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# Central Florida Future

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# Blaze of defeat

Knights go down behind powerful UAB offensive attack — SEE SPORTS, A6



### Four eyes

Which frames suit your style this season?

— SEE VARIETY, A9



### **SHOPPING**

locked, black BMX bike was sold. But the ear-old is going to get his bike back, will officials said, after the buyer saw



# DES MOINES



A"rocket" on the pof of a Des Moines high school launched a 911 call from a concerned neighbor. But it's a portable heater used to protect paint and drywall from cold weather. Construction workers noticed the resemblance and decided to decorate it with fins and NASA logos. Flames inside the heater cast an orang glow, which prompted the call.

AROUND CAMPUS, A2

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY** SPEAKER TO VISIT UCF TODAY AT 10 A.M.

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NATION & WORLD, A4

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# Second meningitis case confirmed Thirteen students identified as close contacts

**MATT MORRISON News Editor** 

Another UCF student was diagnosed Wednesday with bacterial meningitis.

Christopher Taylor, who allowed the university to use his name in an e-mail sent to the UCF community Wednesday evening, was admitted to a vices. hospital Monday with symp-

Taylor is said to be recovering well and without any of the severe consequences associated with bacterial meningitis, said Dr. Michael Deichen, associate director of Clinical Services for UCF Health Ser-

Bacterial meningitis is spread through close contact, mainly through saliva by kissing, sharing food or being coughed on at close range. Anyone living with an infected person may also be infected.

Thirteen students were identified by the university as during the seven days he was contagious to be at risk of contracting the infection. The Health Center is providing a free antibiotic to all students who believe they could have been infected.

"If you've had close contact, it's in your best interest to get the antibiotic," Deichen said at a press conference Thursday.

Typical symptoms include

being close enough to Taylor high fever, confusion and neck stiffness, which can develop over the course of several hours or as much as two days.

The Health Center will be distributing the antibiotic for free through Feb. 4, until the potential time of exposure

Taylor, a business major, lives in Tower 4 at Knights

PLEASE SEE TWO ON A4

### SIX IS ENOUGH Students still undecided about remaining candidates **KELDA SENIOR** While the official presidential election is months away, many UCF students continue to have mixed feelings about who should be the next After the polls closed on Tuesday, it was revealed that Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. John McCain had won Florida. The results lead former mayor Rudy Giuliani and Sen. John Edwards to drop out of the presidential race, leaving three candidates from each party still running. Matthew McCann, a political science major, said he believes America should consider electing a candidate with stronger moral convictions. "I wish Huckabee had won the republican vote

# Student dies in Ocala car crash

Four passengers die along with driver

**ROBYN SIDERSKY & JESSICA SUNDAY** 

The passion for speed that motivated one UCF student to kiss his car good-bye every night would be the same passion that took his life Sunday

Joshua Ammirato, an 18year-old freshman health science major from Ocala, died after slamming his 2008 BMW M5 into a tree off of the Greystone Airport Runway, taking with him four passengers -Isaac Rubin, 20; Dustin Dawe, 19; James Hime, 19; and Jacob Casey, 19.

Ammirato was traveling northbound on the one-and-ahalf-mile-long runway. After driving off the end of the airstrip, the 500-horsepower vehicle flew for 200 feet in the air and struck a large oak tree about 15 feet off the ground. causing it to land facing northeast in a vacant lot off the 1400 Block of Northeast 95th Street. Skid marks along the airstrip follow the same path that the tires took before driving off the

All five men were pronounced dead at the scene between 3:55 a.m and 3:56 a.m., according to a press release from Lt. Michael Burroughs of the Florida Highway Patrol. Three of the men were ejected from the car, and the other two were partially trapped inside the car.

"Due to the severity and damage incurred by the vehicle during the crash, we have not yet determined whether occupants were wearing seat-belts," Burroughs said.

PLEASE SEE STUDENT ON A4

# Webcast goes down, hopes stay high

in Florida," McCann said. "I like what he stands

said he still doesn't think Huckabee has a chance at

America realizes that they possibly do need to

have a stronger moral background for the presi-

dency, guys like Huckabee won't have a chance,"

McCann said. "I think America needs to get their

writing major, said although the democratic vote

may not count, he was happy that Florida's regis-

came to a primary that didn't have any delegates

tered Democrats voted Tuesday.

Kris Krause, a political science and creative

A little under half of registered Democrats

PLEASE SEE FLA. ON A5

winning the election.

Despite his win in the Iowa caucuses, McCann

"I think that unless there's a drastic change and

NATALIE MORERA

As 50 students filled the viewing area in the Pegasus Ballroom anticipating a live webcast Wednesday at 8 p.m., the screen went blank.

The 2% Solution, a webcast discussion on solving global warming, was set to air live from the UCF Cocoa campus and on screens nationwide.

Eban Goldstein, the project director of Focus the Nation, explained in a statement that the surpassing of bandwidth

made viewing the real-time video nearly impossible.

"There were simply far too many people across the country trying to watch it at the same time," Goldstein said.

Goldstein explained in his statement that they anticipated 10,000 screenings, but it was far more than they expected.

"In a positive light," Goldstein said, "this means that thousands of more people care about finding solutions to global warming [than] we thought."

Fanny Martinez, the web-

master of Focus the Nation at

UCF and a member of LEAD scholars, was hosting the Pegasus Ballroom screening.

As soon as the video cut out, Martinez tried to refresh the Web site, but it didn't work.

Martinez called the three other locations showing the webcast, and they were encountering problems stream-

ing the real-time video, too.
"It was giving [other locations] maybe quarter-minute clips; nothing really understandable," Martinez said. "The

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### AROUND **CAMPUS**

News and notices for

the UCF community

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**UCF** supports women in sports

own@mail.ucf.edu.

In honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, UCF Athletics will be hosting a day of sports on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the UCF Soccer Complex.

The event will consist of sports seminars and clinics taught by UCF female student athletes, coaches and trainers. The cost is \$10 for the event and will include lunch and a ticket to the UCF vs. ECU game later in the day. To register, call 407-823-1000.

**CAB presents Miss UCF Pageant** Campus Activities Board will be presenting the Miss UCF Pageant Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union. This year's theme is Breakfast at Tiffany's. For more informacontact

cabspec@mail.ucf.edu.

### LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Gov. Charlie Crist sends budget proposal to Legislature

TALLAHASSEE — Bracing for the weakening economy, Gov. Charlie Crist proposed a \$70 billion state budget Thursday that seeks to boost spending on programs to stimulate business and counts on reserves and gambling money to get through the tough times.

Despite bad projections for incoming taxes, Crist proposed more spending on health insurance for children, and several programs to move the state toward energy diversity. The budget for the next fiscal year also includes more money for unspecified help for adults without health insurance.

To make the spending plan ork with less tax money ing in, Crist relies heavily on \$1.1 billion in reserves, including diverting \$400 million from the Lawton Chiles endowment fund, which is made up of money from the state's 1998 settlement with tobacco companies. Crist said he spoke to Gov. Chiles' widow, Rhea Chiles, and received her blessing to tap into the account to shore up the budget.

The budget also relies on money from the state's recent deal with the Seminole Indians for some casino revenues. The budget includes \$130 million from the compact, even though it is the subject of ongoing litiga-

The proposal also includes about \$400 million from Lottery "game enhancements," which are expected to increase income from lottery ticket sales, although Crist wasn't specific about how that would work.

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### CORRECTION

A story that ran in Wednesday's Central Florida Future called, "Group pursues medical amnesty,' reported that "UCF would join a handful of other public universities" that provide medical amnesty. The sentence should have read, "UCF would join a handful of other public universities in the Southeast...."



Seven students who traveled to Kansas City, Mo., in January for the 2008 AHMI, plan a class presentation about their experiences during the conference and the trip.

# Nonprofit world profits from UCF

### Program awarded for certifications

**SHARON WEAVER** 

UCF contributes proficient leaders to the nonprofit world every year.

American Humanics Program recently received an outstanding award for certifying a higher percentage of its students than any other university in the country to become leaders of non-profit organiza-

During the 2008 Annual American Humanics Management/Leadership Institute (AHMI) earlier this month, a delegation of students representing the American humanics minor program at UCF received the Excellence in Certifications Award. AHMI gave the award to UCF for the outstanding number of students that successfully completed AHMI certification during the 2006-2007 academic year.

According to American Humanics Inc., "52 percent of the UCF American humanics students met all requirements for American Humanics Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership," a percentage that is higher than in any other American humanics program in the

"This award is important to demonstrate the efforts of our program," said Stephanie Krick, campus director of the American Humanics Program at UCF. "We were surprised. We have started something that we could finish, and that is a great feeling."

The American humanics minor program at UCF was established in 2002 and has grown rapidly since then, certifying more than 40 students to date. The program prepares students to work with the nation's youth and families in the nonprofit sector through classroom and extracurricular experience.

The 2008 AHMI took place in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 3-6. Krick and 13 students made up the UCF delegation at the conference. More than 200 nonprofit corporate leaders and 600 students and faculty from different institutions in the nation gathered this year at the AHMI.

At the conference, they listened to



SHARON WEAVER / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE Campus director of the American Humanics Program at UCF, Stephanie Krick, talks to students about scholarships.

lectures from significant national leaders of nonprofit organizations, but speakers in the nonprofit sector, and they participated in a variety of workshops and case studies. The activities offered by AHMI engaged students in discussions about current issues in today's societies.

"The highlight of the AHMI experience for me was the discussion about energy," said Amber Myers-Ferguson, an anthropology major and president of the American Humanics Student

Association on campus. Derrick Stephens, 26, a social work major who also traveled to the AHMI, said that he enjoyed figuring out solutions to problems at the conference.

Stephens said he was able to relate to all the participants of the AHMI and many of them inspired him.

"Everyone gets a sense of joy and pride in helping people," Stephens said. Patricia Holloway, 22, a health services administration major, said participating in AHMI and becoming certified is a great networking opportunity.

At the AHMI, students also have an opportunity to interview for potential employers in the nonprofit field, and are often hired on the spot.

Students involved in the American humanics program at UCF seek to be to be certified, they must undergo an intensive training program.

Students must successfully complete 18 credit hours with an emphasis on nonprofit management, volunteerism, human resource development, communication, fundraising, public relations, administration and other relevant areas.

They also must be active in the UCF Student Government Association, attend various seminars including the AHMI and intern for a minimum of 300 hours for a nonprofit organization.

In order to help students fulfill the intense requirements, American Humanics Inc. offers applications for the Next Generation Scholarship that is available only to American Humanics students. American Humanics Inc. awards 200 scholarships of \$4,500 each to elected applicants each year. Applications are available at www.humanics.org. The next deadline is March 4.

For more information on the UCF American humanics minor program,

www.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/american\_humanics2.cfm, e-mail ahminor@mail.ucf.edu, or call 407-823-

LOCAL WEATHER



Today CHANCE **SHOWERS** High: 76° Low: 53°

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: A 30-percent chance of showers. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. North northwest wind around 5 mph.



Saturday **MOSTLY SUNNY** 

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# Levee lawsuit against Army Corps dismissed

**Associated Press** 

NEW ORLEANS — Saying his hands were tied by law, a federal judge dismissed a class-action lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over levee breaches after Hurricane Katrina but rebuked the agency for failing to protect the city.

U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval ruled Wednesday that the Corps should be held immune over failures in drainage canals that caused much of the flooding of New Orleans in August 2005. He cited the Flood Control Act of 1928, which protects the federal government from lawsuits when flood control projects like levees break.

The lawsuit led to about 489,000 claims by businesses, government entities and residents, seeking trillions of dollars in damages against the

The fate of many of those claims was pinned to the suit and a similar one filed over flooding from a navigation channel in St. Bernard Parish. It was unclear how many claims could still move for-

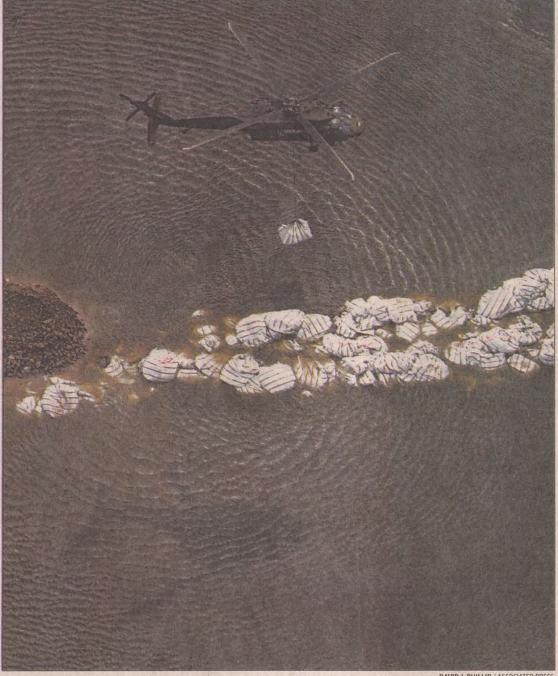
Kathy Gibbs, a Corps spokeswoman, said "the Corps agrees with the dismissal of the case" but declined further comment because other lawsuits over Katrina damage are pending.

Plaintiffs lawyers said they would appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but conceded that overturning Duval's ruling would be diffi-

The judge issued a stinging condemnation of the Corps, saying the agency "cast a blind eye" in protecting New Orleans and "squandered millions of dollars in building a levee system ... which was known to be inadequate by the Corps' own calculations.'

But, Duval said, "it is not within the Court's power to

SUCF CONTINUING EDUCATION



A military helicopter drops a sandbag to repair the 17th Street canal levee on Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, in New Orleans. U.S. District Judge Standwood Duval threw out a key class-action lawsuit Wednesday against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the failure of a wall on the canal.

address the wrongs commit- they faced a daunting task ted. It is hopefully within the citizens of the United States' power to address the failures of our laws and agencies."

Breaches at both the 17th Street and London Avenue canals allowed floodwaters to inundate large areas of the the levee failures were city. Plaintiffs lawyers knew brought about by canal

because the canals were, over time, used as flood control projects by the Corps.

They tried to bypass the immunity issue by claiming that the Corps used the canals as drainage projects and that

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"I knew we had an uphill battle, but we had to do it," plaintiffs lawyer Joseph Bruno said. "It's an outrage. Read the opinion: The judge reads through all the negligence by the Corps, but says he had to rule the way he had

The ruling was another blow to the residents of New Orleans, where loathing for the Corps continues unabated.

"This cost people's lives and property," said Gwen Bierria, 66, who is still living in a government-issued trailer and is among the tens of thousands of people who have filed claims against the federal government for damage from the levee breaches.

"Anybody that calls themselves the Army Corps of Engineers should be embarrassed,"

Activists said they would not give up on holding the Corps accountable.

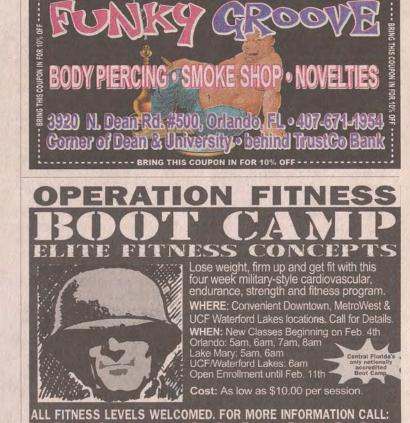
'We will stick with our mission of education that this was the worst engineering failure since Chernobyl," said Sandy Rosenthal, founder Levees.org, a group that has lobbied for overhauling the Corps.

Since Katrina, calls for a makeover of the Corps have gained momentum, and the agency, which has acknowledged mistakes, has re-evaluated its procedures for picking and designing projects.

Duval agreed that legal and bureaucratic change is required.

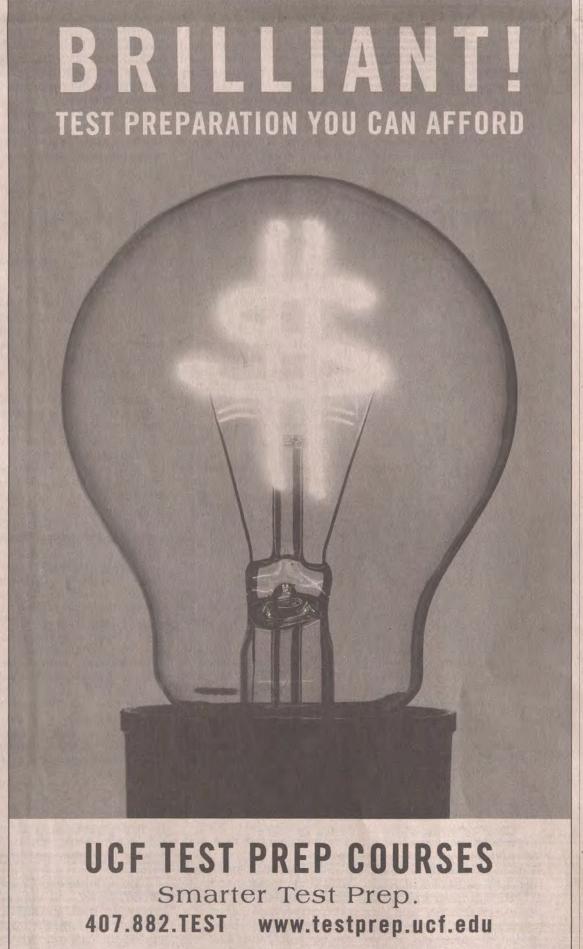
"The byzantine funding and appropriation methods for this undertaking were in large part a cause of this failure," the judge said, referring to the politicsriddled process Congress has for funding Corps projects.

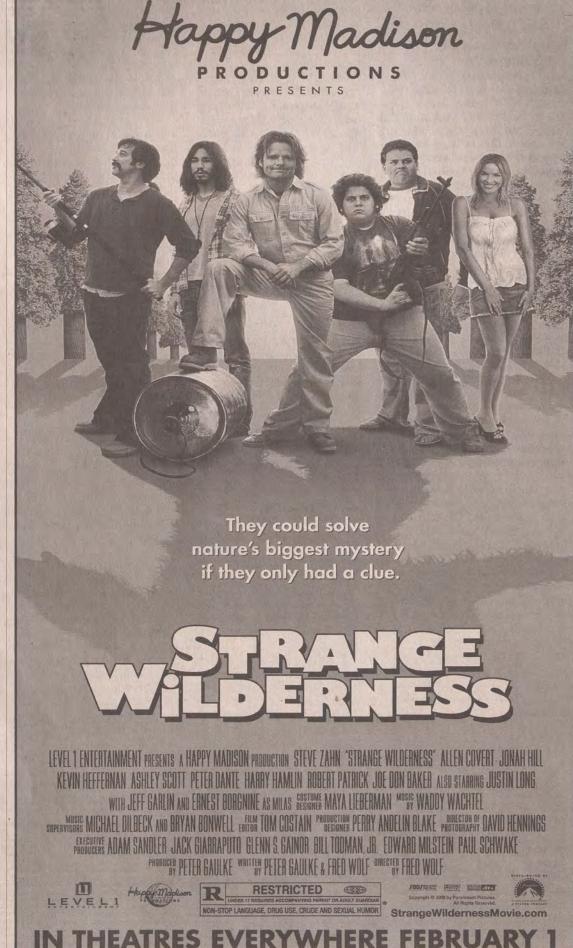
The Flood Control Act is counterproductive, Duval said, because it negates incentives for good government workmanship and creates an environment where "gross incompetence receives the same treatment as simple mistake."



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### LOCAL & STATE

Shareholders sue nation's largest cane sugar producer

WEST PALM BEACH -Employee shareholders of the nation's largest cane sugar producer sued the company for \$150 million Thursday, claiming its board failed to inform them of two lucrative buy-out offers, then rejected the deals.

U.S. Sugar Corp. is a privately held company owned large-ly by its employees and former employees who had about 38 percent of its shares in 2005, according to the federal classaction lawsuit filed in West Palm Beach.

Employees can only sell their shares back to the company, which has been offering up to \$204 per share, the lawsuit

But in 2005, U.S. Sugar was offered \$575 million to sell the business, or about \$293 per share, a deal soundly rejected by its board a year later, the lawsuit said. The same deal was rejected again in 2007, yet employee shareholders were never told about either offer, the lawsuit said.

A telephone message left for U.S Sugar representatives was not immediately returned.

The lawsuit claims that U.S. Sugar Chairman William White and his family, descendants of the company founders, hid the offers from their employees so they could continue to buy back shares for the undervalued rate and maintain operating control of the company. White and his family own less than 4 percent of the company's shares, according to the suit.

The suit was filed on behalf of more than 4,000 current and former employees, some of whom have already sold their shares to the company at the lower rate and are seeking compensation.

- ASSOCIATED PRESS

### HIGHER **EDUCATION**

What's in the news at colleges around the country

### Colleges take stock of what a recession could mean

Fifty states, the federal government and thousands of American colleges and universities are about to face a test of their commitment to higher education, at a time when the country is under economic stress and high-school graduating classes are about to crest.

While the official "recession" label has not been used, the news broke on Wednesday that the American economy slowed to a crawl in the last quarter of 2007, growing only 0.6 percent. That's not the negative number of a recession, but a lower one than many economists expect-

Colleges often get caught flat-footed in such economic downturns.

When it comes to the economy, Michael S. McPherson, an economist and president of the Spencer Foundation, which supports educational research, said, academics, like many people, tend to assume that the relationship between this year and next year will be roughly the same as the relationship between this year and last year. "That is often not the case," he said. A lack of planning, he said, means college presidents could find themselves having to make sudden, unpopular moves in the midst of an economic downturn, instead of pulling out a plan they have had time to build consensus on.

When recessions strike, as they have most recently in 2001 and 1991, the economic duress can hit the wallets of low- and middle-income families, making it harder for them to send their children to college. This year such families also have to face inflation, and the costs of gasoline and eggs will be on the minds of those pricing colleges. In times of higher unemployment, which is another feature of recessions, classrooms are more attractive than the job market and laid-off workers need retraining, so public institutions in particular, with their cheaper tuition, often find their enrollments up. But if tuition does not cover costs, that can stretch their resources.

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### NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



U.S. Customs officer Nick Ligerakis hands back a Michigan driver's license and information pamphlet to a driver arriving from Canada at the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, Wednesday.

No delays as new ID rules take effect at U.S. borders

HIGHGATE, Vt. Motorists passed easily through border checkpoints Thursday as tougher identification standards for U.S. and Canadian citizens went into effect without the backups and confusion some travelers had feared.

People entering the country will no longer be allowed to simply declare to immigration officers at border crossings that they are citizens.

Instead, those 19 and older will have to show proof of citizenship - a passport, trusted traveler card or a birth certificate and government-issued ID such as a driver's license.

Customs officials said delays were minimal across the country and that most motorists had the documentation they needed.

Officers at the ports will have latitude to admit people who are unaware of the changes once their identities are confirmed, said Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner with Customs and Border Protection, who is heading a national effort to call attention to the changes.

Many points were offering a grace period and handing out fliers explaining the changes.

There were no unusual delays during the morning rush hour in Detroit, which has the busiest northern border crossing, said Ron Smith, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection there.

The bridge and tunnel crossings between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario typically can see wait times of about 30 minutes to enter

Congress approved the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative in 2004, which requires verified citizenship and identification of all those entering the country from Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The passport requirement for land and sea crossings has been delayed until June 2009.

Mexican citizens will continue to have to present valid passports and visas. Canadian citizens previously were not required to show a passport, but will need one after next year.

Over the last two fiscal years, 31,000 people who claimed at the borders to be U.S. citizens were not, Ahern said.

### Suicide bomber kills Afghan deputy governor in attack

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a mosque in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing Helm and province's deputy governor and five other people, officials said.

The bomber struck while people were praying inside the mosque in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, provincial police chief Mohammad Hussein Andiwal said.

Helmand's deputy governor, Pir Mohammad, was killed in the blast, said Nisar Ahmad, a provincial health official.

The blast killed five other people and wounded 11, Ahmad said.

Taliban regularly attack Afghan officials as part of their attempts to weaken the control of U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai's government.

Another opposition lawmaker killed in Kenya violence

NAIROBI, Kenya — A police officer gunned down an opposition lawmaker in Kenya Thursday, the second such killing this week in a country that has been gripped by ethnic violence since its disputed presidential election, officials said.

National police chief Hussein Ali said lawmaker David Too was killed in "a crime of passion" involving the girlfriend of the traffic policeman arrested in the shooting. But the opposition called it an assassination, making clear they saw it as part of the country's deepening ethnic strife.

After the killing, thousands of people from Too's Kalenjin ethnic group sought revenge by setting houses on fire and blocking roads with rocks on the outskirts of the western town of Kericho, near the slain lawmaker's constituency. Other tribes fled to the police station for fear of reprisals. Similar violence broke out in other towns.

Kenya embroiled in ethnic violence since President Mwai Kibaki was declared the winner of the Dec. 27 election and opposition candidate Raila Odinga rejected the result, saying the vote had been

Much of the bloodshed has pitted other tribes, including Odinga's Luo, against Kibaki's Kikuyu people. Kikuyus, Kenya's largest ethnic group, have long been resented for their dominance of the economy and politics. Western Kenya's Rift Valley has seen some of

Odinga has said he wants a new election, while Kibaki has made clear he will not negotiate his position as president. In Nairobi, negotiators from the two camps began the first day of talks mediated by former U.N. Secretary-General

Too was the second opposition legislator killed in a week. On Tuesday, Mugabe Were was fatally shot as he drove to his house in suburban Nairobi, setting off more violence in the capital's slums and in western

Police said Too's death was not linked to the political turmoil.

### Consumer spending slows in December; weakest in 15 months

WASHINGTON - Consumers, battered by harsh economic crosswinds, spent less in December than at any time in the past 15 months.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that spending edged up just 0.2 percent in December the year's peak shopping season - down sharply from a 1 percent gain in November. It was the weakest performance in this area since spending fell by 0.1 percent in September 2006.

Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity. The overall economy skidded to a near standstill in the October-December quarter, advancing at an anemic 0.6 percent annual rate, the government reported Wednesday. The concern is that the economy weakened so much in the final month of last year that the gross domestic product could turn negative in the current quarter, signifying the start of a full-blown recession.

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# Two cases are unrelated

FROM A1

Plaza. He attended only two classes on campus during the time he was contagious, both were on Jan. 24: cinema survey from 1:30-4:20 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building and fundamentals of technical presentation from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Communications Build-

Deichen said it is difficult to transmit meningitis and that the bacteria cannot survive very long outside of the human body.

"The vast majority of cases of meningitis are sporadic," Deichen said.

Nevertheless, he said, "We are going to err on the side of giving the antibiotic" to those who request it.

Taylor is the second UCF student to contract meningitis this semester.

Taryn Kelly, a resident of Pegasus Landing, was also hospitalized with meningitis Deichen said that Kelly is

in good condition and recovering from the illness. Kelly plans to take the semester off to recuperate, Deichen said.

These two cases of meningitis are unrelated, Deichen said, and the university has

received confirmation from Orange County Public Health officials.

"At this point, there is no evidence that this is an outbreak," he said.

The Florida Board of Governors is proposing to bolster meningitis prevention at public universities by requiring all incoming students as of July 1 to show proof of vaccination for meningitis or sign a waiver. The proposal must be approved by public hearing.

Bill Edmonds, director of communications for the board, said that hearing could happen as soon as March, though a solid date has not been set.

The decision to require only new students to be vaccinated came after discussions with health officials from Florida universities suggested that meningitis was too rare to require all students to receive a shot, Edmonds said. However, in about four years, every student of a public university in Florida will have to either be inoculated or officially opt

"We hope that all students will be vaccinated because, even though meningitis is rare, it is potentially fatal,"

Deichen said he supports a policy change.

Ellie Levine, a sophomore, religious studies major, is a resident of Tower 4. She said that she and her roommates first found out about Taylor's illness through information

"We happened to see a blinding light outside of our window," Levine said, "and it turned out to be three news

passed out by resident assis-

stations." They spent the evening receiving further information

from the local news. "I was kinda shocked that anyone could get meningitis,"

Levine said. She said she was under the impression entering college that admission required a student to prove he had been inoculated. She said she hopes the board's meningitis policy

will be approved. "I agree with that policy," she said. "I see no reason why not to get [inoculated]."

However, the shot available protects against only four out of the five types of bacterial meningitis.

"Even if you get the vaccine," Deichen said, "it's not a guarantee that you're pro-

# Video available on archive

FROM A1

sound wasn't working; the video wasn't working.

Martinez had called both the Dandelion Communitea Cafe and the Drunken Monkey Coffee Bar.

The owner of the Drunken Monkey, Larry Hardin, said he would screen the webcast at a later date through the archived version if anyone was still interested in viewing the video.

The crowd waiting to view the webcast had mixed emotions about the webcast not functioning.

Some of the audience members were present for the LINK loot that would be given at the end of the webcast, and some were present to satisfy a class requirement.

Others, such as Rene Diaz, a sophomore mechanical and aerospace engineering major, were interested in what would when the live stream did not from our world leaders on the is] the national kick-off event."

Diaz said he was disappointed that he couldn't view the webcast because he wanted to see what new ideas the panelists would address

"I heard about bio-fuels, ethanol and some new technologies," Diaz said, "but I wanted to see if they were going to say anything differ-

Martinez said she thinks the student audience understood that the mishap was out of her control, and some took note that the video would be available later that night through the archive.

Martinez said she would be going home to watch the

Goldstein said the archived version of the webcast would be available by 11:30 p.m. Wednesday night www.earthdaytv.net and said it was a "wonderful program with tremendous amounts of information and participation Goldstein also apologized

for some inappropriate text messages during the webcast and said he "deeply regretted the offenses." Goldstein said: "We had a

team of people working to censor these messages, but I fear that some made it onto the screen before we could catch them." Goldstein said he was

proud of his fellow FTN members and wanted to remind them of how strong they would all be Thursday as they "collectively dig further into finding solutions to curb the

Martinez said she never expected the audience to be so large or the technical problems to occur but will be doing all she can Thursday at the National Teach-in event in the Pegasus Ballroom.

"We've been working on this, and that's our people," Martinez said.

# Student had passion for cars

Christine Dellert, a UCF spokeswoman, offered her condolences.

"The UCF family is saddened by this tragic loss and our sincere sympathies go out to Josh's family and friends," she said. "We will continue offering our support to all who knew him."

Aaron Fischer, a Valencia Community College student, described Ammirato as always being positive. Fischer said his two passions in life were cars and exercising.

"Anytime we went any-where, he offered to drive," Fischer said.

According to an Ocala Star Banner report, the friends attended a small house party hosted by Joe and Jolane McAlister and their son, Colin Brennan, before making their way to the airstrip. The couple has hired an attorney to address all questions concerning the activities at the gathering, including rumors that the men consumed alcohol on their property. The rumors circulated because of conflicting reports given to police by friends of the men.

"We're awaiting toxicology reports to determine whether drugs and alcohol were leading factors," Burroughs said.

The toxicology report is expected to be completed in 30 to 60 days, and the Central Florida community will have the answers they are missing.

"He was never irresponsible like some think," said Josh Durichek, a UCF student and friend of Ammirato, via email. "He was the first to offer to be the DD [designated driver] for the night so others could have a good time. I wasn't there that night of the crash, but I would be surprised if the driver of the car had been drinking."

Burroughs said troopers are conducting interviews to filter through gossip, rumors, misinformation and innuendos to gather factual information about the events leading up to the crash.

Prior to the tragic accident, Ammirato sought advice on a driver's m5board.com, about how to increase his car's top-out speed of 140 mph. Fellow members warned Ammirato about how dangerous his mission was and cautioned him not to include any others if he did go through with his plans of reaching 170 mph.

Friends are distraught over the amount of attention the five men's deaths have received online. Facebook and MySpace friends, bloggers and message board members from the BMW Web site point fingers at the parents of the victims, the men themselves, Ammirato individually and even the inexperience of teenage drivers as the cause of the accident.

Posts on m5board.com range from anger at Ammirato for endangering his friends' lives to taking action and warning others about the dangers of driving at such high speeds.

Since the accident, friends have come together to try to restore Ammirato's reputation and persuade others that the assumptions about him are not true. More than 600 members joined the Facebook group "R.I.P. Isaac Rubin, Jacob Casey, Devon Hime, Joshua Ammirato and Dustin

One former classmate of Ammirato, Hime and Dawe posted a blog on MySpace asking friends to sign a petition in an effort to get the story of the five men from Marion County out into the

Josh Torch, a 2007 North Marion High School graduate and former class president, said he does not blame the accident on Ammirato.

"They were probably saying, 'Josh, let's go do that!' People are always going to blame it on something," he said. "You have to accept that fact. He didn't make them get in that

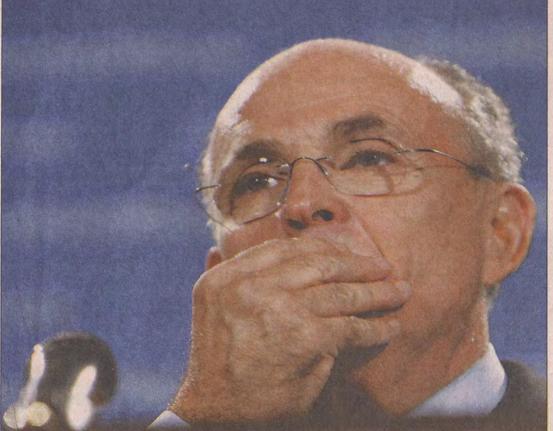
Torch has received numerous comments and calls from the community wanting to help tell the story of the young men. Some want help in writing a book about them and possibly making a movie.

An accurate, fair and comprehensive investigation will be conducted to indicate the events prior to, during and after the crash, said Burroughs, in an effort to assure the families of the victims that the police are dedicated to this

investigation. A full crash report will be ready in four to five days.

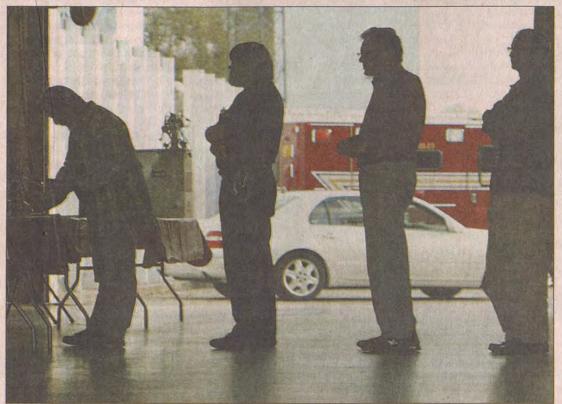
For students who feel they need to talk to someone about this tragic event, the UCF Counseling Center is available

The Counseling Center offers a grief and support group for students dealing with loss and for more information students can visit the counseling center's Web site, www.counseling.sdes.ucf.edu or call 407-823-2811.



GERALD HERBERT / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential hopeful, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, talks to supporters after conceding the Florida Republican primary at his election watch headquarters in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday.



Voters line up at a polling station to vote in Florida's presidential primary Tuesday in Coral Gables, Fla. A record 24 states held primaries and caucuses Tuesday, the result of a stampede by states to gain prestige and wield clout in extremely tight races to become the Democratic and Republican nominees for the White House.

# Fla. Democrats voted, despite no delegates

attached, which was slightly less than the number of Republicans who voted.

"It's a huge deal that so many Democrats came out," Krause said.

Florida had its delegates stripped because they moved the primary before Super Tuesday. The DNC took away delegates and as a result, the democratic vote may not count.

Ben King, a psychology major, said that he still encourages students to vote, because the winner in Florida will receive the press coverage.

Clinton has received press coverage because she won in Florida, although neither Sen. Barack Obama

nor Sen. John Edwards cam- out. It's unfortunate that he paigned here. The candidates Democratic were only allowed to do fundraisers in the state of Florida.

King said that Edwards dropping out of the race may shift the democratic

election. "I'm heartbroken that Edwards dropped out," King said. "He was my candi-

date." King said that this election has shown that polls and speculations aren't always solid.

"I like Edwards, but for whatever reason, he wasn't resonating with the people enough," King said. "So because he wasn't pulling enough, I think it was the right think for him to drop can't be president anymore.'

Both King and Krause encourage they students to vote for the candidate they think will represent them best and not to focus too much on which party they belong to.

"I think if [students] found one or two issues they could really care about, it would be really easy for people to get excited about

the election," King said. Krause said that the common theme on both sides of the political spectrum, whether they be established or relatively new candidates, is change.

"The more change that gets made," Krause said, "the more it's going to affect

# C-SPAN bus rolls through UCF campus

**LAUREN PAULAUSKAS** 

The Florida primary election not only brought an oncampus precinct but also a national television network.

C-SPAN, a cable-provided and funded network that provides public access to the political process, visited UCF Wednesday.

They brought one of two campaign buses traveling across the country to promote the channel and talk to students about the primary elections in each state.

Erin Patton, marketing director for C-SPAN network, said they were visiting campuses "to get students engaged in the campaign."

She said about 200 students visited the bus, and about 50 took a tour of the live production studio inside the vehicle.

"In the last few weeks, we've had some of the candidates on our bus," she said. "So that was fun showing people where they sat and that kind of thing."

Of the 200 students, only about half knew about the channel, and some didn't even know there was a primary election in their state.

"I was surprised that some students had no idea that the primary happened [Tuesday]," Patton said. They handed out totes,

to promote the network. Patton said she enjoyed the weather, too, coming from C-SPAN headquarters in Wash-

pens, T-shirts and luggage tags



The C-SPAN Campaign 2008 bus and the C-SPAN2 Book TV bus are 45-foot, mobile multimedia demonstration centers and TV production units that bring the world of public affairs to communities nationwide. The C-SPAN bus visited UCF Wednesday.

'All-in-all, it was great," she said. "We really loved talking with the students about the primary results. And we like going to warm, comfy places."

The students who voted had different reactions to the primary results.

"I wish the votes for the Democrats mattered," said Eric Eingold, Student Government Association senator of the College of Sciences and political science major, who voted in the

He said that the centralization of the vote really left out Florida voters, and he was upset.

Eingold said he didn't like that Amendment 1 passed either, just like Jon Mildner, organizational

communications senior.

"More people voted for it because they didn't know anything about it, more than anything else," Mildner said.

Mildner also said he wished more students had voted.

"I bet it was 2 percent," Mildner said.

Erin Collins, a computer science sophomore, didn't vote because she's not registered to

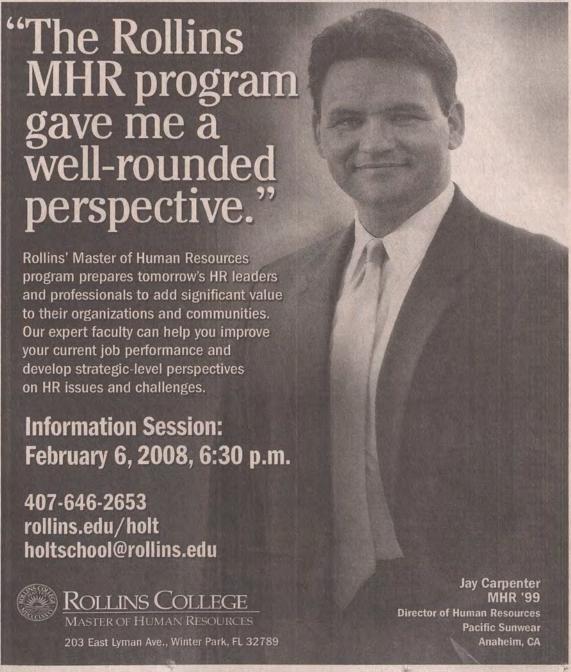
"I would have voted in the primary if it was more convenient," she said.

vote in this county.

She didn't want to drive two hours to go home and didn't get an absentee ballot.

With "Super Tuesday" coming next week, C-SPAN will be visiting more college campuses, and their next stops are in Georgia and California.







schedule



IODAY
3 P.M. (AWAY)
UCF will travel to
Gainesville to take on the
Gators, who are ranked
13th in the latest ITA
rankings. They have three
singles players who are
ranked in the top 75
nationally. The Knights'
first dual match of the
season against No. 32
Rice was canceled due to
rain Sunday.

FLORIDA
GULF COAST
SUNDAY
NOON (HOME)
The Knights will finish up
their weekend in a
match against the
Eagles.



EAST CAROLINA SATURDAY 5 P.M. (HOME) The Knights will face the Lady Pirates, who have won their past two Conference USA contests after losing their first three.

MEN'S BASKETBALL HOUSTON

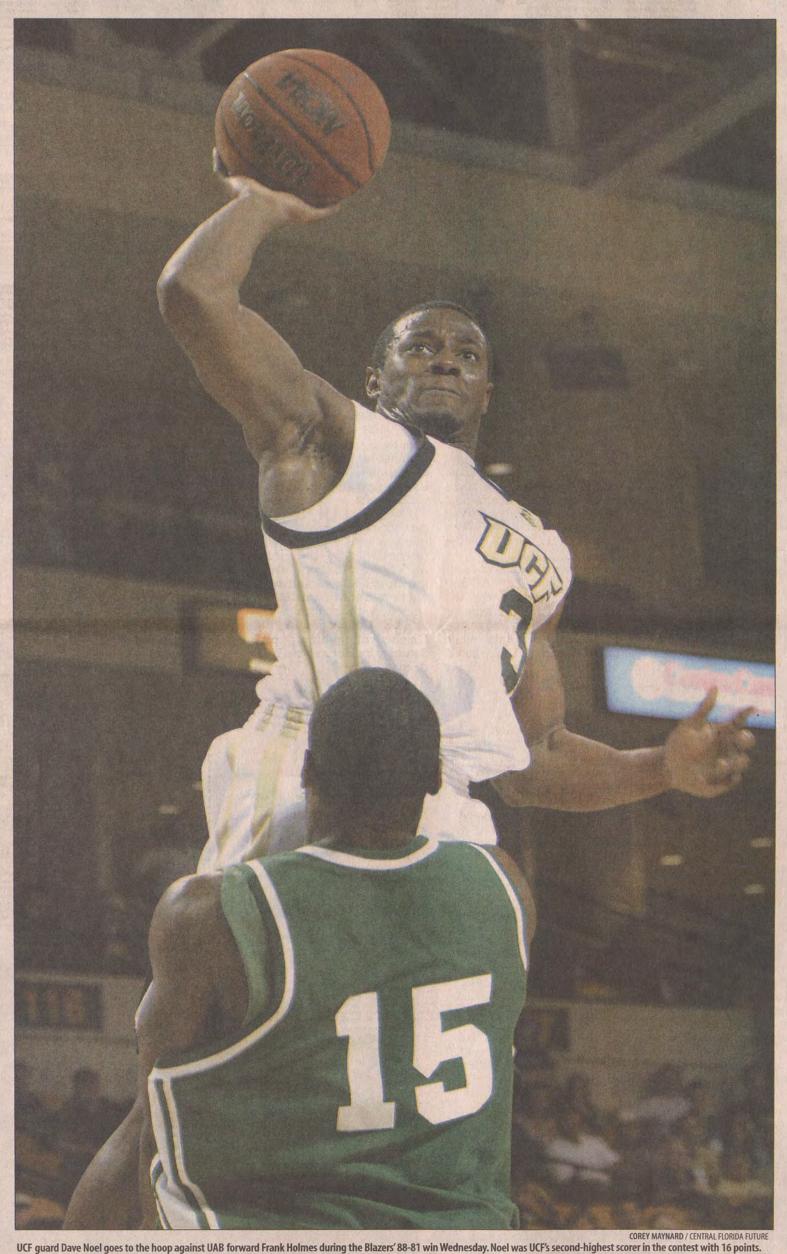
SATURDAY
7 P.M. (HOME)
UCF will look to rebound from its disappointing loss to UAB when they face the Cougars.
Houston has C-USA's second-highest scoring offense at 78.5 points per game.

FLORIDA
GULF COAST
SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.
(HOME)
The Knights will face the Eagles in their first home match of the spring. The Knights lost their season debut on Jan. 24 to

Florida 7-0.

BLAZERS 88 | KNIGHTS 81

# Fire and Ice



# Knights can't cool off UAB

BRIAN MURPHY

The start to the most important stretch of games for the UCF Men's Basketball team this season didn't begin very positively for the Knights as they fell to UAB 88-81 Wednesday night at the New UCF Arena.

With the Blazers and Houston coming to Orlando this week, the Knights (11-9 overall, 4-2 in Con-

The Blazers made

60 percent of their

shots in the first

half, including 53.8

percent from 3-

point range.

**UAB's** bench players

scored 38 points,

led by 25 from

Lawrence Kinnard.

ference USA) were poised to make charge in the C-USA race. But dropping the week's first game to the Blazers (14-6 overall, 4-1 in C-USA) now makes their matchup with the Cougars that much

more important.
"We knew we had to get these two wins," guard Dave

wins,"
guard Dave
Noel said.
"For us to
be able to get a win tonight ...

be able to get a win tonight ... that probably would have put us in the second or third spot. With the loss, I think we fell all the way down to sixth, so we just got to come out and get the next one."

Yet it's hard to beat a team that shoots 58.5 percent from the field and makes 11-of-22 3-pointers.

"UAB would've beaten most anybody in the country with the way they played tonight," head coach Kirk Speraw said.

The Knights made the contest's first basket with a 3-pointer by Jermaine Taylor from the top of the key. UAB would score the next 10 points, paced by a couple of scores from forward Howard Crawford.

The Knights brought the score to 10-9 with a short jumper by Kenrick Zondervan, but that's as close as they would

PLEASE SEE RALLY ON A7

NEXT GAME





Tomorrow, 7 p.m. | New UCF Arena

# How about beating UAB before insulting its state?

There's an old reprise during the ever-so-eloquent exchange that is trash talking, especially when one party is losing.

when one party is losing:

The Talker — almost always the loser — will mention some disparaging remark about the nature of the Talkee — who is quietly going about the business of actually winning.

After years of being the butt of everyone's jokes, as we try to remove the heavy U Can't Finish crown, you would think that UCF fans would be a little more sensitive to the nature of their trash talking.



PADRICK BREWER
Sports Editor

You would be wrong.
During its game against UAB
on Wednesday night, the UCF
Men's Basketball team was trail-

ing 13-9 early in the first half when we were all instructed to look up at the screen for "a special video presentation" by Knightvision.

What followed even made UAB head coach Mike Davis come out of his walking coma.

The video — which was totally improvised, I swear — played on the fact that very few people around UCF know where UAB is; apparently some think that Nevada and Maryland border Alabama.

Funny aside — UAB is located where the UCF's basketball

team has never won, and where the Blazers gave the football team a good scare on Nov. 10.

The video was boring enough to be considered innocuous, until, of course, the wit and wisdom of UCF fans started to shine through.

One fan said his trip to Alabama would include a visit to Wal-Mart to help stimulate the local economy.

Another said that he would just drive through the state, because "there is nothing there."

Hilarious. I imagine Jermaine Taylor and Dave Noel were laughing on the inside while they watched Robert Vaden and Lawrence Kinnard go insane and build up a lead that was as much as 24 at one point.

Now, I am not the voice of moral authority; it's not that I think it was wrong.

Hell, had the jokes actually been funny, I probably would have laughed.

The fans in the video couldn't have known what the score of the game was going to be

PLEASE SEE KNIGHTVISION ON A7

# Rally was too little, too late for UCF

get. The Blazers, who led by double digits for the majority of the game, scored 14 of the next 18 points, capped off by a 3-point play from forward Lawrence Kinnard.

"They came out and played hard," Noel said. "I don't think we played as hard as we were supposed to when we first came out and it showed. ... They came out really hard and I don't know if we were ready for it.'

The Blazers hit 7-of-13 shots from beyond the arc in the first half, including five from guard Robert Vaden. Meanwhile, the Knights' 3point shooting couldn't hit the ocean if they were standing on the shoreline. The Knights were just 3-of-13 from long range in the first half, and two of those makes came on the first and last play of the

"We missed some shots and turn around and find ourselves down 10," Speraw said. "I think we came impatient, trying to shoot our way back into it, and we didn't shoot our way back into it."

Back-to-back layups by Zondervan made it 27-21, but Vaden, as he did all night, had an answer as he sunk a couple of 3-pointers. The Knights played pretty tight defense on Vaden, who entered the game averaging a nation-best 4.5 3pointers per game, but he kept making shots. He made a fallaway 3 and then followed that up with a 3 while getting fouled by Mike O'Donnell.

"It's not like that's new for him," Speraw said. "He does that. Until you defend him and realize that he only needs about an inch and a half to get it off, I don't think you understand how tough he really is to guard."

Crawford's dunk with less than a minute left stretched UAB's lead to 44-28 before O'Donnell's hit a 3 from the right corner as the buzzer sounded.

The Blazers shot 60 percent in the first half and would start the second half just as hot.

They began by hitting their first five shots, including three more 3s. That helped



Above, UCF's Jean Michel Yotio, 34, and Mike Battle, 11, go after a ball with UAB's Lawrence Kinnard during the Blazers' 88-81 victory Wednesday. Right, UCF's Dave Noel grabs a rebound between Kinnard and Robert Vaden, 24. Vaden hit six 3-pointers in the win.

UAB extend its lead to a game-high 24 points at 61-37 with about 15 minutes to play.

To the Knights' credit, they kept showing effort, but they were unable to get within 15 points until the final four minutes of the game. At this time, the Knights finally started hitting their outside shots.

O'Donnell and Taylor combined to hit three of UCF's next four long-range attempts, cutting the deficit to as little as six points with less than a minute to play.

But with the Knights forced to foul, the Blazers went 9-of-10 down the stretch from the free-throw line to seal the win.

"I am very proud of our guys and the effort they gave in the last 10 minutes of the game," Speraw said, "and wondering where that effort was in the first 30 minutes of the game."

The Knights were led in

scoring by Taylor, who scored most of his 19 points in the closing minutes. He was held to just five points in the first half.

"He's got to be patient because he's a focal point now," Speraw said of Taylor. "He's got to be patient and not get frustrated if things don't come easy, especially early in the game."

Noel finished with 16 points and O'Donnell had 13. While the Knights' perimeter game wasn't clicking for most of the night, they got some rare production from post players such as Zondervan and Jean Michel Yotio. The duo combined for 18 points on 9-of-12 shooting.

Kinnard scored a seasonhigh 25 points for UAB and was a big reason why the Blazers held a 38-17 advantage in bench scoring. Vaden finished with 18 points, while guard Channing Toney had 15 and forward Frank Holmes

The Knights have to put this disappointing loss behind them quickly because they had only 72 hours to prepare for the conference's secondbest team, Houston. The Cougars (15-4, 4-1) are coming off an 89-77 home loss to No. 1 Memphis on Wednesday, but Houston is a very dangerous team, a fact that is not lost on Speraw. He knows that after winning its first four conference games, his team has lost its last two and desperately needs a win.

"For our guys to physically turn around and practice hard tomorrow [for] a scrambling defense, it'll be a challenge for us," he said. "... Now we've gotten challenged and we'll see how deep we can dig and respond to the challenge."

The Cougars and the Knights will tip-off at 7 p.m. Saturday inside the New UCF





# Knightvision piece was a horrible idea

FROM A6

when they were giving their answers, but a safe assumption would have been that it was going to be close.

But that whole presentation doesn't even need to

You can count on zero

hands the number of times the Knights have beaten the Blazers.

Yet we feel comfortable insulting their home state? That kind of logic sort of baffles me.

What's next?

Do we spoof Full Metal Jacket — you don't look much like steers — when

Houston comes to town tomorrow?

Or what about Marshall? We can have a field day with both the boring nature of West Virginia and the terrible tragedy of its football team.

We should think of something quick so that the halfempty stadium of supporters has something to watch

while their team is actually playing a game.

Or we could forgo the hackneyed and trite videos and focus on a mostly exciting group of young men.

Because there's really only one thing we should all be looking at, and it's right next the big video screen.

It's called the scoreboard.

# CAREER EXPO



A chance for UCF students to meet with employers to discuss internship, career, and employment opportunities.

\*For a list of employers attending please visit www.career.ucf.edu

**UCF** Arena Monday, February 4th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

\*Professional Attire Required



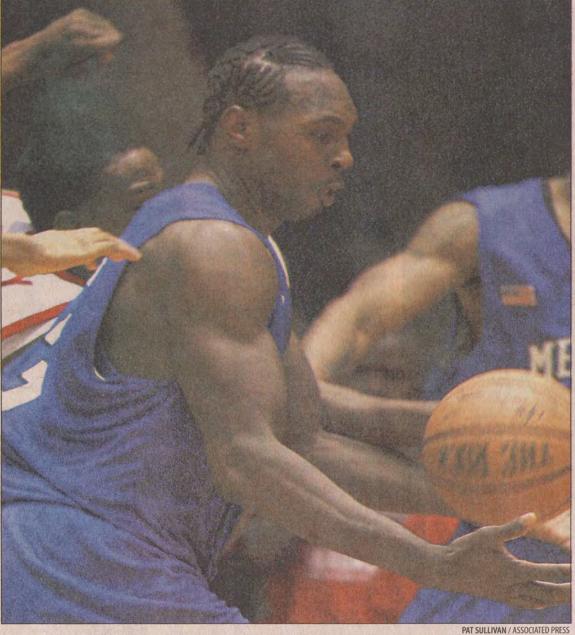
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Memphis' Joey Dorsey helped his Tigers beat the Houston Cougars 89-77 Wednesday. Memphis is the lone unbeaten team left in Division I.

# Memphis still undefeated

Memphis is pursuing perfection all by itself now.

As the top-ranked Tigers improved to 20-0 with an 89-77 victory at Houston on Wednesday night, No. 2 Kansas took its first loss of the season against Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.

The Jayhawks hadn't lost in the Little Apple in 24 years, but Michael Beasley, who wasn't even alive when Kansas began its 24-game winning streak on K-State's homecourt, scored 25 points and led the No. 22 Wildcats to an 84-75 victory.

Kansas, two victories short of matching the best start in its storied basketball history, lost on its rival's home court for the first time since 1983. The 24-game streak in an opponent's gym came up one short of tying the NCAA Division I record, which UCLA set against California from 1961-

"We weren't going to run the table," Kansas head coach Bill Self said. "As much as I wish we could, that wasn't going to happen. So this could be a good thing for us in the long run. But certainly it stings."

Kansas State freshman

guard Jacob Pullen had 20 points and freshman forward Bill Walker had 22, making sure that Beasley, who had guaranteed a Kansas State victory, did not have to eat his

"I knew my team was capable of beating anybody," Beasley said. "And we showed it tonight."

Always double- and sometimes triple-teamed when he touched the ball inside, Beasley was held to only eight points in the first half but scored six in a row in the first few minutes after intermission and Kansas (20-1, 5-1 in the Big 12) never caught up.

Beasley was 4-for-4 from behind the 3-point arc as the Wildcats (15-4, 5-0) took over first place in a Big 12 conference they've never even competed in, let alone won.

"It stings because it's our rival," Self said. "I could care less about the streak. But I do care about beating our rivals. So, yeah, this one stings more than what most would sting."

Memphis head coach John Calipari shrugged when he learned Kansas lost, leaving the Tigers as the nation's only unbeaten team.

"It's nice, I guess," he said.

"Are we getting better? We got better today."

Douglas-Roberts Chris scored 30 points and Joey Dorsey grabbed 22 rebounds, matching a career high, as Memphis equaled its best start in school history.

Robert Dozier scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half and the Tigers (20-0, 6-0 Conference USA) overcame a season-high 22 turnovers to extend their regular-season winning streak to 39 games. Memphis matched its best start since 1985-86 and won its 15th consecutive road game.

The Tigers countered their turnover total by shooting 58.5 percent, outrebounding the smaller Cougars 49-29 and scoring 44 points in the paint.

"We turned it over a few too many times, but we played well," Calipari said. "What you saw was one of our best

Dion Dowell scored 23 points and Robert McKiver scored 20 for the Cougars (15-4, 4-1), who dropped to 2-10 all-time against the No. 1 team. Houston head coach Tom Penders was also denied his 600th career victory.

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# Magic prove too much for short-handed Heat

**TIM REYNOLDS Associated Press** 

ORLANDO - The score suggests that it was just another Orlando Magic blowout victory over the woebegone Miami Heat.

A victory? Yes. A blowout? Well, not

exactly.

Hedo Turkoglu had 27 points and 12 rebounds, Rashard Lewis scored 19 points and the Magic needed 12 consecutive points in the final quarter to pull away and beat the undermanned Heat 107-91 Wednesday night.

"Glad to have that win," Magic head coach Stan Van Gundy said. "Scary game."

Dwight Howard scored 16 points with 13 rebounds and Maurice Evans added 13 points for the Southeast Division-leading Magic (29-18), who have won the last eight meetings between the Sunshine State rivals.

Ricky Davis scored 21 points, while Luke Jackson and Chris Quinn added 14 each for the Heat, who played without Dwyane Wade (flu), Shaquille O'Neal (hip) and Udonis Haslem (ankle). Not surprisingly, given the lineup depletion, Miami trailed most of the way in what became its 17th loss in the past 18 games.

But that didn't mean the Heat couldn't make things interesting.

"We all knew that it was going to be tough because those guys ..., they've got nothing to lose," Turkoglu

Daequan Cook's jumper with 11 minutes remaining drew Miami within 83-80, and the Heat were clearly thinking upset.

From there, though, it was all Orlando.

An 18-1 run gave a close game the appearance of a runaway.

"We thought we had a battle there," Quinn said. "And then they stepped up."

In the teams' last four meetings at Orlando, the Magic have prevailed by an average of 23 points.

It was the first time since O'Neal was traded to Miami that he, Wade and Haslem all missed a game. And the diminished bench seemed to take a toll on the Heat down first-quarter



Miami guard Daeguan Cook lays up a shot against Orlando during the Heat's 107-91 loss to the Magic on Wednesday. Cook played 25 minutes for a Heat team missing 3 starters.

the stretch. Miami made just 5-of-18 shots in the final quarter, getting outscored 24-15.

Dorell Wright scored 12 points, Jason Williams had 11 points and eight assists, and Mark Blount finished with 10 points for Miami, which was outrebounded 52-29.

We look at it as opportunity and surprise everybody and try to get a win," Wright said. "I thought we fought real hard. We were almost there. That fourth quarter slipped away from us.'

The first half essentially went like this: Orlando would pound the ball inside, and Miami would whomever was the recipient of those entry passes.

The Magic led 63-52 at intermission, bolstered by an 18-of-21 showing from the foul line in the first two quarters, while Miami went 6-of-

Howard, who went 8-of-11 from the charity stripe in the half, led both teams in makes and attempts from the line in the first 24 minutes.

For the second straight night, the Heat opened poorly from the floor.

Tuesday, it was a 3-of-23 effort

doomed Miami against Boston, and on Wednesday, they got off to a 1-of-9 start.

But this one didn't get away, unlike the 30-point debacle against the Celtics.

Jackson hit a 3-pointer late in the first to tie the score at 20, and Williams connected on two free throws 28 seconds later to give Miami its first lead.

Back came Orlando, and quickly.

Carlos Arroyo's jumper with 6:50 left in the half gave Orlando its first double-digit lead, 44-34, and the margin reached 13 later in the second quarter before the Magic settled for the 11-point cushion at halftime.

"In the second half, I said we needed to hold them in the 40s, which we did," Heat head coach Pat Riley said. "We just didn't score enough."

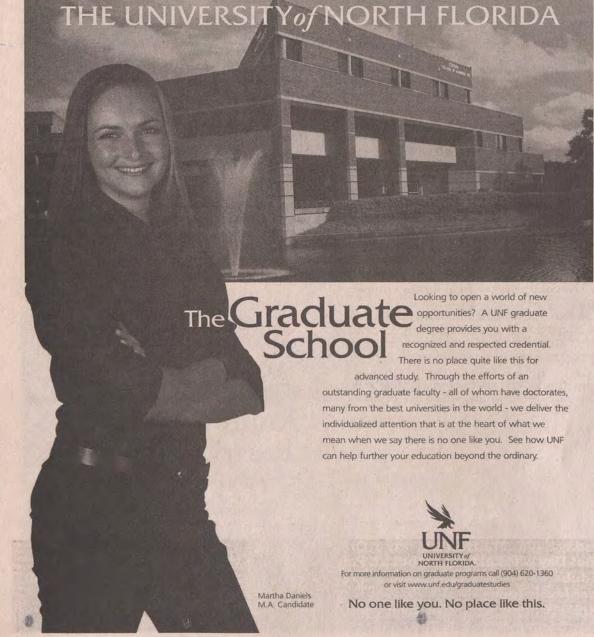
Miami got within 76-71 with 4:20 left in the third when Williams' perfect bounce pass split two defenders and got to Wright for an easy layup.

But Turkoglu scored Orlando's next six points and the Magic took an 83-76 lead that into the fourth.



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Magic forward Rashard Lewis dribbles past Miami's Luke Jackson during the Magic's 107-91 victory Wednesday. Lewis scored 19 points.





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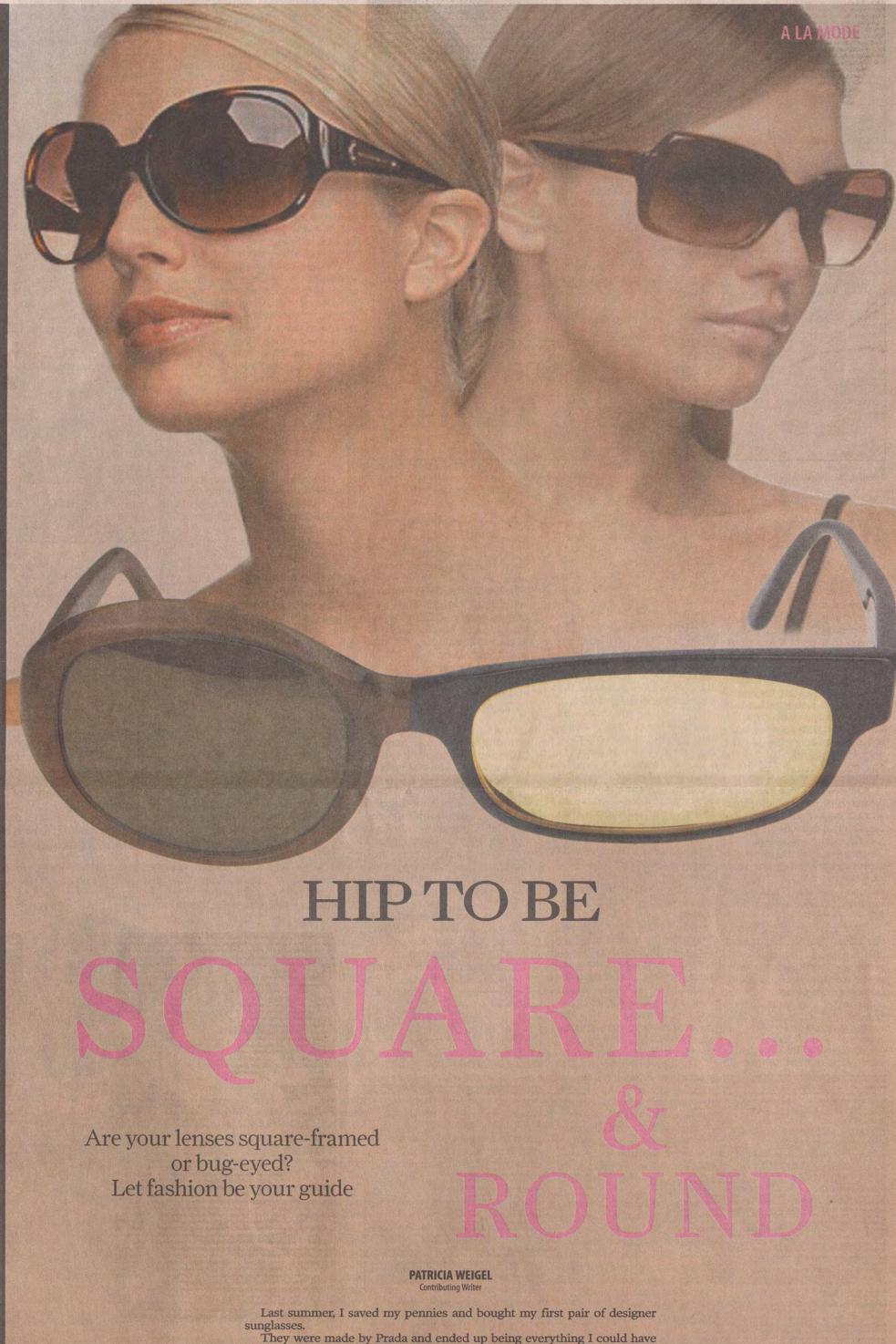
Alice Experiments in Wonderland, UCF Conservatory Theatre, 8 p.m. Come check out student actors and actresses as they put a high-tech spin on Lewis Carroll's classic with 2-D and 3-D sets. \$10 with UCF ID

Cinema in the Park presents The Princess Bride, **Centennial Park at** 400 Park Ave., 7:30 p.m. Bring your popcorn, candy and lawn chairs to see Westley woo **Buttercup and Inigo** Montoya avenge his father's death. Free

Blues-B-Q, City Hall Plaza at 400 S. Orange Ave., 2 p.m. This event that lasts until 9 p.m. features local blues bands and **BBQ** food for purchase from restaurants like Sonny's and Bubbalou's. Free

Over The Rhine, Copeland and Lona, BackBooth, 7 p.m. These bands will tickle your fancy if you're into folk and indie rock. Copeland comes to Orlando regularly, but this time it's an acoustic set. \$12

Bombadil, Park Avenue CDs, 5 p.m. If the Super Bowl is not your thing, go see this band as they make an in-store performance of folk rock. Free



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ever hoped a pair of sunglasses would be. Their square frames were not too big and not too small. The color was just right for my complexion, and the

Apparently, the square frame was out, the round frame was in, and I had been the victim of a drive-by trend. So this week, I went on a quest to find

PLEASE SEE FASHIONISTAS ON A11

The next day, I happened to be flipping through a fashion magazine when the "In and Out" section caught my eye. Imagine my surprise when, right under the heading "Out" were a pair of sunglasses that had an uncanny resemblance to the pair that had been the object of my splurge the day

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Best of Both Worlds Concert, Disney

The Eye (PG-13) 12:00p, 2:25, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55, 12:20a Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert in Disney Digital 3D

National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG) 12:45p, 3:40, 7:05, 10:10

Strange Wildemess R) 12:15p, 2:35, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40, 12:45a

Over Her Dead Body (PG-13) 10:10a,12:40p, 2:55, 5:15, 7:40,10:15,12:40a

How She Move (PG-13) 10:50a, 1:00p, 3:50, 7:10, 9:25, 12:10a

Meet the Spartans (PG-13) 10:25a, 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:35, 9:50, 12:05a

First Sunday

(PG-13) 12:20p, 3:35, 7:15, 10:00, 12:25a Alvin and the Chipmunks

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(R) 12:00p, 2:30, 5:00, 8:05, 10:30, 12:50a

27 Dresses (PG-13) 10:30a,1:05p, 4:15p, 7:10, 9:50, 10:25,12:20a

I Am Legend PG-13) 4:20p, 10:35, 12:50a

(PG-13) 12:25p, 2:40, 5:05, 7:45, 10:05, 12:35a Cloverfield

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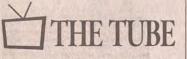
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No Country for Old Men

Michael Clayton (R) 10:05a, 4:10, 10:15

— Listings for Friday, Feb. 1



9 p.m. NBC Friday Night Lights Matt Saracen reaches a tough point in his life where nothing seems to really matter to him anymore. Meanwhile, Tami Taylor's relationship continues to grow with Tyra, and Julie becomes very jealous. Landry may have a new potential love interest that could shake up his relationship with Tyra. Elsewhere, Brian "Smash" Williams begins his three-game suspension and turns to Coach Taylor for advice.

RDAY FEBRUARY 9 p.m. History UFO Hunters: "The UFO Before

Examining a 1947 UFO sighting off the coast of Maury Island, near Washington State, two weeks before the famous Roswell incident.

6 p.m. Fox Super Bowl XLII New York Giants vs. New England Patriots at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. The Giants are looking for their first NFL title since 1991, while the Patriots try to become the first team to ever finish 19-0. There's nothing else on so don't even try to miss this game.

8 p.m. NBC American Gladiators The first semifinal round features returning winners in a battle against the predatory gladiators. Tonight's episode is extended to 90 minutes for the semifinal

10 p.m. TBS The Office

Acting on bad advice from his friend Todd Packer, Michael brings two "adult" performers into the office — a stripper and Ben Franklin — in honor of Phyllis' wedding shower. Meanwhile, Karen confronts Pam about her past with Jim. There is literally nothing on TV tonight, so why not catch up on the best show on TV?

10 p.m. Bravo Project Runway The seamsters rumble when they must create clothes inspired by professional wrestling divas. I'm not a big fan of this show, but you have to watch something and Heidi Klum is pretty hot.

8 p.m. ABC Lost The survivors begin to question the intentions of their supposed rescuers when four strangers arrive on the island. Oh snap!

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## BILLBOARD

TOP 5 ALBUMS: Artist / Title / Label

1. Soundtrack / Juno / Rhino

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Pocketful of Sunshine / Epic 4. Mary J. Blige / Growing

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Pains / Geffen 5. Radiohead / In Rainbows / MUSIC GODDESS

# Volta buries bad luck, creates genius

**AMANDA K. SHAPIRO** Staff Writer

Dubbed "The record that did not want to be born," The Mars Volta's The Bedlam in Goliath was finally released on Jan. 29, following a series of trials and tribulations that seemed to stop at nothing in an attempt to delay the album's release.

Like most albums by The Mars Volta, The Bedlam and Goliath conveys powerful narrative. Whereas prior albums centered on the lives and deaths of friends and fellow musicians, the new album is the product of bad luck at the hands of a board

Dubbed the "Soothsayer," guitarist and producer Omar



The Mars Volta Album: The Bedlam and Goliath 食食食食。

**Label: Universal Motown Records Available Now** 

Rodriguez-Lopez gifted fellow bandmate and vocalist Cedric Bixler-Zavala with this Ouija-esque game found in Jerusalem that told a tail of love, infidelity and murder.

After taking the game on the road during their tour with Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Mars Volta realized that their entertaining addiction was hanging a dark cloud over the heads of all who became bewitched by its story. A series of unfortunate events soon evolved, including the flood of Rodriguez-Lopez's studio.

The game's fate was a burial six feet under in an undisclosed location. Its impact on the album is immediately seen both in song titles and lyrics, but is further unveiled in the painful melodies of each track.

Powerful and perfect, this album is the culmination of The Mars Volta's music. The is told through 12 tracks, but Bedlam and Goliath could serve as the score to a space odyssey, with the eerie electronic instrument loops. Similar to the feelings surrounding the board game, The Mars Volta's music is haunting and The Bedlam and Goliath is nothing short of mind-blow-

The majority of the songs on Goliath emit a heavy improvisational feel. Various guitar effects and a lack of consistent time signature seem chaotic, but somehow manage to contribute to the dark story behind the master-

"Soothsayer" beckons listeners with an introductory Middle-Eastern string composition which segues into a melody that builds to include raging guitar and lyrics sung using a voice synthesizer.

Highlighted songs on the album include "Agadez," "Goliath" and "Tourniquet Man." The record's narrative purchases through iTunes digital download include covers of Nick Drake's "Things Behind the Sun" and Soft Machine's "Memories."

In The Mars Volta's true style, music distribution doesn't stop here. The band also offers the new album's release via USB flash stick from their Web site. The stick has a 1 GB capacity, compatible with both PC and Mac operating systems. Volta flash sticks include various goodies B-sides, webisodes and exclusive tracks. The gadget also grants access to new material when plugged into a computer on the 29th day of each month.

There are currently no Orlando tour dates set for The Mars Volta. For more information on the band, check out www.thebedlam.net.

Send questions, comments and album suggestions to: AmandaKShapiro@gmail.com.

### BOTTOMS UP

# Get the Scoop on this local bar with Knightly specials

**CHRISTINE MULLEN Contributing Writer** 

Black walls, sticky floors and the youngest college crowd in Orlando. These are all classic bar elements for the UCF Greek community.

Knightly Scoop, located at 11726 E. Colonial Dr. in the shopping plaza on Alafaya Trail and East Colonial Drive, has it all: nightly drink specials, random wet T-shirt contests and all the cheap alcohol you need, plus more.

When you first step into the bar, you will find your choice of beer games, such as the classic beer pong and the more innovative beer darts.

"The more you drink, the more you win," said Christian Romero, senior accounting major, about the game.

This seemed to be the common view of the bar's patrons, especially for those who come on Mondays to enjoy the all-night free drinks.

The Greek community doesn't benefit from just the inexpensive drinks; they also have a lot of different events at the bar to help their fraternities and sororities raise money.

One of the most popular fundraisers is the day-glo party. For this, all the walls in the bar are covered with plastic and all of the attendees are asked to wear white shirts. Even on regular nights at the bar, remnants of the fluorescent paint can be seen on the walls and ceiling when the black lights switch on.

Photographers for the networking site Knight Lyfe are often on the scene to capture the antics of the young crowd.

Scoop has a small-town bar feel because the regulars are very familiar with one another. Many of them even grew up together, including the bartenders.

If the young crowd isn't enough for you, the owners are just as young. One of them is barely old enough to legally drink. It's no wonder that there is a basketball arcade game stashed in the corner near the entrance.

The atmosphere is completed by skimpily dressed KNIGHTLY SCOOP SPECIALS

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SUNDAY: "FREE COVER" Free cover all night \$2 wells



girls, preppy guys and a mix of hip-hop and Top 40 music. Tuesday nights, people can jam out to '80s music on the enormous dance floor, accompanied by the hottest staff of female bartenders in town, said bartender Matt Werner, who is a senior at UCF.

Amid the three pool tables and band of televisions, the Greek community has found a haven. Even for the sports lovers, this bar becomes slammed when the Pay-Per-View fights are in full swing. For this Super Bowl, Scoop is having an after party free of

Monday nights are the most expensive with a cover charge of \$10 for guys and \$7 for girls, but it's an even trade-off for free well liquor. The entrance fees vary throughout the week, but ladies get a break on Friday night with free admission and \$1 drinks for everyone until midnight.

All in all, Scoop has become an instant classic for the Greek community. A place for fundraising, old friends and cheap drinks, this bar is the answer for young college students looking for a guaranteed crazy night.



A bartender at Knightly Scoop on East Colonial Drive and North Alafaya Trail makes drinks for patrons. The bar boasts nightly drink specials, the occasional day-glo paint fundraiser, a small-town feel and a large number of patrons from the UCF Greek community.





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(MOVIE REVIEW)

# Deliver us from the evil of Eva Longoria Parker

One looks at the ads for Over Her Dead Body and finds it difficult to believe that this movie hasn't already been made, at least 10 or 20

See its star (not actress), Eva Longoria Parker, laying across the title and beneath the tagline that reads: "Just because she's passed on... Doesn't mean she's moving

And you thought you already knew how to spell

Anyway, as far as the actual plot goes: Parker (Desperate Housewives) gets killed on her wedding day and, in the afterlife, opts to torment psychic Lake Bell (Boston Legal) once she tries to hook up with the deceased's former fiance, Paul Rudd (Knocked Up).

After she gets knocked off, there is a fortunate stretch sans Parker, in which the ever-snarky Rudd tries to make something out of nothing, both in terms of jokes and chemistry between him and the blandly genial Bell. But he then takes an inevitable and unfortunate backseat to the flat mischief of our shrewish spirit as she attempts to force the lovers - and laughs - apart.

In the ghost bitch's arsenal, besides fabricating fire alarms and fart noises: pouting and nagging, of which there is no shortage.

Ghost Bitch was allegedly the film's original title, and it would have been fitting of the limited humor and appeal of Jeff Lowell's directorial debut (heck, it might've been blunt enough to catch on as a female-skew-



Ashley (Lake Bell) has it out with the ghost of Kate (Eva Longoria Parker), who died the day of her wedding to Henry (Paul Rudd). Over Her Dead Body is in theaters today.

Over Her Dead Body Director: Jeff Lowell \*\* • • •

Stars: Eva Longoria Parker, Lake Bell, Paul Rudd, Jason Biggs In theaters today

ing equivalent to Snakes on a Plane).

It's just like Just Like Heaven, by way of half a dozen other relationship-scheming rom-coms, and for the likely undiscerning target audience, it delivers up enough obvious chortles and developments to hold them over until that Step Up sequel is unleashed upon the masses. But Lowell (who wrote John Tucker Must Die -swap names and you've got another title for this gem) relies on slapstick gags, mostly involving clumsy gay pal Jason Biggs, and a variety of other sitcom-level scenarios.

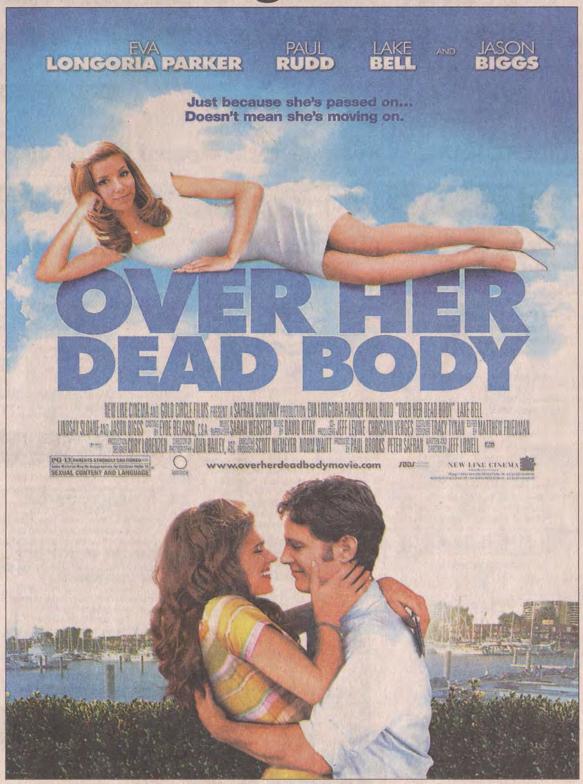
However, I'm not above facing facts: If the trailer left you thinking that this looks legitimately cute and/or funny, then it won't disap-

point ye lowered standards. Guys, you'll live; there are worse films to be dragged to in the new-year doldrums known as Hollywood's dumping ground, although films like this are the reason that films like 27 Dresses aren't all that bad.

But to be honest, like no other recent film, Body has most struck me as a film that deserves to be watched in the comforts of home, whilst folding laundry or otherwise distracting one's self from the sheer feebleness of the proceedings.

It's the type of movie where our protagonist harps on about angels supposedly having wings, while her ghost proceeding to cast an ever-present shadow in her post-mortem scenes remains a non-issue. It even has the gall to end with yet another of those effin' climactic rushes to the airport in the name

In the end, Over Her Dead Body really is that trivial, and if you don't like that, well, you can just drop...



# Fashionistas divided on shape

out what the women of UCF think about round frames versus square frames.

The first person I ran into was Dieu Nguyen, a sophomore real estate major who was wearing big, round Chanel sunglasses. They were rimless and so shiny that I could see my reflection in them when we were standing in the sun. They were chic in a very modern

When asked what she liked about the particular pair of shades she was wearing, Nguyen said, "It feels like I can hide."

That was a sentiment that was shared by three of the four students I talked to.

After meeting Nguyen and her round Chanel sunglasses, I spotted senior molecular and microbiology major Jennifer York, clad in bright-white sunglasses. The sunglasses she wore were entirely different than Nguyen's; they were squareframed and slightly transparent, but also made by Chanel.

"I think [square frames] compliment your face more,"





Dieu Nguyen, left, sophomore real estate major, shows off her rimless Chanel sunglasses on campus. Jennifer York, senior molecular and microbiology major, sports white Chanel sunglasses. She said that the square frames compliment faces better than round ones.

York said about round frames versus square frames.

The next two sunglassessavvy students I interviewed were not wearing designer glasses, but they were no less fashionable.

"I don't pay attention to designers," said Kaylee Jaggie, a freshman majoring in forensic science.

Jaggie said the only thing that matters to her is whether the glasses look good or not.

Julia Mitchell, a 24-yearold graduate student, said she did not like round sun-

"I think round sunglasses make people look bug-eyed," she said.

So the votes have been cast. After polling a handful of UCF students, we have a stalemate. It looks like my square shades are not down for the count just yet.



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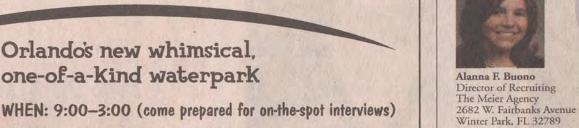
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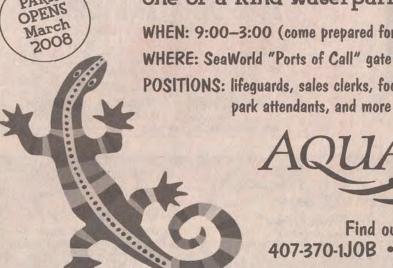
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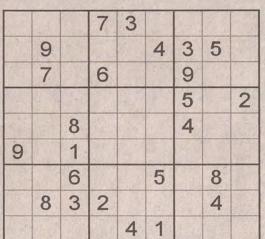
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- 1 A bit eccentric 6 Arp's art movement 10 Volcanic
- discharge
  14 Chilean pianist
  Claudio
  15 Farm team

- 16 State firmly 17 Mel of cartoon
- voices 18 Gale 20 Charlie Chaplin's
- brother 21 Rub the wrong
- way 23 Yours, long ago 24 High regard 26 Rooted out
- 27 Lose hope 29 Misfortune 30 Pointing, as a
- gun 31 3-D displays 36 Present Persia 37 Pursue
- relentlessly 39 Grow less 40 Rational 42 Gained
- knowledge
  44 Curtain holder
  45 Bears
  46 Loud uproar
  50 Northern U.S.
- neighbor 51 Put on again 52 Former Vegas

- casino
  53 Bivouac bed
  56 All of us
  58 Yep
  60 High point
  61 Continental prefix
  62 Up the ante
  63 D'Urbervilles girl
  64 Narrow valley
  65 City on the Ruhr
- DOWN 1 Touches lightly 2 Paris airport
- 3 Retailer
- 4 Summer shade 5 Mexican peninsula 6 Depressant
- 32 Hugo or Nebula 33 Some Mexican musicians 34 of Cleves 35 Sitcom stages

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