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## Color of compassion

### 'Purple Day' takes aim at Alzheimer's

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The SGA at Valencia College West Campus hosted "Purple Day" to raise money and awareness for the Alzheimer's Foundation last Thursday. It was the last event before the Alzheimer walk on Saturday.

"We pick one cause every year to do a walk for," said Zia Ansari, an SGA member who was running the event. "Last year was to benefit the Heart Association, and this year is for the Alzheimer Foundation."

The college-wide goal for this year is to raise \$18,001 for the cause, because the college was able to raise \$18,000 last year. "The West campus' goal is to raise \$8,888 this year," said Ansari. "And we've already raised about 50 percent of that."

The significance behind so many eights in the West campus' goal is the infinity sign. When Alzheimer's takes effect, it is unable to be reversed and will only get worse over time, meaning that a

person will have it for the rest of their lives. That is what the eights and the infinity sign are meant to signify for the campus.

The event, which featured food, beverages, music and door prizes, had free admission. In order to have an opportunity to win any of the door prizes, which included an iPad 2, a visitor would need to donate at least \$10 to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

All of the attendees were decked out from top to bottom in purple. There were purple balloons and streamers, wrist bands and "swag" decorating the HSB room, and the sidewalks that led to the building were decorated with purple chalk.

"We're trying our best to raise as much awareness as possible so that we can raise as much money for the cause as possible before the walk on Saturday," said Ansari. "I think that we have a good chance at meeting our goal."

Valencia raised \$4,569, far short of their goal, but good enough to rank fifth for team money raised.



Over 100 teams participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Lake Eola park.

## Walk to remember

### Loved ones lost to disease honored, Alzheimer's event raises over \$100,000

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What would you do if you woke up, only to realize you can't remember who you are?

The Alzheimer's Association hosted the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Lake Eola on Saturday morning. People could register and walk to help support and raise money, and all the proceeds go to research for Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association is the biggest fundraising group in the U.S. for the disease, from which millions suffer. The national walks are held annually in multiple cities.

"My father has Alzheimer's, and the main focus is providing support for those who are diagnosed and their loved ones, and to educate not only about Alzheimer's, but also brain health," said Beverly Engel, program coordinator of the Alzheimer's Association.

The association provided small breakfast foods, signs for participants to hold up while they walk, and shirts for purchase. The event was filled with speakers, such as George Diaz of the Orlando Sentinel and Mayor Buddy Dyer, with an opening ceremony to get the crowd excited before their walk.

"Alzheimer's is a really insidious disease, and takes your spirit from you," said Orlando Sentinel sports writer George Diaz. "My mother, Dalia, died in 2009 from a long struggle with Alzheimer's. Following her death I wrote a column in the Orlando Sentinel about it, and the Alzheimer's Association reached out to me and made me their Honorary Chairman for two years."

Volunteers planted fake flowers with a different colors representing your reasoning for walking. Blue is for those who know some-

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# Alzheimer's walk

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one with Alzheimer's, purple represents if you have lost someone to the disease, yellow is for the caregiver, and orange for those who just come out to support.

"This is my second year volunteering, since my grandfather was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and memories is what truly matters, they're the essence of life," said Michael Gold, University of Central Florida student.

Participants were categorized by levels according to the amount of money raised. The highest level, Alz Stars, raised more than \$1,000, Diamond Walkers raised at least \$500, while Mission Walkers raised more than \$100. Each team is equipped with specific t-shirt, and other goodies they've re-

ceived from the amount they've donated.

"My father passed away a while ago from Alzheimer's, and this is our third year doing this and it's a great way to help support those who have it or know someone who does, and ultimately find a way to prevent it," said diamond walker Dawn Bluni.

Other groups that came to support were the Women's Basketball team from University of Central Florida, in support of the head coach of the University of Tennessee women's basketball team Pat Summitt, who was just recently diagnosed with dementia. The Valencia Volunteers also came to support the event.

"Valencia is always keen on being involved with the community, and the Valencia Volunteers reached out to those who would be interested and we all came



together," Patrice Cobb said.

Florida has moved up from to the number one spot, up from second, for the highest Alzheimer's diagnoses in the nation. This event is essential bring awareness about the rise of such a tragic disease.

"I think this is a terrific opportunity to show support to those who are going through the disease and those who have to take care of them," said Kay Redington, CEO of the Alzheimer's Association. "The disease as common as it is, doesn't have any known cure or way to prevent it, which makes it that more important."



**Top: Participants are greeted with cheers and applause as they reach the end of the Alzheimer's walk.**

**Left: Team Valencia, 147 members strong, raised over \$4,500, ranking fifth among participating teams. The event raised \$161,336 in total.**

**Right: George Diaz, Orlando Sentinel sports columnist, has been the Honory Chariman of the event since 2009, when he wrote about his mother's battle with the disease.**





# Alum digs up Florida history

Archaeologist speaks at Valencia

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Valencia Alumni Dr. Rachel Wentz paid a visit to the East Campus on Thursday, Sept. 29, as part of the "Humanities Speakers" series to discuss the 7,000-year-old Native American burial site in Windover, Fla.

The burial site in Windover was discovered in 1982 by a construction crew clearing way for a new housing development. The bodies, which were buried in a 100 x 100 foot pond, were preserved in excellent condition. "These bodies were found to be over 7,000 years old," said Wentz during her presentation to nearly 100 Valencia students and faculty. "This was a well preserved, ancient cemetery."

The 168 individuals were pulled from their grave sites and taken to Florida State University for further research. This is where Wentz began her studies with the Windover remains.

"Each burial tells a story," she said. "With each set of bones you can tell what kind of life they led and what kind of injuries they sustained during their lives."

Wentz explained to the audience the many different ways you can see medical practices and medicines used by this ancient tribe. With pictures in her slide show, she explained the breaks in bones and the studies on the teeth show what kind of early operations and dental hygiene these people had. She also spoke about how isotopes in the bones and seeds found in the stomach cavity showed what kind of diet they had, as well as what plants, roots, and berries were used as medicine.

The lecture was finished up with questions and answers with the audience. "The whole thing was just fabulous," said Barbara Shell, director of alumni relations at Valencia. "To have one of our own come back



Dr. Rachel Wentz, a Valencia alum, has spent ten years studying Native American remains found in Windover, Fla.

and speak to our current students was a delight."

Wentz is the first in a series being sponsored by Student Development. "We want to get the word out," said Nicole Jackson, a humanities instructor at Valencia. "These are some great opportunities for the students."

All events are free and open to the public on the last Thursday of each month, the next one happening on Oct. 26 on the East Campus. For more information contact the Valencia East Campus Student Development office.

It doesn't stop here for Wentz, who is the regional director for the Florida Public Archeology Network. Along with continuing to lecture throughout the state of Florida, she also has a book coming out in March of 2012 on her research of the Windover bones.

"This won't be the first book I have written," she said, "but it will be my first in print."

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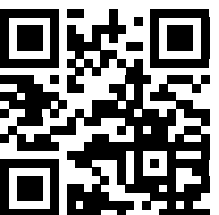
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# California schools scramble to add lessons on LGBT Americans

By Teresa Watanabe  
Los Angeles Times

At Wonderland Avenue Elementary School in Laurel Canyon, there are lesson plans on diverse families, including those with two mommies or daddies, books on homosexual authors in the library and a principal who is openly gay.

But even at this school, teachers and administrators are flummoxed about how to carry out a new law requiring California public schools to teach all students, from kindergartners to 12th graders, about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans in history classes.

"At this point, I wouldn't even know where to begin," Principal Don Wilson said.

Educators across the state don't have much time to figure it out. In January, they're expected to begin teaching about LGBT Americans under California's landmark law, the first of its kind in the nation.

The law has sparked confusion about what, exactly, is supposed to be taught. Will fourth-graders learn that some of the Gold Rush miners were gay and helped build San Francisco? Will students be taught about the "two-spirited people" tradition among some Native Americans, as one gay historian mused?

"I'm not sure how we plug it into the curriculum at the grade school level, if at all," said Paul Boneberg, executive director at the GLBT Historical Society in San Francisco.

School districts will have little help in navigating this sensitive and controversial change, which has already prompted some parents to pull their children out of public schools.

The Legislature suspended all adoptions of instructional material through eighth grade until 2015 to save money. Any new textbook with LGBT content is not

likely to land in schools until at least 2019 because that process usually takes a minimum of four years, according to a state Education Department spokeswoman.

The transition should be easier in L.A. Unified, which has been a pioneer in LGBT education.

The Los Angeles school board passed a resolution directing students and school staff to refrain from slurs about sexual orientation as far back as 1988. Then, in 2003, allegations of adult school staff members bullying LGBT students prompted the district to step up its educational efforts, according to Judy Chiasson, coordinator for human relations, diversity and equity.

In 2005, L.A. Unified debuted the nation's first chapter in a high school health textbook on LGBT issues covering sexual orientation and gender identity, struggles over them and anti-LGBT bias. A section on misconceptions says sexual orientation is not a choice, a statement many religious conservatives disagree with.

Those topics, educators say, are clearly inappropriate at the younger ages, raising tough questions about how to carry out the new law in elementary school.

So sensitive is the subject that a children's picture book about a same-sex penguin pair is one of the most controversial books in America today. "And Tango

Makes Three," based on a true story about two male penguins at New York's Central Park Zoo that bond, hatch a surrogate egg and raise a baby together, has drawn the most complaints and requests for removal from library shelves nearly every year since its 2005 publication, according to the American Library Assn.

Chiasson said LGBT topics are controversial because people conflate them with sex and, for religious conservatives, sin. "People sexualize homosexuality and romanticize heterosexuality," she said.

The Safe Schools Coalition, an educational support group for LGBT youth, says the only age-appropriate lessons in elementary school involve family diversity, gender stereotypes and anti-bullying.

Which is pretty much what happens at Wonderland.

On a recent morning, teacher Jane Raphael invited her two dozen kindergartners, first-graders and second-graders to sit in a circle and tell a story about their family. The students described a cross section of modern-day America: moms and dads and athletic siblings, crazy dogs, a cat named Lulu, a fish that died, divorced parents, a girl with two mommies.

There was no discussion about sex or gay lifestyles. The exercise simply underscored that families come in all sizes, shapes and configurations.

Wilson, the principal, said such lessons are about as far as the school would take any LGBT instruction.

"The issue is never going to move beyond the diversity of family," he said. "If it were to move beyond that, we would address it as a breach of developmentally appropriate instruction."

Middle and high schools are a different matter. Sex education begins in fifth grade, so more specific LGBT instruction is con-



David Columbus meets with students during lunch to discuss the new bill initiative.



Students gather at their high school to comment on a bill that will require public schools in the state to teach students about the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans.

sidered appropriate, and necessary, experts say, as bullying steps up in these years.

That happened at Downtown Magnets High School, where a lesbian student was beaten up on a school bus in 2005. The school responded by launching an anti-bullying poster campaign, a Gay-Straight Alliance club, staff sessions about inclusiveness and a conscious effort by some teachers to integrate LGBT issues into instruction.

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# Students vs. state for status

## Children of illegal immigrants pursue tuition perks

By Michael Vasquez  
McClatchy Newspapers

Born and raised in Miami, Wendy Ruiz is a U.S. citizen. But in the eyes of Florida's higher education system, she's a dependent student whose parents are undocumented immigrants, and not considered legal Florida residents.

Ruiz is charged higher-priced out-of-state tuition, even though she has a Florida birth certificate, Florida driver's license and is a registered Florida voter. One semester of in-state tuition at Miami Dade College costs about \$1,200, while out-of-state students pay roughly \$4,500.

Many students are unable to pay the higher cost. Ruiz has been attending Miami Dade College and, so far, has a 3.7 grade point average, but must work multiple part-time jobs just to pay for one class. Other similarly affected students have completely given up on college.

"As an American, and a lifelong Florida resident, I deserve the same opportunities," Ruiz said. "I know that I will be successful because I have never wanted something so bad in my life like I want this."

Last week, Ruiz and several other South Florida students emerged as the lead plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit challenging Florida's in-state residency guidelines. The same week, a Jacksonville state legislator filed a bill that would grant in-state tuition to students like Ruiz.

Many assumed these students were automatically eligible for in-state tuition, including Rolando Montoya, Miami Dade College's provost and a 25-year college employee.

In the past two years Montoya learned of the state policy, thanks to an irate mother who demanded to speak with him.

"I said, 'It must be a mistake,'?" Montoya recalled. "I was convinced that an error had been made."

The lawsuit, filed by the Southern Poverty Law Center, calls Florida's policy a direct violation of the

U.S. Constitution's equal-protection clause.

It's unclear whether the state will vigorously defend the policy, attempt to negotiate new rules in a settlement, or something in between. Officials at both the Florida Department of Education and the Board of Governors have declined comment, citing the pending litigation.

The attorneys who filed the lawsuit say the policy is the result of administrative rules created in 2005, but they could not pinpoint who spearheaded the rules or why they did so. Though Florida state law deals with tuition residency issues, it delegates the responsibility to draw up specific rules to the Department of Education (for community colleges) and the Board of Governors (for state universities).

"None of us can control who our parents are," Fullwood said. "These are all U.S. citizens, folks who have been here all their lives, and they deserve the right to have an affordable education."

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Maria Duque, a U.S. citizen born in Florida, doesn't qualify for in-state tuition due to her parents' immigration status.

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# Students receive credit for hunter-education course

By Michael Pearce  
McClatchy Newspapers

Wichita State sophomore Gary Gray Jr. spent Saturday morning working on a class project.

His assignment included shooting clay targets, firing pellet guns and boning up on firearms safety.

The engineering major is one of about 15 students enrolled in the school's Hunter Education 102 class. Those who complete the class will get hunter-education certificates, can apply to be hunter education instructors and get two hours of college

credit. Passing the class will also mean learning presentation skills.

"I was looking for some classes to take and always wanted to get into hunting," said Gray. "When I saw I got my hunter education and two hours of credit, it was like a double bonus."

Rose Corby is largely responsible for the class making it into Wichita State's Physical Education program. Kansas' 2010 Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, Corby got the idea at a conference where finding new ways to offer classes was discussed.

"I'm a college student, so I went and talked to my advisor and they told me

who to talk to," said Corby, a Wichita State senior. "It took a lot of assurances on things like liability and safety, but we got it going."

Frank Rokosz, head of the school's Human Performance Studies program, said the class fit well within the program that also offers classes on weight training, golf, yoga and martial arts.

"We decided to make it a two credit hour class because of the involved classroom nature of it," Rokosz, said. "Most of our classes are one credit hour."

Under the design of Corby and course instructor Wayne Doyle, the class is about more than how to hold a shotgun or which gender of pheasant to shoot. The students are learning the topic and learning to teach it, too.

"The big thing is presentation skills, that's the biggest portion of their grade," said Doyle, who retired as Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism hunter education coordinator on Jan. 1. "They'll have to do a 10-minute presentation on some hunter education subject at the end of the class."

He said some students dropped the course when they figured out it wasn't "an easy A."

Doyle said about half of the students are interested in hunting. Corby assures non-sporting students the class is still worth their time.

"No matter if they end up selling insurance or whatever, they're going to need presentation skills to succeed," she said. "Hopefully we'll end up with some good hunter education instructors out there, too."

Though it's currently the only educational program that gives school credits for learning to be a hunter education



Wichita State student Dinh Dinh shoots clay targets under the eye of instructor Wayne Doyle.

instructor, about 35 middle and high schools offer hunter education as part of their curriculum, said Monica Bickerstaff, Wildlife and Parks assistant hunter education coordinator.

Before arriving at the Michael Murphy and Sons shooting ranges near Augusta, the college students completed an online study program and testing as part of the state's standard hunter education program. At the event they learned firearms safety but also how to teach it to future students.

"You want the first (clay) target they shoot to be an easy incomer," Doyle said as he pushed a button and a clay target floated toward the students. "When it's just hanging there, just before it starts to

fall, they'll shoot it and get excited."

Corby taught the kinds of questions to ask students when they're going through simulated hunting scenarios, such as walking up pheasants or hunting quail with a dog. Students also got lengthy instruction on developing shooting skills.

Dinh Dinh, an 18-year-old sophomore, shot pellet rifles and shotguns for the first time and hopes to start hunting. He labeled the course "probably the best class I've ever taken."

Gray plans on hunting with friends this fall and likes the idea of teaching hunter education. "I need to get some more experience," he said, "but down the road I may get into that, too."

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Dinh Dinh shows his first ever target shot with a pellet rifle as part of Hunter Education 102.



# Plane crashes on Florida Turnpike, pilot's action called 'truly remarkable'

By Linda Trischitta, Ihosvani Rodriguez  
Sun Sentinel

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A single engine airplane crashed and blocked all northbound lanes of Florida's Turnpike just south of Hollywood Boulevard Wednesday afternoon.

Mildred Gallardo, who works at a company at Opa-locka Airport, was driving south on the Turnpike when the plane crashed around 1:45 p.m. right behind her. She couldn't say if it appeared to be out of control or was having trouble when it went down.

"I heard the noise," she said. "It sound-

ed bad. Then everybody started stopping."

Miraculously, no vehicles were struck and one on the ground was hurt.

Hollywood Fire Rescue Chief Virgil Fernandez said two males, the pilot and a passenger, were rescued from inside the plane and were in stable condition.

"There were no major injuries," Fernandez said. The men were transported by Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue and Hollywood Fire Rescue to Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood.

About the pilot, Fernandez said, "What he did was truly remarkable. Kudos to him."

Traffic was backed up in both the

north and southbound lanes of the highway near exit 49, Hollywood/Pines Boulevard. By 4 p.m., just two southbound lanes were open.

The Florida Highway Patrol is advising motorists to avoid the area.

"The plane left North Perry Airport at 1:35 p.m.," Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. Wysocky said, "for an unknown destination. The plane had mechanical problems and tried to land, facing southbound."

Jeff Kennedy, head of the National Transportation Safety Board's Miami office, said it is believed the plane conducted a "maintenance test flight," although



Emergency personnel respond to scene where a small plane landed on the Florida Turnpike northbound, a third mile south of Hollywood Boulevard, Wednesday, Oct. 12 in Hollywood, Fla.

that has yet to be confirmed.

Such test flights frequently are performed by aircraft mechanics after a plane has been given maintenance work or a required federal safety inspection.

As part of the test flight, Kennedy said the single-engine turboprop departed North Perry in Pembroke Pines and apparently practiced making a landing approach to Opa-Locka Executive Airport.

"They didn't even land," he said. "After the approach, it turned around and was going back to North Perry."

He said the plane was a mile from the North Perry runway when trouble struck. He said it was unknown if the pilot declared an emergency.

"Whatever happened, happened then," Kennedy said.

While the NTSB will investigate the cause of the accident, the Federal Aviation Administration made the initial inspection of the wreckage and "documented the scene," Kennedy said.

The NTSB will borrow an investigator from its Virginia office to lead the probe. The wreckage likely will be hauled to a hangar in Fort Pierce, where its engine and fuselage will be scrutinized, he said.

Wysocky said the Turnpike will remain closed for northbound traffic approaching the Hollywood Boulevard exit until the Federal Aviation Administration's investigators clear the scene.

Two hours after the crash, the smell of jet fuel was still strong in the air. As it sat on the highway, the upper part of the plane's fuselage was cracked where the wings meet it.

As a precaution, Hollywood firefighters stood by with hoses while federal investigators inspected the site and fuel was unloaded.

Fire retardant foam covered the plane, and its nose was pushed against the center median. Heavy equipment operators were bringing in large bags of material to help sop up fluids on the asphalt.

Wysocky said he could not predict when the northbound traffic would be able to proceed.

"We have to wait until the FAA finishes its spot investigation," he said.

The plane is a Socata TBM 700, according to Gregory Meyer, spokesman for Broward County Aviation Department.

Socata is a French aviation firm that ships aircraft parts to an outlet at North Perry, where they are assembled. It wasn't immediately known if the plane was based at the Socata complex.

According to FAA records, the plane is three years old and registered to a Miami corporation, SV Leasing Co. of America.

FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said by email that the FAA does not release names of people involved in air crashes.

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# Obama says US troops in Iraq will be 'home for the holidays'

By David S. Cloud and Patrick McDonnell  
Tribune Washington Bureau

By declaring that the last American troops will leave Iraq by the end of the year, President Barack Obama signaled the official close to one of the longest, most politically contentious wars in U.S. history and the end to an American attempt to transform the Middle East with military might.

The soldiers, sailors and Marines will leave behind a stumbling young democracy, still beset by sectarian violence and teetering closer to its neighbor, Iran, a bitter U.S. foe.

They will return home to a country that has largely turned inward to face its own economic problems, and which long ago lost heart for a war fought in the name of protecting the world from weapons of mass destruction that were never found.

Obama promised Friday that the remaining 40,000 U.S. troops would be "home for the holidays," fulfilling a campaign promise but also acceding to the reality of a depleted treasury and the overwhelming sentiment of American public opinion. And it reflected the political fact that Iraq demanded an end to the U.S. presence.

The Iraq war will be remembered as a stubborn, shifting campaign to restructure a society that had been held together for decades through tyrannical force. It was set against an ever-dangerous landscape of remote-control bombs, unbearable heat and uncertain alliances.

Iraq brought a new lexicon to American English: "war of choice," "shock and awe," "IED," "coalition of the willing," "surge." It gave new meaning to the term "mission accomplished," which was emblazoned on a banner behind President George W. Bush as he welcomed home a returning aircraft carrier in May 2003, six weeks after the war had begun and when victory seemed at hand.

Eight years later, the war is ending after taking the lives more than 4,400 Americans, most of them killed after the initial invasion. Tens of thousands were injured, including legions of amputees and multitudes suffering from battle trauma. Estimates of the Iraqi dead range from 100,000 upward.

Estimates of the dollar cost vary, rising as high as a trillion dollars or more. The end of the war will leave

the United States with one major theater of combat: Afghanistan, the only conflict in American history to last longer than Iraq.

And yet for the last several months, the administration sought to find a political formula with the Iraq government that would keep a few thousand U.S. troops in the country. The talks foundered largely over Iraqi opposition to granting immunity from prosecution for Americans troops who would remain.

The most ardent opponents of a continued U.S. presence are the followers of the virulently anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose former Mahdi Army militiamen fought ferociously against U.S. troops in Sadr City and elsewhere. But even some of Washington's Kurdish allies say that U.S. troops have worn out their welcome.

An Iraqi political analyst, Hiader Saeed, said the desire to see the U.S. troops depart is part of a prevalent culture of "antagonism" toward Washington, a legacy of the years of bloodshed.

"My concern is that the political class and the ruling class in Iraq don't have a vision of a long-term relationship of partnership with the U.S.A.," said Saeed. But, he said, "We have to remember that those who are ruling Iraq have an education of antagonism against America."

But the decision to proceed with complete withdrawal also reflected the White House's own ambivalence about keeping forces in Iraq, which White House aides feared would be seen as a betrayal of Obama's promise, during his 2008 presidential campaign, to end the conflict and withdraw American combat troops.

Obama alluded to that in announcing the decision at the White House: "I can report that, as promised, the rest of our troops in Iraq will come home by the end of the year," the president said after a video conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. "After nearly nine years, America's war in Iraq will be over."

Declaring that the "tide of war is receding," Obama and other administration officials sought to portray the move as a honorable completion of a long and difficult mission and part of a broader shift away from direct U.S. military involvement not just in Iraq, but in Afghanistan and Libya as well.

Leading Republicans denounced the White House

failure to reach an agreement with Iraq on allowing a small contingent of U.S. troops to remain. They argued that keeping some U.S. troops there would help preserve still fragile security gains, enable continued training of Iraqi forces, prevent a resurgence of sectarian and ethnic violence, and serve as a deterrent to Iran.

Mitt Romney, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said the pullout would "unnecessarily put at risk the victories that were won through the blood and sacrifice of thousands of American men and women."

U.S. officials said that more than 4,000 U.S. contractors would remain in Baghdad to provide security to the large American Embassy in Baghdad and to consul-

ates in the cities of Basra and Irbil.

A small contingent of U.S. military personnel to oversee U.S. arms sales and limited training would remain in Iraq as a permanent part of the U.S. diplomatic mission, they said.

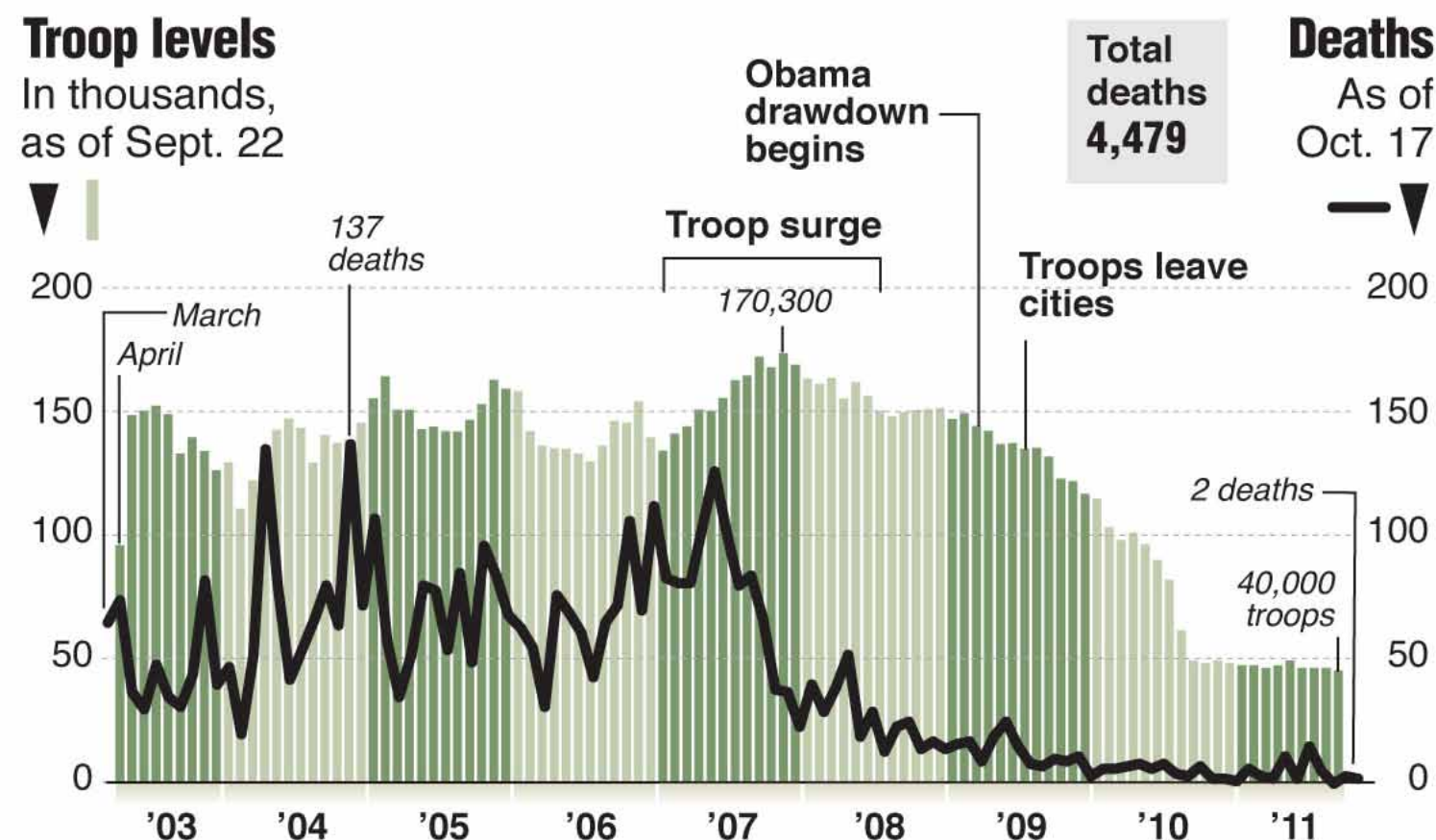
U.S.-backed autocrats in Egypt and Tunisia fell in Arab Spring revolts, while Moammar Gadhafi a long-term U.S. adversary who was more recently a Western ally suffered an ignoble death this week in his home town of Sirte.

Another U.S. ally, Yemen, is teetering, while the Assad dynasty in Syria, long a foe of Washington, faces its stiffest challenge in decades.

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## U.S. troops in Iraq

President Barack Obama has ordered all U.S. troops out of Iraq by Dec. 31. Troop levels and deaths by month since the U.S. invasion in March 2003:





# U.S. admits monitoring Cuba's offshore oil drilling

By Erika Bolstad  
McClatchy Newspapers

As exploratory oil drilling is set to begin in December off the coast of Cuba, the U.S. government acknowledged Tuesday that because of chilly diplomatic relations it could have a limited ability to control the response to an oil spill there, let alone one the magnitude of last year's Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

U.S. regulators said their main leverage to encourage safe drilling practices in Cuba is with the oil company doing the first round of offshore exploration in

the communist country: Spain's Repsol.

Because of its other extensive U.S. interests, Repsol is likely to exercise caution in a project less than 100 miles from the Florida coastline, said Michael Bromwich, director of the federal agency that oversees offshore drilling, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which is within the Department of the Interior.

Repsol's wide U.S. interests have likely "played a significant role in why they've been as cooperative as they have," Bromwich told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday morning.

Bromwich also said the company has pledged publicly that it will adhere to U.S. regulations and the

highest industry standards while working in Cuban waters. The company has given U.S. regulators permission to inspect the rig it will be using, Bromwich said, although that inspection would have to be done before it enters Cuban waters. The agency, along with the U.S. Coast Guard, already has participated in a mock response drill at Repsol's facilities in Trinidad.

Regulators have made it clear they expect the company "to adhere to industry and international environmental, health and safety standards and to have adequate prevention, mitigation and remediation systems in place in the event of an incident," Bromwich said.

But others at the hearing warned that spilled oil knows no political boundaries, or embargoes. And while Congress is most curious about Cuba because of the limited information available about the country's plans, other Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico neighbors also are exploring for oil near U.S. waters. They include Jamaica, the Bahamas and ongoing operations in Mexico.

"If we just kind of close our eyes to it here, and say, 'It's not going to happen here,' we're fooling ourselves," said Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, the committee's top Republican. "If there is a spill, the impact doesn't necessarily stop at our borders."

How U.S. companies are allowed to respond to any potential spill in Cuban waters could be vital in protecting Florida and the Bahamas, said Paul Schuler, the president and CEO of Clean Caribbean and Americas, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based oil-spill response consortium funded by oil companies. He called for a "loosening up" of the red tape required for U.S.-based companies to have any sort of involvement with Cuba's communist government.

Schuler's organization, which responded to the 2010 BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico, has been involved in Cuba since 2001, when Repsol and Brazil's Petrobras were first doing work there.

Clean Caribbean and Americas applied for and received licenses from the Treasury and Commerce departments to travel to and export equipment to Cuba. Company officials also have been to Cuba recently to work with Repsol and Petronas, the state-owned Malaysian oil company also exploring in Cuba, Schuler said.

One of the foremost experts in Cuba's oil-drilling capabilities, Jorge Pinon, warned the committee that the United States shouldn't bully Repsol, which is not the only oil company to explore in Cuban waters.

Pinon pointed out that the United States doesn't have the leverage with state-owned entities like Petronas that it does with publicly traded companies with U.S. interests, such as Repsol.

"Mexico, Cuba and the Bahamas are in the process of implementing the most advanced and up-to-date drilling regulations and standards," said Pinon, a former Amoco executive and a visiting research fellow with Florida International University's Latin American and Caribbean Center's Cuban Research Institute. "But do they have the resources, capabilities, assets, personnel and experience to enforce them? Can these countries' regulatory agencies appropriately police the operators? These are issues for debate."

Some Republican lawmakers have complained in the past about Cuba's ability to drill so close to the U.S. coastline even as a 125-mile buffer zone remains in place in U.S. waters off of most of Florida's coast. Tuesday, those questions came up again.

"Why not drill there?" asked Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn. Bromwich told Corker the agency would be going forward with lease sales in the western Gulf of Mexico in December, and in the central Gulf in May or June.

And lawmakers from both parties remain concerned about Repsol's involvement in Cuba. In September, 34 lawmakers led by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairwoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., asked Repsol in a letter to keep out of Cuban waters, saying the firm's pending offshore drilling plans would support the Castro regime and "bankroll the apparatus that violently crushes dissent."

Ros-Lehtinen also has introduced legislation that would deny U.S. visas to non-citizens who've worked in Cuba's oil drilling industry. The bill also would impose sanctions and other penalties on people and entities who invest in the development of Cuba's petroleum resources.

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## Cuba's offshore oil drilling worries Florida

Floridians worry that Cuba's exploratory offshore oil drilling, slated to begin in December, could lead to spills that would pollute the state's reefs, fisheries and coastline.





# American suicides on the rise

By Tony Pugh  
McClatchy Newspapers

The first study ever to compare U.S. suicide data state by state found that women, the unemployed and young adults have higher rates of non-fatal suicidal behavior than other people.

While Georgia logged the lowest statewide rates among adults ages 18 and over for suicidal thoughts, plans and attempts, the variation in findings among other states was nothing short of remarkable, said Alex Crosby, a medical epidemiologist at the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which conducted the study.

The CDC report, which surveyed more than 92,000 Americans, estimated that from 2008-2009, some 8.3 million U.S. adults, about 3.7 percent of the adult population, had suicidal thoughts in the previous year. Roughly 1 percent of U.S. adults, about 2.2 million people, reported making suicide plans in the last year, the study found.

One million, or 0.5 percent of U.S. adults, reported an actual suicide attempt in the last 12 months, said Crosby, the lead author of the study.

Only one-tenth of 1 percent of Georgia adults reported making suicide plans, while Rhode Island led the nation with 2.8 percent.

Only one in 50 Georgia adults, or 2.1 percent, reported suicidal thoughts in the last year, while one in 15 Utah residents did so, topping the nation with a rate of about 6.8 percent of adults, Crosby said.

Delaware and Georgia shared the top spot for the lowest rate of residents reporting a suicide attempt, 0.1 percent. Rhode Island, with 1.5 percent of adults reporting a suicide attempt in the previous 12 months, had nation's highest rate.

While suicide rates have consistently been higher in Western states, particularly the Rocky Mountain states, Crosby said it has never been fully determined why. The report found that suicidal thoughts were more prevalent among adults in the Midwest and West than for those in the Northeast and the South.

On average, a person died from suicide roughly every 15 minutes in the U.S. in 2008, compared with every 17 minutes in 2007, Crosby said.

In 2008, the last year that data are available, more than 36,000 Americans died of suicide, and another 666,000 people went to hospital emergency rooms for non-fatal, self-inflicted injuries.

Generally, suicide death rates are higher among males, certain racial and ethnic groups, and middle-aged and older adults, Crosby said. But non-fatal suicide behavior thoughts, plans and attempts were found to be much higher among young adults ages 18 to 30 than for those 30 and older.

Women also had "significantly higher" rates of suicidal thoughts than males, but there was no gender difference among suicide planning or attempts, the study found.

Among ethnic groups, non-Hispanic whites had the highest rate of suicidal thoughts, followed by non-Hispanic blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

Both death rates from suicide and non-fatal suicide behaviors are higher among the unemployed than those with jobs, Crosby said.

When the Great Recession began in December 2007, suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in the United States. By 2008, it had moved up to 10th.

Previous studies have shown a link between the downward business cycle and increased suicidal behavior. But Crosby said researchers probably will never be able to say that the economy was the main cause of a suicide because the act is such a complex human behavior that often has many underlying causes, like mental illness and employment, family and relationship problems.

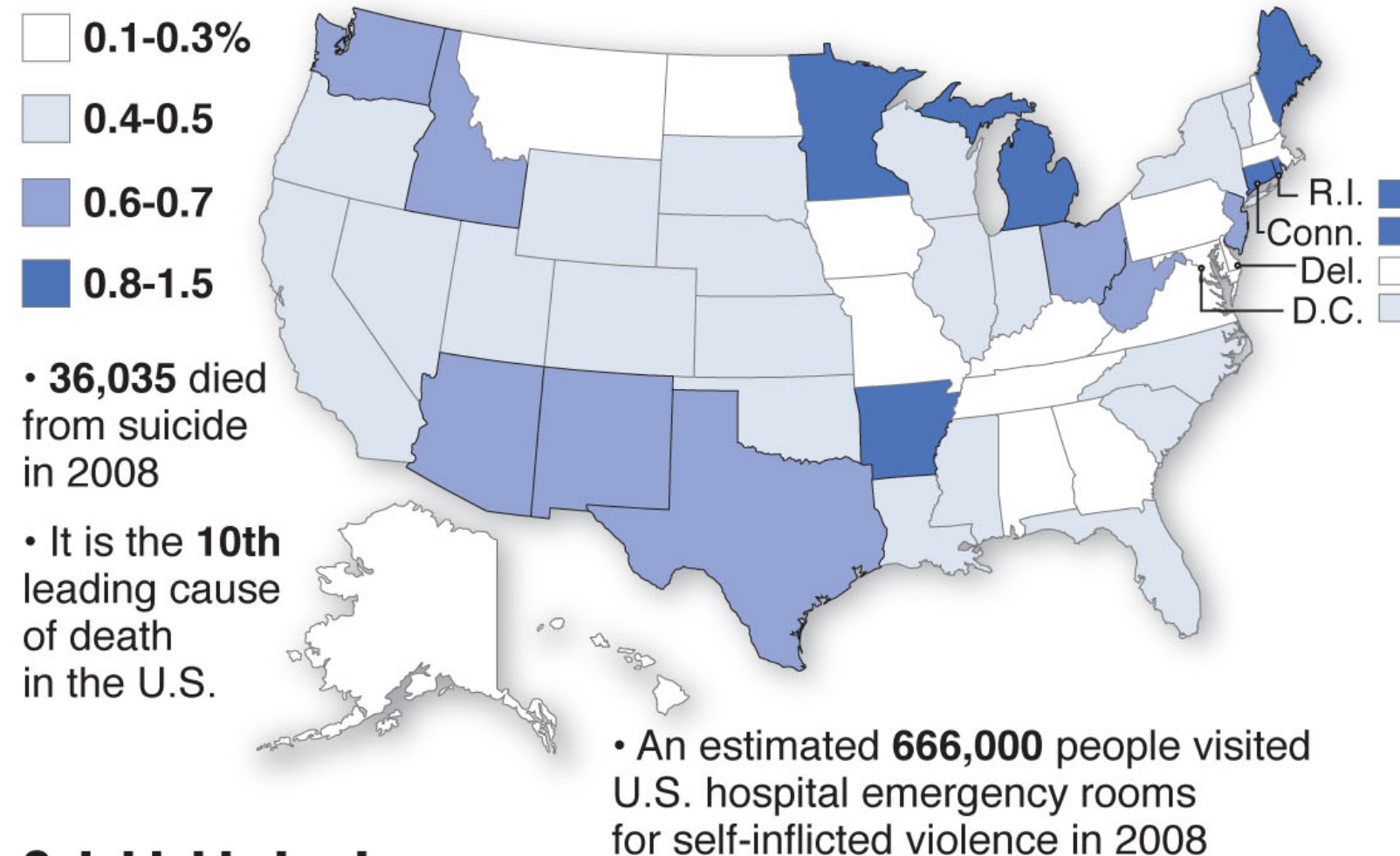
Selective migration, the demographic composition of the population and social factors like divorce rates and access to health care are thought to contribute to suicidal behavior.

Crosby said the report's findings will help state public health officials better target their suicide-prevention efforts.

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## Suicidal behavior in the U.S.

*An estimated 1 million adults per year reported making a suicide attempt, 2008-2009. Percent who attempted, by state:*



### Suicidal behaviors

States with the highest and lowest percentages

#### Suicidal thoughts

Utah	6.8%
Georgia	2.1%

• **U.S.** 8.3 million had suicidal thoughts (3.7 percent of population)

#### Suicidal plans

Rhode Island	2.8%
Georgia	0.1%

• **U.S.** 2.2 million made suicidal plans (1.0 percent of population)

#### Suicidal attempts

Rhode Island	1.5%
Del., Ga.	0.1%

• **U.S.** 1 million attempted suicide (0.5 percent of population)

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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# Businesses turn out apps blending real, virtual worlds

By Shan Li  
Los Angeles Times

You point your smartphone at an Italian restaurant, and diner reviews of its lasagna pop up on-screen.

Or you aim your tablet computer's camera down a residential street, and over images of the houses you see which ones are for sale, along with the asking price, number of baths and square footage.

Haven't done this yet? You probably will soon.

The technology is called augmented reality, or AR, and businesses are racing to incorporate it in as many consumer applications as they can. It's essentially the same technology TV sportscasts use to digitally paint a first-down line on a football field, adapted and updated for camera-equipped smartphones and tablet computers.

"In the future, you'll be able to point your device at anything around you and, without prompting, that device will recognize what is there, incorporate your interests, and layer on information about what you're looking at," said Brian Blau, research director at Gartner Inc. "Point a phone at a building, you'll see the history, for example. Or at a flower, the kind of flower comes up."

AR has been around for years, but only recently gained traction for consumers with the widespread adoption of smartphones equipped with electronic compasses and GPS chips to determine where the devices are and what they're pointing at.

The mingling of the real and virtual worlds works by overlaying what can be seen in plain sight with digital photos, videos or text. It's similar to the sophisticated bar codes known as QRs, but has a much wider range of applications. A QR requires a digitally created image, or code, printed on an advertisement or product.

With AR technology, a consumer simply points at an object to get information. Aim at a house, for example, and find out whether the resident is selling anything on eBay Classifieds.

Or point to an apartment building, and find out whether there are vacancies and what the landlord wants for rent.

About 6 million AR apps were downloaded last year, according to ABI Research still a small fraction of the overall app market. But the number is projected to increase to 19 million downloads this year and balloon to nearly a billion by 2016.

The firm forecasts the mobile AR industry will see \$3 billion in global revenue by 2016, up from \$87 million this year and \$21 million in 2010.

One of the pioneers in mobile AR was Yelp, the popular site that features consumer reviews on restaurants and other businesses. Point a phone using the site's free app down a street, and text bubbles pop up on the screen to identify which establishments have been reviewed.

Click on a bubble, and the business' Yelp page appears.

In the past year, there's been a boom in companies tinkering with AR, said Windsor Holden, an analyst at Juniper Research. "A number of big brands, especially, have become interested."

Many of the apps benefit specific companies (or industries) and are free to download. Beer-maker Stella Artois has an AR app to help customers find bars serving its brews.

iPhone users can try out furniture from Ikea and Pier 1 Imports, virtually, by pointing to a spot at home and adding pieces on the SnapShop Showroom app.

House hunters can download Emeryville, Calif.-based ZipRealty's free app, go to a neighborhood they like and point

their phone down the block. Text bubbles pop up on-screen, showing the addresses and distances of homes for sale nearby. Tapping on a bubble will bring up the list price, thumbnail photo, square footage and the number of days it's been on the market. The app has been downloaded about 350,000 times, ZipRealty said.

Rofo.com, a San Francisco real estate site, has listed all of its rental properties on a similar app.

"Someone can be walking along and hold their phone up to a particular building or down a city block to see if anything is available," said Rofo Chief Executive Alan Bernier. "Or you could be sitting in the office, point the phone outside the window and see the same results."

Others have found ways to charge. Conde Nast Digital Britain, for example, has AR-enhanced guidebook apps for New York, Rome, Paris and Barcelona, Spain. Priced at \$5.99 each, the apps enable tourists to point their phones toward a section of the city and get a rundown of museums, shops, restaurants and other attractions in the vicinity.

The next step, technology companies say, is creating AR apps that can recognize 3-D objects, such as a building, a chair or a statue. Eventually, phones and tablets will be smart enough to differentiate the Golden Gate Bridge from the Brooklyn Bridge even with the GPS chip switched off.

Enthusiasts believe AR eventually could have sweeping influence on the way people get information about their surroundings and one another.

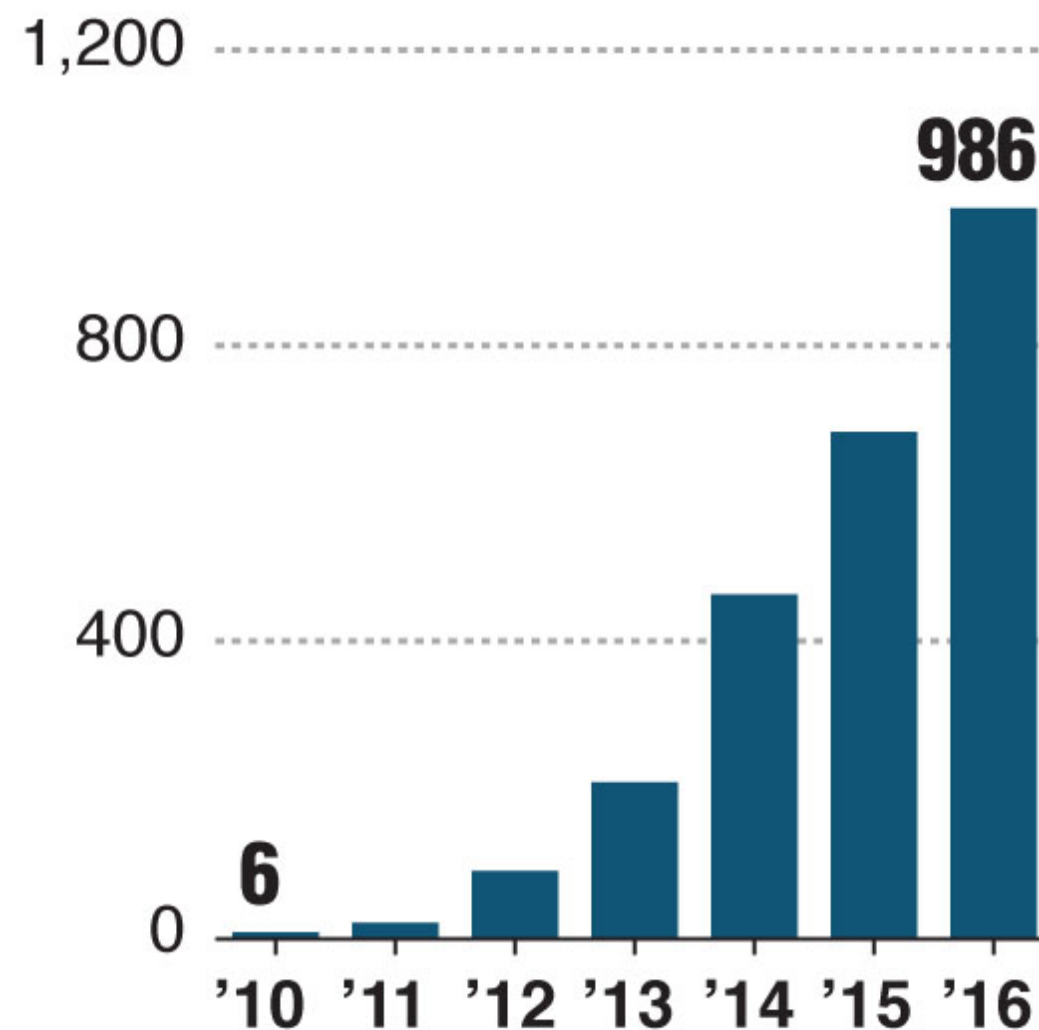
"It's going to transform areas like online search, mobile marketing, social networking and retail," said Mark Beccue, a senior analyst at ABI. "The possibilities are huge."

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## New reality

*AR applications are projected to reach nearly 1 billion by 2016.*

**In millions of downloads, for mobile phones only**



NOTE: Data after 2010 are projected

Source: ABI Research

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# Netflix loses more U.S. subscribers than predicted

By Ben Fritz  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — After miscalculating how consumers would respond to a surprise price increase and an aborted attempt to split its streaming and DVD businesses, Netflix Inc. also underestimated how many would ditch the service as a result.

Shares in the once-hot but recently troubled subscription video company plummeted 27 percent in after-hours trading Monday after it reported a loss of 800,000 U.S. customers in the third quarter, more than the 600,000 it told investors to expect.

As of Sept. 30, Netflix's total number of U.S. customers was 23.79 million, down from 24.59 million three months earlier.



Bins of empty Netflix envelopes will be taken to be recycled in the loading dock of the company's Orlando, Florida distribution center, pictured Aug. 11, 2009.

Perhaps even more troubling to Wall Street is that the defections have continued in October, leading Netflix to predict lower-than-expected growth through the end of 2012.

Shares in the Los Gatos, Calif., company, which were trading at nearly \$300 in July, fell below \$100 for the first time in more than a year late Monday as disappointed investors dumped their stock.

The damage to a brand that seemed flawless only a few months ago has been undeniable. Netflix Chief Executive Reed Hastings admitted in a letter to investors that the company's missteps have "hurt our hard-earned reputation and stalled our domestic growth."

He also for the first time apologized to the stock owners, who have seen the company's value plunge more than two-thirds.

"We know it has been extremely challenging time to be a shareholder these past few months," he said.

Hastings acknowledged that customers were infuriated by Netflix's up to 60 percent price increase announced in July and its failed plan to rebrand its DVD service Qwikster.

Also, in late August, pay channel Starz said it would stop providing new movies from Sony Pictures and Walt Disney Pictures to Netflix's online service when its contract expires in February. In good news for TV fans, however, a recently signed deal with the CW network will allow Netflix to stream prior seasons of most of its programs.

Hastings said he expects Netflix to start adding subscribers by December, as cancellations have been slowing since the implementation of higher prices for combined DVD-streaming plans. As a result, the company predicts it will have slightly more customers by year's end.

"There was a large number of disgruntled consumers, but most of them have left," said Hudson Square Research analyst Daniel Ernst.

Three months ago, Netflix predicted it would be back on a strong growth path by now and could have its first \$1 billion quarter. Instead, the company is now expecting less than \$875 million in revenue in the current quarter.

But competitors Amazon.com Inc. and Dish Net-



Laura French of Roseville, Minnesota, likes Netflix streaming video service for watching movies as shown on the laptop and monitor above. French has also scaled back some of her other services in favor of streaming video instead.

work Corp.-owned Blockbuster have not yet made any impact on Netflix's business, Hastings said. That gives the company an opportunity to recover.

"If they stop making mistakes, this is fixable," said Dan Rayburn, a principal analyst at consulting firm Frost & Sullivan. "The saving grace is that unlike a lot of other companies that get into this kind of situation, there isn't a competitor eating Netflix's lunch."

There was better news from overseas: Netflix added more than 500,000 customers in Canada and Latin America, which launched in September, bringing its foreign total to 1.51 million. In early 2012, the company will expand into Britain and Ireland, a costly investment that probably will make the firm unprofitable.

But in a salve to upset investors, Hastings said Netf-

lix will not expand into any more foreign markets until it returns to profitability on a global basis.

During the most recent quarter, Netflix's revenue rose 49 percent from a year earlier to \$822 million, and net income jumped 63 percent to \$62 million.

Hastings said Netflix plans to keep prices stable and invest heavily in content, doubling the amount it spends on television shows and movies for its streaming service next year.

"The focus for us is in building back our reputation and brand strength, but that's not through grand gestures," he said. "It's the same type of steps we have been using for the past 10 years."

Netflix shares closed at \$118.84, up 1.5 percent, before financial results were released.

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# Libya finally liberated, hopes for bright future

By Hannah Allam  
McClatchy Newspapers

Libya's new leaders declared their nation "liberated" on Sunday, paving the way for elections and a constitution that the revolutionary government says will put the country on a path to its first representative democracy.

The long-awaited pronouncement came with a heavy dose of Islamist sentiment, as Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, leader of the transitional government, embraced the Muslim code known as Sharia as a foundation for future legislation.

During a reign of more than four decades, Moammar Gadhafi viewed Islamists as a threat and jailed hundreds of suspected religious militants. But Jalil, a former justice minister in Gadhafi's regime, signaled that Islam would have a central place in the new Libya, imposing two Islamic-style edicts capping interest rates and lifting restrictions on how many wives men may have.

Islamists are one of a number of groups seeking a stake in the new Libya. Many Libyans are also advocating a secular state. The transitional leaders have repeatedly stressed the nation's "moderate" version of Islam, and dismissed as far-fetched the notion of an Iran-style theocracy emerging in Libya. Still, some Western leaders who backed the rebellion have voiced concern about the possible rise of fundamentalist rule in Libya.

The liberation declaration in the eastern city of Benghazi where mass protests in February ignited what became a national rebellion came three days after Gadhafi was slain in his home city of Sirte when rebels overran the coastal town. The suspicious circumstances of his death continue to draw international concern.

Libya's provisional leaders say Gadhafi was killed in battle or in crossfire after he was captured. But footage of a bloodied Gadhafi being manhandled and taunted while a prisoner has raised suspicions that he may have been executed.

The former leader's decomposing body has remained on display in a vegetable cold-storage locker,



Libyan people celebrate the death of the fallen former leader Muammar Gaddafi in Tripoli Oct. 20. Gaddafi was killed in a gun battle after being found hidden in his hometown, Sirte.

a macabre spectacle that has unnerved some observers though many Libyans have called it cathartic.

The Obama administration has joined with the United Nations in calling for an investigation into Gadhafi's death, expressing concern for what his treatment may portend in the new Libya.

Whatever form of government emerges, it is clear that Libya is about to undergo a radical overhaul.

A major challenge will be to form some kind of consensus government despite regional and tribal differences. The nation is awash in weapons. The nation's new leaders hope to disarm the many militias

that ousted Gadhafi and funnel their members into a new military and police corps.

While Arab Spring revolutions also triumphed in neighboring Tunisia and Egypt, ousting entrenched autocratic rulers, both nations had functioning government structures, including militaries, that survived their respective revolutions. In Libya, however, Gadhafi's regime left few formal traces of government behind.

Libya's new leadership must create a government almost from scratch. Many among the Gadhafi-era elite including relatives and cronies of the leader have

been toppled, gone into hiding or fled the country.

Libyans also face a substantial rebuilding challenge. Several cities, including the coastal towns of Misurata and Sirtet, and the mountain city of Zintan, were damaged to tadegree unlike anything experienced during the revolutions in Egypt or Tunisia.

It was not immediately clear when Libya's first elections would be held, though some have called for national polling within eight months. The full transition to a new democratic leadership has been projected to take two years.

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# Israeli soldier probably spent years underground, doctors say

By Sheera Frenkel  
McClatchy Newspapers

MITZPE HILA, Israel — After five years in Palestinian custody, Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit came home Tuesday to adoring throngs and questions about his long years of captivity.

Doctors said he was malnourished and that he probably had spent much of the past five years in solitary confinement below ground.

His appearance certainly bore that out. Looking fragile, Shalit seemed unsteady when Israel's prime minister, defense minister and the head of the army



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu embraces Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit at the Tel Nof airforce base in Israel on Oct. 18.

greeted him with warm hugs.

He limped noticeably from wounds he received when his captors snatched him in a daring cross-border raid in June 2006. His pale skin and weakness were the apparent effect of long years without exposure to sunshine.

He told his parents that the conditions of his confinement had improved in the past few years, though at first he was treated harshly.

"I'm very emotional. I haven't seen people in a long time," Shalit said during an interview he was made to give to Egyptian media before he was transferred to Israel. "I'm not really well."

The story of what Shalit endured during his five years of captivity will no doubt emerge in coming days, but Tuesday was largely reserved in Israel for celebration that the 25-year-old sergeant first class he was promoted twice while being held by Hamas was back home. The push for his release had become a cause celebre in Israel.

His family members said he was heartened by the scenes of celebration across Israel in honor of his release.

"I want to thank all of the people who came to support us and welcome Gilad," said Noam Schalit, Gilad's father. "He will now start his rehabilitation, which we hope will be as swift as possible. With the help of the military doctors, we hope he will be able to resume his normal life. Today we are celebrating that our son has been reborn."

It was a day of celebration in the Palestinian territories as well a rare occasion in which the normally warring states both had cause to rejoice.

In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, hundreds of thousands took to the streets to welcome the 477 Palestinian prisoners

that Israel released in the first stage in exchange for Shalit. They are the first of 1,027 prisoners that will be released in the coming months.

Many of them were serving multiple life sentences for attacks on Israeli civilians when they were released. Some of them had been in jail for decades.

Hamas, which has ruled Gaza since June 2007, declared the day a national holiday and turned it into a show of popularity for the Islamist movement in Gaza. On a huge stage wedged next to a grassy lot, more than 300 newly released prisoners took turns speaking to the crowd.

Many spoke of their years in captivity and said they will continue to support militant movements against Israel.

"We trusted in Hamas to bring home our brothers and they did," said Fawzi Abbed, who said his cousin was among the released prisoners.

"They know the way to deal with Israel. If it takes 10 more Shalits, we will bring home all our families."

The idea that future kidnappings could be used to bring home Palestinian prisoners was popular.

"The people want a new Gilad!" the crowd chanted, after Hamas official Yehiye Sinwar told the crowd that Palestinians would win freedom for all those currently in Israeli jails by "any means necessary."

In the West Bank, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas praised the released prisoners as "freedom fighters" and "holy warriors."

Shalit's family and supporters said they were preparing to do whatever was necessary to give Shalit the time and space to recover.

On the street outside his home in this northern Israeli village, the first sight his friends and supporters caught of him was



Israeli soldier Shalit salutes Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as Shalit arrives to the Tel Nof airforce base in Israel on Oct. 18. Shalit has been held in captivity by Hamas militants since June 2006.

on a big screen TV erected outside his home.

"It's him," screamed someone in the crowd, prompting dozens of heads to turn to catch a glimpse of a gaunt Shalit, in a blue baseball cap.

"Welcome home," said Ohad Kerner, an activist who said he had done little other than campaign for the release of Shalit for the past five years.

Those gathered in Mitzpe Hila waved flags and covered the small village with signs reading "Gilad, welcome home. We missed you."

They stood for hours on the street outside the Shalit home. They began cheering the moment two Blackhawk

helicopters were spotted overhead. Less than 10 minutes later, they broke into song and dance as the van carrying Shalit and his family pulled into the cul-de-sac in front of the family home.

Shalit could just be glimpsed sitting between his parents, a small, shocked smile on his face as he watched the grinning crowds around him.

The crowds remained for several hours, dancing and singing outside the Shalit home until nightfall. The Shalits, they said, had asked for some quiet time alone as a family. It was time to return to normal life, they said.

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# Thailand's deadly flooding could last another 6 weeks

By Mark Magnier  
Los Angeles Times

Thailand, reeling from its worst flooding in decades, received more bad news Saturday as the death toll from three months of downpours rose to 356 and the prime minister warned that the inundation could last six more weeks.

In a high-risk maneuver this weekend, authorities are trying to channel floodwaters through the canals of Bangkok and out to sea from the deluged central plains. The capital has already seen waist-high water in its northern neighborhoods, with many fearing that the heart of downtown could be next if the diversion fails.

"Bangkok must open all floodgates to allow the water through," Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said in a nationwide radio address. "There is a huge volume of runoff water from the north and we can't effectively block it, but can only slow the flow."

The government raised the death toll to 356 from Friday's 342. Two others are missing. An estimated 113,000 people have been displaced and are living in shelters. And the nation has suffered \$3.3 billion in economic damage, a figure that could double if Bangkok is swamped.

Yingluck, who's been in office just two months, invoked a disaster law Friday to exert more control over squabbling ministries and contradictory information. She also warned Bangkok residents to move their belongings to higher floors and brace for water levels that could reach 3 feet.

The politician, a sister of fugitive former leader Thaksin Shinawatra, also said her government would safeguard Bangkok's palaces and other important buildings and economic zones. Critics have accused her of

moving slowly and failing to recognize the scale of the problem.

"The government should've done much better than this. It's mismanaged the whole thing," said Kavi Chongkittavorn, assistant group editor with the Nation media group. "With their populist policies and rallies, they're much better at controlling people than water."

Flooding has affected nearly half of the country's 77 provinces in the last three months, taking a huge toll on the economy. Thailand is the world's top rice and rubber producer and a major disk-drive manufacturer; the disaster is sending jitters through the global computer industry in advance of the Christmas shopping season.

Five major industrial estates north of Bangkok, a city known as the Venice of the East, have suspended operations. Carmakers Honda and Toyota, among others, have shut down production. And two other industrial estates to the north and east are in jeopardy, putting more than 700,000 people out of work temporarily.

The focus on saving Bangkok, although economically sound, has underscored longstanding political tensions in the country between the urban elite and the relatively poor rural population, analysts said.

Bangkok saw months of street fighting and unrest last year between government forces and "red shirt" protesters made up mostly of farmers, the poor and the working class.

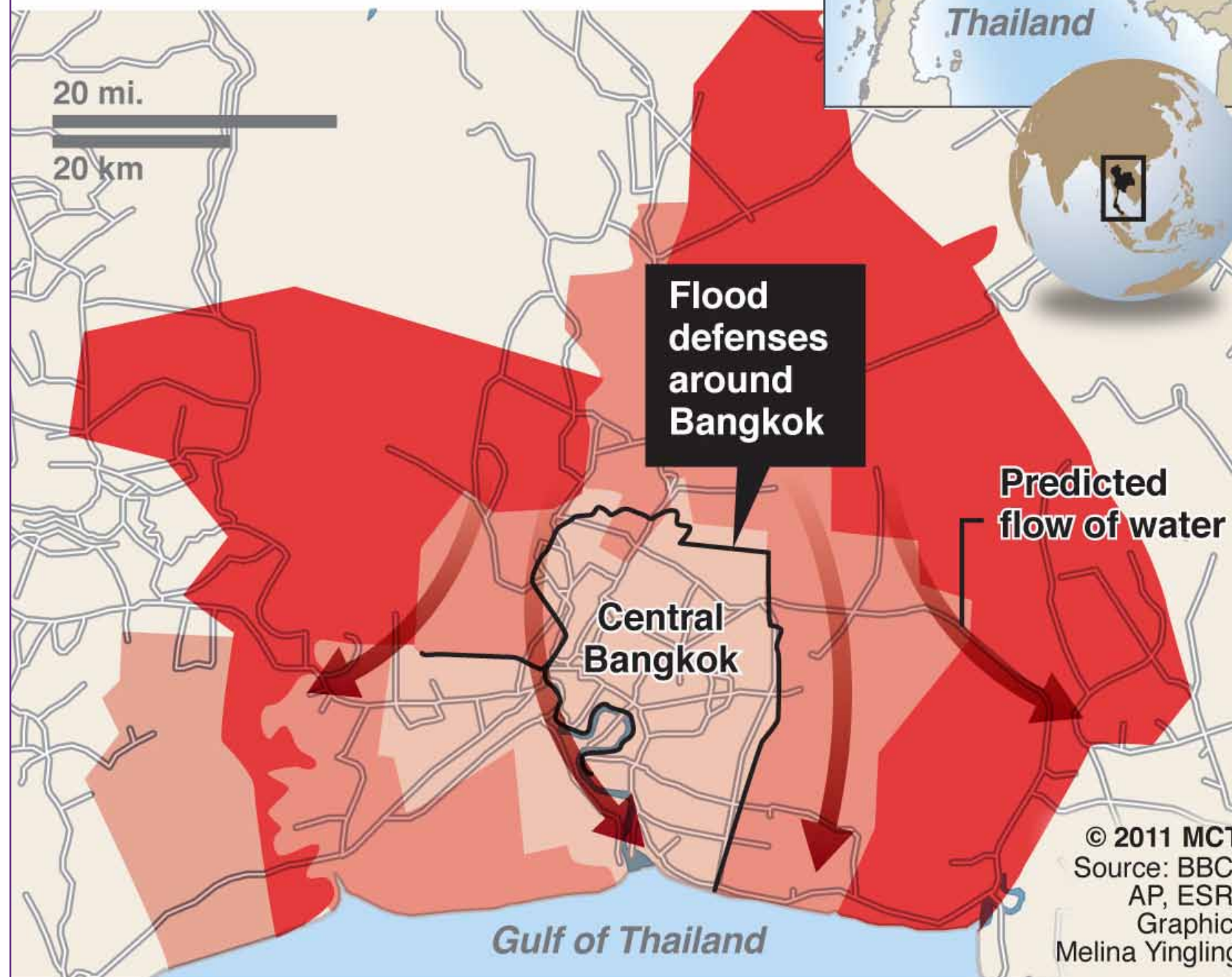
"The people of Bangkok thought it was an island, that you could block the water and send it to the west, east, into the main Prapa Canal," said Pitch Pongsawat, a political science professor at Chulalongkorn University. "In an address, the Bangkok government said they were trying to save the Bangkok people, not the rest of the country."

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## Thailand flooding

Barriers protecting Bangkok from Thailand's worst floods in half a century are holding firm as some flooding north of the capital has begun to recede.

Flood risk ■ High ■ Medium ■ Low





## OUR VOICE

# Like Valencia Voice, win an iPad

We at Valencia Voice would like to take a few moments to thank all of our readers this semester. We've been hard at work trying to put out a quality paper that we hope you have found and informative entertaining. There have been ups and downs, and many late nights with piles of pizzas and mountains of Mountain Dew.

We just completed our first ever special edition, and we are as proud as any new parents could possibly be. We were inspired by the gun incident that happened near the journalism department on West Campus, and have been working on this issue since summer.

A Valencia student named Hudson Capi was accused of possessing a gun on

campus, and we've been following his case, and the effects it had upon Valencia as a whole. The result turned out to be a little anti-climactic, because the accused student's case was dismissed, but we're all happy that Capi is getting a second chance.

The special edition is something that we would possibly like to continue doing, but we would like your feedback. What did you like and dislike about our special issue? We'd love to hear from you.

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"I'm now worried that my Halloween costume, Slutty Gaddafi, will be in poor taste."

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# What are your plans to celebrate Halloween this year?

Photos by Joeseeph Morrison / Interviews by James Tutton



"I'll be partying, I will be dressed as James Dean and my girlfriend is Marilyn Monroe."  
— Adrienne Snow



"I have not made plans yet I'm probably just studying, I have a lot of school work."  
— Zach Loyacono



"I'm just going to relax, watch some scary movies and eat candy with my friends."  
— Valerie Vizcaya



"A big group of my friends are going to 'Halloween Horror Nights' on Halloween night."  
— Oliver Anderson



"Going to West Palm Beach for 'Moonfest.' It's downtown and everyone dresses up."  
— Jennifer Sanchez



"Going trick-or-treating with my friends, I'll be dressed as a humanoid space alien."  
— Chandanee Samaroo



"I'll be partying, my costume idea is the dancing robot from the 'Party Rock' video."  
— Scott Petriella



"I will be studying, I don't have any plans, but may go to a party if I'm invited to one."  
— Valentina Calla



"I heard about a few parties going on this weekend, I'll be dressed as a gladiator."  
— Armando Sanchez



"My firends and I are dressing as sexy 'Wizard of Oz' and trick-or-treating at UCF's Greek row"  
— Amy Bursley



# Third try's the charm

## 'Paranormal Activity 3' terrifies, pleases

**Director:** Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman

**Starring:** Chloe Csengery, Jessica Brown and Christopher Nicholas Smith

**Rated:** R



**By** Jeff Shedden

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With the arrival of Halloween, it's time for our yearly installment of the "Paranormal Activity" franchise. This tradition was originally held by the gore-fest series, "Saw," but since they've finally ended it, there's a new kid on the block.

"Paranormal Activity 3" follows the odd horror tradition of not being quite as good as the original, but vastly better than part two. There are a few continuity issues, and the "found footage" premise is getting harder and harder to rationalize, but anyone coming into this film on purpose is prepared for these.

PA:3 is a prequel to a semi-prequel. Set in 1988, Katie and Kristi, the sisters from the first two films, are children. Their

mother's boyfriend Dennis has set up VHS camcorders around the house to document some weird goings-on. The cameras are quickly explained by the idea that Dennis is a wedding videographer and runs a little editing studio in the garage.

Fans of the series are aware that the family has been stalked by an invisible demon for a long time, and in this installment, is given the name Toby. Toby starts off as Kristi's imaginary friend, bringing to mind shades of "Captain Howdy" from "The Exorcist." Kristi is actually able to see and speak to Toby, who tells her secrets that she's not allowed to repeat.

The shock scares we've come to expect are all here and quite clever. The angle of the cameras are carefully positioned for maximum screams, and the pacing amps up much quicker than in the past. The actual story itself is being very carefully portioned out, though. We get to see what happened to the sisters when they were children, but only get an eyedropper's worth of story as to why they're being stalked by a demon.

The audience reactions were genuine. One of the noisy teens seated behind me



'Found footage' of sisters Katie and Kristi, try to sleep regardless of the evil that haunts their house.

had to leave the theater, and spent the remainder of the showing peeking in from the hallway.

Luckily for the franchise, there's still a lot of room to play with. Normally, it would be hard to continue using the "found footage" style of filmmaking for sequel after sequel, but in a franchise like this, I could easily justify at least two more

sequels in this style.

Horror is a very tough sell, which is why there has been such a push for PG-13 rated scary movies. Hollywood forgot that the best way to make boatloads of money off of such a small potential audience is to make an excellent film. Fortunately, the makers of "Paranormal Activity 3" remembered this lesson.

## Opening Oct. 28

### 'In Time'



**Director:** Andrew Niccol

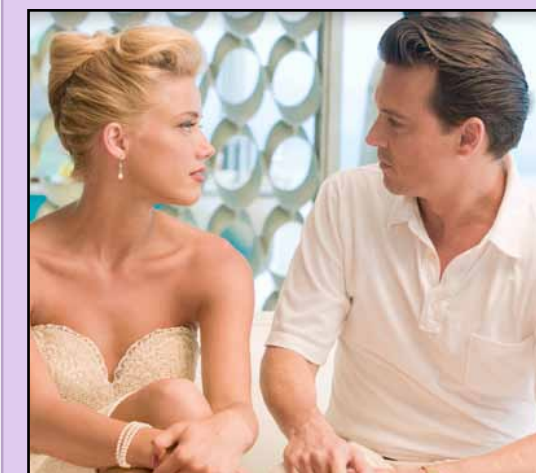
**Starring:** Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried, Cillian Murphy

**Rated:** PG-13

**Running time:** 109 minutes

**Genre:** Crime/Sci-Fi/Thriller

### 'The Rum Diary'



**Director:** Bruce Robinson

**Starring:** Johnny Depp, Aaron Eckhart, Michael Rispoli, Amber Heard

**Rated:** R

**Running Time:** 120 minutes

**Genre:** Adventure/Drama

## Box Office



### 1. 'Paranormal 3'

**Rated:** R

**This weekend:** \$54 million

**Total Gross:** \$54 million



### 2. 'Real Steel'

**Rated:** PG-13

**This weekend:** \$11.3 million

**Total Gross:** \$67.2 million



### 3. 'Footloose'

**Rated:** PG-13

**This weekend:** \$10.8 million

**Total Gross:** \$30.9 million



# Student battles brain disease

By Hadassah Lansiquot  
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Amanda Smith was a 15-year-old high school sophomore when she was diagnosed with Arnold-chiari malformation and Pseudotumor cerebri, two types of brain disorders.

Arnold-chiari malformation affects the back of the neck where the spinal cord connects to the tip of the brain. The spinal cord presses on the brain, resulting in a lot of pressure on the back of the neck.

Pseudotumor cerebri is a disorder that affects one’s vision. In CT scans the disorder appears as a tumor but is really a liquid buildup in the brain.

Smith didn’t find out about the disorders until after she began having frequent migraine headaches and was unable to concentrate and stay focused in school. She was soon referred to a neurologist who informed her about the disorders.

Smith confided that she does have bad sight and peripheral vision and could possibly become blind one day. She does, however, hope to one day have surgery to alleviate the mass of water in her brain.

Smith, who has attended Valencia College for two and half years, is currently a general studies major, but intends to switch her major to communications once she transfers to UCF. She says she chose communications as her major because she



Amanda Smith

## Student Spotlight

views it as a “broad major,” which could open up a career ranging from English to law to journalism. She isn’t sure what career path she wants to follow yet, but hopes that communications will “give me time to think about what I want to do.”

Aside from her personal challenges, Smith also deals with challenges at school on a daily basis. As assistant manager for the Winnie Palmer Hospital gift shop, Smith has to work a 35-hour, four-day-a-week job. She says she has to find the time to get her school work done, leaving her little to no time for a social life.

The surgical procedure that Smith plans to undergo in the future will involve having a shunt placed in her brain to take off some of the pressure from the mass of water. The liquid will then be transferred from her brain to her stomach. The procedure will be administered at Florida Hospital.

Smith’s current and future goals include getting through college and eventually moving to New York or Washington, D.C.

# App of the Week

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
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This week’s app lets you take a splash into the water with the penguins. ‘Penguin’ is brought to us by California’s Academy of Science.

This application features two webcams inside of a penguin exhibit- one view overlooking the whole area, while another allows you to view the underwater area.

At any time of the day you can watch these cute little animals waddle around



and swim through the water. You can even see the feeding crew come, and then you can watch the penguins eat their fishy meals.

Throughout the week, some of the biologists will enter the exhibit and give presentations. If you happen to see one of them on your screen, make sure that your volume is turned up- you will be able to hear the presentation as well!

The app also features an easy access button to donate \$5 to the penguins of the academy.

# music downloads

Week ending Oct. 18, 2011

## #1 Album



21  
Adele

## Top tracks ( ) Last week’s ranking in top five

### United States

<i>Sexy and I Know It</i> • LMFAO	(3)	1
<i>Someone Like You</i> • Adele	(1)	2
<i>We Found Love</i> • Rihanna	(5)	3
<i>Pumped Up Kicks</i> • Foster the People	(2)	4
<i>Moves Like Jagger</i> • Maroon 5	(4)	5

### United Kingdom

<i>We Found Love</i> • Rihanna	(1)	1
<i>Lightning</i> • The Wanted		2
<i>Wherever You Will Go</i> • Charlene Soraia		3
<i>Moves Like Jagger</i> • Maroon 5	(2)	4
<i>Mr. Know It All</i> • Kelly Clarkson		5



Video Games  
Lana Del Rey

# New Releases

Week of Oct. 29

Michael Buble  
‘Christmas’



Coldplay  
‘Mylo Xyloto’



Kelly Clarkson  
‘Stronger’



Florence And The Machine  
‘Ceremonials’





# Triple hit for 'Drowsy'

## Unconventional play features song, dance, surprise Alumni gift

By James Tutton  
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The Valencia college theater program opened showing of "The Drowsy Chaperone" last Friday in the performing arts center at Valencia's East campus. This unconventional and fun-loving production thrilled the large audience with music, dance, romance, and comedy. There was also a surprise donation of \$1,000 to the performing arts program from members of the Valencia Alumni Association.

"The Valencia Alumni Association has always been incredibly generous in their awards and their time spent attending our productions, and we are so very grateful," said Julia Gagne the plays director and theater professor at Valencia. "We also love the idea of our graduates joining the Alumni Association and 'giving back' to the college with their time or talent."

The play, originally written for Broadway in

New York, is an homage to the Jazz era in music and set in the post-war roaring 20s America. This is interwoven with a modern style with the help of an unconventional guide and narrator the character "Man in Chair."

The best way to describe "The Drowsy Chaperone" is unconventional. It's not the typical play you encounter with standard performing arts style. Rather than a set time-line of events, the play is broken up and starts and stops several time by the "Man in Chair" character. He works as the narrator and bridge between the performance and the audience.

Outlandish elements of the show like spit takes and dancing monkeys are addressed by the "Man in Chair" who describes what the audience is thinking, like just how ridiculous certain scenarios are. By poking fun it allows everyone to not focus on the absurd, and instead just enjoy for pure entertainment value.

Musically the entire production is very impressive, with several upbeat and catchy tunes like "Toledo Surprise," and "Wedding Bells" all accompanied by a talented nine-member orchestra lead by musical director Tim Hanes.

The ensemble cast featured many great singers, and moments where certain performers shined in their vocal talents. Evangeline Mateo, who plays

the Drowsy Chaperone, gave a rousing solo performance about enjoying life in "As We Stumble Along." Jillian Gizzi, who play the bride Janet Van de Graaff, displayed all the talent needed to be a stand-alone star on Broadway.

Another strong element of this production is the high level of comedy featured throughout. A high point was Paul Layton, who plays the over the top Latin Lothario Aldolpho. Layton thrilled and delighted the audience with his lovable yet blatantly stereotypical portrayal of a wild self-proclaimed ladies man.

"Everyone did a phenomenal job," said Derek McAtee, a former Valencia student. "I watch plays all the time, and this really blew me away. It's a wonderful show."

"I thought it was great it was a lot of fun. It made me smile and I thought it was very clever," said Patricia Anderson coordinate disability support services at East campus. "There's a lot of talent up there."

If you missed the first run of shows you have four chances with three shows Oct. 27 – Oct. 29 starting at 7:30 p.m., and a final matinee performance on Sunday



Students will receive \$5 off the ticket price on Thursday.

Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. There is also a special deal for Valencia students to register online for a discounted admission of \$5 for this Thursday night's show. Tickets can be bought at the PAC box office at east campus or online at <http://valenciacollege.edu/artsandentertainment/Theater/tickets.cfmxa>



The cast of 'Drowsy' performs large ensemble routine towards the end of the show. The show runs through Oct. 30.

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# Jeff hates: Werewolves, vampires and zombies, oh my!

By Jeff Shedden  
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I've long been a horror fan of the most extreme variety. I love it all, from the dark, cerebral horror of films like "Hellraiser," to the blatant exploitative schlock films like "Hellraiser: Deader." But when it really comes down to it, I've always been partial to the big three: vampires, werewolves and zombies.

And they have been ruined.

The whole idea behind vampires and werewolves is that they are human beings who have been cursed. Vampires, traditionally, are men or women who were so cruel and bloodthirsty that they were cursed by Satan himself to live forever and require drinking the blood of their victims to stay alive. This formula has been played with over the years, but still kept mostly to the idea that vampires are a physical embodiment of evil, and are a scourge that needs to be destroyed.



"Mr. Shedden, will you please put your pants on?"

It got messed in Anne Rice's vampire novels. Her vampires were more about the romance and the intrigue than the horror, but at least the bloodsuckers kept to the rules.

Werewolves follow pretty much the same idea. Basically, it's a good idea to never piss off an old gypsy. They don't mess around for even the most petty of offences. And like vampires, the curse of a werewolf can be spread by the bite of another werewolf.

This is a formula that's been mostly unchanged over the years. Werewolves didn't want to be werewolves. Look at movies like "An American Werewolf in London," or even Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video. Transforming into a werewolf is supposed to be nearly as painful as attending a Justin Bieber concert.

Everything started to go wrong with the "Underworld" films. This was basically a twisted take on "Romeo and Juliet," except Romeo needed a flea collar. Vampires and werewolves became new "races," and ceased being figures of fear.

But then we get to the real meat of the problem; Stephenie Meyer and her point-less and wimpy approach to these monsters. I could spend a bunch of time pointing out that the "Twilight" novels are barely good enough to be internet fan-fiction, and that the character of Bella is basically Meyer's self-insertion, also known as a "Mary Sue."

Meyer explained that the idea behind "Twilight" came to her in a dream. I can believe this, because the idea behind vampires that sparkle in the sunlight has special needs and practices an alternative lifestyle. The first time someone told me that Meyer's vampires shimmer in the sun, I blacked out in anger, and when I came to, I tasted pennies and had to go into hiding until they took my picture off the post office wall.

Her werewolves are no better. They are a quick-changing opposite to the vam-

pires, in that they do a little more limp violence, and contain a little more testosterone than the vampires. This means that Meyer's manliest werewolf could still be beaten up by Andy Dick.

Here's a piece of advice for you Team Edward freaks. Before you touch anything "Twilight" related ever again, you need to watch "The Lost Boys," George A. Romero's "Martin," "Nosferatu the Vampyr," and every single Christopher Lee as Dracula film from Hammer, especially the amazing "Horror of Dracula." If that doesn't cure you of this silly Edward Cullen B.S., you might want to consider a stake to the heart.

And for you Team Jacob dinguses, you need to shower off and get some learnin'. Start with "An American Werewolf in London," then move on to "The Howling" (the original, NOT the remake), Stephen King's "Silver Bullet," and then see the "Ginger Snaps" films. Lon Chaney Jr. in "The Wolf Man" is also not to be missed.

If you still want to watch "Twilight" movies after seeing these films, well then take Bob Barker's advice, and just get fixed. I have a nice pair of pliers.

So with vampires and werewolves ruined for everyone, we should at least have our zombies, right? Wrong. They've been ruined as well.

I can't get as angry, because there was really no standard for zombies. The undead, shambling flesh-eaters didn't really exist until George Romero invented them for "Night of the Living Dead" in 1969. I don't even have a problem with most zombie films these days.

I don't like the idea of zombies caused by viruses or lab tinkering or whatever, but I can get over it. I prefer the type of zombie that clawed its way out of the grave and shambles endlessly, using numbers to overwhelm, more of a force of nature. Imagine my reaction when I saw "28 Days Later,"



These aren't actually zombies, but people waiting anxiously for the new Golden Corral to open.

and the zombies were sprinting. I shambled up to my TV and tried to bite its jugular out, but only got a zap for my troubles.

What does piss me off is this weird zombie obsession we have right now. Zombie shirts, zombie survival guides, etc. I can't go out in public anymore without hearing a conversation about what they would do if there was a zombie outbreak. Here's what I'd do. I'd pop you in the mouth, because zombies aren't real. You may as well talk about a My Little Pony outbreak, although I'm not sure which is a more horrifying idea.

I really love the old undead style zombie movies. Lucio Fulci made a movie in 1979 called simply "Zombie." In this one, there is an extended underwater fight scene between a zombie and an honest-to-god shark. You just don't see things like that anymore. Zombie vs. shark beats out The Rock vs. John Cena any day.

Even the godfather of gore himself, George A. Romero, hasn't been able to

make the zombie movie he's wanted to do since "Day of the Dead" in 1985. He still makes zombie movies, because the studios realize that they're profitable and Romero's a bankable name, but they don't want a thoughtful film.

Romero's movies deal with racism, loneliness, consumerism, and many other things. He's been trying to do one about the aftermath of a zombie infestation after they've mostly rotted away and need to be cleaned up out of the streets.

Doesn't this sound like an awesome idea? No, all the studios want him to do is more zombies and more gore.

So next time you get the urge to start a stupid zombie conversation with a stranger, or wander around wearing Edward Cullen sparkle dust from Hot Topic or pop in a pair of werewolf contacts, remember that I could be nearby, and I am willing to bite your neck, claw out your innards and finish by eating your brains.



# Another Olsen on the rise

## Famous twins' sibling draws attention at Sundance

By Steven Zeitchik  
Los Angeles Times

Elizabeth Olsen recently experienced something that had never happened to her: She was recognized by a stranger.

"It was really weird. I was walking in Tribeca and a guy just came up to me and said, 'I just saw the trailer for your movie, and I'm really looking forward to it,' and then he kept on walking," the young actress recalled.

Then she added uncertainly, "I hope he wasn't confusing me with someone else."

That she would find this exchange exciting might seem, well, really weird in its own right. Olsen is the younger sister of those Olsens, the tabloid fixtures Mary-Kate and Ashley. She's spent a lifetime watching her sisters hounded by TMZ, pursued by autograph-seekers, roasted by late-night hosts. But she's avoided the limelight.

Walking around Greenwich Village, the outgoing 22-year-old might as well be just another NYU acting student, albeit one who happens to have spent parts of the past year shooting films.

She has some of the same facial features as her famous sisters, but like so much in her life to this point, nothing about her suggests that she's related to the entertainment world's most famous twins.

"You mean, there's another one?" actress Sarah Paulson said, laughing, as she recalled her reaction upon hearing about the third Olsen sister for the first time, before the pair began shooting their movie "Martha Marcy May Marlene." "Where have they been hiding her?"

With her starring turn in Sean Durkin's challenging indie, Olsen's anonymity won't last much longer. Anchoring a drama that has drawn acclaim at the Sundance and Cannes film festivals, Olsen plays Martha the other monikers are given to her by John Hawkes' rough-hewn cult leader, Patrick a complex, vulnerable young woman grappling

with a traumatic past. She delivers a remarkable performance, the sort that gets your attention for a lot more than her last name.

As the film, which Fox Searchlight opens Friday in Los Angeles, quietly begins, Martha can be seen wandering disoriented into a small-town diner from the compound where she'd been living with Patrick and his other followers.

She's soon retrieved by her tightly wound sister Lucy (Paulson) and whisked to the upscale lake house Lucy shares with her Wall Street husband, Ted (Hugh Dancy). While Martha is ostensibly safe with them, it's not long before the effects of her cult stay which Durkin depicts in carefully modulated flashbacks begin to surface.

Olsen's job isn't easy: She's portraying someone strong enough to walk away from the group yet sufficiently weak to be drawn in by it.

"Even though the part called for someone who's been through a lot, I didn't want it just to be a victim," said the soft-spoken Durkin, 29, a first-time feature filmmaker who on a late-summer day accompanied Olsen, who goes by Lizzie, and a reporter on a walk around downtown Manhattan and then to the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, Queens. "What I wanted was someone who had a lot of autonomy but just sort of had it repressed."

Durkin recalls how Olsen arrived at her audition with four giant suitcases the accouterments of a frazzled college junior more than Hollywood royalty. "I think I had my detergent with me," Olsen said. She had had to move out of her apartment the same day, and though she'd stashed some things with Mary-Kate, she was heading to a film set and was essentially homeless.

"When the audition was over, I was expecting some big dude to come in and carry her stuff," Durkin said. "But when I asked her, she's like 'Nope,' and threw some bags over her shoulder. There was something very vibrant and determined about her."

He gave her the part.



Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen's youngest sister, Elizabeth, attends the New York Film Festival presentation of "Martha Marcy May Marlene," at Alice Tully Hall in New York City.

Olsen has been trying to go her own way for a while. Growing up with famous siblings made it clear to her early, she said, that she wanted a different career. "They were trying to build a whole (fashion and brand) enterprise. And I was trying to be an actor," Olsen said.

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen declined to comment.

Even though she grew up watching her sisters on sets and moved in a circle that had her going to Halloween parties at the home of Hollywood makeup artist Rick Baker it was trips to Broadway that gave her the acting bug. One or both of her parents (the Olsens divorced just before Lizzie started grade school) would take the three girls and their

older brother, Trent (yes, there's a fourth Olsen sibling) from Los Angeles to New York, where they would frequently see plays.

It didn't hurt, either, that Lizzie Olsen has a natural craving for attention. Upon seeing a clip from "Meet Me in St. Louis" at the museum, she ran up to the screen, belted out a verse from the musical and curtsied. "The irony is that I was always the performer in the family," she told a reporter.

But she didn't want to take roles "in small things, like direct-to-VHS movies" (something her sisters, incidentally, had no problem doing, in twin-tastic movies such as "It Takes Two" and "Passport to Paris"). When producers asked if she wanted in and it happened regularly, Olsen said she often turned them down.

"She could have piggybacked on her sisters' success, maybe gotten a producer to cast her in a movie with them," Paulson said. "But she didn't. You couldn't even find a picture of her on the Internet until recently."

Added Hawkes: "I think the word is 'grounded.'"

Instead, Olsen would understudy Broadway shows and even went to Moscow on a theater exchange program. It wasn't until she was an upper-classman at NYU that she began auditioning for films.

She has since made up for that restraint by shooting five independent films, including a comedy directed by actor-filmmaker Josh Radnor and a Bruce Beresford film, "Peace, Love & Misunderstanding," which was coolly received at the Toronto Film Festival.

She's also tried to avoid the route taken by Selena Gomez and other contemporaries — she's stayed off Twitter ("your personal space is your personal space"), and she auditioned for the Disney movie "Prom" and found herself laughing about it. "I just couldn't take it seriously," she said.

— MCT Campus

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Alcohol Awareness Week			Zoo Boo Bash			What does my Relationships say about me?
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The Drowsy Chaperone	The Drowsy Chaperone	The Drowsy Chaperone	The Drowsy Chaperone	Downtown Orlando Ghost Tour		
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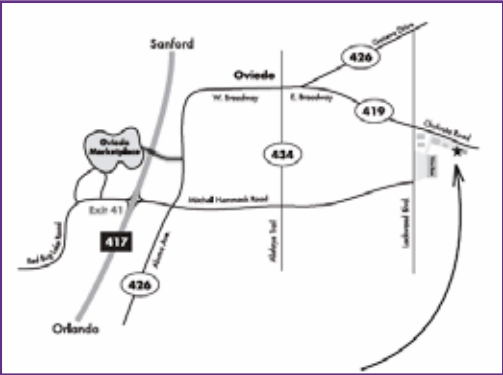
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Tim Tebow eludes the grasp of Cameron Wake of the Dolphins in the second quarter.

Tebow’s big win

By Israel Gutierrez  
McClatchy Newspapers

Before the onside kick ever bounced off the grass, off a Dolphin, back onto the grass and into the arms of a Denver Bronco, Tim Tebow and his receiver Demaryius Thomas talked and prayed. Prayed just for the opportunity to win the game against the winless Dolphins and avoid torturous embarrassment for at least a week.

“We sat together on the sideline, talked and prayed,” Thomas said. “I just saw it in his face, his want-to.”

That prayer, of course, had no bearing on how the football bounced. But Tebow believed it did.

His whole game is based on belief. His whole life is based on belief. Belief in himself, and others believing in him.

That’s why, after 50-plus minutes of

playing uncoordinated, sloppy, just awful football, Tebow still figured he and his Broncos could win this game over the hapless Dolphins.

It’s also why those teammates who were being overthrown by a mile just a quarter earlier were making incredible plays for their quarterback when it mattered most.

It’s illogical. It’s basically the place people go when something is this inexplicable. But it’s Tim Tebow. Faith works for him. “I guess that’s just a gift they gave Tim,” Thomas said.

Through almost 55 minutes of football at Sun Life Stadium, Tebow looked like he might not even survive his debut as a starter this season.

It didn’t help Tebow, either, that the NFL schedule was so light on good matchups Sunday that Tebow’s first start of the year was the highlighted story of

the week. It meant even more eyes on what was a hideous performance.

It wasn’t just Tebow’s erratic arm that made him look bad. The Dolphins were apparently taking out five losses worth of frustration on the golden boy, sacking him seven times on the day. And then, Tebow was suddenly rewarded for his belief. Of course that sounds ridiculous. But there’s almost no other way to explain how he couldn’t get within 10 yards of a receiver through three quarters to dropping dimes in crunch time.

It’s easy to say the Dolphins went into some version of prevent defense, making it easier on Tebow. But that doesn’t account for the gorgeous 28-yard pass he threw to a well-covered Daniel Fells that put Denver at the doorstep of the end zone with 56 seconds left.

Tebow just transformed. Because he believed he could. It sounds insane to say that about anyone else. But Tebow appears to be some mysterious exception.

So it took a predictable Dolphins turn-over to put the Broncos in position to win.

And even then, Fox preferred to trust that his kicker Matt Prater, who was 0 for 2 for the day, would make a 54-yard field goal to win it rather than let Tebow work more magic.

But it still worked out for Denver. And Tebow’s legend continues to expand. He left the Dolphins fans with some strange feeling of frustration and bliss (Andrew Luck remains very much in the equation for this team, thanks to Tebow).

He turned a comeback win against a terrible Dolphins team seem like a major accomplishment. And he transformed what had been an absolutely dreadful football game into the most exciting of the day.

If you didn’t believe before this, you might as well stop fighting it. Eventually, Tebow and his want-to will win you over, too.

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Fantasy Update

Start

**Chris Johnson (RB) - TEN**  
Johnson has been unbelievably disappointing this season, but look for him to have a strong outing against the Colts.

**Ryan Mathews (RB) - SD**  
Mathews has been a nice surprise this season for fantasy owners. KC has given up the 9th most fantasy points to RB’s this year.

Sit

**Dez Bryant (WR) - DAL**  
You can’t expect the Eagles to continue having a poor season. Especially because of how good their secondary is. Even when playing poorly, they still don’t give up too many fantasy points to WR’s.

**Daniel Thomas (RB) - MIA**  
The Giants are well rested coming off a bye week, and now they are healthy too. Look for Osi Umenyiora and Justin Tuck to shut down.

Sleepers

**Matt Hasselbeck (QB) - TEN**  
The Colts have given up the third most fantasy points to QB’s this season, plus Hasselbeck has looked like his old self lately.

**Ryan Torain (RB) - WAS**  
Redskins starting RB, Tim Hightower, is out for the season with an ACL injury. Look for Torain to get some extra carries this week.



## Local Team Schedule NCAA Football



Last: @ UAB L 26-24  
Next: vs. Memphis, Sat. Oct. 29



Last: @ Auburn, L 17-6  
Next: vs. Georgia, Sat. Oct. 29



Last: vs. Maryland, W 41-16  
Next: vs. NC State, Sat. Oct. 29



Last: vs. Georgia Tech W 24-7  
Next: vs. Virginia, Thurs. Oct. 27

## NFL



Last: vs. Denver L 18-15 OT  
Next: @ NY Giants, Sun. Oct. 30



Last: vs. Baltimore W 12-7  
Next @ Houston, Sun. Oct. 30



Last: vs. Chicago, L 24-18  
Next: vs. New Orleans, Sun. Nov. 6

## NHL



Last: vs. Buffalo, W 3-0  
Next @ Buffalo, Tue. Oct. 25

# Florida football: Is the reign over?

By Michelle Kaufman  
McClatchy Newspapers

Is the era of Florida college football dominance over for good, or is the Sunshine State just in the midst of a temporary tropical depression? It depends whom you ask.

This past week, for the first time in 29 years since Dec. 6, 1982, back when Michael Jackson's Thriller topped the charts — the state's teams were absent from The Associated Press Top 25 rankings. No Miami. No Florida. No Florida State. It marked the end of a remarkable run of 472 consecutive polls in which the Hurricanes, Gators or Seminoles, or some combination of the "Big Three," were ranked.

How dominant were the Florida programs?

Florida teams hold three of the five longest AP poll streaks in history. Florida State was ranked in the Top 25 for 211 weeks in a row from 1989 to 2001, Florida made the list 209 consecutive weeks from 1990 through 2002, and Miami was ranked 162 weeks in a row from 1985 through 1995.

In the 2000 year-end poll, Miami finished No. 2, Florida State No. 5 and Florida No. 10. Six years earlier, in 1994, Florida State was No. 4, Miami No. 6 and Florida No. 7. And in 1992, Florida State was ranked No. 2, Miami No. 3 and Florida No. 10.

Over the past three decades, they combined for 10 national titles and six Heisman Trophies. They supplied the NFL with 83 first-round picks over the past 20 years. And they combined for 36 top-5 finishes in the year-end polls during the 29-year streak.

Football fans can thank this state for Bobby Bowden, Howard Schnellenberger, Jimmy Johnson, Steve Spurrier, the Orange Bowl, Fun and Gun. And Tim Tebow, Michael Irvin, Deion Sanders, Emmitt Smith. Wide Right. Wide Left. The list goes on. Florida was the epicenter of football excitement.

Miami and Florida State were 2-3, winless (0-4) in the ACC, and out of the national and conference championship conversation. The Seminoles, who started the season ranked in the top 5, had dropped three in a row. Florida's 4-2 start could be excused, as



Ex-Gators head coach, Urban Meyer drenched in Gatorade following the last championship the Gators won in 2008.

the two losses were to No. 3 Alabama and No. 1 LSU, but it wasn't enough to hang onto the No. 17 ranking.

The Oct. 8 weekend was the second time since Oct. 14, 1978, that all three schools lost on the same day. The Gators lost 47-11 at No. 1 LSU, Miami lost a 38-35 thriller at Virginia Tech, and Florida State lost 35-30 at Wake Forest. The other time all three state teams lost on the same day was Oct. 30, 2004.

The state's Big Three fell out of the Top 25 while the likes of Boise State, Oregon and Houston climbed. The last of Miami's five national titles was 10 years ago, and the Hurricanes are still seeking their first ACC title. Florida State, the one-time power under Bowden, hasn't played in a BCS bowl game since the 2005 season. On Saturday, Florida

State and Miami each got back to .500 with victories. Florida lost at Auburn to fall to 4-3.

The Hurricanes have had just one first-round draft pick the past four years (Kenny Phillips in 2008) after having 19 from 2001 to 2004. Three Seminoles have been first-round NFL picks over the past five years after the school produced 11 from 1997 to 2001.

"When I played in the NFL, all the guys from the state of Florida had a certain sense of pride that we came from the best football state in the country, as far as high school and college football," he said in a phone interview. "When you saw another Florida guy, there was automatic respect. This state had something really special for a long time, and we got spoiled. The chance of that kind of dominance happening again is unlikely."

"Fifteen, 20 years ago, if you were a Florida kid, there was a certain prestige going to the Big Three because those were the only schools you could get national TV exposure, a shot at the NFL, and a chance at bowls and titles. Now, in our state alone, you have USF, UCF, FIU, FAU. It has diluted the talent some. You can be a three- or four-star recruit, go to one of those schools, play right away, and get national exposure."

Proof? In the 2010 NFL Draft, USF had three players chosen, including first-rounder Jason Pierre-Paul, before the first Miami player was selected with the 95th pick. The first Cane taken that year was basketball player-turned-tight end Jimmy Graham, who did not come up through the football program.

All that said, recruiting guru Tom Lemming of CBS Sports Network believes the recent Florida slide is "100 percent insignificant" and that all three schools are stacked with talent. He said it wouldn't surprise him if all three are in the Top 25 next season.

"All three are recruiting very well," he said. "Florida is loaded, and the talent is certainly there at FSU. The Seminoles should bounce back in a hurry. Miami's the sleeping giant.. Part will depend on the NCAA sanctions, but if they're not too harsh, UM will be right back up there with the Gators and Seminoles."

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# World Series? Sorry Bud, college football steals show

By Chris Dufresne  
Los Angeles Times

Bear Bryant's sport took on Yogi Berra's sport and knocked one out of the national park.

It was about time.

Commissioner Bud Selig bloviated a few weeks back that only baseball could produce the kind of drama displayed on one wild night in the wild-card race.

It was an absurd statement given college football did this sort of stuff all the time. Remember the Friday after last Thanksgiving, when Auburn rallied from 24-0 down to beat Alabama on the same day/night Boise State lost a shocker at Nevada?

This season's tepid early crawl, however, was starting to give credence to Selig's claims (never a good thing).

Where was college football's comeback answer?

It was like bragging about your kid and then watching him flub lines at the Christmas play.

Wisconsin, Stanford and Oklahoma seemed bent to be the first teams since Georgia Tech in 1916 to beat another team, 220-0.

Pac 12 yuk-ball on Thursday nights featured Cali-

fornia throwing passes to USC defenders one week followed the next by UCLA's implosion in Tucson.

It changed Saturday, when dramatic endings jumbled Sunday's second release of the Bowl Championship Series standings. Louisiana State and Alabama remained at 1-2, but there was reshuffling down below.

On a Saturday night when St. Louis and Albert Pujols were beating up on Texas in Game 3 of the World Series, college football stole baseball's candy.

USC at Notre Dame was an entertaining game and a visual masterpiece as spectacular sounds and colors clashed at night, under flickering gold helmets and lights, on the Peacock Network.

And good luck trying to find anything that can top Wisconsin at Michigan State, a game decided on a Hail Mary pass that deflected off a player's facemask into the hands of his teammate.

You want drama, Bud?

Officials first ruled Michigan State receiver Keith Nichol had not broken the end zone plane with the ball.

Wisconsin Coach Bret Bielema prepared his team for overtime while everyone held bated Badger breaths as the replay booth reviewed the angles before ruling Nichol had scored with no time remaining.

"I swear I thought I got the ball across," Nichol, a fifth-year senior said later. "I knew once they went to review it was going to be a touchdown. Incredible game. Incredible effort by both sides. Incredible moment, really."

The 44-yard snare was Nichol's only catch and his first touchdown of the season.

Michigan State rallied from a 14-0 deficit to severely damage Wisconsin's national title hopes.

Nichol, a transfer from Oklahoma, made his grab as the undefeated Sooners furiously tried to rally from a 31-14 deficit against Texas Tech.

The game had been delayed almost two hours by lightning, with the Sooners taking another two hours to get started.

Oklahoma, No.1 in the USA Today coaches' poll, had won 39 straight home games under Bob Stoops. Its last defeat in Norman was the 2005 opener against Texas Christian.

Just after midnight in Norman, Oklahoma cut the deficit to three before Texas Tech a four-touch-



Wisconsin's Russell Wilson is tackled after a gain by Michigan State's Johnny Adams in the second quarter at Spartan Stadium.

down underdog, recovered an onside kick to clinch a shocking upset.

"When you go on the road and beat a No.1 team, it is really special, almost impossible to do," Texas Tech Coach Tommy Tuberville said.

It was sweet for Tuberville, whose undefeated 2004 Auburn team got shut out of the BCS title game by USC and Oklahoma.

Tuberville was certain as he campaigned in the Orange Bowl press box that night his Auburn team would have given USC a better game than 55-19.

Texas Tech badly exposed Oklahoma's defense as quarterback Seth Doege passed for 441 yards and the Red Raiders avenged last year's 45-7 loss in Norman.

The Wisconsin and Oklahoma losses leave eight unbeaten teams left and loosened the grip on this year's national title race.

The contest appeared to be a three-team affair, with Alabama, LSU and Oklahoma controlling their own destinies.

Oklahoma's loss opened BCS dance-card possibilities for undefeated Oklahoma State, Stanford, Kansas State, Clemson, or possibly Boise State.

LSU and Alabama remained ensconced on top with Oklahoma State moving to the No. 3 spot vacated by Oklahoma.

Boise State bumped up one position to No. 4 with Clemson at No. 5. Rounding out the top 10 were Stanford, Oregon, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Oklahoma isn't out of the title race but suddenly becomes more of a spoiler as it stares down remaining games at Kansas State (this week) and Oklahoma State (Dec. 3).

After a few weeks on "ho-hum" control, the season suddenly got interesting.

"Long ways to go, anything can happen," Oklahoma receiver Ryan Broyles said after Saturday's loss. "It's a long season."

Not as long, thankfully, as baseball's.

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Michigan State's Bennie Fowler celebrates a touchdown after a blocked punt in the second half against Wisconsin.



# Napoli, clutch pitching puts Rangers on brink of World Series title

By Jeff Wilson  
McClatchy Newspapers

The St. Louis Cardinals would be justified if they kicked themselves for letting Game 5 of the World Series slip through their hands.

They stranded 12 runners. They went 1 for 12 with runners in scoring position. A slow-footed outfielder was out trying to steal ahead of Albert Pujols. Their manager had a communication breakdown with the bullpen.

But to say the Cardinals' failures Monday night were the only thing that led to their demise would be a serious short-changing of the Texas Rangers.

The American League champions used their manager's wit, saw their pitchers get big outs, and watched their offense do just enough to move within a victory of their first world championship.

Mitch Moreland and Adrian Beltre swatted solo home runs, and Mike Napoli delivered a two-run double in the eighth inning as the Rangers beat St. Louis 4-2 and grabbed a three games-to-two edge in the 107th Fall Classic. The Series pauses today for travel ahead of Game 6 on Wednesday night at Busch Stadium, weather permitting. Colby Lewis is scheduled to face Jaime Garcia in a Game 2 rematch.

A victory in St. Louis will take the Rangers' franchise to a place it has never been.

"We've done a lot of things that this franchise has never done," second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "We keep accomplishing things as a team, and we're going to continue to accomplish things. It's very hard to think about right now. We're focused on winning one more game."

Napoli delivered the game-winning

runs with a bases-loaded double under peculiar circumstances. Cardinals manager Tony La Russa had inserted Marc Rzepczynski to face David Murphy in a left-on-left matchup that Murphy won with an infield hit off Rzepczynski's hand.

Manager Ron Washington had pinch hit for Murphy against Rzepczynski in Game 1 but stuck with him Monday.

"Sometimes when a lefty comes in, I feel good with Murphy being up there," said Washington, who also ordered three intentional walks of Pujols. The Murphy hit brought up Napoli, but La Russa didn't have a right-hander warm in the bullpen. Napoli hit .319 in the regular season against lefties, and delivered a double to the gap to score Michael Young and Nelson Cruz.

"We needed a sac fly, and with the way he's going right now, he got us two," said Young, who started the inning with a double.

Afterward, La Russa said that the bullpen coach couldn't hear a request for righty Jason Motte to start warming above the roar of a Rangers Ballpark crowd of 51,459.

"Twice the bullpen didn't hear Motte's name. They heard 'Rzepczynski,' and they didn't get Motte," La Russa said. "I don't know if it was noise. Probably real noisy."

Whatever happened with the phone didn't account for St. Louis' failures at the plate. St. Louis struck first, scoring two in the second as C.J. Wilson opened the inning by walking Matt Holliday and Lance Berkman.

Moreland got one of the runs back in the third with his second postseason homer, and Wilson managed to keep the game at 2-1 into the sixth.

He had already escaped a threat in the third by inducing a double-play grounder from Holliday with Rafael Furcal at third with one out, and got

Holliday to bounce out with the bases loaded to end the fifth. Scott Feldman kept



Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler waits to tag out St. Louis Cardinals Allen Craig to get a double play in the ninth inning. The Ranger lead the series 3-2. Next game will be on Oct. 26.



Rangers catcher Mike Napoli hits a two-run double in the eighth inning. The Texas Rangers defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-2, during Game 5 of the World Series at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas.

the Cardinals at bay after relieving Wilson in the sixth, and Beltre tied the game with a 388-foot solo shot into the seats in left.

Alexi Ogando got out of trouble in the seventh, an inning that was aided greatly when Allen Craig was out trying to steal second with Pujols batting, and Darren Oliver (1-0) bailed Ogando out in the eighth.

Neftali Feliz walked Craig to start the ninth. But Pujols struck out on a 3-2 fast-

ball wide of the zone, and Napoli again threw out Craig trying to take second.

After Holliday walked, Feliz got Berkman swinging to put the Rangers on the cusp of a world title with a Game 6 win.

"We're going to prepare the same way," Napoli said. "We're a confident group. We expect to win every day, and we'll go out there and play the game the right way."

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# Tampa Bay strikes at home

**Posts 2 consecutive victories following 5-game losing streak**

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TAMPA, Fla. — The game ended the same way the very first game at the St. Pete Times Fourm did for the Lightning at the arena 15 years ago; with a win.

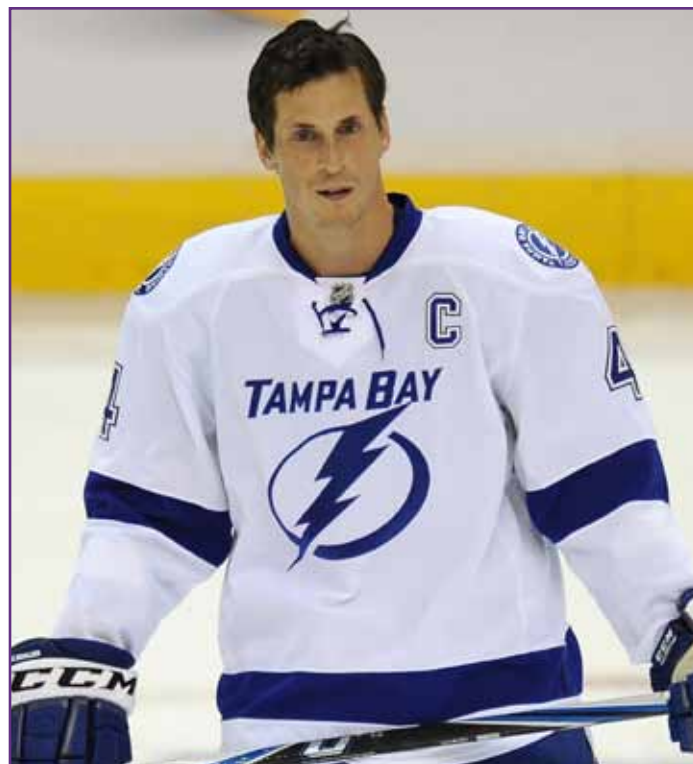
Vincent Lecavalier had his third goal of the season along with an assist to lead the Tampa Bay Lightning (1-3-2) to a 4-1 victory over the New York Islanders (3-1-0) Thursday night on the 15th anniversary of the inaugural game played in the St Pete Times Forum arena. The win snaps Tampa Bay's five game losing streak.

"Everybody was on the same page," said Tampa Bay head coach Guy Boucher. "It was a sustained structure today. Other games we've had structure, we were just losing it in the moments that most killed us."

Tampa Bay played strong defensively and it paid off. The islanders recorded just 17 shots for the game and 10 shots through the first 40 minutes, which is the lowest combined total through the first two periods this season against the Lightning.

Back-up goalie for Tampa Bay, Mathieu Garon got the start versus the Islanders. Garon had a shut-out going until the middle of the third period when New York scored its first and only goal of the night on a power play by Michael Grabner at 7:55.

Garon made 16 saves for the win, including three saves on New York Islanders center, John Tavares who was held scoreless after scoring four points in each of his last two games. The win gives Tampa Bay their first victory since their season opener on Oct. 7 and their first win



Lightning captain Vinny Lecavalier (file photo)

at home on the season.

"Matty played great in the net, we stayed disciplined, and we stayed out the box," said center Steven Stamkos. "If you could have drawn it up on the board, that's the way we wanted to play and we did."

Stamkos, Ryan, Malone, and Brett Clark also added goals for the Lightning. Teddy Purcell chipped in with two assists.

The Lightning gave up three penalties as a team, a huge improvement from Monday when they gave up 11 penalties and five power play goals in a 7-4 debacle to the Florida Panthers.

"As a team everybody played within the system and we gave each other good shots that's definitely the way we want to play," Lecavalier said. "Last year we were successful because we played like that, Chances will come and plays will come but when you play well defensively like we did tonight it gives us a better shot to win."

Tampa Bay went on to defeat the Buffalo Sabers 3-0 at home Saturday night. This was the first of four meetings between the two teams who split their match ups evenly in the 2010-11 season.

The Lightning defeated the Buffalo Sabres 3-0 on Saturday with help from Mathieu Garon's first shutout of the season.

# Tough decision for Lightning: To keep top draft pick, or not

By Bryan Levine  
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TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Lightning winger Brett Connolly is in an unusual position — he has nine games to prove he's worthy of a spot in the National Hockey League.

Connolly, 19 and the team's first-round draft pick in 2010, is on a trial run due to NHL rules where a junior-aged player can play up to nine games before he qualifies for his full contract.

If the Lightning decide to send Connolly down to the juniors prior to the 10-game mark — Thursday, Oct. 27 at Nashville — his career will be put on hold until next season. If they keep him, his three-year, \$2.7 million deal will kick in.

The rookie played a career high 16:12 in game seven, a 4-1 win against the New York Islanders Oct. 20, and added to his then team-high +3 rating.

"I'm glad I played well. I thought I've played better everyday," said Connolly following the Islanders game. "I think that our line played well tonight. It's always good when the line plays well."

"He's a really smart player. He had some great chances tonight and he really played a great game," said team captain Vinny Lecavalier who, along with alternate captain Marty St. Louis, played a significant amount of ice time with Connolly.

"It's nice for the coaching staff to put me with those guys," Connolly said. "I'm just trying to take advantage of it."

Head coach Guy Boucher says he hasn't made any decisions yet on the former sixth-overall draft pick, but he does like what he sees from Connolly.

"I'm sure he watched Vinny and St. Louis win a Stanley Cup, and now he's playing with them. I don't think you can get better than that if you're a hockey fan. He's a hockey player, but a hockey fan first," said Boucher. "It must be nice to go out there with them. I would do it, but I wouldn't want to embarrass myself."

With seven shots on Saturday, Oct. 22 against Buffalo,

Connolly now has 17 on the season. Though he has not yet scored his first career goal, Connolly has one assist this season, which came off a Dominic Moore goal during a 6-5 shootout loss against the Capitals in game three.

"He works real hard," said Lecavalier. "He'll get that first goal real soon."

Connolly thinks he's been performing on an NHL level and has proved himself to remain on the team.

"I'm just trying to get better every day," he said. "I feel like I'm fitting in well with the guys, I don't feel out of place."

Boucher knows he has a decision to make soon, because time is running out. The final game to make a decision comes when the Lightning take on Buffalo in New York on Oct. 25.

"I think he played well with Marty and Vinny. He's smart enough and fast enough," said Boucher. "I think we're just focusing on getting him to adapt to today."

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Connolly warms up before taking on the Capitals on Oct. 10.



# Dreams come true at Disney World classic

## World No. 1 Donald wins PGA Tour finale

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Luke Donald made six consecutive birdies to win the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic at eight under par. "I'm thrilled and over the moon," said Donald.

Gathering together at Disney's Magnolia Course for the CMNH Classic, Oct. 20-23, Donald said he "celebrated one of the most satisfying wins of my career."

Donald remained confident he was going to get his run, even when he was down four strokes headed into the back nine. "When I birdied 10, 11, 12, I felt that run was coming," he said. He pulled it out with six consecutive birdies and found himself 17 strokes under par for the tournament, and winner of his second PGA event.

Donald sank his ninth birdie of the round with his five-iron, making an 18 footer, followed by his tenth birdie holed at 45 feet. Both were seen as bonuses to his already significant lead. Three pars later, Donald walked away with a purse of \$846,000.

Donald won the Vardon Trophy for lowest adjusted scoring average previously this year, and as of June 2011, was ranked number one in the Official World of Golf Rankings. Sunday's victory also confirms his win of the Tour Money List and puts him in a pristine position to win PGA Tour Player of The Year.

Donald finished round one six under, shooting a 66. Donald felt he played "a pretty solid round of golf" and was prepared for the next three days. Despite the odds, Donald went in ready to work hard and get the win.

The following two rounds ended with a 71 and 70. Donald ended the third day of the Tour



Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic winner Luke Donald accepts his trophy from Mickey and Donald.

tioned for fourteenth. "Unfortunately a couple bad swings today really cost me," said Donald, aware he was going to have to play "super low" on the last day.

Sunday's win initially appeared to belong to either Justin Leonard or Kevin Chappell, who co-lead the tournament with a score of 202 through three rounds.

Leonard returned to Disney's Tour for the fifth time this year after losing in a playoff in 2009. He entered the Tour strong with a 69 and 63, but fell through in the final two rounds ending two strokes above Donald with 173 and finishing in second.

"I needed to make some more birdies before I got to the last four holes, because they're hard to make birdies on" said Leonard after Sunday's round. Leonard failed to run off a birdie for eight consecutive holes on Sunday, two of which would have tied him with Donald.

Chappell also appeared to be a lead contender for the first time in his career by the third round tying Leonard. Chappell had recently garnered major attention after finishing tied for third at the 2011 U.S. Open Championship at Congressional. However, Chappell did not hold his place in the Disney Tour for long.

Regardless of his lead at the end of the third round, "it was obviously a tough day. Didn't drive it as good as I did the last couple of days," Chappell said. He ended in a three-way tie between Pernice Jr. and Kang for third with an overall score of 274.

The PGA Tour will select their Player of the Year as players submit their ballots before December 9 as a wrap up to the Fall 2011.

Luke Donald walks away from this weekend's tour eagerly looking forward to proving more skeptics wrong about his abilities.

## Money-list race goes down to wire as Simpson fails to hold off Donald

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Luke Donald impressed the crowd with a turn of events on the last day of the classic, gaining him a first place finish on the PGA Tour's money list. The final round of the Children's Miracle Network Hospital Classic started for Donald at 11:15 a.m., teeing off at Disneyworld's Magnolia golf course.

Donald went into the classic knowing that he had one job to do. "I needed to win this week to be able to sway some people's votes," he said. "In terms of Player of the Year, obviously I needed to win, at the very least to win the Money List." The money list is a compilation of all players of the PGA tour, ranking each individual by the highest earnings.

Before the end of the Miracle Network Classic, Webb Simpson was the leader of the list, just ahead of Donald by \$363,029. Donald states that he decided to join the Disney tournament after he was informed that Simpson had signed up as well.

Donald finished the final round 17 under par, making him the winner of the Classic. The winner's share was \$846,000, which gave Donald a year to date total of \$6.7 million. The tournament gave Donald the ability to reach the number

one spot on the money list, ahead of Simpson, in which Simpson congratulated the winner.

"Well done," Simpson said to Donald after the 18th hole. "You deserve it."

This change of leaders is crucial to history because of its rarity. The leader of the money list has not been overturned to another player during the final week of the season since 1996, when Tom Lehman took over the first place title from Tiger Woods.

The gain of first place on the PGA Tour's money list makes Donald the first player in history to be in the number one spot for the PGA Tour and the European Tour's money list in the same season.

Donald made it clear that he was proud of himself. "I've met most of my expectations, and exceeded them," he said, while acknowledging that there is always room for improvement. "I didn't expect to play quite that well. But as a player you always feel that you can do more than you are actually doing."

Donald still plans to attend three more golf tournaments, the Sun City, Dubai and Aussie Masters. With a tough schedule ahead, Donald is happy with the outcome at Disney and is eager for more golf. "Well actually, I'm very excited about my golf."



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