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## Actress serves up 'Eaten Alive'

By Lucy Baugh Valencia Voice

Broadway actress Eva Van Dok brought her performance of the critically acclaimed play "Eaten Alive" to Valencia's West campus Tuesday, in an event arranged and hosted by the Valencia peer educators.

"Eaten Alive" is a 55 minute, one-woman show that directly deals with eating disorders and weight obsession. Van Dok portrays five different women, all at different stages in their lives, and all struggling with serious eating issues.

West campus coordinator for the peer educators, Meagan Dickson, introduced Van Dok's performance and said that she felt it was "very important for students to be aware of issues like these, particularly at Valencia, where there is no health center."

The play begins with a stressed out working mother, who looks in the mirror and feels disgusted by her reflection. She then vows to dedicate even more time to her already strict regimen of exercise and diet, and attempts to reschedule her already hectic life. After this, the character binges on abnormal amounts of food and tells herself it would be the last time.

Van Dok then moves on to depict the life of a young college student struggling with bulimia. The student talks on the phone to a friend, saying, "gaining weight is worse than



Kyle Beard, Valencia Voice

Van Dok's own experience with bulemia and anorexia helped her bring the show to life.

dying." According to the character, eating and throwing up is the only way to control weight gain, and in turn her own stress.

The performance moves on to deal with other kinds of disordered eating, including an obese woman struggling to lose weight for her health, and an anorexic girl who's ideal size is "a negative three." The hard hitting performance ultimately returns to the stressed out career woman, who comes to realize that weight obsession has taken over her life. The play ends with the character saying, "Get some help."

After the show, the audience had the op-

portunity to take part in an informal question and answer session with Van Dok, in which she opened up about her own experiences with anorexia and bulimia. After the death of her father when she was 12, Van Dok saw eating as a way of getting control back into her life. She said, "eating disorders have nothing to do with food. It's all about control."

Also on hand to answer questions was Valencia counsellor Gloria Hines, who told the audience that seeking professional help was the first and most positive step to take in order to recover from an eating disorder

Valencia student Melissa Davis felt particularly moved by the performance, saying, "It was relevant to my own personal experience. I'm glad I came today." The play was also relevant to student Peter Mirck, who said, "It was inspiring because I know somebody that has been through it."

Van Dok plans to continue her performances and hopes to reach out to many more college students in the USA, and across the world. "Realization that there is a problem needs to come before help can be sought. Raising awareness is something that I am very passionate about."

For more information about eating disorders and how to get help, visit www.nationaleatingdisordersassociaton.org

### U.S. automakers build case for piece of bailouts

By Justin Hyde and Todd Spangler Detroit Free Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time in their century of existence, Detroit's automakers and their union joined together to plead to Congress for help to survive an economic crisis. Congress made a request in return: Prove you're worth risking \$25 billion in federal money.

"You're asking an awful lot, and I suspect (this \$25 billion)... is not the end of it. I would like to tell you that this is going to happen in the next couple of days. I don't think it is," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who chaired the Senate committee hearing on a bill to help the automakers and is supportive of the industry's needs.

The chiefs of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., Chrysler LLC and the UAW mounted their most public appeal for aid since the industry plunged into crisis just over a month ago. They emphasized the cuts they've made, plans for future models and the sacrifices great and small designed to keep their doors open.



Chuck Kennedy / MCT Campus

Chrysler chairman and CEO Robert Nardelli testifies at a hearing held by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Nov. 18. "Our industry, which represents America's real economy, needs a bridge to span the financial chasm that has opened before us," said GM Chairman Rick Wagoner during the Senate committee hearing Tuesday.

Chrysler Chairman Bob Nardelli warned that his company was in danger of running short of cash before the end of the year, and that it had considered some forms of bankruptcy before deciding they were unworkable and the only option was government help.

"We are in a very fragile position," Nardelli said.

All four executives warned of grave damage to the U.S. economy and one another should one of Detroit's titans tumble into bankruptcy, saying a court reorganization would shatter consumer confidence and cost the government more than \$25 billion in lost taxes while triggering a domino effect throughout the auto industry.

"If any of these companies would go into bankruptcy, I would bet it would take another one with them or possibly all three," said UAW President Ron Gettelfinger.

But as much as the automakers talked about their future plans, lawmakers questioned their past mistakes and political stances, doubting whether the industry was ready to make enough tough cuts to keep the automakers from coming back for more help.

"Are we here in the Senate being asked to facilitate a stronger, more competitive auto manufacturing sector, or to perpetuate a market failure?" said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala

The antipathy toward automakers came from both parties. Even Dodd, who supports helping the automakers, said they had been "famously devoid of vision," adding that the executives deserved no more sympathy than the bankers responsible for spawning the crisis in subprime home mortgages.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. and a supporter of the proposal, said it was critical that the auto executives detail their plan.

"We need them to reassure us they won't come back again in six months in the same sinking boat asking us for \$50 billion to fix more holes," he said.

Several senators said if the financial industry was too important to fail, so were U.S. automakers.

"If it makes sense to give one bank \$25 billion, then we can certainly invest the same amount to save the entire domestic auto industry," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio.



Chuck Kennedy / MCT Campu

General Motors CEO G. Richard Wagoner testifies at a hearing held by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Nov. 18.

The automakers have said they need "immediate" aid, with GM potentially running short of cash as soon as January without government help. The three contend a collapse could pull hundreds of suppliers and dealers into bankruptcy and jeopardize up to 3 million jobs.

In a Web video released Monday, GM said the industry faces "imminent collapse," noting the Detroit automakers have 239,000 U.S. employees, 775,000 retirees and spouses

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#### Opinion

## Should government bail out automakers?

#### **Editorial:** Let them go out of **business**

The following editorial appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on

It looks less likely now that the Detroit Three will get that extra helping of pork that they want to go with their turkey of a bailout plan, but congressional Democrats still want to serve it up. The Senate took up a second \$25 billion bailout bill Monday.

Earlier this fall, Congress gave General Motors Corp., Chrysler Corp. and Ford Motor Co. \$25 billion in low-interest government loans aimed at helping them retool their plants to build more fuel-efficient cars. But the automakers are bleeding cash so fast, they may not survive long enough to retool. GM may not make it until President-elect Barack Obama is inaugurated on Jan. 20, according to GM Chief Executive Rick Wagoner.

The automakers want a transfusion from the \$700 billion fund established to shore up the credit markets or, failing that, a pot of their own money.

Unfortunately, congressional Democrats and Obama seem trapped by their political connections with the United Auto Workers and are voicing support for this misguided idea. A second bailout won't make up for

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had no bailout plan, and they rebounded."

—Matthew Nabbid



"No.They got themselves into a pickle, they can get themselves out."

—Chris Neum



"Yes. It's the government's fault the economy got messed up."

—Kurt Rhodes

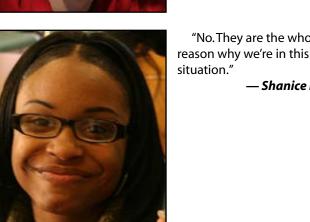


"No, not for the \$25 billion that they are asking for. It's never enough, they will ask

—Victor Rodriauez



"I don't really know much about that, so I don't know." —Kristina Gray



"No. They are the whole reason why we're in this

— Shanice Eady



"No. I don't believe in bailouts. America is a place you earn your right to own your

Corrections

—Rachel Gibson

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## California blazes rage on



### Santa Barbara County fires claim up to 200 homes

By Louis Sahagun, Steve Chawkins and Mitchell Landsberg Los Angeles Times

MONTECITO, Calif. — A respite from fierce "sundowner" winds gave firefighters in Santa Barbara County a break last week in their fight against a wildfire that damaged or destroyed as many as 200 homes as it raged through hillside neighborhoods peppered with funky enclaves and multimillion-dollar estates with sweeping ocean views.

The Tea Fire was smaller than many of the wildfires that have ravaged Southern California in recent years, but its speed and ferocity exacted a huge toll in property damage and left residents stunned. After breaking out on the afternoon of Nov. 13, the fire raced unchecked through the populated slopes of the Santa Ynez Mountains, exacerbated by 70 mph winds, combustible brush and narrow roads that became clogged with incoming fire crews and outgoing evacuees.

"This thing came on so fast, you just couldn't believe it," actor and homeowner down: They were in our hair; they were in Sotheby's International Realty.

"It was absolutely Armageddon." Another resident said he was awed by the

fire's destructive force. "We watched probably about \$60 million dollars of houses just burning out on Mountain Valley, a real posh area," said Paul Morison, who defended and saved his own home in the Riviera area of Montecito. "This morning they're gone. . . . The big house we used to look at, probably over 10,000 squarefeet, there's nothing. There were probably five of those things burning last night when

Morison estimated that 50 houses had burned around his. He and two friends had defied the flames with garden hoses until

Among the celebrities with homes in the area are Lowe, Oprah Winfrey and Michael Douglas. Lowe and Winfrey, talking by phone on Winfrey's television program, said their homes escaped damage. An estate owned by actor Christopher Lloyd and valued last year at \$11.3 million sustained major damage. Lloyd was filming in Vancouver, but his care-Rob Lowe said Friday. "Embers were raining taker "fled for his life," said Lisa Loiacono of

At a news conference Nov. 14 at Santa

Barbara City Hall, Mayor Marty Blum said at least 100 homes, and perhaps as many as 200, had been damaged or destroyed by the 1,500 acre fire, which had not been contained. Blum said it could take days to deter-

mine the final tally. A 98-year-old man who was evacuated to a hotel died, according to Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown. He said the man had multiple medical problems and his death was being treated as "potentially a fatality re-

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a

The wind tapered to near calm Nov. 14, providing firefighters with conditions that were much better than forecast. Predictions called for warm, dry weather but relatively mild winds heading into this week. About 5,500 people were displaced, according to Santa Barbara County Supervisor Salud Carbajal, and firefighters were taking no chances.

"It's still very unstable, and we're not by of 1977. any means ready for people to get back into their homes," said Santa Barbara deputy police chief Richard Glaus.

As is often the case with Southern Califor-

nia wildfires, the wind caused the fire to hopscotch in places, sparing some homes while igniting others. Some homeowners enhanced their luck through foresight or sheer grit.

When Maurizio Barattucci pulled up on

the morning of Nov. 14 to the Santa Barbara home he had evacuated the night before, he saw the following scene: To the left, six houses burned to the ground. To the right,

In all, 15 homes in his immediate neighborhood were destroyed.

In front of him, still standing, was his state of emergency for all of Santa Barbara house, covered in ash. Water was running

> Baratucci, 69, and his wife Rochelle Barattucci, 70, had left their old-fashioned "big bird" sprinkler running when they evacuated Thursday evening. The pipes had melted during the fire, but the sprinkler had done its job. The 1924 house on Camino Alto Street came with the sprinkler system, and it had saved them once before, in the Coyote fire

> "We were actually the only ones on the street that survived that fire, and it just happened again," Barattucci said.

— LATWP News Service



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## Automakers look to share bailout pie

#### Chrysler, Ford, GM leaders make case to legislators

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and 2 million people covered by companysponsored health care.

Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow told the hearing that Detroit had been on track to meet fuel economy goals and make itself competitive with foreign makes before the credit crisis hit, and that Michigan had lost 400,000 jobs to automaker restructuring so

"We can debate previous decisions, but we can all agree the global financial crisis was not caused by the American auto industry," Stabenow said.

"We need this industry as a basic part of This is a pillar of the economy," he said. the fabric of our economy. Somebody has to make something in America."

The public pitch may have come too late, as senators had several doubts as to whether the industry could survive even with government backing.

"We've gone to 10 million sales a year in this country. We may not need three automakers," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn.

In making their case, the companies had to answer questions they had avoided so far. Detroit. From the \$25 billion in government loans, Wagoner said GM was expecting to ask for \$10 billion to \$12 billion. Ford Chief Executive Alan Mulally and Nardelli said Ford and Chrysler would seek \$7 billion each. body's guessing."

The amounts are based on the company's

Nardelli released new data about Chrysler's performance, saying it consumed \$3 billion of its cash in the third quarter and had \$6.1 billion left. He said the company was ready to pay back a government loan, and that Chrysler's private owners would forego profits if government aid spurred

"We wouldn't be here today asking for this if we didn't have a high confidence level that we could weather this economic

Mulally said Ford was making tough decisions and had prepared for the future, noting the company would begin converting the Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne on Friday from full-size sport-utility vehicles

"This is really an important industry.

The automakers and the UAW will get another chance to make their case to lawmakers today in front of a House committee, which has proposed a tougher rescue plan that would give the government veto power over the automakers' business deci-

But if Tuesday's hearing was any guide, the uncertain future that drove executives do Marine Institute to Washington will follow them back to

"Our responsibility as stewards is to decide whether the cost to the country would be greater if we did nothing," said Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah. "At the moment, every-

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Orlando's 'The Shoreline' brings mix of pop punk/hardcore sound to Valencia's East Campus.

#### Mangopalooza rocks East Campus

By Ashley Gonzalez and Valencia Voice

Valencia students held an event inspired by a youth who need that "last chance" to be someone. The event took place in front of the East Campus library of Valencia Community College on November 13th.

There was food, a raffle to win a special prize, guest speakers, and music. Several bands played at the event where students gathered to listen to them and the guest speakers. Funds raised at the event were donated to the Orlan-

The Orlando Marine Institute is a non-profit organization and school located in Apopka. The school takes in kids from disadvantaged households ranging from 13-19 years old and offers them a unique culture, an essential learning environment and character enhancing activities to help them become productive citizens. The average child from the organization tute.com.

has been charged with at least three felonies. The institute has about 65 students enrolled who stay for about a six-month period with a

Guest speaker and student at the Orlando Marine Institue, Julio Alonso, told Valencia Voice that "...the program usually takes 4-6 months to complete. It's just like a normal school. We use buses for transportation and learn academics as well.'

When asked if he would give a word of advice to others, Alonso simply said "Motivation

Another student by the name of Antonio McLaughin told the Valencia Voice this simple phrase of inspiration- "Don't let your influences around you make you who you are."

The event was themed after Jan Mangos and her marketing class, who organized and

Information on the Orlando Marine Institute can be found on www.orlandomarineinsti-

## Big 3 'day of reckoning' delayed for far too long

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they burn through their second install-

When the banks foundered, the life of bankruptcy if it comes to that.

employ more than 100,000 people in the to re-emerge. United States. The overhaul should inof onerous union rules that hamper pro-

Once in bankruptcy, Congress could spend that additional \$25 billion — more, f needed — to retrain and support displaced workers and communities most at risk. Places such as Detroit, Janesville, posed quotas on Japanese imports in the Wis., and Lordstown, Ohio.

Wagoner claims "the consequences cious claims that job losses could total 3 million or more. There are claims that consumers would shy away from bankrupt companies.

Second claim first: Consumers might be hesitant, but they could be persuaded to buy cars if the prices were right and if It should, instead, allow any bankruptcy automakers guaranteed warranty work by process to proceed and be ready to asescrowing money to ensure that dealers could make repairs.

As for that job-loss prediction? The Center for Automotive Research in Ann

decades of mismanagement and union Arbor, Mich., says "nearly 3 million jobs intransigence, and we can count on the would be lost in the first year if there is automakers coming back for more once a 100 percent reduction in Detroit 3 U.S.

But bankruptcy is a system for reorthe entire economy was at stake. That is ganization — companies continue to opnot the case if the automakers fail. The erate in Chapter 11. Jobs would be lost, government should let them go into lots of jobs, and a bankruptcy for any of the three companies would be painful. Under federal bankruptcy protection, But all 3 million jobs tied to the industry they could overhaul their operations to would not vanish. Other companies have compete with Toyota, Honda and other emerged from bankruptcy stronger. The foreign-based automakers, which now airlines repeatedly have foundered only

A major reorganization is needed, unclude severe cost reductions and the end less the government wants to nationalize the auto industry. And if that's what the Democrats want, then the obvious question is who is next? Linens-N-Things?

The truth is, the government has delayed this day of reckoning for years. It bailed out Chrysler in the late 1970s, im-1980s, and for decades let the Detroit automakers build gas guzzlers under sham of bankruptcy would be dire and extend federal fuel-efficiency standards. For far beyond" the company. There are spe- its part, the UAW kept fighting for expensive benefits and embracing a 1950s worldview even as the automakers were

> Congress should not subsidize Detroit's restructuring. It should not open the bailout window for other industries. sist workers and communities generously. Because, painful as it is, sometimes companies simply have to fail.

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## 'Twilight' has fans begging for a bite

By Robert K. Elder Chicago Tribune

ORLAND PARK, Ill. — "Bite me."

It's a request British actor Robert Pattinson gets almost daily as star of the new vampire film "Twilight" (opening Nov. 21).

"It's crazy," said Pattinson, 22, waiting inside the Hot Topic store in the Orland Square shopping center. He has to laugh, pretend he hasn't heard it before.

"Even if you say, 'No,' they just wait," he says. "They just stand there."

Wednesday night, more than 500 fans waited outside — some since the night before — to ask him the same question or something in that vein. One fan, Orland Park's Abby Johnson, wore a self-made Tshirt that read: "Edward Cullen Make Me Immortal" (Edward is Pattinson's fanged

As the clock reached 6 p.m., the time he'd

Kristen Stewart (left) and Robert Pattinson star in the thriller "Twilight," a Summit Entertainment release.

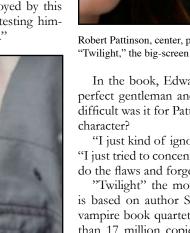
start signing autographs, the crowd started screaming, counting down, "Three ... two ... one ..." Chaos.

"Oh my God," said Pattinson, laughing nervously at the uproar. "Are they going to blow (the place) up?

Mostly, they just filed in peacefully, gushing and smiling — though for the public Q&A session later, the crowd seemed to have swelled to a frenzied mass.

Pattinson talked about why 108-year-old Edward Cullen — the Chicago- born vampire he plays in the film — is attracted to teenage love interest Bella Swan.

"Initially, it's just the smell of her blood," said Pattinson. "She has a weird blood type. And he stopped killing people 50, 60 years ago. She breaks down all his discipline, immediately. He thinks, 'I'm not going to let 50, 60 years of work get destroyed by this insignificant girl.' So, he starts testing himself. And he starts to fall for her."



Robert Pattinson, center, performs alongside Nikki Reed and Kellan Lutz as members of a vampire clan in "Twilight," the big-screen adaptation of the first of Stephenie Meyer's young adult novels.

In the book, Edward is represented as a of Robert Pattinson, a relative unknown, as perfect gentleman and the ideal man. How Edward. Who did the hardcore fans want?

"I just kind of ignored it," Pattinson said. do the flaws and forget about the rest."

"Twilight" the movie (opening Nov. 21) is based on author Stephenie Meyer's teen vampire book quartet, which has sold more than 17 million copies. The story revolves around high schooler Bella Swan and the object of her desire, Edward Cullen, a vampire. "Jane Austen meets Bram Stoker," one

The movie is directed by Catherine Hardteen love (and hormones); previous credits include "Thirteen" and "The Lords of Dog-

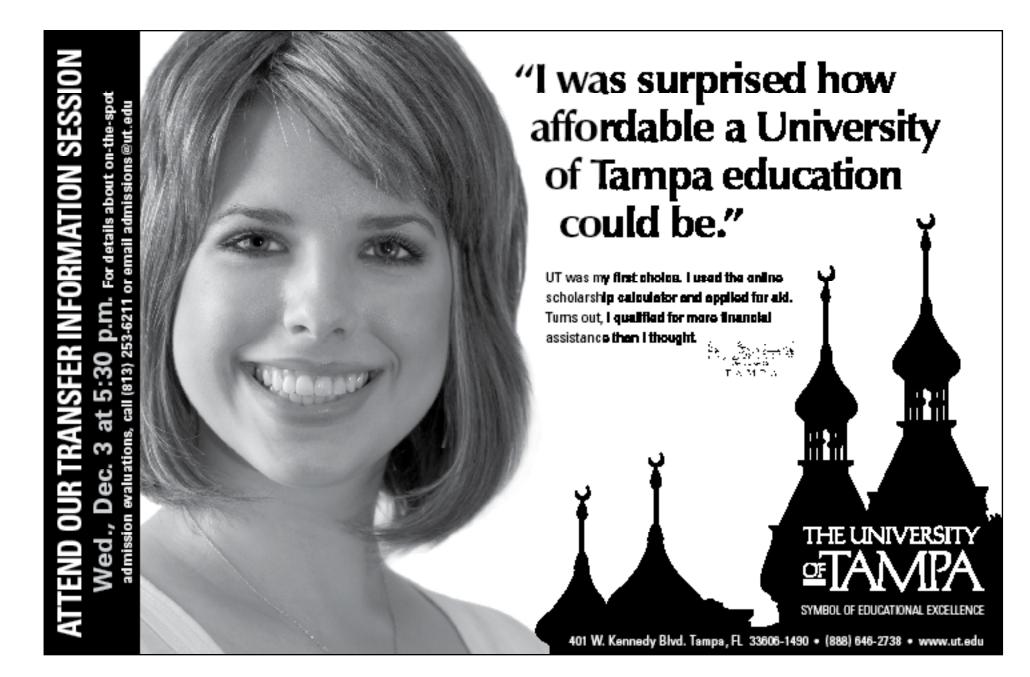
Some fans initially protested the casting

difficult was it for Pattinson to play a perfect Tom Welling ("Smallville") and James Franco ("Pineapple Express"), for instance.

Patinson also plays artist Salvador Dali in "I just tried to concentrate on his flaws. I can the forthcoming film "Little Ashes." But he's best known for his role as the ill-fated teen wizard Cedric Diggory in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.'

In addition to acting, Pattinson plays guitar and piano, and one of his sisters, Lizzy, plays in a rock band. Despite some initial reluctance, Pattinson allowed one of his songs to be used on the "Twilight" soundtrack, the breathy, pensive "Never Think."

The soundtrack for "Twilight," also inwicke, who is well-practiced on the theme of cluding songs by Linkin Park and Paramore, debuted on top of the Billboard 200 this week, becoming the third No. 1 soundtrack this year ("Juno," "Mamma Mia!").





ECU running back Norman Whitley evades UCF defenders in an overtime thriller, Nov. 2.

#### UCF can't hold on, loses 13-10 in overtime

By Neil Tredray Valencia Voice

The University of Central Florida Knights lost in overtime for the second time at home this season Sunday, Nov. 2 at Bright House Networks Stadium. Unlike the earlier loss to South Florida, an almost-heroic comeback story that wasn't, the loss to the East Carolina University Pirates was a story of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

Or rather, giving away victory with an interception.

ECU kicker Ben Hartman kicked a 39yard field goal in overtime to hand the UCF Knights their sixth loss of the season following an interception of a Michael Greco pass.

ECU (5-3, 3-1 C-USA) was a team that opened the season looking dangerous. They unseated two top-25 teams in Virginia Tech (No. 17 at the time) and West Virginia (No. 8 at the time) in consecutive weeks, earning them a ranking as high as No. 15 nationally.

UCF (2-6, 1-3 C-USA) was a team that opened the season looking unorganized. They struggled offensively in a 17-0 season-opener win against South Carolina State and, following an emotional overtime loss to South Florida the next week, were outscored 92-20 in their next two games.

Head Coach George O'Leary knew his team has struggled. "Offense has to get something done to help [the defense] out and we didn't get that accomplished," he said

to the rest of the team Sunday night, starting with the special teams.

The opening kick went out of bonds on Knights' lead to 7. the near sideline setting ECU up at their 40-

ECU quarterback Pat Pinkney handed the ball to running back Norman Whitley three times on their first possession but UCF's defense forced the three-and-out.

UCF seemed to be off to a better start ECU 42. offensively on their first possession as freshman running back Brynn Harvey ripped off an 11-yard run on the first play for UCF.

Then, fourth-yearh junior quarterback Greco took off for 12 yards on the next, a Venson recovered the ball. broken pass play.

Two plays, two first downs.

The unusually efficient offense then stalled as Greco, scrambling backwards, was sacked for a 17-yard loss. Greco rushed on the next play and got back some of the yards lost, but the Knights still had to settle for a 49-yard field goal off the foot of fifth-year senior kicker Daren Daly.

back due to an illegal block penalty and they called for a pass. The pass was incomplete had to start from their own 17. On third and three, junior linebacker Chance Henderson came crashing through the line and sacked Pinkney for another ECU three-and-out.

three yards before being tackled.

and-goal at the 2-yardline.

ECU took over on the UCF 46. After

of downs, ECU struggled. UCF's defense

forced three straight incomplete Pinkney

passes but on 4th-and-10 the usually vaunted

secondary gave up a 13-yard pass to Davon

The collapse continued as, facing a 3rd-

and-9 on UCF's 22, the Knights allowed an-

other Drew reception, this one for 18 yards.

A penalty on Torrell Troup put ECU at first-

ECU's Whitley had no trouble moving

through the running lanes for two yards and

six points. Hartman's extra point tied the

each team, UCF received another punt.

Greco, after rushing 13 yards, fumbled the

ECU's Shaun Shaffner started the next

drive, and his first pass was deflected. It was

then scooped up by fifth-year-senior corner-

Michael Greco, the experienced veteran,

the man who led UCF's last-quarter come-

from-behind surge against South Florida,

the man who now had 40,202 pairs of eyes

on him and the outcome of the game in his

He took the snap, dropped back, made a

"It was a go route," O'Leary said of the

was right, and Mike [Greco] was wrong. Ka-

mar just ran by the guy and it would have

been a touchdown. A hitch was called and a

ECU's field goal team came on following

O'Leary summed up his team's effort and

"Right now we just didn't execute as well

as you would like to see them execute. You

left and each one is important because they

are [Conference USA] Eastern Division

p.m. at Bright House Networks Stadium.

They host the Southern Miss Golden Eagles

UCF next plays Saturday, Nov. 8 at 3:30

three short-yardage run plays and Hartman

kicked the final field goal of the evening, giv-

ing his team a 13-10 victory.

foes," he said.

hands settled in under center.

back Johnell Neal. UCF took a knee to force

ball on a hit by Davis, who also recovered.

Following a failed offensive drive from

game at 10-10 with 1:46 left in the game.

For the rest of the first quarter, punting was in fasion. Both teams' offenses kept coming quickly snapping up 10 yards and a new set up short. It wasn't until the literal last minute of the first quarter that ECU managed a first down from a 19-yard Whitley run.

Placekicker Hartman's 48-yard attempt went wide left and UCF took possession. Seven plays later, the Knights again stalled,

this time at ECU's 34. Daly came on to attempt a 52-yard field goal but he too missed

A UCF 54-yard field goal attempt fell about 10 yards short and 5 yards wide.

The game's first touchdown came with just 1:45 left in the first half. After pointing out ECU corner Emanuel Davis creeping up for a blitz, third-year sophomore wide receiver Jamar Newsome caught a Greco ball thrown quickly over Davis' head and scampered 54 yards for six points. Daly's kick after the touchdown made it 10-0 in UCF's favor.

ECU attempted a 46-yard field goal with 26 seconds left on the clock but missed wide left again. UCF took over at the 29 and Greco took a knee to end the second half.

ECU's Whitley had little trouble running through a suddenly-porous Knights defense on the Pirates' first second-half possession. Whitley had runs for 11, 16, and 17 yards. ECU quickly zipped downfield to UCF's The offensive malaise that plagued the 10-yard-line. The Knights' defense stiffened Knights throughout the season carried over with the goal line at their backs and forced ECU to kick again. Hartman got his team bad read, and promptly threw an intercepthree points from 27 yards out and cut the tion, effectively killing his team's chances at

> The Pirates caught a lucky break on the ensuing kickoff. Hartman rifled a kick low pass. "The guy sat there and Kamar [Aiken] and hard at fourth-year junior linebacker Alex Thompson. The ball bounced off Thompson's body back towards ECU and linebacker Dustin Lineback recovered the ball on the conversion off of that based on the cover-

UCF caught a lucky break of their own six plays later. ECU running back Brandon Simmons bobbled the handoff on a run play and UCF's fifth-year senior free safety Jason

It all started to go wrong for UCF in the spoke of the upcoming schedule. fourth quarter with 6:49 left in the game, as O'Leary himself noted.

"The execution in the fourth quarter hurt just have to continue on. We have four games us, and the ball security. That was the difference in the game," he said.

Taking over on their own 44-yardline, the Knights were in control. At least, in theory. In reality, Harvey rushed for a total of -1 The Pirates brought the kick-off down to yard on two attempts. Rather than run again the UCF 10-yard-line but the run was called on 3rd-and-11 to milk more clock, O'Leary (3-6, 1-4 C-USA).

Week 10 Dedicated to hatred of Thursday football By: Neil Tredray Valencia Voice

**Neil's NFL Picks** 

Thursday

Cincinatti at Pittsburgh - I'm sure the NFL Network thought this would be a good ratings draw when the schedules were announced back in March, but aside from unemployed mill workers (Steelers fans) and masochists (Bengals fans; other deviant sex perverts) nobody cares.

Philadelphia at Baltimore - The Eagles tied the Bengals last week.

New York Jets at **Tennessee** - The Titans have to shut down Brett Favre and their front four will do iust that.

Tampa Bay at Detroit - Historically the Bucs have struggled in cold weather. Fortunately for them, this game is indoors and against the Lions, who are terrible.

Minnesota at Jacksonville - Jaguars Head Coach Jack Del Rio before last week's game at Tennessee: "I think the TV people moved [the game] to four o'clock so they could watch the Titans improve to 10-0." Really, Jack? You have that little faith in your team?

Buffalo at Kansas City - I can't think of anything interesting or funny to write about this game. How the heck do you get players and the clock was stopped. After a botched fired up to actually play it? Memo to the edipunt attempt, sophomore punter Blake Clintor: Pay me ten million dollars and I'll write gan was forced to scramble. He only got something snarky about this game.

Chicago at St. Louis - Make it 15 mill.

New England at Miami - My sources in the Patriots' locker room tell me since the loss to Miami, Bill Belichick has strapped his defense down like Alex DeLarge and forced them to watch tape of the Dolphins' Wildcat offense set to Beethoven twice a week.

San Francisco at Dallas - Last week I had to listen to John Madden stutter his way through an explanation of why Tony Romo's pinkie is so important to him. Next week: why turducken is so important to Madden.

Houston at Cleveland - The city of Cleveland must put Prozac in the municipal water supply. How else do you explain a baffling less-than-100% suicide rate?

Oakland at **Denver** - Denver should be thankful that being in the AFC West pretty much guarantees they can never do worse

Carolina at **Atlanta** - A Panthers loss here puts the Bucs at the top of the NFC South. Darn right it's a homer pick. If you don't like it, get your own column.

New York Giants at Arizona - I'm going to keep picking the Giants until they lose

Washington at Seattle - Remember back in August how the Seahawks were going to coast their way to an NFC West championship for like the 80th consecutive season? Mike Holmgren's coaching career is tainted, but his career as Wilford Brimley's mustache double is just taking off

**Indianapolis** at San Diego - Both teams are more erratic than the Dow Jones average, but Peyton's looking bullish and the Chargers are looking bullsh- er, bearish.

Green Bay at New Orleans - Who would've thought the NFC South would be the most competitive division in the NFL at this point in the season?



"No turducken? This is worse than 'The Heidi Game!"

## **Erasing** the past

#### Tattoo removal free for those willing to help in community

By Scott Gold Los Angeles Times

LONG BEACH, Calif. — One was a nice Jewish girl, born on Groundhog Day 1955.

Her parents had survived the Holocaust - her mother living in the woods with resistance fighters, her father enduring Aus chwitz, then Buchenwald.

After the war, they staved off the nightmares the way so many others did — by building an American life that was neat, clean, unblemished. Bryna Kane, the oldest of their three children, woke up many mornings to the smell of Lysol.

"It was a sheltered childhood," she said. "I couldn't cross the street by myself."

She was expected to excel, and she did, studying biochemistry and then becoming — like her grandmother in Poland, her namesake — a physician.

The other was born into trouble.

When Maricela Pedroza was 2, a smuggler brought her across the border with a fake birth certificate. Her father landed in prison, her mother in a cloud of drugs. By 13, she was smoking and drinking with the Long Beach street gang Barrio Pobre. The gang members called her "Danger." Before her 16th birthday, she was pregnant.

Today, Kane, 53, lives in an affluent and leafy enclave of Long Beach and wears a Rolex. Pedroza turned 23 on Thursday; she lives in an apartment building with graffiti etched into the elevator doors, and her car got stolen last week. "An unlikely pair," Kane said with a smile.

One thing brought them together one recent morning: a tattoo on Pedroza's wrist, three small dots in the shape of a triangle, shorthand on the street for "My Crazy Life" — a life they wanted to put behind her.

service is free, although patients are required to do community service in exchange.

became a rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom. Many of her parents' friends had numbers tattooed on their arms, tattoos that had been applied forcibly by the Nazis. Some wore long-sleeved shirts. Others kept them exposed, a reminder of fortitude, of defiance.

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"I was always fascinated by them," Kane

new immigrants — first in Hollywood and

then south to Long Beach, where her father

She saw more tattoos as an adult, with the rise of the gang culture. "I don't want anyone to think it's the same thing," she said. "But there is a similarity. You have a mark, and it's permanent, a reminder of the past."

After medical school, Kane completed a residency in dermatology and, in 1998, opened the Laser Skin Care Center and Dermatology Associates in Long Beach. Her business partner, Edward Glassberg, had done early research on applying laser technology in dermatology. Together, they bought a laser designed to remove tattoos.

"It was just sitting there on the weekends," she said.

"A lot of these kids are just like me. Their parents are immigrants," Kane said. "It's just that they weren't given the direction, the foundation of love that I was."

For Pedroza, the street life felt so important back then, and it seems so silly now.

They would gather in Drake Park, hidden away in a rough neighborhood north of downtown Long Beach. Her friends stole cars and carried guns in their socks. They taught little boys to make gang symbols with their hands. She was not a full-fledged gang member, she said; few girls were. But she was comfortable with them.

One day at the park, a friend gave her three a ballpoint pen. On her shoulder, she got the name of a friend in the gang. On her chest a girl she didn't know anymore. she added "Daddy's Little Girl," although she didn't know him well enough to know why he was in prison for much of her life. On her wrist she got the three dots. Even now, she struggles to explain what it meant.

"Just that you've been through stuff," she

She earned her high school diploma and found an apartment: Andy has lived in six apartments in his six years. She reconciled with her mother, who is now sober. She began studying at Los Angeles Harbor College to become a crime scene investigator, taking a full course load despite working two jobs. There are other young mothers at the college; none seems to share her story.

"I talk to them," she said. "The things they're going through, it's more like: 'The guy doesn't love me.' I did things those girls would be embarrassed to do. I went to churches and asked for food. I did things just to survive." The tattoos began to gnaw at her. Once, they were symbols of pride and community; she still says it took "a lot tattoos, using a sewing needle and the ink of of guts" to get them. But, increasingly, she began to see them as stains, as the traces of

Last year, she signed up for Kane's pro-

Early on a recent Saturday, she and about 15 other clients met at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. They held hands and stood in a circle. "This is a country of second chances - sometimes third or fourth chances," the doctor told them.

Pedroza was by no means the worst case there. One teenager had joined an anarchist group in the desert; tattoos covered much of her face. One former gang member had undergone 39 tattoo-removal treatments — this would be Pedroza's eighth — and he wasn't finished yet.

Soon, it was Pedroza's turn. Kane took a look at her tattoos. "We're making headway," she said, patting Pedroza on the leg. Pedroza hopped up on a gurney. A technician cranked up the laser up to five joules; Kane put on a face mask and went to work; the laser bit into Pedroza's tattoos, and she curled her toes.

After a few minutes, she was finished. She will need a few more treatments for her larger tattoos, but before long, the three dots were gone. All that remained were small scabs, and those would disappear soon.

It was the end of her "crazy life."

Pedroza has moved about a mile from Drake Park and is no longer in the gang's turf. Still, she is close enough that she sees some of her acquaintances from the old days; every time, she looks away and tries to make sure they don't see her.

Her days, meanwhile, are a dizzying blur. They start at dawn, when she gets Andy ready for school; he is an honor-roll student. The days often do not end until 2 a.m., after her shift as a restaurant hostess.

"I'm glad I went through what I went through," she said. "I used to think everything was easy. It's not.'

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