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Dancing Queen

UCF engineering student makes 'Magic'

— SEE NEWS, A2



WEATHER

FLORIDA GETS READY FOR A RARE FREEZE



What has already been a wacky winter will take another, frostier, turn this week. The National Weather Service has issued a freeze warning for Central Florida in recognition of the cold front that moved in last night.

TECHNOLOGY

MICROSOFT GIVES A VISTA OF THE FUTURE



Windows Vista, Microsoft's latest operating system and successor to Windows XP, is set to be released to the general public Tuesday. Microsoft focused on resolving the security issues that XP faced, but only time will tell if those efforts came to fruition.

AROUND CAMPUS, A2

JOURNALISM CLUB TO HOST FIRST MEETING OF SEMESTER TODAY

The UCF chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will hold their first meeting of the semester today at 5 p.m. in the Communications Building, Room 228. Members will elect a new president.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

SUPER BOWL'S LOCAL IMPACT QUESTIONED BY ECONOMISTS

This weekend's Super Bowl, which is being played in Miami, is estimated to bring \$400 million to South Florida's economy. But some economists are disputing that figure, saying that the real number is close to one-tenth of that.

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IRAN NEEDS TIME TO REVIEW PLAN FOR HALT TO ENRICHMENT

Iran said Sunday it needs time to review a plan proposed by the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency that calls for holding off on imposing U.N. Security Council sanctions if Tehran suspends uranium enrichment.

UCF visitor fights extradition to Calif.

Police say Taylor involved in '71 death of a Sgt.

ABRAHAM ABORAYA & NICOLE BLAKE
News Editor & Contributing Writer

Six men armed with shotguns forced their way into the Inglewood Police Station in California in August of 1971. Two people were shot, and one of them, Sgt. John Victor Young, was shot

fatally in the neck.

Members of the Black Liberation Army, an offshoot of the Black Panther Party, allegedly carried off the attack. The attackers then threw sticks of dynamite into the police station, but they failed to detonate.

Then, in 1973, Harold Taylor was suspected by police of being

involved in the crime. Taylor and two other members of the Black Panther Party were taken to a jail in New Orleans — and subsequently beaten, choked, shocked with a cattle prod and forced to confess, Taylor said.

The charges were dropped after the confession was ruled inadmissible. But now Taylor is

again facing charges in connection with the death of Young, following the discovery of new evidence, and prosecutors said Taylor was a lookout during the crime.

The Associated Press reported that new forensic evidence — specifically, a fingerprint from a cigarette lighter and a shotgun shell — as well as a confidential informant were the key factors in the new charges.

Taylor gave an account of those 1973 police interrogations to UCF students on Friday, Jan. 19 — four days before he was arrested in connection with Young's murder.

The following account of the brutalities was taken from a video posted on YouTube.com. UCF associate English professor Kevin Meehan, who helped

PLEASE SEE **YOUTUBE** ON A7

Student Union's green roof is no secret garden

JESSICA SUNDAY
Contributing Writer

The sun is shining, the air is cool and there isn't a cloud in the sky. But next to the Student Union, the distinctive pitter-patter of rain can be heard; water splashes on the ground and what seems like rain falls from nowhere.

"Have you ever walked by the Student Union and wondered why it is raining only there and heard laughing in the distance?" asked Mike Hardin, a research associate for the Stormwater Management Academy at UCF.

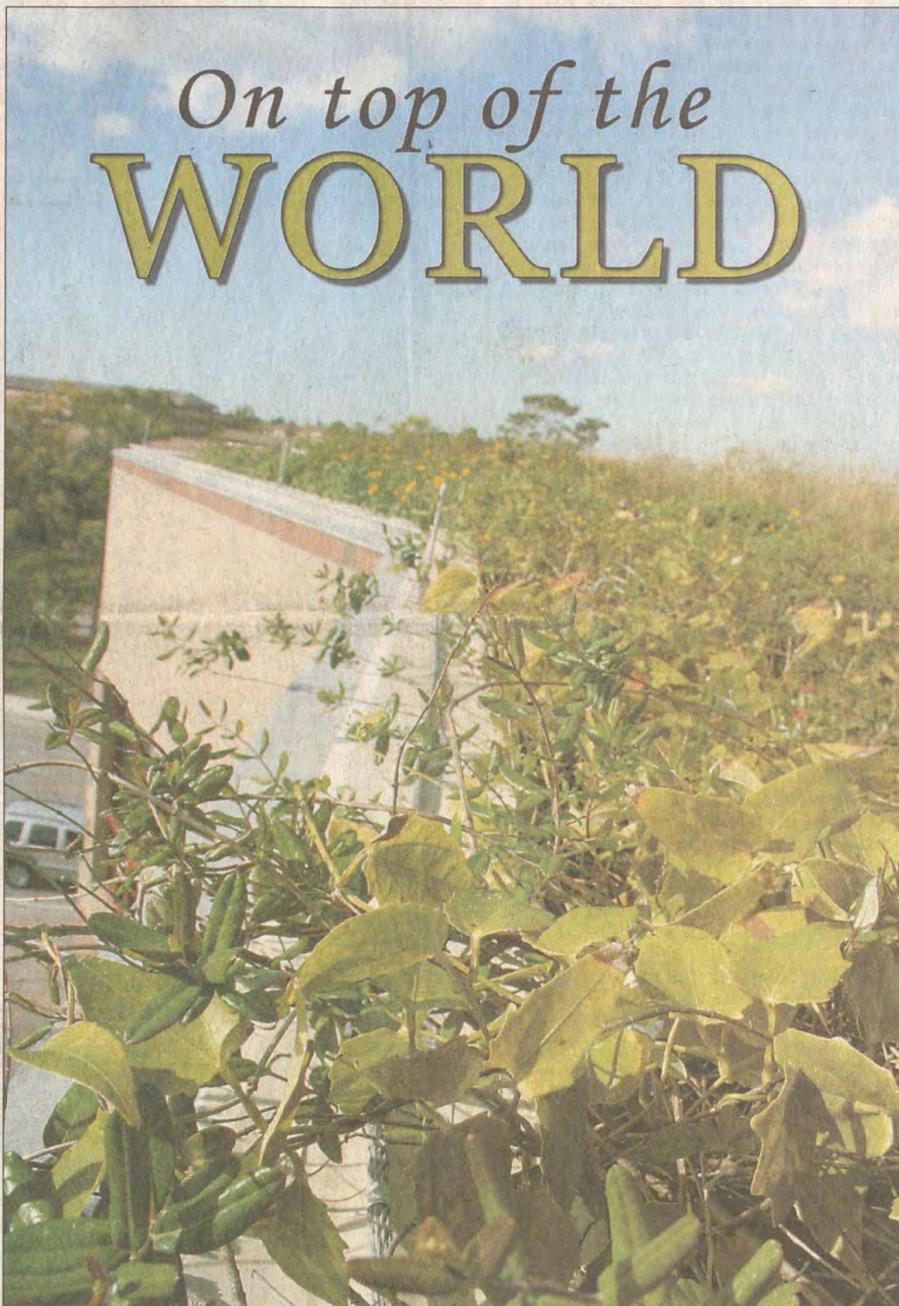
Many students have experienced this, but may not know what causes it. The answer is green.

Sitting atop the Student Union is a garden of plants and shrubs, with an irrigation system that occasionally waters UCF students as well as the plants on the roof.

The International Builders' Show, a homebuilder's convention starting on February 7, will feature a home with a green roof like the Student Union's. The show is expected to draw about 100,000 visitors to tour the New American Home in downtown Orlando.

"The New American Home project is a 'real-world' laboratory demonstrating concepts, materials, designs and construction techniques that can be replicated - in whole or in part - in housing built any place and in any price range," stated the New American Home Web site.

According to Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, green roofs across the country experienced a 72 percent increase between 2004 and 2005. Green Roofs for Healthy Cities is a nonprofit



The Student Union's green roof houses heat-tolerant plants native to Florida. Not only does it cut down energy costs, but the roof's cistern component stores 80 percent of runoff water and provides self-irrigation, which prevents harmful elements from entering UCF's surface water.

PLEASE SEE **GREEN** ON A6

Beware: credit traps ahead

The U.S. is maxing out on easy money

ADAM O. MANZOR
Staff Writer

The federal government accrues a daily debt of nearly \$1 billion. That's billion with a capital "B." The gross national debt is more than \$8.5 trillion. That's trillion with a capital "T."

The average share of the national debt owed by each citizen is nearly \$29,000. In the approximately five minutes you'll need to read this article, almost \$60,000 has been added to that national debt. A year ago, the last Congress voted to raise the debt ceiling to \$9 trillion in order to prevent the government from shutting down.

And you're worried about your VISA bill? Charge that new iPod, swipe your credit card the next time you go out to dinner, take all of your friends out for drinks — debt accumulation is a national addiction.

Last Thursday, the Senate Banking Committee held hearings on the credit card industry. Chaired by presidential hopeful Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the committee protested against the industry's many sins. But with the industry drawing condemnation from both sides of the aisle, it may have been all for show.

"We remain hopeful that Congress will take no action that directly or indirectly increases consumer costs, reduces availability of credit or otherwise limits competition or innovation in this very dynamic industry," said Ken Clayton, managing director of the American Bankers Association's card policy council, in an e-mailed statement to the CBS Marketwatch Web site.

The carefree attitude of Americans regarding debt does

PLEASE SEE **CREDIT** ON A6

On top of the WORLD



Dr. Leon Glebov and his wife Larissa Glebova were hired by CREOL in 1995. Glebov is currently using holographic elements to create more precise and cost-efficient lasers.

Holograms light the way for CREOL's claim to fame

AMANDA MOORE
Contributing Writer

Dr. Leon Glebov and Larissa Glebova are not your average married couple. Working side-by-side in the College of Optics and Photonics, they've published countless scientific papers, received competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Defense and even developed a new high-quality glass material.

A laughing Glebova said, "Our life is our work!"

The couple fled the former Soviet Union following its dissolution and was hired by UCF's Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers (CREOL) in September 1995. Glebov and his wife are just a small representation of the thousands of scientists who came to the United States in search of financial support.

The Photoinduced Processing Laboratory, Glebov's research team at CREOL, boasts

more than 10 members, most of whom are former Soviets. "If you go to any optical institute in the United States, one of the main languages you'll hear in the corridors is Russian," Glebov said.

Glebova recalls what it was like when she first arrived at CREOL. "There was no laboratory, no equipment, just the idea."

According to the official Web site, CREOL got its start in 1986, but the building, with its eye-catching holographic décor, wasn't completed until late 1995.

Glebov elaborates, "This was an absolutely empty place... no person in Florida could make photosensitive optical glass and holographic elements to be used in optical systems. Now, we are the single university in the United States [that can]. We've come a long way."

Glebov and his team's long list of accomplishments attest to it. From his overseas

PLEASE SEE **UCF'S** ON A7

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AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

HEAVY HITTERS SERIES

Beauty queen a dancing dream

STACY TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

When she's not honing her craft in the UCF engineering labs, Megan Clementi is perfecting her art as a dunking dancer for the Orlando Magic. It may seem like an unlikely combination — aspiring engineer and professional dancer—but Clementi isn't giving up her lifelong dream just to fit the mold.

"I am dance. It has made me who I am, outgoing, social, and expressive," Clementi said.

For the senior electrical engineering major, dancing isn't just a hobby—it's a way of life. After three years with the Orlando Magic's dunking dance team, 23-year-old Clementi was recently named team leader. Her dancing skills—primarily jazz and hip-hop—also helped her land the title of Miss UCF in February of 2006.

Her talent has taken her across the globe. At the age of 19, Clementi remembers making the difficult decision to leave her family and home to take an exciting new job with Tokyo Disney in Japan. She spent seven months performing in theatrical shows and soaking in the diverse culture. Following her return to the U.S., Clementi had an ongoing ambition to attend college.

After getting her associate's degree from Palm Beach Community College, Clementi decided to transfer to UCF because of some positive remarks she heard about its engineering program.

"I've always excelled in math and science, so an engineering degree made the most sense," Clementi said. Her father has been an electrical engineer for the past 30 years, so that factored into her choice.

She hopes to follow in her dad's footsteps and work in the wireless industry, constructing cell phone towers. The College of Engineering and Computer Sciences recognized Clementi's talents last year by presenting her with The Founder's Award, a \$250 scholarship given to one person from each college for his or her excellence in academics and character.

"When it comes to my life as a performer, I've consistently received awards; but academically, I was never at the highest honor," said Clementi. "I finally received recognition for my school work and [The Founder's Award] was my motivation to keep going."

While at UCF, Clementi's love for dance never waned. Soon after making the move to Orlando, she landed a dancing job with the Orlando Magic.

Dunking Dancing is a very unique style that requires the Magic girls to jump off trampolines while doing various tricks in the air, then dunk a basketball into the hoop.

"It's really quite scary," Clementi said. Nerves aside, Clementi excelled at the dunk-dancing technique, leading her team to the NBA All Star Game and NCAA Final Four to show off their skills.

"[Megan] is one of those performers who has the ability to absolutely draw in the audience," said Jeanine Klem-Thomas, Orlando Magic Dancers manager and Clementi's coach. "When you see her perform, there's no question how talented she is."

Her talent drew notice on the court, but off it as well. On Feb. 10, 2006, just two years after arriving in Orlando, Clementi was crowned Miss UCF—an honor she never expected to win.

"I was in total shock," said Clementi about receiving the title.

Although she is skilled in many forms of dance, Clementi prefers an acrobatic jazz routine while performing in pageants.

"[Jazz] is what I excel in and what I like best, so that's what I perform," said Clementi.

As Miss UCF, Clementi participates in every UCF Homecoming event, repre-



Senior electrical engineering major Megan Clementi, left, took the title of Miss UCF in February 2006. In addition to school and her title responsibilities, Clementi maintains a passion for dance with the Orlando Magic's Dunking Dancing team.

sents UCF in all future pageants, hosts events and performs several other duties.

"It's a job," said Clementi. "But the best part is being a role model for young girls. They look up at the crown and want to be you."

After competing in Miss UCF, Clementi won several other titles, including first-runner-up in the Miss Florida America Scholarship Pageant and placed top ten in the National Sweetheart Pageant. Clementi was also crowned Miss Orlando on Jan. 13.

"The fact that Megan is not Miss America right now is appalling," said Daryl Tesoriere, Clementi's first gymnastics instructor and a family friend for nearly 15 years.

Outside of maintaining a 3.4 GPA, practicing with her dance team, and fulfilling her title as Miss UCF, Clementi also finds time to volunteer as much as possible. She performs community service through the Orlando Magic and has been a volunteer since 1997 with Give Kids the World, an all-

expenses-paid resort for kids with life-threatening diseases and their families.

"[The kids] have more courage and strength than anyone I know," Clementi said. "Working with them really puts things into perspective."

Next month, Clementi will travel to Las Vegas to represent the Orlando Magic at the 2007 All Star Game. The All Star Dance Team consists of one dancer from each team in the NBA, selected through a nationwide online vote.

"We're incredibly excited that she will be representing our team," said Thomas. "This credits her connection with our fans and the warmth and heart she carries out on the dance floor."

Throughout all of her accomplishments, Clementi still sees herself as just a small town girl from Jupiter, Fla. But there is a definite quality to her that makes her stand out: passion. For Clementi, dancing is a way of life, and with the amount of talent and ambition she possesses, there is only one way to go — to the top.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Super Bowl's local economic impact debated as game draws near

MIAMI — Football fans living a lifelong dream, executives with expense accounts and throngs of rich tourists are certain to inject millions into South Florida's economy after they arrive this week for Super Bowl XLI.

They'll stay in four-star hotels, eat at fancy restaurants, take limousine rides and shop at high-end malls.

The official estimate is that the Feb. 4 game and the surrounding festivities will give the region a \$400 million boost. But some economists who study the game's monetary impact say that's a pie-in-the-sky estimate, that the actual amount is one-tenth of that.

South Florida already is an international tourist destination, with enough hotel rooms, convention halls, concert venues and arenas to accommodate almost any marquee event. Despite the glamorous image, Miami also is one of the poorest cities in the country, facing big-city issues such as a lack of affordable housing, homelessness and bad schools.

Politicians and civic leaders team up to lure big events, a key to making Miami a tourist hotspot and a place where corporations would like to do business or hold conventions, said Rodney Barreto, chairman of the Super Bowl Host Committee. The game and the surrounding festivities also raise millions for charity.

"The Super Bowl, in my opinion, shows corporate America at its best," Barreto said.

As online chat lingo emerges, so do new errors in English class

ORLANDO — Middle school teacher Julia Austin is noticing a new generation of errors creeping into her pupils' essays.

Sure, they still commit the classic blunders — like the commonly used "ain't." But an increasing number of Austin's eighth-graders also submit classwork containing "b4," "ur," "2" and "wat" — words that may confuse adults but are part of the teens' everyday lives.

This "instant messaging-speak" or "IM-speak" emerged more than a decade ago. Used in e-mails and cell phone text messages, most teens are familiar with this tech talk and use it to flirt, plan dates and gossip.

But junior high and high school teachers nationwide say they see a troubling trend: The words have become so commonplace in children's social lives that the techno spellings are finding their way into essays and other writing assignments.

"The IM-speak is so prevalent now," said Austin, a language arts teacher at Stonewall Jackson Middle School in Orlando. "I'm always having to instruct my students against using it."

Vicki A. Davis, a high school teacher at Westwood Schools in Camilla, Ga., said she even finds the abbreviated words in term papers.

"If students use it on their own time, then that's fine," Davis said. "But I'm of the viewpoint that there has to be standards to communicate."

Most college students, however, avoid the same spelling pitfalls their younger counterparts struggle with, said Larry Beason, director of freshman composition at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Ala.

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Journalism club meeting

The Society of Professional Journalists will hold its first meeting of the semester Monday at 5 p.m. in the Communications Building, Room 228.

The event will include free pizza and the chance to shape SPJ events for the semester. All students are welcome, and interested non-members should bring their \$10 dues. Members will elect a new president.

For more information, contact SPJ Vice President Melissa Patterson at 561-214-5112 or mpatterson86@hotmail.com

Interview workshop

Career Services and Experiential Learning will hold a workshop on how to ace an interview on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Career Resource Center of Ferrell Commons, Room 185C.

Students will get the chance to learn the different types of techniques, formats and questions used during the interview process.

Attendees will also get the chance to practice their interviewing skills with a software program.

For more information, contact Career Services and Experiential Learning at 407-823-2361.

Global Coffee Hour

The International Services Center will host Global Coffee Hour on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Barbara Ying Center.

Visitors will be able to take part in informal discussions on current events and international news while being served refreshments in hopes of promoting global understanding.

For more information, call Paul Schatz at 407-823-5491.

KnightLink seminar

Career Services and Experiential Learning will hold a seminar on how to use and take advantage of KnightLink on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Career Resource Center of Ferrell Commons, Room 185C.

Through KnightLink, students are able to find part-time and full-time jobs, as well as learn about interviewing and recruiting events.

Register with KnightLink before attending the seminar.

For more information, contact Career Services and Experiential Learning at 407-823-2361.

Mood improvement workshop

The Counseling Center will hold a workshop on how to improve your mood on Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Counseling Center, Building 27.

There will be activities aimed at improving your mood as well as strategies on how to feel happier and think more positively.

Students must sign up in advance to participate.

For more information, contact Larry Marks at 407-823-2811.

CLARIFICATION

In Friday's article "A global mandate for clean water," the request for presubmitted questions came from Cherie Booth's representatives.

LET US KNOW

The Future wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to (407) 447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition, 5 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday edition, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for the Friday edition.

LOCAL WEATHER

	Today	SUNNY	High: 55° Low: 34°
	TODAY IN DETAIL		
	Today: Sunny sky can't stop sharp drop in temperature. Winds north-northwest at 10 to 15 mph. Tonight: Sky stays mostly clear as temperatures drop near freezing. Winds northwest at 5 to 10 mph.		
	Tuesday	PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 60° Low: 42°
	Wednesday	SCATTERED SHOWERS	High: 60° Low: 48°

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

UConn among colleges exploring opening branch campus in Dubai
STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut is exploring the possibility of opening a branch campus in rapidly growing Dubai, an oil-rich sheikdom on the Persian Gulf.

The country, one of the seven emirates that makes up the United Arab Emirates, has invited UConn and several other U.S. colleges and universities to develop and propose higher-education programs for its region.

About 20 UConn officials recently visited Dubai for five days on what a UConn spokesman described as a "site assessment" visit. The trip's undisclosed costs all were paid by the emirate's Dubai Education Council, UConn officials said.

"Dubai is assiduously courting us," UConn spokesman David Bauman said. "But negotiations are at a very preliminary phase, and even then, we'd be signing an agreement to negotiate the final agreement."

Dubai officials have said they want to tap into the expertise of UConn and similar well-established American universities to help turn Dubai into the region's best education center, Bauman said.

A campus would be expected to lure students from Dubai and other countries throughout that part of the world, along with providing overseas study, research and internship opportunities for U.S. citizens, officials said.

Grambling St. paper's suspension lifted; plan offered to improve

GRAMBLING, La. — The staff of Grambling State University's student newspaper offered a plan to correct what a provost said were numerous problems, and the administration lifted its suspension of The Gramblinite after about 24 hours.

Students immediately began working on the weekly paper's next issue: a 4-page special edition for Friday, university spokesman Ralph Wilson said.

Student editor Darryl Smith said he is both relieved that the students will have a newspaper and disappointed because measures proposed to improve the paper amount to faculty control.

Smith had said he believes the suspension was an attempt to quash the paper's tough stance on the state of the institution, including editorials criticizing the school's maintenance and asking whether the state wants to close the university.

The answer to that question is an unequivocal no, the governor's office said.

Provost Robert Dixon, who ordered the shutdown, had said the issue was not editorial opinion but shoddy journalism, including errors and plagiarism.

Texas university one of first to offer Hispanic marketing major

SAN ANTONIO — Our Lady of the Lake University will soon become one of a handful of schools nationwide training students to market specifically to Hispanics.

The Catholic university plans to start offering a bachelor's degree in Hispanic marketing in the fall, officials announced Friday.

Hispanics are the nation's youngest and fastest-growing ethnic group with an estimated population of more than 40 million.

They have more spending money than any other minority group, according to the Census Bureau.

But around the country, just a few universities have a strict focus on marketing to Latinos in the United States. DePaul University in Chicago recently announced a major. Florida State University has an undergraduate minor and a graduate certificate program in Hispanic marketing communication.

Our Lady of the Lake has an advantage since it's located in San Antonio, one of Texas' most Hispanic cities. Members of SAVision, the Hispanic marketing division of the American Marketing Association, worked with the university on the Hispanic marketing degree.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed



STEPHEN CHERNIN / ASSOCIATED PRESS
Britain's Prince Charles and his wife Camilla arrive at the Harlem Children's Zone and Promise Academy in New York on Sunday, Jan. 28. Later, Prince Charles will receive an environmentalist award from former vice-president Al Gore.

Iraqis claim 250 insurgents dead; U.S. helicopter crashes in fight

BAGHDAD — U.S.-backed Iraqi troops on Sunday attacked insurgents allegedly plotting to kill pilgrims at a major Shiite Muslim religious festival, and Iraqi officials estimated some 250 militants died in the daylong battle near Najaf. A U.S. helicopter crashed during the fight, killing two American soldiers.

Mortar shells, meanwhile, hit the courtyard of a girls' school in a mostly Sunni Arab neighborhood of Baghdad, killing five pupils and wounding 20. U.N. officials deplored the attack, calling the apparent targeting of children "an unforgivable crime."

In addition to confirming the two Americans killed in the helicopter crash near Najaf, the U.S. command announced three combat deaths from Saturday — one Marine in the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Anbar province and two Army soldiers in the Baghdad area.

Authorities said Iraqi soldiers supported by U.S. aircraft fought all day with a large group of insurgents in the Zaraq area, about 12 miles northeast of the Shiite holy city of Najaf.

Provincial Gov. Assad Sultan Abu Kilel said the assault was launched because the insurgents planned to attack Shiite pilgrims and clerics during ceremonies marking Ashoura, the holiest day in the Shiite calendar commemorating the 7th century death of Imam Hussein. The celebration culminates Tuesday in huge public processions in Karbala and other Shiite cities.

Officials were unclear about the religious affiliation of the militants. Although Sunni Arabs have been the main force behind insurgent groups, there are a number of Shiite militant and splinter groups that have clashed from time to time with the government.

A U.S. statement said the American helicopter went down while "conducting operations to assist Iraqi Security Forces" in the attack. It said two crew members died, and their bodies were recovered. The statement did not give any information on why the aircraft crashed.

It was the second U.S. military helicopter to go down in eight days. Twelve U.S. soldiers died Jan. 20 when a Black Hawk crashed northeast of Baghdad. The Army says it is investigating the cause, but a Pentagon official has said debris indicated it was downed by a missile.

The mortar attack and bombings appeared to be part of the sectarian reprisal killings that have pushed Iraq into civil warfare over the past year, violence that President Bush hopes to quell by sending up to 21,500 more American soldiers to Baghdad and surrounding areas.

Iran needs time to review plan for halt to sanctions, enrichment

TEHRAN — Iran said Sunday it needs time to review a plan proposed by the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency that calls for holding off on imposing U.N. Security Council sanctions if Tehran suspends uranium enrichment.

The International Atomic Energy Agency chief, Mohamed ElBaradei, proposed the simultaneous time-out plan during the World Economic Forum in Switzerland in an effort to end the standoff between the West and Iran over the Islamic

republic's suspect nuclear program.

"Time should be allocated to see if the plan has the capacity to solve the [nuclear] case," Ali Larijani, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, told reporters during a joint news conference with Russia's national security adviser, Igor Ivanov. He did not elaborate.

Iranian state-run radio said earlier Sunday that Tehran wants Moscow to help mediate the standoff, saying Tehran's leaders are looking to Russia for "new proposals, such as enrichment of uranium on Russian soil."

Mohammad Saeedi, deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said Sunday that Iran was continuing its nuclear activity according to schedule.

"If we begin to install centrifuges we will publicly announce it," Saeedi said. Earlier, Hossein Simorgh, spokesman for the Iranian nuclear agency's public relations department, also said new centrifuges had not been installed at Natanz, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

A senior U.S. State Department official warned Iran on Friday against accelerating its atomic program.

"If Iran takes this step, it is going to confront universal international opposition," Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said. "If they think they can get away with 3,000 centrifuges without another Security Council resolution and additional international pressure, then they are very badly mistaken."

Prince Charles and Camilla on whirlwind tour of U.S.

PHILADELPHIA — Prince Charles and his wife Camilla waved to fans Sunday as they walked to a private church service before setting out for New York to continue their whirlwind American week-end.

On an overcast and chilly day, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall strolled about a block from their downtown hotel to the Arch Street Presbyterian Church. An overflow crowd cheered their arrival.

Later in the morning, the couple and their entourage boarded a private train for New York City. Traveling guests were to include academics and policy makers who planned to discuss urban revitalization, one of the themes of the couple's three-day trip.

Once in New York, Prince Charles and Camilla planned to visit Harlem Children's Zone, which runs the Promise Academy charter school and a range of social service, health and educational programs. The prince and duchess were to meet with schoolchildren and their families and observe a math carnival, basketball practice and rehearsal for Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The couple have been to New York once before, in November 2005, when they visited ground zero.

It was their first trip to Philadelphia, and they saw quite a cross-section of the city by mixing historic sightseeing with an inner-city art tour and a white-tie gala downtown.

They visited the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, met with inner-city mural artists and international students and took in the 150th anniversary gala at the Academy of Music.

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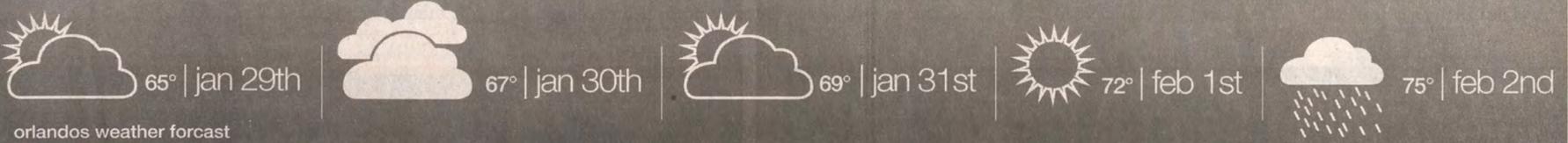
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Credit industry thrives on Americans' debt

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worry economists, lawmakers and activists. The movie and book, *Maxed Out: Hard Times, Easy Credit and the Era of Predatory Lenders*, lays out the case that Americans, on both a micro- and macro-economic level, have overdosed on debt. They have been enabled by the flow of easy credit that has fundamentally altered the conception of fiscal responsibility.

But what happens when the bills finally come due, when people are awash in debt so deep they are forced to file bankruptcy?

The new Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, which went into effect October 2005, was endorsed by credit card lobbyists nationwide and has made filing for bankruptcy more prohibitive for all but the highest wage-earners.

This is but one spirited attack in the recent credit wars between the debt-accumulating

public, which has grown fat off of instant credit approvals and risky low-interest mortgages, and a wary credit-issuing industry that fears a get-out-of-jail-free pass for those drowning in debt.

The movie also highlights the need for the credit industry to eliminate the bankruptcy filing option as a tactic for consumers, which ensures increased revolving levels of debt and higher minimum monthly payments.

A second credit industry tactic identified by *Maxed Out* is the maintenance of a "VIP" list of prominent, high-wage citizens. VIP's are spared credit report "dings" because their reports are scrubbed to prevent increased credit costs that would diminish their buying capabilities.

James Scurlock, the director and producer of *Maxed Out* and a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, a business school, sought to analyze the debt-

fueled, post-Sept. 11 American economy and to educate those squeezed by the credit industry.

Scurlock hopes his film will answer the question of "Why can't most of us get out of debt?"

"I'm hoping that the film and book will teach people that the financial industry has changed a great deal over the past thirty years," Scurlock said. "Credit is not something they necessarily 'earn' or 'deserve,' it's become extraordinarily profitable [for the credit industry]."

Scurlock's other goal is to look at the behavior of the credit industry and how it targets those most likely to accrue debt that they will be unable to repay.

"I think it's high time we looked at how banks and credit card companies target those, like college students, with no income and relatively low financial sophistication," Scurlock said.

Scurlock is not alone in his quest to educate the public about the nature of debt and the ways in which the credit indus-

try seeks to make lending easier, but repayment harder.

Elizabeth Warren, Leo Gotlieb professor of Law at Harvard Law School who specializes in contract, bankruptcy and commercial law, argues that the bankruptcy bill passed by Congress is a disaster for the average citizen and a boon to the credit industry.

"Squeezing poorer debtors out of the bankruptcy system would increase credit industry profits," Warren wrote on her bankruptcy blog, Warrenreports.TPMCafe.com, "because creditors could continue to make collection calls and garnish wages and seize checking accounts at will—and there wouldn't be any place for the families in trouble to turn. Sure, they may not pay much, but \$20 one month and \$50 the next for 20 years or so multiplied by a few million families can add up to real money."

Warren was inspired to take up blogging because she was outraged with the process in

which the bill was drafted. Her initial posts, before the bill's passage, were about what made the bill unique — that it was mainly written for, and by, credit industry lobbyists for their sole benefit, devoid of common consumer protections enacted in past bills. The result of which will be an increased case load for the federal courts, challenging the legality and efficacy of the bill.

This last issue is vital to activists like Scurlock. "Congress and the judiciary have favored the industry over consumers in virtually every way imaginable," said Scurlock.

As *Washington Post* columnist George Will wrote about the last Congress in November 2005, they have a "single-minded devotion to rent-seeking — to bending government for the advantage of private factions."

Concern over Congress favoring the credit industry is a common one, where politicians engage in rent-seeking behavior, essentially trading the public's

future ability to repay debt for implicit future donations from industry lobbyists.

This all begs the question of whether the country can survive the rising debt load, both on national and personal levels.

"The U.S. savings rate has fallen to a very low level, one that makes the country dependent on imported savings from abroad to sustain its current level of investment," said Brad Setser, head of Global Research and Senior Economist at Roubini Global Economics, as well as former economist at The U.S. Treasury Department and the International Monetary Fund.

"There is no guarantee foreign creditors will continue to lend at current savings rather than demand an equity stake," Setser said. "So over time, even if the flow of savings from the world to the U.S. is sustained, a growing share of the returns on U.S. investment will go to foreign creditors. That's only fair — they are financing the investment."

Green roof lowers energy costs and benefits environment

FROM A1

organization that hopes to increase awareness of the industry.

According to Hardin, who recently earned a graduate degree from UCF, the green roof on the student union is "growing really well" and greatly "benefits storm water management."

These benefits include improved water quality at UCF, an energy costs savings of 45 percent when the temperature is below 55 degrees and 18 percent otherwise. The green roof also eliminated the need for another bigger storm water pond to be built on campus.

"Conventional roofs on campus are re-roofed every 15 to 20 years, while the green roof is guaranteed for at least 50 years without needing replacement," said Martin Wanielista, director of the Stormwater Management Academy.

Currently, the arboretum staff and the Stormwater Management Academy maintain the Student Union roof.

According to Wanielista, there are future plans to cover more of the Student Union roof; a recent extension was built with a green roof in mind.

There are also plans on the table to cover the storm water labs near the campus observatory with a green roof.

Plants on the active roof are native to Florida, and are heat tolerant because of our unique environment.

"Basically, the green roof will prevent eutrophication, a process that eventually leads to



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The Student Union's green roof, pictured above, is both environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing. The green roof was installed back in 2004, but green roofs have been used for years overseas, especially in Germany.

the depletion of oxygen in surface waters," Hardin said. "This process [of eutrophication] supports the growth of algae and leads to the death of fish and other living organisms in the water."

The green roof is composed

of a cistern component that stores about 80 percent of runoff water and irrigates the roof itself, preventing harmful elements such as phosphorus and nitrate from entering our surface water.

Ford Motor Company currently has the world's largest

green roof at 10.4 acres on an assembly plant in Dearborn, Mich. They have reported unexpected positive results from the roof, such as less people out for sick days and increased productivity since its installation, according to research conducted

by Ford.

"Initially, the roof is more expensive than a traditional white roof, but in the long run, from a life-cycle point of view, the roof is a lot cheaper," Wanielista said.

"I think it is a solution for

urban areas," Wanielista said of the green roof.

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YouTube video chronicles Panther's account of abuse

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organize Taylor's appearance at UCF, was credited as shooting and editing the video.

Taylor was brought to UCF as part of a book signing for "Up Against the Wall: Violence in the Making and Unmaking of the Black Panther Party," by Curtis J. Austin.

Taylor joined Austin in his efforts to discuss the legacy of the Black Panther Party and Austin's recently published book that coincides with the 40th anniversary of the party's founding.

"[Taylor] was there to give a human face to the panther party story," said Kurt Young, an assistant political science professor who watched Taylor speak. "He was there to give a personal account of what took place. Taylor came as an addition to the key focus, which was the book."

Taylor starts off the video with a candid discussion about the Black Panther Party.

"I'm not saying I was ever ashamed of being a member of the Black Panther Party," Taylor said at the signing, while wearing a black Malcolm X T-shirt, "as a matter of fact, I consider myself still a member of the Black Panther Party."

Taylor described the conditions of his interrogation. He said he was his arms and legs were chained to a chair, and he was wearing nothing more than his underwear.

"And they beat us. They beat us, they didn't ask any questions

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in the beginning," Taylor said.

"They put hot blankets on us; they used plastic bags to put over your head, wait until you just about suffocate and snatch it off," Taylor said. "They took that cattle prod and shocked us all over our bodies."

Taylor said the police shocked him in the genitals and between the legs with the cattle prod.

"They had what they called a slapjack, where they beat us across the shoulders, down the shins, across your knees," Taylor said, demonstrating with his hands the areas of his body where he was hit.

"I suffer from arthritis and rheumatism from that now," Taylor said.

"They did this for over a week," Taylor said. "It got to a point where I told them, I said, I don't know what you want, but whatever you want me to say, I'm going to say it."

Taylor was extradited to California from New Orleans in 1973, but the charges against him were dropped because of the allegations of police brutality. He moved to Panama City in 1980, where he was arrested Jan. 23, 2007, in connection with the 1971 murder.

Taylor said the events of Sept. 11 and the subsequent passing of the Patriot Act was nothing more than the reinstatement of the COINTEL program of the 1950s through the 1970s.

COINTEL, an acronym for Counter Intelligence Program, was a CIA program that attempted to neutralize political activist groups that were deemed subversive, like the Black Panthers or the Communists before that.

More than 2,000 operations were labeled under COINTEL until the program was officially ended in 1971 after its exposure.

Taylor said that two of the officers involved in the current investigation were involved in his torture back in the '70s.

Austin's lecture included comments about the factors that led to the decline of the Black Panther Party, and from his perspective, "the local and federal law enforcement conspired to destroy the movement," Young said.

He also made references to The Ten-Point Plan, which outlined what the Black Panther Party sought to obtain for the black community.

Taylor is fighting his extradition to California, according to an article published in *The (Panama City) News Herald*. Taylor is suspected of being a lookout during the shooting.

Senior Staff Writer Abeer B. Abdalla contributed to this report.

UCF's laser program has many uses

FROM A1

work, he was granted more than 15 Russian patents. The Photoinduced Processing Laboratory has been issued three U.S. patents and six more are pending.

The second U.S. patent, which involves holographic elements, may very well be Photoinduced Processing Laboratory's claim to fame.

"It's significantly more boring [than the first U.S. patent], but there's huge noise and demand for this technology," Glebov said with a smile.

So, what exactly is a holographic element? It's not quite the same as the shiny flying holographic bird found on a VISA card. Rather, it is the compression of several precise pieces of special glass - or "elements" - to create a flat panel of glass.

"If you want a very stable laser that emits very narrow light in only one direction, you must have several optical elements. We are working to throw out those several elements and put in one piece of glass a tenth of the size that works as all of them," Glebov explained.

This research will lower the price, size and weight of lasers.

Practical applications include weapons research, industrial welding, drilling and free-space communication - for instance, between spacecraft and people on Earth.

Lasers also find their way

into the lives of everyday civilians. The ever-present telephone is one such example.

The phone codes voice into a digital sequence, transfers it by laser and is subsequently sent through an optical fiber. A decoder then takes this digital sequence and reconstructs the original voice for the receiving end.

The Photoinduced Processing Laboratory's research has caught the eye of the U.S. Department of Defense. Glebov said the military wants to "shrink" lasers while generating less heat and increase efficiency to about 80 percent. According to him, lasers function at about 10 percent efficiency.

The department provides the majority of the Photoinduced Processing Laboratory's funding, and the team is currently working under a \$5 million grant.

The Super High Efficiency Diode Sources project, SHEDS, managed by former UCF professor of both electrical engineering and optics Dr. C. Martin Stickley, was created to find how to convert semiconductor lasers to be a new military instrument. UCF is home to two of the eight partners in the program, including Glebov's team.

"With Star Wars and so on, it looks to the public like laser weapons exist," Glebov said. "But no one laser in this world exists that can be used [in that manner]." The Photoinduced

Processing Laboratory does not manufacture lasers, but their holograms can be utilized to change certain properties of light within the laser.

Photoinduced Processing Laboratory has completed their report on their research for the Department of Defense, which is due next month for review.

Glebov earned a doctorate in physics at, what he calls, a "research empire," Vavilov State Optical Institute in Leningrad, now Saint Petersburg, Russia.

He was not always on the optics track, however. Glebov thanks the late professor Alexey Bonch-Bruevich, whom he met at the Leningrad Polytechnic Institute, for inspiration to investigate lasers while pursuing a master's in nuclear physics.

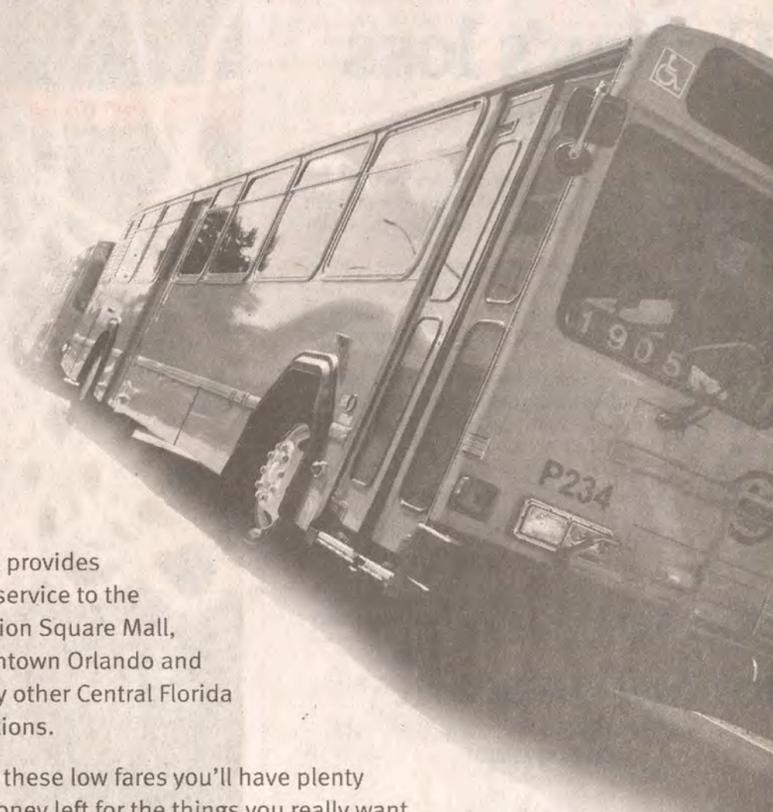
Glebov said, "[Bonch-Bruevich] was such a high-level personality that I wanted to do the same science as him."

Glebova is a research scientist and principal glassmaker in the Photoinduced Processing Laboratory. She earned her master's of science degree in Chemical Technology in Siberia.

Two of their three sons are following in their parents' footsteps: the eldest, Alexey, works for the telecommunications company Fujitsu in California. The youngest, Boris, studies the interaction of high-power laser radiation with crystal and glass at the University of Arizona's Optical Sciences Center.

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Women can't stop UTEP in Friday's loss

NATHAN CURTIS
Staff Writer

The first of three straight road games for the UCF Women's Basketball team ended in disappointment Friday night as the UTEP Miners defeated the Golden Knights, 69-56.

UCF outscored UTEP 34-28 in the second half but a strong first half for the Miners is what proved to be the difference maker in this game. UTEP outscored UCF 41-22, and that lead was too much to overcome for the Knights.

Once again, the problem for the Knights was their inability to put points on the board. Not a single UCF player was in double-digit scoring. Guards Amber Long and Celeste Hudson both had nine points to lead the Knights. The 56 points that UCF put up was even lower than the already anemic 57.7 points the

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Soccer coach leaves for SMU vacancy

MELISSA HEYBOER
Sports Editor

UCF Men's Soccer coach Brent Erwin resigned Saturday after two seasons as head coach.

Erwin left UCF after less than two years to fill the recently vacated women's soccer head coach position at SMU.

"We wish coach Erwin continued success in this next step of his career," UCF Director of Athletics Keith R. Tribble, said in a press release. "The UCF Men's Soccer team is on the cusp of something real special, and that is testament to a job well-done by Brent and his staff the past two seasons."

Prior to UCF, Erwin was the top assistant for SMU's Men's Soccer program for five years.

In the two seasons with Erwin in the top spot, UCF held a 13-17-3 record with a conference record of 5-9-3.

This past season, the Knights faced six nationally-ranked teams. Of those games, the Knights lost to No. 16

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Track team earns high marks at Indiana, UF

MELISSA HEYBOER
Sports Editor

The UCF Women's Track team headed to Indiana and Gainesville this past weekend to take part in the Gladstein Invitational at Indiana University and the Diet Pepsi Invitational at the University of Florida.

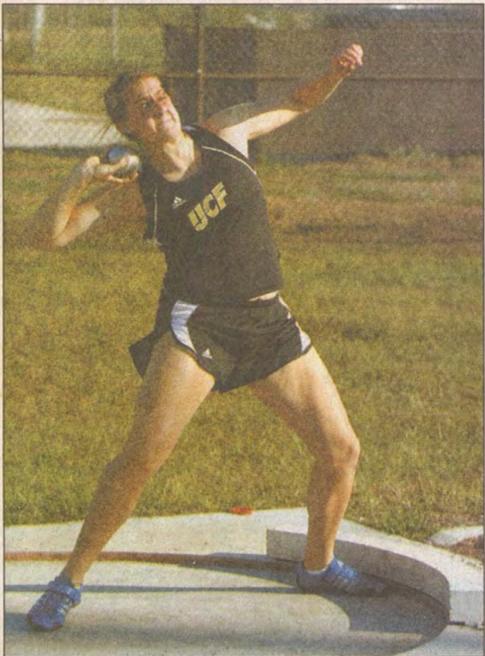
The Golden Knights competed at the Gladstein Invitational on Friday and Saturday and put up impressive numbers during their time there.

The Knights placed well on Friday, earning five top-10 finishes on the first day of competition.

Leading the Knights were junior Victoria Chin and senior Jenny Rogan. Chin finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a record time of 9.00 seconds while Rogan made an impressive showing in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.25.

Sophomore Dione Thomas and freshman Ricki Sullivan both placed well in the triple jump. Thomas placed fifth with a leap of 11.58 meters while Sullivan

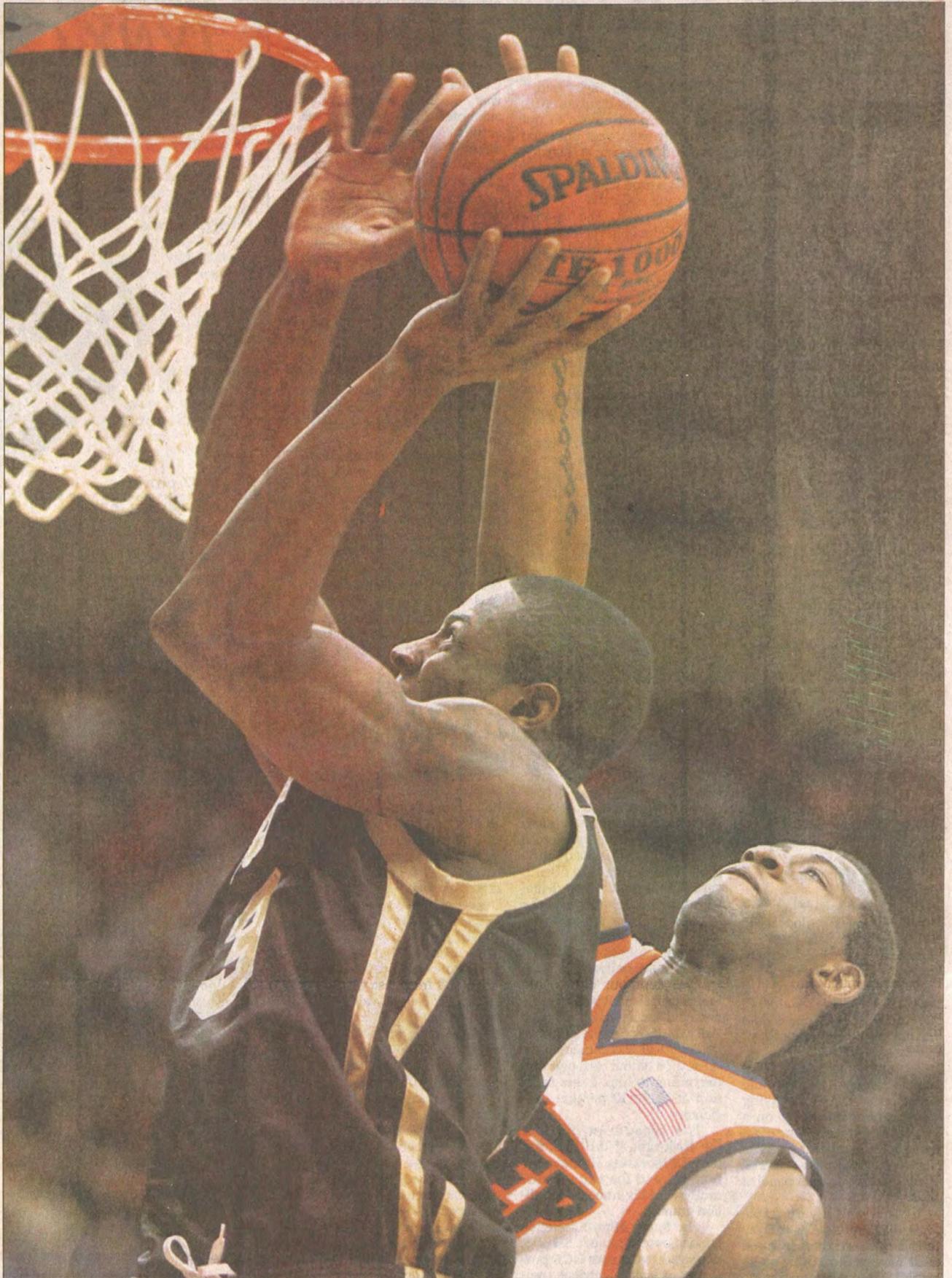
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COURTESY UCF ATHLETICS

Junior Virginia Traynor heaves the shot put at the Florida Intercollegiate tournament on Jan. 13. Traynor threw 14.42m at the Gladstein Invitational.

UCF 67 | UTEP 64



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Dave Noel attempts to score against UTEP's Maurice Thomas in the Knights' 67-64 win Saturday night. Noel scored seven points and had two rebounds, three assists and four steals in the victory.

NO MINER WIN

Golden Knights tied for second in conference with close victory over UTEP Miners

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the UCF Men's Basketball team learned a valuable lesson in killer instinct.

The Golden Knights have been heavily criticized lately for their inability to finish off opponents, but they were able to put away the UTEP Miners in a tight battle, 67-64, Saturday night.

Junior guard Mike O'Donnell

made the game's most critical shot with a 3-pointer that broke a 62-62 tie with two minutes to play.

With UCF's lead down to one, sophomore Jermaine Taylor went to the free-throw line with 21 seconds left. After making the first, Taylor missed the second free throw. The Knights were able to bring down one of their 18 offensive rebounds and earn a second trip to the line.

Now up by two, O'Donnell

could have iced the contest with a couple of free throws. But sticking to what seems to be the Knights' season-long agenda of keeping games interesting, O'Donnell made just one free throw.

The Knights now found themselves in a familiar situation.

In their Jan. 10 loss to UAB, the Knights held a two-point lead with just a few seconds remaining. But

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C-USA: 4-2
Overall: 15-5
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UTEP forward Stefon Jackson edges out freshman Tony Davis for a loose ball in the Knights' 67-64 win on Saturday night. Davis recorded six points, four rebounds and two blocks in the game.

O'Donnell's timely shot seals win

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they allowed a layup at the buzzer that sent the game into overtime, where the Knights fell apart. If UCF hoped to avoid a repeat, it needed to hold on for 15 more seconds.

UTEP got the ball into the hands of their most prolific 3-point shooter, senior guard Kevin Henderson, and he got an open look for a game-tying trey. But the Knights caught a crunch time break for once as the shot rimmed out. Junior guard Dave Noel grabbed the rebound and ran out the clock to clinch a hard-earned road victory.

"This was a big bounce-back game for us," UCF coach Kirk Speraw said in a press release. "For our guys to compete the way they competed was huge. We gave a great effort and getting a conference win like this on the road is huge."

Although O'Donnell's shot will be remembered as the basket that put them over the top, the Knights' defense was the main reason they came out of El Paso, Texas, with a win.

In the first half, the Knights were extremely careless with the ball, committing 11 turnovers.

They were even worse from the field, enduring a stretch of more than six minutes where they did not register a single point. And through all this, the Knights made it to halftime tied at 29.

"Our defense was unbelievable," Speraw said in a radio interview. "They were just fighting like crazy on the defensive end."

Those words almost became literal in the second half as sloppiness gave way to feistiness.

In the first 90 seconds of the half, UCF senior forward Josh Peppers and UTEP junior guard Marvin Kilgore were assessed technical fouls for a little too much "talking" to each other.

In total, the contest had 43 personal fouls, including four technical fouls.

"We kind of got caught up in the emotions for a half a second," O'Donnell said, "but Coach told the guys ... the best way to get back at somebody else who is jawing at you is to put points on the board and get stops, and we did that."

"We kept our composure, and hopefully that'll step up the level of maturity for our basketball team."

After UTEP coach Tony Bar-

bee was given a technical, the Knights made three free throws to give themselves a 51-44 edge with about 10 minutes to play.

Four minutes later, Henderson's floater in the lane knotted the game at 57. From there, the contest went back and forth until O'Donnell gave UCF just enough to hang on.

Taylor led the Knights in scoring with 15 points. Peppers and O'Donnell each pitched in with 13 points.

The Knights shot just 33 percent on the afternoon, but their defense created 12 steals off of 20 UTEP turnovers. The Knights demolished the Miners in points off of turnovers, 24-5.

Henderson finished with his first career double-double with 19 points and 15 rebounds, but could not get that last 3 to drop. Sophomore guard Stefon Jackson contributed 16 points, but only made 4-of-12 shots.

The win moved the Knights (15-5 overall, 4-2 C-USA) in to a tie for second place in the league with the Houston Cougars. It also surpassed the Knights' victory total from last year, when they posted a 14-15 mark.

Speraw said after the game that this is a huge win. We will see how huge in UCF's next con-

test, at home versus the No. 11 Memphis Tigers (17-3 overall, 7-0 C-USA).

The Tigers have ruled C-USA in the first two years of its realignment, and any conference loss for them comes as a surprise. They were able to slip by Southern Miss with a 67-64 win Saturday.

On Wednesday, Memphis will be the highest-ranked team to face the Knights in Orlando and this is arguably the biggest regular season game in UCF history. Because of that, Speraw is expecting a big crowd to support his squad.

"If there is any inch of space available in that place, I'd be shocked," he said. "It's going to be an unbelievable atmosphere. They are one of the top-10 teams in the country, and they are coming in with three or four NBA-type players on that team."

"It'll be a big challenge for us, but ... we're looking forward to it, and hopefully the community and our campus is excited about it as well."

The Tigers and Knights will meet in the UCF Arena on Wednesday night. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m. The game will be broadcasted on Comcast Sports South.

Assistant to coach

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South Carolina and No. 18 Kentucky by just one goal, while going on to beat No. 17 Memphis and tying top-seeded SMU.

Upon resignation, UCF coach Bryan Cunningham will serve as the interim coach for the team.

Cunningham has served as Erwin's top assistant for the past two seasons while also being in charge of the Knights' recruiting process.

"UCF has named Bryan Cunningham as interim head coach," Tribble said in a press release. "At this time, we will begin our search and name a head coach that can reach our goal of being a nationally-ranked program."

While handling the recruiting efforts for the Knights, Cunningham managed to bring to UCF a recruiting class that was ranked in the top 30 nationally by College Soccer News and first in the South Region by stu-



Erwin



Cunningham

dentsports.com.

Prior to UCF, Cunningham both coached and played at the collegiate level. In an eight year span, he served as assistant coach at both South Carolina and Appalachian State.

During his own collegiate career, Cunningham played for the Pfeiffer University Falcons soccer team, where he was a four-year letter winner and three-time captain.

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FLORIDA SPORTS WRAP

Olesz, Kwiatkowski lead Florida Panthers to win

SUNRISE — The Florida Panthers hoped to build off a victory in their first game after the All-Star break.

Rostislav Olesz scored twice and Joel Kwiatkowski had the game-winner as the Panthers beat the New Jersey Devils 4-2 on Saturday night.

Ed Belfour had 30 saves for Florida, which won consecutive games for the first time since December 27-29. Jozef Stumpel added an empty-netter at 19:39.

"I just put it on the net and it happened to beat him," Kwiatkowski said. "It was a huge game for us. We have to go on a little run here, we all know that. The sooner we start the better."

Brian Gionta and John Oduya scored for New Jersey, and Martin Brodeur stopped 28 shots as the Devils lost for just the second time in seven games.

"They took advantage of some of the mistakes we made," Brodeur said. "We just couldn't get it past Eddie. He played a decent game against us. He always does."

The Panthers went ahead for the first time on Kwiatkowski's goal at 17:22 of the second. His shot from the high slot beat Brodeur and gave Florida a 3-2 lead.

Oduya was credited with a goal after his shot went off the stick of Panthers defenseman Ruslan Salei and past Belfour to give New Jersey a 2-1 lead at 2:25.

Florida tied the score at 2 about 90 seconds later on Olesz's second goal. Stumpel passed from the right circle back to Olesz, who sent a wrist shot from the left circle past Brodeur on the glove side.

"It's good playing with Stumpel, I just go into the offensive zone and find free space and wait for the puck," Olesz said. "I'm just happy we won the game and have two points."

It was the second time the Panthers came from behind to tie the score.

"There were a few too many defensive breakdowns," Devils coach Claude Julien said. "Some nights you don't get the breaks you want and this was one of those nights."

The Devils took a 1-0 lead 4:34 into the game. Belfour blocked a shot by Gionta but the puck bounced off his glove and went up and over his left shoulder and into the net.

Florida tied the score on Olesz's power-play goal at 9:28. Stumpel took the puck behind the net and passed it out to Salei in the slot. His slap shot was blocked but bounced off Olesz's chest and went across the goal.

"It was nice to come back quickly on them," Florida coach Jacques Martin said. "It was a big win for us and we've got to put some wins together."

Golden Knights place 13 in top 10 at Invitational

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placed seventh with a jump of 11.33 meters.

Two other Knights also placed well on the first day of competition.

Freshman Katorie Stinney placed fifth in the high jump, while freshman LaKendra Thames placed 10th in the shot put.

In the pentathlon, sophomore Sheree Carter placed fifth with a personal best 3,366 points, which also ranks the second-best all time at UCF.

Also finishing well was sophomore Natalie Bradlock who tallied 2,749 points and junior Tia Harwood finished 2,687 points.

The Knights put up another impressive showing on the final day of competition at the Gladstein Invitational on Saturday.

Thomas displayed another outstanding performance in the long jump, taking home a sixth-place finish with a jump of 5.54m while teammate Ricki Sullivan took eighth with a leap of 5.40m.

Senior Katie Fowak placed seventh in the pole vault with a 3.35m mark.

Aside from the field

events, the Knights also managed to place well on the track.

Freshman Feyisara Adaramola placed fifth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.73 seconds. Adaramola also finished sixth in the 200m dash with a time of 25.23.

The Knights also fared well at the Diet Pepsi Invitational in Gainesville where the middle distance and distance events took place.

Senior Karen Kozub and freshman Jenny Clausen both earned top-ten finishes for the Knights.

Clausen placed eighth in 3000m with a time of 10:15.54, which was also good enough for third all-time at UCF.

Kozub placed fourth in the 800m event with a time of 2:15.16. Also placing in the 800 were Shantile Blackburn, who placed fifth with a personal best time of 2:17.40, and senior Christine Jones, who placed ninth with a time of 2:21.23.

Blackburn's time was also good enough for third-best all-time at UCF.

The Knights will head to New York on Saturday for the New Balance Invitational.

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Hudson, Long lead Knights with nine points in defeat

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team averages a game.

UCF has averaged a dismal 38 percent field goal percentage. Against UTEP, they shot that same 38 percent.

On the UTEP end, scoring was bountiful. The Miners had four players score in double digits. Guard Kasia Krezel led all scorers with 21 points. Ana Valtierra, Jareica Hughes and Charnette Phelps each had 10 points, but that's bound to happen because the defense can't be the sole strength of the team every night.

After all, the Knights' defense only allows 62.4 points a game. That's third best in the conference. Against UTEP, they bent a little and allowed 69, but most of that can be blamed on the 15 steals that the Miners had. UCF committed 24 turnovers and that led to 32 points for UTEP. UTEP gave up 21 turnovers but UCF could only turn 17 points off of them.

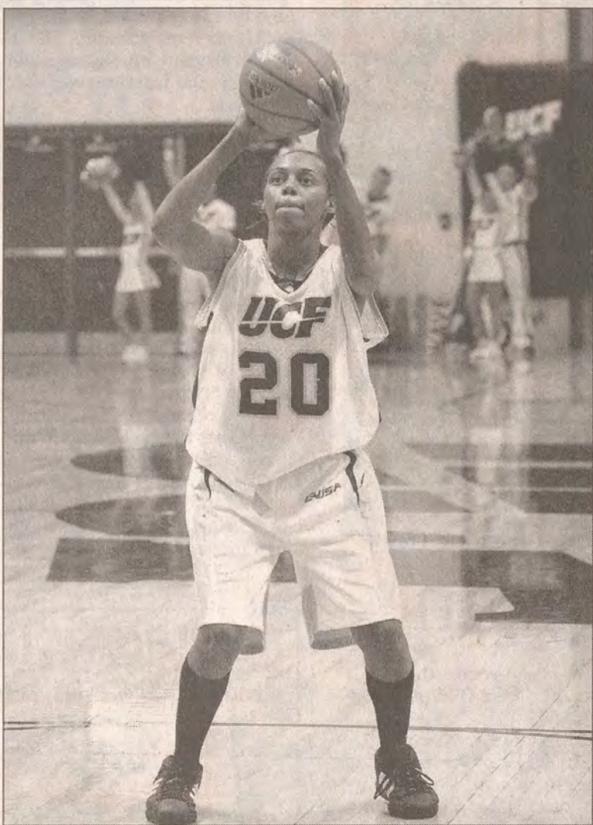
"We have the talent to get it done," UCF head coach Gail Striegler said, "but we need everybody to come out and play every 40 minutes."

That didn't happen against UTEP. The first 20 minutes of Friday's game were where this match-up was won for the Miners and lost for the Knights; just look at the first-half numbers.

In the first half, UTEP shot 18-for-33, 54.5 percent, while UCF shot 7-for-23, 30.4 percent.

The score was never tied, except for the start of the game, and the lead never changed, except for when UTEP made its first basket. The Miners grabbed the lead from the very beginning and never looked back.

With the win, UTEP (16-3 overall, 5-2 C-USA) has now moved within half a game of conference-leading UAB. UCF (6-14 overall, 1-6 C-USA) still



Senior forward Keunta Miles takes a free throw during the 65-63 loss to Southern Miss on Jan. 20. Miles scored five points in Friday's 69-56 loss to the UTEP Miners.

sits just above the basement with only Memphis (3-19 overall, 0-8 C-USA) in a lower position.

The Knights continued their road trip at Tulane on Sunday and results were not available by press time. They will wrap things up at SMU on Thursday before returning home for a three-game home stand.

As the season takes form and the end enters into sight, it appears as if this team will fall short of their own goals. Back in November, Striegler said, "I think a reasonable expectation

for us is to finish top three in our eastern division."

Right now, the top six teams in C-USA all have five conference wins. UCF has one, better only than Memphis.

The Knights' next opponent, Tulane, has five conference wins and 16 overall. Tulane also averages 71.2 points per game, third best in C-USA, while only giving up 61.3, second best.

With only nine games left on the schedule before the C-USA Championship, the Tulane game would be a great turning point for UCF.

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OUR STANCE

Troop surge means more copter deaths

The U.S. military helicopter crash that occurred outside of Baghdad on Jan. 20 is a grave sign of the future if President Bush's proposed troop surge comes to fruition.

For those of you not familiar with the details of the crash, all 13 passengers and crew members on the helicopter were killed, including 12 Marines. There were no further details given by the military at the time of the crash.

However, a brief story from Reuters on the evening of Jan. 22 said "unidentified U.S. officials cited by CNN" ruled that the helicopter crash was a result of hostile fire from a shoulder-fired missile. The report came after investigators at the scene discovered a tube that could have been part of a shoulder weapon. As of Sunday, no further details confirming or denying that report have been released.

Those 12 deaths made 14 transportation-related deaths for the weekend of Jan. 20, with two U.S. soldiers killed by roadside bombs on Jan. 19. As a whole, Jan. 20 was the third-deadliest day since the war began in March 2003, as 25 U.S. troops were killed.

Right now, the troops in Iraq are dealing with constant threats while traveling by road and by air. The "roadside bomb" casualty seems to be commonplace

now, but very few people understand the dangers posed by Iraqi airspace.

Partly, that's because the worst U.S. aircraft accident in this war, which occurred on Jan. 26, 2005, when a Marine helicopter crashed during a sandstorm in Iraq, killed "only" 31 troops. We say "only" because that number is a drop in the bucket compared to an ever-rising casualty toll of more than 3,000.

These accidents are also few and far between compared to the roadside attacks on U.S. Humvees, trucks and mine-clearing vehicles. The press is more apt to focus on those than the 75 or so helicopters that have gone down since 2003.

But if the troop surge comes to pass, the need for air transport will be greater, and these types of accidents will become more common.

Usually, the U.S. is quick to release information that a crash was not caused by enemy anti-aircraft fire. Not in this case, as the press release only said the crash was under investigation, and nothing has changed since Saturday, at least officially.

President Bush's commitment of more than 20,000 troops would only serve to clog up the already dangerous roadways. The military personnel in charge of this war, specifically Gen. David Petraeus, newly installed commander of U.S. forces in

Iraq, know this, and we expect that they will react by placing more troops in the air from medium-to-long range missions.

That process has already begun. Unless the Jan. 20 flight plan was diverted, it was known before the helicopter lifted off that it would have to travel over an area where there's been months of violence involving U.S. and Iraqi forces against Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias.

This type of dangerous flight plan will continue out of sheer necessity. At this point, the missions are too critical, and the airspace is too tight to divert every single troop transport helicopter away from danger zones such as Baqouba.

All these factors create another reason why the troop surge is a case of too much, too late. It's another unnecessary risk that goes beyond the obvious of escalating a military operation by extending current deployments and beginning new ones. It's becoming clear this is a political problem fueled by poor planning.

The best way to avoid more days like Jan. 20 is to allow Iraqi forces to pick up more slack in medium-to-long range operations. This will cut down on the airspace used by U.S. forces and hopefully control the risk of hostile-fire attacks by creating more routes.



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Numbing news hard to overcome

Sometimes even I don't want to read the news.

Sometimes the things I read are just too depressing, and it's nicer to ignore the horrible things that happen in the world.

I had that feeling this week when I read that two Atlanta teenagers pleaded guilty to breaking into a community center, where they hog-tied a three-month-old puppy with duct tape, doused him in paint, and then killed him by cooking him in an oven.

Scratch marks from the puppy's nails proved to investigators that the puppy was alive when he was put in the oven.

This senseless, heartless, awful act is the kind of thing that gives me a pessimistic view of our world today.

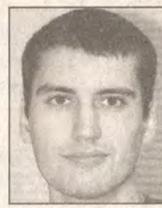
What kind of awful human being do you have to be to commit such an act?

I feel guilty that, for some reason, the torture of a puppy can affect me in a way that not even the stories that come out of Darfur and Iraq can, and I'm not sure why I feel that way.

Maybe I'm desensitized to the news from those regions, or maybe I have purposely avoided the worst atrocities.

But there is something about such a terrible abuse of a helpless and harmless creature that really upsets me.

To head off any potential questions, no, I'm not a vegetarian, and please don't try to draw a parallel between this case and killing livestock. This dog wasn't simply killed; all signs point to



TROY HILLIER
Editor-in-Chief

the conclusion that the dog's killers delighted in hurting it, torturing it and killing it. So please don't minimize what was done in this case by equating it to the butchering of cows or other animals intended as food.

Sentencing is set for Feb. 9, and I hope that these teenagers, ages 19 and 17, get as much mercy as they gave that poor puppy.

While I'm not willing to go so far as call for an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, I hope that the perpetrators get what is coming to them.

There is no doubt in my mind that criminals are, to some degree, a product of their surroundings. But people need to be held responsible for their actions, and both boys deserve lengthy prison sentences.

People like this contribute nothing to society, and I challenge anyone to give me a reason why these guys shouldn't be locked up, and the key thrown away.

Stories like this give me a feeling of hopelessness for the world. I'd like to be able to give some cheesy moral to this column, like, "No matter how sad the news is, we must not be willingly ignorant," or "the rest of us must do our best to make this a better world," but the saddest aspect of a story like this is that there is not a single positive thing to take from it.

I feel wicked nerdy saying it, but the best way to sum up my feelings of hopelessness is with a Tolkien quote: "What can men do against such reckless hate?"

OUR STANCE

Wounds of Katrina still cut deep

Days after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Kanye West, during a telethon, intoned, "George Bush doesn't care about black people," shocking Mike Myers and many watching at home.

Hurricane Katrina was 18 months ago, the city still struggles to regain even a shadow of its former self, and now we know why.

Former director of Federal Emergency Management Agency, "Heckuva Job, Brownie" Michael Brown, recently gave a lecture to graduate students in New York, in which he detailed the administration's decision-making process regarding the post-disaster relief effort. He said Bush and his advisers decided to federalize Louisiana, but not badly ravaged Mississippi, "because she's a white, female Democratic governor, and we have a chance to rub her nose in it. We can't do it to Haley because Haley's a white male Republican governor, and we can't do a thing to him. So we're just going to federalize Louisiana." And so Nero strummed his fiddle while Rome burned...

Leaving aside the explicit sexism and indifference to human life qualities of the comment for a moment, what does this say about the priorities of the federal government during a disaster? We, this page and you, our dear readers, all probably know someone who has suffered over the past few years during a hurricane.

Perhaps their roof was damaged, their pool enclosure knocked down, or their house was severely damaged, or far worse, they died. But we had Jeb, the First Brother, and the worst of the storms to strike Central Florida were in the summer and fall of 2004, three months before the presidential election. Magically, there were ice trucks, cases of bottled water and other emergency supplies at the ready.

Sadly, as we all well know, this was not the case in New Orleans.

What then to make of Brown's comments? Are they sour grapes, blame-shifting appeals to rehabilitate his reputation or accurate portrayals of the White House's thinking during the fall of 2005? Much of the public evidence suggests the latter, specifically the federal government's performance since Katrina struck. The barring of loan forgiveness and the requirement of local governments to pay matching funds to FEMA, the latter of which was waived after Sept. 11, has substantially crippled the recovery effort.

Beyond specific policy choices by the federal government, Tuesday's State of the Union speech didn't even warrant a mention of Hurricane Katrina or New Orleans, further showing that seminal moment down the country's collective memory hole.

Thankfully, Gov. Kathleen Blanco, the "white, female Democratic governor" whose nose was to be rubbed in the flooding of the

Ninth Ward, has seized upon Brown's comments, demanding a full federal investigation.

In making her case for an investigation, Blanco decried the two most recent examples of federal favoritism toward Louisiana. As reported by the Shreveport Times, last December, FEMA announced discretionary grants to buy "Katrina cottages," housing that is more permanent than trailers.

The discretionary grants provide funds to buy "Katrina cottages," to replace the metal trailers people were living in. FEMA allotted \$280 million to Mississippi to help the 31,724 families living in trailers, but only \$74 million went to Louisiana to help the 64,199 families still in trailers.

Then on Jan. 18, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded \$61 million to Mississippi, which has 79 closed hospital beds. To Louisiana, it got a completely disproportional \$72 million to handle the 2,623 beds that are shut down.

"This pattern of discrimination continues to the present," Blanco said to the Times. "This was intentional and this was by design. I know because I lived it."

We can only hope this new revelation brings back national attention to the Gulf region. People are suffering, and our defining document, "The Declaration of Independence," says we're all created equal. It's time for the government to start acting like it.

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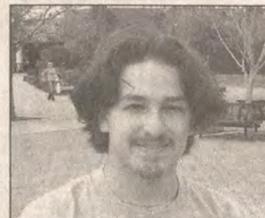
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