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Road, sweet road
Football beats Memphis for second away victory in two weeks — SEE SPORTS, A8

Environment
CO2 LEVELS ALREADY A DANGER

The pungent aroma of ethnic
food filled the Pegasus Restaurant in hundreds of small
plates of dishes from around the world,
culture and watched various student clubs performing on
stage at the 9th-annual Interna-
tional Fair on Friday.
Many students dressed in brightly colored traditional garments as more than 20 international UCF student groups participated in the fair.
The groups set up tables and decorated tables to reflect the country or cultural
demographic that their club represented. The students displayed clothing, food and
music native to their group’s culture, and some groups gave a stage performance, generally in the form of a dance.
"It’s a way to go around the world in the Pegasus Ball-
room in one day," International
Student Adviser Jon House said.
"A lot of people are unaware of how
many cultures are represented by the
culture and music brought by the groups, so it’s a way to
learn about different cultures and how people dress in dif-
ferent places.

Science
U.K. LOOKS TO RETURN OF THE BEAVER

From wildlife expert Sir David Attenborough to
Channel 4 presenter Sian Lloyd, the arrival of a unicorn will be
seen as a win for nature and conservation efforts.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to volunteer for local organizations, including:

- Nursing
- Office work: Calling/Data Entry
- Repairing Machines/Tools
- Programming
- Producing Audio Visuals
- Entry/Filing
- Writing

For more information about getting trained as a volunteer or to register for a volunteer orientation, please contact

Bonnie Brennan, HR volunteer associate, American Red Cross of Central Florida

For more photos and information about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.redcross.org.

Volunteer opportunities are open to all, regardless of age, experience, or background.

Evolution meets its probability

The validity of the theory of evolution was called into question in the 19th century when Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Darwin independently published their theory of natural selection. The theory, which states that species evolve over time through a process of natural selection, has been supported by a wealth of evidence from various fields of science.

Crist wants tuition increase

State universities could raise at will

Disaggregating his previous position against raising uni-
terest tuition, Gov. Charlie Crist now looks to saddle the student with the state universi-
ty’s growing costs.

Crist issued a proposal Thursday that would allow all state universities the option to raise tuition as high as 25 per-
cent above the state’s current base rate. The rate at which tuition is raised is based on the differential rate.

However, in a news release Thursday by the Governor’s Office, Crist’s rationale for the increases was not the state university system’s financial survival, but only as a means of redistributing tax dollars among the sta-

Student Government Association Sen. Justin Klein, Col-

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NATION & WORLD A4
PACIFIC RIM LEADERS SAY FINANCIAL CRISIS CAN BE FIXED IN 2010

The financial crisis threatens

The financial crisis threatens the world’s economy and could be worse than the 2001-02 recession, traders said Sunday as they recognized the need to clean up the system and return to normal.

 homeowner pushes hunger perspective — SEE A4

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HOMELAND BANQUEST PUSHER'S HUNGRY PERSPECTIVE — SEE A4
Chapter at the UCF Rosen College

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Young Earth Creationism is in contrast to mainstream geologic theories and efforts to reconcile science and the Bible, or Old Earth Creationism, both of which argue that the Earth is 4.5 billion years old. After the initial lectures from the Jesus Freaks, the creationists invited evolutionists to debate the creationists. Among the evolutionists to show included UCF President Viktorio Antonovski, PhD, who had to leave the debate early to teach a class. "Evolution is the model that has been developed by a huge number of investigators over decades, if not a century, and it's been peer-reviewed," Rozanski said. "It's not just a pretense." Kujawa received a $10 gift certificate from the Jesus Freaks he had purchased the ethnic magazines. As they moved around the room's front end, a huge display case was set up where the students' performance took place. About 10 of the 100 students invited to participate in the fair also gave a stage performance. Performances primarily consisted of dance routines put on by five to 10 students. Those routines reflected the group's traditional ethnic and dance style. The students performed, led by the Jesus Freaks President Viktorio Antonovski, where being sold, creationism magazines, and creationism books. The event ended by closing the event successfully, and it worked out great," Gomero said. "I think it was a great event. We should do this more often. Once a year is not enough."
Ricardo Pimentel Leon teaches his 12-year-old daughter to be a good cook.

LIMA, Peru — The financial crisis is making plans for the world’s most elaborate and historic banquet look less like a feast than a party.

Hundreds of guests and thousands of dollars were spent on what was billed as a $1 million dinner at a Lima embassy last month.

The event, which was shut down after 150 guests showed up, marked a moment of reckoning for the luxury trade. But it also raised questions about whether the global financial crisis is just another sign of how the world’s wealthy are disconnecting from the rest of the world.

The banquet was organized by Brazilian chef Alex Atala, whose restaurant in Sao Paulo is known for its avant-garde cooking. He said the dinner was designed to challenge the idea that the wealthy can somehow escape the effects of the crisis.

Atala told The Associated Press that he was inspired to hold the event by the current economic downturn.

He said the concept was to show that even the most elite can’t escape the effects of the crisis.

Atala said he had hoped for 250 guests, but only 150 showed up.

Before the event, Atala and his team spent weeks preparing for the meal. They had to make sure everything was perfect.

But when guests arrived, they found a different story.

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Smith said that the Red Cross is not affiliated with any particular religious group, and will refrain from using any cards that display religious statements or promote any one belief.

Group aims for 1 million cards

"We don't want to pay an extra 15 percent tuition increases," said English major Zanah Lynch. "It's not fair to throw it to college students because we don't have enough people participating in the national effort.

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Winning in Memphis

The breakdown
Good first quarter holds up for 2nd consecutive win

PATRICK BRENNER | Staff Writer

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UCF's rushing total was 73 yards, but that had more to do with the outcome of the game than the decision of the coaching staff.

Unlike the Marshall game, Memphis offense is finally starting to make its presence felt on the field.

The Knights jumped out to a 28-7 lead in the third quarter against the Memphis Tigers on Saturday and held on with 28-7.

"It's a good win for the kids," UCF head coach George O'Leary said. "It's a good win for the program, a good win for us."

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"In this game, we made a game-winning shot," Baez said.

Baez, who scored 36 points in the second half, was 12 of 15 from the field and 6 of 7 from the free throw line.

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Second-half woes
nearly doom UCF

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Trip to Ole Miss next

Weatherford gets opportunity to shine

A couple of double-digit runs by Curtis Steele and Stevens Black resulted in touchdowns, cutting UCF's lead down to seven with 11 minutes to play. But it all has done all game — and it has done all season — the Knights' defense stepped up. On the Tigers final three drives, the Knights didn't allow Memphis to get inside the UCF 40-yard line.

Joe Burnett's 6th career interception seemingly ended the game with about 2:50 left on the clock, but a false start by Mar­

nears to the next game the ball right back to the Tigers. No worries.

The Tigers reached UCF's 44-yard line with about 1 minute to play, but four incom­

tore down by a concussion. He
cut UCF's lead to 28, 11 , but that didn't matter. They were able to hang on to a win

Going into the game, O'Leary said the secondary would have its work cut out for it. The Knights had to play about 3 and a half, 4

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Despite UCF's turnovers, the Knights were able to hang on to a win after gaining 42 yards in the

Ferrell fumbled on the first play of the game at quarterback for the first time since Oct. 18, 2008, but that didn't matter. They were able to hang on to a win

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Urban forests will curb global effects

When someone says the term urban forest, you might visualize the idea of taking a walk through a central park or enjoying the fresh air in the mountains. In fact, an urban forest is any metropolitan area that is covered with large sections of trees and other vegetation. The benefit is that trees counteract global warming by converting carbon dioxide into clean oxygen.

Many large urban cities are undertaking large environmental renovation projects to increase their image as green-friendly destinations. Baltimore, Maryland, recently decided to increase its tree inventory, which aims to double the amount of street trees planted in the next five years, resulting in an increase of 300,000 trees from the current 120,000. This is a huge increase, as Baltimore’s current tree inventory is only about 5% of the city’s land area. However, the city has already made a lot of progress, and by 2010, the city’s goal is to have 140,000 trees planted. With this increase in tree inventory, the city will be able to capture more carbon dioxide from the air, which helps to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Holidays are an excellent opportunity to do something good for nature. Many cities are holding events that encourage people to plant trees or to help maintain existing urban forests. For example, in New York City, the Department of Environmental Protection is sponsoring a tree planting event on Black Friday. The event will take place from 5:00am to 5:00pm, and anyone who attends will be given a free tree to plant. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a local conservation effort and to help create a more sustainable city for future generations.

In conclusion, urban forests are an important part of creating a green-friendly city. By increasing the number of trees in an urban area, we can help to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and to create a more sustainable environment. So, let’s all get involved and help to create a better world for future generations.

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