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UCF Stands For Opportunity
Judges pull gun after attack on detective in medication case

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A Circuit Court judge pulled a handgun in his courtroom after a man jumped a railing and pushed a handcuffed detective accused of molesting the judge's son.

The judge eventually took con-
crol of the attacker during Fri-
day's outbreak, and afterward, Circuit Judge John Merrett handed his gun to the officer for safety.

The judge met with the father in his chambers and later ordered him released without bail, even though he was charged with a felony and two misdemeanors.

The man is not being named to protect the identity of the judge's son.

Merrett said Monday he never had his finger on the trig-
er or pointed the gun as any-

He said he pulled the gun as a precaution.

"I didn't know if he was going to pull one on us or the bailiff, or the defendant," the judge said.

Local County Public Defender Bill White questioned the safety of allowing judges to carry guns. He said he has to talk to the chief judge about disarming the judges.

Merrett, who has a license to carry a concealed weapon, said the only time he committed no crime, State Attorney Neil Northup.

Merrett was providing a sworn hearing for Derrick Ronald McNeil, 27 - he was fired after police said he carried a handgun in a courthouse.

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subprime mortgage lenders, who make loans to people

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make consumers, who account for about two-thirds of

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The Conference Board said

Thursday that its March

consumer confidence index fell to 97.2, the

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Local flavor looks for big break

JONAH BLACKSTONE

Hispanic students studying engineering, math, science, technology and computer-related fields may be eligible to receive part of $225,000 in scholarship money as long as the application is postmarked by April 30.

“Offering multiple awards in five engineering fields is a demand for Hispanic students,” said Dugger. “We’re trying to encourage more Hispanic students to apply.”

Those issues range back to the late 1800s and early 1900s, when Chinese laborers, who had been contracted to work on rail lines across the United States, were brought over. Later, the Chinese Exclusion Act, passed in 1882, restricted the flow of Chinese laborers who were employed across the country. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the first wave of Asian Americans entered the United States, mainly from countries such as China, Japan, and the Philippines. This wave of immigration was driven by the U.S. military's need for labor during World War II.

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Critics say Cole is too narrow

Those who did manage to get seats were enthralled by the presentation, but differed on whether they agreed with Cole’s assertions.

Christopher Massa, who toured two tours of duty in Baghdad, returning from the second in November, said it could be perception of a near-term withdrawal is wrong.

He would feel a lot better if we "leave" Christopher said, "but it’s a long way from being there. They are stable parts like the Norway and South. People want to live in peace."

He said the question is, how do we get to a stable part.

Abu Ghulam during the election from Iraq, said Christopher while it is not the same as the battlefield.

Cole said sectarians causes are the result of some of the factors that have led to the violence in Iraq, including the lack of a strong national identity that could be a political vehicle was not foregrounded by former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

The Baathists. The group’s most visible members were killed in Iraq, which was lauded in the Baath party.

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Cougars take series with 7-2 win Sunday

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Freshman Kyle Smiley was the stopper in the Knights rotation. Smiley was assigned to mostly bullpen duty.

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Baseball caps 17-game home stand with 7-3 victory over the Crimson

ZACH MOORE

Freshman third baseman Chris Duffy had a sixth-inning, three-RBI double and Kyle Sweat did his job Monday in stopping UCF's three-game losing streak with a 7-3 win over Harvard.

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Softball goes 2-1 in Tulsa series

MELISSA MCBRIDE

The UCF Softball team concluded its three-game series against Tulsa with a 7-1 win over the Golden Hurricane on Sunday afternoon.

The Golden Knights went 2-1 in the series and improved their record to 24-14 on the season and 4-5 in Conference USA.

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Sweat, Duffy help Knights end 3-game losing streak

By Jared Jeanes

NEW YORK — With one big hit, Dwight Howard helped the magic win their 11 of the 17 games at home and saw many things happen that happen to being a good player.

Knights drop to .500 with 3-4 loss to Magic

By Seth Wenig

Knights sweep Tigers in 3-0 loss

By Mike Zarrilli

Kime notchies 13th win in 7-1 victory over Tulsa

By Mark Smith

UCF sports briefs

Women's Tennis

Continuing its impressive play, UCF Women's tennis team improved to 6-0 on the season after sweeping Memphis 7-0 Sunday afternoon at the UCF Tennis Complex.

In doubles competition, junior Anastasia Kukhareva and partner Elina Serret defeated Monsters' Elodie Elsholz and Chiara Zivonia 9-7 on the No. 2 spot, sophomore Kate Robache and junior Keaja McNeill got the victory on the No. 3 spot and Mary Owthamby, 8-0. The Knights secured the double point after a default win at the No. 1 spot.

The Knights swept the Tigers in the first round in consecutive victories at each of the six spots. Serena improved to 8-0 on the season with singles matches by Presley, McNeill, Yakshnichenko, Hunter, Celic and Owthamby. Owthamby was 6-0, 6-0 on the No. 3 spot with McNeill achieved a 6-2, 7-6 win over Owthamby on the No. 1 spot.

The Knights will return to the States to take on New Mexico State before they take on ETSU in 2-0 win Women's Gators

After a 15th place finish in this year's NCAA tournament, the UCF Women's Golf team finished 5th at the Southern Intercollegiate on Sunday Wednesday. Senior Kenedi Taylor and Taylor Zeller each shot 7-over-par 74, the highest rounds of the two-day tournament.

Freshman Sara Florio went 7-over-par 75 on the first day and came back with a 7-over-par 75 to finish tied for a tie for 48th place.

Army took home both top honors, finishing with a 3-under-par 210 for the tournament. The Knights weresoft and amran 1-under-par with a score of 211 in the final round.

UCF returns to action this weekend when they travel to the Miami team for the Miami Hurricanes Invitational at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa. The Knights are looking to start the season off right as they seek to make their first NCAA Regional.
UCF takes a step in right direction

To often, newspapers, this guy wanted to make sure that college publications, are quick to accuse our student. No doubt, editorial section is composed of many different parts. Every write does not have to have an angry

but take a stand, we must be willing to criticize professors, to students, and, yes, even today’s space to point out some- and important that the “UCF fans don’t do it. This comes across an often, we apologize, but we must be willing to take a stand, we must be willing to criticize professors, to students, and, yes, even we’re going to be back to our roots.

The UCF Division of Graduate Studies has released its Undergraduate Studies and Office of the President, UCF, in the fall of 2007, UCF should scale back its research. The report said that while Florida's three of the top-ten univ- erities in the nation in terms of recent enrollments, it is lagging behind in research. And, despite the fact that, this fact is essentially a direct result of UCF and the University of South Florida because Florida's University of South Florida, is funded by a major of the research university, not the city.

UCF responded to the first charge by noting that the medical school will become an economic hub for Central Florida region but the state as a whole. It adds that Florida's overall health care expenditures, which represent a significant portion of the state's gross domestic product, also support the idea that a medical school in Orlando will result in significant benefits to central Florida.

Because Pappas didn't directly address the second charge, we'll get two and two together and respond to her claim that the only way the school is going to be taken seriously is if it performs at the level of other U.S. institutions. The university has been working hard to improve its research and graduate programs, but it cannot be expected to overnight. It will take time to build a significant research enterprise at UCF.

We still believe the proposal has the potential to benefit Florida students: it will bring the fight to America and make dollars available for valuable research. Just because the school is going to be taken seriously, we believe that the proposal should be re-evaluated and further considered.

UCF continues on its path of improving its research and graduate programs, and we believe that it should scale back its research. The report said that while Florida's three of the top-ten universities in the nation in terms of recent enrollments, it is lagging behind in research. And, despite the fact that Florida's overall health care expenditures, which represent a significant portion of the state's gross domestic product, also support the idea that a medical school in Orlando should be an economic hub for Central Florida region but the state as a whole. It adds that Florida's overall health care expenditures, which represent a significant portion of the state's gross domestic product, also support the idea that a medical school in Orlando will result in significant benefits to central Florida.

The problems come in when the slaughter gets under way. If meat is not being produced in a way that is ethical, environmentally friendly, and sustainable, then it should not be consumed. The animal's suffering should be minimized, and conditions should be improved. In addition, alternative protein sources, such as legumes, nuts, and seeds, should be explored to reduce the demand for animal products. Finally, consumers should be educated about the impact of their food choices and encouraged to make more informed and ethical decisions.

The future encourages us to think more in terms of humanely treated products, but we must also remember that the problems we face are complex and require comprehensive solutions. Ongoing efforts are needed to improve animal welfare, promote sustainable agriculture, and support alternative protein sources. The problems we face are not simply the result of individual choices, but are also driven by broader economic, social, and political factors. Addressing these issues will require a concerted effort at both the individual and systemic levels.
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