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As Kenya King sang, spectators were astonished by her resemblance to the late Coretta Scott King, to whom she was paying tribute.  
Photo by Jordan Keyes / Valencia Voice

## Valencia hails civil rights activist

By Shaneece Dixon  
Valencia Voice

We know of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his fight against injustice and discrimination. We know of his peaceful, nonviolent efforts and his dream that we would all be united despite the colors of our skin. However, most of us know little of Coretta Scott King, the woman who stood by him before, during, and after his death.

The African American Cultural Society (AACS), the Black High Achievers, Valencia's Black Advisory Committee, and Student Development presented Coretta: The First Lady of Civil Rights on Jan. 24 in the HSB building, room 105, on West Campus. Ms. Kenya King starred as the lovely, young Coretta in a historically-based musical that illustrated Coretta Scott King's life.

"This event celebrates her life before and after MLK's death as well as the achievements of her husband," said Shushunn Rora, president of AACS.

Kenya King, who is not related to either of the famous Kings, easily resembled a young Coretta Scott King. She brought to life the ups and downs of the Civil Rights movement through the life of this humble, young woman. Students were mesmerized with King's resemblance to Coretta as she sung inspiring spirituals, freedom songs, and spoke to the audience as though she was Coretta Scott King herself.

"It's really interesting. I'm amazed to see that Kenya

King looks exactly like Mrs. King," Marthe Petit-Frere said. "I felt like I really learned about the history of the Civil Rights movement."

Born April 22nd, 1927, in Heiberger, Alabama, Coretta was exposed to the daily injustices that were put upon blacks in the South at an early age. Walking 4 1/2 miles every day to school in Marion County while white students drove to nearby schools propelled King to work even harder for her education.

"Marion was in complete segregation," said Kenya King of the Alabama county.

Eventually Coretta's hard work did pay off. After becoming valedictorian at Lincoln High School, she went to Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where she became the first black to get a degree in Elementary Education. Ironically, going up north for college did not guarantee her an education free of discrimination.

"I wasn't allowed to practice my teaching," said King in the voice of young Coretta. "My teacher warned the other students that if they helped me then she would withdraw them. So, my experience at Antioch was marred by that."

Despite many difficulties, King graduated from Antioch with a B.A. in Education and Music, winning a scholarship to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, where she eventually met and married Martin Luther King Jr. After completing her degree in music, the couple moved to Montgomery, Alabama. After a year in Montgomery, the couple were soon thrown into the modern civil

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## Experts say indicators point toward '08 recession

By Dan Serra  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

A few months ago the "R" word was just a muttering from the minds of economists. Now it's an everyday thought, not just for economists but also from consumers looking for ways to avoid losing money.

Since the start of the year, more prominent prognosticators have been saying a recession is coming, if it's not already here. Among them:

Goldman Sachs: The gross domestic product, or the output of the economy, will fall in the second and third quarters. Economists define a recession as two straight quarters of declining GDP.

Merrill Lynch economist David Rosenberg says, "Higher December unemployment was a sign of recession."

Ex-Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, who served under President Clinton said, "The odds now favor a recession even if the government tries to stimulate the economy. A falling housing market is leading to falling consumer spending."

Global Insight, known as one of the most accurate economic forecasting firms in the world: The odds of a recession are 60 percent.

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Photo by Angel Manuel Herrero / istockphoto/aquaspects  
Recessions have caused many families to rearrange their lifestyle and plan a new financial future for their families.

**Important Dates**

**Petition signing**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2008**  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
East Campus

**University of South Florida**  
**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**  
11 a.m.  
West Campus  
Bldg. 2 Breezeway

**Skillshops: My Educational Plan and Degree Audit**  
**Thursday, February 7, 2008**  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Winter Park Campus  
Room 215

**Fuel Tool**

Lowest prices for regular unleaded gasoline in Orlando (as of Jan. 27):

**\$2.87<sup>9</sup>**  
**Citgo**  
215 East Main Street

**\$2.87<sup>9</sup>**  
**BP**  
277 East Main Street

**\$2.87<sup>9</sup>**  
**Costco**  
741 Orange Avenue

Source: www.gasbuddy.com  
Compiled by Robert Navaille / Valencia Voice

## Florida frustrates Democrat campaign

By Frank Tobin  
Valencia Voice

While Florida may well serve as home to Giuliani's last stand in the 2008 Presidential election, our state has also proven to be a subject of some controversy again.

After declaring Florida a non-factor due to its loss of delegates on the Democratic side, Sen. Obama maintains his advertising presence.

A month earlier, Sen. Obama

condemned Sen. Clinton for keeping her name on the Michigan democratic ticket.

As considered a standard in this election, according to www.msnbc.com, Clinton's camp fired back calling Obama's ads a "blatant" violation of a pledge signed by all of the top democratic candidates to not campaign in Florida.

"I intend to abide by the pledge and follow the pledge, and that's what we are, you know, planning to

do," Clinton told MSNBC reporters Jan. 22.

But Obama's campaign spokesman, Bill Burton, disputes that the pledge was broken. He said the campaign asked CNN and MSNBC to pull Florida from the ad buy, but the networks said they could not.

The only exception in the ban is for fundraising.

As for the opposite side of the election aisle, Rudolph Giuliani may not fare so well because of recent

detractor claims that Florida may be the senator's last chance at political survival.

Currently, Giuliani is the most popular 2008 United States presidential hopeful for Republican Party-backers in the Sunshine state, according to a poll by the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute showing that 28% of respondents in Florida would vote for the former New

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# What films would earn your Oscar?

By Ashley Gonzalez  
Valencia Voice

Many Valencia students were surprised by the award nominations and results of the Oscars this year.

The Oscar nominees were listed in the previous issue of the Valencia Voice on page 2.

Thoughts that the Oscars might not air were close to becoming a reality considering all the "hubbub" surrounding the writers' strike.

Much to everyone's surprise, however, the Oscars will be airing Feb. 24 on ABC.

But, as it turns out, many younger viewers will not be tuning in.

Popular movies like '300,' 'American Gangster,' and 'Superbad' were not nominated or even given an honorable mention at all during the awards show.

One film recognized and adored by students and fans everywhere, 'Juno,' a coming of age film about teen pregnancy, acquired a nomination for the Academy Awards for Best Picture.

For the most part, however, Valencia students claimed to have never seen, and even more surprisingly, never heard of any of the movies nominated for Best Picture.

Although many of the actors and actresses nominated under other categories, like Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, were familiar to some students, while actors like George Clooney, Cate Blanchett, Daniel Day-Lewis, and Tommy Lee Jones were not as popular with the majority of younger fans.

Those actors who were popular, like Denzel Washington ('American Gangster') and Gerard Butler ('300') failed to make the cut also.

The Academy Awards/Oscars are usually a highly anticipated and very popular event with moviegoers across the nation, but while this year's Oscars might be exciting for some of its fans, they will definitely be a disappointment for many others.

This week we asked students which films and actors they felt deserved an Oscar.



"Will Smith as leading role in 'I Am Legend,' 'Superbad' for Best Picture, and Johnny Depp in 'Sweeney Todd'--it was gory and he can sing."

—Catherine Espensheid



"'300.' There was a lot of action and it had an interesting storyline. I like the mix of history in modern films."

—Daniel Richman



"'Juno.' Amazing dialogue and funny. Oh yeah, and 'The Orphanage.' No one pays any attention to foreign language films anymore."

—Emily Auerbach



"'3:10 to Yuma.' I teared up a little when I saw it. The anti-hero movie really caught my attention."

—Fabian Rivera



"'Beowulf.' Loved the CGI in the film and Angelina Jolie."

—Jason Rogers



"'Juno' for Best Picture and Denzel Washington in 'American Gangster,' for Best Leading Role."

—Marguerita Vegas



"'I Am Legend!'"

—Sandra Ahmed



"Johnny Depp for Best Leading Role in 'Sweeney Todd.'"

—Brandy Dalton

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Opinion & Editorial

# Police must display colors

Visual presence: solution to fight Orlando’s crime problem

By Francis Tobin  
Valencia Voice

The time for undercover, sting action, and vice work is at an end; full force is required to tackle Orlando’s rising crime rate.

At least 13 officers from two undercover prostitution and drug-crime squads will put on the OPD’s (Orlando Police Department’s) blue uniforms and hit the concrete, according to officials who made the announcement this week.

In an interview with the Orlando Sentinel Capt. Larry Zwieg, the new head of OPD’s drug-enforcement division, said, “the focus is on the street dealers and the violence that is associated with them.”

With crime escalating in the Orlando area, this increase in uniformed officers can be seen as a morale boost to the citizens of the more crime-heavy communities.

“The priority is to have a more uniformed presence out in the neighborhoods,” Zwieg said.

A police report of the city’s 49 slayings in 2006 revealed 70 percent of the deaths were drug-related and that either the suspect or victim had a significant drug history, Zwieg said in the Sentinel interview. There was no information on last year’s killings.

Members of the uniformed drug squad were responsible for 716 arrests, compared with 83 made by the plain-clothes unit, according to department statistics as reported by Sentinel staff writer Bianca Prieto.

The obvious advantage to showcasing this type of police presence is immeasurable; it puts more able bodies on the streets without sacrificing the time, money, and effort required of undercover operations.

There is evidence an increased patrol presence has already been proven as of

2006. According to [www.orlandolocal.com](http://www.orlandolocal.com), these uniformed deployment efforts helped solve approximately 73 percent of their respective cases in 2006 by arrest, or the suspect had been identified and an arrest was pending.

“For the past two years, the undercover drug unit and undercover vice squad were making drug busts and arresting prostitutes, but the numbers were not high enough,” according to a report on [www.WFTV.com](http://www.WFTV.com).

The numbers don’t lie, but for sake of argument, here are more statistics:

In an annual report of police activity, published by [www.policija.si](http://www.policija.si), at the time of perpetration or immediately after perpetration, 595 perpetrators of criminal offenses or misdemeanors were apprehended.

Most apprehensions were the result of 664 road blocks in the narrower or broader area of the event, of which 204 were successful.

The more officers on duty the faster the response times during an emergency (such as a violent crime because of a drug-deal gone awry).

When city officials and police resources commit to stemming the tide of violent crime and drug-related grievances, the tale of the tape only displays one result: effectiveness.

The “boys in blue” make a difference every day they set foot onto the ever-growing, dangerous streets of Orlando, and if the stats are to be believed, they should wear that uniform proudly.

Desperate times call for quasi-desperate measures, and while more uniformed officers is not necessarily a be-all, end-all answer to the problem, it certainly doesn’t hurt.

“When there is more of a uniformed presence, it makes everyone feel safer,” Zwieg said.

# Police should remain undercover

Uniformed police won’t affect Orlando’s crime rate

By Megan Van Waus  
Valencia Voice

By now, most of us are aware that Orlando has been rated the 7th most dangerous city in the United States. The Orlando Police Department seems to feel that the majority of these crimes are drug-related.

Now, I don’t propose to personally know any drug lords, but society and pop culture have led me to believe that most drug dealers make more than enough money to get by, regardless of how illegally they may have “earned” it. Why would drug dealers need to participate in armed robbery?

With that said, the logic behind OPD’s recent push to move 13 undercover agents off the streets does not seem to add up.

Reportedly, the uniformed drug squad was responsible for 716 arrests last year, while the undercover unit made only 83. Shouldn’t the size of the unit and the targets for arrest be taken into consideration?

By comparison, there are already

more uniformed officers than undercover agents, and undercover operations deal with crime on a larger scale. Sting operations conducted by undercover units are more time-consuming, as time is needed to collect enough evidence to prosecute dealers, while uniformed officers usually make faster arrests.

There’s also the issue of whether police in uniform are better equipped to handle more arrests than undercover agents in street clothes. Will it make a difference? The uniform is, of course, intimidating and keeps dealers and users on their toes, but undercover agents have a better chance of catching criminals red-handed because of their ability to blend in with the scenery. How many drug dealers would commit any crime in front of a uniformed cop?

While I support the police and all of their efforts against the war on drugs, police agents that make arrests in navy blue or civilian clothing will not make any positive difference in the fight against dangerous criminals and drug dealers.

# Our opinion on: Voter Education

Poorly informed citizens may cast ignorant ballots in ‘08

It has become increasingly evident that with this year’s top presidential hopefuls being a woman and an African-American, more and more “voters” will be casting ballots based on race and gender. This conclusion can be ascertained by simply looking at current poll trends:

According to CNN.com, 73 percent of the African American vote has gone to Barack Obama during this year’s primaries, on the basis that he is black and alone.

In the same poll, 68 percent of the women’s vote went to Hillary Clinton.

Mark Penn, Hillary Clinton’s campaign strategist, stated that 24 percent of republican women would vote for Clinton because she’s a woman, according to an interview with the AP.

Essentially, what this boils down to is borderline sexism (women voting for Clinton because she’s a woman) and racism (African-Americans voting for Obama because he’s black).

This mentality is, obviously, a detriment to the democratic process. Therefore, the Valencia Voice offers a simple solution: get educated about who you’re voting for.

For example, when planning to cast your vote, do some research. Below is a list to the websites of all the parties currently in existence:

The Constitution Party- [www.constitution-party.com](http://www.constitution-party.com)

The Green Party- [www.gp.org](http://www.gp.org)

The Democratic Party- [www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org)

The Libertarian Party- [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)

The Reform Party- [www.reformparty.org](http://www.reformparty.org)

The Republican Party- [www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com)

But don’t stop there; visit the present Presidential hopefuls’ websites as well:

Hillary Clinton- [www.hillaryclinton.com](http://www.hillaryclinton.com)

Mitt Romney- [www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com)

Barack Obama- [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)

John McCain- [www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com)

The resources are there at your fingertips, not to mention that all of the candidates have a MyXpace profile page and videos on YouTube

as well.

Another quick, easy, and cost-free way to find out more about the candidates and where they stand is by taking a quiz on your political leanings.

By visiting the website [www.myfoxorlando.com/myfox/pages/News/Politics](http://www.myfoxorlando.com/myfox/pages/News/Politics), you can actually discover your true political calling by answering a few simple questions based on such issues as the war, the economy, and other domestic and foreign issues.

However, even with a boundless supply of information streaming on the World Wide Web, most people will still take to the polls with a predetermined candidate in mind.

In fact, according to [www.pollingreport.com](http://www.pollingreport.com), the major candidates’ voting numbers have stayed at a relative standstill, which indicates that potential voters are dead-set on who they’re casting a ballot for.

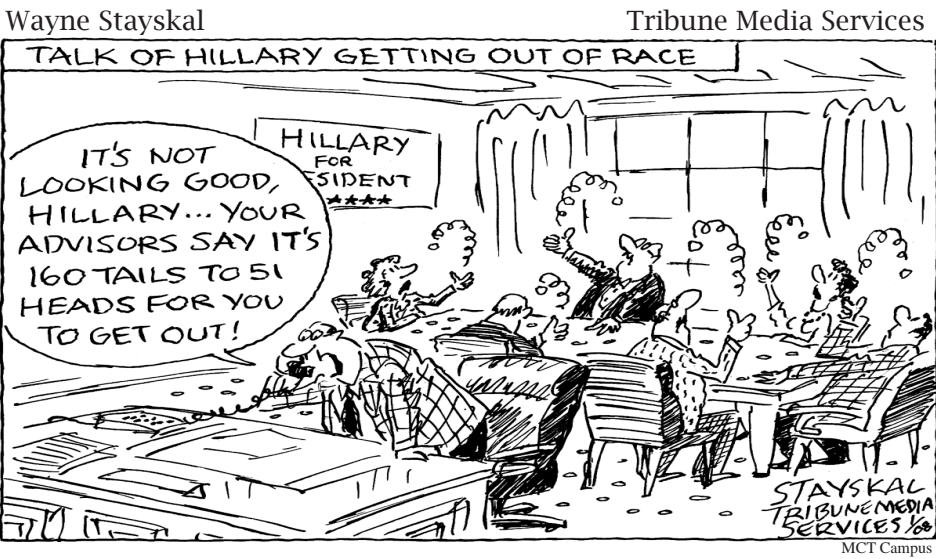
In terms of younger voters (age 18-21) this persistence to vote for one candidate or the other based on race or gender could stem from campaigns designed to get the word out on voting, including programs like “Rock the Vote.”

While sound in principal, its execution could lend to a more uneducated voting pattern. Yes, it does get younger Americans to participate in the democratic process, but herding sheep can be pretty easy.

On the “Rock the Vote” website, their press release reads: “From actors to musicians, comedians to athletes, “Rock the Vote” harnesses cutting-edge trends and pop culture to make political participation cool.”

What ever happened to “it’s hip to be square?” The voting process doesn’t need an extreme makeover. It needs a push for sanity and sensibility, and the only way to achieve both is to educate yourself, get involved by volunteering, and make certain the person you’re voting for speaks to your principles.

Don’t do it because it’s “cool.” Do it because you care about the future of our country.





# Author explores Chinese-American influence in novels

## Lisa See discusses her latest novel during appearance at East Campus

By Antoinette Horton  
Valencia Voice

Critically acclaimed author, Lisa See, graced Valencia's East campus Performing Arts Center on Jan. 24 for an event sponsored by the honors program, student development office, and the humanities department.

See is a recipient of the National Woman of the Year award, which was presented to her by the Organization of Chinese American Women for the 2001, as well as the Chinese-American Museum's History Makers Award, which was awarded to her in the fall of 2003.

See is a best selling author known for novels such as "On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family" (1995), "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" (2005), and "Peony in Love". See was born in Paris but grew up in Los Angeles, spending much of her time in Chinatown.

See's opening remarks were much about growing up as a Chinese-American without the physical characteristics of a Chinese-American. Although she grew up in Los Angeles' Chinatown and was raised on Chinese culture, she has still not been fully accepted by the Chinese-American community to this very day.

What defines you? Is it where you live, where you're from, how you were raised, what your parents look like or how you look?

These are just a small sampling of questions that lead See to research her family background.



Photos by Abby Isham / Valencia Voice  
Acclaimed novelist, Lisa See, signed copies of her book after her appearance at East Campus

This research spawned her first book "On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family" (1995), which details the story of her Great grandfather's journey from China to America to find the American Dream.

See believes that everyone has a fresh start in America and, appropriately, this book is the story of her own family's humble beginnings here.

"I've always been intrigued by stories that have been, that have been lost, forgotten, or deliberately covered up," See said.

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— Lisa See

It is this particular state of mind that drew her to the topic of her next book, "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" (2005). The story documents the nineteenth century secret code for, called Nu Shu, used by a group of Chinese women.

These women were kept in remote areas against their will because their feet had been bound, a common practice in which the middle bone of the foot is broken. Foot binding was commonplace during the time period and was merely a symbol of economic success for men.

To a man of this era, there was nothing more sensual than a women's dressed, bound foot, and it was the only thing a mother could do to give her daughter a better life.

The women write poems, stories, essays, and messages on walls, handkerchiefs, and fans.

The last book See talked about was "Peony in Love",

which is a story about three women who married the same man. All of them pine for the day that they will be free to marry their true loves. These women have written about these feelings and put all there writings together, naming it "The Three Wives' Commentary", which was published as the first book of literary criticism written and published by women in China.

The event closed with a question and answer session with See, a book signing, and photo opportunities with her fans. Mrs. See is truly a wonderful writer, articulate speaker, and all-around funny woman.

## Campus art gallery plays host to local artist's collection



Photo By Abby Isham / Valencia Voice

Several students and teachers study Diaz's latest collection of works at the East Campus art gallery.

By Tatiana Isis  
Valencia Voice

The Anita S. Wooten Gallery located on the East Campus of Valencia Community College displayed an array of poignant and dark works of art all created by Ricardo Manuel Diaz. Diaz exhibit, appropriately named, a silent season, features images of tricycles, poets, boats, hands, and hanging figures. Diaz, who is of Cuban origin, was forced from his island in 1968 at the age of 11 and his works are believed to document his experiences at this stage of his life.

"A human being's path is toward authenticity and truth," said Diaz, and his art proves that authenticity is important to him. The creations being shown at East Campus are all absolutely different from anything else you will see from any other artist. Diaz's work is dark, which can evoke different thoughts or memories in different people; they are "visual mediums, you look and take things in and you see what happens to you," said Diaz.

The artist took time to talk to everyone, answering questions and explaining every work of art. He spoke of his time in France and how the culture inspired him and even answered a woman's question about



Photo By Abby Isham / Valencia Voice

Students, Janet Gaviolia and Carl Irani, stand and appreciate one of Diaz's works.

whether or not he will be survived by his art. Diaz simply responded, "sometimes you survive, sometimes you just don't," and thanked his wife for being there to support him during his struggling times.

His wife jokingly added, "get in the basement, get out of my kitchen."

Diaz's work will be displayed at the gallery until March 8th. You can walk in, admire, or even purchase a piece of art. The gallery is located in Room 3-112 at East Campus and is open

Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. The gallery is closed on weekends.

## NYU professor schools students in federal surveillance



Photo By Sarah Soliman / Valencia Voice

Professor Roger Newman gives students the skills to protect themselves from "Big Brother."

By Ashley McBride  
Valencia Voice

"Astonishment. Fear. Fright." was Roger Newman's response when asked about a student's typical reaction to his lecture.

Roger Newman, a professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, spoke Thursday, Jan. 24 at Valencia's West campus. Newman spoke of surveillance and privacy invasion, and violations of civil liberties.

One foreign student at the University of Michigan's Dearborn campus, filled out two different forms. One with the day first and then the month, the way many foreign countries write the date and another form with the month and then the day. Because the two were reversed, she was told they didn't match and she was deported, even though, they both contained the same information.

This was one of the many topics discussed during the lecture. Newman also stated that if you are receiving federal money of any kind, such as a student loan, you are getting a background check.

"Is the government spying on you? Pretty likely," Newman said. The government monitors public activities, questioning our rights of privacy. "The government can wiretap at will and we will never know." Broadband connections must allow for wiretapping, and chat rooms are

under surveillance for possible terrorist activities. "Only one candidate has mentioned [wiretapping], Ron Paul, and frankly, I don't think he stands a chance."

The government can do "sneak and peek" seizures without any reason. Newman mentioned Congress passing a law to make wiretapping easy. "Government has been wiretapping calls coming into the country."

Currently, Congress is trying to pass the Real ID Act, which would require everyone by 2011 to have a "real ID" in addition to a Driver's License. The ID would serve as a form of identification and ideally would prevent illegal aliens from seeking asylum in the United States, and would keep out possible terrorists.

Alicia Barker, the President of "Students for Liberty," an organization at Valencia, was in attendance at the lecture. "Good information. I wish we had more people attend"

Newman also spoke of the GPS systems in many phones and cars that will eventually track individuals constantly.

"If we limit our freedom, the enemy has won, he said."

Newman spoke yesterday at Seminole Community College.

"Politicians listen, otherwise, they're out of office," Newman said. How can we take action? "Vote. Vote. Vote. Always vote."





Professors John Scolaro (Hillary Clinton), Jack Chambless (Ron Paul), and Bill Symolon (Rudy Guiliani) in mid-debate, representing select candidates of the 2008 presidential campaign.

Photo by Jordan Keyes / Valencia Voice

# Professors mimic presidential hopefuls

By Jordan Keyes  
Valencia Voice

With the Florida primaries in the news, Valencia’s “Students for Liberty” is sponsoring several events to encourage students to vote and get educated about their presidential choices. If Wednesday’s event is any indication, Ron Paul is the candidate of choice for Valencia students.

Over 100 students crowded into Building 7 on the West campus, on Jan. 23, to watch three professors as they educated students about their candidates of choice at Valencia’s Political Forum for the 2008 Presidential Election. Professors Jack Chambless, John Scolaro, and Bill Symolon each represented a presidential candidate in a debate which closely resembled the

actual presidential debate format which would end with a mock election via straw poll.

A packed room looked on as Professor Scolaro, representing Senator Hillary Clinton, made his opening statements. He delivered a two-minute, Clinton-esque monologue, mock tears and all, about the lack of student voters. He proceeded to defend Clinton’s tears by citing other instances of politicians crying on the campaign trail. “And they all lost,” said Professor Chambless, eliciting laughter from the audience.

Professor Chambless, representing Libertarian/Republican Ron Paul, and Professor Symolon, representing Republican Rudy Guiliani, had two minutes to speak as well. After the opening statements, the candidates answered questions from the mod-

erator on four hot-button issues: public education, health care, the Iraq war, and immigration.

As the tough questions came, the professors did their best to respond to the questions in the way that their chosen candidates would. Each representative presented interesting, and often radically different arguments for their policies.

For instance, Scolaro argued for Hillary’s proposals for increased education funding and mandatory early education programs while Chambless stated that Ron Paul would attempt to have the Department of Education phased out entirely.

Even with the formal debate format, the professors took playful shots at their opponents. At one point, Scolaro referred to Rudy Guliani as “Gianinni”

and Professor Symolon later said that of the choice of candidates, “Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are dead last on my list.”

The forum encouraged student interaction. After an hour of debates centered around the four prepared questions, students were allowed to submit their own questions for the candidates. Questions like “What is your candidate planning to do about global warming?” and “What will you do about the impending recession?” allowed the professors to expand on their candidate’s other policies.

After the professors made their closing statements, students voted on the candidate they would most like to support. Despite, being an underdog in the upcoming primaries, Ron

Paul won in a landslide. Out of 64 students who voted, 56 voted for Ron Paul with Clinton garnering six votes and Guiliani came in last with two.

“I’m encouraged by the young people who support Ron Paul,” Chambless said. “I think it’s important that people hear something different from the traditional Democrats and Republicans.”

Some students attended the forum for class credit, others for the free pizza, but many came out of a genuine interest in politics. “I came because I probably won’t be able to see Ron Paul in person,” said English major, Lane Silberstein.

Whatever the reason, “Students for Liberty” hopes that the students left better equipped for the upcoming elections.

# Political activist calls for end to big government

Orr claims personal freedom should allow citizens to make individual decisions

By Justin Holt  
Valencia Voice

Brian Orr, an entrepreneur and political activist spoke on the West campus on Jan. 24 about the role of government and our rights as citizens.

The name may sound familiar for those who follow the local news. Orr was the center of a dispute with the city of Clermont. Orr was told by the city of Clermont to remove a political sign from his property or pay a \$50 fine. Orr contacted the ACLU to protect his rights and after a time consuming and unnecessary dispute, the city of Clermont dropped the issue, but did not repeal the law Orr violated.

Ironically, the dispute brings attention to the very issue Orr is trying to raise. Orr believes the government has overstepped the boundaries originally created by the framers of the Constitution.

The Constitution is supposed to be the supreme law of America by which everyone including authority follows. If the citizens of the United States are to follow the Constitution, then the government’s role is to assist citizens in protecting their rights; which among others are “life, liberty and property.” The Presidential oath even includes the

phrase to “preserve protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

Orr insisted our freedom should allow us to make the decisions we want. Freedom also allows as to reap the benefits of our choices. Through our decisions and pursuit of our self-interests we will be equipped to make better decisions in the future. As a result we will make choices that are best for ourselves and for others, ultimately resulting in a better society.

Orr believes rather than taking issues to

the government to solve we should resolve the problem ourselves because the government is unable to provide on an individual level.

The government seizing control over an industry gives the power to the majority at the expense of the minority. This raises the question of whether Americans are “entitled” to posses other than what’s mentioned in the Constitution. The minority, in the eyes of the Constitution, are just as much citizens as the majority. The financial status

of an American, their color, or their age should have no bearing as to how they are perceived by the law.

This lecture covered the impact Roosevelt’s “New Deal” initiatives had on American society; no longer were Americans resolving issues amongst themselves, but rather they were turning to the government for assistance. In the process, the 10th amendment states “the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people,” was violated.

Orr laid out a general cycle he believes most countries follow and the potential slippery slope the united States may be headed. The cycle proceeds as follows: “liberty, prosperity, error, regulation, tyranny, revolution.”

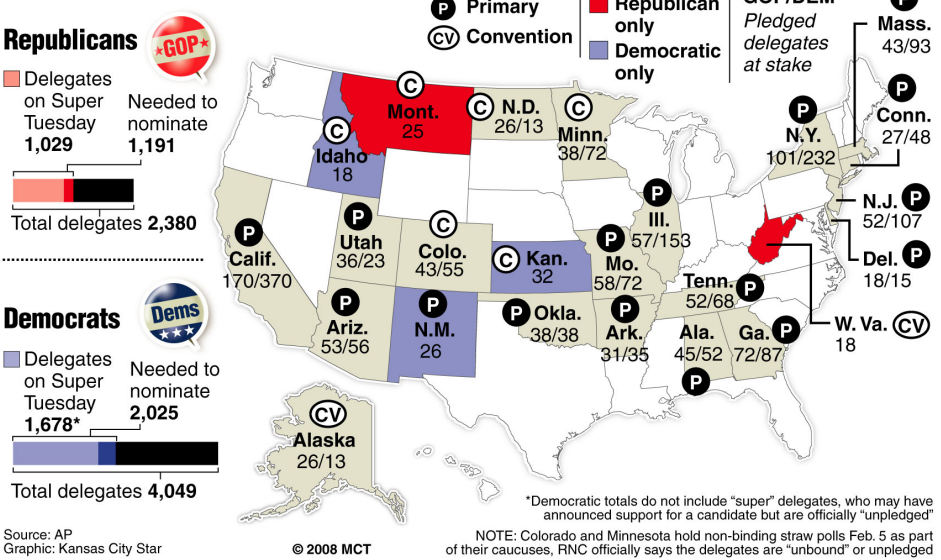
Orr believes we are at the phase at which the government over regulates.

Orr later stated that because he agrees with most of Ron Paul’s points he was supporting Paul for president in 2008. When asked to explain his stance on Paul’s recent comment: “they attacked us because we’ve been over there,” referring to the terrorist attacks.

Orr identifies American involvement in the Middle East, including our meddling in Iran during the Carter administration, as the sparks that caused the 9/11 attacks. Orr continued to say that he would like to see hard negotiations with the Middle East and that we should be reminded that our enemies are willing to fight fire with fire and return nuclear force with even stronger methods against the U.S.

## Battle for delegates

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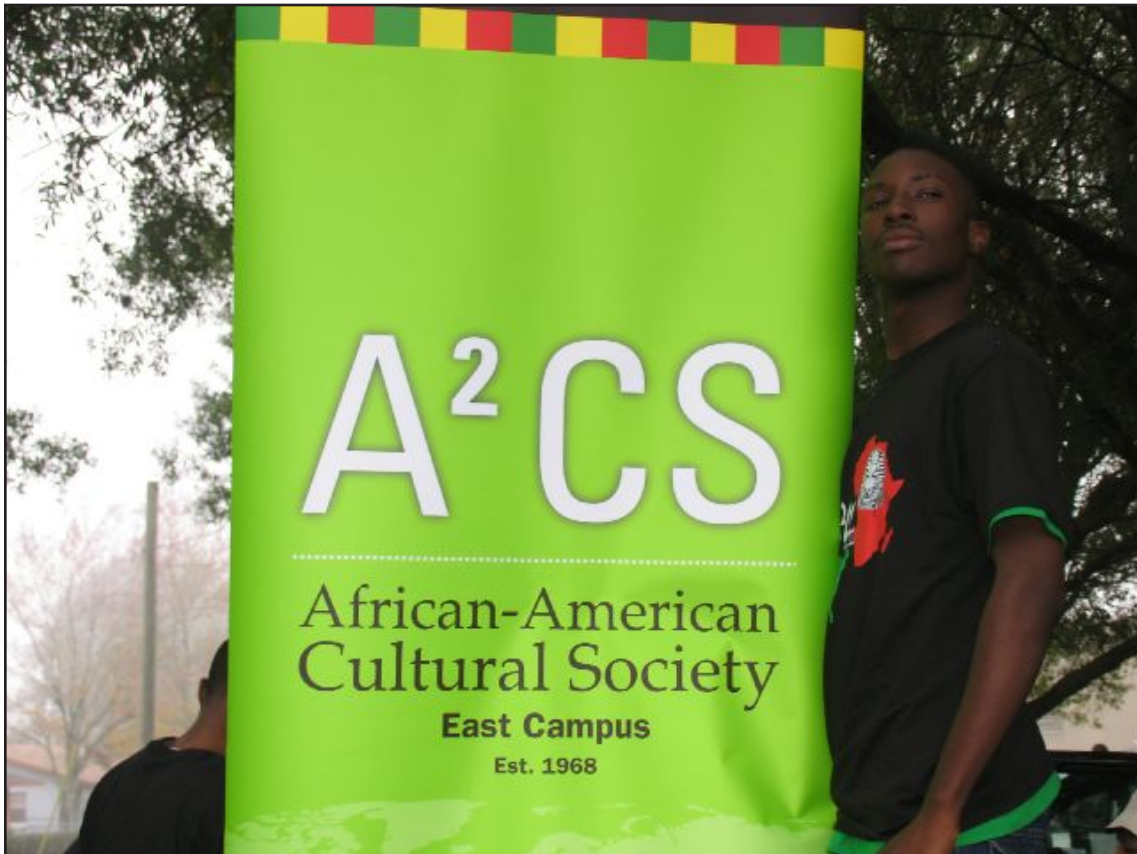


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Valencia student Xavier Canady proudly represents A²CS for Martin Luther King Parade, Jan 21.

## Valencia students rally together for MLK parade

By Keisha Sweeney  
Valencia Voice

Valencia students joined hundreds of other participants in Orlando's various Martin Luther King Day events.

Members from Valencia's East and West campus African American Cultural Society and Black High Achievers Club fell came together early Saturday morning with other local community groups as a part of downtown Orlando's 22nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.

Inclement weather did not prove to be a factor for the many Central Florida residents that turned out for the event. Patrons and vendors lined the streets of downtown Orlando to view the floats, bands, and large community groups participating in the parade.

This year, the parade also featured a "March Against Violence." The downtown parade and march spanned the Parramore area which is significant because the area has been under intense scrutiny by residents and law enforcement officials due to its high crime rate. As recent as Sunday, Jan. 21, the day following the peaceful MLK celebration, gunshots riddled the troubled neighborhood. It was clear though, that this unfortunate occurrence following Saturday's events could not erase the impact the parade had on the community.

Community organizations, community leaders, businesses, and several politicians were on hand for the Saturday morning event. Through the thick fog and occasional misty rain, Valencia students and faculty could be seen discussing community issues with local politicians. This includes democratic

candidate for Central Florida's 8th district in the United States House of Representatives, Charlie Stuart.

Stuart took time out of his morning schedule to chat with students and faculty. Stuart answered several questions pertaining to the district he hopes to represent.

Democrat Alan Grayson, another contender for election to represent district 8, also took time out to greet students and faculty from Valencia. Stuart and Grayson joined students to discuss district 8 and the area that it covers.

An assortment of politicians and community groups were also present for the 30th annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Eatonville, which took place at the same time as the parade in downtown Orlando.

The Eatonville parade, which featured the theme "The Dream is Real," suffered a ten minute interruption early in the parade due to gunfire.

Witnesses claimed that the young man thought to be the suspect was shooting into the air. This claim is unconfirmed, as law enforcement officers were unable to track down the offender.

No Valencia organizations participated in the Eatonville parade, but the parade continued on without further incident.

Valencia's African American Cultural Society and Black High Achievers Club followed Saturday's events by participating in another MLK event in Seminole county on Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

These Valencia organizations took advantage of the important opportunity these holiday events presented to make their presence known in the community.

## NASA receive surprise from Stardust mission

By Betsy Mason  
Oakland Tribune

Microscopic dust particles collected from the tail of a comet are not what scientists expected them to be.

NASA's \$212 million Stardust mission was designed to gather some of the raw material that formed the sun and planets and escaped to the cold outer reaches of the solar system before the sun was formed.

Instead, the mission yielded material that was altered by the early sun and later thrown to the outskirts. "The hope was that Stardust would bring back some of this primitive, unaltered, pristine material," said physicist Hope Ishii of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, lead author of a report in the Jan. 25 issue of Science.

The pristine dust may have held clues to the birth of the solar system and perhaps to the origin of life itself.

The Stardust spacecraft traveled three billion miles in seven years to the Kuiper Belt, a ring of frozen objects beyond the planets, where it snatched some dust from the tail of Comet Wild 2 and sent it back to earth in a capsule that landed in the Utah desert two years ago. It was the first mission to successfully return a sample to earth since the Apollo missions brought back moon rocks 35 years ago.

More than 200 scientists around the world have been studying the tiny comet bits which are less than 100th the width of a human hair. The team at Livermore Lab, led by Ishii and co-author John Bradley, used a high-powered elec-

tron microscope to figure out what the bits are made of.

But the precious cargo has fallen short of expectations. "The Wild 2 sample is looking a lot more like meteorite material from the asteroid belt," Ishii said.

In addition to the inner solar system particles they found, the sample is missing some of the telltale ingredients of early solar system material, or stardust, which are known from comet dust collected from Earth's stratosphere over decades by high-altitude aircraft.

"In the sample from Wild 2, the abundance of stardust appears to be a lot less than even in the samples of meteorites, which is a big surprise," Bradley said.

The mission isn't a total bust, however. Despite its disappointing makeup, Wild 2 is still technically a comet because it has a tail formed by vaporizing ice. This means it formed far enough out in the solar system to be frozen.

It has shown that the line between asteroids and comets is blurry, and there's more of a spectrum between the two. And the material in the Stardust sample is the first solid evidence that inner solar system materials were hurled out to the fringes, which means the formation of the solar system was more violent than previously thought.

And scientists have only looked at about five percent of the dust that was collected.

"We are almost certainly likely to find more pre-solar grains," Bradley said.

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NASA's DC-8 research aircraft as it observes the Stardust capsule as it enters the Earth's atmosphere over Utah.

## Business professor favorite among students

By Sarah Soliman  
Valencia Voice

Names like Donald Trump and Marc Cuban are common when thinking of the business world. In the world of Valencia Community College, professor Randall Hunt is considered to be a favorite amongst business students.

According to <http://www.rate-myprofessor.com>, Hunt's reviews, dating back to 2004, are none other than positive comments. Anonymous students posted comments like "he is by far the best teacher I have ever had at Valencia. He is the reason why I am absolutely positive of majoring in business and seeking a degree in business." Hunt has been an adjunct professor at Valencia since 2004. He received his

### Teacher Feature



Photo by Marcel Evans / Valencia Voice

Business professor, Randall Hunt

in Business Administration from the University of Illinois in 1999.

Hunt has several significant titles but perhaps most impressive is National President for the

American Business Clubs, which hold 200 chapters in 13 states. Hunt also created and developed the Youth Farm Foundation, Inc. in 1992 raising up to \$1,300,000.

As a business man, Hunt increased the Seniors First Foundation, Inc. from \$60,000 to \$1,450,000.

Aside from his achievements, Valencia Voice got a taste of Professor Hunt's personal interests outside of his profession.

**1. Do you have any regrets?**

I do not.

**2. What is your favorite meal?**

Either a filet or salmon at Seasons 52.

**3. What is your most embarrassing moment?**

Can not remember one but I'm

sure I have had plenty.

**4. Where is the best place you've traveled?**

Paris is probably my first choice.

**5. What do you consider your best personality trait?**

Ability to see the good and potential in everyone.

**6. What is your most prized possession?**

A Chicago Bulls chair that was on the court used by the Bulls in their last NBA Championship team with Michael Jordan.

**7. Are you a fan of reality shows?**

Not really.

**8. Is teaching your ideal profession?**

Although I fully enjoy teaching, my

primary career has been with Non-Profit agencies working both with high risk adolescent mental health clients and now working to advocate and provide for our seniors.

**9. Do you consider the cup half full or half empty?**

Full.

**10. What kind of music do you listen to?**

Pop, Rock, Country and Smooth Jazz

It is no surprise that Hunt's students praise the business professor. Randall Hunt has significant achievements inside and outside the classroom that acknowledge him as a successful business man and professor. Keep Hunt in mind when registering for future business courses!



Experts predict '08 recession

First lady of civil rights honored at Valencia

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sion are at 40 percent. Rising unemployment, weak credit markets and housing struggles all combine to put the economy in the danger zone.

The recession talk is enough to scare consumers and investors, who have already sent stocks down double-digits since October. But if the past is any indication, current volatility could be a case of overkill. The past two recessions, 1990-91 and 2001, were brief and were followed by healthy market recoveries. Global Insight says based on that, it sees a “fairly shallow” recession if one did occur.

All this leads to the big question in times like these: How should individuals, who now face weak stock markets and shaky employment, be managing their money to prevent falling into hard times during a recession?

The first priority is making sure a chunk of change is safe in the bank. Emergency savings, preferably in a high-yield account (which are easily found online), should be enough to get a family through six months of unemployment. However, when slow job growth makes finding another job a longer process, boosting that to 12 months could provide more security.

The challenge for many people in a tight economy is finding the money to save. Begin by analyzing expenses, says Joe Downs, a certified financial planner in Sarasota, Fla. He recommends starting by identifying where your money is going and what can be cut out, such as impulse shopping and eating out.

“If we’re spending \$7 on a Happy Meal and have the opportunity to pack our lunch for \$2, there is savings there,” he said.

Also look at insurance deductibles. Raising deductibles on auto and home coverage can cut premiums, he said, but

make sure you have money in savings to cover the higher out-of-pocket expense if needed.

Also bulk up the bank account by temporarily reducing retirement savings. Curb contributions to a 401(k) to the minimum needed to get any employer match and funnel the rest to savings and reducing debt, Downs said.

Savers may also want to look at locking in higher interest rates by putting some money into certificates of deposit now. The Federal Reserve has cut rates again, meaning banks will be paying less interest. Since economists think the Fed could start raising rates next year, a one-year CD could lock in higher yields until then. But with the latest rate cut, high-yielding online savings accounts rival one-year CD rates and offer the chance to avoid early withdrawal penalty.

Downs said he’s already seeing falling CD rates as banks adjust to lower rates. He supports savings in CDs as long as the penalty for early withdrawal isn’t more than one month’s interest.

For money already in a retirement plan, namely stocks, selling to avoid weak returns could be a mistake. These plans are long-term, and the odds of a market recovery in the long term are excellent.

“For younger folks, it’s a tremendous buying opportunity,” Downs said. “Stocks are on sale. If I were a younger person I’d be dollar-cost averaging into a rising market.”

That strategy has a good chance of paying off as the average maximum performance of the S&P 500 from the start of a recession to six months after has been up 42 percent, according to an analysis by Bloomberg and the National Bureau of Economic Research.

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rights movement when Rosa Parks decided not to give up her bus seat to a white man. The black community, under MLK’s leadership, reacted quickly and began an organizing an immediate boycott to the bus transportation system.

“They said that we were creating a public nuisance,” said [Kenya] King of the boycotting.

Eventually, their efforts prevailed and a course of events soon followed. In 1956, Congress ruled that segregation on the bus was unconstitutional. It was not until 1964, however, that all segregation and discrimination were completely banned in the U.S. The following year, the Voting Rights Act was enacted, giving blacks the right to vote. Even after MLK’s death, Coretta fought to keep his spirit alive and built the MLK Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, which sought to educate young people about nonviolent resistance and its effects on the community. In 1986, the U.S. finally recognized Martin Luther King’s Day as a national holiday.

“What surprised me the most about performing for students was that people really don’t know about what Coretta has done,” said Kenya King after her performance. “The youth should be more informed.”

In conjunction with this event, a reception was held by the Black Advisory Committee, who created a calendar that was dedicated to Erica Witherspoon Cassanova and Shannon Elizabeth Stone, daughter of vice president Dr. Stanley H. Stone. Twelve members of the community were selected to be in the calendar for their contributions to education within the Orlando area. One member was selected for each month of the year. The following members are:

**Dr. Stanley H. Stone** — February 2008  
Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity  
Valencia Community College

**Ronald Blocker** — March 2008  
Superintendent Orange County Public Schools  
Trustee  
Valencia Community College

**Geradline F. Thompson** — April 2008  
Representative- District 39  
Florida House of Representative  
Assistant to the President, retired  
Valencia Community College

**Ernestine P. Mosley** — May 2008  
Executive Director  
Hi- Tech Tutoring Center, Inc.

**Veronica Yates-Riley** — June 2008  
Mathematics Teacher  
Jones High School  
Adjunct Faculty Member  
Valencia Community College

**Dr. Charlie Jean Salter** — July 2008  
Professor of Biology, Retired  
Valencia Community College

**Leona Burns** -August 2008  
Educator, Retired  
Black Advisor Committee Member

**Dr. Clara L. Walters** — September 2008  
Education Consultant & Motivational Speaker

**Melva Jacquelyn Perkins** — October 2008  
Entrepreneur & Educator, Retired  
Montsho Foundation, Inc.

**James “Chief” Wilson** — November 2008  
Band Director, retired  
Jones High School

**Dr. Alzo J. Reddick, Sr.** — December 2008  
Director of Defense Transtion Services  
University of Central Florida

Giuliani’s last stand in Sunshine state

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York City mayor in January’s primary.

In fact, the determining factor for which Giuliani’s hope hinges could be in the vast majority of New Yorkers living right here in the Sunshine state, according to <http://www.newsday.com>.

“Of course, they will help him,” said Bill McCollum, Giuliani’s state campaign chairman, in an interview with Newsday, Jan. 23.

“In the past decade alone more than 600,000 New Yorkers have relocated here, according to estimates from IRS migration data, which tracks moves through tax returns,” a Newsday correspondent said.

The total amount far exceeds the aforementioned number seeing as how in a majority of Florida’s counties lives 830,000 registered Republicans. And if that 28% voting calculation holds true, Florida could

still save the Senator’s campaign.

But that raises the question: Will they?

Giuliani’s campaign is aware of the ex-New Yorker factor, though several aides said in an interview with CNN they had no plan to target New Yorkers since they “self-identify.”

At his rallies here and elsewhere, Giuliani often sees hats and t-shirts carrying a Yankees emblem or an FDNY logo, and once joked he sees more New Yorkers here than at home, according to <http://www.cnn.com>.

“I like Giuliani. I really think he’s terrific,” said Marianne in the same CNN interview; she grew up in Upper Brookville, but she voted for Mitt Romney. One reason she invoked revealed another trait of New Yorkers: Romney, she said, looked like a winner.

Florida, as has been the case in the past, will once again prove to be a foreseeable battleground state on both sides of the political spectrum.



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Despite his recent loss, Giuliani has high hopes for his campaign in the Florida primary.

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# Elecciones a la presidencia 2008, los hispanos pueden cambiar el rumbo

Por Katherine Laguna  
Valencia Voice

La comunidad Hispana se ha convertido en el grupo de menoría más grande de los Estados Unidos. Nosotros como Hispanos podemos ayudar a los candidatos o podemos hacerle daño en su carrera hacia la presidencia. Tenemos el poder literalmente en nuestras manos.

Necesitamos educarnos y aprender de cada uno de nuestros derechos como ciudadanos del país. Ahora veamos a los cuatro candidatos que ganaron las primeras elecciones del estado de Iowa y New Hampshire. ¿Cómo y porque pudieron ellos obtener la victoria en estos dos estados?

Republicano Mike Huckabee está a favor de mejorar el sistema de cuidado de salud. De acuerdo con su página oficial de campaña <http://mikehuckabee.com>, Huckabee propone.

“Como presidente yo trabajare con los sectores privados, con el congreso y con las compañías de cuidado de salud para mejorar sus sistemas.” Huckabee declara que no separa su fe de su vida profesional porque esto es lo que lo define. El agrega que su fe no le afecta para tomar decisiones.

El candidato Demócrata Barack Obama dice en su pagina oficial <http://barackobama.com>, que, “Comenzara complementando a cada ciudadano Americano con un plan medico. Si tu eras uno de los 45 millones de personas que no tienen plan medico lo tendrás cuando este plan se convierta en una ley, y si ya tienes plan medico te ayudara a pagar deducibles mas bajos.”

Obama se declara religiosamente como Cristiano, pero apoya el aborto, y declaro

que el esta compitiendo para llegar a ser presidente no para ministro de Illinois.

Republicano John McCain piensa que las familias deberían de hacerse cargo de sus planes de salud, y controlar como lo usan y lo que gastan, así mejoraran sus planes y pagaran menos deducibles.

El asegura que si mejoramos las seguridad de las fronteras ayudara la emigración. Expresa que el aborto es una tragedia humana, explica mas a fondo en su pagina oficial <http://johnmccain.com>

La Senadora Demócrata Hilary Clinton propone ayudar a las familias trabajadoras que pagan plan médicos. Estas recibirán un crédito en sus planillas para ayudar con sus gastos médicos.

Ella cree en reesforzar fuertemente la seguridad en las fronteras y aplicar las leyes constitucionales. También cree que la mujer puede elegir en cuanto a su matrimonio o con quien desea casarse y puede elegir en cuanto al aborto como dice en su pagina oficial <http://hilaryclinton.com/>

Como Hispanos tenemos el compromiso y la oportunidad de hacer la diferencia. Este es el momento que podemos usar para decidir y ser escuchados.

Habrà algunos de nosotros que pensamos que el votar en las elecciones no es importante, pero tenemos qué pensar que nuestra cultura es una cultura que se preocupa y quiere lo mejor para el futuro.

Nuestra unidad es lo que nos caracteriza como una cultura única. La próxima vez que tenga tiempo de sentarse frente al televisor póngase cómodo y vea las noticias. Infórmese y estudie a los candidatos. Votar es ser parte de nuestro país. Esta es nuestra América. Los Hispanos podemos hacer la diferencia.

# Luce lo ultimo de la moda en esta Primavera 2008 por los pacillos de Valencia

## Refleja el verdadero concepto de vida, juventud, hermosura y frescura

Por Edmarlin Rivera  
Valencia Voice

Que nos prepara la moda para la Primavera 2008?

A diferencia del 2007 este año la paleta de colores para la primavera 2008, presentada por Pantone, nos ofrece una combinación de colores pasteles y brillantes, reflejando el verdadero concepto de vida, juventud, hermosura y frescura de lo que es la primavera.

Colores como el gris, rojo, rosado, verde oliva, amarillo y violeta son algunas de las tonalidades que no podrán faltar en tu guardarropa para esta próxima primavera.

Según los grandes diseñadores de New York, Milán, Paris y Lodón los vestidos serán la clave perfecta para darle un toque femenino a esta temporada. Vestidos con diseños de flores y geométricos, de colores brillantes será el último grito de moda para cualquier ocasión.

Los famosos pantalones campanas con corte alto a la cintura de los estilos 70 estarán de vuelta y serán la gran competencia de los famosísimos pantalones a las caderas de los años 60.

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Correas anchas o finitas le darán el toque perfecto a nuestros vestidos, además de llamar toda la atención a nuestra cintura.

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El calzado para esta primavera 2008 será muy femenino y sexy que no solo le dara un “look” mejor a tu vestuario, sino que represente tu personalidad y tu buen gusto al verstir.

Empezando con los zapatos plataforma, los cuales para esta temporada tendrán un “look” mas moderno que el de los años 70, con colores metálicos suaves, estampados y de tacón en madera.

Los zapatos bajitos también serán unos de los favoritos para esta temporada dándole un “look” cómodo, femenino y sexy a tu vestuario.

Recordemos que estar a la moda es muy importante pero devemos presente que para esta temporada no solo se trata de verce bella sino de reflejar tu personalidad y tu buen gusto al vestir.



Los vestidos de primavera se lucen con correas anchas o delgadas

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# ‘Cloverfield’ attacks box offices over holiday weekend

By Ashley McBride  
Valencia Voice

When moviegoers flooded into theaters to see “Transformers” on July 3, 2007, they were in for one surprise that they didn’t expect, and it occurred before the movie even started. A particular preview started that showed a going away party followed by chaos. As panic set in, people ran out into the streets, just in time to see the head of the Statue of Liberty go rolling down the streets of Manhattan. The film set off such excitement mainly, due to the fact that the only information about the film that moviegoers were given was, “from producer J.J. Abrams” and the date of the film’s release, “1-18-08.”

Fast forwarding to Jan. 18, people hurried to theaters to see the J.J. Abrams film that has now been named, “Cloverfield.”

There are two questions that most moviegoers have going into this film. The first question is “do we get to see the monster?” The second question is “what is the monster?” My original thought was, “I hope it’s not something lame, like an overgrown hamster or something” Luckily for me, I can tell you that it is definitely not an overgrown hamster or even in the hamster family.

In an interview with Entertainment Weekly, J.J. Abrams said, “I started to wonder: If I were at a party with friends, and a monster the size of a skyscraper showed

up, and someone started recording it with their cell phone or video camera – what would that look like?”

The film is a fairly brief 84 minutes, and it is very action packed. The beginning scenes of the movie focus on a going away party for a man named Rob who is going off to Tokyo. The film is full of no-name actors and actresses; you won’t see any Reese Witherspoons or Brad Pitts in this movie. Part of the charm of the film is that it is full of actors and actresses that aren’t recognizable. It makes the film seem very realistic. Rob’s best friend, Hud, is videotaping the party, and taking this job very seriously when tremors hit New York.

Shooting the entire film through this camcorder adds to the very realistic feel of the whole event. After many shadowy shots of monster images, a picture of what looks like a tail or a tentacle breaking the Brooklyn Bridge, a picture of a gigantic leg, and many shots too dark to make out any features, we are finally granted a glimpse of the thing that is terrorizing Manhattan. Marlena Diamond, played by Lizzy Caplan, sees the monster at one point in the movie and starts mumbling to herself over and over that, “It’s eating everyone.”

If one skyscraper-sized monster wasn’t enough, the large creature spawns off smaller creatures that start wrecking the city as well. For those who have mo-

tion sickness, this film is not for you, due to the fact that the camcorder is the only source of film, and every movement that Hud makes, sends the camera bouncing all around. It is because of that one factor that it reminds me slightly of “The Blair Witch Project.”

In its opening weekend, “Cloverfield” scared up \$41 million dollars, a record for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, according to <http://www.reuters.com>.

Rob, the main character, with the help of his friends, decides to save the woman he secretly loves, when he finds out she is hurt. This takes them through New York, to a building that is about to fall over. In one scene, three of the friends are in a helicopter that gets taken down by the monster. The chopper, falling towards the ground, appears so realistic due to the camcorder still rolling.

In a current box office that is dominated by comedies and romantic comedies, “Cloverfield” stands out as a different option because it is a monster movie. The film was shot brilliantly and when you finally see the monster, you will probably turn to the person you came to the movies with, and say, “what was that thing?” The friends end up in New York’s Central Park and when the last scene wraps, you will probably have to pick your jaw back up from the floor, before saying, “that was cool.”



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Rob (Michael Stahl David) and Lily (Jessica Lucas) struggle to run from the creatures invading Manhattan, seeking refuge in an empty metro station.



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Daniel Plainview (Daniel Day-Lewis) and son H.W. (Dillion Freasier) propose to buy land for oil from Central California residents.

## ‘Blood’ sheds light on more than oil

By Kevin Norris  
Valencia Voice

Paul Thomas Anderson exposed himself as a great filmmaker with the impressive arrival of his 1997 film, “Boogie Nights.” His brilliant follow-up, “Magnolia,” sometimes sagged under the weight of its ambition, while the eccentric romantic comedy “Punch Drunk Love,” was a gripping but obvious minor film compared to what Anderson had in store.

All of Anderson’s previous films feel like lightweights when matched up with the heavyweight that is “There Will Be Blood.” Anderson’s latest is a strikingly formidable epic that accomplishes his abundant promise set out by “Boogie Nights.”

Set against the milieu of the early 20th century southern California oil boom, “There Will Be Blood” conveys a story of insatiable envy matching those of biblical proportions. Anderson’s personalized version of Upton Sinclair’s 1927 novel “Oil,” casts the superb Daniel Day-Lewis as the voracious oilman, Daniel Plainview. Plainview is a primordial American who is sentimental to the matters of money and greed. “There Will Be Blood” allows you to gaze deep into the menacing Daniel Plainview where you don’t find an ounce of compassion, instead you realize that he possesses one of the darkest souls to ever be imagined.

The film opens with the story at the close of the 19th century; the opener is a spooky, bewildering introduction set in a deep, dark, sinister hole, where a man picks apart the hard-packed soil like a vulture picking at the flesh of a dead carcass. This is the ground shaker, the bulldozer: Daniel Plainview.

Plainview doesn’t strike oil until 1902, after that he gluttonously gobbles up all the land in California before his rivals of Standard Oil do so. Throughout the entire film, Plainview’s abrasive features and hawk eyes miss nothing; he’s a volcanic figure of intimidation.

After buying up several acres of land in California, his oil success is greeted parallel with that of Eli Sunday (Paul Dano), a clever, country-boy gone evangelist. Plainview comes in contact with Eli when buying up the Sunday family ranch. Eli is as adroit and ruthless in his methods as Plainview; he’s a holly roller and self-proclaimed religious prophet. Plainview hates him more than his competition, Standard Oil, due to the fact that Eli is a bible-thumping replica of himself. They’re fierce war, a string of ever-increasing, mortifications thread from the inauguration of their hatred until the staggering, near-theatrical finish in 1927 at the tycoon’s extravagant estate.

The only person that Plainview seems to connect with during the 2 and a half hour film is his adopted son H.W. (Dillon Freasier), who provides a guiltless face when he’s presenting his “family” projects to the locals of land he’s trying to pinch. However, when H.W. is struck deaf in an oil-drilling catastrophe, Plainview loses all his salvation and sanity in the world, this eventually leads to the ignominy of Plainview.

“There Will Be Blood” is a narrative of and for modern times, it is relevant as it is timeless, universal as it is explicit, intangible and as plain as the name of its electrifying main character, Daniel Plainview. It exposes, stimulates, aggravates, but the most important oil hole it opens is to human consciousness itself. It is by far one of the most brilliant works of art to be created since “Citizen Kane.” “There Will Be Blood” will forever be regarded as an instant classic.

## Classic indie rock overdue for comeback

By Abby Isham  
Valencia Voice

Living around the corner from Park Ave., CDs has its perks. In an age when far more albums are downloaded and burned than are sold in actual record stores, it’s comforting to know that the hole in my wallet caused by my musical addiction can be patched with the knowledge that I can waltz into the store making claims of writing an album review and emerge with a record that has restored my faith in garage rock.

I’ll be the first to admit that I am not exactly a beacon of knowledge when it comes to new releases. My bipolar musical tastes vacillate between early-to-mid ‘90s grunge and late ‘70s punk. “I need a recent release to review,” I stated as I approached the counter, “and, clearly, I need some suggestions,” I added, recalling that the last record I purchased was the Smashing Pumpkins’ “Siamese Dream” on vinyl because, you know, owning the album on CD and having it on my iPod just wasn’t enough.

The staff wasted no time in filling my hands with their suggestions of up-and-coming indie rock. But what is indie rock these days? It seems to me that what was formerly labeled “independent” had now become the cornerstone of mainstream music. My reservations aside, I began to listen to the first of the five albums in my hands, the Black Lips’ “Good Bad Not Evil.”

As I turned the album cover over to read the track listings, a song called “How Do You Tell a Child That Someone Has Died” sounded sufficiently disturbing and depressing to capture my attention. This particular track is probably the least-fitting song on the album with its honky-tonk-inspired, bluesy melody and caricatural vocals that made me think the Black Lips were mocking their country roots rather than employing them. I use the word ‘country’ lightly because while Georgia is undoubtedly part of the south, Atlanta hardly qualifies as the sticks. Geographical qualms aside, my initial thoughts were of how much this song channeled the Bloodhound

Gang’s mock-ballad “A Lap Dance is So Much Better When the Stripper is Crying.” Though my knowledge of the Black Lips was limited before my purchase, I knew they were touted as some of the wildest performers Georgia has to offer, with their shows typically including all the drugs, sex, and bathroom humor that rock-n-roll demands.

But there’s another story here — one with considerably more depth than I had initially given the Black Lips credit for. The band’s former guitarist, Ben Eberbaugh, was killed in 2002 when a drunk driver who had been driving the wrong way without headlights on, caused a head-on collision with Eberbaugh’s car while he was stopped at a toll booth on the highway. Believing their former band mate would have wanted them to continue, the Black Lips resumed making music and causing chaos at their shows.

After learning the band’s history, I’ve begun to think that the lyrics to “How Do You Tell a Child That Someone Has Died” hold more significance than the band lets onto: “He was killed by a motorist in a drunken act of rage/ Let em live in in your heart/ Now we must turn the page.”

Maybe I’m reading into it too much; perhaps the Black Lips’ accolade is best summarized by themselves in “Veni Vidi Vici,” the third song on “Good Bad Not Evil”: “Cause I came, I saw/ I conquered all/ All y’all, all y’all, all y’all.”

The Black Lips narrowly avoided slipping through the cracks of mainstream music, finally garnering national attention at Austin, Texas’s South by Southwest music festival in 2007 when the New York Times heralded them as the “hardest working band” at the three-day event. After having listened to “Good Bad Not Evil” half-a-dozen times, I find myself thinking that maybe good music is returning to the scene after all.



SPORTS



Giants QB Eli Manning  
(MCT Campus)

Giants play David to Patriots' Goliath

To win Super Bowl, New York must expose New England's few vulnerabilities

By Phil Sheridan  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The New York Giants may not be a better all-around team than the Green Bay Packers, whom they beat Sunday at frigid Lambeau Field. That point is debatable. What's more important, though, is that the Giants may well be the team most qualified to make the New England Patriots earn that perfect 19-0 record in Super Bowl XLII.

Here's why. Only a handful of teams have really come close to upsetting the Patriots: the Colts, the Eagles, the Ravens and Giants in the regular season. San Diego gave New England a run in Sunday's AFC championship game.

The mood of each of those teams was remarkably similar, and totally different from the norm in a losing NFL locker room. "I've never seen a locker room kind of so upbeat after a loss," Eli Manning told reporters after the

Giants' come-from-ahead, 38-35 loss in the regular-season finale.

"We hung in there the whole game," Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller told the Baltimore Sun said after losing to the Pats in the final minute. "I'm so proud of our guys."

I have been in the visiting locker room at Gillette Stadium after two of these near misses: the Eagles' surprising performance in November and the Chargers' loss on Sunday. Like the Eagles, the Chargers were remarkably positive and, almost to a man, felt they could beat the Patriots if given another shot.

Here's what makes the Giants so dangerous to Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and the rest of a New England team with posterity in its sights: New York is the first of the "almost" teams to get that second shot.

The Giants had a 12-point lead on the Patriots before vertigo set in. They know what it feels like now and can prepare for it.

It's a bit like falling just a little

short in your first attempt to scale Everest. If you get close again, you know what to expect. Your chances are better.

The bottom line is, the Patriots have been exposed as vulnerable from a strictly football perspective. The offense that was scoring in the 40s and 50s every week has been in the 20s and 30s. Defensive coordinators clearly are picking up on their predecessors' strategies and improving on them.

This isn't an insult to the Patriots. To keep winning while the entire league works to stop them is proof of how good they are.

On the other side of the ball, the Eagles and Giants were able to move the ball and score points against the Pats' defense. The Chargers, playing without LaDainian Tomlinson and with Philip Rivers and Antonio Gates diminished by injuries, couldn't punch it into the end zone on three trips inside the New England 10-yard line. Turn just one of those red-zone failures into a touchdown and the whole

dynamic of the game changes. "To hold the Chargers to field goals was extremely important," Brady said after the game. "We always had the lead there, and the mentality is that when you're always winning, you just don't feel like you need to press when you go out there."

The difference in these very close games, then, isn't as simple as the Patriots' talent level or their coaches' schemes. Those are prodigious enough. The difference is that the Patriots handle pressure and do whatever it takes to find ways to win, even in games when they've been outplayed for 55, 58 or 59 minutes.

Like the Eagles, the Giants came away from their loss to New England thinking it proved they were capable of playing with and beating the best. Unlike the Eagles, the Giants backed up that belief by winning their next three games, all playoffs, all on the road.

"When we were preparing to play the Patriots the first time, the idea was that we were going to play to the best of our ability," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said Monday. "We had nothing to lose, we were going to go do the very best that we can, we were going to have some fun with it. And looking back on that, it became a continuous theme with this group of people- playing as hard as we can, having fun with it, and letting the athletic ability of our players step to the front."

This time around, the Giants will have everything to lose. But then, so will the Patriots.

- MCT Campus

THE RUNDOWN

What's Coming Up in Sports

Week of January 29 through February 8

NBA Basketball

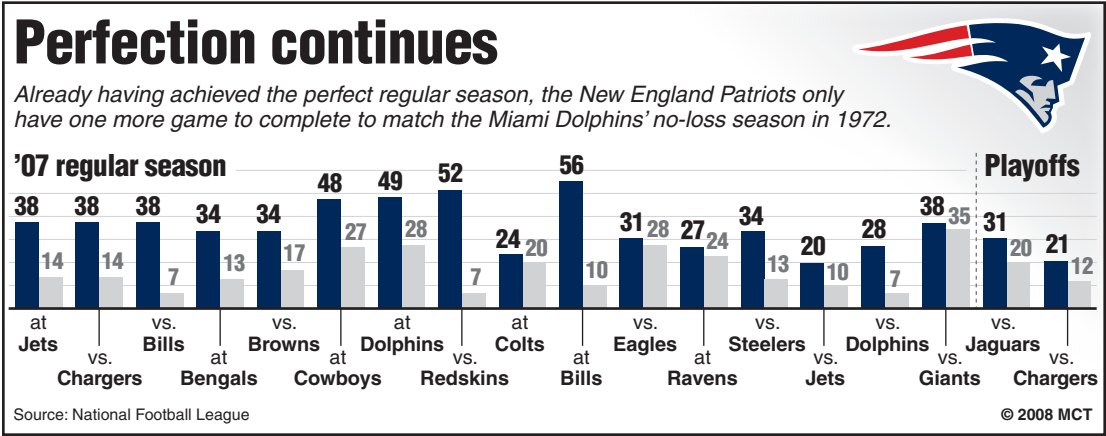


Monday, February 4  
Dallas Mavericks @ Orlando Magic

Amway Arena  
7 p.m.  
TV- Fox Sports Florida  
Radio- 580 AM  
Storyline- The Magic get a chance to prove their worth against a powerhouse Western Conference opponent. How will Stan Van Gundy defend star Dirk Nowitzki.

Friday, February 8  
Los Angeles Lakers @ Orlando Magic  
Amway Arena  
7 p.m.  
TV- Fox Sports Florida  
Radio- 580 AM  
Storyline- Kobe Bryant and his surprising Lakers team comes to town in this Friday night matchup. The deciding factor may very well be whether the Magic, who have played weak defensively all season, can hold Bryant, who is contending for the Scoring Title, to minimal offensive production.

College Basketball  
Saturday, February 2  
University of Houston @ UCF Knights  
7 p.m.  
New UCF Arena  
Storyline- The Knights face off against Conference USA foe Houston. The Knights have compiled a 4-1 C-USA record, in third place behind top-ranked Memphis and Houston. The Knights can take advantage of an opportunity to gain ground in the conference.



Orlando-based Golfweek deals with controversy

By Ryan Vincenec  
Valencia Voice

After on-air Golf Channel personality Kelly Tilghman made her fateful remark regarding Tiger Woods, and how his competitors could potentially thwart his dominance, local publication Golfweek decided to add more fuel to the fire.

The late night, Jan. 4, PGA Tour telecast found Tilghman not only suspended for two weeks but also led her to become an example for the antithesis of what members of the media strive for. Comment on the news. Don't be the news.

Then, as the furor was beginning to die down Golfweek released its weekly magazine Jan. 16 with a swaying noose on the cover.

The noose cover smacked of tabloid journalism. Golfweek editor Dan Seanor was fired shortly thereafter, and an apology issued by Golfweek's publisher soon followed.

The story continues to reverberate throughout Central Florida, as both The Golf Channel and

Golfweek have their headquarters in Orlando. Golfweek is headquartered adjacent to Valencia's West Campus.

Those on campus are more than conscious of the controversy.

Valencia student Luis Stevanovich was aware of the buzz via television coverage of the original comment and what soon ensued. When asked about what, if any disciplinary action was just for Tilghman, Stevanovich said that being fired was out of the question but agreed with the two-week suspension she received, saying, "She should be put on a probation or suspension of some sort."

Perhaps one of the biggest signs that the storm has not yet completely passed was given by new Golfweek editor Jeff Babineau in an e-mail response when being queried by the Valencia Voice for an interview for this article.

"We at Golfweek have enough on our hands at the moment," Babineau wrote, "and wish to return to the business of covering the news, not being in the middle of it."

Hedo the Hero!!!

Orlando Magic	96
Boston Celtics	93



Photo by Jacob Langston/Orlando Sentinel/MCT

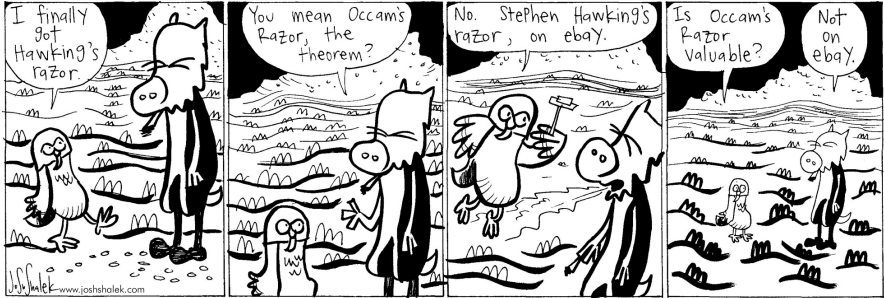
Magic players Dwight Howard, Keight Bogans, Rashard Lewis, and others congratulate forward Hedo Turkoglu after his game winning buzzer beater Sunday. With fourteen seconds remaining the Magic inbounded the ball to Carlos Arroyo who handed off to Turkoglu. Holding the ball as time ran down, he drained a fadeaway three over two Boston defenders to win the game.



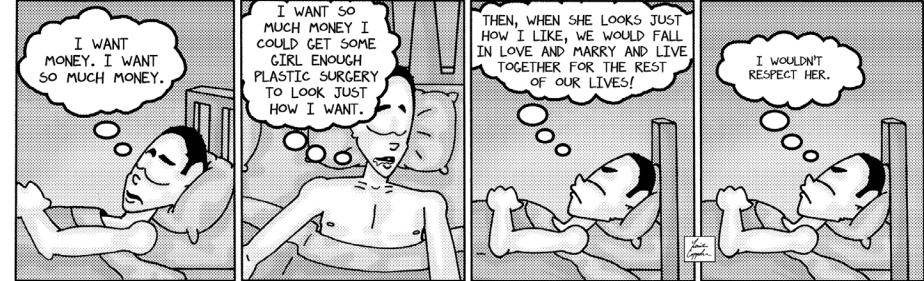
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Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Kid Shay



Dream Nation by Louis Coppola



Retro Geek by Dickenson & Clarke



Brothers Watt by William Wilson

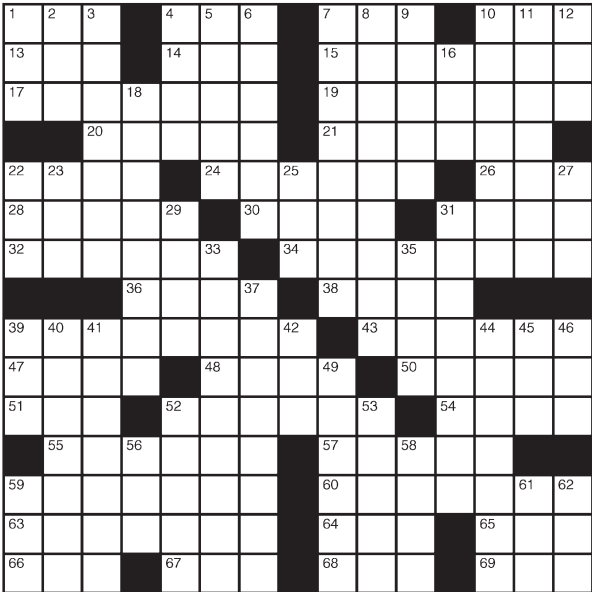


Sudoku

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Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Mach+ jet  
4 Morse symbol  
7 Mobster's rod  
10 Aragon aunt  
13 Knight's title  
14 Keats piece  
15 Sourness  
17 Kudrow friend?  
19 Amer. Rev. military leader  
20 At that place  
21 Gardener, at times  
22 Sirtis on "Star Trek: TNG"  
24 "Sophie's Choice" star  
26 Wee bit  
28 Skeleton  
30 Lays a lawn  
31 Computer info  
32 Refines ore  
34 Infant's bed  
36 Daily start  
38 Grant and Marvin  
39 Wispy delicate  
43 Professional copyist  
47 Like horse's hooves  
48 Send forth  
50 Carrier  
51 Bolivian export  
52 Handles the helm  
54 Max or Buddy  
55 Constrain  
57 Pentium makers  
59 Kiev's country  
60 City near Fort Ord  
63 Medical stickers?  
64 Bo Derek's number  
65 Miler Sebastian  
66 Individual  
67 6-pointers  
68 Hosp. sections  
69 Mineo or Maglie
- DOWN
- 1 Retirement grp.  
2 Wickedness  
3 Musical interval  
4 Pamper  
5 Garbage emanations  
6 Principles  
7 Accelerator  
8 Starlets  
9 Traffic snarl  
10 Dalai Lama's language  
11 Say again  
12 Writer Rand  
16 Demand payment repeatedly  
18 Protected  
22 One of Ted's stations  
23 CD-  
25 Stick up  
27 CD's competition  
29 Arcturus or Rigel  
31 Sheds apparel  
33 Added sugar to  
35 Offshoot group  
37 Like John Doe?  
39 Approx.  
40 Add cornstarch  
41 VIP at a banquet  
42 Falsehood



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Solutions



- 44 Slanted type  
45 Busy insect  
46 Make a blunder  
49 Wistful  
52 Shed, as blood  
53 Contemptuous expression  
56 Like Carroll's Hatter  
58 Soaks up rays  
59 One in Barcelona  
61 Morgue letters  
62 Marine shocker

Announcements

Valencia Distinguished Graduate Award

Award: \$1000  
Deadline: February 8, 2008  
Finalists (5) notified: March 4, 2008

For an application and more information go to:  
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UCF-Valencia Graduating Scholarship

Award: \$4000  
Mayor Richard T. Crotty UCF-Valencia Graduating Scholarship

\$2000 from Valencia, \$2000 for UCF

Award: \$2000  
Applications due: February 8, 2008 by 5 p.m.  
Finalists (5) notified: March 12, 2008

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3rd annual Valencia 5K Run, Walk & Roll

Join the pack of students of all ages and physical abilities as they hit the West Campus race course on February 3rd for the 3rd Annual Valencia 5K Run, Walk, & Roll!

ALL money raised goes toward scholarships to support Valencia students. Plus, enjoy refreshments, health screenings, massages, and more! Bring a friend!

5K Registration Fee Schedule & Details:

Sunday, February 3rd, West Campus

-6:45 a.m. - Registration opens, Health Sciences Bldg, Room 105

-7:30 a.m. - 5K Run, Walk & Roll starts

-FREE Kids Fun Run & Crafts following the race (under 10 only)

-Students \$15  
-Alumni \$18  
-General \$20

Click on the 5K shoe at [www.valenciacc.edu/alumni](http://www.valenciacc.edu/alumni) to register or for more information.

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Applications due: April 7, 2008 by 5 p.m.  
Recipients notified: May 8, 2008

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Award: \$350 per recipient

Applications due: April 7, 2008 by 5 p.m.  
Recipients notified: May 8, 2008

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