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College president looks ahead

Dr. Sanford Shugart reflects on Aspen prize

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ORLANDO — Valencia College was honored one year ago on Dec. 12, 2011, as it was awarded the inaugural Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The prize recognized Valencia as the best community college in the nation as stated on the Aspen Institute's Web site for having "outstanding academic and workforce outcomes in both absolute performance and improvements over time."

"It was just a terrific thrill to be able to represent the whole community college world for just a moment, and to speak to policy makers and the public on our work," said Dr. Sanford Shugart, president of Valencia College.

To reach the point of being recognized "The Best" meant a detailed evaluation process developed by the Aspen Institute that measured the nation's top community colleges based on "student learning, degree and credential attainment, transfer, and career and earnings outcomes," as stated by



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Valencia President, Dr. Sanford Shugart, holds the Aspen Prize Award for Community College Excellence.

the institute's Aspen Prize overview.

Shugart humbly explained that he didn't feel this award meant the college was actually the best in the nation because that is so hard to clearly define, just the inaugural winner and one of the best.

He went on to say "it feels like confirmation of a long, steady climb to improve student learning. We've had just a tremendous focus for two decades almost, on

improving what students experience and how they learn and how they progress."

The Aspen Prize works to acknowledge the achievements of community colleges with outstanding records of student success propelling them to the national spotlight which allows them to inspire other institutions looking to ratify and improve their own work with post-secondary education.

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Court to hear motion

Zimmerman attempts to have monitor removed

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ORLANDO — The counsel for George Zimmerman, accused of the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, 17, on Feb. 26, filed eight new motions on Friday in Seminole County Court in an attempt to allow the removal of his ankle monitor.

In addition, Zimmerman's attorney Mark O'Mara is attempting to lift the restrictions preventing Zimmerman from speaking to witnesses that include personal friends, according to the motions.

The request comes hot off of Zimmerman's allegations against NBC Universal in which he claims the newsmaker employed wrongfully racist spins against him.

That defamation suit was filed on Thursday and Zimmerman will seek damages, according to court documents.

According to the suit levied against the network, "NBC saw the death of Trayvon Martin not as a tragedy but as an opportunity to increase ratings.

"Because of NBC's deceptive and exploitative manipulations, the public wrongly believes that Zimmerman 'used a racial epithet' while describing Martin during the call to the dispatcher," continues the suit.

Zimmerman is accused of shoot-

ing and killing Martin in the February incident in Sanford that has since made national headlines. Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder and was released after posting his \$1 million bond in July, according to public documents.

He has since been required to wear a GPS enabled tracking ankle bracelet and has had his location monitored by the police, amidst fears for Zimmerman's safety and the threat of vigilantism. He has also been required to stay in Seminole County since being fitting with the monitor.

"I think nobody would deny the fact that if George Zimmerman were walking down the street today, he would be at risk. That is a reality," said O'Mara during an April interview with press.

While Zimmerman's safety was a concern for his attorneys, emotions ran hot for others involved in the case.

Martin's family attorney Ben Crump held the opposing opinion following the related bond hearing in April, according to a CBS report.

"Why is everybody protecting George Zimmerman?" he said.

The hearing on Friday's motions is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11, while Zimmerman's murder trial is set to commence in June.

Former student killed in hit-and-run crash

FHP are hoping for witness information

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Aaron Jones, 28, was killed in a hit-and-run crash on Goldenrod Road on Friday Dec. 7. Family, friends and the Florida Highway Patrol are currently searching for information that leads to an arrest.

Jones was headed south riding a small 50cc motorcycle on Goldenrod Road when he was fatally struck by an unidentified driver headed north on Goldenrod Road in a light colored four-

door sedan, as the driver made an abrupt turn into the Jasmine Apartments.

Security camera footage from across the street confirmed that this accident occurred at 1:20 a.m., and according to FHP investigators the impact damaged the right-front side of the sedan.

Instead of helping Jones, the unidentified driver circled around the apartment complex entrance and headed back northbound on Goldenrod Road, according to FHP investigators.

An ambulance arrived on scene around 1:34 a.m., after another vehicle

passing later stopped and called for 9-11 for help. Jones was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center where he passed away Friday around 4:30 a.m.

“I’ve spoken with my brother and his wife Tina and they’re doing as well as can be expected,” said Joni Brown, aunt of Aaron Jones on his fathers side. “It’s hard, it’s hard on anybody to lose your son. You don’t want to bury your children.”

Family members, friends and other supporters were gathered at the crash scene on Sunday and Monday afternoon, holding signs asking for help to find the hit-and-run vehicle and handing out fliers to individuals as they entered the Jasmine Apartments.

There was also a memorial service held on Monday evening at the “Other Bar” where Jones worked as a bar manager. Friends and supporters shared their condolences while helping raise money for the family through a silent auction and other donations.

Some tips and other information has come in from local residents, but nothing has lead to any kind of suspect arrest.

“We have looked at eight to 12 vehicles matching the description with front-end damage, but have been unable to confirm if they were the suspect vehicle,” said Sgt. Kim Montes, FHP investigator.

With no direct eyewitnesses, Montes said this case will rely on a solid lead that can tie the suspect with some circumstantial evidence.

Montes described Florida’s hit-and-



Courtesy of the Jones family
Aaron Jones,28, was killed in a hit-and-run crash at 1:20 a.m. on Friday according to FHP.

run crashes as an “epidemic,” with 696 hit-and-run reports last month in Central Florida handled by the FHP.

The punishment for a hit-and-run crash resulting in a death would apply to Florida’s Justin McWilliams Act, which mandates a first degree felony charge punishable by a \$10,000 fine, and up to 30 years in prison.

There is currently a \$2,500 reward for anyone with information about this case that leads to a felony arrest, and they are encouraged to call Central Florida Crimeline at 800-423-TIPS.



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Friends of Jones holding signs at the accident scene on Goldenrod Road in east Orlando.



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Aspen Prize

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When asked if being awarded the Aspen Prize one year ago was his highest professional accomplishment Shugart said “I feel best about our work through our student’s stories. When I hear of a student who succeeded against the odds and gone places and done things no one had ever imagined possible including the student, those are my best moments.”

After winning the Aspen Prize the college has received more attention from the community and the national educational community and Shugart has been able to travel more to speak on national panels and explain the work of Valencia College.

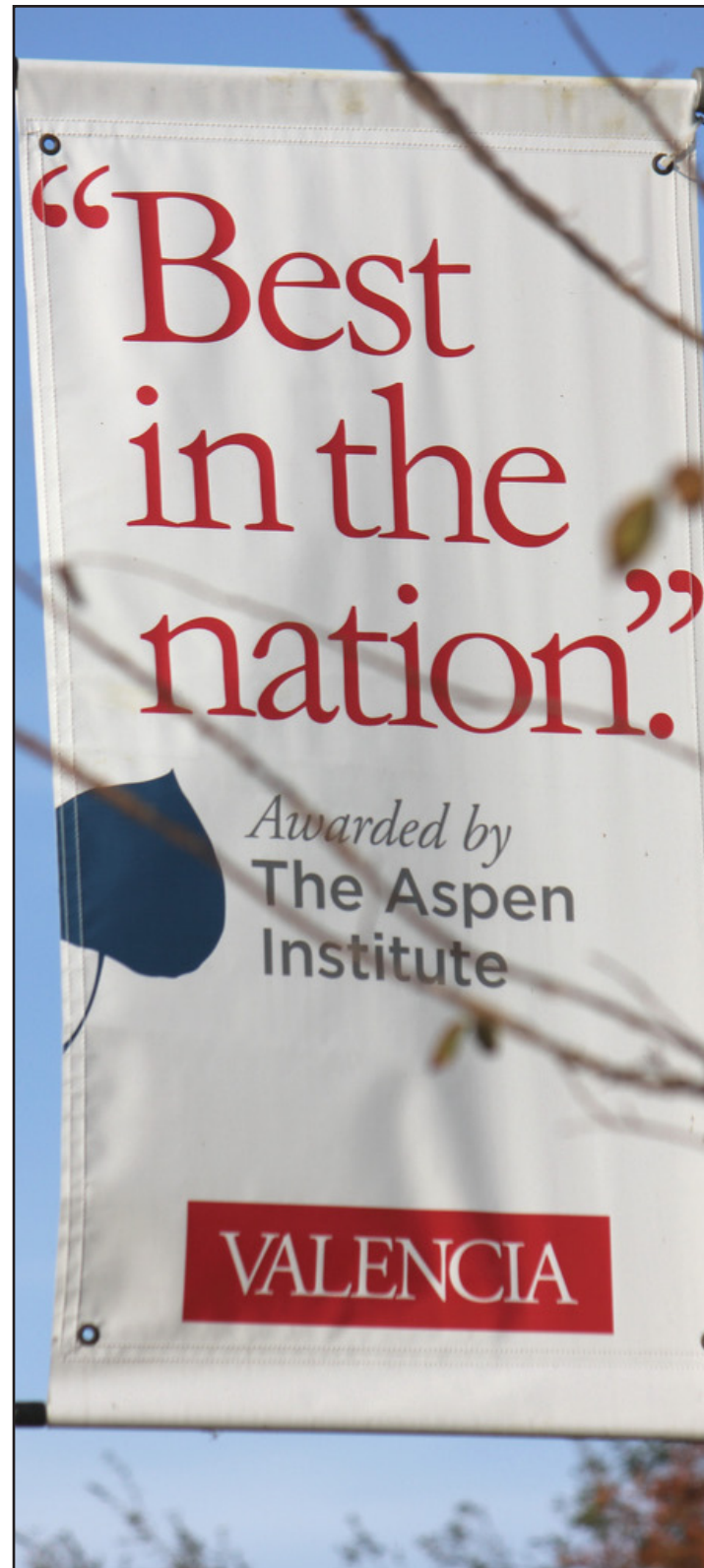
The college also has several goals for the future to go along with its ever-growing campuses and raising numbers of student enrollment. Valencia is still working on the goals of improving graduation rates of students in need of basic refresher courses and others that require fundamental help with remediation in the fields of math, English and other skills needed to find success in college.

There is also a continued focus on the colleges’ advanced degrees and continued refinement in the “DirectConnect” program that works to guarantee graduating students a place at Valencia’s partner school, the University of Central Florida.

President Shugart’s overall message to the students at Valencia recognized that this award was based on their accomplishments just as much as the administrators, faculty and other staff members that made it possible.

“I would call on our students to raise their aspirations, be really reticent and don’t take anything less than the best in their own academic work,” said Shugart.

Based on the criteria of the Aspen Institute,



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Small banner celebrating the Aspen Prize at East Campus.

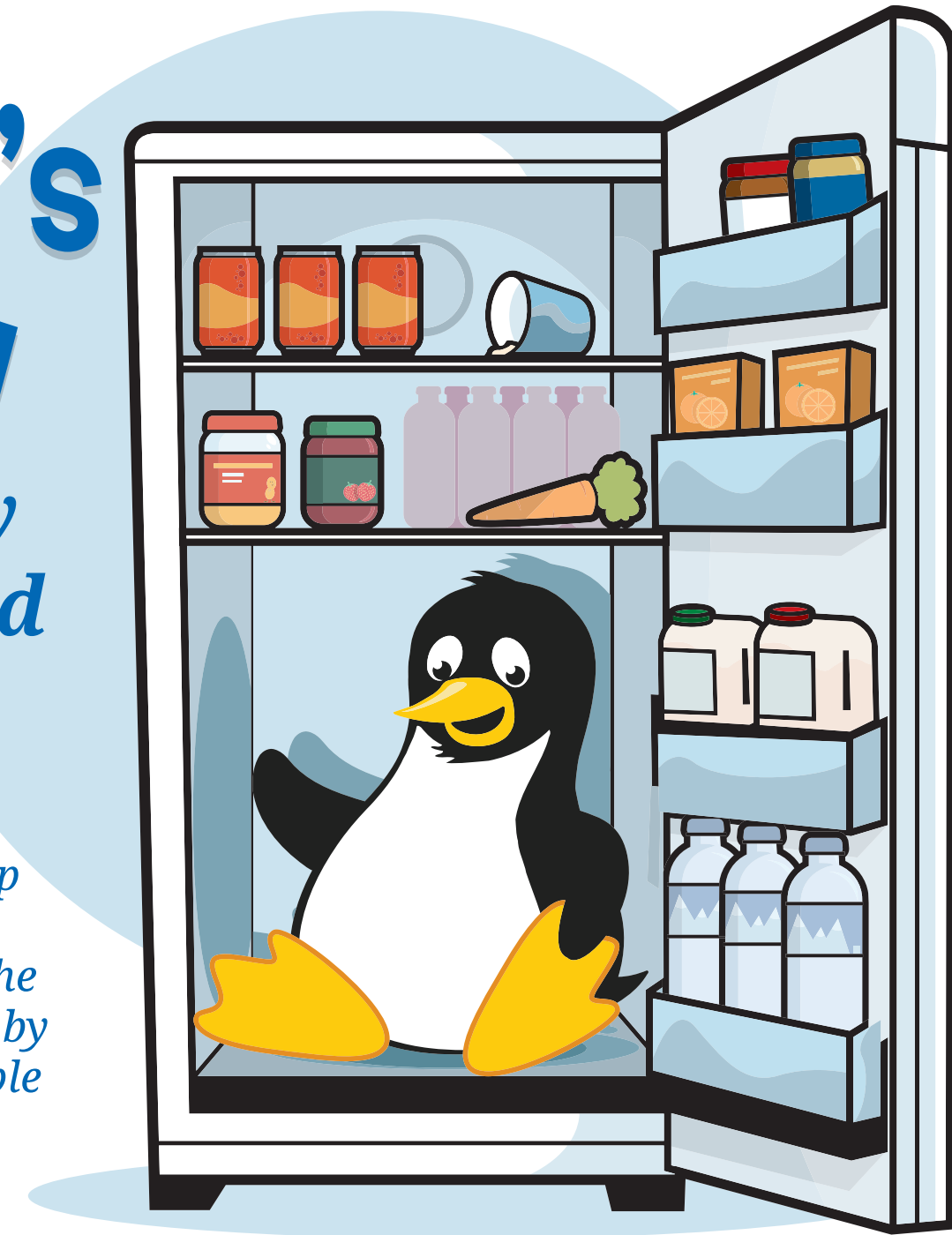
Valencia was not eligible to win the 2012 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence because of winning last year.



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Jesus: Christian, Muslim perspective

Humanities at Osceola discuss religions

By Shannon Scheidell
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OSCEOLA CAMPUS — It's a tale of two faiths, so interwoven with similarities that one key difference has changed the course of history.

When Pastor David Beal and Imam Muhammad Musri came together to speak at Valencia's Osceola Campus on Wednesday night, the cultural divide was made apparent in the very tension of audience members who came to listen to the panel.

Humanities professors Adrienne Tribbel and Paul Chapman facilitated the series in cooperation with the Peace and Justice Initiative of Valencia to demonstrate the similarities and differences between the Muslim and Christian perspectives of Jesus.

Each panelist was given 20 minutes to highlight the main chapters of the Book.

Musri used a PowerPoint presentation, representing the corresponding passages from the Qu'ran and the Bible, placing in red type the different words which have similar meanings within two columns, side by side.

"There's a difference in what the imam and I believe," said Beal. "It's that I believe He's coming back as God."

Christians believe that Jesus is Lord, who is also the son of God, and that humans were made in his image.

Those of the Muslim faith believe that a prophet will bring them into the light at the end of days, because the human mind can't

conceive of the sight of the one true God.

"He doesn't have eyes and ears and arms and legs," said Musri. "He is nothing like anything in creation."

Ashlee Poroco, who's studying occupational therapy at Valencia, approached the discussion with the mindset that the two religions were almost the same.

"I didn't know that Mary was never married," Poroco said. "And Jesus talks as a baby?" she scoffed.

She was an altar girl when she was younger and ascribing to the Catholic way of life.

"I now know that the two religions are completely opposite," said Poroco.

Beal explained that all people are born as sinners and it is their soul purpose in life to redeem themselves in the eyes of God. Musri, on the other hand, said all people are born pure and begin to stray from their sense of right and wrong over the course of their time on Earth.

In Chapter 3 of the Qu'ran, it states that a prophet named Imram has the power to lead his sheep to the path of righteousness, sharing the Injel, or Good News, along the way. Isa, or Jesus, is the most recent prophet of our time, according to the text.

In Chapter 9 of the Bible, it states that Jesus, himself, is God and has the power to change the commandments over time.

Beal said it doesn't matter whether you follow the Old Testament or the New, as the New Testament upholds the same guidelines which govern the lives of the devout. It's simply an abridged version,

rewritten for this generation.

Musri said that Muslims should take the words of the Qu'ran literally.

"We believed what He said, not what we infer or determine today," said Musri. Beal countered in saying that the gospel and the epistles were written in the first century in the Jewish way and that the meanings that were derived from the text back then, don't directly apply to the life of Christians today.

When it came time for Musri to an-

swer questions posed by the audience, he was interrupted mid-sentence by the same man who made the inquiry.

"There are more holes in the Qu'ran than in a donut factory," said Nabil Shaib.

Shortly after Musri described the tolerance people of the Muslim faith have for other religions around the world, another audience member spoke up, saying that Muslims were burning churches and synagogues in Bosnia and Egypt, as we sat com-

fortably in those seats Wednesday night.

Beal spoke for Musri and said, "There are ignorant folks on both sides."

In summation of the panel, the lesson is that everyone makes mistakes. "And when people make mistakes, God will forgive them," said Musri.

"It's that easy to forgive."

For more information on Valencia's Peace and Justice Initiative, go to valenciacollege.edu/pji.

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‘Metalocalypse’ stars jam in Orlando

‘Cartoon Network’ metal band banned from Disney

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ORLANDO — Dethklok takes the over-the-top themes and playing style found in heavy metal music, and raises the bar of outright insanity. This group creates a soundtrack suitable for marching to war, but only if you don’t plan on taking any prisoners.

The band’s music was originally created by guitarist and frontman Brendon Small and was later used as the inspiration for the Cartoon Network animated television series “Metalocalypse,” co-created by Small and comedy writer Tommy Blacha.

The show is currently under production for its fifth season and has established a core group of diehard fans that have embraced its dark humor, graphic content and twisted characters reminiscent of the 1981 animated cult classic “Heavy Metal.”

“I love how incredibly hard their music is, my favorite song has to be ‘Go Into The Water,’” said concertgoer Alex Stoehr.

Small and his fellow band members;

James Tutton/Valencia Voice
Dethklok co-creator and lead song writer,
Brendon Small rocking out at House of Blues.

Mike Keneally (guitar), Gene Hoglan (drums) and Bryan Beller (bass guitar), started their performance with a strictly business attitude. They powered through their songs after a brief introduction accompanied by video segments from the series. This was used to highlight the sounds with their razor sharp rhythms and gut-wrenching growls, manifesting like a thundering sonic apocalypse.

All the aggressive style and attitude was broken up by elements of macabre humor, which their fans have grown to love. One gets the impression that once you step into the dark world of Dethklok, nothing will shock or scar you.

“It’s just so far out, you just can’t help but love all the madness,” said Christian Roberts, another devotee Dethklok fan who has enjoyed the band since their first album was released in 2007.

The cheers from excited fans within the packed “House of Blues Orlando” venue were deafening. And as the music played a near constant stream of crowd-surfers and mosh-pitters kept security on their toes.

It wasn’t until nearly the end of the performance that Small took time to address the crowd. Like a heavy metal Seth MacFarlane -- who voices several characters on the animated series Family Guy, Small spoke to his fans as he alternated between the several characters in the series he co-created.

One notable element to this show

was missing: the band Machine Head, which is on-tour with Dethklok, has been banned from performing at all locations that are within Walt Disney properties as of 2007. As the band states on their web site, Disney Properties objects to the group’s “violent imagery” and “inflammatory lyrics,” while considering their fans “undesirable.”

“Apparently they’re no longer allowed to perform here. I don’t know what to tell you, but that sounds like for a ‘House of Blues’ it seems like they did their job and gave that band the blues,” said Small as he addressed the missing act with the audience near the end of his performance.

Another popular metal band that accompanied Dethklok for this performance was All That Remains, who are currently receiving extended airplay on rock stations around the nation with their song “Hold On.”

“I was glad to see All That Remains, but who I honestly came for was Dethklok,” said local actress and recording artist Grae Marion. “I’m a big fan of Brendon Small, but mainly I’m a big fan of the actual characters he has created.”

This show was part of the yearly “Blizzard Of Rock” concert series organized by the Central Florida alternative rock radio station 101.1 WJRR. Other groups that participated in this year’s showcase were Sevendust, Rise Against, In Flames and Sum 41, amongst others.

Hobbits move from Isengard to 3-D

By John Anderson
Newsday

In his celebrated novels of Middle-earth, J.R.R. Tolkien, author, medievalist, philologist and Oxford don, was using fantastical myths to reimagine the past. In his adaptations of Tolkien’s novels, Peter Jackson, film director, is using fantastical technology to reshape the future.

Like its Oscar-winning predecessor, “The Hobbit” will be a trilogy: “The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug” is scheduled for next December, “The Hobbit: There and Back Again,” for the summer of 2014.

Unlike “The Lord of the Rings,” “The Hobbit” is based on a single book, the shortest of the oeuvre, and the one Tolkien had specifically intended for children.

One might think that Team Tolkien is going to the Rivendell well once too often. But in expanding “The Hobbit’s”

approximately 300 pages to cover three distinct movies, Jackson and his co-screenwriters, producing and life partner Fran Walsh, creaturist-genius Guillermo del Toro and Philippa Boyens have gone to supplemental materials.

Much of what Jackson is up to in “The Hobbit” may as well be Elvish to most viewers, but one of the more critical technical choices he made was to shoot the film in 48 frames per second, twice the 24 frames per second that has been the industry standard for about 90 years.

It’s the frame rate at which we comfortably reach what is commonly referred to as “persistence of vision”, the illusion that what we’re seeing is actually happening, rather than a series of still pictures.

“The Hobbit” is in 3-D, an effect that goes hand in hand with the film’s heightened frame rate. Many of the problems audiences have with 3-D, such as head-

aches, can be relieved by filming faster. “3-D perception of something is just a



Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures
Andy Serkis plays the role of Gollum in 3D.

slightly different angle between two views of the same thing,” visual-effects wizard Douglas Trumbull said during an interview last year.

“So the 3-D effect goes away and your brain is trying to figure out how to put this image together, which is all blurred and strobed,” he said. “So there’s a lot of eye strain, especially in the action sequences directors want to have.”

When you move into high frame rates, he said, you get rid of that problem. “So Peter Jackson is shooting ‘The Hobbit’ at 48; Jim Cameron is planning to shoot ‘Avatar 2’ at 60.”

Jackson also addressed the issue in an interview last year.

“The image has hugely enhanced clarity and smoothness,” he said. “It looks much more lifelike and it is much easier to watch, especially in 3-D.”

—MCT Campus

December 15 “The Hobbit”



Rated: PG-13
Running Time: 2 hrs. 49 mins.
Genre: Fantasy
Director: Peter Jackson
Starring: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen and Richard Armitage.

“Save the Date”



Rated: R
Running Time: N/A
Genre: Romantic Comedy
Director: Michael Mohan
Starring: Lizzy Caplan, Alison Brie and Mark Webber.

Box Office



“Skyfall”
Rated: PG-13
This Weekend: \$ 10,780,201
Total Gross: \$ 261,400,281



“Rise of the Guardians”
Rated: PG
This Weekend: \$ 10,400,618
Total Gross: \$ 61,774,192



“Breaking Dawn Part II”
Rated: PG-13
This Weekend: \$ 9,156,265
Total Gross: \$ 268,691,029

Solar Bears take on Komets in weekend clash

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Orlando takes Sunday win, after 2 losses



Courtesy of the Orlando Solar Bears

Sean Lorenz scored his first goal of the season, clinching a crucial win for Orlando on Sunday.

ORLANDO — Ryan Reaves, Sean Lorenz and Bryce Lampman each scored their first goals of the season for the Solar Bears as Orlando beat the Fort Wayne Komets 6-2, on Sunday, avoiding a three game weekend sweep.

The Solar Bears came into Sunday’s game losing back-to-back match-ups against the Komets, as well as seven of their last eight games dating back to Nov. 20.

Orlando had two goals in each of the three periods of play on Sunday, each coming from a different player.

C.J. Severyn scored Orlando’s first goal of the afternoon one minute and forty seconds into the game, giving the Solar Bears an early 1-0 lead. Orlando extended their lead to 2-0, when defenseman Sean Lorenz scored his first goal of the season with 14:45 remaining in the first period.

Fort Wayne cut the Solar Bears lead to one, when Brandon Marino scored his ninth goal of the season three minutes into the second period. Solar Bears captain Ryan Cruthers added a goal late in the period, extending Orlando’s lead to 4-1.

“He’s huge. He’s going to lead,” said Solar Bears head coach Drake Berehowsky about Reaves. “He’s going to be a good example to follow in practice. He knows how to play the game the right way and that’s one of the reasons I brought him in.”

Orlando only took four shots in the third period, but two of those four shots

went into the back of the net. First Olivier Fortier scored four minutes after Fort Wayne’s Ryan Lasch made the score 4-2 with 15:34 left to play in the third period.

“The guys played hard,” said Berehowsky after the game. “They played a full 60 minutes, our leaders led, and everybody else followed suit.”

The Solar Bears second goal of the third period came from Bryce Lampman with 8:37 left in the game. Lampman, who had not scored a goal in nine games played for Orlando, brought the game to it’s final score of 6-2.

“It feels good,” said Lampman about his first goal as a Solar Bear. “We’ve had some struggles scoring lately, but it was nice to get that first one out of the way.”

John Curry started Sunday’s game at goalie for Orlando, after Darcy Kuepfer was in goal for the first two games of the series.

“His plays been great,” said Lampman of Curry’s play. “We’ve actually been pretty pleased with our goaltending lately.”

With the win on Sunday, the Solar Bears went 1-1-0-1 during the three game homestand, while coming up with three

points in the standings.

The Solar Bears started the homestand on Friday, with a 4-5 shootout loss to the Komets. The first loss came after Orlando gave up a goal in the final eight seconds to Fort Wayne’s Thomas Beauregard, which allowed Fort Wayne to tie the game. After a scoreless overtime, Beauregard scored the only goal of the shootout, to clinch the win for the Komets.

Orlando returned to the Amway on Saturday to face off against the Komets for the second straight night. Fort Wayne would go on to shutout the Solar Bears, as they would win 3-0, thanks in part to two second period goals from Luca Caputi. The shutout was the fourth time Orlando had been held scoreless in it’s past eight games.

“I’m really proud of the guys,” said Berehowsky after Sunday’s game. “Especially coming back. The first night we had a tough loss in the shootout, yesterday we didn’t come out and play with the same kind of energy, and structure that we wanted to.”

“Tonight they seemed to pull it together,” added Berehowsky. The Solar Bears will now go on a six game road trip, before returning home on Dec. 27, for a two-game series against in-state rivals the Florida Everblades.

Despite the win on Sunday, Orlando is still in last place in the South Division, trailing the division leading Gwinnett Gladiators by 13 points in the standings. Orlando’s record for the season is now 10-11-2-2, which is good for 24 points.

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Goal scoring history made

Lionel Messi sets new goal record

McClatchy Newspapers

MADRID — Barcelona forward Lionel Messi reached another milestone in his phenomenal career on Sunday when he set a record for goals scored in a calendar year of 86 with a La Liga double at Real Betis, beating Gerd Mueller's 40-year-old tally of 85.

The 25-year-old World Player of the Year equaled the record with his first of the night in Seville when he picked up the ball in a central position in the 16th minute and left the Betis defense standing before sending an angled shot across goal into the bottom right corner.

Andres Iniesta's clever back heel set the Argentine up to score again nine minutes later with a sweeping shot from a similar position just inside the penalty area that flew into the same corner of the goal.

"I always say the same, it's nice for what it means but the victory is more important as it maintains our lead over the other teams," a typically modest Messi said in a post-match interview with Spanish TV broadcaster Canal Plus.

Favorite to secure a fourth successive World Player award when the winner is announced next month, Messi has netted 74 times for Barca and 12 for Argentina in 2012, surpassing Mueller's total for Bayern Munich and Germany in 1972.

He has scored 56 in La Liga, 13 in the Champions League, three in the King's Cup and two in the Spanish Super Cup and still has two league matches and one King's Cup game to add to his tally before the end of the year.

Mueller, known as the "torpedo" while Messi's nickname is "the flea", netted 72 for Bayern and 13 for Germany in 1972 and was 27 when he set the record.

The pair have very different playing styles, with the left-footed Messi scoring many of his goals after trademark

weaving runs, while Mueller was more of a poacher inside the box.

Asked about the World Player award, Messi said he would be happy for his Barca team mate Andres Iniesta to win, one of three nominated along with Messi and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo who won it in 2008.

"Obviously if he (Iniesta) wins it's fully deserved for what he has achieved and what he is as a player, what he does every match," Messi told Canal Plus.

"If he wins it would also be a good thing, it's an award for the entire dressing room."

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Lionel Messi has scored 74 goals for Barcelona and 12 times for Argentina in 2012.

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Voice 2012: A year in review



James Tutten / Valencia Voice
Dr. Shurgart performing at the Garden Theater from his new album “Distance We Keep.” Jan. 18



Jeremy Williams / Valencia Voice
A dark rose accompanies a Vietnam Service medal in the seam of the Vietnam Memorial Traveling wall. Jan. 25



Abby Drey, Centre Daily Times / MCT
Legendary Penn State coach, Joe Paterno, dies after battling lung cancer. Students, fans leave candles around Paterno statue. Jan 25



Ken Carpenter / Valencia Voice
Voyage Magazine staff traveled to London as part of a study abroad Global Journalism class, visiting newsrooms around London. March 14



Mary Stevens / Valencia Voice
Students and staff members raised awareness of the Trayvon Martin case at West Campus. April 11



James Tutten / Valencia Voice
The Orlando Solar Bears debut their new jerseys. The team is officially out of hibernation. April 18



James Tutten / Valencia Voice
Space X's Falcon 9 became the first commercial rocket to resupply the International Space Station, this was the fourth attempt. May 23



Shay Castle / Valencia Voice
The new electronic charging stations on Valencia's West Campus are now working, they are located by building 11, health science building. June 6



Courtesy of New Smyrna Beach Parks and Recreations Department
New Smyrna Beach celebrated its 125th anniversary. May 16



Courtesy of OMA
Lesley Dill, Dada Poem Wedding dress, 1994
June 6



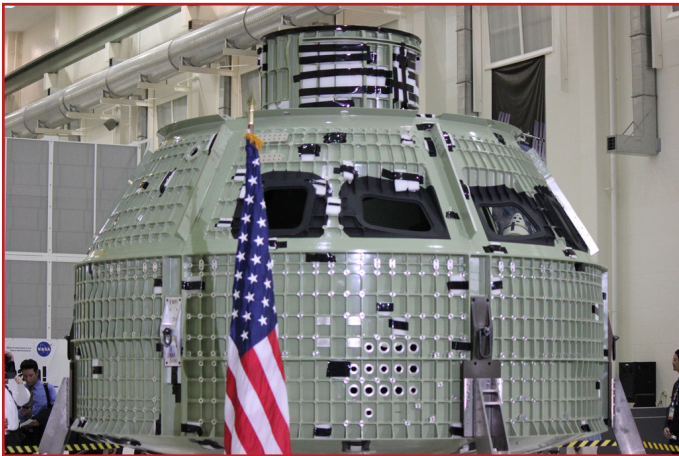
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Orlando City Soccer club full season coverage. June 13



Bryan Levine / Valencia Voice
Presidential hopefuls make White House bid at conference for Latino leaders, NALEO. This year was the 1st time a sitting president attends. June 27



Bryan Levine / Valencia Voice
Jill Biden made a stop at West Campus during her Community College tour to participate in a jobs panel. July 4



James Tutten / Valencia Voice
Orion space capsule arrived at Kennedy Space Center, will now be assembled for historic milestone. July 4



James Tutten / Valencia Voice
First lady Michelle Obama made a visit to UCF to speak at an event organized by College Democrats in affiliation with Organizing for America. July 11



Courtesy of Mad Cow Theatre
Mad Cow Theatre moved to a new location in Church street. July 18



Courtesy of the U.S. Fencing Hall of Fame
Stacey Johnson was appointed the new president of East and Winter Park Campus. July 25



Hector Acevedo , Zuma Press / MCT
Items are left at a makeshift memorial in Aurora, Colo., created for victims of a shooting at a theater. July 25



David Eulitt, Kasas City Star / MCT
Confetti showers down on the Olympic athletes during the Opening Ceremony. Aug. 1



Juan Gutierrez / Valencia Voice
New head coach Jacque Vaughn poses with Orlando Magic general manager, Rob Hennigan, during announcement. Aug. 1



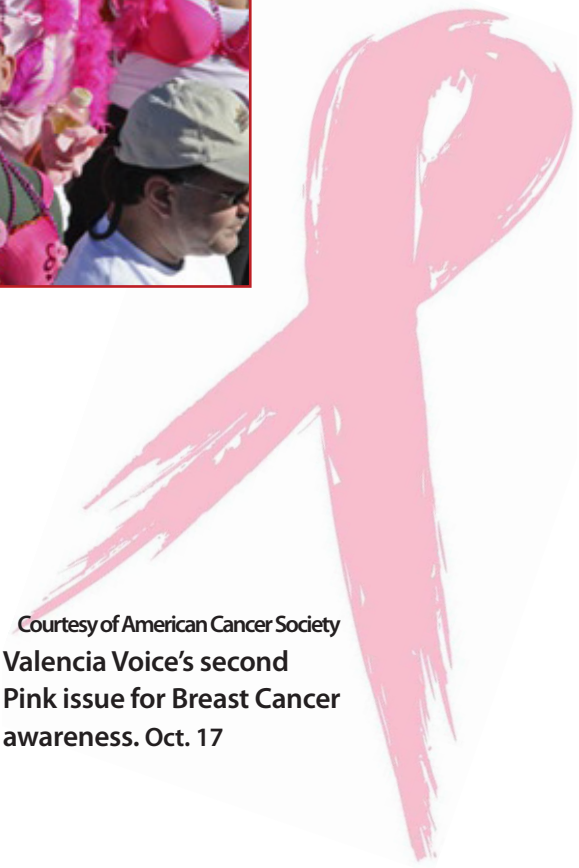
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President Obama point to members of “Steelworkers for Obama” amidst a sea of forward signs as the president discusses jobs at a Kissimmee rally. Sept. 12



Robert Van Deering / Valencia Voice
2977 flags, over 90 countries, were displayed at Osceola Campus in honor of 9/11 victims and first responders. Sept. 12



Courtesy of Valencia College
Lake Nona Medical City campus opened on Sept. 20 in collaboration with Medical City. Sept. 12



Courtesy of American Cancer Society
Valencia Voice’s second Pink issue for Breast Cancer awareness. Oct. 17



Shannon Scheidell / Valencia Voice
East made its mark on peace day by making their own peace sign during celebration. Sept. 26



Eileen Ludwig / Valencia Voice
West Campus students build butterfly garden with the Horticulture Club. Oct. 3



Courtesy of the Orlando Solar Bears
Orlando Solar Bears had their
home opener on Oct. 20.
Oct. 24

Mike Gramajo / Valencia Voice
West Campus president Falecia
Williams participating at the
OXFAM Banquet. Dec. 5




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President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle, Vice President Joe Biden and Jill Biden on satge, Nov. 6, in Chicago after the president made his victory speech. Nov. 7



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