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## Find your path in life with bright green RV

By Linda Shrieves Beaty

The big green RV pulled onto the lawn just past the clock tower at the Osceola Campus on Thursday, Oct. 18, right in the line of sight for hundreds of students attending Osceola's Spirit Day festivities.

Just past the balloon artist on stilts and the photographer taking pictures of students in a giant chair, Christina Mitchell and her team of "roadies" from the PBS TV show Roadtrip Nation began talking about a serious subject: What message should college students send to politicians during an election year?

The answer from many of the students who stopped by was simple: Education opens doors, provides opportunities and is invaluable.

"Usually we talk about what 'Roadtrip Nation' is all about. We also get students' stories and see if they want to be part of Roadtrip Nation," says Mitchell. "But this year, because it's an election year, we're partnering with the College Board to remind political candidates not to forget education. We call it the 'Don't Forget ED' tour."

The bright green RV (nicknamed "Carl" by the Roadtrip Nation crew) arrived in Kissimmee on Thursday, fresh from a visit to Emory University in Atlanta, where students there were keenly aware of how budget cuts were impacting their education, Mitchell said.

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**Courtesy of Orlando Solar Bears** 

Sean Lorenz scores the game-winning shootout goal for the Orlando Solar Bears during home-opener on Saturday, Oct. 20.

# Solar bears take first win at home

**By Danny Morales** dmorales@valenciavoice.com

ORLANDO — The Orlando Solar Bears won their home opener on Saturday night with a 4-3 shootout win over the Florida Everblades in front of a sold out crowd of 9,555 at the Amway Center in downtown Orlando.

Defenseman Sean Lorenz clinched the win with his goal in the 12th round of the shootout. The win came during the Solar Bears first home game since the 2001 Turner Cup Championship.

"Anytime you have an audience that's entrenched in the game like that," said head coach Drake Berehowsky following the game. "The players feed off of that."

The Solar Bears led for much of the second period, after defenseman Simon Danis-Pepin cinched a 3-2 lead with 17:48 remaining in the second period.

— See "Hockey is back" on Page 8.

## On social issues

Where the presidential candidates stand:

#### Romney

Same-sex marriage

Opposes marriage, same-sex

unions but not benefits for gay couples; would preserve the Clinton-era Defense of Marriage Act and fight for a similar federal constitutional amendment that could not be altered by individual states

Birth control Wants insurance companies to respond to market forces, not government mandates; would eliminate federal funding for Planned Parenthood; switched stance from pro-choice to pro-life in 2005; running mate Paul Ryan cosponsored bill that would give a fertilized egg the same rights as a human being

#### Abortion

Opposes, but would allow exceptions for rape, incest, threat to the mother's life; would support overturn of Roe v. Wade; says issue should be decided at state level

Supports a woman's right to choose abortion; opposes efforts to restrict that right at federal and state level

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# Obama, Romney bring debate back to domestic issues

By Christy Hoppe The Dallas Morning News

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Monday night's event was billed as a debate about foreign policy. But for the candidates, it was again about connecting on the economy and reaching women.

Middle East policy and military spending tied back to jobs and deficits. China became about outsourcing jobs and education in America. Iran became less about the saber rattling that sets women's teeth on edge and more a discussion about diplomacy and sanctions.

In a race that's virtually tied with two weeks to go, voters are looking for a tone, a vision and a message that makes sense with the struggles of unemployment, stagnant incomes and an uncertain future. Foreign issues are on the back burner. So, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney were making their final pitch to be the man entrusted with their safety and comfort.

Obama, with a business card that includes commander in chief, had the advantage and he used it, knocking Romney back on his heels several times and forcing the Republican challenger to say numerous times that he agreed with the president on the use of drones to target al-Qaida leaders, sanctions on Iran and a timetable for an Afghanistan withdrawal.

Romney countered by channeling Ronald Reagan, assuring peace through strength and suggesting America had lost its station



Robert Duyos / Sun Sentinel / MCT

President Obama, right, speaks during a debate with Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, left, at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla.

as a respected leader among its allies.

But throughout, their answers sought to connect back to the most pressing issues facing Americans. They discussed debt and spending in equal turns, spending quite a bit of time on what was happening in the U.S. even while discussing what's taking place overseas.

It was the last and biggest chance for the candidates in debates that have carried extraordinarily high stakes, drawing

historically large audiences and creating unprecedented swings in candidate fortunes going all the way back to GOP primaries early in the year.

But there were two big reasons why the third debate might have slipped from the 66 million viewers registered in the first two meetings: baseball and football. Sports fans were likely deflected by the Monday Night Football game between Detroit and Chicago or the decisive Game 7 between the San Francisco Giants and St. Louis Cardinals for a World Series berth.

The topics, too, might have disengaged voters. Romney twice mentioned al-Qaida's resurgence in Mali, an African country not at the top of mind for many Americans.

But for the candidates, this also could be the decisive meeting. Obama flopped in the first debate, narrowly bested Romney in the second, the alpha males prowling contest, and was prepared, alert and on point in this debate.

It was his turf. He leaned forward, challenged Romney with detailed recitations of where the former Massachusetts governor has stood on issues and has changed positions.

When Romney said the U.S. has a smaller Navy than at any time since 1916, Obama rejoined: "Governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets, because the nature of our military's changed."

For Romney, this was a recast. He had particularly put women voters on edge in his unhesitant reliance on military force. Coming into Monday night, Romney had called the U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq "tragic," said he disagreed with a timetable for leaving Afghanistan, indicated he wouldn't rule out military involvement in Syria, and that he would consider a first strike against Iran, with or without the support of allies.

With a war-weary electorate, particularly among women, Romney needed to show that he would not be so quick to send troops into harm's way.

And on Monday night, his answers were more nuanced with softer edges. "We want a peaceful planet," Romney said.

He spoke of working with allies, building coalitions and using force as a last resort. And he spoke extensively about the need to embrace programs to steer Muslims away from extremism, including the kind of U.N. initiatives that Republicans often mock.

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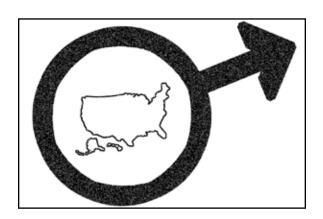








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#### By Glenn E. Rice The Kansas City Star (MCT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Our civic, if not necessarily civil, discourse is now also very much a cyber discourse.

America in 2012 fully expects to vent about and follow politics electronically.

Not long ago, TV was the overwhelming voice in the political conversation. It consisted of campaigns talking at us, often in ways that drove us batty.

Today, the television is but one of the screens battling for voters' attention. The explosion of Twitter and its ilk, played out on mobile phones, iPads, laptops and desktops, let the electorate talk back.

"It's one part effective and one part distracting," said Sarah Wood, secretary and treasurer for the Social Media Club of Kansas City. "You catch new and different interpretations of what presidential candidates have said, and you can fact check on the fly.

"The downside," she said, "is the emotionally charged content and the satire is very distracting."

During last Tuesday's debate, Wood watched the YouTube live stream on her iPad, while using her iPhone to read real-time posts on her Twitter feed.

"This tech-savvy generation wants to

# Political discourse takes on the face of social networking, engages voters

### Social media provides new opportunities for youth interest and involvement

be involved in conversations to create a connectivity that a singular viewing of an event cannot produce," she said. "We want other opinions and interpretations to be part of our experience."

Indeed, following the pattern from the two previous nationally televised debates, Monday night's third and final debate between Obama and Romney on foreign policy will surely draw millions to their multiple screens.

Their 100-minute exchange last Tuesday generated 12.4 million comments on Twitter and Facebook, according to Bluefin Labs, an analytics firm that studies social media's reaction to televised events.

"The growth of social platforms like Twitter and Reddit are bringing a whole new experience to the election this year," Evan Conway, president of the Kansas Citybased OneLouder, which makes apps for mobile phones and tablets, said in an e-mail.

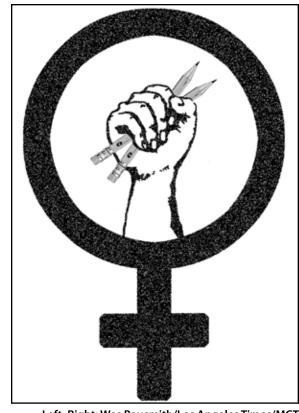
"We're seeing new types of random, humorous trends such as 'Big Bird' and 'Women in binders' taking flight, rather than general topics like health care or the economy," Conway said.

Social media have allowed voters to become more engaged and informed during this election cycle. It's simply getting easier to find information.

Google launched a politics and elections website that provides candidate information, news, video links, voter survey, polling trends and other information.

"People are really engaged in this election and (the website) shows that they are not only searching about the candidates but what they are searching about the candidate," said Samantha Smith, a Google spokeswoman. "There is so much information thrown at them, they can control the information by seeing what is their and doing their due diligence."

The search engine drew large numbers last week when Obama urged Romney to read the transcripts from his Rose Garden comments on whether the attack on the U.S. embassy in Libya was a terrorist act.



Left, Right: Wes Bausmith/Los Angeles Times/MCT

"You can find information about the candidates at your fingertips," she said, "like never before."

Roughly 60 percent of American adults use social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter. A surveyw this month by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project found that 66 percent of those social media users, have done at least one of seven civic or political activities with social media.

Social media users who have stronger party and ideological ties — liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans — are more likely than moderates to use social media for such things.

"I'm not even watching the debates," one woman tweeted last week, "and I'm overwhelmed with politics via twitter #letitbe."

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# Tweets of the Week



# ΑP

#### The Associated Press @AP

BREAKING: Tour de France director says he no longer considers Lance Armstrong seven-time champion. -RAS



#### The Dark Lord @Lord\_Voldemort7

Calling someone a 'politician' is just a less fun way of saying 'Death Eater.'



#### FirstWorldPains @FirstWorldPains

The university I want to attend has a stupid mascot.



#### **CNN Breaking News**

**Top Conservative Cat** 

No jail for student in #FAMU hazing death. on.cnn.com/RgZZme

'S View summary

That awkward moment when Paul Ryan scrubs an already clean

pan at a soup kitchen because there's cameras around.



#### That Awkward Moment

That awkward moment when you post a status on Facebook and forget you have family on there.



#### The Associated Press

BREAKING: Cycling governing body agrees to strip Lance Armstrong of his 7 Tour de France titles.



#### TED

When I was kid, werewolves and vampires were scary. Now everyone wants to date them.



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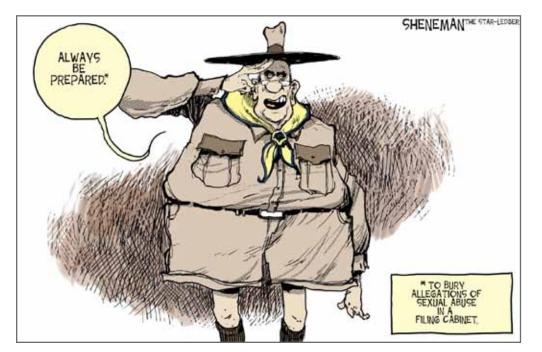
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# 'Paranormal Activity 4' can't scare up expected sales

## Film receives poorest reviews of horror franchise

By Amy Kaufman Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — "Paranormal Activity 4" may have claimed No. 1 at the box office this weekend, but its opening may be frightening Paramount Pictures about the future of the horror franchise.

The fourth entry in the low-budget series, debuted with \$30.2 million, according to an estimate from the studio.

While that's certainly a good start for a movie that cost only about \$6 million to produce, the film came in well below industry projections, which had the movie starting off with roughly \$50 million.

The picture's opening was also far lower than the \$52.6 million the third "Paranormal" film took in during its first weekend last year, and even behind the second film's \$40.7-million debut in 2010.

The only other film to hit theaters nationwide this weekend was "Alex Cross." which launched with a so-so \$11.8 million. The movie was expected to debut with at least \$15 million.

In more positive news, Ben Affleck's political thriller "Argo" maintained an excellent hold at the box office during its second weekend in theaters. The film saw its ticket sales drop only 15 percent to \$16.6 million, raising its overall total to \$43.2 million.

"Paranormal Activity 4," which has received the poorest reviews of any of the films in the franchise, attracted a young audience this weekend, with 60 percent younger than 25.

That crowd gave the movie a dismal grade of C.

The lower-than-anticipated opening for the fourth film calls into question the



**Courtesy of Paramount Pictures** 

Kathryn Newton (Alex) stars in the fourth installment of the "Paranormal Activity" franchise.

longevity of the "Paranormal" franchise for Paramount, which is already planning to release a fifth entry next fall and is working on a spinoff franchise.

Since the original became a surprise phenomenon in 2009, the "Paranormal" series has appeared to have the potential of a longrunning horror franchise such as "Saw."

Megan Colligan, Paramount's president of domestic distribution, insisted Sunday that the studio "continues to be extremely excited by the franchise," noting that it is exceptionally profitable.

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## **Opening Oct. 26** "Cloud Atlas"



Rated: R Running Time: N/A **Genre:** Drama Science Fiction Director: Lana Wachowski Starring: Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and Hugh Grant

#### "Fun Size"



Rated: PG-13 Running Time: N/A Genre: Comedy **Director:** Josh Schwartz Starring: Victoria Justice, Chelsea Handler and Anna Gasteyer.

## **Box Office**

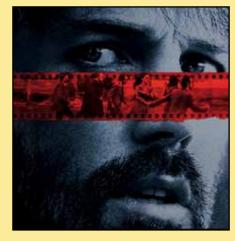


#### "Paranomal Activity 4"

Rated:

This Weekend: \$ 30,200,000

**Total Gross:** \$ 30,200,000



### "Argo"

Rated:

This Weekend: \$ 16,600,000

**Total Gross:** \$ 43,200,000



#### "Hotel Transylvania"

Rated: PG

This Weekend: \$ 13,500,000

**Total Gross:** \$ 119,000,000









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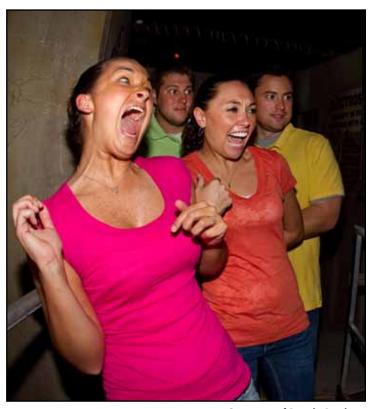
# Clowns not as scary as wait times

## Garden brings howls, screams

By Amber Hastings ahastings@valenciavoice.com

The "Howl-O-Scream" event celebrates its 13year anniversary this year with seven haunted houses, an exclusive dance club, dance performances and magical sideshows. Five of the seven are old houses brought back by popular demand with new additions, while the remaining two are entirely new.

"Circus of Superstition" played on the fears of the superstitious and those who fear clowns. The gruesome house "Blood Asylum" takes park guests through an insane asylum for the criminally insane where a high



**Courtesy of Busch Gardens** 

A select few where given a first look at the scare houses this year at "Howl-O-Scream" at Busch Gardens. risk inmate runs rampant, skinning his inmates.

"Nevermore" finds its dark theme from Edgar Allan Poe's poem titled "The Raven". The morbid "Zombie Mortuary" is staged in a small-town funeral home where zombies feed on unsuspected mourners.

Busch Gardens' annual event transforms the family-friendly park into a dark and frightful experience. Guests feel the mood soon after passing through the main entrance into the courtyard. Thick fog clouded visibility and masked scare-actors that waited to startle unsuspecting visitors.

"It's really scary," said visitor Bianca Pontanez as screams seemed to echo confirmation.

Throughout the park, scare zones are placed in between the houses. Each scare zone had a slightly different theme conveyed by scattered coffins and actors dressed as deformed scarecrows. Actors disguised as foliage hid within the bushes to wait for their next unsuspecting victim.

The wait time for each attraction soon proved to be the scariest thing the event had to offer.

With the event beginning at 7:30 p.m. and closing at 1:30 a.m., five hours seems like more than enough time to visit most of the seven houses and even ride a few roller coasters, but in some cases lines were so long that park guests left queues altogether. The minimum hour-and-a-half wait for every house or activity called into question whether or not the whole experience was worth the \$79.99 price tag.

"If I didn't have the discount from my year pass, I'd be mad," said Pontanez while waiting in line for a haunted house. "All the waiting isn't worth the full price."

Despite wait times, park guests still left haunted houses both thrilled and terrified.

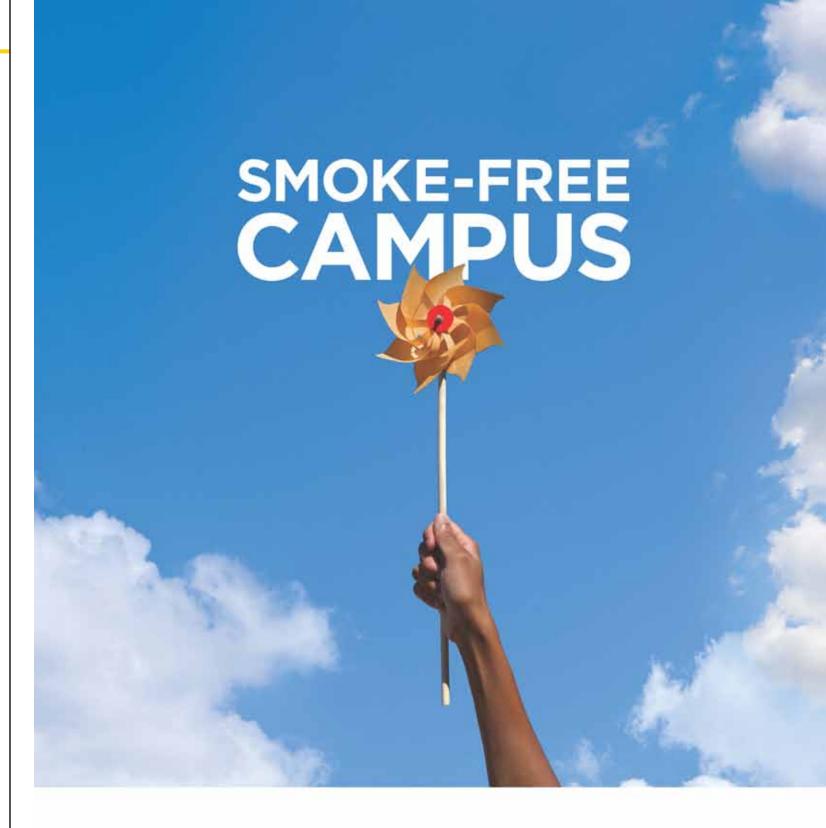
"It's a lot of fun," said Andrew Williams. "I love watching other people get scared."











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## Hockey is back

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The Solar Bears were able to hold on to the 3-2 lead, until Everblades forward Matt Beca landed the game tying goal just 1:30 into the third period.

Orlando failed to record a shot during the first six minutes of the third period, but the Solar Bears finished regulation time strong, recording seven of their 11 third-period shots during the final six minutes of regulation prior to overtime.

The Solar Bears entered the overtime period with a record of 0-0-1-0 on the season in overtime, with their lone overtime loss coming at the hands of the Florida Everblades in the season opener on Oct.12 in Estero, Fla.

The overtime period was defensive, with both teams taking a combined five shots between them during the five minute period. The scoreless overtime lead to a shootout, the first for the Solar Bears of the season.

The shootout saw 18 skaters attempt to score, before Kyle Medvec put Orlando's tenth shootout attempt in the back of the net. The shootout would then be extended when Florida's Alex Hutchings beat Orlando goalie John Curry, to tie the shootout at 1-1.

Sean Lorenz put the Solar Bears back ahead when he scored on Orlando's 12th shootout attempt of the night. Following the game Lorenz said, "It was fun to get a win, this was a huge night for the Orlando Solar Bears."

Lorenz later credited the win to the en-



**Courtesy of the Orlando Solar Bears** 

Orlando Solar Bears goaltender John Curry making a crucial glove save on Saturday's evening home opener, which went all the way to a shooutout.

tire team. He said, "It wasn't just me, I knew I was going to celebrate with all the guys in the locker room and it was a team win."

The Solar Bears secured the win and two points when goalie John Curry was able to save the Everblades' 12th shootout attempt. Curry was saved by the post on two separate occasions early in the shootout, but was able to come away the winning goalie nonetheless.

Following the game Curry said, "You don't want the first game to be a bad ex-

perience. Aside from myself, I think the team wanted to go out there and put on a good performance."

Solar Bears center Mathew Sisca also entered the Orlando Solar Bears ECHL history books, when he scored the Solar Bears' first home goal as a member of the ECHL.

"It was incredible, I still can't talk about it really. I just heard 9,000 people screaming," said Sisca. He later admitted that he didn't know what to do after he scored the goal, which marked his second of the year.

Orlando's Nick Petersen assisted on two of the Solar Bears three goals. The two points earned by Petersen on Saturday bring his total of the season to eight points, making him the Solar Bears' scoring leader through four games.

With Saturday's win, the Solar Bears improve to 2-1-1-0 on the season. The team plays again on Thursday, Oct. 25, when they host the South Carolina Stingrays in the Amway Center.

# Season **Standings**

#### **Eastern**

| Rank | Atlantic                 |
|------|--------------------------|
| 1    | Elmira Jackals           |
| 2    | Trenton Titans           |
| 3    | Reading Royals           |
| 4    | Wheeling Nailers         |
| Rank | North                    |
| 1    | Kalamazoo Wings          |
| 2    | Cincinnati Cyclones      |
| 3    | Fort Wayne Komets        |
| 4    | Toledo Walleye           |
| 5    | Evansville IceMen        |
| Rank | South                    |
| 1    | Orlando Solar Bears      |
| 2    | Florida Everblades       |
| 3    | South Carolina Stingrays |
| 4    | Greenville Road Warriors |
| 5    | Gwinnett Gladiators      |
|      | Western                  |

| 1    | Utah Grizzlies      |
|------|---------------------|
| 2    | Idaho Steelheads    |
| 3    | Alaska Aces         |
| 4    | Colorado Eagles     |
| Rank | Pacific             |
| 1    | Ontario Reign       |
| 2    | San Francisco Bulls |
| 3    | Stockton Thunder    |
| 4    | Las Vegas Wranglers |
| 5    | Bakersfield Condors |

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# Aiming for championship

### Team looks to start in fine form

By Mike Gramajo mgramajo@valenciavoice.com

Solar Bears head coach Drake Berehowsky is looking forward to championship glory following their successful home opener against the Florida Everblades.

"My expectation is a championship and nothing else," said Berehowsky. "It's exciting to be part of an inaugural season."

Since being named head coach in June, Berehowsky spent the whole summer crafting the return of the Orlando Solar Bears team.

Before the start of the season, Berehowsky named Ryan Cruthers as team captain and made minor changes at the end of preseason to solidify the current team.

Matthew Panzo, who appeared the breakout talent during the early stages of team set up, was cut before the team's first preseason game.

"We're going to embrace the city, we're going to get really involved," said Berehowsky.

The Solar Bears didn't start preseason well, which



Ken Carpenter / Valencia Voice

Mascot Shades standing next to coach Drake Berehowsky

lead to them losing their first two regular season games at Estero, Fla. against the Florida Everblades.

The bad start sparked a return to form and they evened the four-game series against the Florida Everblades by thrashing them 8-2 at the Germain Center and winning their home-opener in a thrilling 12-round shootout at the Amway Center.

"It's interesting in how they respond and react," said Berehowsky on team chemistry throughout the season. "Many players are brand new teammates."

The Solar Bears continue the season as they host the South Carolina Stingrays on Thursday at 7 p.m.



Courtesy of the Orlando Solar Bears Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer took part of the opening ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 20.









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