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Osceola Campus event serves up donations,

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Bump, Set, Spike

UCF cruises to an easy win over UTEP,



Dream teams

Intramurals take over East

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Intramural basketball took over the East Campus gym last week for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Students poured in to play and watch teams like "Grove St." and "The Plex" took the court.

Gerald Jones, Student Development coordinator at East Campus, called the event successful, with over 73 players showing up to participate.

Jones made sure students at East Campus were aware of the event by advertising in the gym, throughout the school, and by making announcements to all students taking physical education classes.

"I was in my health and nutrition class and I saw a brochure for intramurals," said social science major Brandon Taylor. "I went to the meeting where they told us about the 3-on-3 tournament, and the other intramurals Valencia has going on."

Team Polo outscored Team Glove Street 16-5 in the finals. The winning team received free T-shirts and pizza.

Valencia has a full schedule of intramurals throughout the semester that include a variety of sports like volleyball, racquetball, table tennis, dodgeball, rock climbing, and even laser tag.

The intramural sports program was put in place by Student Development for Valencia



Basketball intramurals are a great way for Valencia students to showcase their athletic abilities.

students to "develop an appreciation of the worthy use of leisure time and a wholesome attitude toward physical activity," according to Jones.

As a member of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association, Valencia provides two offices, one in East Campus (6-125) and another in Osceola Campus (2-131), for students to

learn more about intramural activities and how to get involved.

Students can also find information on the Valencia Intramural Sports website, <http://valenciacollege.edu/studentdev/intramural.cfm>

To see the full schudele of events planned for this semester at East Campus and outside campus locations go to <http://goo.gl/mf5CE>.

PICK of the WEEK

Lightning get ready to strike,



Breaking ground at Osceola

Valencia College will break ground on a new \$35 million building on its Osceola Campus in a ceremony to be held Sept. 22 at 9:15 a.m.

The new four-story building, designated Building 4, will be the largest building on any Valencia campus with 150,000 square feet of academic and support space.

The building is expected to open to students in spring of 2013 and will house the campus library, cafeteria, bookstore, classrooms, science labs and a learning support center that will contain tutoring stations, computers and small-group study rooms.

- Valencia News

Successful operation

Osceola BBQ aids fire-safety education

By Fred Lambert
Special to Valencia Voice

Students lined up to get a hot plate of barbecue at Valencia's Osceola campus on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Hot dogs and hamburgers were dished out in accordance with "Operation BBQ," a fundraising event established by Valencia Volunteers.

"The objective is to raise money for our local police and fire departments," said Carlos LaBron Riviera, former Valencia Student and the Valencia Volunteer coordinator for the Osceola campus. "We understand that there's been some budget cuts, but we just want to appreciate them for their service to Valencia."

Valencia Volunteers enables service opportunities for students through projects that raise funds for local organizations. "Valencia Volunteer's main goal is to give that sense of community to our students by having those opportunities available to them," LaBron explained in-between burger flips. "We record all student volunteer hours and serve as a resource for our local community contacts." LaBron's chapter is one of four volunteer groups set up among Valencia's campuses.

Most of the student business was attracted by the smell of cooking meat, rather than the cause of raising money.

"I just got off the bus, I saw the smoke, and I was hungry," said radiography major Yanaira Hernandez.



Valencia Volunteers members brought lunch to the firefighters at Osceola County Station 14 after the BBQ.

Efrain Jimenez, whose step-brother is in the military, was less apathetic. "It's a good cause; helping out people who help us out," she said. "It's good to give back."

The event raised \$275 for the Osceola County Fire Department's Fire Safety Education division. The department visits elementary schools to teach children about fire safety through fun activities.

Funds for supplies, such as crayons and fire safety activity books, have been tight due to budget cuts, and the money raised at the event will go towards the purchase of those items.

Supplies will be used during the upcoming Fire Prevention Week, which will be Oct. 9-15 of this year.

Firefighters from the Osceola County fire station next to the campus were invited to enjoy the outdoor feast, according to Alexandra Blanco, one of four assistant coordinators to Osceola's Valencia Volunteers chapter. Duties prevented the firefighters from attending, but Valencia Volunteers brought hot dogs and hamburgers over to the station after the end of the event.

Firefighters on shift at the adjacent station declined official comment, but expressed appreciation for Valencia Volunteer's proactive efforts.

Oh, the arts and humanities

Interactive class requirements enhance course material

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Humanities is a required course, that every student attending Valencia will take at some point- no matter his or her age, major, or campus. Valencia has recently been connecting the humanities course material with the arts.

The new topic up for discussion is whether or not students should participate in the performing arts events in which they are learning about in class. Students like Juan Bernal agree with the importance of this concept "simply due to the fact that students need to be able to learn past the typical english or math classes."

Many students are excited to be experiencing the events that they are reading about.

"These courses better prepare students for real life experiences," said Joey Nunez, who is not currently enrolled in any humanities courses. "They make a more well rounded student."

Online humanities classes are now requiring students to visit a museum and turn in a written paper on their experience for grading.

"It is important to physically visit a museum when taking an online class," Bernal said. "There is a huge difference between researching information online and physically going somewhere to gather information."

Student Adam Aboulfath does not believe in making these outings a requirement, believing that students should "go and explore" for their own admiration of the arts.

New president at West Campus

Falecia Williams, former assistant vice president for Workforce Development at Valencia, has been named president for the college's West Campus. She succeeds provost Jared Graber, who retired last December.

Williams has worked at Valencia for 13 years, first as an adjunct professor, then in leadership roles in conjunction with dual enrollment, high school outreach programs and workforce development. Most recently, she led a team charged with the creation of the college's first bachelor degrees.

Prior to Valencia, she was a leader in gifted and honors education at the secondary level. She also served as the director of a community-based grant program to increase enrollment and college completion among first-generation college students.

Williams holds a Doctor of Education with a



Falecia Williams is named president of West Campus.

specialization in Community College Leadership from the University of Central Florida. She currently resides in Windermere.

In August, the college decentralized some academic operations, changing the title of its most senior campus leaders from "provost" to "president" and giving them more authority to innovate based on the needs of their particular campus.

Living document

'Constitution Day' speakers show government in action

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Orange County Judge Antoinette Plogstedt and Orlando Senator Gary Siplin were the featured speakers at the West Campus' Constitution Day, hosted by the Student Government Association on Sept. 13.

Judge Plogstedt has held several judicial assignments since 2001 and is currently serving as criminal judge. She discussed numerous topics, including how she got her start in the law profession by joining her college's SGA club, the requirements to becoming a lawyer- which include at least 5 years as a member of the bar association, and the differences between a district court and a circuit court.

Senator Siplin, who was elected to the Senate in 2002, placed special emphasis on his "pull your pants up" bill which discourages students from exposing unnecessary body parts and instead, adhere to a dress code in order to obtain academic and future career success. Senate Bill 228, co-sponsored by Representative Hazelle Rogers, passed unanimously



Judge Antionette Plogstedt has spent ten years on the bench.



Senator Gary Siplin sponsored the 'droopy drawers' bill, forcing students to cover their undergarments.

by a 101-15 vote and was later signed by Governor Rick Scott.

Siplin's main points included the importance of youth education and the consequences of not practicing proper hygiene for interviews-both of which he integrated into his "pull your pants up bill." When asked why he thinks the Constitution is relevant today, Siplin replied that he believes it is "our roadmap to how we survive in America" as well as our bill of rights. Both speakers ended their discussions with a question and answer session.

Patrick O' Connor, SGA President who has been with the club since 2009, first joined because he likes to reach out to people and see others succeed. SGA boasts over 1,000 members campus-wide. Some challenges he feels the club faces are that certain policies and rules on Valencia's campuses need to be changed or addressed, but are not always accomplished or attainable due to hindrances.

O' Connor hopes that SGA will be a "stronger, better organization that really stands out" in the future, one that "cares for its students." His goal for the Constitution Day event was for students to "get a feel for legislative issues" in the state as well as learn what procedures to follow in order to become a judge, or any legislative profession, and how to reach those goals.

Female hearts in crisis

Increased awareness needed to combat disease

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The Valencia Volunteers, led by the Student Government Association, held an informative meeting on Tuesday to discuss the Greater Orlando Heart Walk organized by the American Heart Association. Allison Smith, assistant development director for the AHA, was a guest speaker and as a presenter for the meeting. Smith has been with AHA for over a year and works logistics for the "Go Red" for women, a campaign designed for fundraising and development for women's awareness of heart disease.

A video featuring actress Elizabeth Banks and entitled "Just a little heart attack" was an amusing take on a very serious problem; women who are unaware of the dangers of heart disease. Banks portrays a house mom juggling too much at one time while in the meantime is suffering symptoms of a heart attack. She is so busy and oblivious to the signs that she refuses to admit it until she collapses on the floor.

Smith informed the crowd about the dangers of heart disease and exactly how dangerous it is. She spoke about how deaths by heart disease were reducing for men, but climbing for women, killing more females than breast cancer. Women tend to wait one or two more hours than men would to call an ambulance when exhibiting symptoms of a heart attack.

"Women delay in their health because of their other responsibilities: work, kids, and managing households," said Smith. "Most think it's only a man's disease."

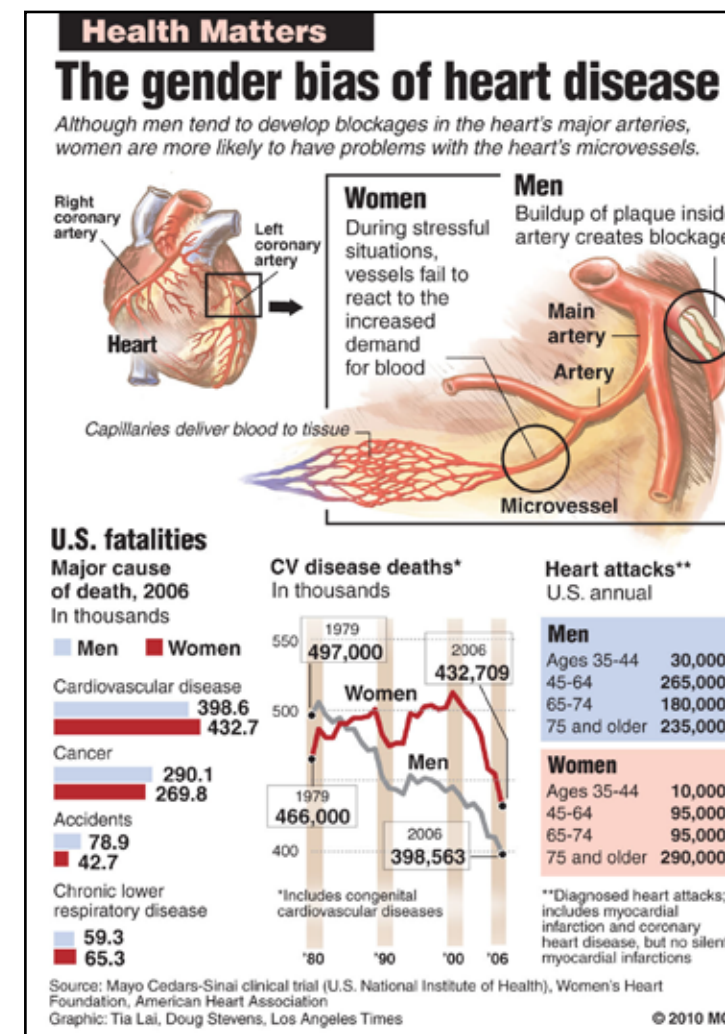
The AHA developed the "2020 impact goal," which aims to improve cardiovascular health by 20 percent while simultaneously reducing deaths. A similar goal was set in 1999 to reduce coronary heart disease, stroke and risk by 25 percent by 2010, a goal which the AHA claims was met ahead of schedule.

The focus of the new ten-year plan is to help people build stronger health and a better quality of life, looking beyond disease reduction and into general welfare.

The Greater Orlando Heart walk, held on Sept. 17, was just one part of that plan.

Participation by Valencia was low, with only nine representatives walking the 3.1 mile route. around Lake Highland and Lake Formosa in downtown Orlando. Team Valencia raised \$260.

The event was overall a success, coming in just shy of the \$1.2 million goal at \$1,130,260.





Leigh and Susan Turner handed out red bandannas to students without them before the game. Right: Student fans show their Knights pride and their support for BC hero Welles Crowther.

UCF fans honor Boston hero

Red bandannas donned in a display of brotherhood

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Spirits and hopes were high at the campus of UCF for the last home football game against Boston College, not only after a championship winning season last year and a dominating opening game last week, but also for a more sentimental reason. UCF students gathered to honor a fallen hero from Sept. 11, 2001 on the eve of the emotional 10 year anniversary.

The sea of students wearing black and gold also had splashes of red thrown in: red bandannas tied around arms and under baseball caps. The red bandanna was to honor Boston College alumni and lacrosse player Welles R. Crowther.

Crowther, who was known for wearing a red bandanna given to him by his father, lost his life saving others in the World Trade Center during the attacks in New York. He helped a group of people escape the tower by leading them to the stairs, making several return trips to find more survivors. Eyewitnesses said a man with a red handkerchief tied over his face led them to safety, the clue that let Crowther's family know it was their son.

Sadly, the 24-year-old was inside the tower as it collapsed.

Crowther's story aired on national networks leading up to the game. Garrett Weiss, a UCF student, was moved to action by the story.

"When I saw the video clip on

ESPN, I posted it to one of the many UCF fan groups on Facebook," Weiss said. "Neal (Surrena) commented on it, and we both said we have to do something."

The two students created a Facebook group urging students to wear red bandannas to the football game in honor of the fallen hero. One the group's numbers swelled into the thousands within hours, the duo began contacting the media.

With so much attention around this tribute several local stores in the Orlando area actually sold out of red bandannas in the days prior to the event.

A couple from Aloma United Methodist Church were passing out small bandannas to any student without one who wanted to show their support. "It's such a great thing to honor the heroes of 9/11, and seeing UCF students show that they really care," said church member Leigh Turner.

"It just feels so good to show support for our team and also the other team like this," said bandanna-clad UCF student Bailey McKay.

The overwhelming response made Weiss proud of his fellow students. "It's been great," he said. "I'm truly happy to call myself a Knight."



Obama hopes to save billions

Proposed cuts for military, Medicare, upper incomes

By Peter Nicolas
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will announce a plan to slash more than \$3 trillion from the nation's deficit over the next decade by winding down the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, raising taxes on wealthier Americans, closing tax loopholes and cutting the cost of Medicare and other government health programs, senior White House officials said.

Obama also will warn congressional Republicans during a Rose Garden speech Monday: If they pass a bill that cuts programs for poor and elderly Americans without asking profitable corporations and others to sacrifice, he will veto the measure.

"In his remarks, the president will make clear he's not going to support any plan that asks everything of some Americans and nothing of others," said a senior White House aide, who spoke on the condition of anonymity so he could describe the plan to reporters Sunday.

Obama will present his recommendations to a congressional "super-committee" that is considering a deficit-reduction package of its own. The 12-member committee, an outgrowth of the debt-ceiling negotiations over the summer, is charged with hammering out a bill that will go to Congress for an up-or-down vote this year. The committee must complete its work by Nov. 23.

His plan for lopping \$3 trillion from the deficit is on top of the approximately \$1 trillion in spending cuts that he signed into law in August, after reaching a deal

with Republican congressional leaders to lift the nation's debt ceiling and avert a potential default. Obama pledged to unveil the plan earlier this month, when he called for a \$447 billion jobs bill as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

Raising \$1.5 trillion by a tax-code overhaul. About \$800 billion of that would come from the expiration of the George W. Bush-era tax cuts for upper-income Americans— families who earn more than \$250,000 a

year, and individuals who earn more than \$200,000. The other \$700 billion would consist of revenue increases achieved by closing loopholes, limiting deductions for those high earners, and ending tax breaks for oil and gas companies. As part of any changes to tax law, the White House wants lawmakers to follow a principle it calls the "Buffett rule": No one earning more than \$1 million a year should be taxed at a lower rate than middle-income households.

Saving \$1 trillion by wrapping up the Iraq and

Afghan wars. Obama's aim is to steadily withdraw U.S. forces from Afghanistan and transfer combat responsibilities to the Afghans by 2014.

If Congress adopted Obama's plan, the debt would start shrinking, White House aides said.

"This would bring the country to a place where by the middle of this decade, current spending is no longer adding to our debt — that debt will be falling as a share of the economy," a White House aide said. "And deficits on a year-by-year basis will be a sustainable level so that we maintain that."

— MCT Campus



U.S. President Barack Obama makes a statement about his proposed federal deficit reduction plan.

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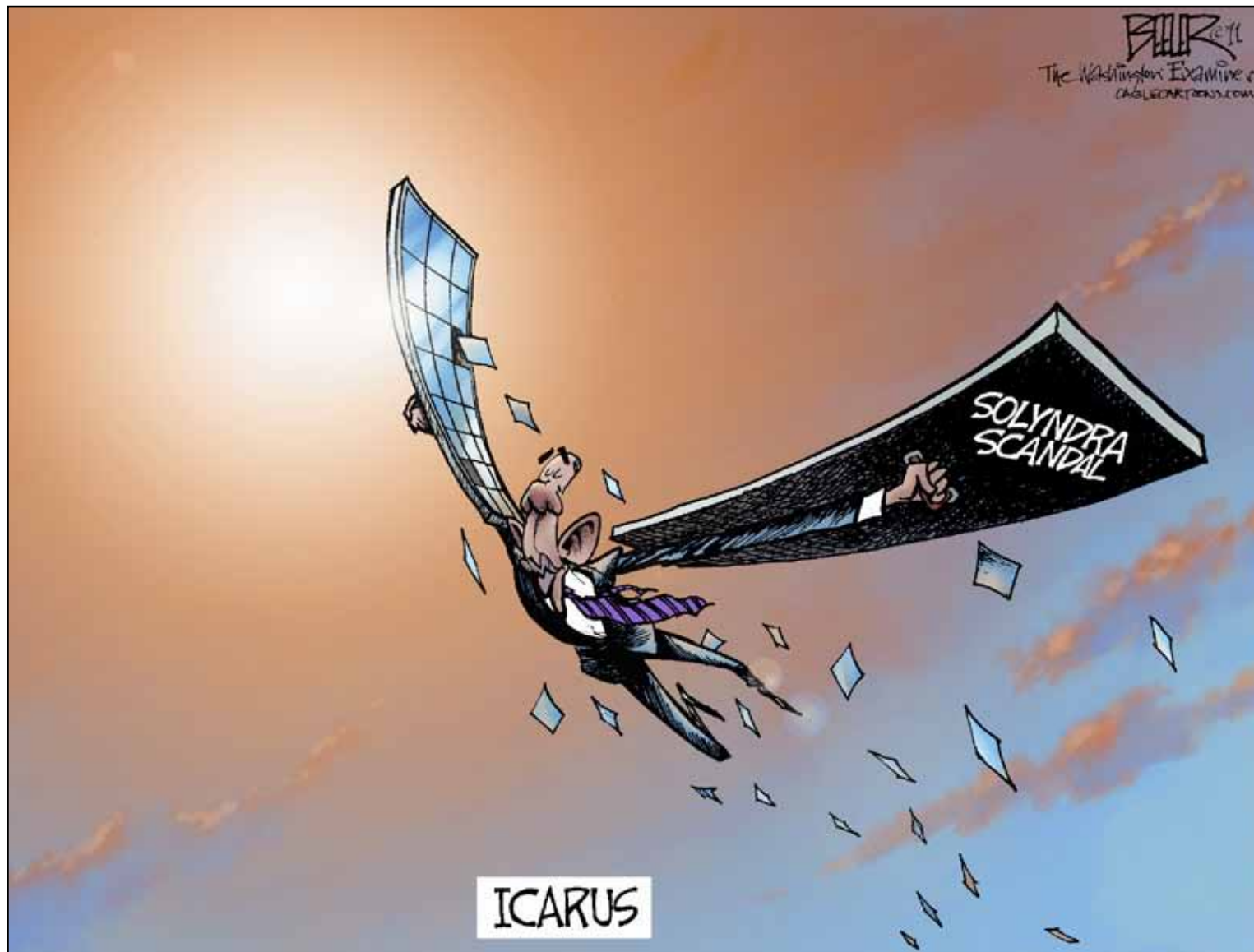
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TWEET of the WEEK

"Politicians who say how much they hate Washington but run for reelection are like people who stay married to Mel Gibson."

- Andy Borowitz tweet



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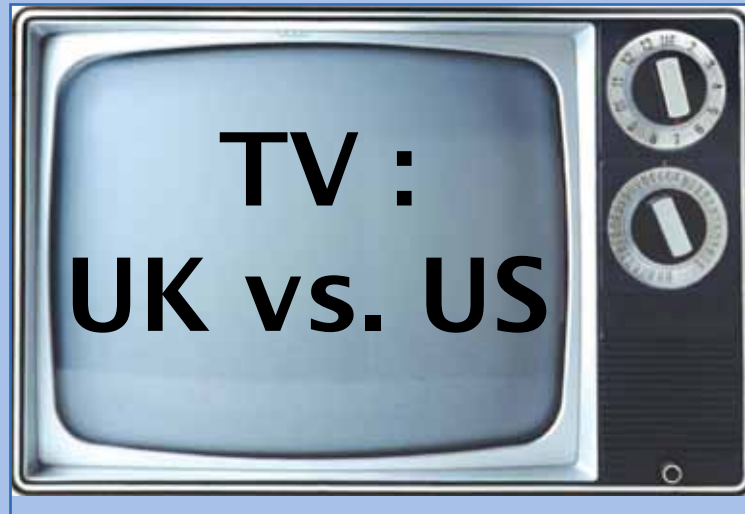
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Students' views on shows from across the pond

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In a war of television between the United Kingdom and the United States, there isn't any doubt that Americans enjoy the UK's dicey entertainment, but why is the US entertainment industry more censored?

"TV in the UK is usually more tolerant and realistic than the American television because it doesn't have all those lawsuits and legislation to hang over their necks," said UK native Jakob Bagley.

Our television might be risky enough to Americans, but it's the quality that isn't worth the while," Raymond Bauder, an American, said. "It seems like TV in America is going more and more into reality TV which, I think is a load of crap."

The US over the years has remade shows that started in the UK, such as "Skins," "The Office," and the HBO series "Shameless," but people still prefer the UK versions.

"I'd rather watch the UK versions of 'Skins' or 'The Office,'" said Samantha Ulrich, who lived in the UK for three years and recently moved back stateside. "Not because it's risky or shows more nude scene, but because I feel as if it has more feeling and emotions and they aren't afraid to show something that might stir up a political or religious problem."

Has television become too graphic?

Photos by Sebastian Arbelaez / Valencia Voice

Interviews by Wesley Thompson / Special to Valencia Voice



"I call it trash TV. All they do is get drunk and fight."

— Esterland Lalanne



"We are desensitized to it. We are used to it."

— Bryan Abreu



"Kids pick up on the violence and explicit language."

— Karen Smith



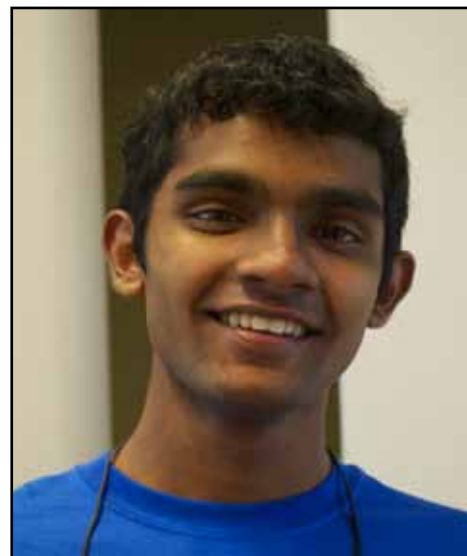
"The clothing. They show more skin than normal."

— Candice Lewis



"The language, like the 'B' word. They don't consider the language bad."

— Catherine Lewis



"Shows from before had more restrictions. Kid shows should be more restricted."

— Keron Prostrad



"It has and it hasn't because of our origin. It has crossed the line in terms of violence."

— Matt Goens



"I don't know if it is, because if it's happening live, then it isn't explicit."

— Zack McDonald

Student Spotlight: Elisabeth Clevenger

Training in robotics with an eye on Third World development

By Marianella Zapata Noriega
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Dual enrollment student Elisabeth Clevenger has more than just high school and college to worry about, she has robots. Coming in on her second year as a programmer and driver with FIRST Robotics Team 1065, Clevenger joined robotics “because I have always enjoyed working with technology and I was interested in exploring the engineering aspects of this field.”

Clevenger said FIRST Robotics “is a competition that inspires students to become involved in engineering. FIRST is exciting, and allows us to explore all aspects of engineering, while meeting other people who share the same interest.”

FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

Currently pursuing a science concentration at Osceola High School and her general studies degree at Valencia College, Clevenger wants to become a mechanical engineer.

“I decided to choose this route, because I want to develop products that can make life easier in third world countries.”

Clevenger and her team, which includes other OHS students, college mentors from UCF and Valencia, and Senior mentors, engineers both in the field and engineering teachers, have competed in the Florida FIRST Regional at the UCF arena and the FIRST Robotics Championship at the Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis. Now she is helping her team get ready for “Tempest ‘N’ Tampa,” an off season competition.



Elisabeth doing missionary work in Haiti, where she hopes to go back next summer.

Do you know any interesting students currently attending Valencia College?

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If so, let us know, and we will share their story here on our weekly student showcase. Everyone has a story to tell and we want to know more about the students that make Valencia such a diverse educational community.



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Losing her religion

Film captures honest spiritual journey

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“Higher Ground” is a beautiful and inspiring story that follows a woman through three decades of her life. Raised in a Christian church, she begins to doubt her faith in the church and of those around her. Inspired by Carolyn Briggs memoir, “This Dark World: Memoir of Salvation Found and Lost,” it tells the woman’s struggle with her faith, marriage, and true love.

Vera Farmiga, also the director, gives a stunning performance as Corrine Walker. Joshua Leonard, who plays Corrine’s husband Ethan, and Dagmara Dominczyk, who plays Corrine’s best friend, were both impressive. Most notable is the debut of Tasissa Farmiga, Vera Farmiga’s sister, as the teenage Corrine. She does an excellent job of capturing the awkward girl who is trying to find her way in life.

The cast blended well together, and delivered a realistic performance about life in a small, Christian community.

“I’m still trying to figure it out,” said audience member Cathy Jacobson. “It had a solid ending, and I thought the cast was very good, especially Vera Farmiga.”

The film was based in a small town in Iowa, with the soundtrack full of hymns to create the rural atmosphere and connect with the overall theme of the movie. It also had a twinge of ironic humor to keep the movie flowing, and brighten it at times since the movie tended to be serious.

The elder Farmiga’s performance had the same sensitivity as in her other roles such as “Up in the Air” and “The Departed.” In this particular role, you can’t help but pity her as she desperately tries to believe.

“I loved this movie, because it showed Christianity in a way that most movies

‘I loved this movie, because it showed Christianity in a way that most movies don’t.’

— Elizabeth Figura



Vera Farmiga makes her directorial debut in which she also stars as Corinne Walker, a women on a journey to find herself in her faith, her marriage, and her love life.

don’t,” said Elizabeth Figura. “A lot of people can relate to Corinne, considering people tend to be confused about what to believe in.”

Because this movie is about religion and doesn’t necessarily show it in the most positive light, it will not be liked by everyone. It will be considered controversial, but I enjoyed it. It talked about the side of Christianity that isn’t always

addressed.

While watching this movie you should take in account that this does not say that all Christians behave and live this way, but that there are communities like this.

This visually engaging story demonstrates, through tragedies and blessings, all of our relationships have doubts, whether they’re with your friends, family, or in God.

Opening Sept. 23

Moneyball



Starring:
Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill,
Robin Wright, Phillip
Seymour Hoffman.

Follows the story of the 2002 Oakland Athletics Baseball team.

Abduction



Starring:
Taylor Lautner, Lily
Collins, and Alfred
Molina.

When a youth discovers the parents who raised him are not his real parents he must run to save his life.

Killer Elite



Starring:
Jason Statham,
Robert De Niro,
Clive Owen, and
Yvonne Strahovski.

Directed by Gary McKendry this movie follows the true story of a ex-special ops agent who comes back to rescue his mentor.

Box Office



1. ‘The Lion King’

Rated: G

This weekend: \$30.1 million

Total Gross: \$30.1 million



2. ‘Contagion’

Rated: PG-13

This weekend: \$14.5 million

Total Gross: \$44.3 million



3. ‘Drive’

Rated: R

This weekend: \$11.3 million

Total Gross: \$11.3 million



Fall TV Preview



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“Parenthood”
Air date: Sept. 13, 10:00 p.m. EST
The dramedy will return for its third season. The premiere episode will feature Sarah, played by Lauren Graham, celebrating her fortieth birthday while Amber, played by Mae Whitman, moves into her first apartment. Jason Ritter and Michael B. Jordan will be guest starring on the episode as well.



“Up All Night”
Air date: Sept. 14, 10:00 p.m. EST
This new sitcom will give viewers a comedic look at parenthood through the lives of Reagan, played by Christina Applegate, a working mother, and stay-at-home husband Chris, played by Will Arnett. If you miss the premiere episode, you can catch it again on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 8:00 p.m., which will then be the regular showing time.

“Free Agents”
Air date: Sept. 14, 10:30 p.m. EST
This sitcom features the recently divorced Alex, played by Hank Azaria, and Helen, played by Kathryn Hahn, who lost her fiancé a year ago. The show will follow them through what happens after they end up in bed together and then decide to remain friends. The regular time slot is 8:30 p.m.



“The Sing-Off”
Air date: Sept. 15, 8:00 p.m. EST
The competition reality show returns for a third season to NBC with eight new acapella singing groups competing for a recording contract. Host Nick Lachey and judges Ben Folds and Shawn Stockman will be joined this season by a new judge - three-time Grammy nominee, Sara Bareilles.



“The Playboy Club”
Air date: Sept. 15, 10:00 p.m. EST
New to the network, this drama will be centered around the Bunnies and customers of the original Playboy Club in Chicago during the 1960s. The cast includes Randy Steinmeyer, Eddie Cibrian and Amber Heard.



“Harry's Law”
Air date: Sept. 21, 9:00 p.m. EST
Back for a second season this drama stars Kathy Bates as Harry, one of a group of misfit lawyers starting their own firm. In the new season, Harry will be moving to a new office and then will be given the chance to work with a famous murderer.



“Law and Order: Special Victims Unit”
Air date: Sept. 21, 10:00 p.m. EST
Still going strong after thirteen seasons, SVU is facing changes. A new face, actor Danny Pino, will be brought into the show as Detective Nick Amaro, while a familiar face, Detective Elliot Stabler, played by Christopher Meloni, has exited the hit NBC drama.



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“Modern Family”
Air date: Sept. 21, 9:00 p.m. EST
After it's first two seasons, “Modern Family” has already won eleven Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award, Writers Guild Award, Directors Guilds Award and Television Critics Award. This show, starring Sofia Vergara, Ed O'Neil and Jesse Tyler Ferguson, takes a look at three very unique families. Audiences are in love with the show, which is returning for its third season, ready to have viewers laughing again.



“Body of Proof”
Air date: Sept. 20, 10:00 p.m. EST
The American medical drama has been renewed for a second season. The show revolves around the life of Dr. Megan Hunt (Dana Dalany) as she tries to balance out her new life as a medical examiner. She will continue solving the medical mysteries of the dead in the upcoming season.

“Castle”
Air Date: Sept. 19, 10:00 p.m. EST
“Castle” season three cliff hanger left fans wondering if the season four premiere will begin with detective Kate Beckett's (Stana Katic) death or recovery from a gun shot wound. This murder mystery will continue to follow writer turn detective Castle (Nathan Fillion) through the many plot twists throughout season four.



“Revenge”
Air date: Sept. 21, 10:00 p.m. EST
“Someone must pay!” is the tagline of ABC's new mystery drama Revenge. The plot line follows a young woman trying to correct the wrong doings caused by those she thought she could trust. Actress Emily Van Camp plays the main character Emily Throne, as she moves back to her old town full of unfinished business.





Fall TV Preview



By Charley Munn
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“How I Met Your Mother”
Air date: Sept. 15, 8:00 p.m. EST
The series beloved by critics and fans alike received word that they had been green lit for their seventh and eighth seasons. Ted, Marshall, Robin, Lily and Barney go through the discomfoting realization as they fade from their young days of exuberance and emigre to a world of adult hood. Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) the all loving ladies man, contemplates getting married. Robin (Cobie Smulders) debates telling Barney her feelings. Lily (Alyson Hannigan) and Marshall (Jason Segal) are challenged with the ever nearing idea of parenthood.



“Unforgettable”
Air date: Sept. 20, 10:00 p.m. EST
The show follows a New York police detective named Carrie Wells who carries the curse of a rare medical condition that allows her to remember everything. She is asked to join a homicide unit by her ex-boyfriend and partner.

“Criminal Minds”
Air Date: Sept. 21, 9:00 p.m. EST
This show follows a team of elite criminal profilers whose job it is to analyze a serial killers thought patterns and crime scenes. When the team forms a profile on a killer they then precede to hunt them down. The show follows a team with a thick history. Each member has seen their fair share of horrors but it is through these travesties that their bonds are created.



“Hawaii Five-0”
Air date: Sept. 19, 10:00 p.m. EST
Much like CSI or NCIS, the five-0 is a task force in the state of Hawaii whose main objective is to stop crime. On its second season their budget has been expanded thus the show will get bigger. Season one left off with Scott Caan as Detective Sgt. Daniel who is forced to clear the name of the teams leader Steven McGarre (Alex O’Loughlin) and attempt to resemble the five-0 unit.



By Felicia Roopchand
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Glee
Air date: Tues., Sept. 20, 8:00 p.m. EST
‘New Directions’ is back at McKinley High for their third season. After their loss at Nationals, the gang tries to start anew, focusing on getting the glee club back to basics for some of the group member’s senior year. Meanwhile, the witty Sue Sylvester, played by Golden Globe winner Jane Lynch, is stepping up a level by running for Congress with one plan: put an end to all music and arts programs in schools.



Kitchen Nightmares
Air date: Thurs., Sept. 22, 8:00 p.m. EST
World-renowned chef and hot-head Gordon Ramsay returns for the fifth season of “Kitchen Nightmares.” Ramsay steps foot in some of the country’s most unsanitary and unsuccessful restaurants, searching for the root of the problem and giving the place a complete makeover.

Raising Hope
Air date: Sept. 20, 9:30 p.m. EST
Back for their second season, “Raising Hope” follows a twenty-something single father, Jimmy Chance, played by Lucas Neff, (who is not exactly the smartest of the bunch) raising his daughter in one of TV’s most eccentric families currently on air. This includes Chance’s parents, Virgina (Martha Plimpton) and Burt (Garret Dillahunt) and fan favorite grandmother, Maw Maw (Cloris Leachman).



The X Factor
Air date: Sept. 22, 8:00 p.m. EST
The highly anticipated talent competition was brought over from the UK by one of the executive producers, Simon Cowell. The show, UK’s number one program for the last seven years, is a talent competition where not only do the contestants perform for the first time in front of the judges, but also in front of thousands of potential fans in hopes of winning a recording contract. The judges include ex-American Idol judges Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul as well as former chairman of Island Def Jam Music Group, L.A Reid, and former Pussycat Doll’s member, Nicole Scherzinger.



New Girl
Air date: Sept. 20, 9:00 p.m. EST
The quirky Zooey Deschanel stars in the fun new comedy, “New Girl.” The show focuses on Jess Day, a woman in her late 20s who moves into a loft with three guys after a bad break-up. The story follows her relationship with her roommates and how the men try to decipher the way the girl acts and something even scarier; her feelings.



Terra Nova
Air date: Sept. 26, 8:00 p.m. EST
This new show tells the story of an ordinary family in a not-so-ordinary setting. The family travels back in time from the year 2149, which is currently in turmoil, to prehistoric times in order to create a new habitat to save their future world.

Jeff Hates: Star Wars

Episode XXXIV: Jeff Shoots First

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Two very important things happened in 1977. First, the Star Wars franchise was born, and second, my father took me to see my very first movie. I was too young to remember any of it, but something must have invaded my subconscious.

The best time to be a Star Wars fan was from 1977 to 1996 which is surprising, because we got very little in the way of content. There was the original trilogy, a few books, some amazing radio dramas, the best toys ever licensed and trading cards featuring a possibly aroused C-3PO.

Star Wars fans were thrown a bone after many years with the “special editions” of the original trilogy. These were supposed to be the old movies with some new digital effects. Instead it seemed to be the start of George Lucas getting revenge on all of the studio execs who changed around his original, corn-laden vision of the trilogy.

At least we were getting three new Star Wars movies almost back to back, right? Well, since Lucas got to be in total control, instead of an action-packed story of the rise of one of the most recognizable villains in movie history, we got one movie about trade negotiations, and two about a sulking, whiny, gullible, unsympathetic butt-trumpet.

I could, of course, mention the tragedy that is Jar-Jar Binks, but I won't, except to point out that at one point in “Phantom Menace,” Lucas thought that it would be funny to have Jar-Jar step in doodie. It was so hilarious that I ripped the armrest off of my seat and bludgeoned myself in the groin until the credits rolled.

If you need further proof that Lucas has nothing but contempt for his audience, “Attack of the Clones” was to feature the group N*Sync as Jedi, simply because his daughter was a fan. Once this little nugget smeared its way onto the internet, the nerds revolted. N*Sync was cut from the movie, but their scene was still filmed, and I bet Lucas is just waiting for the right time to sneak them back in.

The entire reason I'm even hating on Star Wars in the first place is the new release of all six films on Blu-Ray. Lucas can't stop himself from obsessively tinkering with the films and trying to fix what was never broken in the first place. So the Blu-Rays add yet more idiocy spooned out of a diaper found in a Walmart parking lot and troweled directly onto the raw film.



Darth Maul and Chef Vader serve up the head of Jar-Jar Binks on a platter at Stars Wars Celebration V at the Orlando Convention Center.

For starters, Lucas can't make up his mind how he wants to scare off the sand people in the original Episode IV. He's changed the sound from Obi-Wan making the sound of a dragon, to the sound of a dragon giving birth to a refrigerator in the DVD release, and now to a chip-munk giving birth to a Peterbilt.

Lucas either doesn't understand subtlety or he assumes his audience doesn't. In “Jedi,” Vader wordlessly saves Luke Skywalker from the wicked Palpatine in a climactic scene of redemption. But since we're too stupid to even feed ourselves with a spoon, Lucas decided that now Vader needs to shriek “Nooooooooooooo!” as if he were a 17 year-old girl and the Emperor was grounding him before prom.

In a perfect world, George Lucas would be fitted with a codpiece that administers a zap to the danglies if he even thinks the words “Star Wars” or “Indiana Jones.” When Lucas sits in the back seat, the worst that can happen is “Howard the Duck.” Hand him the reins and instead of a generation of kids who want to be Jedi, they want to be chartered accountants instead.

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Lightning strikes Orlando

Tampa Bay will start season in Orlando

By Bryan Levine
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The Tampa Bay Lightning get set to begin the 2011-2012 campaign as October draws near.

The Lightning ended last season in a dramatic game seven of the Stanley Cup ECF where they lost to the eventual champion Boston Bruins. Holding the division lead for part of the season, the Bolts surprised a lot of teams.

The Lightning have put last season behind them and set their sights on the new year. They know that they can no longer surprise teams with how well they played.

"Going through the playoff experience last year, I learned a lot about myself as a player," said all-star Steven Stamkos following practice Saturday. "Its going to be tougher this year. Teams aren't going to take us lightly, they know what to expect."

Following a quick trip to St. Louis to begin the

pre-season against the Blues, both teams will travel to Florida, but to Orlando instead of Tampa. Orlando will be hosting its first NHL game at the Amway Center, Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Coach Guy Boucher still hasn't decided who he's going to dress for these two match-ups, but does plan on having the whole team travel for both games.

"We're planning on bringing the whole team," said Boucher. "Just 20 guys to play. If the other guys want to watch, they can."

Though training camp began last week, this will be the first time Boucher will be able to see his team in a live game.

The Lightning have over 20 players on their training camp roster who have never played a game with the team. Some of them are invitees, but many were acquired via free agency, including third-year defenseman Matt Gilroy. Released early in the off-season by the New York Rangers, Gilroy was quickly signed by the Lightning.

"It was great to play at home in my back yard," said Gilroy. "But its nice to get away and start fresh down here. I'm excited."

Following the end of training camp, the Lightning have a rough start to the regular season. They open with a five-game road trip, which begins in Carolina and sees stops in both Boston and Washington.

"We're a family. We care about each other and the guys who were brought in fit that mold exactly," said Stamkos. "You can tell already that they're fitting in great with the guys."

Check out www.valencivoice.com for coverage of the exhibition game at the Amway and through Tampa Bay's regular season play.

Follow @Voice_Levine and @Voice_Flores on Twitter for live updates during the Blues vs. Lightning game on Wed. Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.



Above: (From L-R) Dominic Moore, Steve Downie and Steven Stamkos listen to instructions during practice. Below: Team owner Jeffery Vinik, head coach Guy Boucher and assistant GM Julien Brisebois over look practice. Left: All-Star Center Steven Stamkos waits in between drills during training camp over the weekend.



Knights go for the kill

UCF dominates UTEP in conference opener

By Juan Gutierrez
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The University of Central Florida women's volleyball team defeated the University of Texas El Paso Sept. 16 at The Venue at UCF.

The Knights cruised to victory, sweeping UTEP 3 sets to 0. The win advances UCF to 9-2 on the season and gives them a victory in their first game of conference play this year.

"Anytime you can start out one and zero in conference play it's always a positive thing," said UCF head coach Todd Dagenais. "We've considered UTEP to be the most improved team in the league



Above: Rachel Vukson sets up the assist for hitter Tory McCutcheon, who prepares to spike.
Below: High energy and passion contributed to the Knights victory, who celebrate after a point.

so far this year and we said earlier this week we have a lot of respect for them."

UCF was led on offense by sophomore outside hitter Angelica Crump who recorded a game high 15 kills. The team also received contribution on both ends of the floor from freshman outside hitter

Kayla Keller, who recorded a double double with 10 kills and 12 digs.

"I was just thinking that as a team we have to score points, and coach Todd was saying we need to be more aggressive on offense so I was trying to do my part in helping the team," said Crump.

"The emotions were just energized out there. We were just trying to stay in our zone which is like being hyper and being excited about all the points even if something did go wrong we focus on the next play and sticking together as a team"

The game plan Friday for UCF was to focus on defense. The plan worked as UCF allowed just 40 points in total and had 63 digs together as a team against UTEP.

"I think the defense was really key, it was something that we worked on all week," said junior middle blocker Tory McCutcheon. "The wave was a big part of our offense."

UCF lost to Florida International University Saturday night as part of the Towne Place Suites/UCF Challenge. The FIU Panthers took the last three sets after the Knights won the first two.

The Knights' will host the SMU Mustangs on Friday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m.



Tough loss for UCF football

FIU tops UCF, 17-10 despite losing running back to injury



FIU's Jeremiah Harden gets flipped carrying the ball in the second quarter against UCF.

Local Football Schedules

NCAA



Last: vs. Florida International L 17-10.
Next: vs. Bringham Young, Fri. Sept 23.



Last: vs. Tennessee W 33-23.
Next: vs. Kentucky, Sat. Sept. 24.



Last: vs. Oklahoma L 23-13.
Next: vs. Clemson, Sat. Sept. 24.



Last: vs. Ohio State W 24-6.
Next: vs. Kansas State, Sat. Sept. 24.

NFL



Last: vs. Houston L 23-13.
Next: vs. Cleveland Sun. Sept. 25.



Last: vs. NY Jets L 32-3.
Next: vs. Carolina Sun. Sept. 25.



Last: vs. Minnesota W 24-20.
Next: vs. Atlanta Sun. Sept. 25.



Florida running back Chris Rainey runs for an 83-yard touchdown.

Hard run for Gators

Yellow flags signal caution despite win

By Joseph Goodman
McClatchy Newspapers

GAINESVILLE, Fla. _ It's hard to say what was more obnoxious on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Derek Dooley's flaming orange pants or all those annoying yellow flags the officials kept throwing.

This much was clear: There was a direct correlation between the movement of the Tennessee's coach pants and the number of penalties called on his team. The more the flags flew, the more Dooley ran up-and down the sidelines in his carrot-colored trousers. And Dooley's team was only flagged 10 times for 94 yards. Just imagine all the contorted facial expressions produced by Gators coach Will Muschamp over his team's 150 yards on 16 penalties.

Florida played impressively Saturday in its win

against a rival under Muschamp. But the Gators were oftentimes sloppy in the process. Florida's 16 penalties tied for the second most in school history. The 150 yards were 2 yards shy of Florida's all-time record set in 1987 against Kentucky.

The biggest area of concern is Florida's secondary, which is young and seemed content Saturday to simply grab Tennessee's receivers rather than get burned for long gains. Defensive backs were whistled six times for pass interference, including three pass interference penalties in the final few minutes of the second quarter.

"I don't want a pass interference; I don't want a call," Muschamp said. "But we're gonna play aggressive. We're not going to play soft, I can tell you that."

Nearly every Florida defensive back who received playing time Saturday was whistled at least once for pass interference. Freshman Marcus Robertson committed three coverage infractions: two for pass interference and one for defensive holding. Muschamp said the penalties would be addressed during practice.

"We play a lot of bump-and-run, a lot of man-to-man, a lot of deny the ball defense, so those things happen sometimes," Muschamp said. "I'm not saying they are OK, and I'm not saying I tolerate them. We have to try to coach the players better to play the receiver differently."

Florida's "procedural" penalties seemed to irk Muschamp more than anything. For example, the false-start penalty by offensive tackle Xavier Nixon on the Tennessee 20-yard line in the first quarter.

"When you jump offsides and you are down in the red zone at the 13-yard line, that's an issue," Muschamp said. "When you have to call timeout because we don't get the right personnel on the field, that's an issue. Those are what I call procedural issues and those are discipline penalties. We had those issues last week. Those are the things that you've got to get corrected."

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BCS shake up

By Brant Parsons
The Orlando Sentinel

Florida State's loss to Oklahoma knocked them out of top 10 in the latest AP poll.

The Seminoles fell to No. 1 Oklahoma 23-13 on Saturday night and then paid for it by dropping to No. 11 in the poll released Sunday.

The Sooners remained atop the poll, followed by LSU, Alabama, Boise State and Stanford.

Florida jumped a single spot to No. 15 after the Gators' win over Tennessee.

It was the seventh-straight victory in the series for UF, who held off a late Volunteers rally to win 33-23.

USF is the third state school in the Top 25 at No. 18.

Miami has 23 points after its win over Ohio State. The Buckeyes are out of the top 25 for the first time in almost seven years.

UCF did not receive any votes, but FIU did. The Golden Panthers have four points following their 17-10 win over the Knights.

Wisconsin, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Nebraska and Oregon round out the top 10.

South Carolina is ranked No. 12, with Virginia Tech and Arkansas following at No. 13 and 14.

In the coaches poll, Florida State dropped even farther as the Seminoles are now ranked No. 14, one spot ahead of Florida.

The Gators jumped two spots.

USF is No. 17.

Miami received 39 points and FIU 11 after their big wins in Miami.

The top five in the USA Today coaches poll is identical to the AP poll.

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Voice staff predictions



Bryan Levine
17-15



Mary Stevens
21-11

Week 3

JAC @ CAR		
DET @ MIN		
ARI @ SEA		
SF @ CIN		
MIA @ CLE		
NE @ BUF		
NYG @ PHI		
DEN @ TEN		
HOU @ NO		
NYJ @ OAK		
BAL @ STL		
KC @ SD		
ATL @ TB		
GB @ CHI		
PIT @ IND		
Monday Night WAS @ DAL		

Vick dogged

QB hounded in Atlanta, suffers mild concussion

By Jeff McLane
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Michael Vick still has to clear a number of NFL-mandated post-concussion tests, but the Eagles did not rule out their quarterback for Sunday's home opener against the New York Giants.

If he can't go, Andy Reid will have to decide between Vince Young and Mike Kafka as the replacement, although signs point to the Eagles coach going with Kafka.

Vick suffered his concussion in the third quarter of Sunday night's 35-31 loss to the Falcons when he was pushed into teammate Todd Herremans, and they banged helmets. He left the game with what was originally described as a neck injury and did not return.

Vick, playing against his former team for the first time as a starter, pleaded with the team's medical staff to allow him to reenter the game, Reid said. But even though the Eagles considered the concussion mild they could not allow him to play again once he was di-

agnosed.

"He was pretty close," Burkholder said. "I'm not going to give you numbers, but he was pretty close."

Reid said that when he spoke with Vick on the plane ride home from Atlanta and quizzed him, "He remembered everything, recalled everything."

When Reid and Burkholder met with reporters at the NovaCare Complex, they had yet to see Vick since landing in Philadelphia early Monday morning.

"He was absolutely fine last night," Burkholder said. "He was very far along last night."

Still, Vick can't play until he undergoes a series of tests and is cleared by an independent neurologist. The current protocol was enacted by the league in December 2009. Last season, the Eagles had seven instances in which players suffered concussions during the regular season. Five times, the affected player missed at least one game following the injury.

"The test, that won't lie to us. The test is what it is,"



The Falcons' defense bullied Vick around during Sunday's game.

Reid said in reference to Vick's concussion. "That's what it is, so you go by that. We're not going to fudge anything. If he's injured he's injured, and we move on."

If Reid is forced to move on, who will he move on to? In most cases with the Eagles, the quarterback that takes the first-team repetitions beginning Wednesday starts on game day. Reid did not rule out Vick playing against the Giants even if he doesn't practice all week.

"It's a complicated defense that's coming in. They run a lot of different things against you, and so you would like the guy that's starting to get as many reps

as he possibly can," Reid said.

Kafka, for several reasons, has the edge over Young. For one, Young is not 100 percent, according to Reid. He hasn't dressed in the first two games and has hardly practiced the last two weeks because of a hamstring strain.

The 24-year-old Kafka is also better versed in the offense and allayed some fears about his readiness with a steady performance in relief of Vick. He completed 7 of 9 passes for 72 yards and hit receiver Jeremy Maclin for a 43-yard hookup as the Eagles tried to come back against the Falcons.

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Fantasy Update

Start

Phillip Rivers (QB) - SD

Its no secret that Phillip Rivers is an elite QB. He shouldn't have any problems with the Kansas City defense.

Joe Flacco (QB) - BAL

Flacco had a great week 1 and didn't back it up in week 2. Look for him to step it up this week against the 0-2 Rams

Sit

Ryan Fitzpatrick (QB) - BUF

The Bills have shocked the NFL world so far this season, but the Patriots will be the first test for Fitzpatrick and the Bills

Jamaal Charles (RB) - KC

Sorry to tell you fantasy owners, but your first round draft pick Jamaal Charles is out for the season with a torn ACL.

Sleepers

Cam Newton (QB) - CAR

Newton tore through the college football scene last year, and it seems like he is still in college with the numbers he's been putting up so far.

Darren Sproles (RB) - NO

Sproles was under utilized in San Diego, but in the post-Bush era in New Orleans, Sproles is a perfect fit for the Saints.

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