketing executive who is under pressure to do his job right after he gets a promotion. His boss, Odile (Sofia Vergara) is extremely demanding, constantly threatening to fire Patrick.

The Smurfs are very entertaining, especially for kids. Each Smurf is named after its character trait, but we learn through the movie that, like us, Smurfs are complex characters.

Vergara is great in her role, using her trademark accent to elicit laughs. She has a very funny scene when she can't pronounce Gargamel.

Kids will love this movie and if you are a fan of the original cartoon your inner child might just come out.

## Smurftastic tweets: Fans share love for little blue men

- slackermommy75- Jen: The Smurfs was actually pretty Smurftastic. :-)
- LFals- Lysandra Falsitta: Just watched smurfs the movie :D Soo smurfing cute
- Planet\_Tiffany-Tiffany Lane: The Smurfs is an amazing movie! :D
- PsLolaLovesLala- Alyssia Briana: The Smurfs were so cute, i love that movieee
- HouseOfNall- Jillian Nall: just saw smurfs in 3D with the kiddo:)

## **Six-shooters** meet space monsters

## 'Cowboys & Aliens' boasts star power

**By Mary Stevens** mstevens@valenciavoice.com

I wasn't expecting much out of 'Cowboys and Aliens.' I thought this was going to be predictable like all the other scifi movies out there. But boy was I wrong. The movie kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time.

Set in the 1800's in a small cowboy town in Arizona, the movie's opening scene depicts Jake Lonergan (Daniel Craig) waking up in the middle of the

"The movie kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time."

Arizona desert with a mysterious device around his wrist. He takes a horse from some unlucky cowboy and rides into a small town. He has no memory of who he is, but throughout the movie he has flashbacks of his past and slowly discovers the dark person he was.

Lonergan comes into town, picks a fight, and winds up at the sheriff's office, where he is recognized on a wanted poster. But after the aliens attack and kidnap



Daniel Craig stars as a cowboy with amnesia and a mysterious connection to the aliens.

most of the people in the town, Lonergan must team up with the locals to try take back some of their people.

Colonel Dolarhyde, (Harrison Ford) the richest man in the small town, tags along to rescue his son from the aliens. Ford wore the essential cowboy hat after much cajoling by producers, rumor has it. The actor was afraid the cowboy hat would have too much of a resemblance of the hat he wore in Indiana Jones.

Elle (Oliva Wilde), the only woman on the journe, y believes she can help Lonergan with his amnesia. The best part about this movie was Lonergan learning his past. This is because the audience only knows what he knows. Setting up the audience to run in the same wavelength as the main character.

'Cowboys and Aliens' might have a lame and unappealing tilte, but it was a good sci-fi western.

## Upcoming summer blockbusters

**By Mary Stevens** mstevens@valenciavoice.com

What better way to beat the heat on your summer break than in a airconditioned movie theatre? Thankfully there are enough upcoming attractions to keep you distracted until the fall semester.

## **Opening August 5**

## Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Starring: James Franco, Andy Serkis, and Freida Pinto.

A scientist performs animal testing on an apes, which leads the apes to become extremely intelligent and seek revenge.

## The Change Up

Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Jason Bateman, and Oliva Wilde.

A family man switches bodies with his womanizing best friend and finds their lives are polar opposites.

## **Opening August 12**

## 30 Minutes or Less

Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Aziz Ansari, and Nick Swardson.

Two phony criminals kidnap a pizza delivery guy and force him to rob a bank by strapping a bomb to his chest.

## **Final Destination 5**

Starring: Emma Bell, Nicholas

D'Agosto, and Miles Fisher.

A group of co-workers cheat death and are forced to face the consequences in the fifth installment of this long-running series.

## Glee: The 3D Concert Movie

Starring: Corey Monteith, Dianna Argon, and Lea Michele

A documentary of the Glee's cast on tour during the summer of 2011.

## The Help

Starring: Emma Stone, Viola Davis, and Octavia Spencer

A southern society girl writes a book over a Mississippi's town code of conduct (circa 1960's) and makes unpredictable friendships.

## **Opening August 19**

### Conan the Barbarian

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Conan the Cimmerian adventures through the continent of Hyboria seeking to avenge his father's death.

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Starring: Anne Hathaway, Jim Sturgess, and Patricia Clarkson.

Dexter and Emma check in with each other every year on the same day to reflect where they are in their lives.

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Starring: Jessica Alba, Jeremy Piven, and Joel McHale.

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Starring: Anton Yelchin, Colin Farrell, and David Tennant

A teenage boy believes his neighbor is a vampire that is responsible for numerous deaths, but no one believes him.

## **Opening August 26**

## Columbiana

Starring: Zoe Saldana, Michael Vartan, and Callum Blue.

A young woman grows up being a killer hoping to find the men who killed her parents in front of her when she was just a child.

### **Our Idiot Brother**

Starring: Paul Rudd, Elizabeth Banks, and Zooey Deschanel.

Three sisters are forced to take in their homeless brother who causes chaos in their lives.

## **Opening August 31**

### The Debt

Starring: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington, and Tom Wilkinson.

Two retired secret agents hear shocking news about their former colleague and set off on a thrilling espionage mission set in 1997.

## **Sports Nuts**

By Bryan Levine & Rofkens Petit-Homme blevine@valenciavoice.com rpetithomme@valenciavoice.com

**BL**: The NFL is back and better than ever. It seems like every team is making big moves. The biggest move might be Nnamdi Asomugha going to the Eagles. They're calling themselves the "Miami Heat of Football."

**RPH**: I'm sorry I didn't hear you over the parade in downtown Philadelphia. Eagles have Vince Young, Mike Vick, Desean Jackson, and the guy from the diabetes commercials, Andy Reid.

**BL**: Jackson is holding out for a better contract. You would think after a summer filled with negotiations and a possibility of there being no NFL, that players would be eager to get on the field and not continue to worry about money.

**RPH**: I feel like I am watching Jerry Mc-Guire. Show me the money! That's what it is all about, example USMNT just hired a German to coach us to victory.

**BL**: That didn't have to do with money, that had to do with Bill Bradley not being able to coach the team to any big wins. But why are we even talking about soccer before we talk about the MLB trade deadline? The Phillies scored huge with Hunter Pence. I don't give any other NL team a chance this season.

**RPH**: I don't care about baseball until October! The USMNT has their first game against Mexico Aug. 10. We will crush them like cockroaches.

**BL**: How about we talk about the other kind of football. The Jets still think they're the best team in the AFC East, but OchoCinco is now a member of the

Patriots and I know he's hungry for a Super Bowl. Who do you take to come out of the AFC East?

**RPH**: Everyone knows the Pats are going to win it. Plus with all that aggression in Jets territory they are due to implode any day now.

**BL**: I don't think that the Pats are going to win it. There are plenty of teams who have just as much of a chance as New England. Teams aren't even done signing people yet. Who knows what kind of "Super team" is left out there to assemble.

**RPH**: I know, the Packers, plain and simple. By the way, why haven't we talked about NCAA football?

**BL**: UNC is the newest school to violate NCAA rules. They fired their head coach and the AD resigned. Why does it seem like so many big programs are doing such unethical things lately?

**RPH**: Rule number one of operating a Division I football program: Do not get caught.

**BL**: Let me stop you there. How about rule number one being 'don't do illegal things?'

**RPH**: Everyone knows the NCAA is the biggest hypocrite. If a player sells his jersey, he could get suspended, yet the NCAA has contracts with video games making millions off of players' likenesses. That should be the crime.

**BL**: That's just the way it is. You make money for the school while you are broke, and in return you get to go to the NFL and make millions of your own dollars. I think that's a pretty fair deal if you ask me.



Outfielder Hunter Pence was traded from the Houston Astros to the Philadelphia Phillies.

## Phillies win deadline sweepstakes

## Astros trade away talent

By Bryan Levine blevine@valenciavoice.com

The biggest winner of the trade deadline sweepstakes has to be the Philadelphia Phillies. With the best record in baseball (68-39), the Phillies managed to snag the best talent available, in outfielder Hunter Pence.

In 100 games with the Houston Astros, Pence hit .309 with 62 RBIs and scored 49 runs. As the only Astros representative in the 2011 mid-summer's classic, Pence has played his entire career for the sub-par team.

The Phillies on the other hand have won the NL east every year since 2007, and only had one gaping hole in their lineup - right field. Now that they have an allstar to fill the void, the Phillies are nearly guaranteed to win their division for the fifth straight season.

The Texas Rangers, reigning American League champions, are also big winners at the deadline. Backed by young solid starting pitching and even better hitting, the Rangers' main concern was their bullpen. No longer a concern for them, the Rangers went out and acquired two strong relievers in Mike Adams and Koji Uehara,

Pence's former team were the biggest losers. Not only did the Astros give away their best player in Pence, but also shipped the speedy Michael Bourn off to Atlanta to join the Braves. Bourn has stolen over 200 bases in his career and commits very few errors in the outfield.

Houston will undoubtedly be stuck in the cellar of the NL Central for quite some time. After giving away their two best assets and receiving young talent in return, the new players won't be MLB-ready for years to come.

Next on the biggest loser list is the New York Yankees. Equally as famous for their off-season deals as they are for midseason blockbuster trades, the Yankees failed to make any moves this year.

Although they have the second best record in the American League, injuries have been piling up for the Bronx Bombers. Considering they are trailing rivals the Boston Red Sox in the standings, and the Sox made some big moves (acquiring SP Erick Bedard from Seattle), it is shocking the Yankees were suffice with what they have.

The biggest surprise was the pro-activeness of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Nineteen years after the last time the Pirates made a trip to the post-season, they now find themselves right in the thick of things for the battle of the NL Central title.

As the Cinderella's of the National League, the Pirates hope to delay the strike of midnight with the acquisitions of Gold Glove winner and all-star Derek Lee and former Cardinal Ryan Ludwick.



Astros also traded outfielder Michael Bourn.

## **National Football Conference**

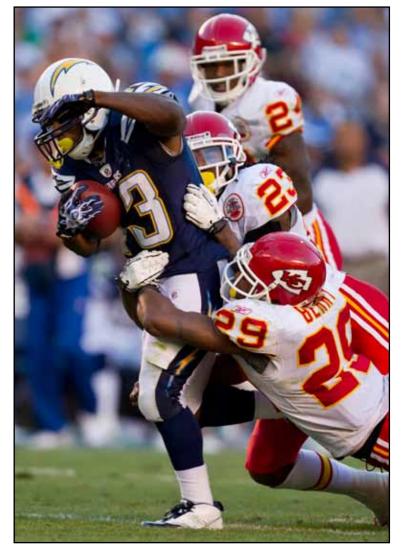
## Trades, inquisitions, money, drama, and winning in the NFC.

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## **NFC East**

#### **Giants**

bert because of cap casualties, while Coach Cough- million; \$25 million of that is guaranteed.



Running back Darren Sproles will try to fill the shoes of former New Orleans Saints, Reggie Bush.

lin had his contract extended. The Giants have also re-signed with RB Aman Bradshaw.

## Cowboys

Cowboys signed a 4 year contract with Doug Free worth \$32 million, \$17 million of which is guaranteed.

## **Eagles**

Former Raiders CB Nnamdi Asomugha, the offseason most wanted free agent, signed a five year The NY Giants have released O'Hara and Seu- contract with the Eagles. The contract is worth \$60

#### **Redskins**

Pick up RB Tim Hightower from Cradinals for Veteran DE Vollie Holliday. They also have resigned WR Santana Moss. And at the quarterback position they have two rookies that are not worthy of being named and two seasoned blokes that the fans don't really care about.

## **NFC North**

## **Vikings**

McNabb will be traded to the Minnesota Vikings but he is not going to get the salary of \$12.5 million that he was asking for. This is mostly because the Vikings can't afford it, but probably also because all he has to due is hand the ball off to Adrian Peterson and coast to a Superbowl.

#### **Bears**

The Bears acquired WR Roy Williams from the Cowboys. The Bears just added another former Cowboy to their team; running back Marion Barber signed a two year, \$5 million deal.

### **Packers**

Seem to be laying low, seeing how the won the 'belt' last year. Although head coach McCarthy has his doubts on initial flaws.

#### Lions

Signed Nick Farley from Auburn, turning them into the true defensive power house in the division.



Quarterback Donnovan Mcnabb hopes to make a big impact with his new team the Minnesota Vikings.

## **NFC South**

#### Bucs

DE Adrian Clayborn is the first to be signed from the first round draft choice to be signed by Tampa Bay. He was the 20th overall draft pick in the first round. The Bucs also added LB Adam Heyward on a three year deal.

#### **Falcons**

Falcons signed former Viking DE Ray Edwards on a five year contract, rounding out an already fantastic team that could create some serious heat this year.

#### **Panthers**

The largest free agent contract was sign by the Panthers. DE Charles Johnson will receive \$32 million over six years, guaranteed, with a possibility of another \$40 mil. A lot of QBs in Carolina though, Cam Newton, Jimmy Clausen and now Dennis An-

derson is a week off of retirement and looking to sign in as a contributor.

#### Saints

Picked up Darren Sproles from the Chargers. New Orleans won't miss a beat this season.

## **NFC West**

#### Seahawks

Tavaris Jackson is set to sign with the Seahawks. He served as a back up to the veteran Bret Favre in the past two years. Former Viking Percy Harvin also headed for Seattle.

#### Rams

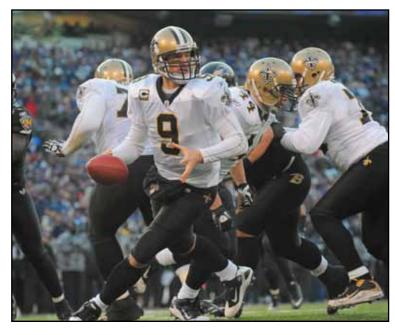
Seem to be doing well for themselves, picking up WR Maurice Sims-Walker from the Jags and Safety Quintin Mikell from the Eagles. The have Sam Bradford coming off of the injury and are prepared to be second in the division

### 49ers

Re-signed Alex Smith for three more years, who stood out last year in an otherwise lackluster division.

#### **Cardinals**

Kevin Kolb was traded from the Eagles to the Cardinals. Todd Heap was just added to the mix making the Cardinals an offensive power house with the names of ,WR Larry Fitzgerald,TE Todd Heap and RB Beanie Wells



Quarterback Drew Breeze will stay in New Orleans.

## American Football Conference

## Trades, inquisitions, money, drama, and winning in the AFC.

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## **AFC** east

### **Jets**

Mark Sanchez is a team player. He wants to have a winning season so bad he called his agent and told him he would be willing to redo his contract so the Jets could sign back Santonio

Holmes. The result: Holmes is still a Jet.

Palexico Burres signed a one year contract with the NY Jets.

## **Dolphins**

Reggie Bush gets signed for a two year deal for \$10 million, just shy of the \$11.5 he requested. we'll see if he's worth the money in Miami this year.

#### **Patriots**

A definite steal from the Chicago Bears, the Patriots picked up Albert Haynesworth in a three team trade. Plus the Pats picked up Chad Ochocinco to supplement into their offense.

#### **Buffalo Bills**

Picked up Tyler Thigpen, a quarterback with serious wheels and who knows how to run. The Bills also added LB Nick Barnett to their offense.

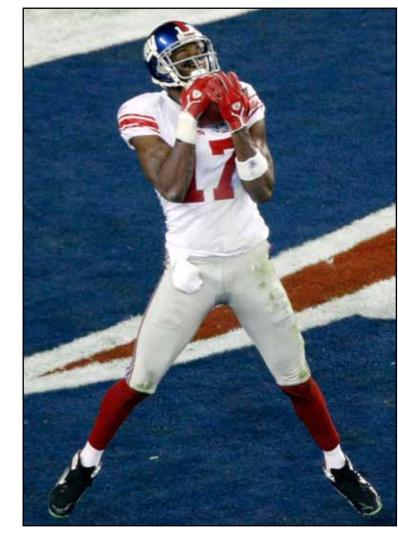
## **AFC** north

### **Bengals**

QB Carson Palmer is expected to retire after he announced in January that if he is not traded he will retire, and Bengals owner Mike Brown has said he will not trade Palmer. Although the team has some young blood, WR A.J. Green has some soft hands, Cedric Benson also re-signs to solidify the run game.

#### **Steelers**

With the season guaranteed, and off season ac-



Plexico Burress hopes two seasons removed from the NFL will not effect his gameplay with the Jets.

tivities and incidents popping up, will the loud-mouth, "Wouldn't piss you out" Pittsburgh Steelers be able to sign the biggest NFL ex-convict this year; Plaxico Burress? Turns out not. Currently they have signed free agent Ike Taylor for four years.

#### Ravens

Release RB Willis McGahee and TE Todd Heap. Signed Vonta Leach, a Pro Bowl FB from the Texans.

#### **Browns**

Are just finishing up the contract talks with first round pick DT Phil Taylor. Other than that they are

doing nothing else.

## **AFC South**

### **Titans**

Back in January Coach Corelle said his number one priority was to resign Hasselback. Priorities clearly changed because Hasselback was sent packing to the Titans on Wednesday after a brief stint as a free agent.

## **Jaguars**

Picked up FS Dawan Landry. They also snagged free agent LB Clint Sessions from Colts, which means Jags defense is getting ready to be a defensive force to be reckoned with.

### **Texans**

The seriously overestimated and underperforming Matt Leinart will stay with the Texans.

### Colts

Colts signed on kicker Adam Vinatieri for three more years, and will keep Joseph Addai around. Indianapolis want to make sure their 4 time MVP QB Peyton Manning doesn't go anywhere for the rest of his career. To make sure that happens they just signed a 5-year contract worth \$90 million. The contract states that \$69 million of that \$90 million will be paid in the first three years.

## **AFC West**

### Chargers

Bob Sanders agreed to on a one year contract with the Chargers, and expectations are high for rookie TE Julius Thomas.

### Chiefs

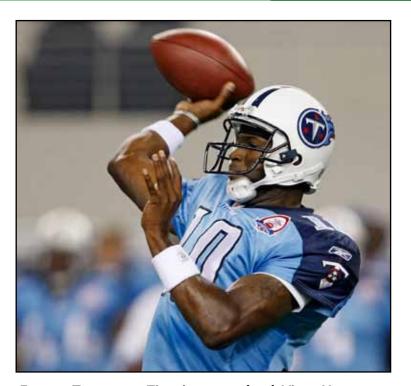
Picked up DT Barry Richardson and slot receiver Steve Breaston. Although they are very thin at the quarterback position, Tyler Palko as a back up adds some bulk. The defense continues to develop with the signing of Brandon Siler

#### **Broncos**

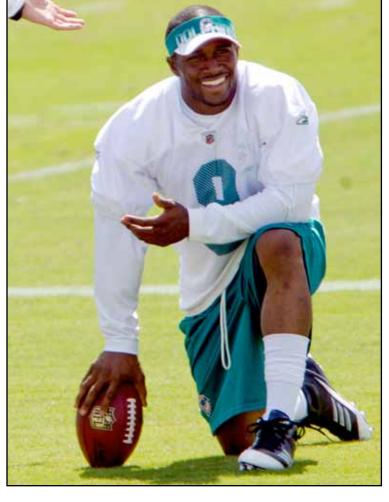
Re-signed Kyle Orton. So now there are three QB in Denver, which might be two too many.

#### Raiders

Raiders signed Trent Edwards as a back up QB for Jason Campbell.



Former Tennessee Titan's quarterback Vince Young will now play back up to the Eagles' Michael Vick.



Newly acquired Miami Dolphins running back Reggie Bush takes a knee during team's off-season training.

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