**BUSH WARNS OF ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN IN U.S. — SEE A3**

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Two faculty members ranked in the top 10 of the world — SEE HIGH

**DEATHS MAY CHANGE POLICIES**

Meningitis rules face strict revisions

**WILLIAM RICHARDS**

In Florida, the number of meningitis cases is on the rise, and the state health officials are reviewing the findings of several incidents last year. On Jan. 23 and 24, Philip Berky, director of Student Health Services at University of Florida, Dr. Dorothy Minear, UCF's interim vice chancellor for student affairs, will present research findings and a proposed regulation concerning meningitis vaccinations to the State University System's Board of Governors.

The new proposal would require all incoming students to receive vaccinations for meningitis and hepatitis B or provide an equivalent waiver.

**LEGAL**

**DON'T DRINK AND MOW**

A New Zealand man has been charged with driving while under the influence after a posted speed limit sign suggested otherwise. Bruce Richard Gunn, 52, was driving the lawn mower down a steep hill on Jan. 11 when he hit a car. Gunn said he had been drinking a 12-year-old girl he babysat the night before.

**POLITICS**

**WRAYING WITH THE SOLE**

**Fiona Slevin**

If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, it's too late to prevent a serious, possibly life-threatening, illness.

"I believe it's important (get vaccinated) because the preferred vaccine is readily available," said Dr. Robert D. Atwood, director of the UCF Health Clinic.

Every year, around 20,000 people die from influenza and doctors say the disease is preventable.

"It's really encourage people to do it. It's not too late. I don't want anyone to get sick now," Atwood said.

The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**A SHOT IN THE ARM**

One tiny poke can stop the flu in its tracks

**KELDA SENIOR**

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**Research dives into the crowd**

**JENNIFER LABO**

When Shreya Trivedi first arrived at Orlando International Airport in August 2001, she was taken aback by the size of the buildings and the roads in the city.

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"I was so homesick at that point," she said. "I told my mom I didn't want to get the shot."

But Trivedi now says that, if they hadn't gotten it before she left for college, she would have been unable to stay just off campus at the University of Central Florida.

"Hormone and hepatitis B vaccines are available at the University of Central Florida," Torbin said. "Even if they don't want a flu shot."

"I signed a waiver [upon first arrival]," Trivedi said. "I didn't think it was a big deal. I hate needles, so I told my mom I didn't want to get it."

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Meanwhile, University of Florida's chief infectious disease specialist, Dr. William Richards, said that the vaccine is not a high risk for students.

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**AROUND CAMPUS**

News and notes for the UCF community

Part-time job fair starts today

Career Services will be hosting a part-time job fair today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pappas Ballroom of the Student Union.

The fair gives students the opportunity to sign up for part-time on-campus and off-campus jobs with employers.

More information, contact تشرين19@email.ucf.edu.

**SPORTS**

Ocnel LaRussa - LaRussa, son of former professional baseball player Tony LaRussa, will give a guest presentation on the Kellogg Club’s ‘Sunday Night Show’ program Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Rodeo Clubhouse.

LaRussa will discuss his career in the sport and answer questions from the audience.

**FUNDRAISERS**

UCF students hold meeting Thursday to raise money for NY woman

The Social Action Research Team, a UCF student organization, will hold a meeting Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 204 of the Student Union.

The meeting will feature guest speaker Kathy Korbelak, who was last seen more than seven months ago, authorities said.

If official do decide to prosecute, Korbelak’s brother, Demetri Korbelak, said he wants the boy to be tried as an adult.

The boy, who authorities have not yet identified, was babysitting a seven-month-old in late February when the baby was beaten to death.

The baby’s father, Demetri Korbelak, 15, was arrested March 3 for killing the infant.

The case is one in which the boy beat the infant to death.

LaRussa will be presenting a new five-week class on college football this fall.

**COMMUNITY**

UCF students to hold meeting Thursday at 6 p.m.

The College of Education and Human Development is holding a meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union.

The meeting will feature guest speaker Kathy Korbelak, former president and CEO of a major hospital, who will be speaking about her career path.

For more information, contact tbsaas@ufc.edu.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

UCF board meeting today

Health Services Administration Student Association will hold a meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union.

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**SPORTS**

McLawrence said he beat to death a playmate half his age.

At the time, Tate was the convicted as an adult.

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**LOCAL & STATE**

UCF student organizations. For students the chance to meet representatives from more than 50 UCF student organizations.

**SPORTS**

For they are jolly good fellows

120,000 members and more than 7,000 fellows, according to UCF News and Information.

The AAAS is an organization that seeks “to advance science, engineering, and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people,” its Web site states.

Even though it is an American organization, it reaches beyond U.S. borders.

“The influence is worldwide,” McLennan said. “We have had fellows in Greece and the U.S. We’ve definitely branched out since [the founding].”

UCF joins the ranks of other, older schools in the country, especially the University of Florida, which has 51 AAAS fellows.

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

**SPORTS**

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Lauren Paulauskas

UCF has added another scientific notch to its research belt.

The American Association for the Advancement of Sciences recently recognized two UCF faculty for prestigious accomplishments in their respective fields.

M.L. Soileau, vice president for Research and Commercialization, and Henry Daniell, Pegasus Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, have been named AAAS fellows for 2005.

‘It’s always good for the university when one of our members is recognized,” Soileau said. “It helps spread the reputation of the university.”

Soileau was named an AAAS fellow for his contributions to research in the areas of laser and optical engineering.

Daniell was recognized specifically for his contributions to chloroplast genetic engineering technology, specifically his work to develop a cure for diabetes using genetically enhanced lettuce.

They are the first UCF faculty members to ever be named fellows for the organization, setting a new standard for the university.

‘To be named a fellow of the AAAS, a person has to already be a member and be nominated in one of these ways: a recommendation by a fellow, a recommendation by the Board of Directors of the Association, an endorsement of the membership, or by being named by the chief executive officer.

‘It’s a way of poor-to-poor honorific and recognition,” AAAS Communications Officer Molly McCloy said.

Most of the fellows are researchers and scientists, but there is one middle school science teacher in the ranks.

These two new UCF fellows have several other titles and awards for their achievements as well.

According to UCF News and Information, Soileau is the first director of the University’s Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers, and a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, the International Optical Engineering Society and the Optical Society of America.

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OPEC urged to produce more oil

WASHINGTON - President Bush urged OPEC nations on Wednesday to get more oil on the world market and warned that soaring prices could cause an economic slowdown in the United States.

"High energy prices can hamstring the economic engine of the Western world. They can also cause an economic slowdown in the United States," he said.

In a rare joint appearance, Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, briefing with Bush in the Cabinet Room, said the recent spike in oil prices was driven by a squeeze on world supplies.

"We're going to watch very carefully," Bush told reporters before leaving the Cabinet Room for a quick trip to Saudi Arabia.

"You just turn on a tap. It costs nothing. And it's amazing how people hold back when they have a choice," Bush said.

"The Saudis do not have that luxury," Rice said.

"I'm optimistic," Bush said.

"I'm sure no one will want to do what is best for the rest of the world," Bush said.

"It's better to be in the market than to be out of the market," Rice said.

"I've had a chance to talk to people in the OPEC countries," Bush said.

"When consumers have that choice, they're going to make the right choice," Bush said.

"We're leaving the sanctions in place," Rice said.

"I think it's better to work with the OPEC countries," Bush said.

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Kendrick Williams, who was arrested in New York City after fleeing a shooting, turned him in to the police.

Williams was expected to be charged with murder. The investigation is at a much lesser degree in the death of Stephen Joshua, who was found dead in his apartment. The investigation is still ongoing, the police said.

On May 30, a South Florida police officer was killed in a shooting. The officer was shot in the head, police said.

(Reuters, March 6, 2008)

**NATION & WORLD**

**LOCAL & STATE**

**Explosion rips through Beirut U.S. Embassy in Lebanon**

BEIRUT, Lebanon - An explosion caused by a truck bomb ripped through the U.S. Embassy in Beirut Tuesday morning, killing at least 11 people and injuring about 30 more, as employees were leaving offices and expatriates were going to work.

The explosion was heard across the city and was felt as far as the Mediterranean Sea.

Emergency responders were on the scene within minutes, and the area was quickly cleared.

(Reuters, March 6, 2008)

**Transportation panel mulls legis­ lation for student-aid programs**

WASHINGTON — A federal panel is considering legislation to protect students who use Pell grants from being exploited by “716” companies, which are businesses that provide financial aid to students.

The panel, which includes representatives from the Department of Education, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, is proposing to require these companies to disclose their fees and costs to students.

The proposal would also require the companies to disclose any financial incentives they offer to students.

(Reuters, March 6, 2008)

**Diversity brings benefits**

Diversity brings benefits beyond the obvious.

The benefits of diversity are many and varied. It can bring new perspectives, new ideas, and new solutions to problems.

But diversity can also bring challenges. It can be difficult to manage a team of diverse individuals, and it can be challenging to ensure that everyone feels included.

However, the benefits of diversity outweigh the challenges. When people come together from different backgrounds, they can learn from each other and work together to achieve a common goal.

That’s why it’s important to embrace diversity and encourage it in all aspects of our lives.
Study uses video to track crowds

FROM Al person from New York City would move faster in a crowd­
ed setting than someone from Oklahoma City, due to the differ­encing crowd environments between the two cities.

He added that these differ­ences can all be incorporated into various crowd simulation models.

Researchers say men and women also escape an emer­gency in different ways; "Men may tend to push their way through certain things, and women will tend to almost create a controlled environment, even in an emergency situation," Oleson said. "Women tend to look for an overall best situation, and the men are only concerned about themselves."

He said that these behav­iors change when men and women are in a building with their families.

Researchers have to take these factors into account when forming research mod­els.

Results from Oleson and others' research could mean better designs for emergency exits and more effective crowd control at sporting events.

Jennifer Reedy, an industri­al engineering major at UCF, started working with the crowd simulation team last year. She said that they are planning to review video footage from games in Bright House Networks Stadium to suggest how officials can improve crowd control on gamedays.

"One of the major issues that we noticed when we first started looking at [crowd behavior] was that [researchers] always treat the group of individuals like they're all exactly the same," Oleson said. "I never have a group of people where all of them are going to react the exact same way. When you're talking about rapid evacuations or just crowd-control situations, it's very important to know those differences."

Based on their research, Oleson and a team of UCF students and professors have made conclusions about crowd behavior using a com­bination of techniques. They begin by recording video of crowds in non-emer­gency situations. So far, video has been taken from Orlando churches, the Citrus Bowl and the UCF Student Union.

The video is then reviewed and downloaded to a compu­ter, and a researcher places a marker on a person who appears in the recording.

As the video plays, the marker moves along with the person moves on the screen. This technique shows which direction a person takes as he walks.

Then, an "optical flow" analysis is used. With this, the computer detects where a person is on the video and tracks each person digitally.

Finally, software is used to create a computerized simu­lation of how various groups of people might exit a room during an emergency, and researchers compare the computer simulation and the video recordings.

The team's research will eventually have an impact on the UCF campus and stu­dents. "Our research could help in the future growth of the school," Oleson said, "how new buildings can go in and where new parking garages should be put to help with movement of students."
College life puts students at risk

ADULT MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS

About 25 percent of those who develop meningitis are adults. Here is a list of the symptoms of meningitis:

- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Stiff neck
- Fever
- Rashes or spots
- Localized weakness or loss of muscle strength
- Seizures (These occur in about one-third of those with meningitis.)
- Body aches and muscle pain
- Bruises
- Skin changes (such as a blue or purple discoloration)
- Fear of bright lights

LESS COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Localized weakness or loss of strength or emojis especially in the face
- Rapid breathing and rapid skin or joint pain
- Loss of smell that occurs despite a flu shot

Symptoms may take weeks to develop.

College students are at risk because the illness is spread through direct contact.

FightMeningitis.org states that living in close quarters, being in crowded situations for prolonged periods, poor hygiene, drinking glasses, water bottles, or eating in shared areas, smoking, and activities that increase the risk of spreading meningitis, such as staying out late and having frequent parties or gatherings, put students and others at greater risk of contracting the disease.

Meningitis attacks the spinal cord and brain and can spread through the body in as little as 24 hours.

When you get meningitis, you have the same symptoms as the flu, and you have a very short time before you pass away," Callahan said. "Take it seriously." According to the CDC, out of all the meningitis cases in the US, 30 to 40 percent are fatal.

The board’s proposal for tougher vaccination requirements may save lives. "I think everyone should get their shot," Callahan said. "Better to be safe than sorry."
When head coach Jamie the Pan­...
Federer coasts, Venus struggles in Australian Open's first round

Top-ranked Roger Federer made a clear statement that his Australian Open dreams are still very much intact, though world No. 123 Serena Williams has no such illusions of grandeur.

Federer, who has won 12 Grand Slams, is chasing Pete Sampras' record of 14 titles.

Federer's quest for a third consecutive Australian Open title took a big step forward with a convincing 6-0, 6-2, 6-4 victory over 10th-seeded Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia.

Federer, who has won 12 Grand Slams, is chasing Pete Sampras' record of 14 titles. According to the Russian player's tendency to brush strands of her King of the Court blonde hair back over her forehead, you can imagine how it's going to be.

Each of Federer's 11 Australian Open appearances has featured a different man as his opponent in the final, with the last one being his compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka in a last-minute replacement for the ill Djokovic.

On a perfect night for tennis, Federer was often perfect, running off the first nine points and the last seven. His 6-0, 6-2, 6-4 victory left no doubt as to who is the best player in the world.

The Swiss, who was in top form and bagged winning points from almost every return, said he was confident of success.

"I think I'm playing well," he said. "I know my game, I know where I'm going."

Federer hit 32 of 40 shots, including 12 aces, to dominate the match from start to finish.

"I've been playing well in practice, moving well, serving well," Federer said. "I know that, with the full court, I'll play even better. And with the advertisement stuff, you probably even enjoy it more."

Federer said he comes out here every year and probably only loses a few matches, even against the best players.

"I can't imagine how it's going to be," Federer said. "I'm happy to take it easy."

Federer said he expects to play a lot of one-on-one attention, and a faculty.

"I don't expect that," Federer said. "I've been playing every tournament, so I believe I can win."
Knights to host Houston at New UCF Arena tomorrow

UCF guard D’Nay Daniels fights off defenders in the Knights’ 72-67 loss on Nov. 9 against Texas Tech. Against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane on Sunday, Daniels was second on the Knights with 13 points. She added four rebounds and four assists in the 65-59 loss.

Including grabbing 24 offensive rebounds. The story of the game for UCF was Daniels, who had an all-around great game with 13 points, five steals, four rebounds and four assists.

“She did a good job,” Williams said of Daniels. “We played her inside on Friday and on the perimeter today and she did a good job looking for her shot early and being aggressive.”

Daniels was aggressive in the opening period of the game, scoring the first five UCF points by hitting a layup and a 3-point basket to give the Knights an early 5-2 lead. A Daniels layup with 7:05 left before the break gave UCF its largest lead of the game at 31-16. Larrissa Williams, who had a game-high 13 points for Tulsa, scored six points in the closing minutes of the half to spark a 15-9 Golden Hurricane run.

The Knights welcome Houston (8-9 overall, 2-1 in C-USA) to the New UCF Arena tomorrow with a 7 p.m. tip-off. UCF will play its fourth conference game of the season. Last season, the Knights dropped four consecutive conference games to begin the season, and players know that in order to avoid repeating history, they will need to hold on to the ball.

“We have got to do a better job of focusing in and taking care of the ball every possession and treat it like the last one,” Williams said. “We will come up with some things in practice to help them make it an emphasis ... we have got to put it behind us and get ready for a very athletic Houston team.”

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Pitt's pull upset despite playing without two starters

FROM A7 Pitt in the Big East championship game 10 months ago, when Hibbert had 18 points and 11 rebounds to Gray's three points and five rebounds. But while the Hoyas (15-2 overall) had four starters from that team, Pitt currently has none, although Fields (broken foot) could return late next month.

"Teams felt like they had a better chance of beating us when we went down a few guys, but we know we would come out stronger, and we've been proving it since they went down," Ramon said.

The Hoyas, coming off a 72-69 victory Saturday over Connecticut, never led as their five-game winning streak ended.

They fell behind 8-2 in the opening three minutes and despite getting within one point on Jonathan Wallace's 3-pointer from near midcourt to end the first half, went down by 12 when Pitt started the second half with a 15-4 run.

Sam Young, Pitt's leading scorer with an 18.4 average, was held to a season-low nine points but contributed two key baskets during the pivotal run.

The Hoyas cut it to 47-44 on consecutive baskets by Patrick Ewing Jr. midway through the half, one of them a dunk off Jeremiah Rivers' miss, but Blair came back with a three-point play and Pitt never let Georgetown back into the game.

"We were flat," said Thompson, whose team returns home to play Notre Dame on Saturday. "I don't know what to attribute that to. It was a big game, and we have to make sure we start making hustle plays."

Georgetown was 3-of-20 on 3-pointers and, while coming into the game as the best-shooting Division I team in the country at 51.6 percent, was held to 44.2 percent - 23-of-52.

"We missed a lot of shots we usually hit," said Wallace, who had 14 points despite going 2-of-7 beyond the arc.

"Our shot wasn't falling."
Voting in Florida

same old problems

Can you guess Barack Obama's next move? We're not sure. Well, apparently Florida election officials are pretty sure and their move: the next round of canvassing. The voting in the Sunshine State was marred by long lines, mistakes and confusion—something that has been a theme in Florida voting for years. In 2000, thousands of ballots were left uncounted and the margin of victory between the Republican and Democratic candidates was too close to call. The election was eventually decided by a Supreme Court ruling.

In 2004, the Republican Party in Florida worked to prevent fraud by passing a law that required voters to show photo identification at the polls. Despite this, there were still issues with voter turnout and accuracy.

Florida has a long history of voter fraud allegations. In 2002, the National Voting Rights Center filed a lawsuit against the state of Florida, alleging that the use of electronic voting machines was illegal and unconstitutional.

In 2008, Barack Obama won Florida with just 52% of the vote, but the state was a critical swing state that ultimately went to John McCain.

In 2012, Florida again played a key role in the election, with the state ultimate going to Mitt Romney. However, there were concerns about voter fraud and the handling of early voting.

Florida's history of election problems has led to calls for reform. In 2013, the state legislature passed a law that would have implemented a voter ID requirement.

But the law was struck down by a federal judge, who ruled that it violated the Voting Rights Act. In 2018, a constitutional amendment was passed that would require voters to show photo ID at the polls.

Florida's residents are still concerned about the accuracy of their votes and the potential for fraud. As the 2020 election approaches, the state will be under close scrutiny to ensure that every vote is counted.

What will happen in Florida this year? Will the state continue to be a swing state or will it remain a Republican stronghold? Only time will tell.
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