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World AIDS day comes to Central Florida

**Awareness and remembrance
are key points for community**

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World AIDS Day was held this past Thursday on several Valencia campuses and across central Florida in conjunction with the global effort that began in 1988 to raise awareness of the disease and to show support to those living with the virus, as well as those who have died from it.

Valencia's Winter Park campus showed their support by having an event to make the students aware of the danger this virus still poses to the area.

"AIDS and HIV are still a concern for young students," said Rachel Mahant, peer educator with the Winter Park campus. "Sometimes young adults don't make the wisest decisions and we want to get the word out that they need to be protected."

Students had the opportunity to play Jeopardy trivia and had information pamphlets and condoms handed out to encourage safe sex practices and education.

Across Orlando at Valencia's East Campus, students had an event brought to them by the Gay/Straight Alliance to promote better education and protection from AIDS/HIV, as well as programs available in the Orlando area if a student found out they were HIV positive and didn't know where to go.

"We want to let the students know that it is important to get tested at least every six months to a year," Jeremy Sharp, GSA vice-president explained. "This disease is not a death sentence like it use to be and there are programs that can help if you find out that you do have it."



FACES members cut the ribbon at the first annual Awareness outreach event at the Osceola public library on Thursday, Dec.1.

As the music rang out across the campus, Sharp and the rest of the GSA handed out brochures, red ribbons, and condoms to encourage the students of Valencia to stay informed and to be safe.

Neither campus was offering testing during the events, but Sharp advised that there are many places in Central Florida that have free HIV testing. "The Center on Mills Ave, Hope and Help, The Miracle of Love, and Planned Parenthood are just a few of the places in the area that will test you for free. It's as easy as Googling it or talking to one of the campus councilors."

The first Worlds AIDS Day was held in 1988 and is the first ever global health day. Since its inception,

Dec. 1 has been a day of remembrance and preaching acceptance of those living with this virus. In its 23 years, a World AIDS Day event had not been scheduled in Osceola County; until this year.

For the first time, a county event was held at the Osceola Public Library and was sponsored by a new, local organization known as FACES Community. The organization, which stands for Fighting AIDS, Collaborating to Educate Society, was created by a council of both HIV positive and negative people from the Osceola area and was spearheaded by local radio talk show host Eugenia Nova.

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Wisam Sharieff admits to being controversial for a reason.

Religious leaders face modern temptations

Present ambitious plan for world peace

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The Muslim Student Association at Valencia's East Campus hosted its first conference, highlighted by Wisam Sharieff, a prominent Muslim American with an unorthodox speaking style and an ambitious plan for international peace.

"We don't need more words; we need more love," said Sharieff, "but love doesn't have its own language, yet." He addressed the gathering of more than 500 Muslim Americans from the local community, and MSA groups from UCF, USF, Rollins, and more. They came out to this conference to address complicated religious issues and the proper role of modern technology.

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The awareness outreach event started with the lighting of the candles in honor of those living with HIV, those lost to it and a moment of silence. Nova spoke to the attendees about the importance of events like these.

"If this disease affects one person in your neighborhood, then it affects the entire community." The event was filled with singing, dancing, and skits meant to inspire and educate on the importance of acceptance of those with AIDS/HIV. "We all have faces," Nova said. "We all have hearts. We are here to lift the stigma placed on positive people."

The event also included the reading of the official proclamation naming Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day in Osceola County and a tribute was done in the honor of one of the county's leading voices of AIDS/HIV awareness in Central Florida, Jessica Szymczyk.

Szymczyk is a mental health counselor and has been fighting the fight against AIDS/HIV in Central Florida for more than 20 years. "AIDS is not like it use to be,"

Szymczyk said, "People are living longer with it and living productive, happy lives. They aren't any different than anyone else."

AIDS/HIV is currently affecting 1.2 million Americans and every nine and a half minutes a person is being newly infected. "This is why it is so important to get tested," explained Szymczyk. "You must know your status so you can protect those you are intimate with and protect yourself." Outside of the event the Hope and Help Center was providing free HIV testing to those who wanted to know their status.

Florida is currently the third most infected state and the number of cases has been steadily increasing since the 1990s. "Look to your left, now look to your right," Nova said. "Look at the faces around you. There are both positive and negative people in this room and you can't tell any of them apart. Know your partner, know your status, and keep protected."

For more information or for a free, confidential testing area contact the Hope and Help Center at 407-645-2577 or visit their website at www.hopeandhelp.org. "The Healing Touch" with Eugenia Nova can be heard on 1220 AM radio Sunday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Muslim Americans gather to pray at Valencia East Campus before hearing from guest speaker cleric Wisam Sharieff.

MSA conference

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Sharieff has an idea that expands the United Nations International Day of Peace to a long break in the near future of up to four months of international peace. The concept was equated to parents that have children who are fighting will separate them to let their tempers cool down. He is planning to meet and speak with Arabic leaders in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, London, and elsewhere to expand on this concept of unified peace.

Though it can be dismissed as an over-zealous or unattainable goal, you can not deny that it's ambitious, especially for a young anthropologist relatively new to public speaking. For ten years Sharieff was in and out of hospitals battling illnesses, and spent his time studying the lessons of the Bible, Torah, and Koran. It was during this period he developed his plan for peace and an international language (like American Sign Language) to unify the world through basic human understanding.

Other topics addressed at Saturday's conference were staying away from being judgmental, stereotypical, and negative, and how to deal with a situation involving these behaviors. Included in the agenda was a long discussion on "The Beauty of Hijab" with its dress and personal requirement's purpose and function.

Another topic of discussion included the relatively new stigma of finding a balance in the over saturation from social media web sites and smart phones.

Some participants fear many younger Muslims are acting conservative in public, but behaving differently behind the anonymity of a computer screen.

This is tied directly into the goal of the Muslim Student Association to inform, educate, and enlighten others concerning the Islamic religion.

"Our goals are dispelling misconceptions that people may have about our religion" said Amir Khan, President of MSA on East Campus. "People think we're all like terrorists, or all Muslims are from the Middle East, it's obvious that's not the case." Khan's family is originally from South America and has no family ties to anyone overseas.

There is a general frustration with misconceptions that Muslims face in a post 9/11 world. "It's the only religion this day that has to defend itself," Khan said. "If you say that person is Christian or that person is Jewish no one cares, but if you say they are Muslim then you have to defend or justify that."

Aside from informing students and helping with campus events MSA recently raised \$1,000 to help with the people of Somalia. "We have Project Downtown where every two weeks we go to downtown Orlando and cook food, make sandwiches, and feed the homeless," said MSA member Manan Isis.

The main goal of MSA is spreading a positive message and helping the college meet its goal of embracing diversity.

"We have students from around the world, and different cultures within MSA," said Valencia professor MSA advisor Yasmeen Qadri. "It's so important that we are all on the same page, and working towards the same goals."

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Students demand answers from Dean

Tyrone Johnson responds to West Campus concerns

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SGA hosted a Student and Dean Discussion to share their concerns directly with Tyrone Johnson, on West Campus Wednesday Nov. 30.

Tutoring was a recurring issue for some students because of the lack of tutors and the types of tutors, ranging from higher level math to chemistry and science.

There are professors to teach the students, but the only tutors for the subjects are professors. Appointments are nearly impossible because of a professors cluttered schedule, let alone walk-ins. Johnson explained that there was a recruiting process to be done in order to get more higher tutors for math or different subject tutors.

Another question was about outsiders being hired as tutors. Unfortunately, those who are not a part of the system cannot be hired due to questionable backgrounds, meaning they cannot hire someone that they don't know about.

Professors were also a main issue in the discussion.

Students complained about contacting professors and how it was more of a game of cat and mouse, explaining how hard it was to reach them or get a reply. If a professor responded, the message was often irrelevant or late.

Financial aid lines and wait times are a concern since so many people need financial aid, but aren't getting the money in time, leaving students to miss their classes. The problem cannot be helped, since staff is working at capacity and they're so many people registering for financial aid.

An idea for a daycare for students was also brought up. Johnson explained that Valencia College doesn't teach daycare. Also the price of daycare outweighs the benefits to the school.

A sidewalk entrance for Kirkman Road for pedestrians and bikers was mentioned, allowing a safer entrance. "We'll look into it," Johnson said.

The library hours have been extended by two hours for finals, something students had been requesting. The new hours will be made official on Monday. This gives late-night students a chance to get extra time if needed.

Professor named Teacher of the Year

Eileen Perez nabs top honor

Dr. Eileen Perez, a chemistry professor at Valencia College, has been named the 2011 Outstanding Chemistry Teacher at a two-year college. The award was presented by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Perez teaches on Valencia's West Campus.

The chapter also recognized Valencia student Danny Arias as the "outstanding undergraduate at a two-year college."

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Citizens speak as anti-smoking efforts increase

New campaign looks to laws to help clear air in public spaces

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Many voices are being heard in the city of Orlando as people demand that public places be made smoke free. Some citizens want to be able to experience a clean air environment without worrying about secondhand smoke. Their voice has been heard through the All In To Clear Air campaign launched this year.

This new program is supported and sponsored by the Florida Health Department and Tobacco Free Florida organizations and has done a lot in its small time in existence. The famous image of a person with a gas mask pouring liquor into a glass and a small child playing in the park represents the demand for and end to smoking in bars and parks. These images have been seen on billboards, bus stops, Internet advertisements, and television commercials.

Dain Weister, a public information officer in the All In To Clear Air program, has a clear objective why this program needs attention and how it takes upon its mission.

"We want it to expand and expose people to change to stop smoking and prevent second hand smoke," Weister said. "With this we can save lives."

The whole campaign began with a grant by the federal government in order to create smoke free public spaces to limit secondhand smoke, which kills over 50,000 Americans a year.

A lot of success has been achieved from the program so far. Local colleges such as UCF and Valencia are trying to ban smoking on campuses, and counties in central Florida have agreed to join the movement. From Orange to Evansville County, cities are joining as the campaign strives to add more.



The next level is to get a major law passed. "Right now we are a resolution, but would like to get a law to passed," Weister said. "No major law has changed the state law, so the state level would have to make the change."

Since partnering up with the health department, All In To Clear Air has reached out to many municipalities such as the Amway Center in Orlando that went smoke free. Social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter are helping spread the word to let others know the dangers of second hand smoke.

Many residents in the Orlando believe public space should be smoke free as well.

"Smoking in a area around other civilians such as children is a selfish act," said Cynthia Bell a 29-year-old parent and 15-year Orlando resident. "You are basically destroying the habitat of others around you because of your addiction to burn a cigarette."

Valencia prepares to enforce tobacco ban

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The Great American Smokeout came to Valencia's East Campus last week to raise awareness on the dangers of smoking and to encourage all students and faculty to kick the habit.

Valencia College has joined the Share the Air campaign to ban smoking in all public places, indoors and outdoors, anywhere on campus.

"We are not doing this because we are against smokers," said Debbie Jakubcin, Valencia's Wellness Coordinator, "We are simply saying that you cannot

smoke on campus. We are trying to have a healthy environment for all."

The policy for a smoke-free campus took effect on Aug. 27, but will begin being enforced in August 2012. The policy bans smoking of any kind from anywhere on campus, to include all open areas, as well as personal vehicles.

"It's too much, too fast," said Amanda Schulz, Valencia student and current smoker. "This is going to require a lot of enforcement and they can't even keep people from smoking in non-smoking areas let alone in their own cars."

Eliminating smoking on campus is just one part of the Valencia plan to clean the air. They will be offering resources to students, faculty, and community members who want to quit but don't know where to start. "We have a five week program that is being offered," said Jakubcin. "There will be counseling and quit-smoking aids offered at no cost."

The cost of quitting or lack of resources is not the issue for some to include smoker and student Rena Merchant. "Cars cause more smoke than any of the smokers," she said. "Nothing is being done about that."

The policy to go smoke free on campus has been under review for the past year and, according to Jakubcin, this was done to make sure that smokers were not going to feel discriminated against. "We are not trying to stop smoker's freedom," she said. "This is being done more in support for them."

Such a program would have been beneficial for Carol Traynor, Valencia's Senior Public Relations Manager and former smoker. "I had to quit smoking back when they banned it in federal buildings without the help of quit smoking aids and it was tough. If we had this when I was quitting I would have used the resources definitely."

Assistance and resources still are not enough for some current smokers. "This is still a free country, isn't it?" Merchant said. "It's not against the law."

For further information on the Share The Air initiative or to take advantage of the resources being offered go to www.valenciacollege.edu/sharetheair.



Xavier Charles enjoys a cigarette on West Campus. The smoking ban will be enforced beginning Jan. 1.

Jobless rate drops sharply to 8.6 percent in November

Trend in job creation, employment support by Clinton, President Obama

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

The surprising drop in November's unemployment rate to 8.6 percent overshadowed what may be a more significant positive trend: a sharp upturn in hiring by the nation's small businesses.

Overall, U.S. employers added 120,000 jobs in November as the unemployment rate fell sharply from 9 percent, the Labor Department said in a report that brought holiday cheer.

Private-sector employers added 140,000 jobs last month, the Bureau of Labor

Statistics reported in its survey of non-farm payrolls, but the net job gain was dragged down by 20,000 government jobs lost at federal, state and local levels.

The BLS also revised the September job estimates sharply upward from the original 158,000 to 210,000, a strong number. October's estimate of 80,000 jobs gained also was revised up, by 20,000.

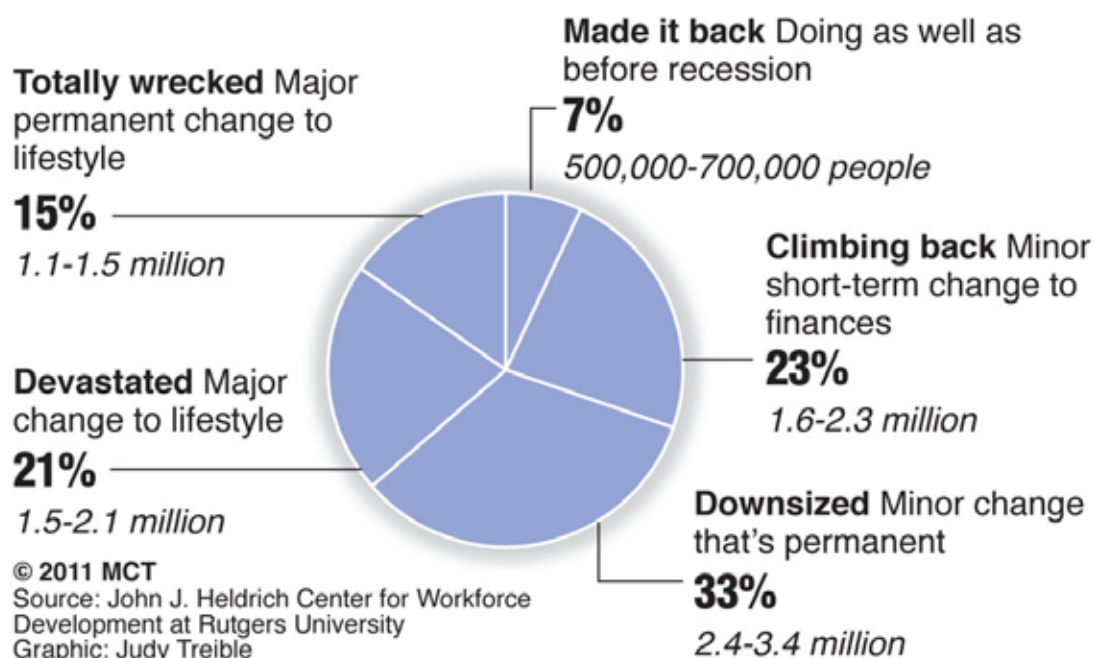
"The job market is firming at year's end. Job growth has picked up in recent months, particularly among smaller businesses. The employment gains have also broadened out across industries from retailing to manufacturing," said Mark



Former President Bill Clinton with President Obama speak about job creation after touring a new office building using green construction.

Effects of unemployment

A study of workers who lost jobs between Aug. 2008 and Aug. 2009, during the height of the Great Recession, shows most are still hurting.



Zandi, the chief economist for forecaster Moody's Analytics. "The sharp improvement in unemployment is encouraging, but overstates the improvement. The job market is still struggling, but it is gaining momentum going into 2012."

Economists think the BLS payrolls report may be undercounting hiring by small businesses. This may explain why a key private-sector employment gauge on Wednesday posted surprisingly strong numbers that were somewhat at odds with Friday's BLS data.

The ADP National Employment Report said 206,000 private-sector jobs were created in November. Employers with more than 500 workers accounted for about 6 percent of the hiring, the ADP report said, while employers with fewer than 49 workers accounted for 53 percent of the new jobs.

The National Federation of Independent Business, which surveys the pulse of smaller firms, also said Friday that its

members were seeing an uptick in hiring.

"The percent of owners cutting jobs has returned to 'normal' levels," said William Dunkelberg, the group's chief economist. "And the percent of owners adding workers continued to trend up. Reports of new job creation should pick up a bit in the coming months."

The sharp fall in the unemployment rate, while a potential boost to the political fortunes of President Barack Obama, stemmed from two factors.

First, there was an outsized decline of 315,000 people in the workforce. Those presumably are people who gave up looking for work, and they are likely to return to the workforce eventually. The rest stemmed from growth in the number of jobs.

"About half of the drop in unemployment in the household survey was due to a decline in the labor force ... and about half to employment growth," Alan Krueger, the new head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers,

said in a statement.

The unemployment rate is derived from a survey of households, while the job-growth number is drawn from a survey of businesses. Economists at RDQ Economics, a New York forecaster, argued in a research note that the household survey has shown stronger employment gains than the payroll survey has for four straight months.

RDQ said the unemployment rate had shown "a more rapid decline than one would have expected given the data on the broader economy."

The strong job numbers add to a recent trend of positive economic indicators, including sharply rising consumer confidence, auto sales, Black Friday retail sales and a key manufacturing index by the Institute of Supply Management. It all points to a firming U.S. economic recovery, with the biggest shadow cast by Europe's debt crisis.

— MCT Campus

Herman Cain suspends presidential campaign bid

Ex-candidate 'at peace' after turbulent GOP nomination run plagued by accusations of adultery, personal misconduct

By David Goldstein
McClatchy Newspapers

His popularity sinking and his credibility under attack, Herman Cain suspended his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination on Saturday in a defiant, unapologetic blaze of glory.

For all practical purposes, Cain's suspension means he has dropped out, ending his quest for the White House because of the political damage caused by allegations of sexual harassment and

marital infidelity.

"I am suspending my presidential campaign because of the continued distraction, the continued hurt caused on me and my family, not because we are not fighters, not because I'm not a fighter," the former Godfather's Pizza CEO told a loyal hometown crowd in Atlanta.

Cain, who has denied all the allegations, was accompanied by his wife, Gloria, in a rare campaign appearance. He said that he and his family were "at peace" over the ordeal.

His decision likely caused the party hierarchy to relax a little as well. Cain's personal drama had become a distraction, drawing attention away from the rest of the GOP field.

Many in the Republican establishment also never thought Cain was a serious candidate to begin with, despite his ability to draw support. He had little in the way of ground organizations in key early states, and his travel schedule sometimes seemed to indicate more of an interest in selling his book than his candidacy.

Cain said that he got out also because his ability to raise money had suffered. Suspending his campaign instead of shutting it down altogether still allows him to raise money to help pay off his debts.

His farewell was trademark Cain: confident, cheeky and challenging of political convention.

Cain said he intended to remain a "voice of the people" and promised to soon endorse one of his former Republican rivals. He also announced that he was beginning his "Plan B", creating a new organization whose goal would be to change Washington "from the outside."

"The pundits would like for me to shut up, drop out and go away," he said to cheers of support. "I am not going to be silenced and I am not going away."

Cain's turnaround in political fortunes was another abrupt shift in a chase for the nomination that has seen more twists and turns than the Monaco Grand Prix.

A new Des Moines Register poll showed that Cain's support in Iowa,



Cain addressing large group of supporters in Atlanta on Saturday, with his wife Gloria Cain beside him.



Political supporters now look for new candidates less than a month before first caucus vote.

where the first voting of the election season will take place Jan. 3, had dwindled to just 8 percent, down from 23 percent a month ago, when he briefly led the pack. That was also just before the sexual allegations surfaced.

"There weren't any deep-founded beliefs and understanding about who he was," said Al Cardenas, chairman of the American Conservative Union and former head of the Florida Republican Party.

"His image was not deeply ingrained in the mind of the voters. They liked his populism, his charisma, but the moment people heard news that was not complimentary, his fortunes dropped."

Cain became the latest in a series of Republican White House hopefuls who seemed to capture lightning in a bottle,

only to see it flicker and disappear.

First there was real estate mogul and reality television star Donald Trump, then Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, then Texas Gov. Rick Perry. Bachmann and Perry remain in the race.

The latest surging hopeful is also the one likely to gain the most from Cain's withdrawal, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose campaign has picked up momentum since Cain began slipping. Gingrich might be in the best position to appeal to the "Anyone but Romney" segment of Republicans, who don't believe that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the only candidate to remain consistently in the top tier, is conservative enough.

— MCT Campus

What would you rather watch, NBA or MLB?

Photos by Lawrence Laguna / Interviews by Juan Gutierrez



"NBA; it's more exciting and bigger plays happen. I like big, exciting plays in sports."
— Alex Davis



"Neither; I'm not really familiar with sports. I need to spend my time studying for class."
— Derek Matthew



"NBA; it's more lively to watch, and I feel like baseball is really slow and boring."
— Gabi Muelle



"It's got to be the NBA. I think baseball is dumb and I have always liked to watch basketball."
— J.R. Cook



"NBA; it's a lot more interesting. I like it a lot more than MLB."
— James Teitelbaum



"NBA; it's more entertaining. It's just more fun and better games to watch."
— Katherine Pacheco



"MLB; I have never been really into sports, but I played baseball as a kid so I can relate more."
— Luke Murphy



"NBA; because baseball is a really slow-moving sport, and I can't really follow it."
— Michell Elyakin



"NBA; baseball has been kind of boring lately and it's very repetitive. NBA offers more to fans."
— Peter Certo



"I grew up watching basketball so it's my favorite sport to watch. I just hate to watch baseball."
— Maria Sicilian

Are you excited about the end of the NBA lockout?

Hockey fans won't miss basketball

By Bryan Levine
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When the NBA announced that it wouldn't cancel the 2011-12 season, if you listened carefully, you could hear the collective sigh of every hockey fan in America.

It seems ironic that at the same time the 99 percent protests were going on in this country, millionaires were arguing with billionaires over just one measly percentage of NBA revenues.

As a white kid who grew up on Long Island, New York, my love for basketball went out the window when the Knicks era of the 90s ended.

My love for basketball went out the window when the Knicks era of the 90s ended.

After living in South Florida for a few years, and now Orlando, I've become a self-admitted front-running basketball fan. For the last few years I've been teetering between teams to root for.

The Knicks just started rebuilding their dismal franchise, and it seemed like I would once again become a Knickerbocker. But then the lock-out happened, and it left a sour taste in my mouth.

My favorite sport is without a doubt baseball, America's past-time, but my second passion is hockey; a sport which has virtually no respect amongst Americans and the mainstream media.

Networks such as ESPN, who dominate the thought-process of sports fans in this country by controlling what they see, just started paying attention to hockey.

While I am in no way a fan of Sidney

Crosby, I was ecstatic with all of the coverage he was getting when he made his 2011 debut following a concussion.

Then, the NBA players and owners agreed to terms, and suddenly it was 'Sidney Who?'

So now the 2011-2012 NBA season, which will go down in infamy, will begin its 66-game season, and go on as if nothing ever happened. Pro basketball will continue to be a vastly popular sport, for reasons which I don't understand.

I'm happy for all of you basketball

fans who can now enjoy your one true love. You'll be able to turn your televisions to ESPN at any point during the day and find

out the latest on the NBA, and you'll forget this season started late, just a week into 2012.

But, why? Why isn't this strike going to have the affect a lost NHL season had? Do you even remember which season the NHL lost to a strike? Did you even know that the NHL recently had a strike-plagued season? Probably not.

If you ask me, it seems unfair that the NBA was able to devastate its fans out of pure selfishness, and not face the same repercussions MLB faced in 1994, or the NHL did in 2004.

Nonetheless, the NBA will go back to being king of sports in America, and fans like myself will go back to watching an hour of Sports Center with the glimmering hope that the 30 seconds devoted to the NHL will be geared towards my team.



Shortened season is Christmas gift

By Juan Gutierrez
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NBA fans have gotten an early Christmas present this year. The NBA's players and owners reached a tentative agreement to bring NBA basketball back to the hardwood on Christmas day.

The 149-day lockout is finally over. That means Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Derrick Rose, Dwight Howard and the rest of league's stars are back in action this season. But why should we be having goosebumps because the lockout is finally over?

With the NBA season being shortened to 66 games this year -- 16 games shorter than last season -- many NBA players have gotten extra time to heal injuries. This may be a wonderful thing for Bryant and the Lakers.

Bryant is infamous for injuries. He received knee treatment this off-season and now the well-rested Bryant may be dangerous like never before. Bryant and the Lakers are one of the NBA's older teams, and it is almost certain that with the shortened season the team will be playing a lot fresher when the playoffs come around in the spring.

How about the free agent frenzy and the trade possibilities? This year's free agency class isn't that strong but there are still many quality guys available to play key roles on any team.

Are we going to see Chris Paul get

traded away from the New Orleans Hornets? What about Dwight Howard? Do the Orlando Magic deal him to the Lakers? What if we see the two join forces together like the Miami Heat did with their stars last off-season? It's no question that it is going to be a condensed off-season filled with signings and trades.

Can NBA finals MVP Dirk Nowitzki prove his critics wrong now that he already has his first championship under his belt? Or are the Mavs just too old now?

The teams will be playing a lot fresher when the playoffs come around.

Last season we got to see one of the NBA's brightest young stars win the regular season MVP award: Chicago Bulls point guard Derrick Rose. We've missed you Derrick.

We will see how much Rose has developed his game in the extended off-season, now entering his fourth year in the league. The explosive and speedy point guard had a very impressive season last year but didn't have much success in the Eastern Conference finals against Miami. But this is a new year.

Going into next season many already predict that the Miami Heat and their three-headed monster in LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, and Chris Bosh are the favorites to win the 2011-2012 NBA Championship. Can he win his first title as well as the hearts of the nation's NBA fans this time around?

Spread love for holidays

Christmas is time for family, sharing, fun

By Jennifer Didomenico
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I love holidays. I love getting flowers on Valentine's Day, wearing green on St. Patrick's Day, coloring eggs on Easter, watching fireworks on the fourth of July, eating ridiculous amounts of candy on Halloween, and eating even more ridiculous amounts of turkey on Thanksgiving.

And I can't help but love Christmas.

It's time again for the winter holiday season to come around. Stores are already filled with decorated Christmas trees, and shoppers are going crazy. But the holiday season isn't just about giving and receiving gifts, Christmas is about spending time with my family.

Throughout the month of December, we bond more as a whole. We take time between school and work to decorate and have more family days at Disney, like we used to when we vacationed here.

Being an only child, I'm my parents little helper when it's time to put up the tree and outdoor decorations. It's nothing like the Grizwold's decor, but I wouldn't have it any other way. I love our simple, traditional, family decorating. We always buy a box of candy canes, and hang them on the tree with our ornaments.

Christmas Eve and Christmas are two very important days. Though we don't have a minute-

by-minute schedule that we follow every year, we tend to keep the same traditions going.

When I was young and living in Chicago, every Christmas Eve I left cookies and milk out for Santa. Christmas morning we would attend mass, then return home and open presents.

Later in the day, my family room in our basement would be filled with my cousins running around, and playing with presents from all of the aunts and uncles.

In Florida, we have a small gathering of my parents, my grandparents, along with my aunt and uncle. Every year we do things in a different order, but we always go to church, open presents, have Christmas dinner, and eat large amounts of cookies and kolaches in between. I have to say, I miss showing off my new American Girl Dolls to my cousins.

But now that I'm older, I appreciate more about this holiday season. I appreciate those "annoying bell-ringers" outside of the grocery store, and I often buy canned food to donate and give change to their organizations. I feel more generous, because now I've realize what wonderful life I've grown up with.

The holiday season is about spreading cheer; it's about being thankful for everything you have, and those who are in your life. Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year.

You got a college education for that?

By Jane S. Shaw
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

As a child perusing my parents' and grandparents' libraries in the 1950s, I came across odd books like one instructing the reader in proper pronunciation. It taught how to say the word "despicable" (stress the "des," not the "pic") and incognito (stress the "cog," not the "nito"), just the opposite of what you normally hear.

Another book told me that while there are many ways to announce that "it's time to go to bed," one never should say "let's hit the sack." Using that term revealed you as a hick because it alluded to times (and places) when beds were made of straw, and you didn't want to be associated with them.

Such tomes (and others, including Emily Post's famed book of etiquette) helped many Americans who weren't fortunate enough to attend college, the vast majority in those days, brush off the hayseed and become proper members of the middle class as they moved into their Levittown homes with their new all-electric kitchens, Presto pressure cookers, and Encyclopaedia Britannicas.

Today nearly 30 percent of American adults have college degrees. But there doesn't seem to be much difference between many of the college educated and their non-college peers.

To some extent this may be because of mass culture. Lawrence Summers, former president of Harvard, recently claimed that average Americans are smarter than they used to be. His evidence: in the 1960s the country's favorite TV show was the "Beverly Hillbillies"; in the 2000s, it was "West Wing." In his view, the silliness of the one versus the erudition of the other reveals the elevation of mass culture. We all have "moved up."

Maybe, but an equally plausible reason that college graduates don't stand out is that they are just as deeply mired in lowbrow culture



College students now don't receive the same kind of education that other generations before have.

as everyone else. Sports, college, professional, amateur, are today's great levelers, along with entertainment emblems such as "American Idol," "Biggest Loser," "Jersey Shore," "Bad Girls Club," Lady Gaga and the technological world of Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

The college graduate is part and parcel of this environment, and I haven't noticed that graduates speak noticeably better than those who haven't been to college. Their language, at best, reflects more the language of their parents and childhood peers, and every person under 30 seems to use the dreadful locution "me and Jan" as the subject of a sentence.

Personally, I don't care terribly whether graduates sound educated or not; of greater concern is whether they are educated. But why doesn't college provide the superficial veneer of respectability that it did in the past?

The answer is that it doesn't provide the substance that it did in the past. College graduates rarely quote Shakespeare or even use his plots to illustrate points. Does anyone under age 50 ever allude to Plato's cave? As Lee Doren says in his new e-book, "Please Enroll Responsibly," students "aren't receiving the education most people expect when they think of earning a degree."

Of course, there are exceptions. And when

it comes to their major fields, many students learn a lot because they are vocationally motivated and their professors are teaching what they love.

But few students get a solid grounding, or any grounding at all, in what used to be called "high culture": the fundamental intellectual ideas that underlie modern society. Core curricula at most colleges have been tossed out the window. Of the 54 accredited colleges and universities in North Carolina, for example, just two require courses in U.S. government or history.

All in all, a college education doesn't seem to make you anything special anymore.

We already have many reasons to suspect that college is fading as an essential ingredient in life, such as continuing cost increases and the uncertain value of a degree.

If Americans once used college as a stepping-stone to a more respectable life, and that doesn't work anymore, families are going to rethink spending thousands of dollars on higher education. Junior can just get a job and with the money he saves and buy a, well, perhaps a Lamborghini.

Now that would move the family up in the estimation of the neighbors, wouldn't it?

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Is Valencia's no-smoking rule fair to students?

Ban protects students' health

By Neda Hamdan
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As I walk through the breezeway, I'm caught off guard by the pungent smell of tobacco invading my nostrils and I can't help but cough. Why should students be subjected to something that could potentially endanger our health?

Someone dies from a tobacco-related illness every eight seconds in the United States. Valencia College is doing the right thing when it comes to making the campus smoke-free for the 2012 academic year.

"I have a problem with breathing, so I take offense to people smoking around me," Yolanda Williams said. "I think they should respect your personal space."

Not only does smoking affect smokers, but those around them. Secondhand smoke is responsible for 46,000 deaths each year from heart disease of non-smokers, according to the American Cancer Society. Dana Reeve, Christopher Reeve's wife who was in the original Superman movie, died of lung cancer from secondhand smoke. Also, exposure to secondhand smoke while pregnant increases the chance a woman will have a still-born birth, spontaneous abortion, a low birth-weight baby, and many other delivery and pregnancy problems.

"Because people don't use the smoking areas that are designated for smoking, we need to have Valencia smoke-free," Olivia Mack-Solden said. "Otherwise I wouldn't mind if they smoked on campus."

According to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is not only the leading cause of cancer death in the United States, it's also the most preventable form of cancer in our society. As well as lung cancer, smoking causes 10 other types of cancer, Type 2 Diabetes, heart disease and more.

"I don't like walking into hallways when people are smoking because I don't want to be at risk," said Riley Messer.

I have been subjected to the negative effects of smoking, I've known many relatives that have died due to cancer, and one in particular who has died from lung cancer, but was a non-smoker. Most of my family are smokers, and I constantly worry about being subjected to secondhand smoke.

Smoking will kill as many as one in six people by 2030. It causes more deaths every year than alcohol, car accidents, suicides, AIDS, homicides, and illegal drugs combined. Making Valencia smoke-free is small step for a big problem, and hopefully this will lead to many other colleges to follow in our footsteps along with the other 530 colleges in the United States that have already gone smoke-free.

Make your voice heard!

**Take our online poll on
Valencia's smoking ban at
ValenciaVoice.com**

**Read more about the ban
on Page 4**



Right to legal substance should take precedence

By Fred Lambert
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The decision of the Board of Trustees to outlaw smoking on campus this past summer has gone under the radar for many students.

The policy restricts all burned tobacco and according to Valencia's online statement, "any object or device intended to simulate such use," which includes, oddly enough, electronic cigarettes. If quit-smoking aids are banned in such a contradictory fashion, are toy bubble-pipes outlawed too? We'll find out on Jan. 1, 2012, when the policy will begin to be enforced.

Valencia's smoking ban is different than the Temperance movement's crusade against alcoholism, but the lesson is simi-

lar. Banning legal substances – even in micro-instances like college – will never be fully complied with, and difficult to enforce.

"People are still going to find a way," said Rami Alzeideh, 31. "They're not going to be able to stop stuff like that."

According to Valencia's policy statement on the issue, the ban extends to all college owned property, including parking lots and the personal vehicles on them, and is applicable to alumni, faculty and visitors alike. Violators can receive a decidable punishment from the appropriate Dean or President of a campus, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct or Human Resources Employee Handbook. Visitors, including contractors, can be exiled.

Professor of US Government, Bill Symolon, of Valencia's Winter Park campus, said the smoking ban is completely unconstitutional. This brought the Fourteenth Amendment to mind, which says states may not "deny to any persons within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

"As long as it's a legal substance and I can buy it legally, Valencia has no right to say I can't smoke," Symolon said. "They do have the right to control it – they can put smokers off in a specific area -- but it shouldn't be banned completely."

Valencia isn't a state legislature, but they are a public college, funded by the state. And while the health of faculty and alumni is an important issue, why does the college want to dis-gruntle a portion of the student body whose habit could easily be partitioned into designated areas?

Many stressed-out students who take a full course-load, sleep around five hours a night and have full-time or part-time jobs smoke. Some have only the precious and sacred moment between classes called the "smoke break" to calm their tensions amid tests, research papers and work schedules.

And if it's the individual liberty of non-smokers to avoid second-hand smoke we're talking about, then a compromise can easily be established by controlling where smoking is allowed within campus.

"This isn't high school," said music major Amador Salinas, 18, of the policy. He'd just suffered a shifty recital, and despite not being a regular smoker, took drags on a bench.

So when we look toward next year when campus-wide smoking bans become a reality, we should ask ourselves: Will it really provide an incentive to quit, or force the once-accepted tobacco, e-cigarette, and bubble-pipe smokers of our school into positions of secret deviance?

Tweets of the Week

 @Joan_Rivers
Joan Rivers

Herman Cain has suspended his presidential campaign. The sexual harassment, however, will continue uninterrupted.

 @JimGaffigan
Jim Gaffigan

Donald Trump is going to moderate the next GOP debate. I wonder who the musical guest will be?

 @StephenAtHome
Stephen Colbert

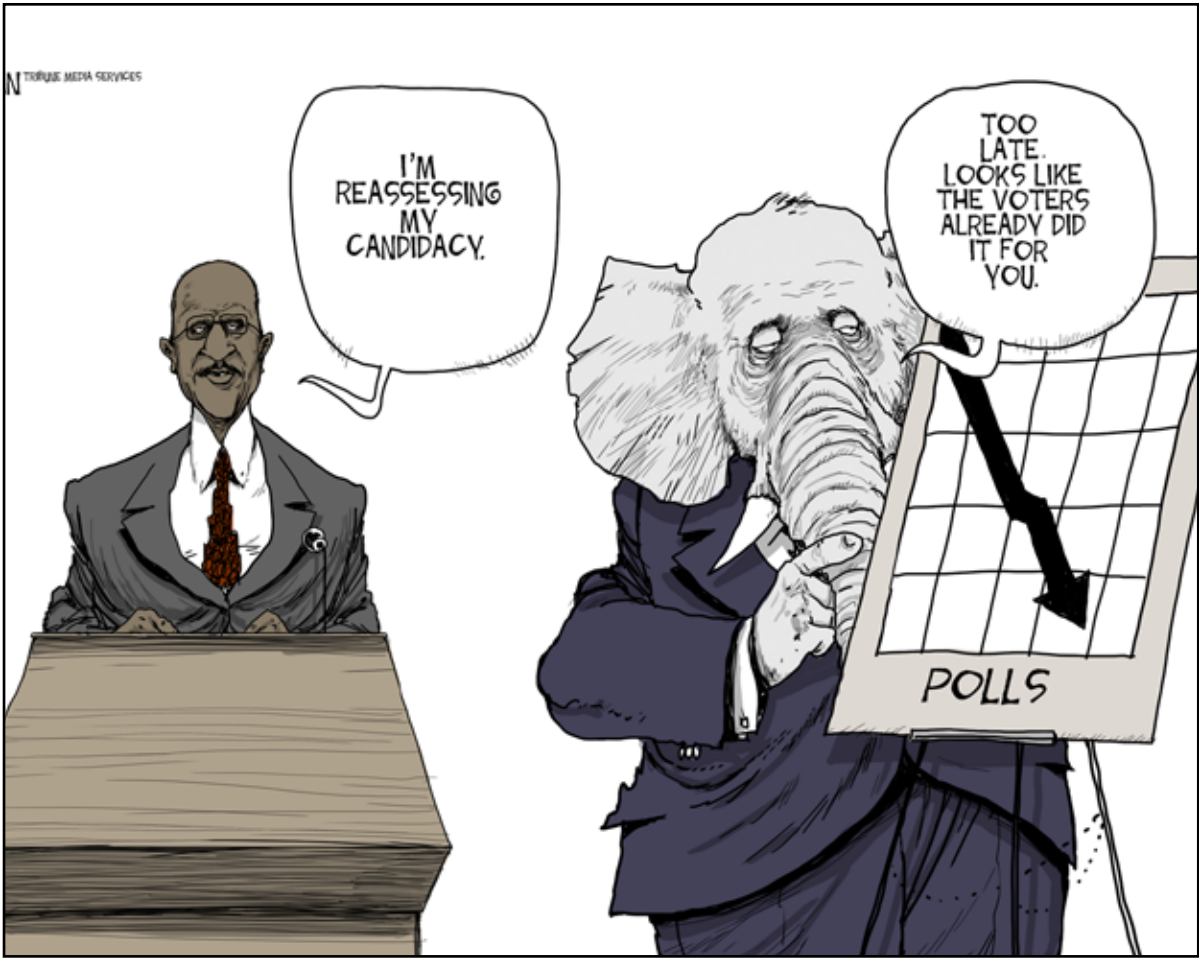
First Bachmann, then Perry, then Cain, then Gingrich... I look forward to the next GOP front-runner: Mitt Romney in a fake mustache.

 @ConanOBrien
Conan O'Brien

I think Regis has too much time on his hands. I just found him weeding my garden.

 @DougBenson
Doug Benson

I'm surprised Cain didn't say that his treatment by the media was inHermane.
#HeProbablyWillAnyway
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Lessons from best baby-sitting movies of all time

By Joseph V. Amodio
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The baby-sitter movie. It's a small but satisfying genre of films, and Jonah Hill stars in the latest, "The Sitter," opening Friday.

Hollywood seemingly can't get enough of sitters, male or female, who get lampooned (or harpooned) on a regular basis on the big screen. But at least, by the time the credits roll, the audience walks away with some valuable tips of the trade. Here are a few things we've learned from four of the best baby-sitter movies of all time.

"Halloween" (1978)

RULE 1: Listen to the kiddies

Baby-sitter Jamie Lee Curtis ignores little Tommy when he says he saw "the bogeyman" outside the house. Uh-huh. She'll regret that later.

"Uncle Buck" (1989)

RULE 2: Watch your language

John Candy's your typical lazy bachelor slob who winds up watching his brother's kids (including a pre-"Home Alone" Macaulay Culkin). The John Hughes comedy reminds us that li'l urchins repeat what you say, like Maizy, who explains to her teacher that her uncle had to microwave her socks because "he can't get the

goddamn washing machine to work."

"When a Stranger Calls" (1979)

RULE 3: Don't answer the phone, ever!

A relic of simpler times, when phones had dials and no Caller ID. When baby-sitter Carol Kane starts getting eerie phone calls ("Have you checked the children?"), she does everything right: She calls the police and arms herself. It's all

about the first 25 minutes (some of the most chilling in film history); the rest of the movie comes apart.

"Adventures in Babysitting" (1987)

RULE 4: Be ready for anything, including the blues

Baby-sitter Elisabeth Shue and three kids in her care wind up on a rollicking ride through Chicago, surviving a blow-

out, shootout, gang fight and more, plus a cameo from blues legend Albert Collins (the "Babysitting Blues" number alone is worth the rental). This Chris Columbus comedy is a cult fave and arguably the best of all baby-sitter films. Short of "Mary Poppins," of course. But then, she was more of a nanny.

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Baby-sitting movies teach us a few lessons for real life, from 'Halloween' to 'Uncle Buck' and 'When a Stranger Calls' to 'Adventures in Babysitting'.

Opening Nov. 18 'New Year's Eve'



Director: Garry Marshall

Starring: Halle Berry, Jessica Biel, Jon Bon Jovi, Abigail Breslin, Ludacris

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 1 hour 58 minutes

Genre: Comedy, Romance

'The Sitter'



Director: David Gordon Green

Starring: Jonah Hill, Sam Rockwell, Max Records, Kevin Hernandez

Rated: R

Running Time: 1 hour 21 minutes

Genre: Comedy

Box Office



1. 'Breaking Dawn 1'

Rated: PG - 13

This weekend: \$16.9 million

Total Gross: \$247 million



2. 'The Muppets'

Rated: PG

This weekend: \$11.2 million

Total Gross: \$56 million



3. 'Hugo'

Rated: PG

This weekend: \$7.6 million

Total Gross: \$25 million

Airborne Event brings toxicity to Beacham

California band ends tour strong in Orlando with guests Mona and The Drowning Man

By Marianella Zapata Noriega
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When you go on a hurricane simulator you get this feeling as the wind hits you like the air all of the sudden took on a solid physical form and its trying to go through every cell in your body. Although that may sound painful, its not; in fact its provably one of the coolest feelings, like somehow the wind is inside you.

That is the feeling you get when you hear The Airborne Toxic Event live, where music becomes more than just sound waves; it becomes corporeal.

Named after a section of Don DeLillo's National Book Award-winning book "White

Noise," the indie rock California band includes Mikel Jollett on vocals, guitar, and keyboard, Steven Chen on guitar and keyboard, Noah Harmon on electric bass, upright bass, and backing vocals, Daren Taylor on drums, and Anna Bulbrook on viola, keyboard, tambourine, and backing vocals.

Known for their ability to blend orchestral arrangements with rock, it is the members' multiple abilities that kept the show going as you watched them change instruments and places on the stage with seamless transitions.

Opening with "All at Once" from their latest album of that same name, the band also included fan favorites like "Sometime Around Midnight" and "Wishing Well" from their first

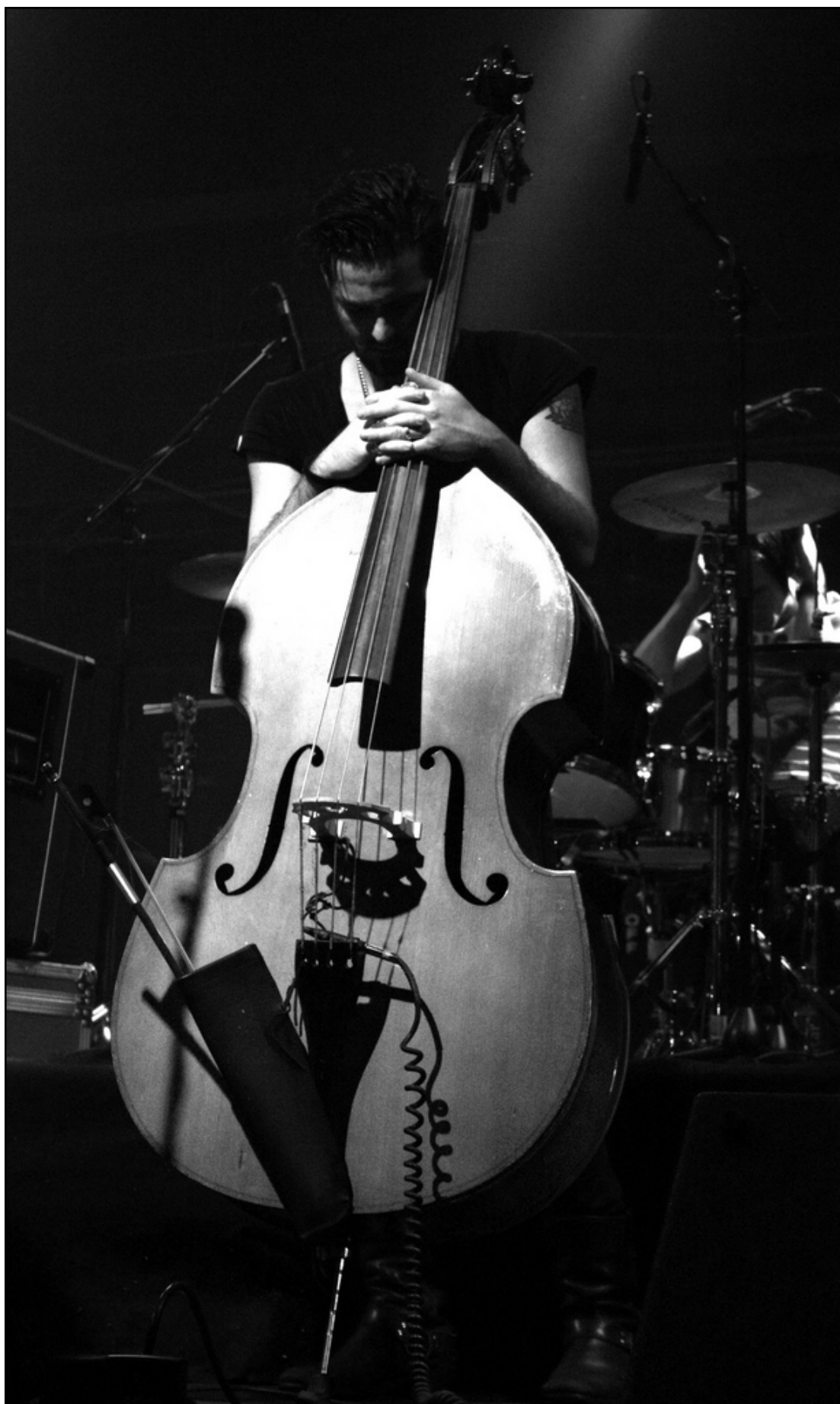
album, self-titled "The Airborne Toxic Event."

The band performed 16 tracks, including both encores.

Finishing their last tour date with The Drowning Men and Mona at the Beacham in Orlando, the band went all out to make the show worth remembering, from walking off stage and into the crowd multiple times to shaking beer at the crowd and opening bands in honor of a job well done.

Mona joined the tour promoting their self titled album which came out on May 16 in the UK and will be released in the US on Feb. 21, 2012.

Concert-openers The Drowning Men joined The Airborne Toxic Event after being on tour for the majority of the year.



Noah Harmon at 'The Airborne Toxic Event,' the band's last tour date this fall. Harmon plays the electric bass, upright bass, and contributes with backing vocals.



Bringing rock and orchestral together is The Airborne Toxic Events's specialty. Viola, keyboard, tambourine, and backup vocalist Anna Bulbrook is a big part off the band's classical edge as seen here with Harmon.



Steven Chen is both a guitarist and keyboardist for The Airborne Toxic event as well as backing vocalist.

Senior-gear radio show a booming success

Host of 'Growing Bolder' lives out positive message

By Tom Shea
Special to Valencia Voice

Marc Middleton is an Orlando newscaster and entrepreneur who hosts a radio and television show produced in Central Florida. You may have heard him on the weekends on 90.7 or watching the UCF public broadcasting channel.

Middleton graduated with a biology degree from FSU hoping to become a veterinarian. He moved to Phoenix when he wasn't accepted and began coaching an AAU swimming team. He befriended TV sportscaster Mike Leonard, now a feature reporter for the Today show.

Leonard had a way of looking at things in a way that was different; he was a story teller. He had no formal journalism education, but was persistent and worked as a freelance journalist, landing a permanent job within eight months as a sports anchor/reporter at a phoenix CBS affiliate station. Leonard inspired Middleton, who, years later began working in Orlando at local NBC affiliate WESH 2.

Middleton believes that the news includes the positive things going on in a community. He became a reporter to tell stories.

"The news business change. Local news was quickly becoming little more than a crime report because it was the easiest, quickest and most cost effective content to produce," Middleton said. "There was nothing uplifting about it."

Sick of covering stabbings and robberies, Middleton left his high paying job at Orlando local NBC affiliate to start his own venture where he could tell the kinds

of stories that got him in to reporting.

When Middleton left local television the industry was not researching the over-54 demographic. He recognized that the baby-boomer generation, his generation, was breaking the old stereotypes that dominated media marketing.

The baby-boomers represent a huge portion to the United States population and control a staggering 70 percent of all disposable income. They spend money on cars, second homes, travel and technology and experiencing a period of their life that many of their parents never lived to see.

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"I began to believe broadcasters, advertisers and marketers were making a huge mistake in undervaluing this group," he said. "I saw their oversight as an opportunity."

Middleton wanted to create something that could tell positive stories that cater to the baby-boomer demographic that could potentially be very profitable.

What he started was the Growing Bolder Media Group. At first it was a one man operation, but within a year he was hiring the best producers, reporters and videographers he knew.

Now the media group produces a television and a radio show on PBS and NPR.

"Public media is perfect for us and we knew from doing research that PBS was

interested in trying to do for 50-plus programming what it did for children's programming in the 80s."

Growing bolder is doing just that: the radio show has gone from two stations to 500 in less than 10 months.

Growing Bolder has a strong presence on the Internet and in social media. Middleton believes that for a small business with limited resources social media is invaluable. Growing bolder also has a feature rich website full of original content.

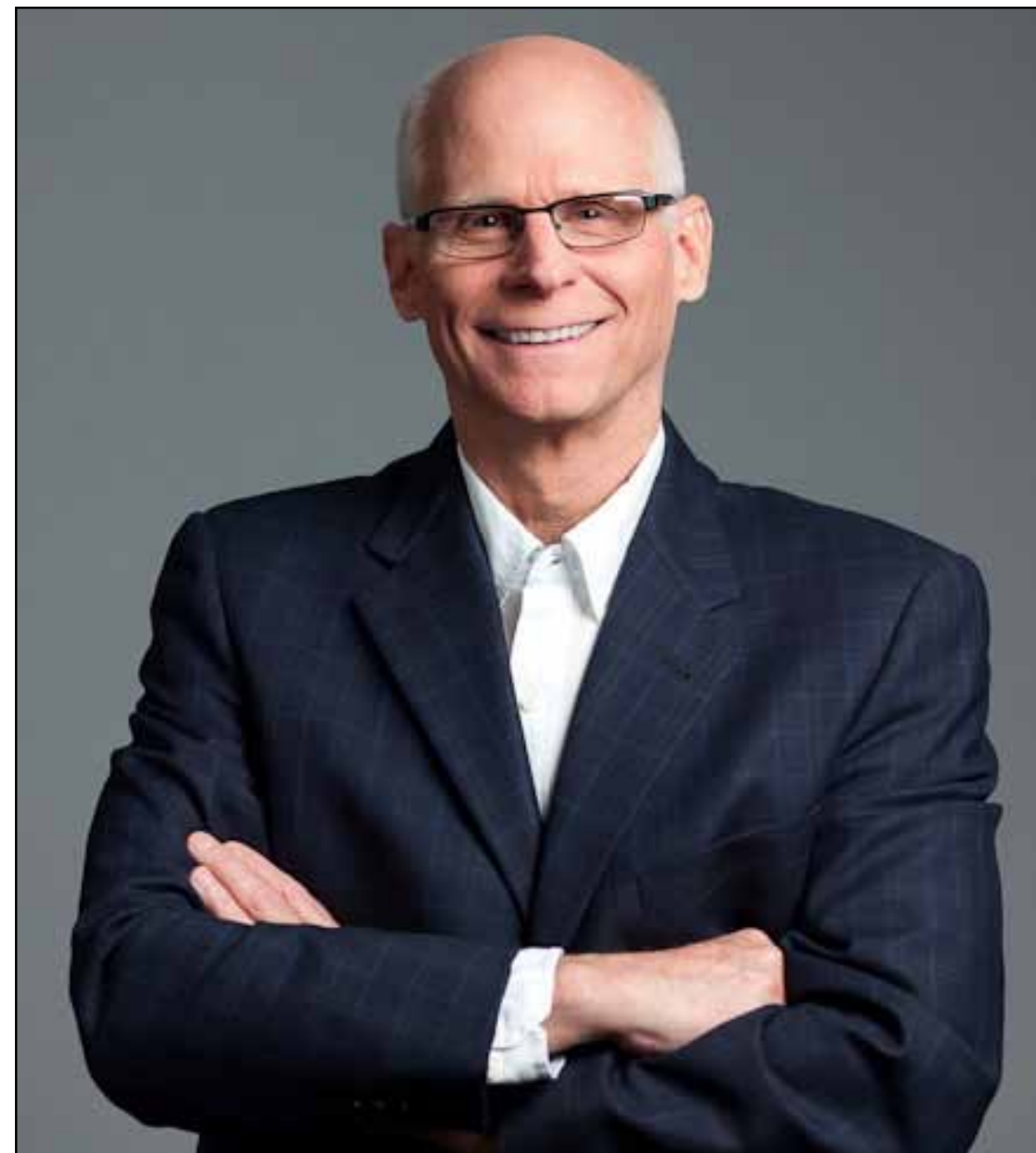
"We have just launched an online Growing Bolder Radio Network that streams our audio content 24/7," he said. "Listeners worldwide can now hear us anytime."

The Growing Boulder message is that it's never too late to try something new. "You can reinvent yourself as many times as you want to, Middleton said. "Find what you love and don't settle for less. Eventually you'll find out how to make a living doing it."

Middleton doesn't just preach the growing bolder message; he lives it. He got back into swimming after a 35-year break, and soon after he began swimming competitively. He has lots to show for it, with six national swimming championships and three masters world records in the past 12 months. He will be attending his first track meet in 40 years in the US National Indoor Track and Field Championships in the high hurdles.

Middleton has no plans for retirement.

"What we have created is less of a job and more of a team," he said. "We all enjoy coming to work every day and being with one another."



Marc Middleton, FSU alumnus, started 'Growing Bolder' after realizing his generation wasn't being reached by the media. The radio show now broadcasts on 500 stations and streams online 24/7.

Did you know? There are 318 centenarians (people over 100 years of age) living in Metro Orlando, as of the 2010 census.

Movies about movies help keep the magic

By Joe Williams
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

An unwritten rule of magic is to never repeat a trick. You don't want the audience to see how it's done. Yet movies are a magic trick repeated 18 times per second. And recently, several fine films have invited us behind the celluloid curtain.

"My Week With Marilyn" is a memoir of the whirlwind that was stirred up when ultimate movie star Marilyn Monroe clashed with ultimate stage actor Laurence Olivier on the set of the 1956 comedy "The Prince and the Showgirl." The black-and-white French import "The Artist" is an affectionate tribute to 1920s Hollywood, when silent cinema was eclipsed by the new technology of talkies. And in Martin Scorsese's epic "Hugo," an orphaned boy in 1930s Paris finds a home in the throes of a testy toy merchant who turns out to be forgotten film pioneer Georges Melies.

Cinema is a collaborative art form.

Even the behind-the-scenes personnel retain their sense of wonder that such chaos could produce a movie. There are many memoirs and scripts about the cinematic sausage factory, from Buster Keaton's "The Cameraman" and Billy Wilder's "Sunset Boulevard" to Woody Allen's "Stardust Memories" and David Mamet's "State and Main."

In "My Week With Marilyn," the American love goddess invades the staid studio where a stage-trained English actor is trying to transition to screen stardom. Olivier (impeccably impersonated by Kenneth Branagh) is a classical actor, but Hollywood native Monroe (astonishingly embodied by Michelle Williams) seduces the camera, even while the insecure starlet struggles to find a method-acting motivation within the constraints of a costume farce.

"The Artist," which has vaulted to near the top of the Oscar race, is a virtually wordless primer on the grammar of film. Director Michel Hazanavicius had previously spoofed 1960s spy movies in the

"OSS 117" series. But in reteaming with a Gallic Peter Sellers named Jean Dujardin, he has cracked the code of protocinematic melodrama.



Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe in the new film 'My Week with Marilyn.'

The movie is a gestural joy, as astute about emotional telegraphy as any Charlie Chaplin classic.

"Hugo" goes back even further, to the roots of moving pictures in the nickelodeons of the 1900s. When an orphan who lives in a Paris train station circa 1930 learns that his mentor is Melies, it gives ardent preservationist Scorsese an excuse to exhume his legacy. Melies was a music-hall magician circa 1900 who learned the tricks of film editing and directed 500 films, which were melted down for their composite chemicals in the run-up to World War I. Scorsese's respect for Melies' mastery includes a tutorial on special-effects editing.

There's a similar impulse in the new puppeteering documentary "Being Elmo," which presents us with drawers of bulging eyeballs and reveals the secret stitch that turns green felt into good feelings.

It's true that movies are an illusion, yet flickering frames are the stuff that dreams are made of.

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Explosive Eighteen
By Janet Evanovich



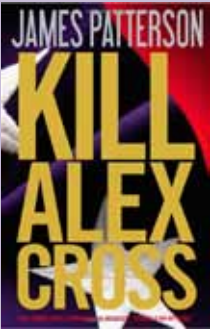
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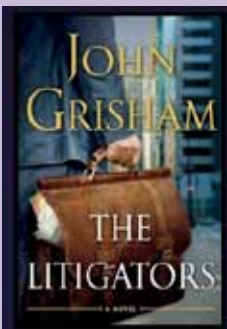
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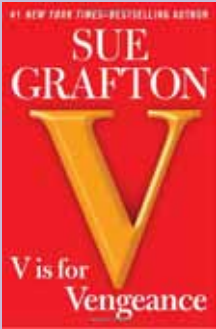
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By John Grisham



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V is for Vengeance
By Sue Grafton



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App of the Week:



By Jennifer DiDomenico
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With the holidays right around the corner, the bar code "Scan" application is seemingly relevant. This app allows shopping iPhone users to scan bar codes for various reasons.

Several stores have bar codes on their windows and fliers, enabling shoppers to go right to the store's website for details and promotions. Product bar codes can be scanned to locate the same products in other stores, to compare the different prices.

The app has a scan history, so you are able to locate previous searches. It's an ideal app to make Christmas shopping a lot easier and more convenient!

music downloads

Week ending Nov. 29, 2011

#1 Album

Mylo Xyloto
Coldplay

Top tracks () Last week's ranking in top five

United States

Sexy and I Know It • LMFAO	(3)	1
It Will Rain • Bruno Mars	(2)	2
We Found Love • Rihanna	(1)	3
Good Feeling • Flo Rida	(4)	4
The One That Got Away • Katy Perry		5

United Kingdom

Wishing On a Star • X Factor Finalists 2011		1
Dance With Me Tonight • Olly Murs	(1)	2
Good Feeling • Flo Rida	(3)	3
We Found Love • Rihanna	(2)	4
Levels • Avicii		5

Spain

Ai Se Eu Te Pego • Michel Telo	(1)	1
Rolling in the Deep • Adele	(3)	2
Someone Like You • Adele	(5)	3
We Found Love • Rihanna	(2)	4
Titanium • David Guetta & Sia		5

Source: iTunes

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Rollins College Table Displays East Campus 10 A.M.			Gospel Bruch w/ Justin Felton House of Blues 10:30 A.M.	Harry's Big Adventure Orlando Science Center 10 A.M.		
UF Online Buisness Program Info Session East Campus 11 A.M.						
Potlach Peaceday Give-Away East Campus 12 P.M.	Holiday in the Harbor Loews Portofino Bay Hotel	Health, Immigrant & Kids Fair Central Florida Fairgrounds 12 P.M.				Riot Grrl Poster Art Show Mother Falcon Cloth- ing 11 A.M.
Learn about UCF DirectConnect East Campus 3 P.M.			A Christmas Carol Theatre Downtown 2:30 P.M.	Enchanting Evening Rosen Shingle Creek 6 P.M.	XL'ent Xmas 2011 feat. Avril Lavigne House of Blues 5:45 P.M.	XL'ent Xmas 2011 feat. The Fray House of Blues 5:30 P.M.
Todd Snider The Social 7:30 P.M.	K92 FM Jingle Jam w/ Easton Corbin House of Blues 7:30 P.M.	Max Bemis (Say Anything) The Social 8 P.M.	Grieves & Budo The Social 6:30 P.M.	XL'ent Xmas 2011 feat. LMFAO House of Blues 6:30 P.M.	There Will be Words Urban ReThink 7 P.M.	Alice Cooper Hard Rock Live 8 P.M.
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— Provided by Hawkers

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Rangers surge, Lightning fall

Bolts drop third in a row, Stepan scores game-winner

By Sarah Flores
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New York Ranger Derek Stepan scored a tie-breaking goal late in the third to advance the Rangers to a five game winning streak and gain a 4-2 victory against the Tampa Bay Lightning on Saturday night at the St. Pete Times Forum.

In the first meeting out of four between the Rangers and the Lightning this season, both teams played a tight defensive game with Lightning goalie Mathieu Garon making 32 saves for the night despite the loss.

The outlook seemed promising in the first period for the Lightning as the first goal of the night came from Steve Downie at 1:24, marking the fastest goal the Lightning have scored all season. The goal was assisted by the Lightning's leading scorer Steven Stamkos who has recorded a point in 10 out of 11 home games this season.

Lightning head coach Guy Boucher blamed the loss on a lack of urgency. "It's obviously a game of errors and every team is going to make some, but we can't excuse those errors," he said. "Those are errors that should be easily taken care of."

The Lightning kept a 2-1 lead for the first two periods with another goal coming from Tom Pyatt at 17:42 marking his second goal of the season. Assists came from Dana Tyrell and Nate Thompson.

Defenseman Marc-Andre Bergeron was checked early in the third to give the puck up to the Rangers and allowed Artem Anisimov to put it in the net for a tied game. The Rangers quickly sealed the lead with a tie-breaking goal from Stepan and an empty net goal from Brad Richards with less than a minute left to play.

"I turned it over, looked to make a play, it wasn't there, turned around and got stripped of the puck," said Bergeron, regarding the Rangers' goal from



Derek Stepan, who scored the game winning goal Saturday night, handles the puck in the second period. His goal gave the Rangers a 3-2 lead, late in the game.

Anisimov that tied the game. "We want to be a good team all around. It doesn't matter if you have the lead or if you're trailing; at the end of the day we should be playing pretty much the same way."

The game remained penalty-less until late in the third period with a call for hooking from Ryan Callahan and Steve Downie and a call for elbowing from Lightning player Pavel Kubina. This was the first time this season that the Lightning have not recorded a single penalty in the first two periods of play.

The loss for the Lightning creates a consecutive three-game losing streak and the fourth loss at home this season. The Rangers, who are ranked fourth in the Eastern Conference, have now won 12 of their last 14 contests to lead the NHL in winning percentage.

The Lightning will go on to play seven of its next nine games on the road starting with the Ottawa Senators on Monday night at the Scotiabank Place arena.

Ex-Bolts take Tampa by storm

Former Lightning players return with new team

By Bryan Levine
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Nostalgia was in the air Saturday night, as three key pieces to the Tampa Bay Lightning's 2003-04 Stanley Cup championship team returned to the St. Pete Times Forum as members of the opposing New York Rangers.

Head coach John Tortorella, Ruslan Fedotenko and the newly acquired Brad Richards returned to Tampa to beat the Lightning 4-2.

Tortorella, who has been using different lines to start games this season, sent Richards out to take the opening face-off, with Fedotenko at his side.

"I've been here at least eight

times since we've won the cup," said Fedotenko. "It's always good to be back in this building, especially with guys you shared special moments with."

Richards lit the lamp late in the third period for an empty net goal -- his tenth of the season.

"It was neat being back here with Torts and Feds," said Richards. "It was nice to have been able to score along with Feds."

Richards not only finds himself in the top-three on many of the Lightning's all-time stats, including goals, assists and points, but he won the Conn Smythe trophy for being the MVP of the '04 Stanley Cup playoffs.

"It was the first win I had back

here, and I really really wanted it. It was a good feeling," said Richards. "The way it ended here was very frustrating, so I'm very happy to get the win."

Just three days before the trade deadline of the 2007-08 season, Richards found himself suddenly a member of the Dallas Stars as a part of a blockbuster trade.

"I think [Richards] feels good about this win," said Tortorella. "The people that moved him had no clue. I was in the meetings, I watched it happen. I thought they jammed it to him, and it affected the organization."

Tortorella didn't let the anticipation of facing the team he once led to 239 victories get in the way of his team's goals. The Rangers are currently riding a five game win streak, and have won 12 of their last 14.

"I've been gone long enough that I just don't look at it that way anymore," said Tortorella about being excited to return to Tampa. "Once you start playing, as a coach, we're just going about our business."

Along with Richards, Fedotenko was able to get in on the scoring against his former mates, as he tied the game up at one a piece in the second period, on a goal that was assisted by Richards.

"It feels great scoring, but it feels better to win the game and get two points," said Fedotenko.

The three former Bolts will play the Lightning again Thursday, this time at Madison Square Garden.



Brad Richards (19) and Ruslan Fedotenko (26) sit on the bench during the second period, Saturday, with head coach John Tortorella standing behind them.

UCF crushes Hartford, 67-48

Knights grab big win in return from Bahamas

By Anisha Tandon
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The Knights nabbed a 67-48 win over the Hawks on Saturday in their first home game after finishing second in the Battle 4 Atlantis. UCF finished second after their loss to Harvard last week in the Bahamas.

UCF's Keith Clanton was named Conference USA's Player of the Week,

after averaging 20 points per game through out the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament. Clanton played 33 minutes and put away nine points for the Knights against the Hawks.

The crowd grew somber as the Knights slowly lost their 19 point lead, ending the first half with a 6 point lead. UCF gave up the lead to Hartford only once during the game.

The crowd regained their excitement as the Knights gradually drew ahead of the Hawks. "They cheered and booed as the game went on and it gives you that little extra bit of energy," said Tristan Spurlock. "It's great."

Isaiah Sykes credits his teammates for helping him score his 22 points of the game. "Tonight they did a good job in finding me," he said. Sykes put in 33 minutes

against the Hawks and was able to get a double-double with 11 rebounds.

The Knights gained a 19-point lead within the first seven minutes of the game. "We kind of started playing towards their level, and we just buckled down," Spurlock. "We're tough. When we play as a team, we can beat any one in the country."

News of two players who were suspended from Saturday's game was released as the Knights played. P.J. Gaynor was suspended for the game against Hartford, and Wayne Martin has been suspended for the rest of the season due to a violation of team rules.

Spurlock showed support for his teammates. "No matter what happens, on the court or off the court, we're there for each other."

UCF will take on Bethune-Cookman Dec. 10. Coach Jones is looking to use this week to "learn how to correct those mistakes" that were found during their quick three game tournament in the Bahamas. "We're focusing on our academics," he said, in reference to the team having finals this upcoming week.



UCF guard Isiah Sykes controls the ball despite tripping during the Knights' 67-48 win over the Hartford Hawks.



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Tebow keeps on winning
Broncos 6-1 since starting young quarterback

By Dan Wiederer / Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — What was this look on Leslie Frazier’s face late Sunday afternoon as he glanced down and closed his eyes briefly to get his bearings?

The Vikings head coach sure looked like a 13-year-old kid who had spent the previous three hours strapped into the Tilt-a-Whirl at an amusement park.

Dizzied. Disoriented. Ultimately defeated.

Receiver Percy Harvin wore a similar expression, appearing as if he had just washed down two trays of nachos with an extra-large slushee and then opted to take 10 consecutive rides on Steel Venom.

Here, after an exhilarating and entertaining afternoon, Harvin now felt sick to his stomach.

The Vikings lost yet again Sunday, this time 35-32 to the Tim Tebow-led Denver Broncos. The fun ended with Matt Prater’s 23-yard field goal as time expired.

“Disgusted,” Harvin said. “There are too many times this year when we’ve come in here and been left repeating ourselves. The letdowns, the missed assignments. This is another game we felt we had control of and somehow it slipped away.”

With 1:33 to play, the Vikings had the ball in a tie game — with overtime seeming like a worst-case scenario.

Then came a luckless turn of events, a pass from rookie Christian Ponder

to Harvin seized instead by Broncos corner back Andre Goodman at the Vikings 35 and returned to the 15.

This time, Tebow didn’t need any final-drive heroics. He simply handed off four times, knelt once, let Prater close the deal and walked out of Mall of America Field with the over-sized stuffed animal slung over his shoulder.

It’s not just that Denver is 6-1 with Tebow as its starter. It’s that the Broncos have claimed three of those victories on game-ending field goals and a fourth on a final-minute Tebow touchdown run.

On Sunday, the Broncos won despite managing only 48 yards and one first down in the first half. They triumphed even after their usually reliable defense was shredded by the

Vikings for 489 yards.

If you like twists and abrupt turns and fireworks shows, then Sunday’s game was all sorts of stimulating with five turnovers, 10 second-half scores and plenty of fourth quarter drama.

As good as Harvin was, hauling in eight catches for a career-best 156 yards with two touchdowns, Demaryius Thomas also wanted his time in the highlight package. Denver’s young receiver had 144 receiving yards and twice broke through busted coverage for second-half touchdowns.

Frazier said this with a perplexed tone and that look of exhaustion. So often when he and the Vikings board the roller coaster this season, they wind up having little control of the ride.

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Tim Tebow has led his team to a 6-1 record since. His latest win has many believing in him.

Fantasy Update

Start

Joe Flacco (QB) - BAL
No one will ever accuse Flacco of being a consistent QB, but this week he goes up against a bad Colts team. He’s probably worth a start in a two-QB league.

Mike Wallace (WR) - PIT
Wallace needs just 23 yards to become the sixth receiver to hit the 1000-yard mark. Look for him to have a big game against the Browns.

Sit

Matt Forte (RB) - CHI
Forte injured his knee last week against the Chiefs. He may be out for a few weeks, but he definitely won’t make the start this week.

Pierre Garcon (WR) - BAL
You just can’t ever tell what’s going to happen with a Colts receiver. One week they’ll go off, and the next they’ll do nothing. This week is probably one of those nothing weeks.

Sleepers

Alex Smith (QB) - SF
The 49ers have been winning all season with their defense. Look for the niners to show up big this week offensively against the Arizona Cardinals.

Jordy Nelson (WR) - GB
Nelson has proven week after week to be one of Aaron Rodgers’ favorite targets. Expect him to have a good game against Oakland.

Tiger Woods ends two-year winless drought

Are past problems now behind him?

By Jill Painter
Daily News, Los Angeles

Dec. 05--THOUSAND OAKS

The air at Sherwood Country Club smelled of desperation.

The need for a Tiger Woods victory was like a cloud that dared to hang over the sun-drenched Chevron World Challenge on Sunday.

Fans were so starved for him to win, which hadn't happened in two years, they flocked to the Chevron World Challenge in record numbers Sunday -- 20,098.

They parked in an overflow parking lot on the property of developer David H. Murdoch. Cars hadn't been double-parked here for years.

Murdoch didn't mind since he had rock-star parking on the green for Woods' victory celebration. When Zach Johnson, who had a one-shot lead after 54 holes, missed a birdie putt from 16 feet on the 18th, fans cheered.

It's not often golf fans -- who invented the polite clap -- would revel in another golfer's mistake, especially one who is so likeable. But Johnson happened to be the guy standing in the way of Woods' drought ending and was Public Enemy No. 1 here.

When Woods made his putt from 6 feet to birdie the 18th for his second consecutive birdie and the victory, he went into a screaming fit with a high-leg lift and emphatic fist pumps. He sent the estimated 2,000 fans around the green into hysterics.

It was an early Christmas gift. The air, once desperate, now was adoration.

After he won, Woods tweeted from the

airport: "Birdie birdie feels pretty damn good. Fans made it feel better than great."

Fans, at least

the ones here all week, have forgiven Woods for the scandal that caused him to miss his tournament two years ago. On Thanksgiving night in 2009, Woods crashed his car into a tree outside his home and became the face of gossip magazines for extramarital affairs.

In 2009, his tournament was more gossip magazine variety than golf variety.

Fans have moved on. They wanted Woods back in the victory circle and let their feet do the talking. They walked through the gates of Sherwood Country Club in record fashion, 68,294 over the past five days.

Woods high-fived a fan en route to signing his scorecard, and the teenage boy said: "I'm never washing my hand again."

Boys dressed in Rickie Fowler orange stuck around and tried to implore Woods' ball into the hole with words.

Woods' heroics turned actor Stephen Bishop, who was in "Moneyball," into an obsessed fan jockeying for Woods' autograph Sunday. Bishop kept asking Woods if he liked the movie, hoping that would get him to sign his hat. There were too many people, five-deep, wanting the same thing as Bishop.

Scalpers lined Westlake Boulevard and Potrero for an 18-player field that didn't include Rory McIlroy or Lee Westwood or Dustin Johnson.

This was all about Tiger Woods. This was about the need for him to win.

"All in all, I thought it was a really good win for him, not having won in two years," said Greg McLaughlin, the Tiger

Toppling Tiger

Tiger Woods has fallen to 51st place in the world rankings, the first time the former No. 1 has been out of the top 50 since October 1996.

Fast rise and fall Woods spent 780 weeks ranked in the top 50



Woods Foundation CEO and president. "It wasn't the highlight of his career, but it was great for him, personally, given all he's gone through the last two years."

Woods' scream on the 18th green, drowned out by screaming fans, was so long in the making. He hadn't celebrated a victory since the Australian Masters more than 24 months ago. He hadn't celebrated a victory in the U.S. in 27 months.

Statistics that once were improbable no longer matter.

Woods' post-round interview was about what it felt like to win, not what it

felt like to have not won in so long. He called it "Awesome, whatever it is." While he answered questions, the crowd chanted: "Tiger! Tiger!"

Woods turns 36 later this month, and fans no longer will ask if he'll win again. They'll return to regularly scheduled programming and wonder if/when he'll break Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors.

Tiger is back, and so are the expectations. Gone is the phrase that surely had Woods clenching his teeth every time he saw and heard it: "Woods hasn't won in two years."

"I got it quite a bit, basically every

tournament I played in from you guys," Woods said. "Started out, 'You haven't won in six months, then a year, year and a half, two years.'"

"It feels good to win a golf tournament. Just playing to get the 'W.'"

That's all fans came to Sherwood for, too. A Woods victory. They got what they wanted, and now they'll want more.

Woods obviously was over the moon because he had several bottles of Taittinger champagne sent to the media room for reporters.

Everyone has said he's back, many times prematurely. Last year, Woods had a four-shot lead going into the final round here, and he lost in a playoff to Graeme McDowell.

But Woods wasn't back. He said his game was one-dimensional then, he had more surgery, missed two majors and didn't win a tournament in 2011 until Sunday.

Golf was in need of this.

Not that Rory McIlroy, Jason Day, long-hitting Gary Woodland and Phil Mickelson and Co. haven't picked up the slack during Woods' winless streak.

It's just that nobody sells like Woods.

He doesn't think he went anywhere, but he's heard people say he's back. Makes him smile.

"One of my buddies texted me this morning, saying an old LL Cool J lyric: 'Can't call it a comeback; been here for years,' " Woods recalled. "I can't wait to text him back."

Fans couldn't wait for Woods to be back.

He later tweeted fans a link to some celebratory music, "Mama Said Knock You Out."

They came for the knockout punch. And this time, for the first time in two years, Woods delivered.

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