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Jill Biden visits Valencia

Vice president's wife brings C.C. tour here

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Dr. Jill Biden, second lady of the United States and community college teacher, joined Valencia College officials, Valencia workforce, University of Central Florida partners and Valencia graduates to discuss community college partnerships and their importance.

"I can see why Valencia is the top

community college," said Biden during the round table discussion. "Just starting with the positive energy that I feel from this room, feel from the students and that industries about what you are doing and that you are so excited about it."

Dr. Sanford Shugart, Valencia College president, and Dr. Falecia Williams, president of Valencia's West Campus, welcomed and joined Biden as part of the panel on Thursday, June 28th at West Campus' UCF building.

The rest of the panel included senior vice president of Orlando Health Mr.

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Dr. Sanford Shugart, president of Valencia College, and Jill Biden, second lady of the U.S., share a laugh during last week's round table discussion.



Joe Burbank / Orlando Sentinel George Zimmerman speaks with his attorney Mark O'Mara during his June 29 bond hearing.

Zimmerman still awaits bond decision

Lester delays ruling on night watchman's future

By Brittany Rose brose@valenciavoice.com

A second bond hearing was held for George Zimmerman Friday in regards to him lying to the courts about the amount

of money and assets he and his wife were in possession of during the month of April.

The hearing felt very close to an actual trial, as the defense presented evidence and testimony to weaken the state's case against Zimmerman.

Forensic financial specialist Adam Magill was called to the stand by the defense to testify that all activity made on both George ZImmerman and his wife

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Shellie's PayPal accounts was legal and in no way suspicious.

Showing the court a timeline of all withdrawals and transfers made between both PayPal accounts, Magill explained that despite multiple transfers and the fact that roughly \$24,000 was spent on living expenses and debt payment, nothing outright illegal was being done.

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Jill Biden

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Shannon Elswick and Straita chief
technology officer Mr. Alex Papadopulos, both of whom were there representing Valencia's workforce partnerships.
Shugart invited UCF provost, Dr.
Tony Waldrop to join the conversation
and represent Valencia and UCF's joined
transfer program, DirectConnect.

To show the success of these programs three Valencia graduates were included on the panel. Angel Velazquez Guzman is a graduate of the CT (computer tomography) Technician program and now a radiology technician at Orlando Health.

While attending Valencia, Velazquez was able to participate in clinicals that gave him experience in the field while still at school thanks to Valencia's partnership with Orlando Health.

Valencia graduate and current stu-

dent Brandon Wolfgang is a data engineer with Striata, a company he started as an intern while still at Valencia.

To illustrate the importance of the DirectConnect program, Valencia three time graduate and UCF senior, Pamela Garcia told her story and the process that took place between her start in Valencia and her transition to UCF.

This panel was part of Biden's college tour as she travels through several states to learn more and promote community colleges and their workforce partnerships. "Jobs, jobs, jobs, that is what we need," said Biden. "We are trying to get the word out, if you want a job go to a community college, because you are going to get a job and its going to be a job you love."

At the end of the panel Biden asked students to share their stories and how coming to Valencia has changed their lives. Although shy at first, student Angel Sanchez brought attention to homeless students like himself that use a little known Florida statute to receive free education. Sanchez asked Biden what has



Bryan Levine / Valencia Voice Second Lady of the United States, Jill Biden, is greeted by Valencia President, Sandy Shugart, prior to Valencia's round-table discussion with Biden.

Bryan Levine / Valencia Voice Jill Biden laughs at a response from one of the panelists during Valencia's roundtable discussion.

been done across the United States for individuals who want to go to college but find themselves homeless.

Although Biden was not able to give answer to his question she promised to get information together in order to answer his question.

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We will update this story as soon as we receive any additional information on the subject.





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"All of the money has been accounted for," said Magill, though he later agreed with the state prosecutors on the fact that switching funds from account to account may have been a way to make the money look like it was not there.

Taking a turn from the talk about money, the defense began to focus mainly on the evidence regarding Zimmerman's injuries on the night of February 26 and also the evidence for their selfdefense case.

The portion of the video interview that Zimmerman did recreating the events that transpired between himself and Trayvon Martin was shown, during which Zimmerman explained the extent of his injuries from the incident.

Kevin O'Rourke, a firefighter with the Sanford Fire Department who reported to the scene on the night of February 26 and attended to Zimmerman's injuries that night, was also called to the stand.

"A good 45 percent of his face was covered in blood that night," said O'Rourke. He stated that his assessment of Zimmerman was that he may need stitches and should "definitely" see a doctor within the following 24 hours.

Though he did agree that the injuries may have been consistent with someone receiving blows to the head by something very hard, O'Rourke did not fail to mention that Zimmerman was very alert that night.

Between eight and 10 hours worth of evidence was submitted to the court by the defense on Friday, according to Mark O'Mara, ranging from a photo of Martin walking into 7 Eleven just prior to the confrontation between himself and Zimmerman to several audio and written interviews from witnesses to the events.

A 911 call made by "Witness 11" on the night of the incident was played for the courtroom, and Zimmerman's father Robert was then called to the stand to testify that the man yelling for help on the call was, in fact, his son.

"That voice was 100 percent George's," said Robert Zimmerman.

Adam Vincent, Zimmerman's probation officer with Seminole County, also took the stand to testify that Zimmerman

did not violate his probation in any way. After a request by the defense that Zimmerman be allowed to make a statement on the stand without being cross examined by the defense was denied by Judge Lester, the defense team decided against allowing him to make that statement.

"He is no different than anyone else who comes in here," said Lester. "He can't pick and choose who questions him."

The hearing began with Zimmerman's defense attorney, Mark O'Mara, asking for a filter on information that is allowed to be disclosed to the public, though the state prosecutors as well as an attorney representing the Orlando Sentinel and other local media outlets quickly shot that down, stating that by Florida law, anything that is shown



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Fred Lambert / Valencia Voice Zimmerman's attorney Mark O'mara during the post-bond hearing press conference on June 29.

Trayvon Martin's family addressed the media following George Zimmerman's bond hearing on June 29. Speaking at the stand is attorney Ben Crump.

to both parties as discovery then becomes public record.

The bond hearing, which lasted almost three hours, ended without a final resolution. According to O'Mara, Lester has eight to 10 hours of evidence to review, and it is not clear when the ruling will be given. Lester's ruling will be issued in writing.

"It is my hope that the judge will spend the weekend reviewing," said O'Mara outside the courtroom. "There is a lot of evidence there for him to go over."

Martin's family attorney, Benjamin Crump, also spoke after the hearing, stating that they hope that bond will not be given. "George Zimmerman has some serious credibility issues," said Crump. "Credibility is always important in a case like this."







James Tutten / Valencia Voice Florida Senator Bill Nelson speaks in front of Orion.

Orion space capsule arrives at Kennedy

Crew module will now be assembled in preparation for historic milestone

By James Tutten jtutten@valenciavoice.com

The Orion capsule's arrival at the Kennedy Space Center represents a new era for NASA after the retirement of the Space Shuttle program last year. This is the first manufactured exploration-class vehicle since the Saturn V rocket, last launched over 40 years ago.

Up to four astronauts will eventually be transported on long-term, deep space missions to several destinations within our solar system. It's a common sense design that can also support backup transportation to the International Space Station and a wide range of support and scientific missions as well.

"Orion ushers in a new era of space exploration beyond our home planet, enabling us to go farther than we have ever gone before," said Robert Cabana, director at the NASA John F. Kennedy Space Center.

This spacecraft was built in the same factory where the old space shuttle's external fuel tanks were constructed, the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. It now sits in the newly renovated Operations & Checkout Facility at KSC, used during the Apollo space program.

This capsule is the primary pressure

structure for housing future astronauts, built from reinforced aluminum-alloy with a lustrous surface colored seafoam green. Several windows will allow for external viewing in flight, and a large rounded corner hatch positioned on the side allows for crew members to enter and exit the vehicle.

Orion's crew module will now be assembled with a heat shield and other primary components. This will take around 16 months to complete, with tests along the way before any final launch preparations can be made. This project currently represents the latest technology available and is backed by the greatest minds in aeronautics --NASA and Lockheed Martin.

The Operations & Checkout Facility is designed to give Orion technicians on-site manufacturing with assembly line speed and overall cost effectiveness. This will employ around 350 to 400 people, including some veteran space shuttle employees, in a process of build, assemble and launch that will guarantee an American return to self reliance in space exploration.

"Isn't this beautiful?" said Florida senator and former astronaut Bill Nelson, looking at the impressive spacecraft. "And I know there is a lot of



people here that can't wait to get their hands and fingers on this hardware."

Orion will be officially tested in 2014 when it is launched on Exploration Flight Test – 1. An unmanned double-orbit flight will journey to a height around 3,600 miles from earth, a distance 15 times greater than the orbit of the International Space Station. This flight will test out the environmental effects of the vacuum of space and the stress and heat experienced by atmospheric re-entry and splashdown landing.

This test flight will be carried by the Delta IV Heavy rocket, but later missions into deep space will require the

James Tutten / Valencia Voice The Orion crew module will serve as the primary living structure for deep space missions.

Space Launch System, or SLS rocket, currently under development.

SLS will be NASA's advanced heavylift launch vehicle designed for solar exploration outside of Earth's orbit. It will carry the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle, astronauts, important cargo, equipment and experiments into deep space.

This is the most ambitious and powerful rocket that will ever be developed when it is eventually launched around December 2017. The long term investment also promises to lead the way in evolution over the coming decades and take future astronauts to the Moon, asteroids, Mars, and beyond.



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Organization hosts run

Participants mainly seniors, marathon deemed successful

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Casa de Puerto Rico had its first 5k run this past Saturday at Lake Baldwin in Winter Park. It was a balmy 80 degrees at the kick off, and the thick, humid summer air is perhaps what kept many participants at bay.

Though there were only about 38 runners/



Francesca Fey / Valencia Voice Jesus Oneill passing out slices of fruit to hot runners during the Casa de Puerto Rico 5k run in Winter Park.

walkers who partook in the Latin Flag Day 5k, Casa de Puerto Rico still managed to raise about \$950 for their organization. The runners all sported neon green shirts with the group's logo and ran to festive Spanish music provided by a DJ.

Casa de Puerto Rico, which translates to "House of Puerto Rico," is an Orlando-based group that offers support, social events, a rental space for birthday parties, weddings, conferences and various other activities to the public.

Group member Jesus O'Neill, 64, talked about the success of Saturday's 5k as he offered cooling slices of watermelon and pineapple to heated runners passing by.

"This 5k was Casa de Puerto Rico's first annual race ever," Oneill said. "We're going to have one next year and the numbers (of participants) will grow."

O'Neill said that the majority of participants in the Latin Flag Day 5k were senior citizens, and the organization is doing more for the youth in means of attracting a younger crowd to join Casa de Puerto Rico.

"The money from today's race will go towards funding our free computer classes to the public, as well as our baseball clinic and our karaoke nights on Saturdays," said O'Neill. "All of these activities are open to the public."

"I am happy to participate in the run for Puerto Rico," said Juan Ortiz, a runner in the 5k. "It's good to get Casa de Puerto Rico's name out there so it can help more people."

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Renee Yohe's new life

Inspiring songstress, music has stellar start

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Renee Yohe's recently formed solo music group, "BEARCAT," triumphantly returned to the stage in Orlando at Park Avenue CDs, a small independently owned music store, after undergoing their first tour. Local fans and family showed up to give support to a talented young woman whose story has inspired help for millions in need.

"The most important thing is reaching out and connecting with other people," said Yohe. And that she does, not only in her music but also with countless



James Tutten / Valencie Voice Singer of BEARCAT, Renee Yohe, signs autographs at Park Ave CDs, where she performed.

interactions that occur online and in person between Renee and her supporters.

The small independent record store was packed with fans and family, all lined up between rows of compact discs and vinyl records. Park Avenue CDs created an overall irreverent vibe that was perfect for this unique artist's performance.

The enchanting vocals of Yohe reflect a talent far beyond her years. Confident and cool with every note performed, it's hard to believe that Yohe has only recently stepped into the world of live music within the last year and a half.

Synthesized effects and steady backing rhythms created a classically infused modern sound with an upbeat attitude. Fans joyfully applauded between songs, with many in attendance only hearing the band over the internet previously.

Yohe has focused her creative mind into a rapidly rising music career backed by a confident persona and unique, modern, retro style. Shows at large venues have been selling out, and larger numbers of fans are saluting the music quality and personal songwriting.

Many have learned about Renee's personal battles after her story inspired the non-profit group, "To Write Love on Her Arms," which works to help people coping with addiction, depression, self injury and thoughts of suicide.

Yohe's life story also inspired the recently debuted film, "Renee," starring Kat Dennings as Renee and Chad Michael Murray as TWLOHA founder Jamie Tworkowski.



Renee Yohe, singer of the newly formed band BEARCAT, performs at Park Ave CDs, as well as discusses her non-profit organization TWLOHA.

Renee openly talks about the mistakes of her past and has helped others dealing with problems in their own lives, as a friend, with a few simple words of encouragement or advice to complete strangers reaching out for guidance.

Before each song Renee would briefly explain the inspiration behind her music, be it funny nostalgia or real life trauma. "It's really meaningful and deep music," said BEARCAT fan Amber Garrison. She had only seen the band before on YouTube, and was amazed by the quality of the live performance. The most meaningful part of the show, unbeknownst to most there, was Renee's parents Dene and Tom Yohe, who saw their daughter perform live with BEARCAT for the first time.

"I thought it was great," said Renee's father Tom Yohe. "I was surprised how well they sounded just in a small record store, and it came across very well,"

Renee originally started singing music in a choral program at her elementary school back in Illinois, and always had an ability to harmonize.

"We are 100 percent behind her," said

James Tutten / Valencia Voice , as well as discusses her non-profit organization TWLOHA.

Dene Yohe, Renee's mom. "We're just thrilled and we love her music."

Dene couldn't believe how soulful Renee sounded when she first heard her sing within the last few years.

BEARCAT has only one more show in Orlando, a CD release party at BackBooth in downtown this Thursday, July 7.

They will immediately be flying out to California to continued working on music and performing more shows currently being scheduled. More info can be found at their official website http:// www.Bearcatmusic.com



Well-known band performs in sold out concert

LIFESTYLE

Coldplay gets creative, new tour lights up arena

By James Tutten jtutten@valenciavoice.com

Coldplay earns their worldwide appeal by connecting with listeners around a feel good philosophy entwined with talented song-writing.

Their tour "Mylo Xyloto" came to the Tampa Bay Times Forum on Thursday, June 8th where they played to a crowd of over 20 thousand.

Strong anticipation built up leading to a roaring applause when the band came out onto the elaborately designed stage.

The excitement continued to build during the opening intro, "Mylo Xyloto," as the audience cheered even louder when they all began to light up due to a recently acquired accessory.

Concert-goers were given "Xylobands" when they entered, and these radio-controlled wristbands lit up as they flashed along with key moments of the performance. This created a masterful array of multicolored lights that perfectly matched the wild, neongraffiti style featured from their current album on the stage.

Driving rhythms from drummer Will Champion and guitarist Jonny Buckland kick started the performance during "Hurts Like Heaven." An energetic pres-



Coldplay members: Singer Chris Martin, drummer Will Champion and guitarist Johnny Buckland perform at the Tampa Bay Times Forum in Tampa, FL to over 20,000 audience members.

ence shined from frontman Chris Martin as his soaring vocals resonated throughout the large arena.

Coldplay is sublimely soulful; it can be heard through their music and especially seen during their live performances. After 16 years together the group has also matured in their overall talent and songwriting ability.

"I'm never gonna stop loving them; I'll be 80 and still putting their records on," said concert-goer Amber Gross.

This extravagant performance is equally matched by an exorbitant stage design featuring multiple levels, allowing the band to interact with all sides of the audience. A long, raised catwalk going through the center of the audience was showered with a sea of confetti multiple times during the song, "In My Place," as Martin and Buckland ran out into the middle of delighted fans. The joyous reactions grew as the show continued on, with Coldplay's passionate fans hanging on to every rocking note. In addition, Martin sincerely thanked the audience between certain songs with a positive attitude that exhibited class.

"They know how to write songs that connect with our feelings, that is why I love them," said Corali Bonnet. She traveled from Puerto Rico to see this show in

James Tutten / Valencia Voice es Forum in Tampa, FL to over 20,000 audience members.

Tampa, and would love to see the band bring their next tour to her island home.

Along with selling over 55 million records, Coldplay has received critical acclaim and many awards, including seven Grammys and seven Brit Awards. Their newest album went straight to number one around the world and concerts continue to sell out, especially in Europe, with some venues running out of ticket seconds after they are made available.



Family Guy on big screen

Film brings laughter, reminiscent of TV show

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"Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane brought his crude humor to the big screen this weekend with "Ted."

Mark Wahlberg plays John Bennett, a man in his 30s whose best friend is his childhood teddy bear, Ted (Seth MacFarlane), who came to life one Christmas in Bennett's adolescent years.

Mila Kunis plays Lori, John's girlfriend of four years who copes with John and Ted's awkward relationship by hoping they will both eventually grow up.

"It's typical Seth MacFarlane, down to the music numbers," said viewer Tia Lawrence. "Ted is obviously Peter Griffin in teddy bear form."

True to what works for him, MacFarlane takes no prisoners as jokes are made about almost all races, genders and pop culture figures. Per usual, MacFarlane incorporates music into the film and even has a Norah Jones cameo (singing with a pitchy Mark Wahlberg).

The movie is rated "R" (for "Raunchy") for obvious reasons: Teddy bears shouldn't be humping cash registers and smoking weed.

At times, hearing a foul mouth come out of a cute, cuddly teddy bear might hurt the inner child's soul.

"I saw a few parents with middle schoolers in here," said audience member Terry Wright. "I think they saw a teddy bear and Mila Kunis's innocent face and thought it was a family-friendly movie."

Acting-wise, Wahlberg did a great job sticking to the loyal-to-my-bestfriend-even-though-he's-a-stuffed-animal character, and literally being a big



Courtesy of Universal Studios L-R; Seth MacFarlane as the voice of Ted and Mark Wahlberg as John Bennett, star in "Ted."

kid throughout. Kunis quietly floated through the movie, sadly being upstaged by the voice of MacFarlane.

"It was hilarious," said viewer Danni Palmer. "Seth MacFarlane and Mark Wahlberg should definitely tag team more."

The comedic punches are thrown at the right time and sometimes thrown one too many times. As mentioned before, "Ted" is a movie with more lewd scenes than family scenes. If you're a "Family Guy" fan, this should be common knowledge.

Box Office



'Ted' **Rated:**

R This Weekend: \$ 54,100,000

Total Gross: \$ 54,100,000



'Magic Mike'

Rated:

This Weekend: \$ 39,155,000

Total Gross: \$ 39,155,000



'Brave'

Rated: PG

This Weekend: \$ 34,011,000

Total Gross: \$ 131,685,000

Photo credits: L-R: Courtesy of Universal Studios; Claudette Barius/Warner Bros./ MCT; Courtesy of Disney Pixar; Courtesy of Colombia Pictures; Courtesy of Universal Studios.

Opening July 3,6

'The Amazing Spiderman'



Rated:PG-13 Running Time: 2 hrs. 16 min. **Genre:** Action / Adventure **Director:** Marc Webb Starring: Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Rhys Ifans

'Savages'



Rated: R Running Time: 2 hrs. 10 min. Genre: Crime/Drama/Thriller **Director:** Oliver Stone Starring: Taylor Kitsch, Blake Lively, Aaron Johnson, John Travolta



Berehowsky receives key to city

New Solar Bears coach honored by Orlando

By Juan Gallardo jgallardo@valenciavoice.com

The Orlando Solar Bears officially announced their new head coach this afternoon at a press conference held in the Orlando's City Hall. Drake Berehowsky was named the head coach on Tuesday when he was chosen over five other candidates.

"The people in the industry all thought he was the next guy that everyone should look at as a head coach," said Bob Ohrablo, Solar Bears chief operating officer. "We think he will be a great leader for our team."

The 40-year-old Berehowsky was introduced by Mayor Buddy Dyer, where he was presented a key to the city and had the date of July 27 named Drake Berehowsky day in Orlando in his honor.

Berehowsky, a Toronto native and former 16 year NHL and international league veteran, was the tenth pick overall in 1990 by the Toronto Maple Leafs. He appeared in 549 NHL games as a defensemen and accumulated 37 goals and 112 assists. Berehowsky has spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach with the Peoria Rivermen.

"Orlando, the front office, and myself are committed to winning not only the ECHL's Kelly Cup but as well, the Stanley Cup in the future," said Berehowsky.



Ken Carpenter / Valencia Voice

Drake Berehowsky receives a key to the city from Orlando Mayor, Buddy Dyer, last week at city hall.

Berehowsky will also oversee the day to day hockey operations. His first task is to assemble a coaching staff and recruit players.

"I've had the job for a week now, and I've been on the phone for six days since it was announced," Berehowsky said. "I'm just going to use the connections I have and start calling people and looking for the best players that are available."

The Solar Bears are one of four expansion teams that will begin ECHL play in

the 2012-13 season, and just because they are a new team doesn't mean the new head coach doesn't have high expectations.

"My goal is to win the whole thing. If I don't have that goal in mind then I'm failing the players," said Berehowsky.

The Solar Bears will open the season October 13 against the ECHL's defending champions, the Florida Everblades, and have their first home game October 20 when they face off with the Everblades again.



Jacob Langston, Orlando Sentinel / MCT Howard cheers on his team from the bench during their NBA game against the Pistons.

Howard's future in Orlando All-star center continues with childish games

By Juan Gutierrez jgutierrez@valeniavoice.com

Dwight Howard's time with the Orlando Magic seems to be ticking by the day now.

In Monday's Magic press conference, Orlando general manager Rob Hennigan restated that the super-star center's preference is to still be traded from the Magic to the Brooklyn Nets. "I did meet with Dwight in Los Angeles on Friday, we talked about a lot of things," said Hennigan. "During our conversation Dwight did mention that his preference is to be traded, he did also mention Brooklyn is where he would like to go."

Howard could have easily opted out of his contract last year and signed anywhere this summer as a free agent instead of opting in to his final year of his contract dragging Orlando through "Dwightmare" 2.0. Remember that whole loyalty speech last year?

Howard's plans to move to Brooklyn may be spoiled now as he finds himself in a hole. The Brooklyn Nets traded for Atlanta swingman Joe Johnson on Monday, absorbing his huge contract and giving away some key pieces that could have interested the Magic.

The leverage now falls to the Magic, who might just hold out and wait for a better offer from another team.



Howard demands trade to New Jersey

D12 drama continues with new front office

By Josh Robbins Orlando Sentinel

Dwight Howard has told new Orlando Magic general manager Rob Hennigan that he wants to be traded to the Brooklyn Nets, ESPN reported late Saturday night.

Magic spokesman Joel Glass confirmed to the Orlando Sentinel that a meeting between Howard and Hennigan took place Friday in Southern California, but Glass would not disclose what was said at that meeting.

Howard's agent, Dan Fegan, and Howard's manager, Kevin Samples, did not immediately return messages from the Sentinel for comment. Neither did Hennigan.

Howard is under contract for the 2012-13 season, and the Magic are under no obligation to trade him to the Nets or anywhere else.

But Magic CEO Alex Martins has said the team will not go into the upcoming season with uncertainty about Howard's longterm future. Apparently, team officials are prepared to trade Howard if necessary.

Many NBA observers believe the Nets do not have the assets to entice the Magic to a deal.

The Houston Rockets are one team that would like to trade for Howard even if Howard provides no assurances that he would re-sign after the upcoming season.

Howard would have become an unrestricted free agent on Sunday, but on March 15, Howard waived the early-termination clause in his contract.

The day before, he and Fegan were on a conference call with members of the De-Vos family, including Magic owner Rich DeVos, in which DeVos told Howard he would be traded if he did not waive his early-termination option.

According to ESPN, Howard has said the Magic "blackmailed" him into waiving the opt-out clause, and either Howard or a member of Howard's camp approached the National Basketball Players Association to ask the union whether he had a legal case against the Magic. ESPN also reported that the union has no plans to pursue a claim against the team.

In the early morning hours on March 15, after the Magic's team charter landed in Orlando after a road game in San Antonio, Howard wanted to sign a document to waive his early-termination option.

But the Magic's general manager at the time, Otis Smith, advised Howard to sleep on it and give the matter further thought.

Howard arrived at the Magic offices at Amway Center around 11 a.m. that



Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard hangs from the rim after drawing a foul during the first half against the Dallas Mavericks, March 30, 2012.

day and signed a document in which he waived the opt-out clause.

At a press conference, Howard said one of the reasons why he waived the clause was that he was "too loyal."

Howard's interest in going to the Nets has been rumored for months.

He originally requested a trade in early December, but Martins spent the next several months attempting to rebuild the relationship between the team and Howard.

It seemed that some progress had been made as of March 15.

But the relationship deteriorated. In early April, Stan Van Gundy said, in response to a direct question, that Howard wanted him fired.

Howard denied that at the time. But a few days later, he told an ESPN interviewer that there had been occasions in the past in which he had asked for Van Gundy to be fired.

In that interview, Howard said: "Being upset, yea, I've said it, you know, but I've always come back and said, 'I'll do a better job, I'll take more of a hit, I'll lead better, I'll do everything I can to get better.' "

Meanwhile, Howard was said to be infuriated that Magic officials — particularly Martins — did not defend him publicly.

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Bryan Levine / Valencia Voice Center Dwight Howard during the press conference where he said he would like to stay with the Orlando Magic on a long-term basis.



Spain beats Italy 4-0 for Euro title, history

La Roja wins championship for third consecutive time

By Barry Whelan

Spain rediscovered its magic on Sunday to beat ailing Italy 4-0 in the Euro 2012 final and with it became the first nation to win three big football trophies in a row.

David Silva (14th), Jordi Alba (41st), Fernando Torres (84th) and Juan Mata (88th) were on target as Barcelona midfielders Xavi and Andres Iniesta pulled the strings



Carl Recine, Action Images, Zuma Press / MCT Fernando Torres cebrates scoring the third goal against Italy during Euro 2012 championships.

in midfield in their usual commanding style after some slightly below-par performances earlier in the tournament.

Spain became the first team to get a big-event hat-trick following titles at Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup, they are the first to win back-to-back Euro titles and they matched Germany's record three continental titles, the first being in 1964.

Captain Iker Casillas was to lift the Henri Delauney trophy in what was also a milestone for the Real Madrid goalkeeper who became the first footballer to win 100 internationals and has not conceded a goal in the last 10 knockout stage games.

The Azzurri was down to 10 men for the final half hour as Thiago Motta was stretchered off injured four minutes after coming on and coach Cesare Prandelli had already made all three substitutions.

Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque fielded a line-up without a recognized striker, with Barcelona's Cesc Fabregas in a strengthened midfield just as in the group game with Italy on June 10.

Italy saw Ignazio Abate back from injury at right-back in place of Federico Balzaretti for the final which started after a short closing ceremony in front of 64,000 fans in Kiev, with Spain's crown prince Felipe in attendance along with the prime ministers from both finalist countries, Mariano Rajoy and Mario Monti, and President Bronislaw



Carl Recine, Action Images, Zuma Press / MCT Iker Casillas, center, lifts the trophy as Spain celebrates defeating Italy, 4-0, during the Euro 2012 football championships in Kiev, Ukraine.

Komorowski from Euro co-hosts Poland.

Spain's famed passing game swiftly shaped up, and it took the lead in the 14th minute after Sergio Ramos and Xavi had aimed high. Iniesta sent a surgical pass into the back of the Italian defense into the path of Fabregas, who shook off Giorgio Chiellini and crossed shortly before the touchline for Silva to send a thumping header into the roof of the net.

Italy responded with a series of corner kicks to their first deficit of the tournament but their mood didn't get better

when Chiellini had to limp out injured in the 20th and was replaced by Balzaretti. As Italy and their playmaker Andrea Pirlo semed to have found their rhythm Spain struck again in the 41st. The left-back Alba fed Xaxi in midfield, raced down the pitch and got a perfect pass back to beat Gianluigi Buffon with a deft left-footer.

Prandelli brought Antonio di Natale for Cassano in the second half and the Udinese captain headed inches high less than a minute after the restart.

With Pirlo and Balotelli, the two-goal

hero against Germany, well marked, and being one man up, Spain had no further trouble seeing out the game which now lacked the class and flair of its first hour.

But there was time for two more goals, in the 84th when Torres, on for Fabregas, put away another super pass from Xavi, and Torres then fed the final substitute Mata in the 88th as Spain also got the biggest winning margin in a Euro final, beating West Germany's 3-0 victory over the Soviet Union from 1972.

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