Starting strong

UCF starts conference play on top with 51-42 win over USM — SEE SPORTS A7

FIEA gets an UPGRADE

Vicon gives downtown 'Moves'

Vicon Entertainment's House of Moves opened a motion-capture studio this week at the Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy, UCF's graduate video-gaming school.

Located downtown Orlando, the school is situated near Amway Arena and the Bob Carr Theater for the Performing Arts in what Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer calls "The Creative Village." Both Dyer and UCF President John Hitt were at a special ceremony Monday to welcome the company to Orlando.

"All for sale by owner!

Around Campus, A2

Business Fraternity recruits new members today

The College of Business Administration's business fraternity is socializing again this week. The Pi Kappa Alpha chapter of Delta Sigma Pi will hold a social today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Q Club on Granada.

Local & State, A2

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James Mcdonald to retire from Florida's prison system

The head of Florida's prison system plans to retire in January after he served 18 years in the position. John Kimbler said Friday he plans to step down after the prison secretary to prison, state officials said

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Your Pictures Are Worth A 1,000 Words

The future is on the hunt for UCF students who participate in unique extracurricular activities during their weekends.

We are looking for people who might have an intriguing hobby, uncommon job or enticing pastime. We want you to tell the story about your weekend through your own words and your photographs.

Those who volunteer will be given a camera to use during a particular weekend to document their experiences.

The Florida may demolish Pike house

UCF may demolish new Greek houses

Land could hold 2 new Greek houses

The future of the Pike house may be coming down, making the land available for future Greek housing.

According to Yerkes, there are hundreds of different types of HPV with probably more than 30 different types that affect the female genitalia. A race to fix that was accelerated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2006, which approved the first HPV vaccine, Gardasil, which targets four of the major strains of HPV. Since then, the vaccine has been licensed in 80 countries and has been administered to more than 20 million people worldwide.

Experts say HPV infections are rising

Health experts warn that a common sexually transmitted virus that is linked to most cases of cervical cancer.

HPV is a group of more than 100 different types. Of these, human papillomavirus (HPV) and hepatitis B virus (HBV) are the most common.

Two thumbs up?

The future looks back at the best, worst films of 2007 — see variety A10

Med school gets new donor

More than half of scholarships funded

RORYN SOEDERSKY

After securing its 22nd donor yesterday, the UCF College of Medicine is just past the halfway point of its goal of finding scholarships for its first class of medical students.

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According to Levy and Sobes, the revamped site will also offer new concepts such as an interactive calendar and KnightLyfe's version of the yellow pages. Night clubs and students alike can be added as administrators and add events to the calendar. Visit the site and it will also be able to make profiles and tag themselves in events.

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Please see LOCAL in A2
Smoke, fog blinds drivers, causes 70-car crash

Associated Press

POLK CITY - About 70 vehicles crashed Wednesday on a highway blanketed by fog and smoke from a brush fire in central Florida, and local officials said four people were killed and 16 were injured in the tangled, fiery wrecks.

A stretch of nearly 15 miles of Interstate 4 between Tampa and Orlando was closed by several accidents, including the 70-vehicle pileup. Aerial footage showed the smoky mix of fog and smoke covering the landscape for miles and giving the sky an eerie golden color in the morning.

The poor visibility hampered rescue efforts, forcing officials to walk along the closed stretch of I-4 checking individual vehicles for injuries, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Larry Coggins said. The conditions later cleared up, showing charred trucks and crumpled cars pinned underneath some tractor trailers.

The names of the victims have not been released, but all died at the scene. Coggins confirmed that 38 people were injured, five of them seriously.

Crews worked late into the morning to rescue one man who was pinned beneath a crushed truck. Numerous tractor trailers overturned on the roadway, including a tanker. At least six of them burned completely.

"Everything came to a halt," said Robert Ellison, a motorist driving east on the highway about 6 a.m. "You can't see your hand in front of your face."

Ellison told The Tampa Tribune and WFLA-TV that he narrowly avoided an accident and stopped to try to help trapped motorists. "There was no indication of anything. Then you couldn't see 5 feet," he said.

One of the first accident victims was a sheriff's deputy, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said. Deputy Jack Turner told Judd that conditions on the road worsened suddenly. "It was clear, it was a little foggy, then it was total darkness," Judd recounted the deputy saying Wednesday morning.

The sheriff added that although Turner was shaken up, he helped move people to safety as vehicles continued to pile up - the sounds of metal grinding and gnashing in the darkness.

Turner was haunted, however, by those he couldn't save. "I watched a man burn to death today," Judd recounted the deputy saying afterward.

The Florida Highway Patrol is investigating the crash and the role of smoke from the fire that started as a controlled burn and grew out of control.

Judd said Wednesday morning he was "exceptionally concerned" about the decision to start a fire during dry conditions and days after a freeze likely added more tinder. State officials are still investigating how the fire got out of control.

Since Tuesday, firefighters have battled the controlled burn that grew out of their grasp and charred 400 acres. The fire, which is burning roughly 1/2 mile from the highway, is 90 percent contained, Division of Forestry spokeswoman Chris Kintner said.

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Snow conditions lure, trap outdoor thrill seekers

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DENVER — Powerful snow storms in the West have delivered the most conditions in years but also have claimed two more lives, resurrecting the notion that making this winter's sports season is no small feat, especially in Colorado's Wasatch County Sheriff's Office.

Avalanche Center in Ketchum, Idaho, said the most is likely to be killed at Colorado's Purgatory during the season, said Doug Averett, director of the U.S. Avalanche Center in Jackson, Wyo., which has been a powder day almost every day.

Meanwhile, a snowmobiler was killed New Year's Eve in an avalanche. The snow has come down so heavily at times it has delayed rescuers from searching for overdue hunters, snowmobilers said.

John Hefner, Colorado Department of Transportation, stands in front of snow Denver to take a picture of making its way through a traffic accident in U.S. Highway 65 at Monday.

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The recently completed facility cost about $25 million, UCF and the city of Orlando each contributed 60% and the House of Blues contributed more than $6 million in equipment.

Students who graduate from the program will have the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in theater along with a bit of education on avalanche awareness and what triggers them.

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Pet-Armacost said that the college owns the homes.

"It's going to be a selection process," Pet-Armacost said. "It's going to look at everything from academics to if there's been any conduct issues, how many people are in your chapter — these sorts of things."
ONE DOWN, 15 TO GO

Knights win C-USA opener with plenty of defense

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The modern challenges of global warming and population growth are conranging up with the world's most famous sled dog race.

The 46th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race said Wednesday it was augmenting permanent logistical changes that have become the norm for the March event.

The March 1 ceremonial start in Anchorage will go 1,010 miles, seven miles shorter than the traditional route. The actual competitive start of the 200-mile race the following day will move 30 miles north to Willow from the traditional site in Wasilla — where the Iditarod has its headquarters and part of Alaska's fastest- growing town.

“A lot of development in the town makes it less distra­lbe, and there have been less-than-weather conditions,” said Stan Hooley, executive director of the Iditarod Trail Committee. “It just doesn’t make sense to us to make choices that are not the best interest of both the two- and four-legged competi­tors.”

Long gone are the early days of racing, when it took days to cover the more than 1,000 miles from Anchorage to Nome. At times, it seemed as if Nome was never going to be reached.

“Of course, we are in the same situation that we are in right now in Nome,” said 1984 winner Gary Libbey. “It’s a little bit more difficult to get in and out of Nome, but it’s not a terrible lot more difficult.”

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by a total of seven points including a 104-100 setback at time with them. "Hopefully this will get us "I'm going to try and say It was a good present for that lives in the Los Angeles "get more of our stuff and come back." Dunleavy said. "Hopefully we're going to look at the film tomorrow and be disappoint­ed in some of the mistakes we made because of some of the turnovers and shot selec­tions.

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L.A. had a lot of games like this," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said of Turkoglu. "We like putting the ball in his hands and watching him. He makes solid, solid plays. Our guys out there right, let's finish a lot of games like this.

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The Last year's film selection got some thumbs up and some thumbs down.

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

0 ut of roughly 350 films I saw this year and about 50 others I missed, the titles listed below were the ones that lingered the longest and meant the most, both in the past few days and for many years to come.

The Best

1. There Will Be Blood (will open locally Jan. 18)
   Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson manages to make not only a film that's nothing like anything he's done before, but one that arguably makes the most of cinema as a medium. It's a staggering accomplishment, thanks in no small part to Daniel Day-Lewis, who hurtles it out of the park as the misanthropic oil man out for all he can get, from the film's first wordless stretch to its final frenzied confrontation.

2. No Country for Old Men (back in theatres Jan. 18)
   With the greatest of ease, the Coen brothers translated Cormac McCarthy's mythical modern Western to the screen, and in the process, they made a film that stands as both a crackpot crime thriller and a lingering lament for the ways of the world.

3. The Bourne Ultimatum (on DVD)
   Paul Greengrass took both the Bourne series and the action genre to new visceral heights with this kick-ass capper, in which amiable assassin Jason Bourne (Oliver Tomatino) is as good as ever. Finally gets to the bottom of the bureaucracy responsible for making him a killing machine. Here it is, ladies and gentlemen: proof that millions of pixels and a bloated running time aren't necessary to make a blockbuster for the most, both in the past 365 days and for many years to come.

4. Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (on DVD April 15)
   Sidney Lumet made a wondrous comeback with this mean morality tale, in which happiness and greed inadvertently send an entire family on one hell of a downward spiral. Philip Seymour Hoffman gives arguably the best of his three performances this year, and Ethan Hawke reminds us why we keep him around after all.

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The Bucket List
DIRECTOR: Rob Reiner STARS: Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman

How ironic it is that artificial intelligence seems to promote the growth of cancer when the very opposite principle seems to apply to every frame of this perfectly terrible, idea-affirmation balloon of the week in which dying multimillionaire Jack Nicholson spins his heavens with fellow terminally-ill patient Morgan Freeman.

Both find themselves- growing their fair share of green across their old coots skyline across the world to monument, race classic cars and jet likely to get saddled with at their age.

Open in theaters everywhere.

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly
DIRECTOR: Julian Schnabel STARS: Mathieu Amalric, Marie-Josée Croze, Max von Sydow, Helen Mirren

Meanwhile, a truly inspiring story in which Jean-Dominique Bauby (Mathieu Amalric), who had a stroke at the age of 43, remains in full mental awareness but is able to communicate only with his left eyelid. Bauby manages to blink his entire memoir of the same name.

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What a pity that Nicholson and Freeman do get such a steady rapport going, as it merits much more worthwhile.

The morally astute Ice Cube (left) and Tracy Morgan attempt to rob a Baltimore church and end up holding the parishioners hostage in

In the wake of Tyler Perry’s success with his shot at the screen similarly modest wrong David E. Talbert finds himself helming his first film. The morally altruic Ice Cube and comedic sidekick Tracy Morgan find themselves taking offense, as director Kurt Williams and others hostage when the Baltimore church they attempt to rob finds itself filled with paragraphs... and missing its money.

At length, Morgan gets a few laughs out of line delivery alone while Williams manages a chuckle or two. But with nowhere else to go, the Stockholm-slapstick scene becomes more prissy and predictable than ever. To his credit, at least Talbert never resorts to having us suffer the likes of Perry’s ever-shrill gospel mama, Mades.

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Uwe Boll (House of the Dead) alone in the Dark, Blood (Bayou) has once again roped in a bunch of better-than-this talent into one of his Dios video-game adaptations, the result of which seems to be some sort of evenly half-baked historical epic that — surprise, surprise — has good unreviewed for critics.

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