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Ay, robot

New movie and Transformers' history are more than meets the eye — SEE VARIETY, A7 AND A8

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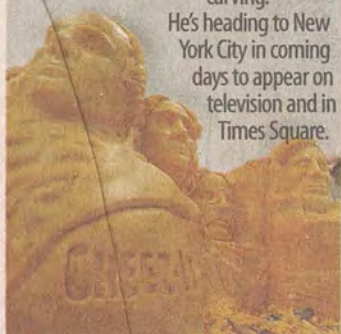
UCF's schedule will feature some of the nation's most talented — SEE SPORTS, A11



FOOD

700 POUNDS OF CHEESE AND CRACKERS

It's George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Abe Lincoln — carved out of a giant block of cheese. Troy Landwehr used his carving tools to turn a 700-pound block of Land O'Lakes cheddar into a replica of Mount Rushmore. The cheese carver and winemaker was commissioned by Cheez-It to make the monumental carving. He's heading to New York City in coming days to appear on television and in Times Square.



POLICE

MY WEINERMOBILE HAS A RECORD, IT'S S-T-O-L-E-N

An Arizona Highway Patrol officer pulled over the Wienermobile after its plates came back as, well, hot. The Wienermobile was on the road for a promotion in which contestants sing the Oscar Mayer jingle for a shot at appearing in a commercial and winning American Idol tickets. The plates had been stolen back in February.



AROUND CAMPUS, A2

EXPECT ROAD CLOSURES, TRAFFIC ON CAMPUS THIS MONTH

Starting Monday, all eastbound and westbound lanes on Gemini Boulevard North will be closed to traffic between Greek Park Drive and West Plaza Drive. Parts of Gemini Boulevard East will be closed this week.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

EVERGLADES RESTORATION GETS BOOST WITH NEW LAW

Gov. Charlie Crist signed a law Thursday that would provide millions of additional dollars for cleanup efforts and granting the state new authority over pollution throughout the vast wetlands. The bill was unanimously passed by the Legislature in May.

NATION & WORLD, A4

MODIFIED BOEING 747 BRINGS SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS HOME

A jumbo jet carrying the space shuttle Atlantis took off Sunday on a return trip to the shuttle's launch site at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. NASA spokesman Bill Johnson said the shuttle could arrive as late as Tuesday.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Differential tuition bill passed

UF, FSU and USF allowed to charge more tuition

ZAILEEN ROACH
Contributing Writer

In an unexpected turn of events Wednesday, Gov. Charlie Crist signed a bill that will allow three of Florida's public universities to charge undergraduate students an additional \$1,000 in tuition over the course of several years.

And if university officials and lobbyists have their way, UCF will eventually be included in that group.

"It is important that we work together to have excellent institutions of higher education in this state," Crist told

the Associated Press. "But times are tight."

The University of Florida and Florida State University will be permitted to charge a fee up to 40 percent of the schools' established tuition rates. The University of South Florida will be able to charge a fee up to 30 percent of its tuition. However, the fees — which will not be covered by the Bright Futures Scholarship or the Florida Prepaid College Plan bought after July of this year — must be gradually introduced in increments of no more than 15 percent per year.

"They're sympathetic to

what Florida families are dealing with, with insurance and property taxes and things like that," Crist said.

The governor threatened to veto the bill as he recently vetoed a state-wide, 5 percent tuition increase. Describing the tuition differential as "doomed," Crist encouraged universities to tighten their budgets just as Florida families are.

After a meeting with UCF President John Hitt and the presidents of Florida's 10 other public universities — all unan-

PLEASE SEE **SGAS** ON A6



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Gov. Charlie Crist signed the differential tuition bill into law Wednesday, despite having called the legislation "doomed." Universities have promised not to raise tuition until '08.

IT'S SPRING AND THE KITTENS ARE IN BLOOM



ANDY JACOBSONH / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Hello, kitties!

Animal Services sees feline boom

TARA YOUNG
Staff Writer

April showers and May flowers aren't the only things that springtime has to offer.

Dozens of kittens are born during these late spring months, making early summer a crucial time for cat adoptions, and making the month of June the national American Humane Association Adopt-a-Cat Month.

"It's almost like if you equate it to the rebirth of the flowers and trees," said Vanessa Bouffard, marketing and public relations program coordinator at Orange County Animal Services. "Well, it's the same thing with cats. This is the time when they're being born, and the births happen to coincide with the springtime."



Orange County Animal Services and other pet adoption agencies are frantically working to find homes for hundreds of kittens. Summer time usually sees a huge boom in the kitten population, and some agencies are trying new things to get them adopted.

On Saturday, OCAS, in lieu of the booming cat and kitten season and in honor of the last Saturday of Adopt-a-Cat Month, offered "souped-up starter kits" for up to 30 new cat or kitten adoptions. The shelter is currently swamped with thousands of

felines, brought in as either strays, abandoned, lost and found or owner-surrendered.

"We always offer a goody bag on all the adoptions, but with this cat adoption project we're offering extra incentives such as litter, some treats and things of that nature," Bouffard said.

The special starter kits included a 5-pound bag of cat food, cat litter, toys, treats, deodorizer, videos and pet care guidelines. They also raffled off a litter box, scratching post, cat bed and other items.

This is the first time the OCAS has offered this adoption incentive, and they hope it will bring in many potential adopters.

"We're going to see the success of this year because it's the first year we're doing this and, depending on that, we can see if we will be able to do it again next year," Bouffard said.

PLEASE SEE **SHELTERS** ON A5

Device warns you in a flash

Thorguard signals students of lightning

JEFFREY RILEY
Contributing Writer

Florida is right in the middle of its lightning season, and UCF has implemented a system to warn everyone on campus of any incoming lightning storms.

The Thorguard Lightning Prediction and Warning System sits on top of the Recreation and Wellness Center, with remote speakers in a corner of the intramural sports fields.

When a storm approaches, Thorguard reads the amount of electrical discharge between the Earth's surface and the storm cloud. If it gets too high, too close to campus, an alarm goes off to warn students.

"It makes it for certain. No one is going to argue with it," said Jim Wilkening, associate director of programs for the RWC. "That makes it a great form of support."

The RWC purchased the initial system in 2005 for \$14,000 after researching the product for nearly a year. Every aspect of the system was looked at, including the actual tone of the horn.

They wanted to find a tone that would not conflict with any other possible warning system's emitted sound.

According to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, lightning is the most consistent killer among bad weather, with the highest number of strikes occurring in June, July and August.

There are multiple lightning detection systems on the market,

PLEASE SEE **NEW** ON A5

Virginia Tech spurs Counseling Center changes

WHITNEY HAMRICK
Staff Writer

The UCF Counseling Center hopes to make the campus safer after the massacre at Virginia Tech by training resident assistants to recognize the warning signs of depression, anxiety and suicide through the Question/Persuade/Refer suicide preven-

tion program.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, "Half of all college students report feeling so depressed at some point in time that they have trouble functioning. If left untreated depression can lead to suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for those aged 15-24 and the second leading cause of death of

college students."

According to the American College Health Association's 2006 national data, 93 percent of the college students they surveyed reported having contemplated suicide at least once. In addition, 13 percent of students surveyed reported having attempted suicide at least once.

QPR has trained more than

600 people since August 2006. The Counseling Center plans to reach 1,000 by the end of the year.

College can be an unexpected culture shock to incoming freshmen and transfer students, leading to isolation, anxiety and depression. The Counseling Center hopes to educate more students, faculty and staff about the impor-

tance of mental health.

"I think when we say mental health, people automatically go to the negative," David Wallace, director of the Counseling Center, said. "Yes, people do have these problems, and depression and anxiety are the two big ones. Of all these mental health concerns,

PLEASE SEE **SUICIDE** ON A3

Grant offered for educational studies minor

KIMBERLY HERNDON
Contributing Writer

Did you ever want to pursue a teaching career but held back because you weren't an education major? If so, the educational studies department at UCF can help you and maybe even pay for a few of your classes along the way.

The IMPACT program, which is a grant-funded program, was implemented at UCF to kick off the new educational studies certificate and minor. This new minor will allow non-education majors the chance to teach their area of concentration. The program began out of a demand for

teachers in the state of Florida.

A succeed grant, developed by the state, was set up to attract potential math and science candidates to teaching. The grant will help pay the tuition and books for those students.

However, it's only eligible for fall 2007.

"Unfortunately, the grant money will run out August 31, so students need to sign up by August 10," said Scott Wise, a member of the IMPACT program.

Non-education majors interested in the minor will pursue the five core classes required of education majors, plus one upper-level restrict-

ed elective in their area of expertise. The electives are math, science, English or social science. The core classes include learning the legal, ethical and safety issues regarding schools, learning theory, teaching strategies and classroom management.

To receive a certificate, students only have to take four core classes and an upper-level elective.

Knowing how people learn and receive information, learning how to teach them and how to manage a group dynamic are great assets, Wise said. These classes will benefit all students regardless of their major and will help

them gain the necessary tools to stand out in the workforce.

While only math and science students are eligible to receive incentive money, all undergraduates can pursue an education minor or certificate.

"It's a great way to market yourself and further your career," Wise said.

Getting the word out there about the program and the new minor hasn't been easy. In January 2007, the educational studies department began the IMPACT campaign. In the spring, Wise and some students began a marketing campaign on campus. They held information seminars, talked to classes and printed

IMPACT T-shirts that read, "Teach Your Passion."

Alyssa Bridge, an 18-year-old marketing major has helped with the campaign since April. She helped create a marketing plan that included a Facebook group and a Web site.

Last Thursday in the marketplace, she sat at an information table answering questions and handing out the IMPACT T-shirts. With all the new students here for summer classes, student reaction was positive.

"We've had a lot of response, especially at the information seminars," Bridge said. "Word of mouth has been great."

Political science major Kyla

Tan jumped on the marketing bandwagon in June. She was with Bridge in the marketplace helping to spread the word.

"I was very excited about the project," Tan said. "I wanted to get involved."

Wise advises students to seek out their advisers or contact the educational studies department before applying for the minor.

"Make sure you're doing it right and getting the right information," Wise said.

For more information, contact educational studies at esm@mail.ucf.edu or the IMPACT Web site at <http://impact.education.ucf.edu>

iWant one



Senior business marketing major Matt Werner holds up his new Apple iPhone outside the AT&T store at Waterford Lakes Town Center Friday. Werner was in line four hours before the store opened and was one of the first patient customers to leave the store after spending \$630 on his iPhone. Nearly 50 people waited outside the store in anticipation of the release of the new iPhone, and police officers stood outside in case disorderly conduct broke out.

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Suicide poses major risk to student health

FROM A1

we want to be here to help people, but on the other end of that, how can we help people prevent the problems that are occurring?"

The training takes up to two hours and is the suicide equivalent of CPR, said Vivian Ortiz, the area coordinator for Tower IV and a QPR trainer. Training centers on talking people through the crisis, persuading them to get help and referring them to a place where they can get help.

"QPR stresses that we are not counselors," Ortiz said. "You are not to assume the responsibility of counseling that person. You are only there to help them through that one moment and immediately refer them to the professionals."

Ortiz explained why it is so difficult to address the serious issue of suicide.

"There is a stigma associated with suicide," Ortiz said. "To ask people if they are going to commit suicide is very difficult to talk about in society. The training is to equip people to ask that very serious question."

The goal isn't to look for a mass murderer in the crowd but to reach out and help people who may be suffering from depression, anxiety or thoughts of suicide, Wallace said.

"The program is not set up to identify the specific difficulties [Seung-Hui Cho] had, but it will help concerned individuals recognize people in distress and help them get the help they need," said Wade

Arnold, a pre-doctoral intern at the Counseling Center and coordinator of QPR training.

In hindsight, the actions of Seung-Hui Cho prior to the deaths of 32 students are perceived as warning signs, Wallace said, but what warning is there for an occurrence so rare and unpredictable?

"We can talk about it all day long," Wallace said. "We can be armchair quarterbacks for most kinds of awful events and say, 'Well if somebody had seen this or this ...' after the fact, we can see it all. The reality is it is very difficult, if not impossible, to predict the behavior of one individual ... that any one person would carry things to that extent."

The Counseling Center staff-to-student ratio is one to about every 3,200 students. The center will hire another psychologist for the position of associate director for prevention and compulsive behavior before the fall semester with goals of one staff member to every 1,500 students.

The UCF security task force has suggested a mental health course requirement for general education. The course is still in the hypothetical stages, but Wallace said it would be a great preventative tool.

"It could be a wonderful possibility. Any kind of venue or focal point that we can bring students together for learning, growing, interacting and thinking about these things," Wallace said. "We are really putting a focus on getting that kind of mentality into the university more and more."

Med school finds seven more donors

ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the UCF College of Medicine celebrated the opening of its temporary offices in Research Park with an open house.

With the celebration came the announcement that seven donors have stepped forward to fund more first-year medical students.

"It wasn't very long ago that this college was a dream," College Dean Dr. Deborah German said at the event. "This is the first step of many to make the medical school a reality and to show you the real tangible evidence that it will happen."

The next medical school milestone will be a site visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in December.

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The seven new donors funded eight scholarships, bringing the total amount collected to an estimated \$1.4 million.

Ten of the 40 scholarships have been paid for, leaving 30 unpaid. Ideally, each student in the charter class will get \$40,000 a year — \$20,000 for tuition and \$20,000 for living expenses — for all four years.

But the lofty goal comes with the hefty price tag of \$6.4 million in private donations.

Additional donors include Florida Hospital, funding two scholarships, Sonny's Franchise Co., Bank of America,

Judy and David Albertson, James Barnes, Florida Emergency Physicians Group and Shuffield Lowman.

UCF President John Hitt and German welcomed the crowd.

"We have tremendous support from the private sector and government," Hitt told the audience. "And it's expandable."

German spoke of the medical school being a dream not too long ago and reminded the crowd that the process of earning preliminary accreditation is a long journey and encouraged them to stay for

the ride.

The new offices were built in just two months, at the request of German, and reside on the third floor of University Tower in Research Park.

The temporary location is divided into four areas: faculty offices, a dean's suite, student affairs and a student learning center.

The student learning center, taking up a majority of the space, includes several small-group rooms, three exam rooms, a large lecture room, a computer room and library, a student work area, a lounge and even a balcony.

Students can handle financial and admission concerns in the student affairs area. The faculty offices are yet to be filled because no faculty has been hired yet.

UCF News and Information contributed to this report.

The Gatherings

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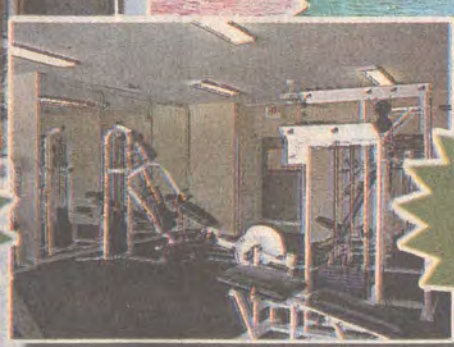
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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Attorney says death row inmate should be kept alive, studied

TITUSVILLE — Death row inmate Mark Dean Schwab is a "scientific mystery" who should be spared execution so he can be further studied to prevent other pedophiles from raping and killing children, his attorney said.

Schwab, 38, was sentenced to death for the 1991 kidnapping, rape, torture and murder of 11-year-old Junny Rios-Martinez of Cocoa. Schwab, who had just been released from prison for raping another child, targeted Junny after seeing his picture in a newspaper.

"As long as he's alive he is available for psychological research, examinations and evaluations, which could in the future prevent a person from becoming so fully mis-oriented as to commit a crime that Mr. Schwab stands guilty of today," Titusville attorney Kenneth Studstill wrote in a petition to be reviewed by the Office of Executive Clemency.

Junny's family plans to urge Gov. Charlie Crist in September to carry out the death sentence.

State Attorney Norman Wolfinger said Schwab can still serve science in death.

"We have sharks and whales wash up on the beach all the time and scientists can study them," he said. "I have no objection if they want to study him after he receives his injection."

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Institutions protect environment with climate-neutral plans

DURHAM, N.H. — The schools of New Hampshire's university system have joined nearly 300 other colleges and universities around the country to fight global warming by reducing greenhouse-gas emissions.

The effort, called the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, involves a range of goals from building all new structures to green standards to buying electricity from renewable resources.

The commitment calls for all institutions to create a plan for becoming climate neutral — a state in which institutions have no net increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

Within two months of signing the commitment, institutions must establish a way to develop a plan, and within a year they must complete an inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions. Within two years, institutions must have a plan, including a target date for achieving climate neutrality and goals for including the issue in curriculum or educational experiences for students.

University system schools already have been working to be more energy conscious and efficient.

Plymouth State University is one of the first colleges or universities to earn national recognition for building a new, energy conscious dorm. It also runs numerous environmental research programs and has created an interdisciplinary environmental studies major.

Keene State College began a campus emissions inventory in 2005 and has converted all campus diesel vehicles to biodiesel in collaboration with the city of Keene.

Granite State College is forming an environmental advisory committee to integrate sustainable energy practices through the college and curriculum.

Other programs already in place or being developed include using electric vehicles, increased use of biodiesel and a project that could use landfill methane gas for energy at UNH.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed



MARK J. TERRILL / ASSOCIATED PRESS
The space shuttle Atlantis takes off atop its modified Boeing 747 carrier aircraft from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. on the first leg of its ferry flight back to the KSC Sunday.

Modified Boeing 747 carries the space shuttle back to KSC

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A jumbo jet carrying the space shuttle Atlantis took off Sunday on a return trip to the shuttle's launch site at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

A modified Boeing 747 with the shuttle mounted on its back left from the Mojave Desert air base at 6:05 a.m. PDT, said Alan Brown, a spokesman at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base.

The shuttle, which requires stops for refueling, is not expected to arrive at Cape Canaveral until at least Monday, with the possibility of a Tuesday arrival if weather is bad, NASA spokesman Bill Johnson said.

Atlantis, carrying seven astronauts, landed June 22 after a 14-day mission to continue building the international space station.

Unfavorable weather at its Florida launch site forced it to divert to its alternate landing site in California.

More arrests made in British terrorist attack on Glasgow

GLASGOW, Scotland — Police searched several houses near Glasgow's airport and made a fifth arrest Sunday in connection with a fiery attack on its main terminal and foiled car bombings in London, which the prime minister suggested were carried out by terrorists linked to al-Qaida.

The terrorist threat that Britain faces is "long-term and sustained," Prime Minister Gordon Brown said in a nationally televised interview. It is clear, he said, "that we are dealing, in general terms, with people who are associated with al-Qaida."

After meeting with the country's top intelligence officers, police and senior officials, Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said Britain would not be cowed.

On Friday, police thwarted an apparent plot to set off a coordinated bomb attack in central London when an ambulance crew outside a nightclub spotted smoke coming from a Mercedes found rigged with explosives. They found a second Mercedes filled with explosives hours later.

And on Saturday, two men rammed a flaming Jeep into the main entrance of Glasgow airport, shattering the glass doors and igniting a fire just yards from people lined up at check-in counters.

"Al-Qaida has imported the tactics of Baghdad and Bali to the streets of the UK," said Lord Stevens, Brown's terrorism adviser.

The two men from the Glasgow attack were in police custody Sunday, one of them under guard in the hospital after being engulfed in flames when the Jeep crashed into the airport.

Early Sunday, police arrested two people — a 26-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman — on a major highway in Cheshire, northern England, in a joint swoop by officers from London and Birmingham, Scotland Yard said in London. A fifth suspect was arrested in Liverpool, police there said.

Britain on Saturday raised its terror alert to "critical" — the highest possible level — and the Bush administration announced plans to increase security at airports and on mass transit.

Israel to release \$50 million in frozen assets back to Palestine

JERUSALEM — In a gesture to the new Palestinian government, Israel will begin releasing some of the hundreds of millions of dollars in Palestinian tax money it has frozen for more than a year, Israeli officials said Sunday.

Miri Eisin, spokeswoman for Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, said at least \$50 million would be sent to the government of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Israel is trying to bolster Abbas in his standoff against the rival Hamas militant group, which violently seized control of the Gaza Strip last month.

Jacob Galanti, another official in Olmert's office, said the transfers would begin later Sunday.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, officials in the office of Abbas' prime minister, Salam Fayyad, said Israel had said the money would be transferred by Monday.

They said the money is needed to pay the salaries of government workers.

Israel collects customs duties on behalf of the Palestinians, then transfers the money to the Palestinian government. The funds, roughly \$50 million a month, are a key component of the Palestinian government budget.

Israel cut off the transfers after the Hamas militant group was elected to power in January 2006, saying Hamas could use the money to carry out attacks.

Israel announced last month that it would begin releasing the money to Abbas after he dissolved a unity government with Hamas in the wake of the militant group's takeover of Gaza.

Wildfire in Utah field kills 3, nearby towns evacuated

NEOLA, Utah — A fast-moving wildfire charged down a mountainside onto a field, and a man and his father who were working there told the man's 11-year-old son to run.

Duane Houston escaped the fire on the edge of the Uinta National Forest, but his father, 43-year-old Tracy Houston, and his grandfather, 63-year-old George Houston, were killed by the flames, authorities said. The owner of the field, 75-year-old Roger Roberson, died at a Salt Lake City hospital, officials said Saturday.

The fire started Friday morning north of Neola, about 100 miles east of Salt Lake City, and by Saturday afternoon it had charred about 23 square miles in the northeastern corner of the state.

Officials said crews had not begun to contain it and more hot, windy weather was forecast for Sunday. At nearby Vernal, there was little wind Sunday morning, but humidity was only 22 percent, the National Weather Service said.

The town of Whiterocks and the nearby small community of Farm Creek were evacuated, the newspaper said. Uintah County Sheriff Jeff Merrell said buildings had been destroyed but he didn't have a count.

Gov. Jon Huntsman requested aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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Shelters euthanize 70 percent of homeless cats

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Like all the cats and kittens that leave OCAS' care, the felines were spayed or neutered, microchipped, dewormed, tested for feline leukemia and AIDS and fully vaccinated. The adoption cost for cats and kittens is \$40.

Friday, one day before the special adoption day, OCAS had 226 cats housed in their facility located off Conroy Road across from the Mall at Millenia. However, this number is small compared to the 3,000 cats and kittens they received on average last month alone and the 9,685 felines total they received last fiscal year. Only 1,394 of that number were adopted in that same year.

Unfortunately, the majority of the felines that aren't adopted within a certain period of time are euthanized. Unlike other animal organizations, such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the OCAS must euthanize animals.

"We put down for space, time, temperament and health," said Debra Vilella, program coordinator of adoptions at OCAS. "We can't find enough homes. We try not to put down if [we're] able to put [a cat] into the adoption program, but unfortunately, our numbers for cat adoptions just are not that high."

According to the American Humane Association,

out of the millions of cats that enter shelters each year, only about one in four are adopted into homes. In fact, most of them — more than 70 percent of them — are euthanized.

Last year, approximately 4,200 cats and 3,150 kittens were euthanized at Orange County Animal Services.

But why are there so many cats?

"Unfortunately, animals, especially cats, are 'throw-away' pets," Vilella said. "People will move or decide they don't like the pet anymore, and instead of trying to find it a good home, they just basically toss it, and they'll go get another one. Very few times do you find people who want to make that commitment to a cat as a lifelong pet."

What is a viable solution to the large number of homeless cats?

"I think that offering free [vet] services to people with low incomes would help, as well as publicizing the service," junior studio art major Christina Greear said. "I also have a friend who has a lot of cats because she has a lot of land and people drop them off there sometimes, so offering some kind of safe haven like that for cats would be another idea."

However, freshman health services administration major Adam Chatani had a slightly different proposal to end the problem.

"We should have everyone



ANDY JACOBSONH / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Cats and dogs are considered "throw-away" pets by people in shelters because people sometimes will get rid of them without second thought. Only about 1 in 4 cats that enter the adoption shelters will actually find a home, and more than 70 percent of them will be euthanized. Places like Orange County Animal Services euthanize because of space constraints, too.

sit down and take a lesson on animal care," Chatani said. "Or we could all just dress up like cats and then be thrown outside and see how we like it."

Vilella said education and commitment are the keys to curbing the cat problem.

"We have a lot of people who don't spay or neuter their

pet, and they let them roam," Vilella said. "And of course the more they roam, the more they create, so it's just a matter of educating people and trying

to get the word out that if you don't want the pet, bring it in [to a shelter], and if you don't want extra pets, have them spayed or neutered."

UCF comes in second place at Miss Florida Pageant



COURTESY VERONICA LIVESAY



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Above: Five of the six contestants in the Miss Florida Pageant from UCF. They are, from left to right, Rachel Potter, Megan Clementi, Denesha Jenkins, Katie Mathews-Johnson and Tara Szczepanski. Not pictured: Lisa Van Alstine.

Left: Miss UCF of 2006 Megan Clementi crowns Denesha Jenkins, Miss UCF 2007. Both competed at the Miss Florida contest Thursday through Saturday. Four of the six contestants in the pageant from UCF placed in the top 10, including Jenkins, who placed second. Miss Florida is a runner-up to Miss America.

New stadium to be in zone of coverage for warning system

FROM A1

but none had the track record of Thorguard, said Jim Uhlir, director of Environmental Health and Safety. They contacted other schools in the state, like the University of Miami, to share ideas for procedure and policy with the system.

Other schools have since contacted UCF for the same concern.

Environmental Health and Safety seeks to teach the techniques of detecting the closeness of storms so that people can make a decision that might save lives. One technique is the "five-second rule" used to estimate the closeness of a lightning strike.

While that technique might be useful, people don't always do their math correctly, Uhlir said.

"The opening of the pool was the last big push to get something like this," Uhlir said. "The Thorguard system is much more automatic, and puts less stress on the life-guards."

The athletics department has also been seeking out the system.

Athletics has the hardware for the Thorguard system installed at Jay Bergman field, home of the UCF baseball team. Remote horns are located at the softball field, said Paul Bender, director of capital projects for the athletics department.

While the athletic department has Thorguard installed, it is currently non-operational, as they are waiting for

ultra-high frequency licenses from the Federal Communications Commission.

"We always wanted a system like this," Bender said. "We really needed something over here, especially with the new stadium."

The stadium, as well as the practice soccer and football fields, are planned to be in the zone of coverage for the system.

The combined sensors will create a tangent field of coverage for the entire campus when both are alert, Uhlir said.

When the original Thorguard was installed on campus, Environmental Health and Safety did testing to see how far the horn could be heard. The sound could be clearly heard all the way to Ferrell Commons and could be detected even deeper into campus.

Because of the loudness of the system, Recreation and Wellness sent out e-mails to surrounding facilities so they would know what the new noises would be. Not everyone knows for sure, but they get the idea, Wilkening said.

"Summer B students are a good example," Wilkening said. "They may not know what it is, but they get the feeling that it is a warning of some kind, and they should go somewhere safe."

Uhlir also said that his department is interested in bringing the system to the area around the UCF Police Department and Physical Plant buildings.

"It would really assist in

keeping the masses of outside ground crews safe."

Inside of the RWC, 10 administration computers are equipped with storm tracking and notification software provided by Thorguard. When a storm carrying an electrical charge approaches, the software sends notification.

"I hear the beeping on my computer, and I usually yell out 'Thorguard!' to everyone from my office," Wilkening said.

This tracking aspect is seen as a major advantage for the athletics department.

"It is more thorough tracking storms ahead of time," Bender said. "It is acting as way more than just a warning system."

Most buildings at UCF have smaller lightning rods around their edges; however, they are simply to ground lightning bolts that might hit the building in order to protect the electronics inside. UCF sustains about \$10,000 worth of lightning damage per year, Uhlir said.

Previous to Thorguard being on campus, handheld detectors could be checked out from Environmental Health and Safety. They are typically made by outside companies from refurbished papers.

The Thorguard system may help to streamline the process of warning people of an incoming lightning storm.

"It has been extremely successful," Wilkening said. "It really takes the guesswork out of the prevention side of this."

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SGAs argue against bill

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ious in their support of the tuition differential — the governor signed the bill, writing, "I am convinced that the state university presidents' support for this bill reflects a valid concern with the resources available to provide students with a high-quality education, faculty and support services."

Hitt was accompanied by Vice President of University Relations Dan Holsenbeck who described the scene as "enthusiastic."

"I don't know that I've ever seen that many presidents at one time being in so much agreement over what happens, and being in such great accord," Holsenbeck said.

Florida's universities have some of the lowest tuition rates in the country. However, many universities are feeling the bulge of increased student enrollments, and some have been adjusting policies to match their budgets.

FSU announced that they will be capping their enrollment in 2008, and UF is also cutting back on expenditures. Here at UCF, faculty and staff won't receive a salary increase this year.

Steve Orlando, the director of the University of Florida's News Bureau, said "the tuition differential program would allow the universities to actually get ahead and make progress and make changes."

The bill itself states that revenues generated from the tuition differential must be spent on improving the quality of undergraduate education such as hiring more teachers and expanding programs. But even with the tuition differential, Orlando said, tuition costs "would not be at the median level of the top 75 schools in the country ... that means that it would still allow us to be very competitive and still allow us the revenue we need to make improvements to provide a better education for our students."

Crist asked the three schools involved to wait until

WHAT DOES THIS BILL MEAN IN DOLLARS

FOR THE SCHOOLS:

Universities are expected to get a combined \$5.4 million in the first year, but that number could increase to \$70 million in the fourth year.

For Students:\$331 annually at Florida and Florida State and \$255 at South Florida in the first year.

the fall of 2008 before issuing the fee, so steps can be taken toward finding sources for funds outside of tuition revenue. Until then, universities will continue watching their wallets.

"We still have that year to get through until we implement the other plan," Orlando said. "So we do still have to take some measures to keep costs restrained until we get to that point."

Holsenbeck said he hopes to see UCF included in the bill by then. The three participating schools were selected through a series of classification systems that disqualified UCF because of the categories used, Holsenbeck said, and because 2003 data was used. He said UCF has always been in favor of differential tuition and that the school would like to become involved in the program by next fall.

"We are certainly going to give that 100 percent of our effort and have been assured by many people in the process that they would be amenable to that," he said.

The Student Government Association at UCF, however, is not thrilled with the idea.

Earlier this month, UCF's SGA passed a resolution opposing the differential tuition bill stating that it is "fundamentally detrimental to the state university system" and that it "would severely limit student access to public higher education ..."

SGA Director of Governmental Affairs Maria Pecoraro

was surprised by the governor's decision, noting that his political platform has been to make higher education more accessible. The bill creates an access issue because the fee isn't covered by Bright Futures or Florida Prepaid programs purchased after July 1, 2007.

Students will be paying out-of-pocket to cover the expense.

"Students don't want to pay more money," Pecoraro said. "They just don't." She said she fears that students living on fixed incomes and loans might become discouraged by the high rates of some of Florida's top universities.

Florida State University's SGA president Joe O'Shea agrees that the bill presents an accessibility issue for those students struggling financially and also passed a resolution against the bill.

"As a whole," he said "the state needs to really step up its efforts in providing need-based aid for our students." He said he would have been more supportive of the bill had it contained language intended to increase need-based aid.

Computer engineering major Joel Jurik doesn't agree with the additional fees either. "No one would like a tuition increase, honestly," he said. "We're in college and we're not making that much money."

Holsenbeck said that revenues from the tuition differential would help lower the faculty-to-student ratio if the bill were amended to include UCF. "I think the first thing we would do with any tuition increase would be to hire additional faculty," he said.

"So now that the bill's passed," Pecoraro said, "the question that's going to face the students of UCF is ... does the student body want to be included with this. And if so, are we willing to pay the piper to be on the same playing fields as UF? To be on the same playing fields as FSU? Do we want to?"

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UCF THEATER PUTS ON A CABARET

WHITNEY HAMRICK
 Staff Writer

"Willkommen, bienvenue, welcome, is cabaret, au cabaret, to cabaret!" sings Michael Pettey playing the Master of Ceremonies in the UCF Conservatory Theatre's Summer Spotlight rendition of the musical comedy *Cabaret*.

In this brilliantly crafted musical biopic, every element is key in telling the tale, and UCF has mastered the skill of keeping all the parts in motion.

"There was a city called Berlin in a country called Germany," said Cliff Bradshaw, played by Mark Koenig, an American writer who came to Germany to write a novel. "There was a cabaret, and there was a master of ceremonies. It was the end of the world, and I was dancing with Sally Bowles — and we were both fast asleep."

Based on a collection of stories titled *The Berlin Stories* by Christopher Isherwood, the musical depicts the social juxtaposition of a country spiraling into controlled chaos as the Nazi party gradually rises to power and the failure of love to overcome adversity.

UCF's Main Stage Theatre was transformed into the Kit Kat Klub in Berlin, and audience members became patrons of the German cabaret.

Red brick peaks through the fading black paint on the club walls, and the ambiance gives a decaying feel of heartache to the tables and chairs and the actors onstage.

The red curtain rises to the word "Cabaret," written in blazing light-bulbs.

On either side of the cavern-like opening are balcony seats and twin spiral staircases that meet two rotation circles that change the setting from nightclub to the home of Fraulein Schneider, Kate Ingram, a German innkeeper, in love with her Jewish tenant Herr Schultz.

"We're putting up the mirror and reflecting that this can happen again," Pettey said.

The Master of Ceremonies is the embodiment of World War II era Germany. His appearance is gaunt



Cabaret History

Cabaret is a musical with a book by Joe Masteroff, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and music by John Kander.

The 1966 Broadway production became a hit and spawned an acclaimed 1972 film starring Liza Minnelli as Sally Bowles.

Broadway has brought back the show twice over the last 20 years — in 1987 and 1998.

The 1998 revival won numerous Tony Awards, including Best Revival of a Musical.

and vulgar, his speak mocking and aggressive in the beaten angst of a people long suffering and lost.

"In a weird way, World War II snuck up on people," Koenig said. "Germany was in shambles, and Hitler wanted to rebuild the country with nationalism and exploited people's need for stability."

The American novelist, Bradshaw, walks into an atmosphere of calm before the storm and takes part in the downfall as we watch the Nazi takeover with idealistic eyes.

"He's like Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz*," Koenig said. "He sees the bad and the good. He's American

idealism destroyed, brought up into the forefront and slammed with the truth. He fails to save them, and in the end, he can only save himself like everyone else."

Sally Bowles, played by Abigail Savage, is an upper-class British runaway who dedicates her life to scandal and stardom in the cabaret.

Bowles represents the escapist from the harsh reality of the times, desperately holding on to a fallacious carefree exterior that only serves as an empty shell.

"We want people to leave feeling they've learned the tragedy of closing your eyes to what's going on in the world."

In the 1920s, Germany, once a hub of expressionism turned a home to a socio-political Dadaism of biting wit and satire, the cabaret scene flourished as the epicenter of decadent debauchery, the ultimate escapism in living life for the sole pursuit of pleasure.

The early 1930s carried a frail version of its former glories. The actors on stage look like the younger siblings of the 1920s, bearing the characteristics of ragtag hand-me-downs with forced smiles.

With a terrible depression looming over a country ravaged by the defeat of World War I and reparations, we, the audience, sit voyeurs into the lives of a people often vilified for the war to come.

In this time warp, we are propelled into the Weimar Republic, the fragile state of a country made up of political wolves vying for control.

"Leave your troubles outside! Life is disappointing? Forget it!" Pettey said, summing up the sentiments of *Cabaret*.

The play ends like the end of the world. There is no escape from reality, no happy ending.

"Get caught up in it just like Cliff [Bradshaw] does. We want people to be wowed, stunned and shocked," Koenig said.

The next production of the SummerStage will be *Lend Me a Tenor* July 12 through 15 and July 19 through 22. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$10 for students with UCF IDs.



Orlando-based rock/alternative/experimental band Letterperfect's new album is titled *In Transit*.

CHRISTINE MULLEN
 Contributing Writer

Five guys, shaggy hair cuts, five o'clock shadows and tight sweaters are all of the essentials needed for a young enthusiastic rock/alternative/experimental band.

Letterperfect takes the image and runs with it while creating a different sound that demands attention from their audience.

The band's newly released album titled *In Transit* covers heartache to finding the reason of life. With influences ranging from The Beatles, Incubus, Thrice and The Used, it's no wonder that the lyrics are purposefully gripping. The album's title describes the ongoing

progress of the band, which is to venture into different styles of music while trying to discover their next sound for future projects.

The second track on their CD, "The Greatest Lament," begins with a cool voice claiming, "Today is the day, when we decide if you will live or you will die. Tonight is the night that we have been waiting for all of our lives," and continues to dive further into the spiral of emotion.

"If" the album's first song, embraces the range of the band with humorous sound blurbs, fast guitar playing, intriguing drum beats and echoing screams throughout the song.

Overall, the album has a very imaginative and poignant ambience sealed

A LA MODE

Marvel at the fresh fashion hitting UCF

JAMIE SALMASIAN
 Staff Writer

There is a new style on campus that can make anyone feel like a superhero — comic book T-shirts.

With Universal's Islands of Adventure right in our backyard, you have probably seen some of these superheroes dressed up and ready to fight some crime.

And seeing that a lot of superheroes have made their feature film debuts over the past few years, they are gaining popularity. Being able to wear them as part of your ensemble is much more fun for me; so why not support your favorite character?

Senior economics major Brett Luskin, 22, bought his Captain America T-shirt at Target for about \$12.

"Target has the best shirts for the cost," Luskin said.

He describes his style as casual but stylish, and he said that he did not purchase his comic book T-shirt because it is becoming trendy. "I read a lot of comic books when I was a kid," he said.

These superhero tees are not just for members of the male persuasion. Being a fan of comic books and superheroes myself, I can tell you that girls can be seen sporting them, too.

Sophomore theater studies major Jessi Riese, 19, bought her Spiderman T-shirt from Goodwill about five years ago for about \$2.

Even though the shirt is a boy's size 5, Riese had to have it. "Spiderman's amazing!" she said.

When asked to describe her style, she gave me one of the most interesting and awesome descriptions to date.

"It's like I snuck into the closet of someone who was living in the 1980s but had an obsession with Victorian fashion," Riese said on a break from strumming her sticker-clad guitar.

Stores like Target and Delia's have a wide variety of T-shirts with your favorite superheroes like Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, X-Men and The Hulk.

And don't forget these tees can totally fit into your budget; so you'll still have some cash left over to go to the comic book store and buy some comics to read up on your favorite superhero!



Top: Brett Luskin sports a Captain America tee. Above: Jessi Riese wears a Spider-Man tee she scored at Goodwill.

Local band one of four to play '07 Vans Warped Tour



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with a very crisp and artistic cover. The songs have a wide range of diversity.

The band is planning a future acoustic album that will cover some of the songs on the current album as well as new tracks that they have been working on in between their many tour dates. Also, they are trying to involve more of an experimental feel, crossing influences from The Mars Volta and Circa Survive.

Letterperfect has always drawn a large crowd with their compelling performances in cities as small as Deland to as large as Orlando.

The band will be playing in the popular Vans Warped Tour on July 22 at Tin

TRANSFORMERS

From action figures and comic books, to animated TV shows and an animated 1986 movie, the Transformers brand has reached everyone in one of its shapes or forms over the years.

Now it's hitting the big screen with a live-action feature film just in time for the Fourth of July holiday.

2007 MOVIE REVIEW

Film more head-shaking than jaw-dropping

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

Let's cut to the chase. Michael Bay's *Transformers* is big, dumb, loud and fun.

In just about that order. The gist of the story: Dueling races of giant alien robots arrive on Earth to duke it out over a giant power cube hidden here, while the fate of mankind hangs in the balance, as it so frequently does.

If on the shorter side of two hours, this robot rumble might have been a blast, but at nearly two-and-a-half hours, director Bay (*Bad Boys I & II*, *The Island*) and executive producer Steven Spielberg (*War of the Worlds*) indulge in the former's more excessive tendencies: clumsy humor, product placement and seemingly endless exposition.

The majority of the movie seems to consist of hackers staring at screens, secretary of defense Jon Voight barking orders, secret agent John Turturro chewing scenery, soldiers led by Josh Duhamel overseas trying to get in touch with the States and unpopular teen Shia LaBeouf

Transformers: The Movie

★★★★

Rated: PG | Runtime: 144 mins

Directed by: Michael Bay

Starring: Shia LaBeouf,

Megan Fox, Jon Voight

In Theaters Tuesday

trying to get in touch with hot chick Megan Fox by way of his recently acquired Camaro (which admittedly amuses with its ever-appropriate selection of tunes).

All of it makes for more head-shaking and eye-rolling than jaw-dropping and eye-popping, in spite of the numerous transformations that do actually take place early on. With Industrial Light & Magic at the wheel, the effects are about as phenomenal as expected.

although most of the money shots are unsurprisingly saved for the climactic melee.

However, all of the excitement seems to be set aside for the finale as well, leaving audiences spinning their wheels. Until that point, there isn't an established sense of scale or scope, just leaping from location to location with all of the characters eventually gathering together. There seems to be no traffic, no outside world, barely anything outside of the occasional news report and shots of the suburbs.

Not until... does civilization... form of a nameless... as well be Los An... as it reeks of be... long-anticipated... between Autobot... cons finally gets... even then, col... seems oddly a... single shot of... through an entir... that too striking... recent tragedy to... That



AUTOBOTS

The protagonists in the Transformers Universe, a collection of various toys, graphic novels, paperback books, cartoons and movies first introduced in 1984. In the 2007 movie, these heroic robots protect the Earth and its inhabitants from the evil Decepticons.



OPTIMUS PRIME

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Animated Series
Optimus Prime



The long-nosed truck is a newer version of Optimus Prime.



BUMBLE BEE

Camaro

As an Autobot spy, Bumble Bee is the ultimate robot in disguise. What he lacks in size and strength, he makes up for in courage.

Animated Series
Bumble Bee



Originally a VW Beetle, Bumble Bee is now a Chevy Camaro.



JAZZ

Modified Pontiac Solstice

Jazz picked his sports car form because it is the epitome of style. If there's one thing he digs about Earth, it's human culture.

Animated Series
Jazz



Formerly a Porsche 935 Turbo, Jazz still rides in style.



IRON HIDE

Modified GMC Topkick 6500

The toughest Autobot around. More than one Decepticon has busted an O-ring just from seeing him narrow his eyes.

Animated Series
Iron Hide



He used to be a Nissan C20 Vanette, but switched to a GMC.



RACHET

Modified Hummer H2

The Autobot's chief mechanic, engineer and medical expert. As a pacifist, he'd rather solve problems peacefully than fight.

Animated Series
Ratchet

— www.transformersmovie.com



Ratchet lost his ambulance look for that of a sturdy Hummer H2.



Timeline

Pre-1984

Hasbro secures the rights to many changing/converting robot brands in Japan and creates the umbrella name "The Transformers" to unite them. Beginning of "Generation: 1" era.

1986

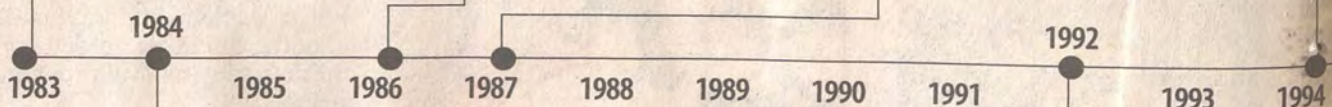
Animated feature film titled *Transformers: The Movie* is released in theaters.

1987

Hasbro introduces the Fortress Maximus, the largest action figure at the time, standing at two feet.

1994

The first BotCon Transformers convention is held in Fort Wayne, IN.



1984

Transformers toy line is launched by Hasbro. The 21 toys in the original set include Optimus Prime, Megatron, Bumblebee, Jazz and Starscream.

Transformers animated TV series debuts; Marvel Comics releases four-issue Transformers comic series.



1992

Hasbro introduces "Transformers 2." All of the toys are re-colored earlier figures.

There is a Generation 2 TV series that features all new CGI graphics.

ERS' LEGACY

1986 MOVIE REVIEW

Twists surprising, music awful

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

worthy of their admiration.

Let's go ahead and make something clear: When it comes to Transformers, the toy line, I missed the boat.

Not that I fail to fathom the appeal of giant robot rumbles; it was just always my brother more than me who watched and played with everyone else's favorite sentient machines.

I had the gist of things: Optimus Prime led the Autobots (yay!), while Megatron led the Decepticons (boo!), all of which could — say it with me now — transform into a variety of other objects, from cars to cassette players to BFGs.

So, speaking as a non-fanboy, the appeal of 1986's original *Transformers: The Movie* is understandable: The action is pretty constant over its 84-minute running time, the twists genuinely surprising (he said the s-word?!?) and the music awful.

Like, really bad.

Rank soundtrack aside, nostalgia seems to have lent *Transformers* increasing credibility among fans, and I have little reason to think it isn't

For the rest of us, it's a flashy primer in the lore of giant robots that conveniently doubles as a swell game of Guess That Voice, with a cast including Casey Kasem, Judd Nelson, Leonard Nimoy, Eric Idle, Orson Welles and Scatman Crothers, making this the very last film that either of those last two participated in.

Then again, if given the chance, who wouldn't cap off their career with *The Touch*?



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Optimus Prime battles Scorponok on a freeway in the new film.

to think that fans won't get their fill of metal-mashing, gear-grinding action while the rest of us just grow increasingly numb to the assault of sound and fury. For all the perfect pixels in the world, it fails to be just fun or genuinely



Transformers: The Movie 1986 feature-length film poster.

Transformers: The Movie

★★★★

Rated: PG | Runtime: 84 mins

Directed by: Nelson Shin

Starring: Peter Cullen, Orson Welles, Eric Idle, Casey Kasem, Judd Nelson, Leonard Nimoy

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DECEPTICONS

The "bad guys" in a civil war with the heroic Autobots. Originally, Optimus Prime and Megatron ruled Cybertron together. Eventually, Megatron began to desire the power for himself and assembled a like-minded army of separatists — the DECEPTICONS.



MEGATRON

Cybertronian jet

The leader of the DECEPTICONS. He will stop at nothing to establish his empire and destroy the Autobots.



Animated Series
Megatron

Megatron first was unveiled as a Walther P38 pistol.

STARSCREAM

Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor

He chose to resemble a F-22 jet because it's the pinnacle of human technical achievement.



Animated Series
Starscream

Originally a F-15 jet, Starscream's been upgraded to a F-22.

BLACKOUT

Sikorsky MH53 Pave Low III

As a military helicopter, Blackout is also the heavy lifter that DECEPTICONS rely on for transport over long distances.



Animated Series
Blackout

Originally a bomber jet, Blackout is now in helicopter form.

BARRICADE

Saleen 5281 Mustang

Barricade is a born hunter. On Earth he took the form of a police car to subvert the public's trust in authority.



Was an F-1 racer, but is now a Ford Mustang.

FRENZY

Boombox

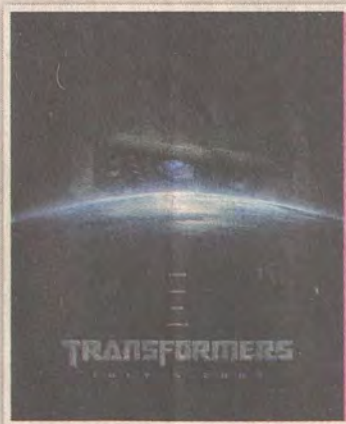
A chaotic spy turned boombox, Frenzy was sent by the DECEPTICONS to infiltrate enemy strongholds.



Animated Series
Frenzy

Formally a microcassette tape, Frenzy is now a boombox.

— www.transformersthemovie.com



2004

Transformers celebrates its 20th anniversary. As a fan-requested tribute, a special 1984-version of the heroic Optimus Prime is introduced.

2006

The 1986 Transformers movie is re-released on a commemorative DVD from Sony BMG.

2005

2006

2007

1995

The animated TV series, *Transformers: Beast Wars*, debuts and is an instant hit.

2005

Hasbro announces that together with DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures, they will bring the Transformers saga to the "big screen" in July 2007.

July 3, 2007

The 2007 Transformers live-action feature film directed by Michael Bay and executive produced by Steven Spielberg is released in theaters.

BIG SCREEN



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TRANSFORMERS (PG13)
When the battle comes to Earth, all that stands between the evil Decepticons and ultimate power is a clue held by young Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf).
Directed by: Michael Bay
Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Jon Voight, Bernie Mac, Tyrese Gibson, Rachael Taylor, Amaury Nolasco, Kevin Dunn, Ronnie Sperling

THE TUBE

- MONDAY JULY 2**
9 p.m. NBC *Age of Love*
Women ranging in age from 21 to 48 vie for the attentions of Australian tennis star Mark Philippoussis. The cougars met the kittens last week, and the two sets of women competed to see who could wear the most makeup.
- TUESDAY JULY 3**
9 p.m. ABC *Shaq's Big Challenge*
Shaq confronts the kids about slacking off on their fitness routines; a new personal trainer makes his presence felt right away.
- WEDNESDAY JULY 4**
10 p.m. MTV *Reunited: The Real World Las Vegas*
Somehow they've managed to stretch the two weeks of filming into two months of shows, but it's the Fourth of July. Don't sit at home and watch reality TV.
- THURSDAY JULY 5**
8 p.m. FOX *Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?*
This show tests adults' lack of knowledge—as revealed by how much they've forgotten since elementary school. New group contestants will find themselves revisiting their youth.
- FRIDAY JULY 6**
9 p.m. CBS *Jericho*
They're showing the full season over again starting tonight. Catch the first episode about America surviving after a nuclear attack. This show was canceled and then brought back after fans sent thousands of pounds of nuts to executives at CBS, so maybe you should check it out.
- SATURDAY JULY 7**
8 p.m. NBC *Live Earth: The Concerts for a Climate in Crisis*
A concert to "raise awareness" about global warming. Or in my opinion, a bunch of really liberal musicians pretending they're important.
- SUNDAY JULY 8**
10:30 p.m. Comedy Central *American Body Shop*
This single-camera comedy documents the day-to-day workings of an auto body shop.
- COMPILED BY WOODY WOMMACK

CD REVIEW

Listen to this film's CD more than Once

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO
Staff Writer



Album:
Once: Music from the Motion Picture
★★★★★
Label: Columbia
Available Now

One of the greatest assets to any film is the accompanying music that helps to support the narrative. Quite possibly the lead character in most films, music offers insight regarding the unraveling of things onscreen and often signifies the onset of something crucial. In the case of the film *Once*, the music not only supports the story, but is the sole purpose for the movie's creation. *Once* is an Irish musical — don't run for the hills just yet. The music doesn't fit into the stereotypical show tunes category. Instead, the soundtrack offers acoustic folk ballads, harmonized vocals and the occasional support of the violin. The album features the original work of Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova. Both professional musicians, neither Hansard nor Irglova received any training for the film and had no prior acting experience. Fans of the forbidden love-struck duo will notice the similarities between songs that appear on the film's soundtrack and those that appear on *The Swell Season*, an album they released together prior to the making of the film. One of *Once's* greatest achievements is in the use of the music. Instead of random bursts of song every 10 seconds with overdone theatrics, the film examines the narrative of a situation where the creation of music might actually occur. The result: heartfelt love songs that could and probably have made a grown man cry. The vocals are predominantly led by Hansard, with Irglova offering harmonized supporting vocals. "If You Want Me," however, showcases Irglova's ability to steal the spotlight and carry one of the album's most intense tracks. The first and most noteworthy song on the album is "Falling Slowly." The song is

the painfully beautiful epitome of creative genius. Chances are, if you've seen the film trailer, you're already familiar with the tune. The *Once* soundtrack chronicles a week in the life of two people who fall in love. Hansard's voice sounds similar to artists like Damien Rice and Cat Stevens. His female counterpart is more reminiscent of Azure Ray and Kate Havnevik. Together, the artists make for an unforgettable musical experience. The soundtrack has received incredible reviews, most of which note the genuine and emotional content of the songs' makeup. Lyrical content is a major driving force in the positioning of the songs throughout the film. Hansard, who offers his veteran musical familiarity to the soundtrack, has released albums prior to the film with the band The Frames. He's also teamed up with Czech-native Irglova for *The Swell Season*. Amazingly, Irglova's fresh voice holds its own when synced with a co-star who is nearly 20 years her senior. Unfortunately, no show times are currently listed for *Once* in the Orlando area. Luckily, the music is powerful enough to convey a message independent of the visual elements of the film.

Send questions, comments and album suggestions to:
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Letterperfect chosen from pool of 70 aspiring Orlando bands

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ker Field. Bassist Justin Jacobs said the band was voted to perform at the venue out of 70 other Orlando bands and will be accompanied by three other winning bands from Orlando: Breaking Tides, There For Tomorrow and Karrigan. With Letterperfect's never ending vigor, it will be difficult not to please audiences at their shows. To purchase their album, to get a short listen or more information on the band, visit their Web site at <http://www.letterperfectmusic.com>. You can also check out the band at <http://www.myspace.com/letterperfect-music>.

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- TOP 3 ALBUMS:**
Artist / Title / Label
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 3. Brad Paisley / *5th Gear* / Arista Nashville

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BASEBALL



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Bonds hit career home run number 750.

BARRY BONDS CLOSES IN ON HISTORY WITH NO. 750

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Giants' outfielder Barry Bonds hit home run number 750 on Friday night in a 4-3 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks, an inning after a fan jumped the fence in left field and approached Bonds. Bonds greeted the man and walked him to security. "He just wanted to shake my hand," Bonds said. The Giants finished up their series with the Diamondbacks Sunday and begin a three-game series at Cincinnati starting Tuesday.

DEVIL RAYS FALL 8-6 TO CLEVELAND INDIANS

CLEVELAND — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays dropped their 13th of their last 17 games, six straight, with an 8-6 loss to the Indians in Cleveland on Saturday. The Indians' C.C. Sabathia became the first pitcher to reach 12 wins and matched his win total from last season. The Devil Rays will finish up their series in Cleveland on Monday before heading to Boston for a three-game set against the division-leading Red Sox.

WRESTLING



DARRYL DYCK / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chris Benoit was found dead June 25.

DEAD WRESTLER'S FATHER EAGER FOR TEST RESULTS

ATLANTA — The father of Chris Benoit, the World Wrestling Entertainment star whose dead body was found with those of his wife and 7-year-old child on June 25, said that his family is in shock over the slayings. "We have no understanding of why it happened," Michael Benoit said. "We need some time to gather our thoughts and wait and see. There's still more information that's going to come out from toxicology tests that will give us some understanding of why this happened."

TENNIS

FEDERER, SHARAPOVA

ADVANCE TO 4TH ROUND
WIMBLEDON, England — No. 2 Maria Sharapova defeated No. 26 Ai Sugiyama 6-3, 6-3 in one of only two women's matches to be completed Saturday at Wimbledon. No. 4 Amelie Mauresmo beat No. 28 Mara Santangelo 6-1, 6-2 in the other match.

No. 1 Roger Federer extended his winning streak on grass to 51 matches with a 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over No. 26 Marat Safin. Federer advanced to the quarterfinals after No. 13 Tommy Haas withdrew from the tournament on Sunday.

FOOTBALL

NFL SAYS 'AU REVOIR' TO NFL EUROPA

FRANKFURT, Germany — The National Football League announced Friday that it would shut down its developmental league, NFL Europa. What started in 1991 as the World League of American Football was reportedly losing about \$30 million a season. The announcement came less than a week after the Hamburg Sea Devils beat the Frankfurt Galaxy 37-28 in the World Bowl championship in Frankfurt before a crowd of 48,125.

COMPETITIVE EATING

KOBAYASHI TO DEFEND HOT DOG TITLE

Takeru Kobayashi, the six-time defending champion of Nathan's hot dog eating competition, wrote in his blog that he will be attending this year's competition. There was speculation that he would forgo the contest because of a sore jaw.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We are once again playing a competitive national schedule with tough road and home matches."

— BRYAN CUNNINGHAM, HEAD COACH



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New schedule pits UCF against NATION'S BEST

MELISSA HEYBOER
Sports Editor

With less than two months before the team's first game, UCF Men's Soccer head coach Bryan Cunningham recently announced the Knights upcoming 2007 schedule.

After a tough schedule last season, resulting in a 6-9-2 record, the Knights will enter this campaign with more experience and confidence against their Conference USA opponents and national powerhouses.

The Knights' schedule will rival last year's, as they face four teams who participated in the NCAA Tournament and five opponents ranked in the top 50 nationally according to the 2006 NCAA RPI.

"We are once again playing a competitive national schedule with a combination of tough road and home matches," Cunningham said in a press release. "It is important that the

players are not only challenged early but throughout the season, especially as we prepare for the games against Conference USA opponents."

Last season the Knights faced four nationally ranked opponents, including SMU, who at the time was the top-ranked team in the country. Their match-up resulted in a 2-2 tie

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Members of the UCF Men's Soccer team gather before a game against Conference USA opponent Memphis on Oct. 4. The Knights will kick off their C-USA schedule this year against the Tigers on Sept. 15.

LAST RECORD

- 6** Four of their six wins came when the Knights competed at home.
- 9** Six of the Knights nine losses were by a margin of one goal.
- 2** Both ties came against SMU and UAB, both nationally ranked teams.

NEXT GAME



Where: Tampa • When: Aug. 31
Last meeting: The Knights beat South Florida 2-1 on Aug. 25, 2005.

Football hires new line coach

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

The UCF Football team's offensive line is already wealthy in experience, but the Knights gained some more on Friday when coach George O'Leary announced the hiring of Tom Freeman as the team's offensive line coach. Freeman has coached college football for 36 years, including 32 at the Division I level.

Freeman comes to UCF from Stanford University, where he spent the last two seasons coaching the guards and centers on the Cardinal offensive line. He also was the team's run game coordinator.

"I am very happy to add a coach with Tom's experience to our staff," O'Leary

said in a press release. "He brings with him a lot of football knowledge, and we are excited to have him here to work with our athletes at UCF."

During his coaching career, Freeman's teams have appeared in 10 bowl games, including six with Pittsburgh, where he served for eight seasons as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator before making the move to Stanford.

In Freeman's last season with Pittsburgh, the Panthers earned the Big East's automatic bid to the Bowl Championship Series and appeared in the Fiesta Bowl.

Freeman's coaching history also

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Marshall coach joins UCF

MELISSA HEYBOER
Sports Editor

The UCF Volleyball program welcomed a new edition to their team Friday when head coach Meg Colado announced the hiring of Trevor Theroulde as a new assistant coach.

A native of Trincity, Trinidad, Theroulde joins the UCF coaching staff after spending four seasons as a volunteer assistant at Marshall.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to welcome Trevor to my staff," Colado said in a release. "His knowledge and

experience with the game of volleyball will help our team prepare for the tough Conference USA competition we will be facing this season."

During his time at Marshall, the Thundering Herd captured the 2005 Conference USA title.

That same year, Theroulde graduated from Marshall with a bachelor's degree in physical education sports marketing and management.

Theroulde's experience also extends beyond Marshall, as he was a head coach of the Trinidad

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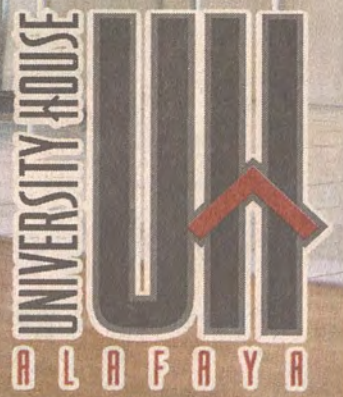
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