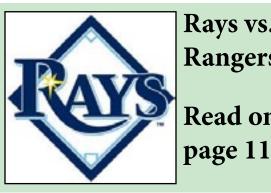


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Valencia Community College hosts College Night for students of Central Florida

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The American dream is the treasure that our forefathers were chasing as they sailed to the new world. It soon became the spinal cord of our nation's being, a vow that prosperity and freedom is assured with great work ethic.

In today's world a decent living is hard to obtain without a college degree, the high school experience is now a part of our primary education. Which is why Valencia organizes a college night every year, in order to help current and future college students get a better understanding of what is required for admission to a college of their liking.

As expected, some of the more popular schools with Central Florida students like University of Florida and Florida State University were present October 7, at the West Campus, but a numerous amount of colleges from different states were available for information.

College Night is designed to accumulate as many resources as possible at one location. The event covered many subjects, from transfer admissions and SAT scores to the financial aid and loan process.

Leslie Martinez, a student at Oak Ridge High



The HSB-105 was packed with prespective college students as they meandered between colleges such as Yale, Ohio State, NYU, and Villanova.

School, was informed about the event through her Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) teacher.

Martinez narrowed down her search by focusing on "Admissions and requirements, where the colleges are located, as well as the diversity and the activities offered."

Several students brought their parents to the event for moral support.

Brian Gutierrez and Kattie Gutierrez are siblings who are currently enrolled in the fall semester at Valencia. What makes them different than most students is that heir mother, Niurka Gutierrez, is also enrolled at the community college.

Brian and Kattie Gutierrez both have different criterion for colleges but both are looking for an out-of-state college.

Niurka Gutierrez, on the other hand wants her children to focus more on the programs that are offered at the universities and colleges.

"The learning experience will help them with their careers, that's the main thing," said Niurka Gutierrez, "to really get prepared."

Magdalena Contreras, a senior at Oak Ridge High School, felt that college night was extremely useful but had some suggestions for the event.

"It was very beneficial," said Contreras. "I got to see where each college was located and what they really offered."

Magdalena Contreras is a student of the AVID program."I would have loved to see more medical colleges," said Contreras, who hopes to some day attend Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences.

College night was just one of the many services Valencia offers to it's students and neighbors. If students did not have the opportunity to check out college night they should visit the student services building at any campus. The advising center is a great place to realize the opportunities that lie ahead.

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A must-stop for any serious fro-yo fan!
With a wide variety of delicious flavors,
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from the rest. Prices are based
on a per-ounce scale, and
with toppings like Pop
Rocks and Cheesecake bites it's not
hard to be a big

spender!



Paige Preston, Valencia Voice

Conterversial street artist Banksy illustrated the opening intro to Sunday's episode of 'The Simpsons.' In the credits it showed production of the show and it's merchandise outsourced to a third word country. The scenes of deplorable working condition was to much for some viewers. Fox has now gone a campaign of censoring the intro try to limit it's uploading to popular video streaming sites such as YouTube.





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It's interesting to think of the month

with Halloween as

the Pink month. But just

look anywhere and you'll see

more pink around than orange or black.

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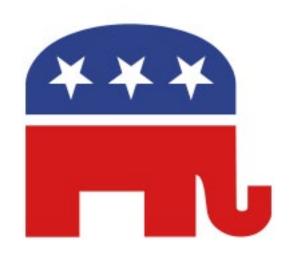
good thing because the younger you are

when you start checking is the greatest

From work, to school, to Facebook,

breast cancer awareness permeates

way to fight back! Save the ta-tas!





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Candidate Charlie Crist continues challenging climb

By Lisa Lerer Bloomberg News

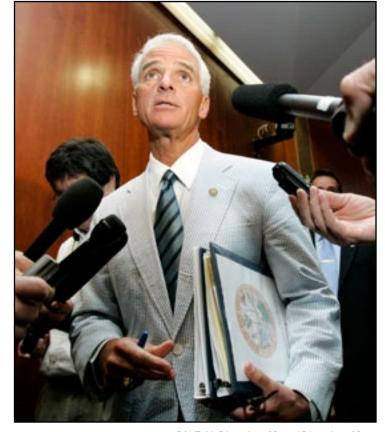
KINGS POINT, Fla. - Four years ago, when Charlie Crist campaigned for governor in the gated villages of southeast Florida, he boasted that he expected to win two terms. By 2008, he was touring those retirement communities with Republican presidential candidate John McCain as a rising star in the party under consideration for a vice presidential bid.

Now, as he runs for the Senate, Crist is returning to Kings Point's manmade lakes and shuffleboard courts to plead with the retirees to support him again -- this time trailing in the polls and without the Republican Party behind him.

"I am an independent candidate for the United States Senate; I need the people," the governor told a crowd at the Kings Point clubhouse in Tamarac. "It's almost like jumping out of an airplane and not knowing if you have a parachute."

Crist's descent, and his uphill run as a candidate willing to compromise in a year defined by partisan combat, may be the nation's best barometer of the voter anger facing both parties in a struggling economy.

"About a year ago I had predicted he would end up running as an independent, but I thought he would win," said Lance deHaven-Smith, a political science professor at Florida State University in Tallahassee. "Now, I just don't see him getting much traction."

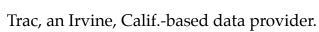


Ric Feld, Bloomberg News / Bloomberg News

Fla. Gov. Charlie Crist faces an uphill battle in his quest to win as an independent in the Florida Senate race.

Crist, 54, has seen his approval ratings plummet since he abandoned the Republican Party in April after lagging behind Marco Rubio, a former Florida House speaker backed by the tea party movement, in the campaign for the Republican Senate nomination. Polls now show Crist about 12 points behind Rubio in the general election and with an 8-point lead over four-term congressman Kendrick Meek, the Democratic candidate.

Like other incumbents, Crist was blamed by voters for the weak economy. Florida was one of only two states, along with Maryland, to see its unemployment rate rise in August, reaching 11.7 percent, compared with the 9.6 percent national rate, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The state has the second-highest foreclosure rate in the country, behind Nevada, more than twice the national average, according to Realty-



Crist, who won the 2006 governor's race with 52 percent of the vote, also drew ire from Republicans for his willingness to work with Democrats on judicial appointments and environmental issues. These included blocking a coal-fired power plant from being built near the Everglades and convening a climate-change summit -- stances that won him the nickname "governor green."

Unlike Democratic and Republican incumbents who have tried to rally their base by promising to either support or block the White House agenda, Crist says he'll work with both parties.

It's a message he has taken all over the state of 18.5 million people, from the vote-rich Democratic retirement communities lining the east coast, to Republicans in his home base of St. Petersburg, and even into the Hispanic community in Miami

--a stronghold for Rubio, 39, a Cuban-American, and Meek, 44, a black lawmaker.

Under a silver tinsel Star of David hanging above the stage at Temple Beth Shalom in the Century Village community west of Boca Raton, Crist, a former state attorney general and legislator, criticized Congress's lack of action on immigration and Social Security, and for its health-care law.

"There are things we could do to improve all these things if we simply put you first," he told 300 retirees, who yelled for him to speak louder as they ate a catered kosher breakfast of bagels and coffee cake.

As a sign of bipartisanship, Crist touted an endorsement by Robert Wexler, a seven-term former Democratic congressman from the area who's so beloved by retirees that three times he ran unopposed.

"If Charlie Crist wins, it will be a national statement that people are fed up with the bitterness and the anger," said Wexler.



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Valencia fights against drug and alcohol abuse

Peer educators inform students of other methods of socializing without alcohol

By Heidy Martinez hmartinez@valenciavoice.com

It seems like we hear about Hollywood stars being involved with drugs and alcohol on a daily basis. Many television stations are broadcasting documentary shows exploring peoples dealings with drugs and alcohol to a younger audience.

Peer educators organized thier first "Drug and Alcohol Awareness" event on Wednesday, located at the Student Services Building at the West campus.

"We are here to bring light to drugs and alcoholism," said Denise Elmore, "showing alternative ways of socializing without drinking alcohol."

"Mocktails" with color changing cups that promote the club's slogan were provided, free of charge.

"We hope to have at least 100 students and we walk on," said Shanika O'Connor. just started and we already have 20 students that have stopped by," said Maria Cardozo, a Senior under the influence. Staff Peer Educator.

Students enjoyed wearing impaired goggles as well as others." while holding a spoon with a plastic ball. The student's objective was to walk a straightline without information to inform students about this epidemic. dropping the ball.



Students enjoying "mocktails" at a peer education event.

The goggles simulate what you feel when you are

An educator, Kerry Redhead said, "We are trying Rolling with the theme of the evnt, names of popu- to promote less use of abuse, and you can have fun lar cocktails were changed to Peer Colada, Safe Sex On without using drugs or alcohol, because it just doesn't The Beach, Margarita Mock and Mock Champagne . affect the individual, it also affects the environment

They had brochures available with helpful tips and

If you need any information about this and other "It [impaired googles] felt really weird, you see upcoming events, please contact Bliss Thompson at four different lines, you don't know which one to the SSB building, room 146 or by calling 407-582-1561.

Independent candidate Charlie Crist travels the state of florida for support

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Both Democrats and Republicans have poured money and manpower into this swing state. And Crist has seen his fundraising drop without the support of the Republican Party.

Crist "just doesn't have much of an organizational foundation anymore without the party," said deHaven-Smith.

Rubio does. Former governor Jeb Bush, an adviser to the Republican nominee, built a voter-turnout operation to support his brother's presidential campaigns in 2000 and 2004. Barack Obama's 2008 campaign developed the Democratic infrastructure that brought record numbers of blacks to the polls. Democrats hope to rally those voters on behalf of Meek, with visits by Vice President Joe Biden, former Vice President Al Gore, and former President Bill Clinton.

At a meeting of the Miami-Dade teachers union, Sept. 23, Meek asked the audience to remember their "true blue friend."

Some teachers and other Democrats have tried to hedge their bets by cultivating Crist, who they say has a better shot of beating Rubio. In May, the Florida Education Association jointly endorsed both candidates, citing Crist's veto of a Republican bill that would have made it easier to fire teachers.

"I'm leaning towards Crist because he went out on the line for us at a time we needed him," said Seth Patterson, 34, an elementary school music teacher in Miami-Dade County.

Meek said in an interview that Crist is "standing on a bubble." The Democrat has gained support since defeating Jeff Greene, a billionaire investor, to win the Democratic primary in August and leads Crist among Democrats by 7 points, according to a September Mason-Dixon poll.

While Democrats hustle for votes, Rubio is riding a tide of voter frustration with the economy. He's a favorite of the Tea Party, a collection of activists who oppose big government. And he has been embraced by Republican Party officials.

Rubio stresses the urgency

of blocking the Democratic agenda on taxes, spending and health care. Still, he's careful not to go too far.

"I'm not an anarchist; there's an important role for government to play," he said, amid booths selling rifles, shotguns and ammunition at a Fort Myers gun show. "But when you go beyond what government should be doing, you end up hurting our country."

Earlier that day, a crowd of Republicans surrounded Rubio as he made his way into the windowless backrooms of the party headquarters in Broward County.

"The Republican establishment did not endorse me," Rubio said. "I said I'm getting in this race because no one else running will be someone who will stand up to Washington."

That appeals to Republicans.

"You don't feel like you can trust a moderate," said Matthew Parkman, 32, a Republican business school student laid off from his job as a land surveyor earlier this year. "Crist was a grit-your-teeth kind of vote."

The hunt for pink October

Think pink is a phrase you may have heard somewhere. Perhaps when you heard it, it may not have had much meaning to you, or maybe it was used in a different context, but normally when someone utters the phrase, they are spreading the word of breast cancer awareness.

October marks breast cancer awareness month, and there are numerous fundraisers and activities available to take part.

Breast cancer is the most prominent cancer among women, second only to skin cancer. Today, one in almost every eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Breast cancer is the second-leading cancer killer in women after lung cancer. It is also the leading cause of cancer death among women ages 35 to 54.

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2010, approximately 192,370 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 40,610 of them will die from it. If all women aged 50 and older who needed a mammogram had one, researchers believe that the mortality rate could decrease by as much as 30%.

The majority of breast cancer cases occur in women who have no family history. In fact, only 5% to 10% of breast cancers occur in women with a clearly defined genetic predisposition for the disease. The risk for developing breast cancer increases as a woman ages.

Here are a few helpful tips to help women become more proactive about breast cancer awareness. Start getting a mammogram every year at age 40 or 50. Breast cancer experts don't agree when women should begin getting mammograms, so ask your doctor to be safe.

Women in higher risk categories should have mammogram screenings every year, starting at an earlier age. MRI or ultrasound screenings can also be given in addition to mammograms. Discuss the best approach with your doctor.

Have your breasts examined by a health care provider at least once every three years after age 20, and every year after age 40. Clinical breast exams can complement, not supplement, mammograms.

The symptoms of breast cancer include:

*Lump or thickening in or near the breast that persists through the menstrual cycle.

- *A mass or lump, even as small as a pea.
- *A change in the size, shape, or contour of the breast.
- *A blood-stained or clear fluid discharge from the nipple.
- *A dimpled, puckered, scaly, or inflamed appearance of the skin on the breast or nipple.
- *Redness of the skin on the breast.
- *A change in shape or of the nipple.
- *An area that is distinctly different from any other area on either breast.
- *A hardened marble-like area underneath the skin.

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Facebook likes breast cancer awareness

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While on Facebook the other night, I noticed my friend's status saying "I like it on the couch." After recovering from the shock, I looked around some more. It appeared that many of my female friend's statuses said something similar. From "I like it on the floor," to "I like it on the kitchen counter." I couldn't figure out why my friends and even some of my family members were writing what seemed to be vulgar status updates. Thanks to a friend, I soon figured out what was going on.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Last year during the month of October, girls started updating their statuses with random colors leaving most guys confused. The color on the girl's status turned out to be the color of the bra they were wearing when they updated their status.

The status updates on the girls Facebook pages waere a clever way to increase awareness of this month and its importance. This year, the status is different but the goal is the same. By women updating their statuses, they will leave most guys confused, curious and looking for answers. Women are to write where they like to put their purse the moment they get home. This is a fun and creative way to raise awareness for an important issue like breast cancer.

By using such a well known social networking system like Facebook, the word is bound to get out fast. Posting these suggestive statuses gets a person interested, which makes them want to find out more, which is the whole purpose of breast cancer awareness month. Last years status updates about the color of your bra brought 140,000 new Facebook fans to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation's fan page. It is still a mystery as to how the trend started but it is still going strong. No matter how crazy it may be, spreading the word about breast cancer is something we can all do.

What would be the best way to raise breast cancer awareness?



"I would throw a giant party. A party moon bounce!"

> — Adam Anderson Law, West



"I'd sell shirts, necklaces, and bracenow. Just more fundraisers."

> — Tiffany Stuart Criminal justice, West, Online



"I would have a breast boycott day. A volvement of breasts. Complete shelter. " appealing." — Lawrence Thomas

Environmental engineering, West



"Like my work, the Orlando Hilton," "Hmmm, I think painting a huge mumoney to donate. Holding auctions; ev- would be amazing!" erything that's been done already."

> — Kristine Ackert Nursing, West



"I would advertise more about it. Es-

— Nicholas Laychur General studies, West



— Elizabeth Perez pate." Psychology, West, Osceola



"Outreach to college-age females with lots of pink everywhere. And a day without breasts. No footage of, or in-pecially in entertainment where sex is more. I'm not sure how inundated they are, but reaching them early is key."

> — Barbara Portillo General studies, West



"Well at my work, McCoy Federal lets. Bracelets seem really popular right we wear little name tags. We're raising ral that ended up being a pink ribbon Credit Union, they host large mud volleyball tournaments, campaigns, and fundraisers. So many companies partici-— Michael Diaz Business, West

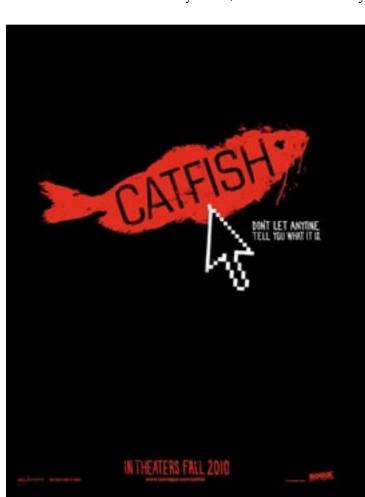
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Catfish calls out character-deceit Sometimes your friends aren't who they seem to be

By Paige Preston ppreston@valenciavoice.com

Only a few years ago society was much more skeptical of the idea of social networking sites (ie: Myspace). There was always a likelihood that the person you thought you were talking to was not who they claimed to be on the opposite end of their monitor. Your "friends" were not really your friends. Although Facebook has integrated online socialization into our daily lives, new documentary



c/o Rogue Pictures

"Catfish" shows that the threat of character-deceit is still very real.

New Schulman, a young photographer living in New York City, starts receiving paintings depicting his photographs from 8-year-old Abby Pierce of rural Michigan. Flattered by her interest in his work, the two begin a correspondence that would eventually span 9 months. Over this time, Schulman becomes close with other members of Abby's family. This included her mother, Angela, and sister, Megan, both of whom had model-worthy good looks.

As the relationship progresses, Nev's brother, Ariel Schulman, and friend, Henry Joost, began to document the blossoming romance between Nev and Megan. Late night phone conversations and racy text messages becomes a daily occurrence for the two who quickly fall for each other despite never having met.

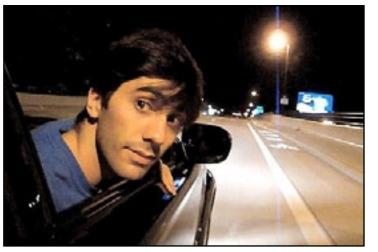
As things become more serious, the filmmakers start to become suspicious of Megan's validity with Nev. These suspicions eventually lead the group to take a trip to Michigan in order to surprise the family. What results is an awe-inspiring truth that trailers claim will "rock viewers to their core."

The makers of Catfish originally sought out to make a documentary on the nature of human relationships, both romantic and otherwise, through Nev's bond with Megan and her family. Luckily for them, they got more than they bargained for.

The film's twist is not as shocking as earlier reviews claimed it to be, but it's the aftermath of their discoveries that are truly intoxicating. The unfolding of events will take viewers on an emotional roller coaster from start to finish that may not be ap-

preciated by those looking for a Sunday afternoon flick but it's worth a watch if you're willing to strap in for the ride.

The documentary is a social commentary at its core that reveals how Facebook has changed the way we interact with one another, in both positive and negative ways. On one hand, it has improved ease of communication between friends and acquaintances. It allows relationships to be easily maintained. On the other, the Internet let's us dis-



Nev Schulman, a young photographer living in New York.

play ourselves how we choose to be seen and can lead to a sense of intimacy that can often be false.

All in all, "Catfish" is a great film for the new e-generation to see. It dares to make us question: How well do we really know our "friends?"



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Bruno Mars running high



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Despite his recent cocaine bust and possible four year conviction if found guilty, 25 year old Bruno Mars should still be on a natural high.

After collaborating with rapper B.O.B. on the song, "Nothing On You," and Travie McCoy on the song, "Billionaire," it was about time Bruno Mars made a name for himself.

His hit song, "Just The Way You Are," which was released this past summer, has been "chillin" in the top spot of Billboards Top 100 and his debut CD, "Doowops and Hooligans" was released on October 4.

This CD has everything from rock to pop to reggae, and there is definitely something for everybody on each individual track.

He touches different topics of love, from the



c/o brunomars.co

Despite a drug bust, Mars should be on a natural high.

song about one sided love, called "Grenade," ("I would die for you baby/but you won't do the same") to the chart topping song about unconditional love, "Just The Way You Are."

This piano-driven song is honest and simple and has girls swooning over the Hawaiian singer. Another song touching on the artist's poetic and sentimental side is "Talking To The Moon," a slow love song about longing for someone to come back.

"I love 'Just The Way You Are' because it's about true acceptance," said Victoria Fluehr, a VCC student. "No add-ons, no sides, no anything; just the way we are. Plus it's so catchy. It's stuck in my head 24/7."

There are guest appearances on this album including Cee-Lo Green and B.O.B. on "The Other Side."

"Liquor Store Blues" featuring Damian Marley is a look at someone dealing with too much and having a dependency on liquor ("One shot for my pain/One drag for my sorrow/Get messed up today/I'll be okay tomorrow").

Also, thanks, Mars, for creating the ultimate lazy day song. Lighthearted and fun, "The Lazy Song," voices "I'll be lying on the couch just chilling in my Snuggie/Click to MTV so they can teach me how to Dougie/ 'cause in my house, I'm the freakin' man."

For more info on the star, go to brunomars. com or to buy his CD go to amazon.com.

Hit-maker Jason Derulo talks style and soul

His deriving from an integration of music

By Marian Liu The Seattle Times

Jason Derulo was just another artist on MySpace.

Until he was discovered by power producer J. R. Rotem a few years ago and skyrocketed into pop fame. Rotem is behind hits by Rihanna, Beyonce and Sean Kingston.

Since then, Derulo has been writing for such heavyweights as Lil Wayne and opening for Lady Gaga and the Black Eyed Peas. His music is a staple on Top 40 radio, with his single "Whatcha Say" peaking at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Derulo, 21, is currently on a solo tour. On his stop in Detroit, the Miami native talked by phone about his passions and his hopes.

Q: How would you describe your sound and style?

A: It's an integration of a lot of music. I've studied all kinds ... rock music, neo-soul, jazz,



Greg Soussan, Abaca Press/MCTcampus

Derulo has written for Lil Wayne,
Lady Gaga and Blacked Eyed Peas.

musical theater. When I tried to figure out who I was, I realized I didn't have to choose. I just go to the (recording) booth and let it rip.

Q: What about your Auto-Tuned work? (Auto-Tune is an electronic pitch-correction program.)

A: Only two of my four singles have Auto-Tune. I think it's a problem only if used as a

crutch. If used tastefully, then it's really cool. It's the ear candy of the future.

Q: You sing a lot about romancing _ what's your dream girl like?

A: My dream girl would have the biggest heart in the world. Well, my mom has the biggest heart, so this girl would have the second biggest. ... I want her to be somebody giving, somebody that matches me in terms of philanthropy and caring for others.

Q: You're close to your mom?

A: I try to bring her out on the road at least once a month. She loves it.

Q: What's your goal?

A: I just want to continue on the same path with my work ethic. I don't want to be complacent with the amount of success. I have so many dreams and aspirations. ... I just want to continue on the same path of hunger.

-MCTcampus

Local Prisoner of War speaks out

World War II veteran talks about being held captive by Germans

By Shannon Scheidell sscheidell@valenciavoice.com

There are only a handful of people living in Winter Park who can say they have been to hell and back and are still living to tell the tale. Lieutenant Colonel Ben Griffin is one such person.

Griffin was a Prisoner of War during the German occupation of Europe, in 1945. He doesn't let the experience hinder his every day activities, but a few days before he spoke at the "Triumph over Tragedy - Airmen in Captivity" living history symposium in Polk City, he spent more time dwelling on his past, than he has in a while.

He grew up in Orange City, Lake County, right here in Orlando. He remembers "paddling around in a little canoe with [his] sister Fay." They would spend entire days out in the water, during the summer.

He became a fighter pilot for the Royal Air Force of England, under draft by the United States, at the young age of 21. His training was vigorous and after only 38 missions, he was gunned down by enemy fire over the country of Czechoslovakia. (Now divided into Slovakia and the Czech Republic.)

A 12-year-old boy, Jan Neuman, saw the entire dogfight from his front porch.

"Our mission was to strafe the area," Griffin said. He managed to take down over 1,000 enemy planes, before he crash landed, face first into his gun sight.

A squad of German guards were quick upon the scene where his P-51 hit the dirt. "I shook my head clear, I tore my mask off, and I stood up." Then, he ran. "I could see these guys from 100 feet off, their bayonets flashing in the sun."

Eventually, he realized that if they really wanted to shoot him, odds were in their favor, regardless of how fast he ran away from them. He turned to meet the oncoming soldiers.

When they were threatening him, he was concerned, "they were shaking so bad, I was scared they would stab me," said Griffin. "They were so young, you see," his wife, Marian, said.

The soldiers asked him for his "veapons," as Griffin recalls. He asked them where they learned to speak English and one guard replied that he learned in The Bronx in New York.

Neuman saw all of this from the comfort of his home, and for 60 years tried to track down Griffin. With his grandson's help, he finally met him in 2004 and enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner together.

When enemy soldiers took Griffin to the jail, they tried to get information out of him, one after another. He only gave his name, rank, and serial number. He wasn't telling them anything they didn't already know, and this made some soldiers pretty upset.

He and three others in his squad went down that day. They marched for hours on end, starving and feeling the strain of fatigue weigh more and more heavily upon their shoulders. While on opposite sides of this battlefront, the guards alongside them were sharing their pain. Every one was tired and hungry.



Griffin was drafted into war, at the age of 21.

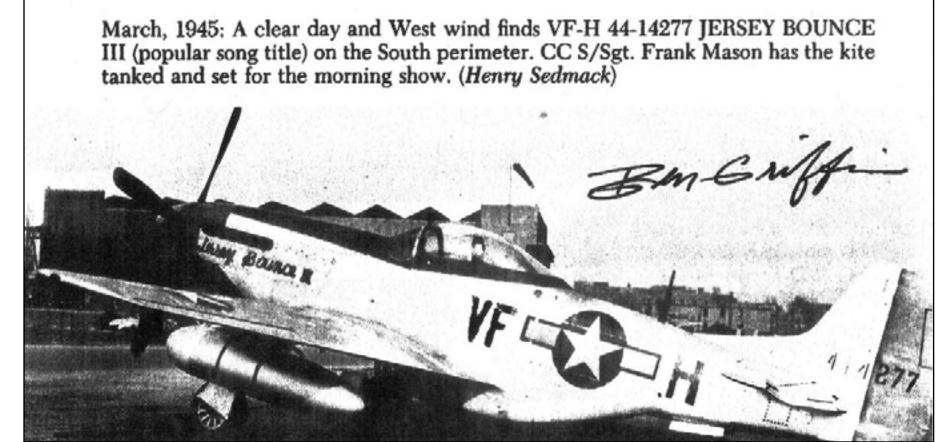
At one point, the guards lined up a group of hostages that were quarreling over a makeshift eating area they approached. For their disrespect and lack of discipline, they were killed on site.

"The Germans were relatively kind, compared to the Japanese," Marian said.

Waiting for hope to arrive, General George Patton unexpectedly burst into the camp where his men were being held, in an armed Jeep. Patton saved the day by clearing out enemy threats and bringing Griffin and the rest of his squad to safety; first in a place in France, then England, then finally back home to America.

All of this happened in April, 1945.

Griffin received a Purple Heart for his strength and enduring will during WWII. This proves there are truly exceptional people, with such rich history to share, living where we least expected to find them: right next door.



ala Marian Griffir

Griffin managed to take down over 1,000 enemy palnes, before he crash landed, face first into gun sight, where a squad of German troops stood waiting for him asking him for his "veapons" before taking him to jail to be interigated for information about the United States of America.



Quote of the night —

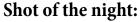
"We came back in the fourth quarter and we played hard but we didn't get any points when we needed to down the stretch."

—Hartford coach Chris Palmer



Tweet of the night —

"Nick Novak just has another UFL record with the most FG's in league history to put the Tuskers ahead 26-20."





Nick Novak adds to his league FG record



Coach quote of the night —

"I hated to use the word 'must-win' today, but it was close to that feeling. We made a lot of big plays in the second half, and that was the difference"



Florida Tuskers' defense held the Hartford Colonials to just 98 yards, after giving up over 400 last week to the Las Vegas Locos.

Tuskers bounce back into contention with road win

By Gerry DeSimas Jr.

EAST HARTFORD – Trailing by three points at halftime, the Florida Tuskers didn't change their defensive philosophy in the second half of their United Football League contest with the Hartford Colonials at Rentschler Field Saturday.

"It was just about playing hard defense and flying to the ball," Florida coach Jay Gruden said.

In a span of 4:33, the Tuskers (2-2) forced two turnovers and scored 10

points to seize control of the contest and snap a two-game losing streak with a 33-20 victory over Colonials before 14,468 fans.

The game was tied at 13-13 early in the third quarter when the Tuskers stripped Colonials quarterbacks Ryan Perrilloux and Josh McCown of the ball on consecutive possessions, recovering both fumbles, leading to 10 Florida points.

The Tuskers forced five Hartford fumbles and recovered three. They also intercepted McCown and sacked him four times for 27 yards.

"We weren't desperate because we know what we can do as a team," said Florida defensive end Patrick Chukwurah, who recovered a key fumble in the third quarter and sacked McCown twice in the fourth quarter. "We lost the previous two games because we didn't finish. So we knew, we had to come out and finish."

The Tuskers get a bye next week, and return to Orlando in a rematch against Sacramento on Oct. 21.



RESULTS (2-2) / SCHEDULE

Nov. 19 at Las Vegas W 27-20
Nov. 25 at Sacramento L 20-24
Nov. 30 Las Vegas L 17-20
Oct. 09 at Hartford W 33-20
Oct. 21 Sacramento
Nov. 05 Omaha
Nov. 11 Hartford
Nov. 19 at Omaha
Bye weeks - 5 and 7

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QUICK STATS

Points for / against

- Four sacks was a season-high for the Tuskers, who have a league-leading 11 sacks in four games.
- The Colonials were penalized seven times for a team-record 115 yards. Four turnovers was a team record for Hartford in a single game.
- No UFL team is undefeated this season. Also, no team has gone without a win.

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Longoria hits Rays into game 5 versus Rangers

By Mark Gonzales Chicago Tribune

ARLINGTON, Texas — Evan Longoria admitted his left quadriceps still bothers him.

"I felt like Kirk Gibson a little bit," quipped Longoria, referring to the hobbled Gibson's dramatic pinch-hit home run in 1988 that sparked the Dodgers to a World Series victory.

But after Longoria hit two doubles and a two-run home run Sunday, the Rays are on the verge of a heroic comeback. Their 5-2 victory over the Rangers forced a fifth and deciding game Tuesday in the American League Division Series.

The Rays need one more victory to become the first team to lose the first two games at home but win a best-of-five ALDS series since the Yankees did it against Oakland in 2001.

To achieve this distinction, the Rays will have to solve Rangers ace Cliff Lee, who pitched seven innings of one-run ball in a Game 1 victory Wednesday over David Price.

"We know what's at stake," Texas third baseman Michael Young said after the Rangers blew two chances at home to win the ALDS and advance to the AL Championship Series against the Yankees.

Longoria, who missed the final 10 games of the regular season

because of his injury, was hitless in 11 at-bats before leading off the fourth with a double that started a two-run rally.

The Rays' ALDS comeback is similar to the resiliency they displayed in a four-game series at New York on Sept. 20-23, when they lost the first two games to fall 2 games out of first but won the final two games and eventually won the AL East and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"That was pretty fresh in a lot of guys' minds, and that's what I kept drawing from our ability to bounce back in that situation and our ability to do that here and the belief that we can," Longoria said.



Ron Jenkins, Fort Worth Star-Telegram / MCT Evan Longoria celebrates with Ben Zobrist after launching the Rays into a final game 5 contest against Texas.