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A one-time Volusia resident helped rescue a fellow passenger from the Hudson after their plane's crash landing. Meanwhile, mud stymied the search for 2 engines. **A15**

Local Changing hands

Church Street Station is now back under control of the lender that provided local developer Cameron Kuhn with millions to buy it in 2007. **B1**



Goodbye, Chucky

Jon Gruden — the only coach in Bucs history to win a Super Bowl — has been fired, along with General Manager Bruce Allen. Raheem Morris, recently promoted to defensive coordinator, is a top contender to take the reins as coach. **C1**

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A true tossup: The winner of a local election near Reno, Nev., was chosen by luck of the draw. Kim Toulouse's ace of clubs beat Chris Sewell's 10 of spades. The two tied in the Nov. 4 election and again after a count of absentee ballots.



Inauguration Countdown 3 days

‘If he can do his job as well as the Tuskegee Airmen did their job, it would be great’



JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL

Former Tuskegee Airman Daniel Keel, 86, showing his medals at home in Clermont this week, will be among more than 200 airmen seated on a terrace below where President-elect Barack Obama will deliver his inauguration speech Tuesday.

LAKE VET IS FLYING HIGH AGAIN — TO INAUGURAL

By **SATTA SARMAH** || SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

CLERMONT

Little emblems of American history are scattered throughout Daniel Keel's home.

A black-and-white photo shows a baby-faced Keel decked out in his military uniform. The young man in the picture has a commanding presence, a sharp contrast to 86-year-old Keel today, with his gray hair, glasses and slow, deliberate gait.

Sitting on a cabinet just below the photo is a model of a World War II fighter plane.

It resembles the aircraft in which Keel trained as a pilot, navigator and bombardier while stationed at military bases in Midland, Texas, and Tuskegee, Ala., six decades ago. He helped make history as one of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of about 16,000 black fighter pilots and ground personnel who served with distinction in their segregated military units during World War II.

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■ President-elect Barack Obama tours an Ohio factory to promote his economic-stimulus plan. **A3**

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■ It's an inauguration special section and more. What lies ahead for Obama? **Also:** We talk with some local residents heading to D.C.

What next? 'No idea'



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NASA chief Griffin says his goodbyes

By **MARK K. MATTHEWS** || WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — An unusually soft-spoken Michael Griffin told NASA employees Friday that he would not remain as administrator when Barack Obama becomes president next week, ending almost four years as head of an agency he had hoped to lead back to the moon.

“Today is my last chance to visit with everyone,” said Griffin, who will be temporarily replaced by Associate Administrator Christopher Scolese. “I have no idea what I’m doing next. It’s really hard to hunt for a job when you’re running NASA.”

Obama's NASA transition team — with whom Griffin publicly sparred — has reportedly suggested three names as possible replacements. Two are said to be scientists, but none of the names has been released.

None of the names floated publicly — retired Air Force Gen. J. Scott Gration, Earth scientist Charles Kennel and former astronaut Charles Bolden — is considered a sure bet by the political or space community, sources said.

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Michael Griffin's tenure at NASA

- Served from April 2005 to January 2009.
- Oversaw the successful launch of Discovery in 2005 after NASA grounded the shuttle fleet for more than two years after the 2003 Columbia accident killed seven astronauts.
- Selected a new craft in 2005 that NASA plans to replace the shuttle.
- Ordered a shuttle mission to repair the Hubble space telescope.
- Led NASA in Phoenix mission, which helped uncover data on whether life could survive on Mars.



Circuit City will pull plug

By **SANDRA PEDICINI**
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Circuit City, the nation's second-largest consumer-electronics retailer, said Friday that it's going out of business and will shut down its 567 U.S. stores, including 11 in Central Florida, a decision that will cost more than 30,000 people their jobs.

“We had hoped to be able to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as a stronger, more competitive company,” according to a company statement. “Unfortunately, the economic climate is so poor that we have no choice other than liquidation.”

The chain filed for bankruptcy in November and closed 20 percent of its

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These major retailers have already liquidated or filed for bankruptcy:
■ KB Toys
■ Whitehall Jewelers
■ Linens 'n Things

In the wake of a dismal holiday shopping season, more are expected to follow soon.

Prison-TV upgrade greeted with static

By **SATTA SARMAH**
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Channel-surfing behind bars is about to get more expensive.

Florida is poised to spend about \$100,000 in tax money to upgrade 1,500 prison televisions so they'll work Feb. 17, when the nation switches from analog to digital broadcasts.

The expenditure — a fraction of the Florida Department of Corrections' nearly \$2.3 billion budget — comes as education, social and health programs are being squeezed because of Florida's budget woes.

But corrections officials said the six-figure upgrade is justifiable because TV keeps inmates busy and helps ensure the safety of officers and guards.

“The department has so few tools available at their disposal to control inmates. Our inmate populations are bulging at the seams. With the cuts in personnel, the ratios are high,” said state Sen. Victor Crist, R-Tampa,

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