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Times Square bomber at large

By Rocco Parascandola
Newsday

NEW YORK — The man behind the letters sent to members of Congress is not responsible for the explosion outside a Times Square military recruitment office, authorities said March 7.

The letter, received by as many as 10 members of Congress, was accompanied

by a picture of a man, David Karnes, standing in front of the recruitment office with the caption: “Happy New Year, We Did It.” Police sources said Karnes, of Los Angeles, was interviewed late March 6 by federal authorities, who concluded he was not responsible for the bombing early Thursday. No one was injured.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly described the letter as the writer’s 2006 holi-

day card and the words a reference to that year’s elections won by the Democrats.

“The letter’s really innocuous,” Kelly said on CNN. “It’s really advice as to how to win the 2008 election. It’s the type of information that pundits put out all the time on television. There is nothing particularly threatening in the document.”

Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., was sent

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Photo by Chuck Kennedy / MCT Campus

Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., accompanied by Lt. Gen. Joe Ballard, left, and Vice Admiral Joseph A. Sestak, right, takes part in a news conference with military officers, March 6, in Washington, D.C.

Clinton gains two more states

By Frank Tobin
Valencia Voice

Fresh off her primary wins in Ohio and Texas, Hillary Clinton is now focusing her attention on the Democratic National Committee’s (DNC) proposed plan to submit a re-vote in the delegate-less democratic primaries of Florida and Michigan.

As argued, the poor judgment

of the leadership in these states, to move their primaries before Feb. 5 and be stripped of their delegates, should not be held against the people. Their voices should be heard and their votes counted.

“I think it would be a grave disservice to the voters of Florida and Michigan to adopt any process that would disenfranchise anyone,” Clinton told reporters earlier this week at a

news conference in Washington. “Therefore I am still committed to seating their delegations, and I know they are working with the Democratic party to determine how best to proceed.”

She said it would be particularly unfair to punish the 1.7 million Floridians who voted in the Democratic primary since

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Naked menace caught harrassing local wildlife

By Amy L. Edwards
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla.—Adrian Apgar apparently didn’t learn the first time what can happen when you wade naked in a Central Florida lake in the middle of the night.

Apgar, who made national news in November 2006 when Polk County deputies rescued him from the jaws of an alligator while he was naked and on drugs, has had another run-in with the law while he was apparently looking for a gator.

At about 12 a.m. Friday, Polk deputies found Apgar naked, standing in a pond at Saddle Creek Park near Lakeland, Fla., walking toward an alligator about 50 feet offshore, the Sheriff’s Office reported.

Deputies saw Apgar and were able to safely talk him out of the water.

Apgar told deputies he had been bitten by a snake while looking for an alligator.

Apgar, who lost an arm in the 2006 alligator attack at Lake Parker in Lakeland, was Baker Acted (remanded for involuntary psychiatric exam) and taken to Lakeland Regional Medical Center, where he remains.

“I feel sorry for him because obviously he’s got mental issues,” said Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd. “This guy lost his arm, was in the hospital for months . . . and now he’s back in Saddle Creek.”

Judd said credit goes to his deputies, who spotted an unoccupied pickup truck parked near one of the ponds and ran the tags. After realizing who owned the truck and his history with the Sheriff’s Office, deputies began searching for Apgar.

Judd said Apgar could have easily drowned or been attacked by an alligator again.

“He’s not just a menace to society, he’s a menace to himself,” Judd said. “He’s past being comical, he has real issues.”

Judd said Apgar will face criminal charges, including trespassing.

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Fuel Tool

Lowest prices for regular unleaded gasoline in Orlando (as of March 10):

\$3.08⁹

Sam's Club
7810 W. Colonial Dr.
Orlando FL, 32818

\$3.11⁹

Sam's Club
9498 S. Orange Blossom Tr.
Orlando FL, 32837

\$3.11⁹

BJ's
4270 State Rd. 46
Orlando FL, 32771

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Speech professor plays superhero on the side

Teacher Feature



Dr. Connie Hudspeth, speech teacher extraordinaire.

By Sarah Soliman
ValenciaVoice

Most people would agree that being a mother to three young boys, a full time college professor, and giving back to the community would be almost impossible to juggle. Dr. Connie Hudspeth, a Speech professor at Valencia Community College, however, proves these tasks to be simple and fun.

Dr. Hudspeth takes great pride in her position as a Speech teacher and her role as a mother. She's been teaching for a total of 20 years, a year and a half of those have been spent at Valencia, while mothering three boys ages 8, 10, and 12.

Her unique teaching methods and her "super mom-like" parenting skills make her stand out amongst other Speech

professors. Throughout her teaching years, Dr. Hudspeth has acknowledged the fact that most students do not feel comfortable with public speaking.

Considering the fact that all students earning an A.A. or A.S. degree are required to take a speech course, Hudspeth has found that by assigning fun, hands-on group projects that not only make students give back to the community, but also helps them become each other's support systems, some of the stress involved with this nerve-racking process can be alleviated.

Some of these projects include volunteering with non-profit groups in Orlando, after which students were required to write a speech that discussed various opportunities for college students who become involved with these organizations. Some of the non-profit groups Hudspeth's students have worked with include, Give Kids the World, Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, Pet Adoption and Animal Rescues, and the BETA Center.

These projects have proven successful. "Many of our students have done amazing presentations that have persuaded their fellow classmates at Valencia to want to get involved in their community and to help others," said Hudspeth.

Hudspeth has completed over 150 volunteer projects with her students and was honored with the Malcolm Baldrige Award for Community Service. She was also named Orlando's Hometown Hero and was featured on NBC-WESH news for her dedication to the community.

But getting her students involved in the community is just one of the many fun projects assigned.

Another speech Hudspeth requires

her students to write is one involving culture; students choose a culture they are interested in or their own culture and teach their peers about ethnicities from around the world.

This assignment has also proven to be a great learning experience and, in most cases, helps students get up in front of the classroom because they are speaking about a topic that they know and are proud of.

Hudspeth explains that students bring in food, music, and pictures of the culture they are presenting, which also helps to ease the tension of being in front of the classroom.

"My main goal as a teacher is to reach students beyond the classroom and teaching them by touching the heart and the mind," Hudspeth explains on the theme of her classroom. But what happens if all these activities still don't make a student feel comfortable enough to get up and speak in front of a classroom?

Well, Dr. Hudspeth has resolved this problem by starting a class especially for students who suffer from high anxiety speech problems. Students who feel they suffer from this speech anxiety should take advantage of the Communication Apprehension class, as Valencia is the only community college in the nation that offers it and courses like these are usually restricted to private institutes or Ivy League schools.

According to Dr. Hudspeth, this course has actually improved the speech ability for students and is "a great example of Valencia's dedication to being student-focused."

Outside of the classroom, Dr. Hudspeth is just as involved and just as busy with her family. She enjoys being a wife

and a mother and takes advantage of every moment she has to ensure time is spent with her children.

Her three children have been featured in Disney's Expedition Everest Roller-coaster commercials and billboards, Disney's Cruiseline commercials, and Disney's Anniversary Commercial.

How did all three of her boys get so lucky as to be featured in Disney commercials? Dr. Hudspeth said, "It happened by accident!"

A friend of the Hudspeth's family who works for Disney needed extra children to feature in a commercial and asked Hudspeth if her children could take part. To her surprise, Disney fell in love with her three boys and continues to place them in various commercials.

Hudspeth also gets her children involved in volunteer work and all kinds of sports. She feels it is important for them to give back to the community at a young age while at the same time developing good people skills.

Believe it or not, through all of the chaos that comes with being a mother and a teacher, Dr. Hudspeth even manages to find time for herself; her hobbies include photography and designing her own purses and jewelry, one piece of which was designed exclusively for a Nobel Piece Prize Winner.

It is clear that Dr. Connie Hudspeth is somewhat of a superwoman. In between her profession, establishing new programs for speech students, getting involved in the community, and being a mother, Dr. Hudspeth could not ask for a better life.

"I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to teach. Every day is a unique adventure," said Hudspeth.

UC-Davis freshman held on explosives charges

By Ryan Lillis, Kim Minugh and Bill Lindelof
McClatchy Newspapers

DAVIS, Calif. — Students huddled under their blankets in the cold, watching as bomb squad officers swarmed into their dormitories. Television cameras captured every move, separated from the action by lines of yellow police tape, and the FBI questioned a student.

The police response on the University of California, Davis, campus seemed eerily familiar. But in the end police said there was a significant difference between what played out Wednesday night and Thursday morning and what happened on campuses in Virginia and Illinois:

No one was hurt and police do not believe there were any harmful intentions.

After a tense night on the Davis campus, police said Thursday that an 18-year-old freshman did not intend "to blow anything up or hurt anyone" when he allegedly gathered materials and chemicals in his dorm room that could be used to assemble a pair of pipe bombs.

Mark Christopher Woods is an economics major from Torrance, Calif., described by his roommate and several friends as an intelligent, kind young man with an interest in science experiments.

He was arrested and faces felony charges of possessing materials with the intent to make an explosive or destructive device and possessing them with the intent to make such a device on school grounds, police said.

The material was packed up and moved to a federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives lab in Walnut Creek on Thursday. Police would not say what chemicals were found.

The chemicals, along with two empty pipe bomb shells, were found on Woods' desk inside Building D of the Tercero complex after a young woman called police around 9 p.m. Wednesday, UC Davis police said.

After seeing the materials, police pulled the dorm's fire alarm to evacuate the building, police and students said. Resident advisers, police and firefighters walked the hallways, announcing the

evacuation on bullhorns, and went door-to-door to make sure all the students had left.

At the time, Hannah Young, a 19-year-old freshman, was composing an essay analyzing a movie for her food studies course. She said students walked out of the building calmly and did not know what was happening until they saw their courtyard filled with police and Woods and his three roommates being questioned.

Eventually, Woods was taken into custody.

Seven buildings and 455 students were evacuated for more than 12 hours. No one was injured.

Within minutes of being let into their dorms before noon, students were back to their routines of hauling books, laughing and strumming guitars.

As the day returned to normal, investigators said they came to realize that the chemicals were not as unstable as originally thought.

Several students who know Woods described the materials as a science experiment.

Angela Rho, who graduated from West High School in Torrance with Woods and lives in the same campus housing complex, said Woods saw the materials as "just something to do other than schoolwork."

"He has different interests than most people," she said.

Robert Chao, one of Woods' roommates, said he was in the room where the materials were found earlier in the night and didn't see anything resembling a pipe bomb.

"He had no ill intent like people said he did," Chao said.

Chao and others described Woods as interested in many subjects and say he was trying to expand his knowledge with science experiments. He was an academic decathlete in high school, and while he was an economics major, he also was taking classes in Russian, Japanese and statistics.

"He's one of the nicest guys I know," said Lauren Bachman, 18, who lives in the dorm. "At the end of the day, I trust him."

Bomb squad officers went into Woods' room about 5 a.m. after obtaining a search warrant.

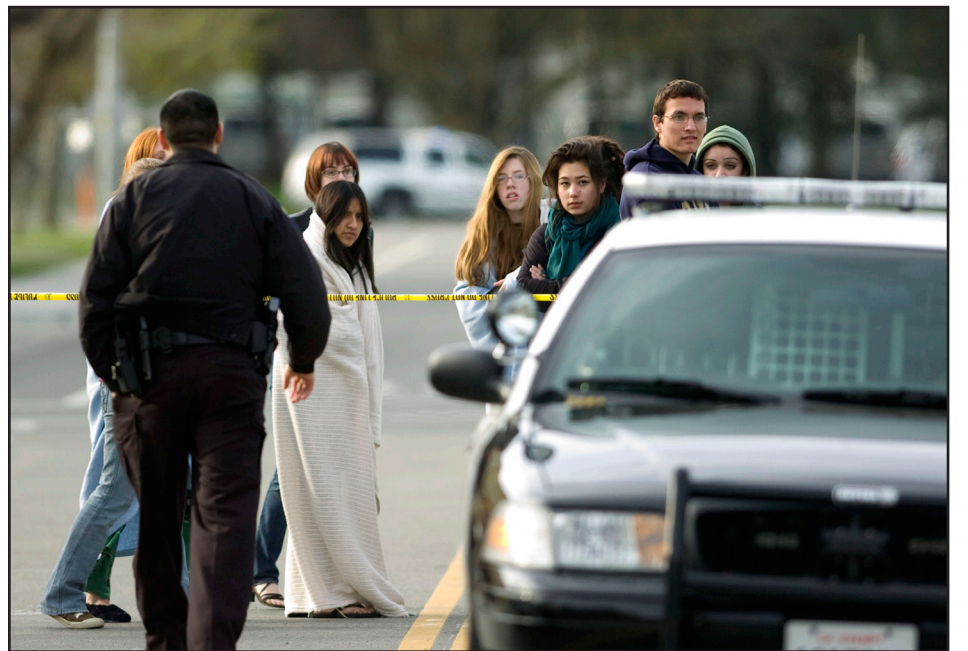


Photo by Randy Pench, Sacramento Bee / MCT campus

Students and local authorities wait outside as police searched a residence hall room Thursday, March 6. After evacuating seven buildings, police found explosive materials and an unloaded pipe bomb.

"At first glance, it looked like pretty serious and volatile material," said UC Davis police Capt. Joyce Souza said. "Once they did an evaluation, (police) were able to determine the way all the materials were sitting, it wasn't as serious because it wasn't mixed."

Souza said the dozens of false alarms her department has responded to over the years prepared officers for the situation and that, with attacks like those in which multiple students died at Northern Illinois University in February and at Virginia Tech in 2007, "anytime you get a call like this, we're going to err on the side of caution."

Woods' roommate Chao said authorities had "reason to believe it's one of those things, but it's not that at all. That is the opposite of what he is."

UC Davis spokeswoman Lisa Lapin defended the emergency response, saying that regardless of Woods' intent, he was violating the law by having those materials in his room.

"He wasn't building bombs to hurt people, according to his friends," Lapin said. "But he did have materials in his room that could cause explosions in his room if combined. It was hazardous, dangerous substances he had in his dorm room."

The response unfolded safely and smoothly, she said.

"The students were very cooperative with the evacuation, very understanding about it," Lapin said.

Despite the drama that unfolded overnight, Lapin said very few parents had called and few students had expressed concern.

"People see media reports and become alarmed at what they see on television sometimes, but we've actually had very little response," Lapin said.

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YouTube videos lead to ban against Salvia

By Suzanne Hoyle and Alexander Harris
McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — It's a type of mint plant, with broad leaves and a hollow stem, widely used by landscapers and gardeners as ground cover. It's also sold on the Internet for about \$15 an ounce for leaves, \$11 for the more potent extract, to be smoked or chewed for a high lasting a few minutes to a half-hour.

Thousands of videos on YouTube.com show bong-smoking teenagers "tripping" on the drug.

Called salvia divinorum, it's been legal in the United States until recently, although banned in several countries, including Australia, Belgium and Italy. Now, state legislators from Maine to Missouri to California are pushing to outlaw or regulate the herb that has become a popular recreational drug among young people.

"I think the Internet has actually driven this," said Virginia state Del. John O'Bannon, a Republican, who sponsored a bill outlawing the drug. "I think the Internet is one of the reasons why it's actually spread out of the local indigenous areas in Mexico."

Salvia is grown mainly in the state of Oaxaca in Mexico. For centuries, the Mazatec Indians of southern Mexico have used salvia in shamanistic rituals.

More recently, salvia has proliferated on the Internet and at college-area paraphernalia shops. It is usually sold as dried leaves in various degrees of potency. Salvia causes hallucinations, a perception of overlapping realities and a loss of body, dizziness and impaired speech, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) says on its Web site.

Since 2005, Missouri, Delaware, North Dakota and Illinois have banned salvia outright by classifying it as a Schedule I hallucinogen, putting it in the same category as heroin, LSD, marijuana and ecstasy.

According the DEA, Schedule I substances



Sage leaves (Salvia officinalis) pre-processed.

are defined as having a high tendency for abuse and do not have a medicinal purpose. Possession of a Schedule I substance (except for marijuana) is often classified as a felony. For example, under the Illinois law that took effect Jan. 1, possession of salvia is punishable by up to three years in prison.

Virginia's governor this week signed a similar bill into law, which takes effect July 1. O'Bannon, a neurologist, said salvia potentially has harmful effects. He cited the 2006 death of Brett Chidester, a Delaware teenager whose parents blame salvia for their son's suicide.

"It's really not a pleasant thing to take. It can cause bad trips, dysphoria and sweats," O'Bannon said. Dysphoria is a general feeling of physical discomfort, anxiety and discontent.

Other states have taken action to regulate salvia in different ways.

In Maine, for example, it's illegal for anyone

under 18 to possess or use the drug. In Oklahoma, it is illegal to have salvia if it is "enhanced, concentrated or chemically or physically altered" — a law aimed at potent salvia extracts. In Tennessee and Louisiana, it is legal to grow salvia for landscaping or aesthetic purposes, but not for consumption.

Bills to ban or regulate salvia are being considered in many other states, including Alabama, Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and Wisconsin. On Feb. 11, the New York Senate passed a bill prohibiting the sale of salvia.

Rogene Waite, a DEA spokeswoman, said the agency is studying whether salvia should be declared a Schedule I drug at the federal level. If so, it would be considered a controlled substance in every state, she said. Also, sending it by mail would then be prohibited.

Daniel Siebert, of the Salvia Divinorum Research and Information Center, a Web site Siebert maintains out of Malibu, Calif., said he has devoted 20 years to studying the plant. He said that salvia shouldn't be available to minors, but that responsible adults should be allowed to use it.

"Plants are part of the natural world that we are born into," Siebert said. To ban salvia "seems to me to be some sort of crime against nature."

Siebert sells salvia on his Web site. He said he has few repeat customers, because most people don't enjoy the experience of using salvia. Even those who do are not inclined to use salvia often, Siebert said.

"It's kind of troublesome having these kids video-taping themselves and putting it on YouTube," Siebert said. "It creates a skewed image of salvia."

Siebert says he sells to people in states that ban salvia because California law does not prevent him from doing so. But he said he informs customers in such states of the legal risk they take by possessing or using salvia.

Some Internet retailers won't send salvia to customers in states and countries that ban the substance. For example, one seller on eBay has posted a notice that reads, "I do not ship to the following states in the USA: DELAWARE, ILLINOIS, LOUISIANA, MISSOURI, NORTH DAKOTA, and TENNESSEE."

It's unclear how many states will seek to ban or regulate salvia. Matthew Gever, a policy associate for the National Conference of State Legislatures, said legislators may be more concerned about drugs with higher visibility, such as methamphetamines.

"There are a lot of states where legislators have brought it (salvia) up," he said. "Someone introduces it, but it doesn't go anywhere. It's so far off the radar."

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Opinion

Firearms in homes make unsafe environment

By Ashley Gonzalez
Valencia Voice

The sunshine state has become quite dreary and dark over the past couple of weeks.

It's not because of the rain either.

About a week and a half ago there was a man in a local Wendy's restaurant that shot and killed several people including himself.

A couple of days ago there was yet another incident to strike the community.

A 22 month old baby was believed to have shot and killed himself after his family fell asleep.

After news like this gets out to the public it causes everyone in our community to wonder how such things can happen.

General comments like these followed suit- "It's a shame." "That's sad." "It's horrible when you hear about things like that." "What is the world coming to these days?" "That's unbelievable." "How can people be so cruel?"

Other comments made to Valencia Voice by anonymous readers include:

"When the media publicizes such tragedies like the one at Wendy's it gives other crazy people the idea that they can do something similar. They figure that they are going to end their lives anyway. Why not go out with a bang? Right?"

"I don't understand why anyone needs a gun in Florida. It's not like we live in Compton."

"Florida used to be the retirement state. People used to say it was a place to raise a family. Now, I heard our crime rate is 200% higher than that of New York!"

"I'm going to start wearing a bullet proof vest to school, work, restaurants... as a matter of fact.. everywhere from now on."

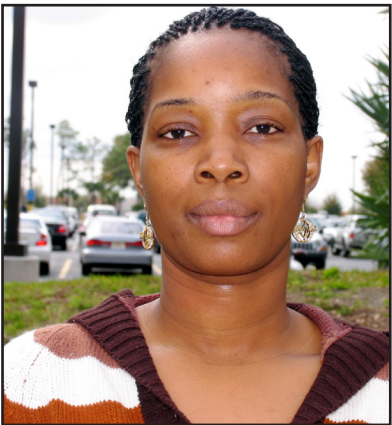
Valencia Voice asked students how they felt about gun control, if they thought it was safe to have one in their homes, cars, purses, etc..

Valencia Voice also asked students for their views on the right to bear arms. Is it a good or bad thing in it's entirety.



"If we didn't have guns we would never have won the revolutionary war. There were only farmers and their rifles. I support guns when handled responsibly."

—Avidor Avraham



"Crime rates have and will always provoke people to keep guns. There is a phobia surrounding society. Parents and people in general need to be more conscious of where their firearms are kept."

—Latasha Jones



"Guns were made for safety. They shouldn't exist in the home. They should only be in the hands of military and law enforcement. If someone does have one it should be locked away somewhere."

—Faith Bailon



"Guns shouldn't be in reach of children. Having a gun in my home would only be good for protecting myself, my family, and my belongings. There's no need to have a gun in car though."

—Lance Brinson



"I'm all for guns. You should be able to have it if you have a family. We also have the right to bear arms but careful handling is important."

—Ron Ramjeawan



"I am against having guns in the home. No one should have guns with kids in the house. Keeping it loaded and unlocked is ridiculous."

—Linda Nguyen



"Guns should be kept in a safe place and only responsible people should have one. I would have one with intention to keep it in a safe place."

—Stephanie Morocho



"I would not have a gun in the house if I had kids. Otherwise... if I didn't have any kids then I might have one to protect myself, especially in a hostile environment."

—Cazio Brown

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Opinion

Our Position:
Alternative fuel source

The war rages on in the search for alternative sources of fuel. While oil companies post record breaking profits, everyday consumers feel the sting of a potential spike of \$4.00 per gallon gas every time they step up to the pump. According to a report conducted by AP, the Sherritt International Corp, the company producing oil and gas off Cuba’s coast, said fourth-quarter profit increased 6.2 percent as oil prices rose.

Net income rose to \$83.5 million (\$84.6 million) from \$78.6 million a year earlier, Toronto-based Sherritt said March 7 in a statement. Per-share profit declined to 36 cents from 47 cents after the company issued stock to buy Dynatec Corp. Sales climbed 6 percent to \$323.6 million. And they’re not the only benefactors of this twisted notion of consumer high-priced gas and profit-breaking oil companies.

In the same report, Galp Energia SGPS SA, Portugal’s biggest oil company, rose the most in six weeks in Lisbon trading after announcing about 5.3 billion Euros (\$8.1 billion) of investment in its refining, exploration and natural-gas divisions.

Galp climbed 85 cents, or 5.6 percent, to 16.15 Euros, the biggest gain since Jan. 22. The stock has declined 12 percent this year for a market value of 13.4 billion Euros.

The latter’s financial gains being in an investment as opposed to exceeding a profit margin, but the results remain the same.

A progressive solution to this quandary is to find an alternative source of transportation, and not just how to fuel our vehicles.

According to EPA.gov, cars that run off of electricity last twice as long as standard automobiles.

In an EPA press release, testing has demonstrated that electric vehicle’s (EV) acceleration, speed, and handling can equal or exceed that of conventional vehicles.

EVs are also more energy efficient and produce less noise than gasoline or diesel-powered vehicles, particularly in stop-and-go traffic, because the engine does not run if the car is not moving.

“Currently, a large drawback is that the driving range of EVs is much less than that for gasoline or diesel-powered vehicles. Depending on battery type, climate, and terrain, an EV can travel from 40 to 120 miles on a single battery charge,” the press release states. “There are also space considerations with EVs because their batteries can be large and heavy, resulting in less room for cargo or passengers.”

Of course EVs aren’t the only way in which to save energy, money, or the environment; quite in fact there are a multitude of alternate means of conveyance.

In a U.S. Department of Energy report, one of the possible answers is Biodiesel.

Biodiesel is a renewable alternative fuel produced from a wide range of vegetable oils and animal fats. Pure biodiesel or biodiesel blended with petroleum diesel can be used to fuel diesel vehicles, providing energy security and emissions and safety benefits.

One of the most outrageous, and most unheard of alternatives, one in which has been in development since the 70s (13-20 years before most of you were born, probably), is water.

“Hydrogen has the potential to revolutionize transportation and, possibly, our entire energy system,” the Energy report claims.

“The simplest and most abundant element in the universe, hydrogen, can be produced from fossil fuels and biomass and even by electrolyzing water. Producing hydrogen with renewable energy and using it in fuel cell vehicles holds the promise of virtually pollution-free transportation and independence from imported petroleum.”

Hasn’t it become obvious that if these practical, rational, and logical solutions to the fuel-scare crisis haven’t been implemented yet, that it’s the desire for corporate America to get as much profit as it can while forcing you to pay considerable amounts of money in order to fuel your car?

It’s okay though, we should be drilling for more fossil fuels in Alaska, and off the coast of our own state, within the next 5-10 years. Cheers for American ingenuity.

Future of Fuel:
Rising prices

By Carlos Minet
Valencia Voice

The price of oil is up again
And we all sit idly by
While they all take advantage of us
And bleed us out bone dry

We aren’t asking any questions
Other than a complaint now and again
Like, “Oh it’s so expensive now”
Or, “Remember how cheap it was then?”

The time has come for action
We must rally one and all
We must have our voices heard
We must stand together tall

We must demand some answers
We must push on together strong
We must request investigation
Because what’s being done is wrong

Some people out there benefit
By charging an arm and leg
Do we have to suffer for that to happen
Do you want us to beg?

Well we won’t we’re stronger than that
We’ll figure out a way
We’ll find out the problem and solve it
We’ll make it like back in the day

Back when oil and gas were affordable
A way that we all liked
Before it became so expensive
That we had to start riding bikes

Are we saying it’s impossible
That the price needs to be this high
Or are we saying that it’s ridiculous
Without us knowing why

All we want is to put our minds at ease
Just give us an explanation
So we can finally have some comfort
When we pull into the gas station

Technology:
Going digital

By Carlos Minet
Valencia Voice

All throughout the time of man
We continue to evolve
Be it with ourselves or technology
There’s no problem we can’t solve

We create new devices
To make our lives more fun
When it comes to better our lives
The chore is never done

Now once again we’ve changed the world
By creating new TV
We’re off VHS and even Analog
And now have digital, Blue Ray, and DVD

We’re slowly pulling away from the past

So everyone should get on board
If you’re TV doesn’t have digital compatibility
Then head to your local store

For soon your component will be obsolete
The Cable Companies are changing ways
We aren’t talking a matter of years here
We’re talking months, weeks, days

You and your TV are out dated
Don’t let the past cloud up your mind
If you don’t roll with the punches
You’re gonna get left behind

So don’t be so set in your ways
There’s more out there to see
And have a seat on your couch tonight
To watch your new digital TV

Opinion:
Analog vs. Digital

By Frank Tobin
Valencia Voice

The tides are changing; the sun seems like it’s no longer setting in the west; dogs and cats are living harmoniously together; regular cable television is being “upgraded” to digital. Do you feel the shifting of the winds?

Starting this year, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is ordering TV stations to accelerate their notifications to their customer base in order to better prepare them for the inevitable switch to digital cable.

The change only affects those who rely on broadcast signals and use an antenna; it doesn’t affect cable or satellite customers.

According to an AP report, The FCC order says that:

Broadcasters must provide on-air information about the digital television (DTV) transition.

Broadcasters must issue reports on these efforts on a quarterly basis.

Multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) must provide monthly notices about the DTV transition in their customer billing statements.

Manufacturers of television receivers and related devices must provide notice to consumers of the transition’s impact on that equipment.

DTV.gov partners must provide the Commission with regular updates on consumer education efforts.

Telecommunications companies participating in the Low Income Federal Universal Service Program must provide monthly notices to their low-income customers and potential customers.

What does this overload of seemingly non-sensical information mean for the average consumer? If you’ve got rabbit ears on your television set, then you have 347 days to pack them away and say goodbye.

On Feb. 17, 2009, the official death-date of traditional analog cable, all television stations in the United States will officially switch from said outdated analog to digital broadcasting. For some, this means changes will need to be made in order to continue watching television.

Oh the humanity!
Things aren’t all bad in the Land of Popsicles and Rainbows that is television broadcasting, though.

This switch signals a push in modern technology; allowing us, the common people, to have the opportunity to see our favorite shows in a high definition format, if we so choose. That’s right, now we can see the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 struggle to get un-“Lost” in crystal clear picture; or Jack Bauer kick terrorist butt in “24” while staring at his magnificent 5 o’clock shadow in stunning HD; or the “perkiness” of those “Desperate Housewives” in ample picture quality.

The latter of course being interesting mainly to the more male of us, but the point remains the same.

The future is here.

If all this went over your head, or if you crave more sensory information, a public relations representative at the FCC offered detailed answers to our most pressing questions in a statement released to the AP.

What is digital television?

Digital television enables broadcasters to offer better picture and sound quality. All TV stations air digital programming, but they’ll make the full transition in 2009.

Why the switch?

To allow the broadcast spectrum to be used for other important services, such as public safety and advanced wireless services.

Do you have to buy a new TV?

All televisions made after March 1, 2007, are required to have a digital tuner.

However, retailers may continue selling analog TVs from existing inventory, meaning consumers could purchase a set not prepared for the switch to digital.

The FCC is requiring retailers to post notices letting consumers know whether the TVs they sell will require a digital-to-analog converter box.

For more information, visit www.dtv.gov or call (888) 225-5322.

Using antenna?

If you have an analog television that relies on antennas (including outside antennas and “rabbit ears”), you will need to buy a separate digital-to-analog converter box.

The converter boxes can be purchased at major retail stores for about \$50 to \$70. You will need one for

each television set.

You can request up to two \$40 coupons to assist with the purchases through March 31, 2009, by calling the aforementioned number or going online to www.dtv2009.gov.

The coupons expire in 90 days.

Is digital the same as High Definition?

No. High-definition TV, or HDTV, is only one format of digital TV. It provides the highest resolution and picture quality of all broadcast formats.

Caught up yet? It can be arduous, but an eventual change was bound to occur. Granted, this does mean more money out of your pocket, however the federal government is willing to work with those of lesser income, as mentioned above.

The time is now to join the future. We may not have those flying cars that were promised to us in the 80s, but at least we get to see our most beautiful celebrities in a digital format. And in our culture, isn’t that what’s most imperative?

Gay teen brutally murdered by peer

Disgusted Brandon McInerney charged with the murder of gay classmate Lawrence King

By Paul Pringle and Catherine Saillant
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—For teenagers living in a shelter for abused and neglected children, school can provide a daily dose of normalcy, a place to fit in, a chance to be just another kid.

It didn't turn out that way for Lawrence King.

According to the few students who befriended him, Larry, 15 years old and openly gay, found no refuge from his tormentors at E.O. Green Junior High School.

Not in the classroom, the quad, the cafeteria. Not from the day he enrolled at the school in Oxnard, about 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles, until the moment he was shot to death in a computer lab, just after his usual morning van ride from the shelter a town away.

The 14-year-old accused of murdering him, Brandon McInerney, had his own troubled home life when he was younger, with his parents accusing each other of drug addiction and physical assaults, court records show. The year before Brandon was born, his father allegedly shot the boy's mother in the arm, shattering her elbow, the records say.

Now, as the Feb. 12 killing of Larry King continues to draw attention, world, students, parents are others wonder if red flags in the boys' circumstances and backgrounds had been missed and if more could have been done to avert the tragedy.

"The question needs to be answered," said Ventura County Supervisor John Flynn, whose district includes E.O. Green. "It really bothers me a lot."

The anti-gay taunts and slurs that Larry endured from his male peers apparently had been constant, as routine for him as math lessons and recess bells. The stinging words were isolating. As friend Melissa Reza, 15, put it, Larry lived much of his life "toward the side ... he was always toward the side."

She and others recall that the name-calling had begun long before he told his small circle of confidants that he was gay, before problems at home made him a ward of the court and before he summoned the courage to further assert his sexual orientation by wearing makeup and girls' boots with his school uniform.

His friends say the verbal cruelty had persisted for months and grew

worse after slightly built Larry pushed back by "flirting" with some of his mockers. One of them was Brandon, who seethed over it, friends say.

Brandon has been charged as an adult with premeditated murder and a hate crime and is being held in juvenile hall.

For about a decade, the household of William and Kendra McInerney, Brandon's parents, had been in turmoil. The 1993 shooting incident led to William's conviction on discharging a firearm and a 120-day jail sentence, according to court records.

William McInerney was addicted to prescription drugs, Kendra said in a court declaration. She said he repeatedly choked her on one occasion, when Brandon was 6. The father was sentenced, after that incident, to 10 days in jail for battery.

The mother's home was the neighborhood "drug house," with people passed out in the front room, William alleged in a 2001 court declaration. He also said that his wife "back handed" Brandon and scratched the boy's chest. In 2003, the year after they divorced, Kendra pleaded no contest to being under the influence of a narcotic and was ordered into a treatment program.

After his parents broke up, Brandon bounced between their homes in Oxnard, before settling several years ago at his father's residence near E.O. Green. Prosecutors say the handgun allegedly used to kill Larry came from the McInerney house.

William and Kendra McInerney declined to be interviewed. Brandon's attorney also declined to comment.

Friends and adult acquaintances say they are still struggling to make sense of the crime Brandon is charged with, especially given the cold-blooded nature of the killing: two shots to the head in an attack carried out at 8:30 a.m. on a Tuesday in a roomful of youngsters unpacking their books and calculators.

Some students say Brandon, tall and strong for his age, was one of the "cool" kids and could be unfriendly.

"If you weren't part of that group, it was like you didn't exist," said Erin Mings, 12. "He was a real jerk."

But others say he was mostly even-tempered and devoted to his studies and athletics. He seemed to be on a quest for discipline and role models, spending free time in martial-arts training and the Young Marines, an education and service program that stresses character building. "I've seen kids and I've thought, 'God, I hope he doesn't grow up and mug me someday,'" said Brandon's martial-arts instructor, Dana Charvet, who had just finished a class at his storefront studio in Port Hueneme. "Brandon was not one of those kids. With him, it was always, 'Yes sir, no sir.'"

But Charvet said Brandon had difficulties at school. The boy had asked him months ago how he should deal with "some guys who were messing with him." Brandon offered no details and never mentioned Larry, Charvet said.

"I said, 'Tell your dad or talk to the principal,'" Charvet related.

Earlier this year, some of Brandon's classmates say, Larry began "hitting" on him and remarking for all to hear that he thought Brandon was "cute." Other boys then ribbed Brandon by saying he must be gay.

Michael Sweeney, an eighth-grader at E.O. Green, picked up on the whispering that followed.

"Brandon told this one girl that he was going to kill Larry," Michael said. "She didn't tell the principal. I didn't either, after I heard about it. I thought

it was a joke."

Larry was shot the next day.

Lawrence King was born Jan. 13, 1993, at Ventura County Medical Center. He was adopted by Gregory and Dawn King, and he had three brothers and a sister.

His parents declined to be interviewed.

The family has established a Web site in his memory, with a photo gallery that shows Larry throughout his childhood -- on his first plane ride, getting a haircut, dressed as the Great Pumpkin for Halloween. Hundreds of sympathetic comments have been posted.

There is little of his parents on the Web site, which says that a memorial fund for Larry has been set up by his younger brother.

Larry had been removed from his home at some point in the past six months or so, friends and others say. Citing the privacy laws, county officials have not disclosed the reasons for his placement at Casa Pacifica in Camarillo. His friends say he rarely spoke about his family and would appear uncomfortable when others talked about theirs.

"Every time somebody would say something about their family, he would get this weird look in his eye, like he was being left out," said Melissa Reza, the 15-year-old who met Larry during the last school year.

She said Larry would not tell her why he was living at Casa Pacifica and would "put his head down and look sad" when she asked.

"He said he had fun there, but it never really felt like home," she added.

Judy Webber, who heads Ventura County's child and family services agency, said the shelter is typically used as a temporary quarters while social workers try to either reunite children with their families, arrange for them to live with other relatives or find them foster homes.

Webber said social workers and the shelter staff -- Casa Pacifica is a private nonprofit that the county contracts with -- keep an ear tuned for any distress at school, but the system isn't foolproof.

"Sometimes things happen at school that we don't know about," she said.

Larry's friends offer differing accounts of whether he had complained to teachers about the taunting. Some say he had decided not to report it, fearing that he would be branded a "rat" and suffer the consequences.

"They used to bug him a lot, pick on him -- 'Hey you, gay kid ... want to wear lipstick?'" Vanessa Ramirez, 15, said of Larry's belittlers. "He'd start crying. ... He didn't want to tell the teachers, because they'd start picking on him more."

But 13-year-old Mark Reyes said Larry did go to teachers for help.


"A lot of teachers knew stuff was going on," Reyes said. " ... I guess they just didn't want to be involved."

Not so, says Jerry Dannenberg, superintendent of the Hueneme School District. The E.O. Green staff did come to Larry's aid, including in the days before he was killed, after they had learned of an altercation between him and Brandon.

"They had been doing a lot of counseling and a lot of work with him," Dannenberg said of Larry. "There have been a number of different people working with the young men, but I can't go into specifics about what was going on."

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California court hears arguments on same-sex marriage

By Josh Richman
Contra Costa Times

SAN FRANCISCO—Attorneys argued for and against same-sex marriage for three hours Tuesday before the Supreme Court of California, the final public airing of the constitutional issues before the state’s highest court issues what’s sure to be a bellwether decision for the rest of the nation.

The plaintiffs, a collection of same-sex couples and advocacy groups plus the city and county of San Francisco, which ratcheted up the rhetoric in this debate by issuing marriage licenses to same-

sex couples in 2004, only to see them voided by this very court, argued California law’s ban violates their equal-protection rights and has no rational purpose.

“You have to look at what’s behind the tradition, what’s the purpose of the tradition and does that purpose still make sense today,” San Francisco Chief Deputy City Attorney Therese Stewart told the seven justices.

Associate Justice Carol Corrigan seemed pre-occupied with whether the court should act while democracy runs its course through legislation and voter initiatives, but Shannon Minter, legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, insisted “it’s ultimately a constitutional question for

this court to decide.”

Later, questioned by Associate Justice Joyce Kennard, Minter argued same-sex couples’ fundamental right to marry has always been there, and only now is it being recognized. “It’s that awakening where the evolution takes place,” he said.

The respondents, the state and two conservative groups, claim there is no right to same-sex marriage, and that California’s citizens and lawmakers should define marriage, not the courts.

The definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman “has stood the test of time,” said California Senior Assistant Attorney General Christopher Krueger, rejecting comparison of this case to the 1948 case in which the state

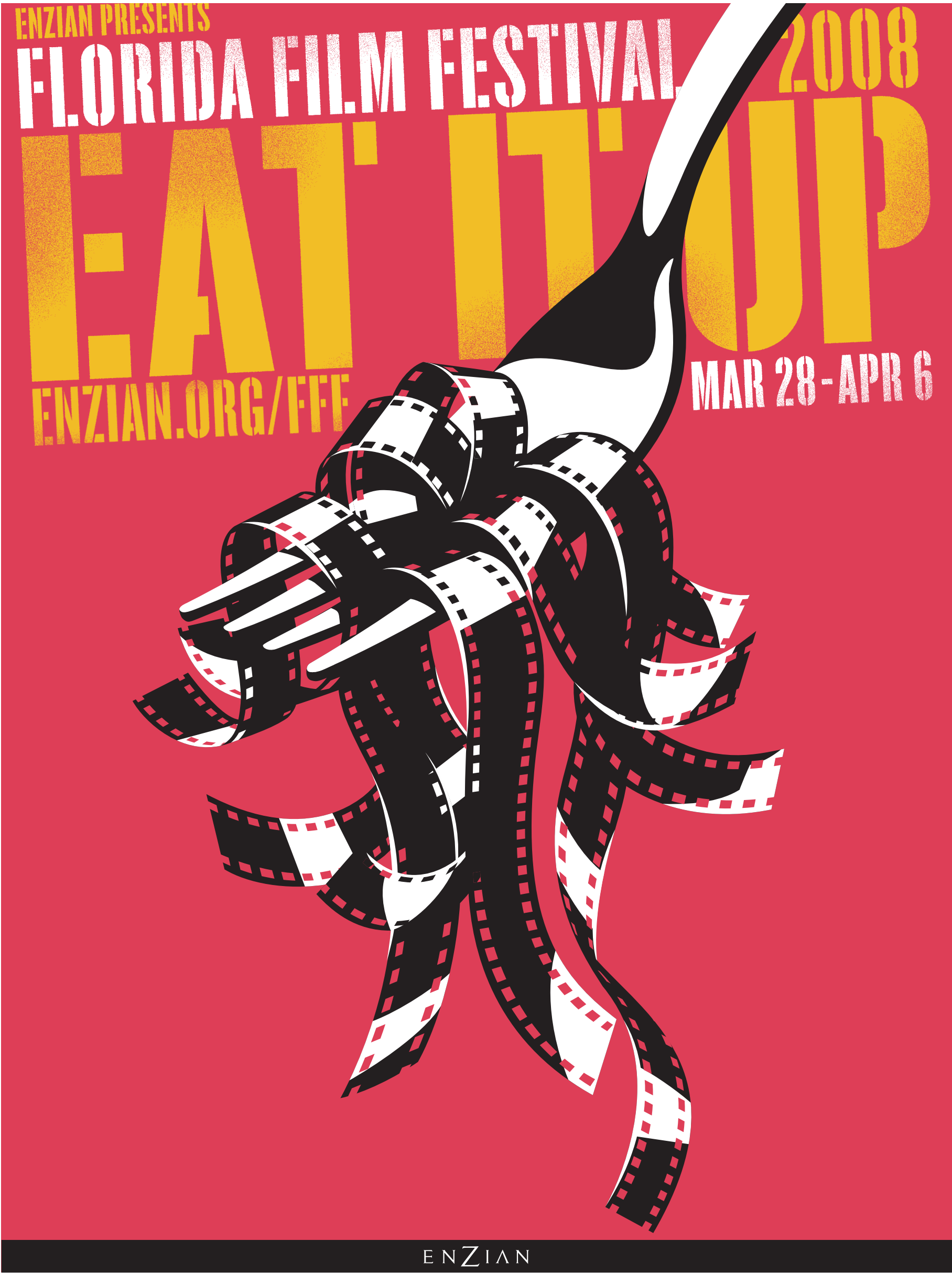
Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional the ban on interracial marriage. Domestic partnership rights conferred under state laws passed since this case began have eliminated the gap between same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples, he argued.

“Counsel, are you saying separate is equal here?” asked Associate Justice Carolos Moreno, referencing the standard struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court when it ended segregation in public schools.

“These are separate institutions.. There is equality,” Krueger replied.

The court will issue a ruling within 90 days.

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Bush's peace deal falls apart after school siege

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in Gaza that killed more than 100 Palestinians.

"There will always be someone who will avenge Palestinian blood," Munir Masri, a Hamas member of the Palestinian legislature, told Al Aqsa television after the attack.

Though the name of the killer at the school wasn't released, Israeli government officials said he lived in East Jerusalem, which suggests that he was an Arab.

The attack was the deadliest in Jerusalem since Feb. 22, 2004, when a suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus, killing eight people and wounding 60 others.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas both denounced the shooting, and negotiators on both sides said the attack shouldn't derail the effort to revive peace talks.

The shooting came little more than 24 hours after U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in Jerusalem on a diplomatic rescue mission that achieved limited success.

Earlier this week, Abbas cut off talks with Israel to protest the death toll in Gaza. After conferring with Rice, he agreed to resume the talks, but didn't say when they'd begin again.

While the motivation for the attack wasn't immediately clear, the school may have been targeted because of its historic status as a cornerstone for the religious settlement movement that opposes giving up land in the West Bank as part of a peace deal with the Palestinians.

Founded in 1924, the Yeshiva is one of Israel's elite religious schools, and has more than 500 students.

Frustrated, angry and emotional Israelis gathered outside the school, chanting "Death to Arabs" and "Olmert's to blame."

Witnesses said the gunman walked into the unguarded open courtyard outside the five-story concrete school shortly after 8:30 p.m. as students were preparing to celebrate the start of Adar, considered the most festive month in the Jewish calendar.

Dressed in street clothes, the man pulled a Kalashnikov assault rifle from a bag and started shooting.

Ariel Delarosa was in the school library with dozens of other students when he heard the shooting. While some thought it was fireworks to celebrate the holiday, Delarosa and others barricaded themselves inside rooms of the library.

"We could hear the shooting and the screams of the wounded and dead," said Delarosa.

As police and rescue workers rushed to the scene, witnesses said the shooter opened fire on the street.

By the time the shooter was killed, eight people were dead and nine were wounded.

Police immediately declared alerts across the nation and announced plans to bring in extra security Friday to oversee weekly Muslim prayers in Jerusalem's Old City.

Even before Thursday's shooting, Israel was bracing for problems at Friday prayers because of expected protests against the deaths in Gaza.

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Photo by Erich Schlegel, Dallas Morning News / MCT Campus
Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama and his wife Michelle greet supporters at the Texas Primary rally in San Antonio, Texas, on March 4.

Recount for Florida, Michigan delegates

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the contest's date was moved up by the Republican-controlled state Legislature and the state's Republican governor.

"They clearly believed that their votes would count, and I think that there has to be a way to make them count," Clinton said.

Florida Governor Charlie Crist, has weighed in heavily on our state's issue with the newest voting faux pas; one that comes eight years after the Presidential election foul-up in 2000.

The national Democratic party stripped Florida and Michigan of their delegates after the two states moved up the dates of their primary elections.

Crist is not ruling out the possibility of a Democratic primary do-over, which would cost millions of dollars.

Crist says, "I want the next president to be a Republican. But I feel for my fellow Floridians who are Democrats and their voice should be heard as much as anybody else's. I'm the governor for all of the people of Florida and I want to make sure that democracy matters. And that whether you're a Republican,

Democrat or Independent, if you live in Florida, I want to make sure that your vote counts."

In terms of where Barack Obama stands on the issue, a simple analysis of the delegate count could show how he should feel regarding the possible recount in Florida and Michigan.

According to RealClearPolitics.com Barack Obama currently has 1,573 total delegates to 1,464 for Hillary Clinton. Add in Michigan (128) and Florida (185) and suddenly 313 more delegates are up for grabs. If Hillary wins both of these states by 12-point margins, 56-44, this would give her approximately 165 delegates to 148 for Barack Obama, a net gain of 17.

That would place Barack Obama at 1,721 to 1,629 for Hillary Clinton.

And if Obama receives the 50 pledged delegates by the end of this week that would put him at approximately 1,771.

To win the democratic nomination, the would-be candidate needs 2,025.

Time will soon tell how the rest of the states vote, and who the Democratic nomination will be.

Bomber mystifies NYC

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the letter, though he said it "never made it to my desk." He said an intern opened it and set it aside because it came from California, not from his constituency.

Ackerman said authorities assured him the letter was a coincidence, and he estimated its odds at "a million to one times a million to one."

Meanwhile, officials also downplayed a car stop at the U.S.-Canadian border last month that had been investigated as a potential lead.

Police did said Friday that a royal blue Ross 10-speed bicycle found in the trash at East 38th Street and Madison Avenue less than four hours after the explosion is the same one used by the bomber. They released a photo of the bike in the hopes other witnesses will step forward. A superintendent at a commercial building called police after finding it, though at first he did not realize its potential importance and nearly gave it to a homeless man, another worker at the building said.

A second photo that captures the bomber from behind as he nears the spot where he dumped the bike, was also released. That photo, lifted from surveillance video at 420 Fifth Ave., shows the bomber on the bike wearing a hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

Two other bombing cases bear remarkable similarities — an attack on the Mexican consulate in October and

a British consulate bombing in May 2005.

Police sources said black powder appears to have been used in the latest explosion, the same material used in the prior two bombings.

Police spent a good portion of early Friday looking for anyone who is usually in Times Square when the blast happened. They handed out fliers, one touting a \$12,000 reward for information that helps crack the case, and they questioned taxi drivers.

By late morning, the recruitment center, among the most well-known in the country, was open for business. The Army Corp of Engineers replaced the damaged front door. A large banner hung above it: "Are You Army Strong?"

Another sign, handwritten in red, set a defiant tone: "Open For Business."

"It sends a message that we just don't give up," said Army Sgt. James Latella, who runs the station.

On a typical day, about five to 10 people will stop in to inquire about joining the military. Friday appeared to be no different, he said.

Among those was Erica Randall, a teen who has been talking with a recruiter about joining the Army. The explosion did not scare her off, she said. "I just think it was pointless," said Randall, 17.

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Surgery halts music-induced seizures

By Rhoda Amon
Newsday

NEW YORK — Stacey Gayle of Queens loved reggae. Hip-hop was cool, too. And she loved to sing alto in the Saddle Rock Tabernacle Choir.

One problem: Her beloved music was giving her epileptic seizures.

The seizures, which started when she was 21, were getting more frequent and unpredictable, sometimes as many as 10 a day. On a Queens

bus, surrounded by people with iPods, she caught the vibes and had a seizure. Finally she took her misery to the Comprehensive Epileptic Center at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park.

It was small comfort to learn that she was one of only five people in the world known to suffer from musicogenic epilepsy -- seizures triggered by music. Almost on the verge of suicide, Gayle submitted to brain surgery.

But it wasn't easy. To pinpoint the seizure-causing location, Dr. Ashesh Mehta, director of epi-

lepsy surgery, had to first obtain an image of Gayle's brain activity before a seizure, then induce a seizure and get another study after it. Here Gayle had the answer. Listening to the song, "Temperature" by Sean Paul, a Jamaican dancehall artist, had triggered seizures in the past.

Two minutes into "Temperature" on her iPod, the electrodes placed on her scalp showed she was having a seizure. Doctors quickly injected a radioactive tracer that flowed to the abnormal area of the brain.

A follow-up PET (positron emission tomog-

raphy) scan revealed a small part on the right side of the brain, called the mesial temporal lobe, where the seizure originated.

Dr. Alan B. Ettinger, chief of the hospital's epilepsy division and one of the country's leading authorities on the disorder, said removal of the abnormal area should result in "better brain functioning."

The abnormal area acts like an electrical system gone awry, sending out wild signals to the rest of the brain, he said.

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‘10,000 B.C.’ takes viewers on pre-historic joyride

By **Jordan Keyes**
Valencia Voice

“10,000 B.C.” is most definitely the greatest caveman epic in history. This isn’t saying much because the number of caveman epics can be counted on half of one hand, but all joking aside, it’s actually a good movie.

Gone is the typical image of the grunting, half-witted club-toter—this is a cave-man with a heart. The story follows D’leh,

a member of a tribe of mammoth-hunters whose existence is threatened by the dwindling food supply and a mysterious pack of four-legged demons that have been prophesied for years.

Steven Strait is D’leh, the son of one of the mightiest hunters in the tribe. He struggles with the fact that his father abandoned him and his tribe in their hour of need. D’leh spends most of the film trying to prove that he is worthy of following in his father’s footsteps as a hunter and as a man.

When a vicious band of foreign horsemen capture most of D’leh’s people, including the apple of his eye, Evolet, played by Camilla Belle, he leads a small band of men to return his people to their rightful home.

This is where the film takes off. D’leh and his followers trek across vast, breathtaking landscapes in search of their people; from snowy mountain tops to dense jungles, the film’s settings are beautiful and fierce, a perfect representation of the time in which this story takes place.

One of the films biggest selling points is that it features some of the coolest CGI beasts to grace the screen since “The Lord of the Rings” trilogy. No there are no dinosaurs, since, according to most scientists, they had died out long before man walked the earth, but there are amazingly rendered woolly mammoths and many other CGI creatures that are just as impressive.

The storyline, while not all that original, is epic and personal, a daunting feat for a big-budget film like this one. Amazingly, the huge (and I mean huge) animals

and huge backdrops do not overshadow the individual character development. Still, this movie comes hard with the thrills, particularly the mammoth hunt scene and a sequence that takes place in the jungle, which brings an action film element that is sure to please.

None of the performances are particularly remarkable, but each of the actors

“Gone is the typical image of the grunting, half-witted club-toter... This is a caveman with heart.”

(mostly unknowns) carries the story along very well. And, whether her performance is Oscar-worthy or not, Camilla Belle looks fantastic covered in prehistoric dirt or dressed in a ceremonial gown.

The movie is surprisingly

clean. No profanity (maybe early man didn’t know any four-letter words), no sex (they probably knew how to do that), and minimal gore. Yet, the movie maintains an intensity that keeps it from feeling like a kiddy film.

Now it’s time to get down to the nitty-gritty. This film is definitely worth the money and more. It’s been a while since a historical fiction epic has been relevant and exciting at the same time. Massive in scale, “10,000 B.C.” is a stone-aged roller coaster that is as impressive as it is enjoyable. Who knew pre-history could be so much fun?



Paramount Vantage

Protagonist, D’leh (Steven Strait), shrinks back in fear of the one of many CGI beasts in 10,000 B.C., the sabertoothed tiger.

Murder by Death singer preaches redemption

By **Kevin Norris**
Valencia Voice

When lead singer/guitarist of Murder by Death, Adam Turla, described his band’s new release “Red of Tooth and Claw” as “Homer’s Odyssey of revenge, only without the honorable character at the center,” I was more than ecstatic for the bloodcurdling melodies, profound harmonies, and menacing vocals that laid ahead.

“Red of Tooth and Claw”, produced by Grammy-winning Trina Shoemaker, encompasses 11 tracks that will take you on an “upbeat and aggressive” journey “centered around travel and revenge,” according to Turla.

Turla’s vocals reach new heights with a haunting swagger that resembles Johnny Cash throughout the entire album. Turla shows his versatility with the opening line on “Comin’ Home,” in which he snatches the song by the throat and never let’s go. Cellist Sarah Balliet, has never sounded as eloquently dramatic as she does on “Comin’ Home,” and throughout. Balliet’s electric cello playing has become a recognizable staple of the band’s music as it compliments the lush guitars and sinister vocals of Turla.

Both “Ball and Chain” and “Rum Brave” are the two fiery tracks that rely greatly on distorted guitars and higher melodies from Turla, as well as a powerful rhythm section provided by Balliet’s cello, bassist Matt Armstrong and the ruthless drumming of percussionist Dagan Thogerson.

The first single “Fuego!” stands out as the most outlandish track on “Red of Tooth and Claw;” the tenderly plucked chords, the reverb on Turla’s voice, and the one-dimensional beats all mingle together to produce an austere atmosphere of desire and lust. “Fuego!” is followed by the instrumental “Theme (For Ennio Morricone)” that feels like it belongs in a John Wayne western. The instrumental track genuinely surges into the tranquil “A Second Opinion,” a song about the desolation of life while on the run from the law and love.

The somber ambiance is lifted with the two faster-paced tracks, “Steal Away” and

“52 Ford.” Each song tells a story of a character on the run from a troubling demon, while Balliet’s elegant cello playing intertwines between the heavy rage of bass notes and fast guitar lines.

The entire album of “Red of Tooth and Claw” proposes the idea that there is a common brutality to life, especially in the finale “Spring Break 1899,” where Turla reinforces this notion. Told through the style of a 1950s song, Turla sings about a man trying to remember his drunken rampage from the previous night. Halfway through the 6-minute song, his vocals hit a peak of intensity, proving that Murder By Death can always end their albums on a high note.

After receiving a press release of “Red of Tooth and Claw” I was given the opportunity to interview lead singer/guitarist Adam Turla:

1.First off, I have listened to the new album over and over again since I received the press release, and I think it is perhaps your best to date. As a band how do you guys rank this among your previous albums?

ADAM: I am the most excited about it because I think it has some of the strengths of each of our albums. The production is at its best, I finally settled into my singing voice, and there are some songs I am really proud of. I just hope people want to hear what we are doing!

2.Are there any songs on the new album that you are particularly proud of?

ADAM: “Comin’ Home” is one of my favorites we have ever done, “Black Spot” feels like an old murder by death song that has been improved upon, and “Ball and Chain” is a riot to play live.

3.I read somewhere that you guys got your name from Neil Simon’s murder mystery. Have any other movies influenced your music in any way? If not, what movies are you guys into right now?

ADAM: I’ve loved the films of Terry Gilliam since I was a child. The adventures of

Baron Munchausen and time bandits were a major influence. Current favorites are of course “No Country for Old Men” but also “Big Trouble in Little China” and pretty much anything by Werner Hertzog.

4.What have been the band’s major progressions, both live and on the albums, dating back to when you were known as Little Joe Gould?

ADAM: We have tried to do something different with each release. This doesn’t please everybody, as some people are used to a band sounding the same until they break up. We prefer to try different things with each song, and once we feel like we got it right, move on. “Like the Exorcist..” had some great instrumentals, “Who Will Survive...” had a sinister feeling of dread throughout, “In Bocca” was an anthology of songs linked by themes and a more low key brooding feeling, and “Red of Tooth and Claw” is a more upbeat and aggressive album centered around travel and revenge.

5.Geoff Rickly discovered and helped get you guys signed to Eyeball Records, have you guys kept in touch with him since he provided guest vocals on “Killbot 2000?” If so, do you have any plans musically, tour wise, to reunite with Thursday?

ADAM: No plans but we try to keep up occasionally. We played some shows together in January of 2007 for the first time in a few years. He is a passionate music listener and really seems to know about every band.

6.Have there been any significant changes since moving over from your own record label, Tent Show, to Vagrant?

ADAM: Actually not really! Hopefully having Vagrant on board will give the album a boost so its a little easier to put food on the table.

7.What’s the reason behind the title “Red of Tooth and Claw,” and how does it relate to the album?

ADAM: Sarah chose it. There is a theme on the new album of man being a brutal animal and she saw a link between the Tennyson quote and the album. Plus it sounds awesome.

8.What have been the band’s non-musical influences while writing and recording the new album?

ADAM: For myself I owe a lot to what I call “the holy trinity” of authors, John Steinbeck, Ernest Hemingway, and Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

9.Your previous albums have all had their own unique style, if there was one main theme/concept to be taken away from the new album, what would it be and why?

ADAM: I guess it would be that humans have the capacity to be cruel and brutal creatures, and sometimes even, revel in their animality but we always have a choice to adapt, that is also in our nature. Sounds a little heavy, I know, but we try to make it a rock album that has deeper meanings for those who choose to look.

10. “Holy Lord,” “Shawshank Redemption is Such a Good Movie,” “End of the Line,” “The Devil Drives” and now “Spring Break 1899” are all perfect songs to conclude an album. What sort of inspiration do you look for when writing a song to finalize an album? Is there a message in a final song that you are trying to get across before the closing line? If so what was the ultimate message for “Spring Break 1899?”

ADAM: There is always a simmer-down after the climax, and I like the last song of an album to have both the climax and the moment of rest afterwards. It makes you feel like you have finished something when you listen to an album. In a time when singles seem to make bands more successful than albums, we try to make a comprehensive story where the whole album is relevant. Spring break 1899 is about the desire to do good after doing years of bad deeds.

SPORTS

Sharks fall to Detroit at home, Milwaukee on road



The Sharks run over to the bench to celebrate a goal during Friday’s contest against the Ignition.

Wayne Sysock/OrlandoSharks.com

By Steven Ryzewski
Valencia Voice

The Orlando Sharks fell to the Detroit Ignition Friday evening, 13-6.

A solid defensive effort was no match for the Ignitions potent offense and solid defense, as the Sharks fell to 3 and 22 for the season.

The Sharks were able to keep the Ignition at bay for a majority of the first half, but were unable to get their own offense going against such an experienced defensive front, one which concentrated specifically on containing the Sharks Shawn Boney.

“Boney. Boney was a big part of the plan.

We’d double team him whenever we could,” said Ignition goalie Tomer Chencinski in regards to the Detroit game plan for the Sharks.

The Sharks kept the contest close in the beginning, trailing only 2-0 after the first quarter, and only 4-0 at the half, courtesy of goals by Johnathan Greenfield and Vahid Assadpour, respectively.

However, the second half would start off with a bang for the Ignition. It took all of two minutes for the Ignition to get the ball rolling in the second half, with Ryan Mack scoring a goal and extending the Ignitions’ lead to six.

An even bigger dagger came a few minutes later when Kyt Selaidopoulos of Detroit scored

the lone three-point goal of the game. The score at this point was 9-0.

“Defensively it wasn’t bad. We only gave up two goals in the first half. But going forward we weren’t able to capitalize,” said Sharks coach Jake Dancy.

The Sharks got on the board near the end of the third quarter on a goal by Felipe Lawall, the rookie out of West Florida.

The Sharks scored twice more in the fourth on goals by Jorge Valle and Chris Cerroni, but it would not be enough to counter the two additional goals by the Ignition, leaving the score as time expired Orlando 6, Detroit 13.

Although the Sharks played well, especially in regards to defense, against one of the MISL’s premier teams. Detroit is currently in a tie for first place with Milwaukee for the league’s best record. However, once again it was lack of offensive production that doomed the effort.

“We would make one or two passes but wouldn’t be able to make the final pass or that final attempt at the goal,” said Dancy. “They have a great team, they really do. And that shows by where they are in the standings and where they finished last year.”

In addition to playing the Ignition, the Sharks got to travel to Milwaukee and play their first-place counterparts, the Wave, on Sunday.

The short rest between games against premiere MISL teams was reflected in the 21-4 outcome of Sunday’s contest in Milwaukee.

THE RUNDOWN

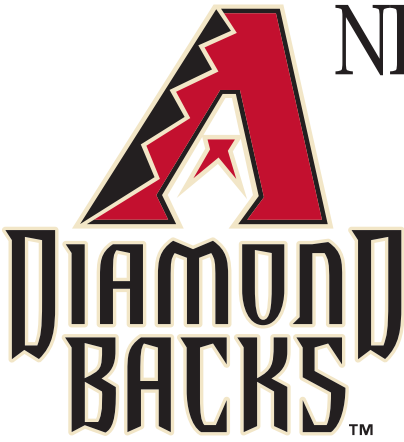
What’s Coming Up in Sports

Week of March 12 through March 19
NBA Basketball



Sunday, March 17
Cleveland Cavaliers @ Orlando Magic
Amway Arena
7 p.m.
TV- Sun Sports HD
Radio- 580 AM
Storyline- LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers come to the Amway for this Monday night Eastern Conference special. With both teams jockeying for playoff seeding expect a sell-out crowd and a playoff-like atmosphere as Dwight and the rest of the Magic prepare for a postseason run.

Diamond Backs and Rockies NL’s new big rivalry?



By Jack Magruder
East Valley Tribune (Mesa, Ariz.)

TUCSON, Ariz.- The last two teams standing in the National League last season, the Diamondbacks and Colorado, have the look of long-term rivals.

That is the D-Backs’ sense, anyway, after they opened their 2008 Cactus League spring training season Thursday the way the 2007 National League championship series never could have ended, in a 5-5 tie at Tucson Electric Park that was called after nine innings because split-squad Colorado exhausted its pitching.

“People looked at the Yankees and the BoSox (Boston) for years in the past and are still looking at them,” D-Backs second baseman Orlando Hudson said.

“Now you have the Diamondbacks and Rockies, two young teams that are going head to head. You look at the lineups, we match up pretty much around the horn. You watch a lot of these guys ... like, wow, for both teams.

“The people on the East Coast might stay up a little later to watch the Diamondbacks and the Rockies.”

The D-Backs and Rockies have created contenders in the same image, with young, mostly homegrown talent weaned in the major leagues.

The D-Backs made the bigger offseason move this year, bringing in Dan Haren, but other than that, the teams seemed satisfied to massage their rosters after winning 90 games apiece.

If a rivalry does spring from familiarity, it’s about time. The teams have trained in Tucson since 1998, and after six yearly exhibition games they play six series against each other in the regular season.

“We play them so many times, here in spring and during the season, of course rivalries are going to occur,” said D-Backs first baseman Conor Jackson, who had two hits Thursday. “I don’t

think we have a rival, like Los Angeles or San Fran. I don’t think Colorado has a rival. So why not make it both of us?”

“We’ll see,” Arizona manager Bob Melvin said. “It’s a natural.”

The youngest of the D-Backs helped them overcome a 4-0 deficit in the seventh inning. Gerardo Parra had rally-starting singles in the seventh and eighth innings, and Emilio Bonifacio drove in a run in each inning, including the tie-breaking single for a 5-4 lead in the eighth.

Colorado tied it in the ninth when Jaiel Peguero hit Jeff Baker on the first pitch he saw with two outs and the bases loaded to tie the game at 5-5.

“We have two good, young teams with a lot of great pitching. Young pitching. Good hitters,” Hudson said.

“You have guys like (Jeff) Francis and (Brandon) Webb. We have Randy (Johnson), Dan Haren. They have Aaron Cook. There are definitely going to be some battles going on for the whole season.”



Micah Owings, who started Game 4 of the NLCS in Colorado, gave up two runs in two innings and estimated he threw 10 or so change-ups among his 46 pitches. He struck out Willy Taveras with a change-up to end the second inning.

Asked if he hoped to incorporate that into his repertoire, Owings said, “I don’t hope. I know I’m going to do it. It’s just getting a feel for it now.

“It will complement the rest of my stuff and keep hitters off balance a little more.”

Melvin noted Owings is throwing his change-up more slowly than he did last season, and it is more deceptive because it is 10 or 11 mph slower than his fastball.

“That’s going to be important for him- when your fastball and slider are pretty close in speed,” Melvin said, “To have something that is a little bit slower is important for him.”



Remaining Schedule-

Friday March 14
@Detroit
Ignition

Sunday March 23
vs. Milwaukee
Wave

Sunday March 30
@ California
Cougars

Saturday April 5
vs. Chicago
Storm

Tragedia que ha dejado a miles de personas sin hogar

Las aguas emergen en Ecuador

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BABAHOYO, Ecuador - La tragedia de miles de personas que han perdido todo y han tenido que dejar sus casas inundadas los últimos días en la franja costera de Ecuador empieza a emerger de las aguas, mientras autoridades y grupos de socorro tratan de paliar la catástrofe.

Alicia Gómez, del poblado de El Salto, tuvo que abandonar su hogar junto a su familia hace una semana e instalarse en un precario albergue en una escuela de Babahoyo, la capital de la provincia de Los Ríos, pues las aguas “me llegaron casi a la cintura y aún llegan a la rodilla”, según dijo.

“De la noche a la mañana nos encontramos con la inundación,”señala Alicia, que estaba igual de prevenida que el Gobierno de Ecuador, que ha reconocido que no estaba preparado para una emergencia de este tipo, lo que hizo que reaccionara con lentitud y pocos medios.

El Gobierno solicitó ayuda internacional el jueves pasado, al calcular que 3.5 millones de personas, un tercio de la población real del país, estaba afectada por las lluvias en mayor o menor medida y que 265 mil se encontraban desplazadas, mientras los daños, sólo en la agricultura, superaban los 160 millones de dólares.

La ayuda es para personas como Sara Ortiz, que comparte albergue con otros 116 desplazados de Barreiro, El Salto y otras poblaciones anegadas de la zona cercana a Babahoyo, donde reciben, además de refugio y comida, “atención médica para los niños,” señaló. Albergues “incómodos”

Pese a que el albergue es “muy incómodo,” Sara no puede regresar a su casa, pues “si vuelve a llover, se vuelve a inundar,” una aseveración que comparte con Daisy Contreras, otra madre de familia que recuerda que todavía tenemos dos meses, marzo y abril, de lluvias.”

Los dos meses que quedan de época de lluvias preocupan al gobernador de Los Ríos, Camilo Salinas, quien, con claros síntomas de cansancio por el incesante trabajo de los últimos días, se muestra poco confiado en las predicciones meteorológicas.

“Las predicciones acá no son muy certeras, cuando dicen que no llueve, llueve mucho y, entonces, mejor es estar preparados para que llueva,” indica a Efe Salinas, que tiene la mitad del territorio de su provincia anegado por las aguas en mayor o menor medida y cerca de 5 mil personas en pequeños albergues.

Salinas precisa: “Tenemos 4,777 personas en albergues, se han perdido muchas hectáreas de banano, arroz y otros cultivos, el 30 por ciento de la provincia de Los Ríos está completamente anegada y el 20 por ciento parcialmente anegada.”

Por eso, ha solicitado bombas para sacar el agua de las zonas más afectadas, “para que, si vuelve a llover, no se vaya sumando agua,” en un área en la que la capa freática ya está saturada y cada nueva precipitación causa una nueva inundación.

En el viaje por carretera de Guayaquil, la capital de Guayas y la mayor ciudad del país, a Babahoyo, las palabras de Salinas se hacen patentes, pues a ambos lados de la carretera se ven campos y pueblos inundados y, en ocasiones, los vehículos han de superar el agua que cubre la calzada.

Plantaciones de arroz con mucha más agua de la necesaria, campos de caña de azúcar anegados, plataneras cuyos tallos desaparecen bajo el agua y ganado medio sumergido componen un paisaje lacustre en el que sobresalen los palafitos, aunque en algunos el agua casi alcanza la casa, casi siempre de caña y tablas.

En la localidad de Jujen, aún en la provincia de Guayas, el agua sigue en muchas casas y la gente tiene que utilizar canoas y balsas para salir a hacer la compra o llegar a la carretera.

Cerca de allí, nada más entrar en Los Ríos, las bombas de una gasolinera están en parte sumergidas y, en la orilla de la carretera, dos jóvenes esperan el autobús con los zapatos en la mano y el agua hasta la pantorrilla.

Se desplazan en canoas

En Barreiro, un barrio de Babahoyo, las calles tienen aún casi un metro de agua y la gente que se resiste a salir alquila canoas para desplazarse, como si fueran taxis.

Mientras muchos abandonan sus casas inundadas, otros aguantan en ellas por temor a que les roben sus pocos bienes y animales, por lo que la Defensa Civil y otras organizaciones asistenciales han de llevarles agua y alimentos para que los recojan en la orilla de la carretera y los trasladen en barca a sus viviendas.

Sin embargo, la tensión cede incluso dentro de la catástrofe y mayores y pequeños buscan la oportunidad para relajarse, como es el caso de buena parte de los habitantes del recinto Mamanica, que aprovechan el domingo y la crecida del estero Ñauza para bañarse en grupo y bromear entre ellos.



Miles de peronas sin hogar buscando

Foto por Carl Juste/ Miami Herald/ MCT



Vigésima entrega de premios Lo Nuestro

El evento reunió a miles de estrellas de la música Latina

Edmarlin Rivera
Valencia Voice

La cadena televisora de Univision celebró la vigésima entrega de Premios Lo Nuestro a la música latina en el American Airline Arena en la ciudad de Miami, Florida.

Como todos los años el evento reunió a miles de estrellas de la música latina, galardono a muchos artistas que fueron escogidos como ganadores por los usuarios de Univision.com.

Este pasado Jueves 21 de Feb la ceremonia fue conducida por el cántate y actor Pedro Fernández y la bella actriz y también cantante Paty Navidad.

El evento contó con 12 presentaciones especiales de diferentes artistas tales como: Juanes, quien abrió el evento, Super Reyes, Pepe Aguilar, Enrique Iglesias, Maná, Olga Tañón, Jenni Rivera, Wisin y Yandel, Vicente Fernández, Aventura, Camila Grupo Mania y Elvis Crespo.

Quienes cerraron el evento con un espectáculo de algunos de sus grandes éxito a través de los años.

Los artistas fueron galardonados en 32 categorías en los cinco géneros mas populares de la música latina: Pop, Rock, Tropical, Regional Mexicano y Urbano.

Además, de premiar al mejor video del ano. Este ano los galardonados fueron:

- Categoría Pop:
ALBUM DEL AÑO:
Ricky Martin MTV Unplugged
Ricky Martin
ARTISTA MASCULINO DEL AÑO:
Chayanne
ARTISTA FEMENINA DEL AÑO:
Belinda
GRUPO O DUO DEL AÑO:
Camila
CANCION DEL AÑO:
Camila
“Todo Cambio”
SOLISTA O GRUPO REVELACION DEL AÑO:
Jennifer López
Categoría Rock:
ALBUM DEL AÑO:
Oye
Aterciopelados
ARTISTA DEL AÑO:
Maná
CANCION DEL AÑO:
Maná y Juan Luis Guerra
“Bendita Tu Luz”
Categoría Tropical:
ALBUM DEL AÑO:
K.O.B. Live
Aventura
ARTISTA MASCULINO DEL AÑO:
Juan Luis Guerra

- ARTISTA FEMENINA DEL AÑO:
Olga Tañón
GRUPO O DUO DEL AÑO:
Aventura
CANCION DEL AÑO:
Aventura
“Mi Corazoncito”
TROPICAL MERENGUE
ARTISTA DEL AÑO:
Olga Tañón
TROPICAL SALSA
ARTISTA DEL AÑO:
Marc Anthony
TROPICAL TRADICIONAL
ARTISTA DEL AÑO:
Aventura
Regional Mexicano
ALBUM DEL AÑO:
Crossroads: Cruce de Caminos
Intocable
ARTISTA MASCULINO DEL AÑO:
Marco Antonio Solís
ARTISTA FEMENINA DEL AÑO:
Jenni Rivera
GRUPO O DUO DEL AÑO:
Intocable
CANCION DEL AÑO:
El Chapo de Sinaloa
“La Noche Perfecta”
ARTISTA BANDA DEL AÑO:
Joan Sebastián
ARTISTA GRUPERO DEL AÑO:
Marco Antonio Solís
ARTISTA NORTEÑO DEL AÑO:
Intocable
ARTISTA RANCHERO DEL AÑO:
Pepe Aguilar
SOLISTA O GRUPO REVELACION DEL AÑO:
Banda Guasaveña
ARTISTA DURANGUENSE DEL AÑO: Los Horóscopos de Durango
Urbano
ALBUM DEL AO:
Sentimiento
Ivy Queen
ARTISTA DEL AÑO:
Wisin y Yandel
CANCION DEL AÑO:
Wisin y Yandel
“Pegao”
Video del Año
Daddy Yankee
“Impacto”

Otros artistas con galardón especial fueron; Vicente Fernández, quien obtuvo el galardón especial a la excelencia por su trayectoria y dedicación durante su carrera artística, de mas de 45 años, como interprete y actor.

El galardón a la máxima excelencia le fue otorgado al cantante Boricua, Ricky Martín, gracias a los votos de la gente.

Comics and Games

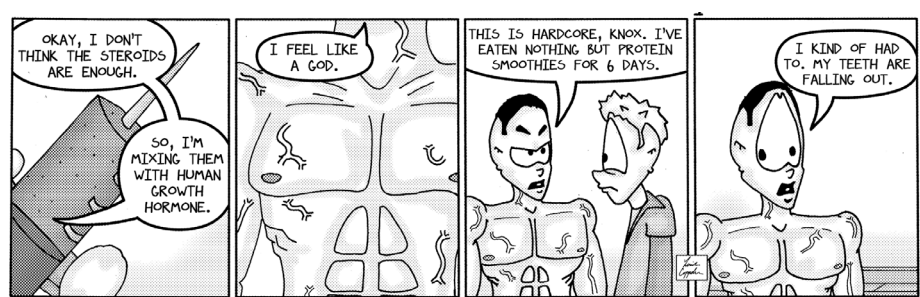
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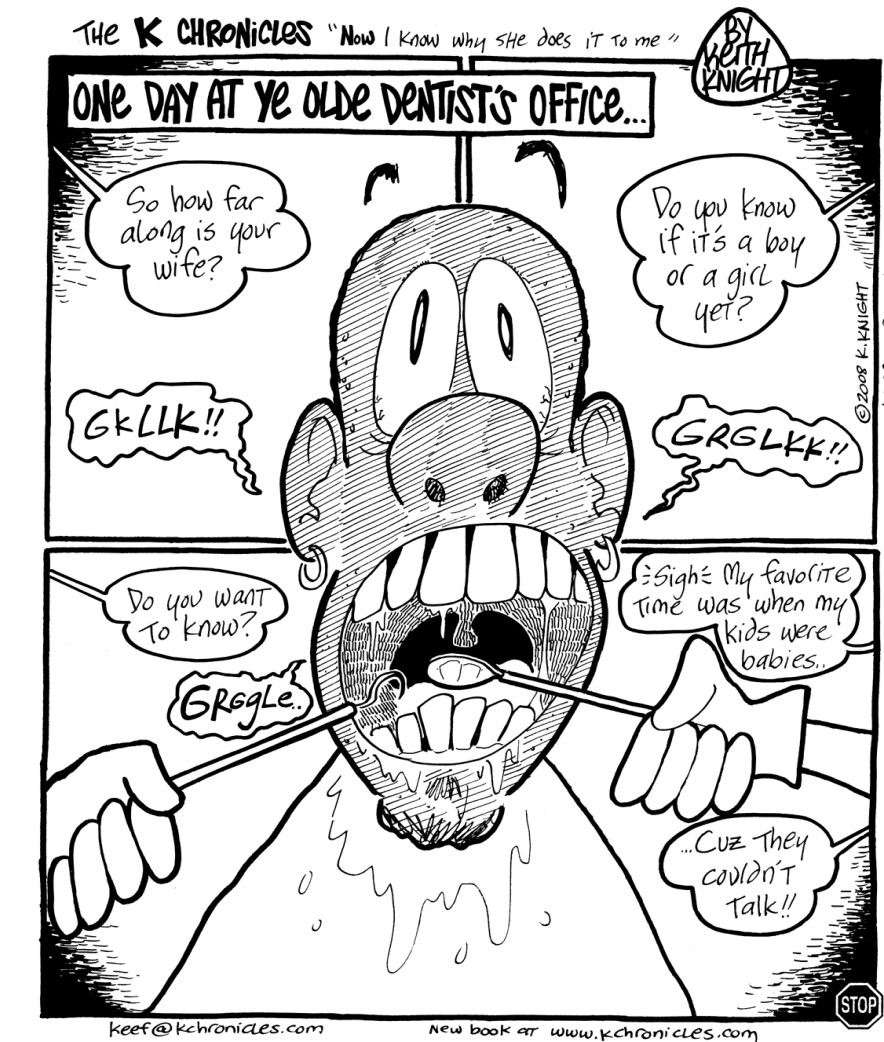
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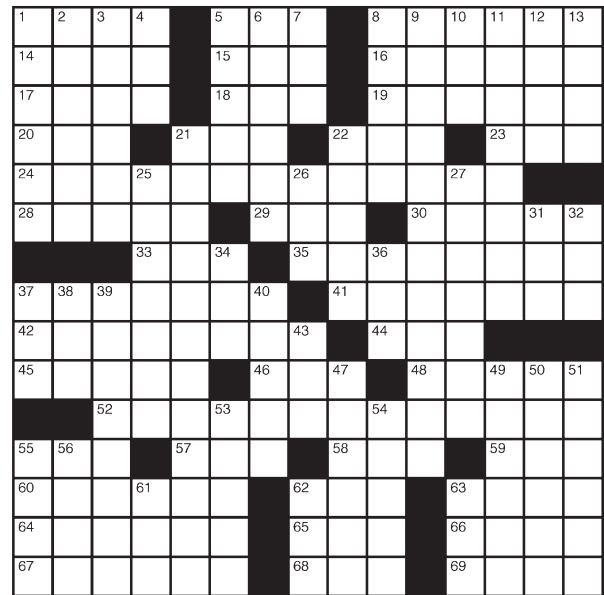


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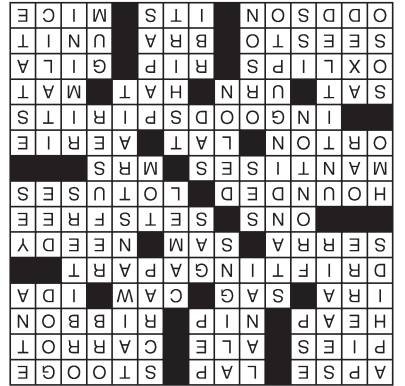
Crossword

- ACROSS
- Church section
 - Track circuit
 - Dupe
 - Meat or fruit dishes
 - Ginger
 - Vegetable on a stick?
 - Big pile
 - Little bite
 - Bow material
 - Author Levin
 - Droop
 - Crow's call
 - Actress Lupino
 - Going separate ways
 - Missionary Junipero
 - Neill or Nunn
 - Impoverished
 - Switch positions
 - Looses
 - Nagged
 - Aquatic flowers
 - Predatory insects
 - Fem. address
 - "Loot" playwright
 - Nero's lang.
 - Eagle's abode
 - Cheerful
 - Took seats
 - Coffee server
 - Beanie or cap
 - Gymnast's cushion
 - Eurasian primroses
 - Actor Torn
 - Mojave monster?
 - Takes care of
 - Half a bikini
 - College credit
 - More likely than others to win
 - in the bag!
 - Mickey and Minnie
- DOWN
- Plant pests
 - South Dakota's capital
 - Surfer's inhalations
 - 6th sense
 - Hawaiian island
 - Properly orients
 - Liveliness
 - Fragment
 - Waterway between Chinas
 - Globe
 - Satellites, e.g.
 - Yummy
 - Volcano near Messina
 - Defying
 - Desert transportation
 - Jai alai arena
 - Regular or high-test
 - Defiant one
 - Ruby of "Peyton Place"
 - Affirmative answer
 - His: Fr.
 - Kite or Watson
 - Med. care plan
 - Scull propeller
 - Lacking a name



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Solutions



Announcements & Classifieds

Elementary School Tutoring Opportunity!

Looking for community service hours? Volunteer at one of the 16 Elementary Schools listed below! Only 30 minutes once a week. All materials are provided. All we need is you!!

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Chestnut Elementary School: Kathe Weisheyer (407) 870-4862
Cypress Elementary School: Pam Ollis (407) 344-5000
Deerwood Elementary School: Louise Steurer (407) 870-2400
Hickory Tree Elementary: Deanna Fertic (407)-891-3120
Kissimmee Charter Academy: Wendi Molina (407) 847-1400
Mill Creek Elementary School: Maritza Torres (407) 935-3660

Scholarships Available

The study trip to Poland's Holocaust sites with Professor Gair will be June 1 - 10. To be eligible you must fill out the application, attach the photos it requests and attach the deposit fee of \$450. With the scholarships we estimate the cost to the student will be approximately \$1600 to \$1700, this does not include passport fees. I must have the applications and deposits in the hands of the travel company by the start of March. For more information please contact: Professor Richard A. Gair East Campus, Building 8, Office 132 407-582-2641

The Enigma Machine

In World War II, Peter Hilton first worked on breaking the Enigma Code. He then switched in 1943 and worked on a very new German code called, in English, the Secret Writer. He will describe the problems presented in the successful efforts to break this code. The work done at Bletchley Park was important to the ending of WWII. West Campus, Building 4, Room 120 March 13, 7 p.m.

Stop Da Violence N' Roc Da Mic

Got Talent? Sign up for Talent Tuesday Spring term Location: SGA Office Building 4 or Contact Allen Collins: acollins25@atlas.valenciacc.edu Prizes: 1st prize- \$250 & Rufus Hawkins II Trophy 2nd prize-\$150 3rd prize- \$100 Join SGA West Campus in our support of stopping violence in our communities. If you have any information or want to contribute please use contact previously stated. Talent Tuesday returns March 11 SSB Patio 1 - 2 p.m.

Gates of Choice

The Valencia Character Company will present the world premiere of South Florida playwright Michelle Rosenfarb's play, The Gates of Choice, Beginning March 18 - 22 in the Black Box Theater on Valencia Community College's East Campus. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

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