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**Protein power**

Role of protein may help in treatment of inflammatory diseases — SEE NEWS, A2

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UCF drops third game against USM, comes home 1-2 in C-USA — SEE SPORTS, A10

**MEET THE PRES.**

UCF helps high school student meet with the president

**Turnitin aims to deter cheating**

JILLIAN KROFCHIK

Instructors continue to combat the temptation to plagiarize among students as they seek the urge to plagiarize.

Turnitin.com is an online program that verifies the originality of written work. It applies a mathematical formula to each essay and compares it with the database and then shows any matches it has found,” said Eric Main, an English professor at UCF.

Main said he teaches large classes and doesn’t always have the opportunity to get to know each individual’s writing style. This tool helps instructors find out whether or not a paper may be looked at closely.

There are currently about 650,000 users of Turnitin.com at the University of Central Florida,” said Faye MacDowall, director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

“This does not prevent plagiarism, but it’s a tool that provides students with an indication of whether they need to do more work,” Main said. Turnitin.com has been used at UCF for the past seven years.

**Project bid rules show up in audit**

JAKE BRIDGES

The recent state audit of Turnitin ticked issue with the threshold the university set for when lower bids for projects should be sought, however, new policies have allowed that limit. Known as competitive procurement, when a project reaches a cost of at least $100,000, the university must seek out lower bids. If competitive procurement is used, Faculty Senate Chair Maria Cipriani explained these bids would only be accepted from local vendors, with these bids serving as price tags for the project.

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BURNETT RESEARCHERS IDENTIFY ROLE OF PROTEIN IN DISEASE

Researchers at the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences have identified the role of a family of proteins that may play in the treatment of inflammatory diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and cancer.

The protein, called the monocyte chemotractant protein-induced protein (MCPIP), was discovered by researchers at the Burnett School. The discovery was published in the March 7 issue of the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Researchers at the Burnett School and UCF are working to develop drugs that can target MCPIP.

"My lab is working on many functions of this novel protein we discovered in my lab," Dr. Pappachan Kolattukudy, professor and one of the researchers in the laboratory, said.

Kolattukudy said he believes that controlling the MCPIP mechanisms may allow them to treat diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

"We can develop a drug that will regulate or control, inhibit one or more functions of this protein," he said.

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Tuesday afternoon, Mason repeatedly said the sheriff's office gave him the same answers about why it couldn't provide security. He said he was awaiting a call from Hattiesburg Sheriff David Gore. He said he was not aware the sheriff was going to meet with the church.

"We're on our own," Mason said. "It hasn't come without much hardship."

The Hattiesburg American-Debbie Carter said the agency was working with the city police and the sheriff's department, but Mason said why would he deal the same answers from the sheriff.

"We're working with the sheriff," Mason said. "We've had to deal with the sheriff." Mason has directed his staff to cooperate with the Bible-Based Fellowship Church.

"Welcoming fellowship church was scheduled to dedicate its new church Sunday, as part of the church's 100th anniversary celebration.

Mason said because of concerns surrounding the fire, he is attracting too much attention. "We've got more people in the church than we have in the last two years," Mason said. "This is not what we do. We talk about this." Mason said. "This is not what we do." Mason said. "This is not what we do."

Obama has rejected some of Wright's statements, although he he expressed great admiration for a man who preceded over his wedding and baptized his children.

Mason on Tuesday asked for more careful examination of Wright's statements, saying none of his remarks had been taken out of context.

The news release on the Sunday after theŢ02 terrorist attacks, Wright suggested the United States brought on the attacks.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Face in. 5, western rural minor town, creates causes. The Disaster Ministries, emergency management officials and a number of people along the White River in Van Buren, Ark., were atención or the region's profound flooding. Tommy Jackson, assistant director of the Department of Emergency Management, said he didn't know how many people were in the area near Interchange 40 in Prairie County.

Elsewhere in Arkansas, tens of state and federal officials were preparing Tuesday to examine flood-damaged buildings and businesses.

Bob Abey, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said he expected minor to moderate areas across counties in northwestern Arkansas first, and to more serious areas, where the White River was threatening.

The White River flowed after last week's storms that caused widespread damage to the Midwest. The river had been about 7 feet in four days at Des Arc and was expected to cross that mark today, according to the National Weather Service estimate.

On Monday, water had poured into Bayou Des Arc, a town about south of the town of 3,500, damaging homes and businesses.

Des Arc is one of several communities in southern Illinois, and in wide, at least 17 deaths have been reported.

Although areas wide of the town record was placed in hard-hit, the city of Cape Girardeau expected 3 feet of water Wednesday morning, and at least 17 deaths have been reported.

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Bystanders, as well as staff and volunteers from Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota and Loggerhead Marinelife Center of Juno Beach, watch as Urchin, a rehabilitated loggerhead sea turtle, heads back to the ocean at Stuart Beach in Stuart on Monday. Urchin was one of four turtles released Monday.
BAGHDAD — Iraq's lead­ ing political group called on Wednesday for a 30-day truce between U.S. and Iraqi forces and Shiite militia members in Baghdad and the south to ease the violence in the city and end the fear, suffocating many Iraqis by helicopters fought Shiite militiamen in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood more than six months, as al­ Sadr's followers announced a nationwide campaign of strikes and demonstrations to protest a government crackdown on their movement. Mementos shattered their shops in commercial districts in brands of Baghdad neighborhoods.

More than 60 people have been killed and several hundred wounded since the fighting began Monday in selected Shiite areas of the capital, including central Baghdad, west of the city of militias and criminal gangs that ruled the streets over control to the Iraqis in the southern city of Basra, located near the Iran­ Iraq border about 540 miles southeast of Baghdad, is the center of the country's vast oil industry. Stability in the city is essential if Iraq is to attract huge investments needed to recover from years of war and export licenses.

Iraqi military spokesman Qasim Dawood said the situation in the south was "very compli­ cated." He said residents spoke by tele­ phone on condition of anonymity because of fear of revenge.

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U.S. and Iraqi officials said a top Sadrist official, Ali al-Sadr, was in Basra, the city's governor said. A civil disobedience campaign which the national leadership had maintained close ties with, which provided them with weapons, money and training. Iraq denied the allegations.

Al-Sadr's followers have also been urging for elec­ tions, believing they can make significant gains in the absence of Shi­ ite militia, and that the campaign could unravel the cease­ fire which al-Sadr declared last August. A resolution of fighting by some of the armed groups in the short run — the security gains Washing­ ton has hailed as a sign of progress in Iraq — is on the road to recovery.

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MIAMI — Two construction workers were killed and five others were injured Tuesday when a crane section dropped at a downtown high-rise condominium site and fell on top of a home that a contractor used for storage, police said.

Another worker was reported missing by co-workers, according to Miami fire spokesman Ignatius Carroll. A canine team that surveyed the site of the more than 40-story Biscayne Bay luxury condo tower found no evidence of trapped people, so it is possible the worker had left without telling anyone.

Rescue workers were attempting to secure a severely damaged wall in the house before they could go back inside to continue their search.

"We're not going to stop searching until that person is accounted for," Carroll said.

One survivor was in critical condition, while the other four did not have life-threatening injuries, officials said. One of those killed died inside the house, the other at the hospital, Miami police spokesman Delrish Moss said.

The crane's main vertical section was intact, but the part that fell was a 20-foot section that workers were raising to extend the equipment's reach, Carroll said. It plummeted 30 floors and smashed through the home's Spanish-tiled roof.

Florida does not regulate or license tower cranes and crane operators, but bills moving through the Legislature would change that.

Carroll said the damaged two-story house was the home of Cameron Diaz's character in the movie There's Something About Mary.

David Martinez, 31, a Miami pipe-fitter, was on the fourth floor of the condo building eating lunch when the crash occurred.

"It was like a small earthquake," he said. "We looked outside, and we couldn't even see." Martinez said it took several minutes for the dust to clear so he could see what had happened.

Mary Costello, a senior vice president for Bovis Lend Lease Holdings Inc., which was managing the construction, said the accident occurred when a subcontractor was trying to raise the crane section and it came loose. She said the company was cooperating fully with investigators.

"Our hearts are heavy at this moment for the two deceased individuals, including one of our own employees and the additional injured workers," she said in a statement.

The subcontractor, Morrow Equipment Co., and the tower developer, Royal Palms Communities, did not return phone messages seeking comment.

The U.S. Office of Safety and Health Administration had two investigations at the site, Darlene Fossum, an area director for the agency, said. Bovis Lend Lease had partnered with OSHA in the past and was considered a company that went "above and beyond" in terms of safety and health.

"We have worked closely with them on their safety programs and feel very confident that this was one of the premier contractors on this job site," she said.

Fossum added that OSHA did issue five violations against Morrow in a December 1999 incident in Florida, but those mostly involved digging and not cranes. The Salem, Ore.-based company has faced 15 inspections nationwide.

The accident came 10 days after a 20-story crane collapsed at a New York construction site, killing seven people. Since then, New York City officials have told contractors that they can't raise or lower large cranes at construction sites unless a buildings inspector is present.

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Students wait to re-enter the Visual Arts Building. The chemical spill occurred in a janitors closet from cleaning products. However, the actual chemical has not been identified.

### BUILDING CLEARED FOR USE AFTER 1 HOUR

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Evacuated as a safety measure, Price said he and a few others ran up and down the halls informing people needed to evacuate the building.

He said everyone knew about the spill in three minutes.

Students and faculty were kept outside, while the UCF Police Department, Orange County Fire Department and Environmental Health and Safety searched the building.

Brow said that Environmental Health and Safety OCRF the building for exit and entrance after the search.

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**SPILL RESPONSE AND CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES**

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2. If you recognize the spill, alert and assist others in exiting the scene.

3. Notify Environmental Health and Safety at 407-435-3050, which is available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for power, voice record the spill to the UCF Police department at 407-435-5550.

4. Notify the appropriate building manager and laboratory manager or principal investigator.

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Barry University faculty member Dr. James Losito specializes in foot wear. He keeps the Heat on their feet in students.

"The papers are read aloud, which makes it easy for me to make the identification of questionable papers easier. This program does not grade citations or proofs of the papers themselves, but it we grade and can be an effective tool. Future software will be able to intelligently grade an essay," Malin said.

At all others, don’t feel that it’s necessary in their personal classroom setting. Vicky Brain, an English professor, teaches classes with 30 people or less and said she would prefer to steer clear of the larger classes. Her classes typically write four or five papers each semester.

"The papers are read aloud, which makes it easy for me to tell if the writing doesn’t sound like the student’s own," Brain said.

In a smaller class, Brain is able to get to know her students well enough that plagiarism becomes more evident. "I have a list of students who I know based on their handwriting," she said. Her students typically pick similar topics to write about, which has allowed her to get to know the handwriting of many of the common sources used.

"It would depend on the class subject and size," Brain said when asked if she would consider using Turnitin.com to make the identification of questionable papers easier. "It could be helpful for detecting plagiarism in students.”
IN FIRST C-USA TEST, KNIGHTS Strike Out

BRIAN MURPHY

A trio of pitchers who have been very dependable for the UCF Baseball team lately had a rough day Sunday as the Knights dropped the rubber match of their first Conference USA series of 2006 to Southern Miss (10-5, 1-2). After UCF scored the game’s first run in the top of the third inning, USM’s Corey Stevens ripped an RBI single to left field to put the Knights down 2-1. After UCF scored the game’s first run in the top of the third inning, the Eagles answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning, all with two outs.

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Boston Red Sox outfielder Manny Ramirez admire his 2-RBI double in the 10th inning of Boston's 6-5 win over the Oakland Athletics Tuesday night in Tokyo. Ramirez, starting the final game of a 10-day stay in Japan for the first time since 1995, hit the tying, two-run double in the sixth inning, and rookie Brandon Moss hit an RBI single that gave Boston a 3-2 lead and chased Oakland starter Joe Blanton.

 Ramirez, pitching in Japan for the third time in nine years. It was 6:10 a.m. back in Boston when the season began, and organizers tried to make it feel like Fenway Park by playing "Sweet Caroline" after the last out. Ramirez, taking the final guaranteed salary of his eight-year contract, hit a tying, two-run double in the sixth inning, and rookie Brandon Moss hit an RBI single that gave Boston a 3-2 lead and chased Oakland starter Joe Blanton.

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Lack of timely hitting do in UCF on Sunday

She also racked up 15 against the Golden Eagles. Happy to trade runs for outs. They trailed 9-4. He induced Russell and Eric Brown and Richardson all the Knights with no outs. A game recap will be in Friday's edition of the Future. The Knights won't go on the road for 6:30 tonight in Fort Myers. The Eagles (18-5) are 10-2 in the Atlantic Sun and have a .327 team batting average with 23 home runs. Six starters have an average over .300, paced by Jason Peacock's .440 mark.

Blackburn and Kime shine

Blackburn was named the Conference USA Pitcher of the Week. She pitched 15 innings in the series against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. She also racked up 18 strikeouts and allowed just seven hits and two walks. Kime was named the UCF Athlete of the Week on Monday. She broke UCF's outdoor 800-meter run record at the Hurricanes Invitational in Coral Gables on Saturday.
**Greek Stop**

- **March**
  - Friday 28th
    - (12pm - 3pm) - Greek Week Kick Off BBQ @ RWC Leisure Pool
  - Saturday 29th
    - (6:30pm) - Greek Extravaganza @ New UCF Arena
  - Sunday 30th
    - (12pm - 4pm) - Greek Games @ Lake Claire
  - Monday 31st
    - (11am - 2pm) - Philanthropy Tabling @ Student Union
    - (7pm) - Key Note Speaker Cafelon Cafey @ Communications 101

- **April**
  - Tuesday 1st
    - (11am-5pm) - Construction @ Memory Mall
    - (6:30pm) - UCF Baseball - Greek Spirit Night @ Jay Bergman Field
  - Wednesday 2nd
    - (7pm) - Greek Slam @ New UCF Arena
  - Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd
    - (6pm - 12am) - Today For Life @ UCF Track and Field
  - Sunday 6th
    - (2pm) - Greek Gala

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