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Joe Burbank, Orlando Sentinel / MCT Alex Sink, Democratic nominee for Florida governor and Kendrick Meek, Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, respond to cheering supporters during a rally at UCF.

Dems meet at UCF

Rally riles up Central Florida

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Fresh off their victories in the primaries, the Democratic Party leaders of Florida wasted no time trying to rile up Central Florida, Saturday, Aug. 28.

Headlined by gubernatorial candidate, Alex Sink, and U.S. Senate candidate Kendrick Meek, unity was the most important dynamic pushed by the Democrats at the Accountability 2010 Unity Rally at the University of Central Florida.

According to the candidates, this is the most important election in over 120 years because there haven't been this many vacancies of major political positions in Florida since the 1880s.

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Former VCC student makes waves at film fest China documentary impresses judges

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"People always pick up on our differences and use it as an excuse to kill each other... I seek to document that which unifies us: the human experience."

This is a personal notion that resonated with former student, Jeremy Veverka, while he was studying journalism at Valencia Community College, three years ago.

Veverka would later go on to receive a Bachelor's Degree from Cornell University and co-direct/produce an Award Winning Documentary, "China: The Rebirth of an Empire," with his brother, Jesse.

It was during his time in that year, that he found his passion for journalism and the importance of sharing his worldly experiences with others.

"We need to understand that the world is interconnected and everything that happens, affects and impacts us. You can choose to ignore it, but it's still going to affect you," warns a wiser and more mature Veverka.

In 2008, he and his brother, Jesse Veverka, jumped at the opportunity to cover a story about China, a country with unprecedented economic growth which had surpassed Japan as the world's

second largest economy and is now on the verge of possibly surpassing the United States within the next 15-20 years.

The question in their minds, was: With the upcoming Beijing Olympics that year, would China make a peaceful rise to power or is it already on its way to becoming a modern empire?

Sponsored by the East Asia Program, an international studies program of Cornell University and a \$50,000 budget, the brothers and a film crew set off to Asia for three months.

They shot in nine different countries, weaving such diverse issues as Islamic fundamentalism, free trade and the Pro Tibet movement.

The Veverka brothers had their world premiere for the film at the Central Florida Film Festival in Ocoee on Sept. 4, and won Best Documentary at CENFLO 2010. Audience members admitted that the film alleviated previous assumptions about the region and cleared up misconceptions about the country itself.

"It opened my eyes so much," said Bob Cook, an Ocoee native who grew up in the 1950s.

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Collin Dever / Valencia Voice Jeremy Veverka at the opening of his film.

Valencia opens art gallery

Exhibition opens at Valencia to the public

By Elisanett Martinez emartinez@valenciavoice.com

Every couple of months Valencia Community College hosts a collection of a<u>rt and this month it just so</u> happens to be the Curator's Choice: Small Works by Central Florida Artists. Creators and art lovers gathered on September 10 at the Anita S. Wooten Gallery for appetizers, art and conversation.

The exhibit featured 24 artist and all pieces had a height requirement of 16 inches or smaller.

While some pieces where more traditional with the use of oils and acrylics, others used more unconventional materials like plastic dolls.

Susan and Stephen Bach, a married couple that both contribute to the art world, were both invited by the gallery director, Jackie Otto Miller, to showcase at the exhibit.

Susan Bach prefers to create structures with clay rather than create a painting.

"My medium is clay, mostly I create urns," she said. "This particular piece is left open for the viewer to decide their own interpretations."

Stephen Bach on the other hand, creates oil paintings that are nostalgic and dream-like.

"I never start a painting knowing what it will be. I continued to add paint until it speaks to me." - Stephen Bach

"Hillside At Dusk" and "Passing Storm" are two paintings that Stephen Bach perfected for the exhibit.

"I never start a painting knowing what it will be," said Stephen. "I continue to add paint until it speaks to me."

Susan and Stephen Bach are not the only artists who displayed their artwork at the gallery. Jack Toepke took the time to talk to the Valencia Voice about his piece,

"Creation Current."

"Creation Current" is print work that depicts a man's face with different facial expressions stacked up from the bottom of the canvas to the top. A ying-yang motif is used as a metaphor for reality and spirituality.

"I was inspired by a stack of Polaroids that I had lying around, they were pictures of my face with different expressions. The pictures fell over and created an interesting image," said Toepke.

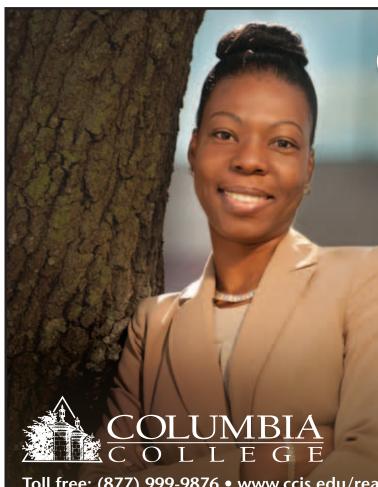
Artist from all over the Central Florida area have contributed their art to this exhibit hoping to showcase their work in a new arena.

The Curator's Choice: Small Works by Central Florida Artists is open until October 1 at the Anita S. Wooten Gallery. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

For more information, call (407)582-2298 and ask for Jackie Otto Miller.



Robert Gumtow and wife, Rosanna, attended the opening of the art gallery.



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VCC alumni receives award for best film

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"It looked like the Chinese care more about their people and economy as opposed to building up for war, which is what we've been taught that the communist nations do."

Donna Warner, another audience member, shared Cook's sentiments and admitted that it left her wanting more information. "I really discovered how clueless I was about what's going on in that country," she said.

As for the Veverka brothers, this is just the beginning of a festival circuit that includes showings in Utah, Illinois, Ohio and ending up back in New York, this October. More information can be found on their website http://www.chinarebirth.com/.

Veverka hopes his movie will inspire to turn off their TVs and go immerse themselves in another culture and make friends with people whom are different. The notion of peace and understanding may be more easily attained, with this broader perspective of the world and humanity.

"I hope when people see the film, people will understand that the future will be a different place, but we need to figure out how we're all going to live together and coexist peacefully."

VCC cures stress Helpline created to aid students

By Nakisha Brutus nbrutus@valenciavoice.com

Valencia students' stress levels have increased from the effects of the economy and are visibly trickling down to their academic performance.

The Council of Students Affairs voted on offering a Student Assistance Program to give guidance in an array of possible issues.

Bay Care Health's Student Assistance Program has been used by many other colleges in Florida and won the votes of the faculty, staff and students.

SAP at Valencia was set in place, July 1.

When someone calls SAP, the student will be greeted by a licensed social worker who is ready to talk students through situations such as academic stress, substance use, peer pressure, etc.

Surprisingly, when asked, only one out of seven students had heard of the SAP.

"I've never heard of it," said student, Thomas Johnson.

Student Kyle Larsen said, "I don't feel that it's necessary, but I think it's great to have

it for people who can't afford, or don't have, insurance."

Instead of requesting a referral from students, in order to see a specialist, unlimited guidance is now a phone call away.

Cheryl Robinson, dean of students, on Winter Park campus said "[SAP] are community advocates and are in tune with all issues currently facing the community."

"The effects of the economy," Robinson continues "and a lot of issues - both financial and dealing with responsibilities as a student - could have influenced their performance."

There is no way to see any significant change in the students of Valencia, because the addition of this program to Valencia is so recent.

Another student of Valencia, Todnecia Grant, said "Well, it's not necessary for me, but looking around at these kids on campus, I think it is a necessary program to have."

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A student being served food at the Welcome Back BBQ. VCC welcome's back its students with a BBQ

By Shannon Scheidell sscheidell@valenciavoice.com

Valencia's Welcome Back BBQ is a staple that marks the beginning of each new year at the college. On Thursday, the West campus hosted the event with a turn out of more than 100 students.

As soon as Fall semester began, news of the event traveled around the campus. Some were warned of the impending frenzy and others just happened upon the scene by chance.

"I was just about to get some lunch, then I heard some music and I figured they were doing something spectacular," sophomore Anthony Alicea said.

Student Von Jennings heard of the BBQ through his Atlas e-mail account. "I think one of the maintenance men told me about it last week," he said.

Student Government Association organizes the

day every year, but this time around, Juliana Montoya is serving as president of the club. She helped set the BBQ into motion.

As far as activities go, Pre-med student, Manvella Pope, had her silhouette drawn and quickly cut out by artist, Susan, and also received a free sign plate from another of the vendors.

Along with the many booths encouraging voting registry and dishing out body art, there were also tables spreading the word on different clubs and organizations.

Pope said, "I like that there are other groups here, like HERO for humans rights."

For the upcoming Constitution Day, Valencia will have a treasure hunt, with a brand new Kindle as first place prize. "The goal, here, is for students to become familiar with the West campus while learning more about the details of the U.S. Constitution," Montoya said.

Democrats rally at student union

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Democrats say they feel they finally have the right candidates to sweep the ticket for the three most important vacant positions: Governor, Senator and Attorney General.

Pressing issues such as offshore drilling and woman's rights, Meek showed no lack of confidence heading into what should be a very close race. His opponents are former Republican, now Independent, Governor Charlie Crist and Republican Congressman Marco Rubio.

"I don't know if those guys want to stand next to me, because I'm gonna look like Shaq next to them," said Meek. This received a loud ovation according to The St. Petersburg Times.

The rally was lead by Mayor of Orlando, Buddy Dyer, who pumped up the hundreds of people within UCF's Pegasus Ballroom.

With special guests such as Senator Bill Nelson, Congressman Alan Grayson and former Attorney General Nominee Dave Aronberg, the members of the Democratic party fully endorsed their colleagues.

Supported by his potential Senate partner, Nelson, Meek immediately made it clear what he does and does not stand for. Just days after beating opponent Jeff Greene in the Democratic Primaries, the current Congressman transitioned into the race with two new opponents.

Sink talked about her opponent, Rick Scott, and compared her record to his.

Sink remained consistent with the other democrats on the ticket on issues such as continuing with President Obama's health care plan. Sink said she would like to run a state-wide education reform and feels, as a mother of children who graduated from Florida public schools, she is very qualified to do so.

Stressing the importance of a unified party, all of the speakers urged supporters to get involved.



Marice Cohn Band, Miami Herald/MCT Florida U.S. Senate candidate Kendrick Meek.

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What you should have been doing all summer

It's that time again. Students have returned to classes. Employees have returned to work. Businesses have started booming, again. In short, life has returned to its regular, hectic cycle. It was only a few weeks ago that such thoughts of work, schedules, and responsibility were nonexistent.

For many of us, the effects of summer have yet to go away, making anything we do seem that much harder. Yes, thoughts of mindless fun, sleepless nights and days where doing absolutely nothing is on the list of things to do, still linger. But what are the best ways to spend those precious summer days?

Many people find time for a vacation, time to travel, to take a trip. Some people don't. Then there are those countless days outside of vacation that still fall within the realm of summer. Those are the days worth filling with fun. Those are the days we think about.

Living in the Sunshine State means almost immediate access to the beach. Whether it's Cocoa, Daytona, New Smyrna, or even going to Tampa and Clearwater. Making a point of going to the beach will never disappoint, and you never know what parties you might crash. Just remember to wear sunscreen!

Living here also means that some of the world's best theme parks are readily available.

Universal Resort has always been on the top of the list, but with this being the first

summer of its new Harry Potter themed attractions open, making a drive a few blocks down the road from Valencia's West campus seems more timely than ever.

Then, there are the numerous Disney parks to visit; each to satisfy a different need. Parks for nostalgia, attractions with new things, some with animals, one that's indoors, and even a few to get wet.

There are plenty of things to do, at any given time, thanks to the eclectic groups of people and varied locales around Florida.

Big events are always starting up. For those who enjoy music, a show or concert is happening almost on a daily basis, including the packed Earthday Birthday.

For those who love all things of nerd-dom, summer marks the time for conventions.

We have Metrocon in Tampa, Anime Festival Orlando, Orlando Anime Day, and tons more; ranging from huge events with famous guests, to small and free gatherings.

Then there are art exhibits, car shows, and cultural fairs happening all throughout summer.

Many of the best summers are ones spent doing a little bit of everything.

With endless options, there may not be any bad plans to make, but there certainly are expensive ones. The fact that money is such an important thing, makes it hard to squander on silly summer shenanigans. Finding some cool things to do on a budget isn't exactly the easiest thing to do.

Malls are a mainstay of free hangout



spots. Usually the ones with movie theaters are best for spontaneity.

Speaking of movies, there truly are some fantastic ones out this year. Essentially every genre, aimed at every demographic has a Blockbuster out.

If you're not feeling up to sitting for two hours in a darkened theater, one of the best free past times can be people watching.

Simply walking around Lake Buena Vista or Citywalk can provide you and your friends an entire day of entertainment.

There is of course the little known fact of unpredictable summer rains. This year it rained virtually everyday, usually in the mornings. Some days it was for a few minutes, others for a few hours. On the worst of days, it never ended. But there are plenty of things to do indoors, should your

previous plans get rained on.

Having a party with friends is always a good move and you can add a little extra fun by having different themes. A zombie party, a video game party or maybe a party based on your favorite TV show can all be great indoor alternatives. Then again, sometimes it's good to just have a day to yourself. Playing some video games, or reading a good book can be just the thing to pass the time.

We are lucky to live in such an interesting, vibrant place. If you look hard enough, there's something going on everywhere, all of the time. No matter what your interests, fun can be found all around you.

So there should be no excuse to ever have a bad summer day in Orlando again.

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What was the most fun, or craziest thing that happened during your summer vacation?

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As a college student at Valencia, summer vacation time is as short as it has ever been. I fear it will only get shorter with age. Most of my goals during such precious times consist of catching up on playing video games, hanging out with friends, and having some stories to tell afterwards. This year was no exception.

I played many games on my back-catalogue; "inFamous," "Red Dead Redemption," and of course plenty of "Borderlands."

Of course, I spent as much time I possibly could hanging out with friends. Thank goodness there are so many good movies out as an excuse to spend time with people. Going to see "Toy Story 3," "Inception," "The Expendables," and "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" was definitely a worthwhile venture.

One thing during my time off easily minimized every other enjoyable escapade. See, I'm an avid anime/ video game fan. So attending this year's Metrocon, Florida's largest anime convention, was certainly an experience. For those in the know, being able to see random people as their favorite characters in a hobby known as cosplay.

The con also hosts some famous voice talents across the industry, in which meeting them can be an unforgettable experience. Seeing the entire cast of "Gundam Wing" and getting Scott Mcniel (Duo Maxwell) to sign my ramune bottle was something that will stay with me forever.

Then there was the three hour rave, fire juggling display and anime human chess match. It's an amalgamation of things fans will love.



My family is from Italy, so we went to Italy for the summer. It was fun jumping off bridges into lakes and going to beaches.

— Miki Roja



Going to the beach was fun. I also did some fresh water fishing. One thing I don't suggest doing is waiting in line for the answer center. — Tennesse Mcbean



I went to L.A. for the summer. I was on the fourth floor of a building when an earthquake struck. It went all the way to Santa Monica.



Going to Jensen Beach with my family. It was nice to be just peaceful, relaxed; being able to talk about nothing.

— Lynes Cestero



The coolest thing I did was perform at club 57 West. I perform as UA, the Unique Assassin.

— Juan Lugo



I threw a baby shower for my sister. We played games like random baby trivia. Did you know there was a woman who had 47 babies in the 1700s?

- Rob Stio

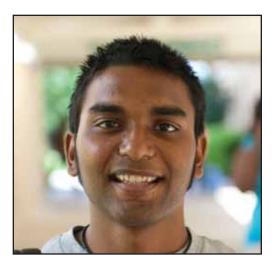


Going to a back to school party up in Tallahassee. It was cool to go to a college party as a freshman.

- Ivan Davis

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- Emmy Coonrad



Starting school. Coming into college and meeting new people has been so much fun.

— Arvind Goberdhan

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When Interstates get Interesting

What you can do while waiting for traffic to clear

By Paige Branson pbranson@valenciavoice.com

Never in 24 years have I seen traffic as bad as it was last week.

Thankfully, I managed to check the traffic reports before we left from New Smyrna Beach to Orlando; the only traffic that was reported was East bound and thankfully I was driving West.

You would think my side of the highway would be free and clear, however this was not in my favor.

Apparently, one-fourth of a mile away from the exit, a huge semi-truck lost control and flipped over, causing four lanes to be shut down.

I was debating between the options of either sitting in a car or managing to see what in the world was going on. So I turned the car off and got out.

It turned out to be a brilliant idea.

Zen, a man who was sitting in the car next to us, decided to take this opportunity to walk his dog.

At this, I honestly could not keep myself from laughing out loud.

Naturally, I took a few pictures. This was by far the most classic move I have ever seen while sitting in traffic.

Zen's next move was to place his dog on top of his car to do a photo shoot. You can only imagine the thoughts going through



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Traffic on I-4 at a dead stop when a truck crashed blocking both lanes on westbound I-4.

the minds of others, around us.

Slowly, others began to get out of their cars, realizing that we were definitely not going anywhere any time soon.

From two cars behind us, three young adults got out of their car, pulled a chair from their trunk, then placed it next to their car.

One woman sat in it and started reading a book.

I could not believe this was happening on Interstate 4. I didn't expect such traffic after a long holiday weekend!

From walking dogs to photo shoots, comforting reading, and throwing the football was more than I thought I would ever experience while waiting in traffic.

Word to The Wise

By Paige Preston ASK PAIGE YOUR QUESTION AT: ppreston@valenciavoice.com

Balancing school work can be hard enough, but trying to keep academic duties in check while maintaining a social life can seem near impossible! Luckily, has compiled some helpful hints to get you on the Dean's List without turning into a hermit.

Use a Planner - Keeping track of plans and assignments can be difficult if vou don't remember what they are. Purchase and use, an agenda to keep all your school and social obligations in order.

Dedicate-A-Day - After making it through the hectic school week, set aside one day where school work is strictly prohibited. This will help you to maintain social relationships and keep your sanity.

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Block Yourself - Download a program, such as the Firefox addon "Leechblock." This blocks access to designated sites for a specific amount of time. This way facebook socializing can be a reward for finishing your work instead of preventing it!

'Going the Distance' makes it far in the box office

By Elle Martinez

'Going the Distance' is a comedy directed by Nanette Burstein and produced by Adam Shankman and Jennifer Gibgot. Shankman is best known for being a guest judge on the hit Fox show 'So You Think You Can Dance.'

The film is packed with A-List stars such as Drew Barrymore, Justin Long, Jason Sudeikis, Christina Applegate, and Charlie Day (best known for his character on 'It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia').

Drew Barrymore stars in this film as Erin, a down to earth, girl next door, that interns for The New York Sentinel.

Garrett (Long), a scout for a record label, who is passionate about discovering underground indie-rock bands, meets Erin in a bar after distracting her, just as she is about to break her own record at the game 'Centipede.' The two bond over bar trivia and spend the night together.

After expectations are clarified, both Erin and Garrett are surprised when their summer romance turns into a long distance relationship from coast to coast.

This film could be considered a snapshot of amateurs looking for a permanent position in their area of interest, during a time of recession.

'Going the Distance' exemplifies con-

temporary American fashion. Erin (Barrymore) is seen wearing broken jeans and worn in t-shirts, while Garrett sports lumberjack shirts, a pair of Converse shoes, and button up shirts.

The costume choices really allow the audience to be engrossed by the honesty of the film, which is two people who are trying to make a long distance relationship work during a recession.

While Barrymore and Long's on screen chemistry is undeniable, the real pleasure of this film is that it's extremely relevant. They both realize that traveling coast to coast is more expensive than expected. As a result social programs sites, such as skype, have become a crucial element to their relationship.

Video chat websites have changed relationships to the point where it is no longer necessary to be in the same state.

The film not only takes viewers on a ride through a long distance relationship, but also yields itself to being an honest and current depiction of today's working class. Modern technology has advanced methods of communication, but the recession has reduced the chances of intimacy.

'Going The Distance' is a great romantic comedy that will make you laugh and enjoy the chemistry between Drew Barrymore and Justin Long's alleged onagain, off-again relationship.

Original members of Interpol release final collective album **Bassist Carlos Denlger announces departure from band**

By Paige Preston ppreston@valenciavoice.com



The members of the band, Interpol.

For three years, Interpol fans have starved for a new album and on September 7 their hunger was satisfied.

The band's most recent self-titled album is instrumentally sound and hearty with haunting lyrics, and matching orchestral elements.

After leaving Matador Records in 2006, the band was rumored to be signing on to Interscope Records, but those allegations were put to rest when the band official signed to Capital Records.

For their latest album, the band resigned with indie-label Matador Records.

The question at hand is, will the new album leave the appetites of some listeners unfulfilled?

After completing the bands selftitled album, the band announced that bassist Carlos Denlger would be leaving the band. It only seems appropriate that the band's fourth and final album, with founding member and bassist Dengler, would be self-titled, considering it would be the last LP with all founding members.

With this decision, comes intimations that Interpol will either be a definitive piece of work that encapsulates the sounds that made them Indie Rock Gods or one that summons the arrival of a new era for the band. It could be argued that the LP does both.

Combining familiar heavy bass lines and distinctive guitar riffs with new instrumental elements including synth, violin, organ and piano, the listener can experience the merging of classical and new era Interpol, somewhat of a gothiccathedral-in-space feel.

The band fails in making their new musical endeavor exciting to listeners.

Interpol lacks tracks that demand replay, and the upbeat instrumentals and melodies that added variety to previous albums, namely "Antics," are replaced by consistently dark compositions and soul wrenching lyrics, tracks like "Always Malaise (The Man I Am)."

This detour will leave some veteran listeners yearning for songs with sing a long inducing choruses and toe tapping rhythms. For others, the heavier, more grave, direction is exactly what they are craving.

--Elisanett Martinez contributed to this article.



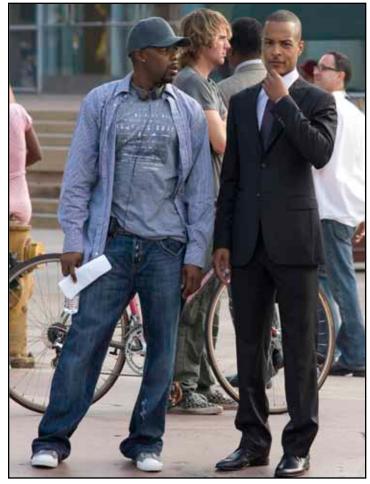
Interpol playing at a very green venue.

'Takers' robs banks and your wallet

By Roger Moore The Orlando Sentinel

There's a shootout in "Takers" that reaches far beyond the movie's generic heist picture storyline and generic one-note performances. It's set in a hotel suite, and it is a symphony of shotgun shells, a tarantella of Tech 9s, bullets spitting, furniture exploding in clouds of padding, stuffing and splinters.

Editor Armen Minasian ("Fearless," "I, Robot") cut this mayhem as if he were creating his own "Scarface" moment, a heart-stopping fury of action, sound, bodies and bloodbursts. He lifts, if only mo-



C/O Screen Gems, MCT Campus Producer Will Packer, left, and T.I. on the set of 'Takers.'

mentarily, a formula picture into something more than just cool, tough actors posing and talking tough.

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Idris Elba is the Gordon, the suave, tall, and Caribbean-accent leader of the pack. You can tell he's the leader because he's the chap who utters the movie's tag-line.

"We're takers, gents," he says. "That's what we do for a living."

They, there are five of them, "take" banks. They plan a job to death, spend spend spend on gear, and coolly make their getaway. Paul Walker is Rahway, the high-living marksman and driver. Jake (Michael Ealy) is the cautious one, fretting over how they invest their ill-gotten gains. Chris Brown is Jesse, his brother, cocky, young, gullible. Hayden Christensen is A.J., all about the technology and the getaway.

But Gordon is a gangster with a heavy heart. Jake has a guilty conscience, he stole a former gang member's girl (Zoe Saldana, barely in this) when the guy, "Ghost" (Tip "T.I." Harris), went to prison. And an overzealous cop (Matt Dillon) with a cloud over his head is getting wise to them.

Not a good time for Ghost to get out of prison, propose a new job and get the gang into bed with a bunch of Russians.

The performers are given stock types to play, and Elba and Dillon, at least, can do a little with that. Others, particularly Harris, slide into monotony, flatly playing the some tone, the same pitch, in all their scenes.

And Minasian, digitally snip-snipping away, transforms the action beats into memorable moments that make "Takers" look like a B-list "Heat," and make you wish they'd been set pieces in a much better film.

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Knights can't complete late rally, lose first game of season

Backup quarterback can't compete with NC State's early lead

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By Collin Dever cdever@valenciavoice.com

The UCF Knights showed good resilience against the NC State Wolfpack, Saturday, at Bright House Stadium. The second half effort came close to a comeback, but was not enough to overcome two interceptions, two fumbles and a botched punt return.

"It wasn't one phase ... We just made mistakes," said head coach George O'Leary. "I give credit to the players for fighting back in the second half."

The first ten minutes of the game was highlighted by a lack of progress on either side of the ball. After a series of penalties for NC State, they were forced to punt from their own 14 late in the first quarter.

The midfield struggle then finally gave way with NC State drawing first blood.

Ending quarterback Rob Calabrese's 103 passes without an interception, the transfer of possession followed UCF's first trip across the 50 all day. Eight plays and 42 yards later, with Russell Wilson standing calmly in the pocket, NC State hit pay-dirt off a four yard run by Dean Haynes.

Carrying over their possession from the end of the first quarter, NC State steadily moved the ball down the field, which culminated in a 26 yard touchdown pass to Davis wide open in the corner of the end-zone, making it 14-0 NC State.

UCF was unable to move the ball, suffering from sacks and penalties, and was again forced to punt the ball from deep in their own territory.

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Not able to make progress, NC State returned the ball to the Knights, but only momentarily. The ball glanced off half-back Latavius Murray's leg on a pitch and was then recovered by the Wolfpack just outside of the UCF red-zone. Mustafa Greene was able to carry the ball 21 yards for the third NC State touchdown on the next play.

Refusing to go into the half scoreless, the Knights' special teams redeemed themselves by moving the ball 93 yards on the legs of Quincie McDuffie for a touchdown on the following kickoff. The Knight offense didn't get a chance to stall out on the kick return, never seeing the field, and UCF was on the board.

In the third quarter, UCF found it impossible to hold on to the ball. On an attempted reverse, wide out Nico Flores threw an interception. That was followed by another Calabrese interception on their next possession, a vastly overthrown ball and Calabreses' second INT of the game. Luckily, the Knights were able to hold off a suddenly stagnant Wolpack offensive unit, allowing only 39 yards the entire third quarter, which included a sack of Wilson, UCF's first of the night.

In the final moments of the third quarter it seemed UCF's offense was finally able to get moving. Under the new command of QB Jeff Godfrey, the Knights moved the ball 34 yards and finally got a first-down converted.

With the change in quarterback to freshman Godfrey, the offense began to gain momentum. Godfrey's speed allowed them to open their game up, continuously scrambling to keep the Wolfpack defense on their heels.



Godfrey led his team to two touchdowns in the final quarter. With just minutes left on the clock, UCF found themselves driving to a game tying score, but the Knights were dashed in their attempts after another fumble with 50 seconds left on the clock. NC State was able to run the clock out for a victory, dropping the Knights to 1-1 on the young season.

"I thought the picks were error throws ... And the

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Russell Griner, Valencia Voice Sophomore lineman Chad Hounhsell reacts to the game-clinching fumble with less than a minute left in the game.

fumbling was not protecting the ball like you should," stated O'Leary after the game.

The errors will certainly give the Knights some game film to focus on for the week. "[We] talk about ball security all the time."

UCF will attempt to hold onto the ball a bit better next week when they travel to Buffalo to take on the Bulls (1-1).

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Foster on fire

Texans running back Arian Foster makes the most out his first NFL opportunity

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When the Houston Texans made the call to name Arian Foster their starting running back over the talented, but injury-prone Steve Slaton, few people even knew who he was.

Foster was eligible to be selected in the 2009 NFL Draft, but was picked up by Houson as an unsigned pick after the draft. In 2009, Foster was signed to the practice squad after managing only 66 yards in the preseason.

This year, Foster was promoted to the 53-man roster after stabilizing the running core for a very potent, Matt Schaub-led offense. In his first week as a featured back, Foster not only met, but far exceeded expectations, rushing over the Indianapolis defense for 233 yards and three touchdowns; this helped the Houston Texans to a huge division upset over the perenially favored Colts.

Next up for Foster and the Texans, the Washington Redskins, who also have questions on defense. The weeks ahead will tell if Foster is ready to carry the load, or if his performance was just a flash against a souring Colts defense.