

We Remember

Students reflect on Sept. 11, ten years after the attacks

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Catch up on the news you missed during the summer break,







Hundreds of students lined up for free food, which ran out around 1 p.m., ending the event.

A refreshing welcome

West Campus students greeted with BBQ

By Manny Marquez mmarquez@valenciavoice.com

The "Welcome Back BBQ" on Valencia's West Campus was fired up Thursday by the Student Government Association and other volunteers. The patio was filled with get people out here."

tables, tents, fliers, freebies, and free food.

The BBQ was organized by the SGA's event. Vice President, Shadeh Berry. Berry has been at Valencia for a year and is studying public administration. When asked about how she felt the event was going she smiled and said, "The food is going to

The event sizzled to success, helping to kick off the fall semester at West campus. Students were not only able to enjoy a fun outdoor activity but were also informed about the many fantastic groups and clubs Valencia has to offer.

Free Fraps in Winter Park

By Brittany Rose brose@valenciavoice.com

"Free Frappucino Day" was part of a four day celebration at the Winter Park Valencia College campus designed to welcome back students for the 2011 fall semester.

Several students gathered outside in the open courtyard portico Thursday to collect a free iced coffee and a few school supplies, courtesy of the SGA.

Many of the students expressed excitement about the start of the new school year. "I'm very excited," said Carlos Gonzalez, a freshman studying for an Emergency Medical Service degree. "I can't wait to see how my first college year goes."

The welcome back day proved to be a success as several students enjoyed the free coffee and social atmosphere of the

"This is a good opportunity to meet people," said Logan Creasman, a high school junior who is participating in the dual enrollment program at Valencia. "I'm having a good time."

Gay donors rejected Double standards exist despite new facts

By: Jeremy S. Williams jwilliams@valenciavoice.com

Florida's Blood Centers and the American Red Cross spend millions of dollars trying to get the word out that it is important to donate blood because they are always in short supply. Yet every day they turn away many pints of blood sim- a division of the US government that set ply because the blood would be coming from a gay male donor.

Some in the community believe this to be a legal form of discrimination.

"With the new methods of testing blood, this is definitely an issue that needs to be re-evaluated and addressed," said Mike Pratt, interim CEO of Florida's Blood Centers. "Unfortunately we are mandated by the FDA and cannot deviate from their guidelines."

The Food and Drug Administration is the standards and practices for managing

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Orlando City fans went all out for the championship game, which drew over 11,000 spectators, a record crowd.

Pic of the week:

Orlando City Soccer wins championship

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blood and blood products. This stance on blacklisting gay men by the FDA goes back to the height of the HIV/AIDS scare in 1983.

Pat Michaels, executive director of public relations for Florida's Blood Centers, says that safety practices for handling and maintaining blood have changed since then. "Besides a pre-screening questionnaire to search for 'risky behaviors' by the donors, we also test all blood for commutable diseases such as HIV and hepatitis."

Florida's Blood Centers are part of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), as are most of the local blood banks across the country, and Mr.Pratt says they, along with the American Red Cross, are "advocating change to the policy".

An FDA spokesperson stated they are aware of the concerns to the policy yet there is nothing in the works to change it at this time. "As recently as June 2010 the Department of Health and Human Safety as well as the Blood Product Advisory Committee reviewed this policy but found no new evidence that gave them reason to reverse it."

The FDA did confirm that all blood collected is tested, but there are some infections that the blood cannot be tested for. No examples could be provided of untestable infections that would be found solely within gay men.

One attempt at change within the FDA was a recommendation to subgroup gay men into different categories, such as monogamous long term relationships or promiscuous single men, but the data collected showed no substantial differences that warranted changing the policy. "The FDA is not trying to be discriminatory

to any group of people, but the point to remember is that the blood is being used for individuals who are sick and possibly have weakened immune systems. It is our responsibility to make sure they have no fear of contamination when receiving blood," said the spokesperson.

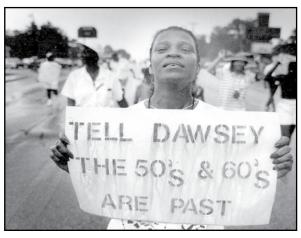
The FDA also states that men who have sex with other men, which is the official name of the permanent deferred category, is not the only restricted group. The FDA also restricts people who have been out of the country at certain times or have received tattoos.

One Valencia student, who asked not to be identified, sums it up best, "Regardless of how someone views the policy, the person who should not be blamed is the one who needs our help and needs the blood to survive. So while we need to fight to have this policy changed we also need to remember to keep donating."



The Big Red Bus parked on Valencia's west campus during the Welcome Back BBQ, taking donations, but not all students can donate.





Left: A member of the Westboro Baptist Church. Right: A women protests civil rights violatons.

Gay is the new black

Politicians should take lesson from history

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This week the blood bank bus was once again on the campus of Valencia, providing a much needed service, but at the same time perpetuating a system of fear, ignorance and discrimination. If you have had sex with a partner of the same sex, even once, since 1977, you cannot give the life-saving gift of blood.

The regulation has roots in reason, but the AIDS scare of the 1980's is over. While over half of all new HIV infections still occur in the homosexual community, blood can now be screened for the virus. Straight people who have had sex with an HIV-infected partner only need to wait a year before donating blood, so clearly a 'risky lifestyle' is a non-issue.

Such discriminatory practices are socially acceptable, pushed as political platforms by politicians, carefully packaged as 'protection of traditional values.' It is frustrating to watch potential presidential nominees advocate for 'individual rights' when the right they are fighting for is the right to hate.

Politicians in the 1960's championed 'states' rights' as a way to continue Jim

Crow laws that denied rights to black citizens. Just as Lyndon Johnson was 'not against blacks but for states' rights,' so is the new Republican party in relation to homosexuals.

To quote the Bible (which conservatives frequently do to support their position) 'He who is not with me is against me' (Matthew 12:30.) You cannot in one breath say you 'love' homosexuals (ahem, Michele Bachmann) and in the next deny them equal rights.

Social pressure eventually forced politicians to abandon their hateful positions (if not their private prejudices) against black citizens. It is time to exert the same pressure, to push for an end to the social acceptability of discrimination based on sexual orientation. It is time to grant rights to the individual, rather than continuing to ostracize groups based on one part of their individuality, be it ethnicity, gender, or sexuality.

Refuse to accept thinly-veiled hate speech from politicians. Prejudice today is just as wrong as it was in the 60's, no matter who it is leveled against. Let us be the generation that achieves equality for a new constituency. Let's end the hate.



NEWS



Rebels take Gadhafi stronghold

By- Roy Gutman and David Enders McClatchy Newspapers / MCT

BENGHAZI, Libya Supporters of Moammar Gadhafi fired on "Free Libya" forces Sunday as they advanced on one of the last strongholds of the ousted leader, quashing hopes for a peaceful handover of the town, the rebel military spokesman said.

Col. Ahmed Omar Bani said Sunday evening that operations to liberate the town of Bani Walid, southeast of the Libyan capital, Tripoli, could begin within hours, started by backers of the new National Transitional Council within the town. Rebel forces surrounding the town will march in "to give congratulations," he said, downplaying the likelihood of a bloody confrontation.

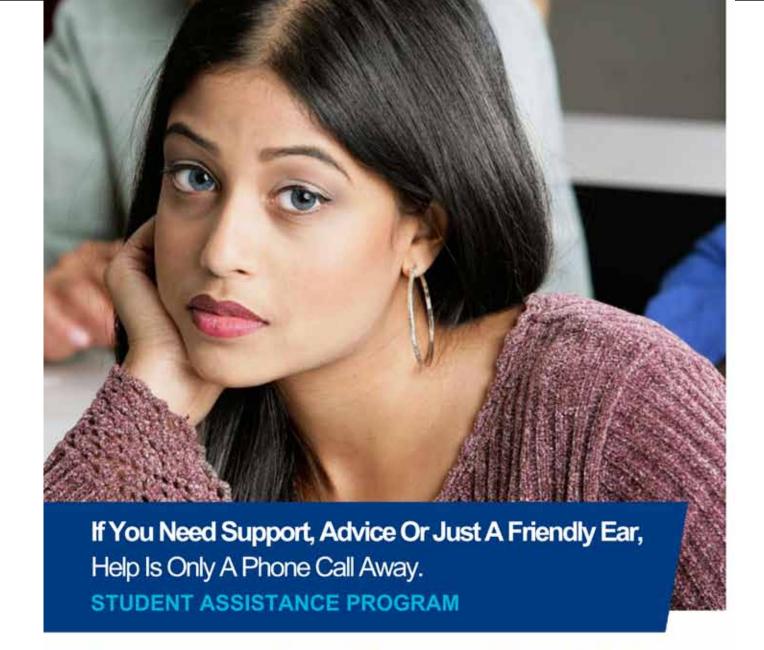
Khamis had commanded the best-equipped brigade in the Libyan military, which used heavy artil-

lery to attack rebels in major towns, including Tripoli, Benghazi and Zawiyah. The Transitional Council had reported his death twice before, but Bani said he was certain it had happened this time, because residents of the town told the council that they witnessed Khamis's funeral.

The spokesman last week had identified a second man killed in the same car as Abdullah Zanussi, Gadhafi's brother-in-law, but he said in fact was Zanussi's son, Mohamed.

Gadhafi's own whereabouts are still unknown, and the military spokesman said he may have fled the country. Gadhafi had issued a series of threats to fight to the finish last week, but he hasn't been heard from since Thursday. Transitional Council officials had last put him in Sabha, a town deep in the Sahara, and they predicted he would flee into land-locked Niger, one of the poorest countries in Africa.

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News you might have missed on summer break



Local

Charges dropped against activists

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The fight between Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer and local activist group 'Food Not Bombs' concluded another round when Dyer announced on August 19 that he was instructing the city prosecutor to drop charges against the activists, a week before the trials were set to begin.

Brock Monroe, a former Valencia student who was arrested June 6, had mixed feelings about the announcement. "I was glad that he dropped the charges," he said, "but at the same time I did want this law to be tested in front of a jury."

Attorney spokesperson for the group, Shayan Elahi, says he still intends to pursue the law itself in court. The Orange County Democratic Executive Committee issued a statement the proceeding Monday requesting that Dyer decriminalize the 'charitable act' of sharing food in city parks, as well as ceasing arrests of activists. The mayor insisted that his decision was not influenced by the Committee's request, but rather came as a result of the continued cooperation of 'Food Not Bombs,' who have been holding food shares at City Hall for the past few weeks.

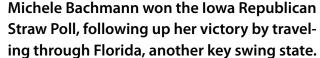




News you can see

People stand in War Memorial Plaza in Baltimore after the earthquake forced city buildings to evacuate. The 5.8 magnitude quake caused minor damage along the east coast.





Hurricane Irene hit the east coast, causing flooding and power outages from the Carolina's to Vermont. The total economic impact of the storm is estimated at three billion dollars.

A day to remember

A New Yorker's take on September 11

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Why did my teacher answer her cell phone in class and then leave the room? Why did she come back inside crying? Why was student after student being called for early release? Maybe most importantly, how did I get so lucky that Hebrew school was cancelled for the evening?

All of these questions had one simple, yet devastating answer. Terrorist attacks.

I can vividly remember riding my bike down the street, looking up and seeing fighter jets circle overhead to make sure we didn't get attacked again. I remember seeing my dad cry for the first time, that night while watching the news. I'll never forget what my best friend's family went through knowing that their cousin was one of the first responders to enter the south tower, and wasn't returning.

The one thing that will last with me forever is the way the community came together. New Yorkers are notorious for being rude to each other, but everyone came together as one. It felt almost like the holiday season, where everyone is actually nice, even to the guy standings in line behind you at 711.

I think September of 2001 was the first time in my life that I knew what it meant to be an American. The resilience of New Yorkers in the follow weeks was unbelievable to me. You had people everywhere having garage sales and donating the money, you had people going as far as going down to ground zero help clean up all of the rubble. Not to mention all the other countless acts of heroism all while grieving the friends and family they just lost.

Ten years later, as we remember the thousands who were lost on 9/11, I would like to end with this.

No matter how terrible something is, you have to come out stronger on the other end. "You can bend us, but you can't break us." That was the slogan everyone lived by in New York in 2001.



The twin towers, moments after the second tower was hit.

Where were you on 9/11? How did it affect you?



"I was driving to school when I heard what happened. It was weird because I had gotten up in the morning and put on a T-shirt with the twin towers on it."

— Latasha Graham



"I was living in Orlando and in the ninth grade. All I really remember was being confused because I didn't know what was happening."

— Vincent Zaccaro



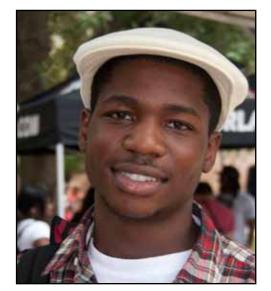
"I was at school. I didn't know what was going on. I was trying to watch Disney, but the attack was on every channel."

— Frantasia McBride



"I was in elementary school in Colombia. I was really scared because I had family in New York and was worried about them."

— Kathy Arbelaez



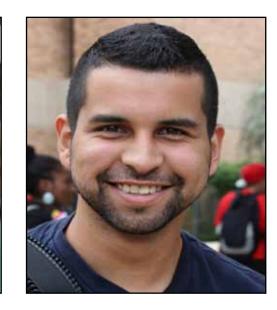
"My teacher turned on the TV and said there was an important announcement. I didn't know what was going on. I thought the building just exploded."

— Paul Amadi



"I was in class at Valencia East Campus, and it affected me dearly because a close relative actually passed away in the towers."

— Joshua Rodriguez



"I was in Colombia on the bus on my way to school, when the bus driver heard it on the radio. I remember thinking, 'How could something like this happen in America?"



"I was at school and my mom came and picked me up because my best friend's dad was in one of the towers. We later found out that he died in the attack."

— Lina Arenas

— Ivan Marquez

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From Algebra to Afghanistan

How 9/11 changed a graduate's plans for the future

By Fred Lambert Special to Valencia Voice

I was in school when it happened.

My teacher interrupted the students' work and day-dreaming to say, "Alright, can I get everyone's attention?"

He was standing up with the administrator, who had walked in moments ago and whispered in his ear. "Don't worry about the assignment, you can do that later." he assured. "A plane just hit a building in New York. We're going to turn on the news so you guys can see what's going on, because this is important."

Many minutes passed by with the whole class glued to the screen. The consensus was that it was some sort of terrifying accident. In transit to my next class, I could hear a hundred different conversations in the hallways about what was happening.

People were saying that we were under attack. Someone mentioned a plane pulling the Kamikaze maneuver into the Pentagon, and then I knew. Someone was hitting us.

I took the news with a sort of emotional blankness. The fact that I had joined the Marines just days earlier was not a flashing-red issue for some reason, and I felt like that experience was far away. At the very least it was far enough that I would probably be left out of any retaliatory action, which I assumed would be swift and short.

At the MEPs center in Tampa I was asked what job-field I wanted to be assigned to. I quickly replied to the liaison, a chubby Staff Sergeant with a bald head, that I wanted Recon. They were the equivalent to something elite, exclusive and hard like the Army Rangers, so they were my choice.

The liaison blinked at me, then looked down and chuckled. He said that he would mark me as "open-contract," and that if I wanted to change my mind before shipping out, I could.

Then I started to think that maybe I was underestimating events. Maybe I should have had the worry of death hanging over me like a dark cloud. But I didn't, and at that moment I realized my stupid confidence was a paper shield. It was a thin protection from all of the thoughts of death and maiming, but an effective one. My confidence would carry me, and I would move forward with it.

I would probably not go to war, but if I did, I would do it with dignity. And that was about all of the thought which I put into that subject from then on. I tried to enjoy the rest of my senior year, partying and hoping to get laid. I expected a good summer, with a few months of reprieve after graduating, and then boot-camp.

In English class we finished the semester off with the events of the previous September lingering in the back of our skulls. It was mostly inconsequential to many of the students. The main deviations in their lives consisted of heightened security annoyances at the airport, whenever they actually went. Altogether, they were just normal students who were more interested in their own existence. This was apparent with the crafting of the List.

The List was hanging up on the wall in English class, with students' names printed in marker ink, a line linking each to the college in which they were enrolled to enter in the fall.

I watched the List grow each day, and soon there were several dozen names marked in different colors, indicating Ivy League institutions and local community colleges.



Valencia student Fred Lambert joined the United States Marine Corps just days before the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Daniel's name was there, with Valencia posted up beside in neat blue handwriting.

I scribed my own name, with a red line shooting over to Parris Island, SC. I think a lot of students had no clue what that was, and chalked it up as some private school in South Carolina. They were partially right. Over the next four years, I would receive an education in what happens when your country is bloodied and the only natural reflex is violent revenge.

The finger of duty pointed at me, along with thousands of other young, naive gogetters. We volunteered for military service never suspecting that hijacked passenger jets could one day come out of the clear, blue sky to deal death and infect the nation with aggressive, paranoid war-lust for a full decade.

9/11 by the numbers

Coming up on the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, most Americans are reflecting on there memories of that day. Emotional scars are far from healed, and we may never fully understand the events of that day. Looking back at the tragic loss we are reminded of the heroes, villains, and lessons learned from the most impact full event in modern society.

Here are some of the numbers associated with the tragedy.

2,819 Total number killed in the New York attacks

\$ 105 Billion Economic loss to New York in the month following the attack

343 Number of firefighters and paramedics killed

115 Number of nations whose citizens were killed

36,000 Units of blood donated to New York blood centers following the attacks

20 % of Americans knew someone hurt or killed

3,051 Estimated number of children that lost a parent

1.5 million tons of debris removed from Ground Zero

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Voice staff remembers 9/11

"I was living in Montgomery County, Maryland, which is about 45 minutes away from Washington DC and the Pentagon, and I remembered seeing helicopters flying around everywhere as I rode the bus home in the early afternoon. That night, I sat in between my mom and dad and watched the news and I just started crying. I was so young. We were all too young to be exposed to this kind of thing."

-Felicia Roopchand

"I was living in California and was awakened at just after 6 a.m. by my mother in Alabama. She called to explain that the US was under attack and was very angry that I wasn't aware of anything yet, as she had forgotten about the time difference. I still had to go into work at an electronics store that day, and as a testament to human apathy, we hit a new sales record."

-Jeff Shedden

"On the morning of that unforgettable day I was getting ready for school. I remember seeing the second tower get hit by the plane, people jumping out of the burning towers, and seeing the towers fall. That day the innocence of being a child and the thought of being safe was shattered."

-Mary Stevens

"I was in Brooklyn New York, in 5th grade sitting on the carpet in my class listening to my teacher read us "Captain Underpants." I threw something at a girl, got in trouble, and was told to stand on the carpet and face the window as a punishment. I was looking outside for something to entertain me, when I saw the first plane crash into the World Trade Center."

-Jonathan Daniels



The soon-to-be-completed 9/11 Memorial, which will feature names of all victims engraved on the footprint left by the North Tower.

"The morning of 9/11 I was in school. I remember all the teachers were instructed to shut down the computers and the televisions, and they were not allowed to tell us what was going on. It was pretty scary and frustrating for the students and by the end of the day most students had already being pulled out of class by their parents, I remember that I was one of two people left in a class of 26."

-Marianella Zapata Noriega

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Houston we have a problem

Old scare tactics go to the moon

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"Apollo 18" follows the style of "The Blair Witch Project" and "Paranormal Activity" as a "found footage" movie. This premise is supposed to allow the audience to believe that the footage they are watching was actual film found and allowed to be edited and released as a feature movie.



Unknown evil lurks on the dark side of the moon.



This worked best for the two previously mentioned films and in fact helped them to become the critically and financially successful films they were. Unfortunately, "Apollo 18" seems more far fetched since it takes place on the moon.

The film opens with a brief history lesson letting the audience know that the government stands by the official story that Apollo 17 was the final NASA mission to the moon and that scheduled trips with Apollo's 18, 19, and 20 were cancelled due to budget cuts. However, the following footage was uploaded on a website by an unknown individual and that the Department of Defense had actually launched a secret Apollo 18 mission and conspired to cover it up.

Three astronauts are launched into space and the audience is essentially shown 86 minutes of what can only be described as "Paranormal Activity 4: Flickering Lights and Spooky Noises in Space."

Just as with all other movies in the genre, the film starts off slow, with bumps here and noises there that

start to make the characters uneasy. The tension builds and they start to realize that they may not be alone up there on the moon.

These "found footage" films are going to be coming out of the woodwork, since they are relatively cheap to make and usually turn a pretty good profit, but the



Astronauts encounter a hiden villian in this sci-fi horror.

problem is that they are starting to follow the same formula. Someone finds film that shows the details of a tragic and awful event that previously no one had any answers to.

That is all fine and well for films where all that is required of the audience is a small belief that ghosts are real. But "Apollo 18" asks the audience to not only believe that there is something living on the moon, but also that the government knows about it and is covering it up and that some brave soul risked everything to bring this to the public. It is a far off premise that leaves too many questioning the film while they should be trying to get into it.

This movie is best reserved for die-hard fans of this genre or those who thought "Alien" would have been a better movie if they had used handheld cameras.

Opening Sept. 9

Bucky Larson: Born to be a Star



Starring:
Nick Swardson,
Don Johnson,
and Christina
Ricci.

A man moves from his Midwest hometown to Hollywood hoping to become a star just like his parents.

Contagion



Starring: Matt Damon, Kate Winslet, and Jude Law.

A lethal airborne virus kills masses, illustrating the worst-case scenario of a global epidemic.

Warrior



Starring:
Tom Hardy,
Nick Nolte, and
Joel Edgerton.

Tom Conlon asks his alcoholic father to help him train for a mixed martial arts tournament, but there is just one problem his brother is also in the tournament.

Box Office



1. The Help

Rated: PG-13

This weekend: \$14.2 million

Total Gross: \$118.6 million



2. The Debt

Rated: R

This weekend: \$11.5 million

Total Gross: \$11.6 million



3. Apollo 18

Rated: PG-13

This weekend: \$8.7 million

Total Gross: \$8.7 million

Shark Bites

Weekend at the lake house turns horrific



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Shark Night 3D debuted in theaters this weekend, and is certain to entertain the audience with a bloody, horrific, albeit predictable sequence of events.

Seven college students decide to spend a weekend at a lake house in Louisiana, but end up with an adventure that they will never forget, if they survive.

One by one, the students get attacked by hungry man-eating sharks that somehow made their way into the freshwater lake. The students encounter different deadly species of shark, and no rescue is available. With hungry sharks lurking in dark waters awaiting the students to enter, it seems like they are at a dead end.

This film contained a fair cast of young actors, with good acting skills



Blood thristy sharks hunt unsuspecting humans in this 3D nod to the classic Jaws.



Terrified Sara tries to escape a hungry shark.

that sold the concept of their characters being in a state of primal fear. Then again, a movie like this doesn't require a great performance in order to move along such a predictable plot.

"Right when the students arrived at the lake house and touched the water for the first time, they immediately started getting attacked," said Steffi Estevez. "I thought they should have taken more time for them to settle, instead of jumping quickly into the killing from the sharks."

The entire sequence of events was rushed into the movie instead of taking its time to develop. "I thought the length of the movie should have been longer," said Julio Suarez. "If felt too short; two hours would've done it."

Shark Night 3D is a teenage horror flick that really panders to its audience. It's simple and juvenile, and is probably not going to be enjoyed by an older audience. Although there are mixed opinions from the viewers, I believe that this film is one of those gory and thrilling stories that will convince its viewers to stay out of the water.

What Jeff hates this week: MTV's 'I Just Want My Pants Back'

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I'm considered kind of a media snob. I refuse to watch Avatar, and I thought Black Swan was one of worst films of the year. Because of my particular taste in entertainment, the staff of the Valencia Voice has decided to subject me to the latest in popular media.

Every week, the staff will decide on something to force me to watch, listen or play. This week, it was the new MTV show, "I Just Want My Pants Back."

feeling of dread, as if some portal to an evil nether realm were beginning to open, releasing slobbering horrors to drag me were so lucky.

Let me just begin by saying that I'll be glad when the hipster movement is over. It's spawned a huge market of distressed t-shirts bearing logos of products from the 80's, and is pretty much the only thing keeping Pabst in business. It's also overlove with her instead. loading the entertainment industry.

With "Pants" I could tell right away that it would be trying too hard. The first joke is about self-abuse, and almost immediately dives into a stereotypically hot chick smoking pot in a men's room and complaining about feeling like she has to poop. I like poop jokes as much as anyone, but poop jokes are only funny when they're not forced (see what I did there?)

The main character, Jason, who is now sober after smoking what was apparently oregano, decides to hit on a random girl at the bar. They instantly click when she welts.



Jason holding up his injured right thumb.

quotes Pee-Wee's Big Adventure. Jason As the show began, I experienced a exclaims that this is the "best movie starring a sex offender ever!"

Number one, this dingus hasn't unironically seen "Big Adventure" in his off to unmentionable torture. If only I life. Number two, he's obviously never seen "Moonwalker."

> Jason takes this girl back to his apartment and she demands that they do the deed in his totally ironic 1950's refrigerator. Instead of calling the men in white coats, this sunken-chested D-bag falls in

> Jason is depressed because refrigerator girl gave him a fake number, so he hooks up with a promiscuous, drunken lawyer who instructs him to insert his thumb in a rather uncomfortable place. This is a position I'm convinced is familiar to everyone involved in the creation of this show.

The show is nothing but blatantly scripted, painfully unfunny one liners traded back and forth. It's like Juno meets Willy Waterbug (there's a retro reference for the hipsters) and it left me feeling the same way: wet, miserable and covered in

Celeb Tweets

"So does this mean Jay-Z and Beyonce aren't adopting me anymore?" — Chris Colfer



"Just taught my kids about taxes by eating 38% of their ice cream."

—Conan O' Brien

"Just had my teeth cleaned. As if that's even a START to cleaning up my act OR my potty mouth. Good effort doc!"

— Kathy Griffin



"Also...@Beyonce me & @rustyrockets are avail to baby sit anytime! We'z real responsible...ish:P"

-Katy Perry

"Simon Cowell said he wants to be cryogenically frozen when he dies. & from the looks of it, his nipples are off to a head start."

—Jimmy Fallon



"Trees never think they're fat."

—Sarah Silverman

"Love to shake hands with the paparazzi when I have a bad cold." — Steven Martin

Local Team Schedule

NCAA Football



Last: vs. Charleston Southern W 62-0 Next: vs. Boston College; Sat, Sept 10



Last: vs. Florida Atlantic **W** 41-3 Next: vs. UAB; Sat, Sept 10



Last: vs. Louisiana Monroe **W** 34-0 Next: vs. Charleston Southern Sat, Sept 10



Last: vs. Maryland L 32-24 Next: vs. Ohio State; Sat, Sept. 17

NFL



ast: vs. Dallas **W** 17-3 Next: vs. New England; Mon, Sept 12



Last: vs. Washington L 29-24 Next: vs. Detroit; Sun, Sept 11



Last: vs. St Louis **L** 24-17 Next: vs. Tennessee; Sun, Sept 11

Orlando City wins USL championship

By Rofkens Petit-Homme rpetithomme@valenciavoice.com

Orlando fans have something to brag about; a United Soccer League Professional Championship. Yes, The Orlando City Lions have won the post season glory in style that is sustainable to their skills.

After scoring a brilliant free kick in the second half of a 15 minute extended quarter, the score was 2-2, thrusting the Lions and their opponents the Harrisburg city Islanders into penalty kicks.

Back-up goal keeper Sean Kelley's two saves and a wide left shot placed him into the MVP slot for the game. The lions won the PK-shootout 3-2 to become official champs with the last goal scored by forward Devon Jorsling.

Eleven thousand-plus fans packed the Citrus Bowl to watch Kelley step up to the plate and deliver the final blows to the opposition.

"Really everything on the table to night and the crowd came through with a lot of good support," said Kelley, after the game. Kelley was placed in the game in the 50th minute to replace forward Max Griffin due to the ejected goal keep- matched his intensity Saturday night. er and team captain, Miguel Gallardo.

Even with the headache of an ejection, the Lions still did not want to bow their heads to defeat. They even seemed to move the ball quicker on the pitch rather than fall back to defense with 'pitch.' the teams being uneven, 10-11.

"I told him to be big and we needed him and he was going to do great." Gallardo said, referring to Kelley. "I was nervous sitting on the sidelines, I never thought that time would go by so slow. But now I know how the fans feel."

The score was still 0-0 until the 89th minute. when midfielder Lewis Neal assisted a brilliant goal to defender Lawrence Olum. It was a significant part of the defense that kept the Lions in the game.

"We don't let anyone dictate the way we play," said defender Rob Valentino whose skills



The Lions celebrate after winning the USL championship, their first year in Orlando, Fla.

The game eventually got out of hand during an alleged missed call that had Olum on his face right in front of the goal, fans began throwing empty and full bottles of water directly on to the

"I am excited because these guys have worked hard for what they have done today," said Heath, drenched in champagne and with a big smile on

"I was confident that we were going to win this game all the way through, plus we played the best football we've played when we went down to ten men."

The Orlando City Lions hoisted their first post-season trophy up into the air and embraced the thrill of success.

Moving from Houston to Texas and then to Orlando, the team has obtained the USL Pro League title in their first year in the city.

"That was just a great example for the game," said team owner Phil Rawlins. "I hope the whole of North America watched it and realized what a market this can be and what a great team we have, a great organization and the dedicated fans in the stands as well."



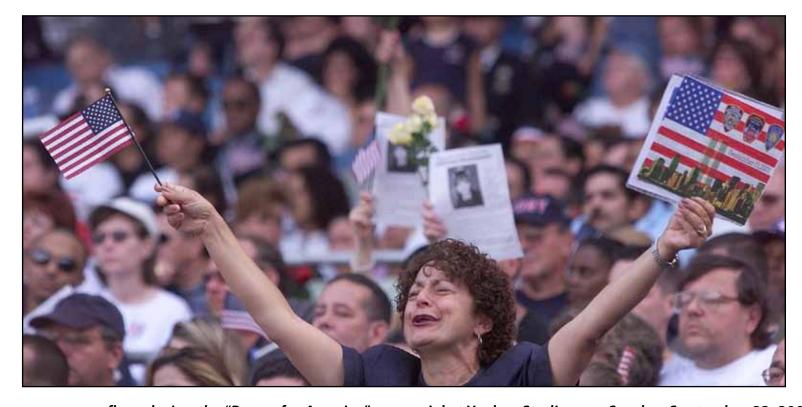
Fans cheer on the newly championed Lions.

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Football picks

Staff predicts NFL winners





A woman waves flags during the "Prayer for America" memorial at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, September 23, 2001.

9/11 impacts New York sports

By Michael Rosenberg Detroit Free Press / MCT

DETROIT — The Yankees are in town. If you are a sports fan at all, those five words have evoked all sorts of emotions for almost 100 years: awe, bitterness, envy, animosity. In the wake of the death of Osama bin Laden, the Yankees' visit means something different, at least for me.

They represent New York and feelings of national grief and civic unity that have not quite left us, even a decade after the 9/11 attacks.

Yet since 2001, American spectator sports have become exponentially bigger. Fan interest went way up. No other development in our culture feels so wrong and right at the same time. We shouldn't care about sports as much, but we need them

more than we ever did.

This was evident immediately after the attacks. In a postseason unlike any other, the Yankees made it all the way to Game 7 of the World Series, and a ravaged New York City was riveted.

"I don't know if the whole country was pulling for us, but I was well aware of what it meant to New Yorkers at the time," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said Monday. "We had a lot of people come up to us on the streets and say they weren't necessarily baseball fans, but they found themselves pulling for us that month."

Paradoxically, the closer you were to the tragedy in 2001, the more baseball seemed to mean. My friend Fred is a huge Yankees fan. He said as he grieved, he watched baseball.

"I was really into it," he recalled Monday. "I think it was one of the more normal things, even though there was nothing normal about that season. My dad was a big Yankee fan. I know he enjoyed baseball. It was kind of like, 'This is how life should be. This is what normal is supposed to be like.' I do remember vividly enjoying that World Series."

Sports don't capture the emotional complexity of modern life like a great novel or movie. But they are real, in a way other entertainment vehicles are not. When a team pulls off an upset, the participants are often as surprised as the spectators (especially if they were on the team that lost). We connect with them in ways that could never happen with a rock star or actor.

- MCT Campus

Fantasy Update

By Bryan Levine blevine@valenciavoice.com

Start

Jamaal Charles (RB) - Chiefs

Charles is coming off a big season and plays against a weak defense in Bufffalo.

Chris Johnson (RB)- Titans

Johnson got the money he was holding out for, now he's going to have prove he's worth it.

Sit

Arian Foster (RB)- Texans

Foster might start, he might not. Either way his time will be limited with his hamstring injury.

Peyton Manning (QB)- Colts

Manning's consecutive game streak is in jeopardy as he is still recovering from off-season neck surgery.

Sleeper

Josh Freeman (QB) - Bucs

Freeman flew under the radar all of last season and he goes up against an injured Detroit defense.

Ryan Grant (RB) - Packers

Grant is coming off an injury plagued season. Look for him to repeat his '09 campaign.

UCF wins big

Knights destroy the Bucs

By Bryan Levine blevine@valenciavoice.com

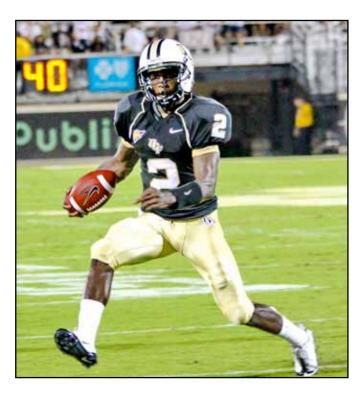
Fresh off a season where they won not only the Conference-USA championship, but the Liberty Bowl, the University of Central Florida Knights trampled the Charleston Southern Buccaneers 62-0 in the season's opener.

Sophomore QB Jeff Godfrey seemed to be in midseason form, as he rushed for 46 yards and three touchdowns, all in the first half. Godfrey also threw 96 of his 100 yards in the first half, sitting out most of the second.

"(Godfrey) commanded the offense, (displayed great) leadership and he was able to lead his team to victory," said UCF Athletic Director Keith Tribble.

UCF set a school single-game record with eight Robinson's 32-yard pick six.

the end of the first half.





Latavius Murray (above) and Jeff Godfrey (below) both helped UCF set a school record with 8 rushing touchdowns

The UCF defense hadn't allowed the second CSU first down until close to the seven minute mark in the third quarter. Possibly more impressively, the Knights' offense was eight for eight in the red zone.

CSU allowed a total of 560 yards while only rushing touchdowns. The only score for the Knights managing to gain 119 yards for themselves. QB that wasn't picked up on the ground came on Josh Malcolm Dixon was only sacked once, but was consistently pressured and forced out of the pocket by The Knights had gained 299 yards to CSU's 21 at UCF LB Jonathon Davis, who sacked Dixon on the first drive of the game.

Getting to see some action in his first game with the Knights was freshman QB Blake Bortles, who played a majority of the second half and threw for 144 yards.

The ball slipped out of Bortles' hand and went straight up in the air on an attempted pass in the third quarter. Bortles' caught his own fumble, set himself, and then launched the ball 42 yards, completing a pass to WR Josh Reese.

Next week, UCF stays at home and welcomes Boston College into town. Kickoff is at 8 p.m. and will be nationally televised on CBS. The two teams haven't faced off since 2008 when BC scored 31 second half points, beating the Knights 34-7.

"We have a big game next week against a tough opponent," said head coach George O'Leary.

"They're always a well coached team, always a very physical and tough team. We'll have our work cut out for us."

Five questions facing the NFL

By Jeff Darlington McClatchy Newspapers

1.) How much will the lockout impact the performance during the 2011 season?

Remember those long weeks of legal talk? Remember those days when football Armageddon seemed to be upon us? Remember the lockout? We didn't think so. Considering no games were ever missed despite all of those concerns over the past few months, it seems realistic the regular season won't be overly impacted. If any teams struggle, it'll probably be those with new head coaches or rookie quarterbacks. Even then, it should only take a few weeks before every team is caught up.

2.) Are the Eagles really the Dream Team?

Philadelphia shelled out a whopping \$120 million in free-agent contracts. They picked up five former first-round picks (including former Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown). They added arguably the best player in all of free agency in cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha. All that said, this isn't about this year's signings. It's about a former signing. If the Eagles are going to live up to their "dream time" dubbing, it's all going to come down to quarterback Michael Vick.

3.) How much will Chad Ochocinco help the Patriots this year?

Forget, for a moment, Ochocinco's entertainment value away from the field. Instead, evaluate him only as a player. Although he has fallen off a bit over the last few seasons, Ochocinco still has yet to have a season when he averages less than 10 yards per catch. And although he has failed to eclipse 1,000 yards two of the past three seasons, the charismatic character still seems to be capable of playing at an elite level. Throw in some newfound inspiration with his new team - as well as one of the best quarterbacks to ever play the game - and we've got a feeling this Miami native might be destined for a comeback season in New England.

4.) How difficult will it be for the Jets to get



Rex Ryan firmly believes the Jets have what it takes to win the Superbowl

back to the AFC Championship for a third consecutive year?

Although the hype surrounding the Jets has reached new heights this year, their path back to the championship game _ and perhaps beyond _ might be tougher than either of the past two seasons. But just like each of the past two years, when the Jets' regular season didn't seem much more than mediocre, this is all about getting into the playoffs. Should New York crack into the postseason, that's when it seems the swagger of this squad comes alive like few others in the NFL.

5.) Which NFL rookie will have the biggest impact this season?

Maybe it'll be Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton. Or Broncos linebacker Von Miller. Or Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones. All three of those players should get plenty of opportunities to prove it as starters. But even after some mediocre showings during the preseason, it's still difficult to believe Carolina quarterback Cam Newton won't eventually make some waves this year. During the preseason, it often looked like Newton was hanging in the pocket too long. Once the bullets start flying, though, it's hard to imagine he won't start taking off for some runs. That's when Newton will start to look more like the player you remember at Auburn.

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