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One love

UCF Men's Soccer player to try out for Jamaican National Team — SEE SPORTS, A6



Let's get nerdy Nerdapalooza Southeast 2008 shows Orlando's nerdcore - SEE VARIETY, A8



'S LIKE SPEED

A man in Las Vegas stole a beer from a convenience store on Tuesday, and then proceeded to punch out the back vindow of a city bus and hijack it. During that time, he stripped his dothes until he was naked. He only drove the bus about 200 yards before jumping out of the moving vehicle. He was arrested after.



Technology



The Asus M70 is the most fully-loaded laptop that has been seen in a long time. Aside from its massive terabyte of harddrive space (enough to hold a few hundred movies or a few hundred thousand MP3s), the multimedia system incorporates a Blu-ray drive and a full-HD display, plus an HDMI port, TV tuner and five-speaker stereo sound.



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AROUND CAMPUS, A2

LEARN HOW TO SUCCEED IN JOB INTERVIEWS

Career Services is hosting a session on different types of interview formats, techniques and questions used by employers. The session begins at 3 p.m. in their office in Ferrell Commons. Call 407-823-2361 for information.

LOCAL & STATE, AZ

12-YEAR-OLD PLEADS NO CONTEST IN DEATH OF HIS BABY COUSIN

A 12-year-old South Florida boy accused of beating his baby cousin to death pleaded no contest to seconddegree murder. The boy will spend 18 months in a high-risk juvenile treatment facility. The boy beat the 17month-old with a bat in January.

NATION & WORLD, A4

THREE POLICE KILLED IN ATTACK ON U.S. CONSULATE IN TURKEY

A group of men armed with pistols and shotguns attacked a police guard post outside of the U.S. consulate in Istanbul, Turkey on Wednesday, sparking a gun battle that left three attackers and three officers dead.

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TODAY'S WEATHER **ISOLATED**

950 750 HIGH LOW

Auto burglars look for electronics GPS, radar detectors stolen on campus **SHAUN BEVAN** Contributing Writer The UCF Police Department announced last week that

in thefts of Honda vehicles as well as motorcycles. Electronics are the main target for the burglaries, with the

the campus community has

been experiencing an increase

parking lots and garages.

"Anywhere you see a large amount of vehicles, you're going to see a lot of auto burglaries," said Cpl. James Roop, the community relations supervisor for the UCF Police Department.

According to the UCF Police department Web site,

thieves focusing their thefts in the amount of auto burglaries on campus have been on the rise since 2006, almost doubling in the amount of reported activity over two years.

In May, there were a reported number of 10 vehicle burglaries, 13 in 2007 and one in 2006, according to the UCF Police

PLEASE SEE HONDA ON A3



MAX BEHRMAN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE Auto burglaries on campus have been on the rise since 2006, almost doubling in two years.

SOCIALAGENDA



LIZA KARL / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Brian Moore, candidate for the Socialist Party USA, speaks to students about economic change and answers questions Wednesday in the Student Union.

Socialist presidential candidate visits UCF

The socialist candidate for the U.S. presidency spoke at UCF Wednesday to discuss social, economic and political issues, socialism and what he believes is the imminent fall of capitalism in the U.S.

Brian Moore of Socialist Party USA was invited to speak by Jay Jurie, an assistant professor of public administration and the faculty adviser to Students for a Democratic Society at UCF. Jurie said he asked Moore to speak to expose UCF to a different point of view.

"Especially with voices who may not get heard very well out there in the mainstream media, the university offers kind of a platform where those lesserheard voices can be brought out," Jurie said.

CodePink UCF, the campus chapter of the women-oriented, anti-war organization, co-sponsored the event with SDS. Amanda Mailey, a junior majoring in interdisciplinary studies, is a member of CodePink and welcomed Moore's anti-

'I think that a lot of people here are against the war," Mailey said. "I just want them to know how the Socialists feel about the war." Moore said he has been a peace activist since the Vietnam War, and formed

PLEASE SEE MOORE ON A5

SOCIALISM

Social and economic doctrine that calls for public rather than private ownership or control of property and natural resources. According to the socialist view, individuals do not live or work in isolation but live in cooperation with one another. Furthermore, everything that people produce is in some sense a social product, and everyone who contributes to the production of a good is entitled to a share in it. Society as a whole, therefore, should own or at least control property for the benefit of all

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its members.

Provision increases veteran pay

KERRI ANNE RENZULLA Contributing Writer

President George W. Bush signed into law June 30 the most sweeping expansion of the educational and training benefits available to veterans since the G.I. Bill's inception following World War II. Under the new \$63 billion provision, veterans who served after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible for \$90,000, nearly twice as much as the previous \$48,000 max-

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, introduced in January 2007 by Democratic Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, provides for 36 months of full in-state tuition, fees for enrollment into a public college, a monthly housing stipend and \$1,000 annually for books and supplies with an increased benefit eligibility period of 15 years after leaving active duty. The act also eliminated the formerly required \$1,200 program enrollment fee paid at the beginning of a veteran's service.

"Other then that the bill passed and the benefits from the new G.I. Bill will not begin until August

HISTORY OF THE GI BILL

On June 22, 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever produced by the United States government: The Servicemembers' Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the G.I. Bill of Rights. By the time the original G.I. Bill ended in July 1956, 7.8 million World War II veterans had participated in an education or training program and 2.4 million veterans had home loans backed by VA. Today, the legacy of the original G.I. Bill lives on in the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

- WWW.GIBILL.VA.GOV

2009, there have been no updates. It's a bureaucracy. Everything is slow to come about and they have whole year to procrastinate," Ross Leshinsky, program assistant for Veteran Services, said.

The payouts are commensurate with experience. Only veterans who served at least 36 months of active duty will receive full benefits. Those who

PLEASE SEE BENEFITS ON A5

No pleasure for students after closing

Pleasure Island removes clubs

MARY CRISTOBAL Contributing Writer

At Disney's Animal Kingdom theme park, Megan Jenkins, a senior psychology major, drives a safari Jeep through the Kilimanjaro Safari and promotes the conservation of wildlife. At night, she likes to frequent the clubs at Pleasure Island.

Pleasure Island is not just a workplace, but also a hangout for other Disney employees who are UCF students. Disney announced in late June that its Pleasure Island will undergo renovations, which will replace the six nightclubs with family-oriented restaurants and shops.

"My friends, co-workers and my boyfriend, who also works in Animal Kingdom, go there at least once a week," said Jenkins, who has been working at Animal Kingdom for almost two years. "It's such a great place because the clubs are free for us, and not only that — I think they're the best clubs in Orlando. They're clean, safe, there's no smoking inside. It's just a really good place to hang out with friends."

According to a press release, Walt Disney World has a plan to enhance Downtown Disney.

"Over the past few years we've seen less of a demand for nightclub entertainment," Disney spokeswoman Zoraya Suarez said in a phone interview. "We do have a clear vision for the future of Downtown Disney, including Pleasure Island and our guests. Additional shopping and dining will provide that. So we're in the process of determining the right mix of them and considering unique concepts

PLEASE SEE CLUBS ON A5

UCF gets new e-mail system

DONALD THOMANN

Microsoft has partnered with UCF to bring students a new, flashy version of the Microsoft Windows Live e-mail system. Knight's E-Mail is expected to completely replace Pegasus Webmail by fall of this year, and UCF faculty said that they hope to begin advertising the new program at the same time.

"We've been working on this project for two years," said Casey Hill, IT infrastructure manager for UCF. "We first opened the program to students in January as a trial, and we've had about 12,000 students sign up for it so far. This fall we hope to seek a marketing of the project."

The interface of Knight's E-Mail looks and navigates much like traditional Hotmail, with the exception of being branded with the UCF logo. It also brings a number of new features to the table that Pegasus

Webmail simply couldn't support. Students will be able to link existing Hotmail accounts to their Knight's E-Mail account, eliminating the need to check multiple e-

PLEASE SEE PEGASUS ON A3 mail



10 TIPS FOR BETTER E-MAIL ETIQUETTE 1. Be informal, not sloppy 2. Keep messages brief and

3. Use sentence case. 4. Use the blind copy and courtesy copy appropriately. 5. Don't use e-mail as an

excuse to avoid personal 6. Remember that e-mail

7. Be sparing with group e-8. Use the subject field to

indicate content and 9. Don't send chain letters.

virus warnings or junk mail. 10. Remember that your

AROUND **CAMPUS**

News and notices for the UCF community

Don't get nervous about interviews

Discover the different types of interview formats, techniques and questions used by employers at a session hosted by Career

The session begins at 3 p.m. today in their office in Ferrell

Call 407-823-2361 for more information.

Lecture series kicks off tomorrow

The Distinguished Lecture Series 2008 is at UCF, presented by the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Systems. The speaker is John L. Henshaw, a former assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA.

The speech will begin at 8 a.m. tomorrow in Room 102 of Engineering Building II.

Call 407-823-4685 for more information.

Free movies, but not in disguise

The blockbuster film Transformers is playing for free tomorrow night as part of the Movies on the Plaza series.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the movie is shown on a two-story tall movie screen in front of the UCF Arena.

Food, an Xbox lounge and trivia will also be there.

Go to www.ucfarena.com for more information.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

12-year-old boy pleads no contest to beating his baby cousin to death

FORT LAUDERDALE - A 12-year-old South Florida boy accused of beating his baby cousin to death has pleaded no contest to second-degree mur-

The deal reached Wednesday gives the boy an 18-month sentence at a high-risk juvenile treat-

ment facility. If convicted as an adult, he

could have faced life in prison. The boy was baby-sitting his 17-month-old cousin at her home at the time of her death in January. Police say he became enraged when she interrupted a cartoon he was watching and struck her with a wooden baseball bat several times.

Hurricane Bertha rolls toward

Bermuda with 75 mph winds MIAMI — Forecasters say Hurricane Bertha could become stronger in the next day as it heads toward Bermuda.

It's unknown if or when the hurricane will make landfall. Forecasters have been urging people on the island to monitor the storm's progress.

As of about 11 a.m. Wednesday, the center of the storm was about 550 miles northeast of the northern Leeward Islands and about 715 miles southeast of Bermuda.

Maximum sustained winds are about 75 mph with some higher gusting. National Hurricane Center forecasters expect the storm to re-strengthen in the next 24 hours but say there is a lot of uncertainty in that prediction.

Strip dubs daim that recession is keeping customers, tips away

TAMPA — It seems the lousy economy is keeping guys away from strip clubs.

In Tampa — a city known for its adult entertainment businesses - attendance has dropped at usually thriving strip clubs. Joe Redner, the owner of the wellknown Mons Venus club, says his business is down 25 percent.

Angelina Spencer is national

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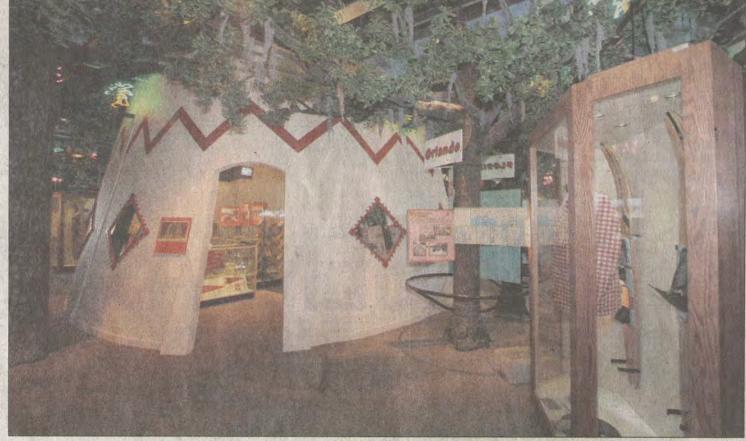
CORRECTION

In the July 7 issue, the article titled "Tale of Survival," Alex Mujica was not referred to as being honorably discharged. His enlistment ended in 2005.

In the article titled "UCF to study nursing homes," the research assistant's name is Gerald-Mark Breen. Also, the database is known as OSCAR.

In the article titled "3 UCF students compete in pageant," there was a fourth UCF student competing. Amanda Pittman also participated as Miss Seminole County. The pageant is formally known as the Miss Florida Pageant.





A model of a wigwam on display at the Tourism Before Disney exhibit at the Orange County Regional History Center. The wigwam is a replica of the wigwam motel.

History Center opens early Orlando tourism exhibit

JONATHAN HOHENSEE

Long before the Holy Land Experience held their first Passion play, before Universal Studios thrilled audiences with the Simpsons Ride, and even before Walt Disney made plans to build his world-famous Disney World in the early 1960s, Orlando was still a tourist destination.

Destination Florida: Tourism Before Disney is an exhibit at the Orange County Regional History Center that opened in May, giving museum-goers a glimpse of what the tourism industry of Orlando was like in the pre-Disney time period.

"It's called Destination Florida, but I like to call it Tourism History BD before Disney — because it is all about the history of tourism in Florida that happened from the 1870s to up right when Disney first opened," Sara Van Arsdel, the executive director of the History Center, said. "At the end of the Civil War, people started settling here. And with the coming of steamboats and the railroad, the rich would come down here and then this expanded to the middle class with the invention of the Model T Ford, which allowed the middle class to travel."

One portion of the exhibit is dedicated to the art of tin-can tourism, a pastime of many people in the early 20th century, where owners of Model T Fords would pack their vehicles and drive off on vacation, eating on the side of the road. The tin-can tourist exhibit features the compact dinning utensils used by the original tin-can tourists and a walk-in, life-size model of a Model T Ford, where museum guests can experience what it was like for the original tin-can tourists to drive during the times before roads were paved.

The earliest tourist attractions in Orlando had few rides or man-made exhibits and instead took advantage of Florida's natural beauty. The earliest



Collectable Florida memorabilia is displayed at the "Tourism before Disney exhibit at the Orange County Regional History Center. The exhibit, which opened June 27, is now a permanent installment at the History Center.

attraction, Big Tree Park, featured the Senator, the oldest and biggest bald cypress tree in the country. In 1929, The Singing Tower at Bok Gardens opened up — a botanical garden set among a giant tower designed by Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., the designer of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The Wigwam Village, another major before-Disney tourism attraction in Central Florida, first opened in 1971, and included a popular chain of hotels where guests could stay in small cabins shaped like tepees.

At the Destination Florida exhibit, there is a recreation of one of the Wigwam Village tepees. Inside the tepee museum, guests can hear the theme song from Where the Boys Are - a film that first drew the nation's attention to Florida as a tourist attraction and video footage from Cypress Gardens and Weeki Wachee Springs, a natural tourist attraction that featured women dressed as mermaids swimming under water.

"I think it is important for [people to see this exhibit] because a lot of people, especially younger people, have no clue that life in Orlando, never mind tourism, goes back as far as it does," Jen Cipolla, the History Center's marketing manager, said. "In the 1800s, people were coming here for vacations and everyone thinks ... that this has been happening for the last 30 years, but we have been a booming tourist destination for a long

The Destination Florida exhibit also features a small collection of rare Orlando memorabilia, such as souvenir plates and spoons, souvenir bags of sand that are used by tourists to put in their shoes (even when they are away from the beach), and a miniature porcelain bathtub declaring, "I had tubs of fun at Florida."

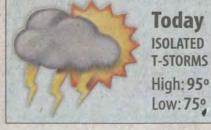
The Orange County Regional History Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. General admission is \$9.

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LOCAL WEATHER



TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: 30 percent chance of rain. South winds at 6 mph. Tonight: Storms into the evening. South winds at 6 mph.



Friday T-STORMS

Saturday

High: 90° Low: 74°

High: 96°

Low: 75°

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Honda Civics, Accords targeted

Department Crime Statistics.

"They're really just targeting vehicles right now that have electronics that they can see from the outside," Roop said.

Thieves are looking for radar detectors, after-market GPS systems, satellite radios and music players. Another item that you might not expect as being a target for burglary is textbooks, Roop said.

Honda Civics and Accords are being targeted for auto theft, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau Web site. According to NICB's 2006 National Crime Information Center Report, automobiles such as the 1995 Honda Civic and the 1991 Honda Accord are listed as the first and second most stolen vehicle in Florida.

Although the police department is doing as much as they can to prevent auto burglaries and thefts, the best way to deter criminals is something that each vehicle owner has to do on their own.

"Take your items with you," Roop said.

Roop also recommends that drivers use visual deterrents such as car alarms with blinking indicators or the Club antitheft device around the steering

The majority of these burglaries are happening in the garage complexes around campus, but this doesn't mean it excludes the open parking lots, Roop said. With a campus the size of UCF and the amount of people who come to the university, it's no surprise that UCF is

"It's like when you go shopping," Roop said. "You go to places where there are more stores. That's what the criminals do too; they want to find more opportunities."

Because garages are such a high priority target, the police department has been upping their rounds through the complexes to provide extra security, but it's important for the public to get involved because the police cannot be everywhere all the time, Roop said.

"Report any suspicious activity that you might see," Roop said. "We need the public's help because if we don't get that information, it's most likely that we will be unable to help solve these crimes.

Freshman Mitch Little agrees with this sentiment that burglaries are just things that

"If someone is going to take the time to do that, there's really nothing I can do about it," Lit-

Fortunately, there are a few things you can do about it, Roop said. The UCF Police Department Web site has an online personal property registration form that you can fill out to register your electronics so that if stolen and sold on the open market, they can be tracked and possibly returned to the rightful owner.

"It's very important that you know what your serial numbers and model numbers are for your items and keep them somewhere safe so that you can get back to it," Roop said.

But even with all the alerts and information that the police department tries to distribute, some students still feel complacent when it comes to protecting their property. Others hope

Golden rules of tanning

Come summertime, the rise in temperature is coupled with the intensity of the sun's rays, and for Florida residents particularly, basking in UV light whether intentionally or unintentionally — is inevitable.

Although some students prefer outdoor tanning, other students are turning to the use of indoor tanning to get their golden glow.

But whether you choose to tan indoors or outdoors, there are risks and benefits to both.

In order to get a tan, you need to come in contact with ultraviolet rays, or UV rays. According to www.healthlink.mcw.edu, there are three different types of UV rays: UVA, UVB and UVC. While UVA and UVB do reach the Earth and affect our skin, molecules of the atmosphere absorb UVC rays, preventing it from reaching the ground and thereby preventing it from affecting

Just like the great outdoors, there are no UVC rays in indoor tanning beds. However, whether you are tanning outside or inside, there is a risk for skin cancer

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. In 2004, 50,039 people in the United States were diagnosed with melanoma, while 7,952 people died of this kind of skin cancer."

Cynthia Vazquez, the spa director at Planet Beach Contempo Spa, said that indoor tanning has a much shorter exposure time than when people lie out in the sun, with the longest timer for their lowest power bed is 20 minutes. Also, every person who goes to Planet Beach must fill out a skin-type analysis, which gives an estimated amount of time that the individual should start if they have never tanned indoors.

By tanning in timed increments indoors, there is little to worry about in regard to over-



A tanning bed glows with heat. Indoor tanning has a much shorter exposure time than laying out in the sun. By tanning in timed increments, risk of overexposure is reduced.

exposure, Vazquez said. If you ning products [such as lotions, tan for a certain period of time one day and return to tan again the next and you weren't

burned at all, you know that

you can do at least that amount of time again.

However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Tanning beds and sunlamps emit UV rays that are as dangerous as those from the sun and, therefore, should be avoided. Remember, both tanning and burning can increase a person's risk of skin

Vazquez said that another rule strictly enforced by tanning salons to protect their customers is the 24-hour rule, also mandatory by the health department. No one may tan within 24 hours of their last tan. This is meant to avoid overexposure.

But regardless of the protective measures tanning salons take, medical director at UCF Health Services Dr. Michael Deichen said that problems can still occur.

"Theoretically, booths would appear to be advantageous because the radiation could be better controlled," Deichen said. "But studies have been done that say control is rather poor, and sometimes in these tanning booths, people get way too much overexposure and are exposed to a whole new risk of problems."

In addition to UV beds, tanning salons typically offer sunless tanning or spray tan.

"I'm not a fan of tanning beds," Deichen said, "[but] tancreams and spray tans] offer a safe solution that won't lead to premature aging of the skin or skin cancer."

Students exhibit mixed feelings on which method of tanning they prefer.

"I prefer indoor tanning if I'm short on time," said Mike Burns, a sports training major at UCF. "But I feel better if I lay out. I get a better tan laying outside, and sunlight is free.'

However, for most college students, tight budgets don't often allow for cosmetic spending. So, if you're going to be tanning outdoors, take the necessary precautions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stresses the importance of protecting your skin from these rays.

"Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays appears to be the most important environmental factor involved in the development of skin can-

when wearing sunscreen, make sure it is waterproof, as well as UVA and UVB protective. Even though Burns prefers indoor tanning, there are still

Also, Deichen said that

"I prefer tanning outdoors," said Skylar Melnick, a health service major at UCF.

students who disagree with

She felt that even though the tan time is shorter indoors, it is much stronger than the

So whichever method you chose, remember to protect yourself by following the golden rules of tanning.

Pegasus mail will be replaced

mail accounts daily. Students will also have the option of keeping their new account for life, one of the main reasons for the switch.

"Interestingly," said Hill, "there are quite a few alumni that wanted those Pegasus accounts for life, and we couldn't figure out how to do it. It would have been too costly for us to maintain our own mail system, and with students wanting an array of Web-based tools, we decided to outsource to Microsoft."

As an added benefit, particularly in times of tight university finances, it costs the university less than \$1,000 to host the system with UCF/Microsoft partnership.

students can now prepare detailed calendars for upcoming semesters and share them with fellow students, making coordinating assignments and projects significantly easier.

Additionally, Knight's E-Mail offers a MySpace-like community service called Spaces, allowing students to mingle and keep in touch; access to Windows Live Messenger, similar to AOL Instant Messenger; and the ability to access the system via cell phone and receive calendars reminders through text mes-

Those with Microsoft Office programs can even collaborate on a group project or term paper online with up to 15 other students. These collaborative efforts can then be stored in the SkyDrive storage center, which acts like a five-gigabyte external drive inside the computer and allows students to limit outsider access to saved projects.

And as with any new e-mail program, there is some concern as to how spam-protected the Knight's E-Mail system will be, but Hill said that spam attacks and gaudy, flashing banners will not be a problem.

"There will only be two one-inch advertisements about the Microsoft e-mail services," he said, "like SkyDrive or MyResume. There will also be more filtering of spam and junk mail, features that students will be able to customize. It's a guaranteed hassle-free, reliable e-mail service."



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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

executive director of the Association of Club Executives, a group that represents adult entertainment clubs. She says she fields calls every day from strip club owners around the country feeling the pinch of a bad economy.

But Redner says the economy is having another effect on the business — it's bringing out more women willing to give pole dancing a try.

Haiti priest accused of importing weapons wants to dear name

MIAMI - A politically influential Roman Catholic priest is speaking out about the dismissal of charges against him in Haiti.

The Rev. Gerard Jean-Juste is holding a news conference in Miami on Wednesday to talk about his legal case and the political situation in his Caribbean homeland.

Haiti's highest court last month dropped charges that Jean-Juste conspired to illegally import weapons. The priest was cleared last year of homicide charges related to the 2005 killing of Haitian journalist and poet Jacques Roche.

Jean-Juste is an ally of Haiti's ousted former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The priest led thousands of Haitians in an April rally that called for Aristide's return.

Police find \$10,000 worth of cocaine in a baby bottle

ST. PETERSBURG — Hillsborough County narcotics investigators found some cocaine hidden in an usual spot during a traffic stop — a baby

Authorities found nine ounces of cocaine in Joe Del Toro's car when they stopped him Monday. That's about \$10,000 dollars worth.

Del Toro, 19, faces a charge of trafficking in cocaine.

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HIGHER **EDUCATION**

What's in the news at colleges around the country

\$31 million in proposed budget cuts worry Nevada colleges

RENO. Nev. - The head of Nevada's higher education system says potential budget cuts in the double-digit percentile range would devastate the state's colleges and universities for years to come.
"The Nevada System of

Higher Education has been forced to cut its already lean campus budgets in ways that have a direct, negative and severe impact on its students," Chancellor Jim Rogers said.

"The system must now attempt to deal with the new reality of reducing course offerings and creating overcrowded classrooms.

"Students will take longer to graduate, and many will not graduate at all," he said.

Last week, University of Nevada, Reno President Milton Glick said if 14 percent cuts are required for the 2009-11 budget cycle, the school's marching band could be eliminated and the contracts of 36 faculty members would not be renewed.

Glick on Monday said another 70 currently vacant faculty and administrative positions have been identified for possible elimination if nec-

But he said those positions would save only about a third of the \$31 million in cuts being targeted, and other reductions would have to come from academic programs.

"If these numbers are real, we're going to have to look at programs," Glick said. "You can't take out \$30 million and leave programs intact.

"It's not something we look forward to doing," he said "We'd have to do it with the consultation of faculty and appropriate students."

The cuts and proposed greater cuts are also hitting Truckee Meadows Community College and Western Neva-

TMCC has eliminated 27 positions and will not fill 46 vacancies in administration, faculty and classified staff, officials said.

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Armed attack in front of U.S. consulate in Turkey kills three

ISTANBUL, Turkey -Men armed with pistols and shotguns attacked a police guard post outside the U.S. consulate in Istanbul on Wednesday, sparking a gun battle that left three attackers and three officers dead.

Turkish and U.S. officials called the shooting a terrorist attack. The U.S. ambassador to Turkey and Turkey's foreign ministry said security around all American diplomatic missions in Turkey had been increased.

Footage from a security camera at the site showed four armed and bearded men emerging from a car and killing a traffic policeman, then running toward a guard post some 50 yards away as other policemen fired back, the Dogan news agency reported.

The shootout caused panic and scattered people who were waiting in a line for visas. U.S. security personnel went inside the compound because they are not authorized to engage in armed action on Turkish soil, Dogan said.

A fourth policeman and the driver of a towing vehicle were wounded in the attack, Istanbul Gov. Muammer Guler said.

U.S. Ambassador Ross Wilson said the consul general in Istanbul, Sharon Wiener, told him that that consulate staff were "safe and accounted for."

Jamie Lynn Spears shows off her newborn baby, Maddie, in OK!

NEW YORK — Weeks after giving birth to daughter Maddie Briann, Jamie Lynn Spears is showing off the newborn, sharing memories of a "perfect" delivery and longing to be a Southern soc-

Spears and fiance Casey Aldridge welcomed Maddie at a hospital in McComb, Miss., on June 19. The younger sister of Britney Spears poses with her on the cover of OK! magazine - as expected, given the fact that Spears announced her pregnancy through an article in OK! and reportedly was to receive a large payday for exclusive pictures of the baby.

The photos were taken at the pair's Mississippi home. The magazine does not comment on the terms of its deals with celebrities.

In an interview with OK!, the 17-year-old Jamie Lynn said she had been nervous about giving birth "but it all fell into place. I was right on schedule. I had a perfect pregnancy and a perfect delivery. I was very blessed."

Jamie Lynn said watching Aldridge, a pipe-layer from Liberty, Miss., hold Maddie for the first time "was the coolest thing. ... He was so happy, and that made me the

happiest person alive."

Jamie Lynn's immediate family — including big sister Britney — were there for the birth, though Aldridge was the only one allowed in the delivery room.

Lynne Spears, already grandmother to Britney's young sons, told the magazine: "You never remember how little they are, and then you hold them. I purred like a kitten, and I remember saying, 'Jamie Lynn, she's so beautiful."

Jamie Lynn said Maddie sleeps in a bassinet by the couple's bed because she's "not ready to put her all the way across the house."

She said Lynne Spears is a hands-on grandma.

"Mama has been here a bunch," she said.

A Turkish policeman stands guard next to an ambulance outside of the U.S. Consulate after an attack in Instanbul, Turkey. Three attackers and three police were killed.

Marines commander says 400

insurgents dead in Afghanistan KABUL, Afghanistan - A U.S. Marines commander said Wednesday his troops have killed 400 insurgents in southern Afghanistan since late April.

Col. Peter Petronzio, the commander of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, said the figure came from the governor of the southern Helmand province, where his troops have been deployed since late April.

Some 2,200 U.S. Marines moved into the town of Garmser in Helmand province to clean the area of

Helmand province is the world's largest opium poppy growing region, the main ingredient in heroin. It is also the area with the highest level of insurgent activity in the country.

After months of fighting around Garmser, Petronzio said the area is not yet secure but is more stable.

Petronzio said NATO and Afghan forces are committed to completing their mission in an area that is an important gateway for insurgent fighters smuggling weapons from Pakistan. The Marines will be replaced by British troops this

Meanwhile, the top NATO commander told the Associated Press in an interview this week that rockets and mortars fired from militants in Pakistan at U.S. and Afghan outposts Afghanistan have spiked in the last month.

Paradise evacuated as 40 homes and 10 structures burned in fire

PARADISE, Calif. -Thousands of people were ordered to get out of Paradise on Wednesday as an out-ofcontrol wildfire threatened the Northern California city that also was devastated by flames just weeks ago.

Authorities ordered residents of 3,200 Paradise homes to evacuate after the wind-stoked fire destroyed 40 homes and 10 structures Tuesday in the nearby rural community of Concow. Evacuation orders remained in effect for 1,000 residents of Concow and Yankee Hill, about 85 miles north of Sacra-

Officials said more than 3,800 homes were threatened by the flames Wednesday. Another wildfire destroyed 74 homes in Paradise last

Two shelters were full Wednesday morning with 500 evacuees, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokeswoman Melissa Smith said.

The blaze had flared up early Tuesday after erratic winds blew embers across fire containment lines.

Firefighters were facing a sudden drop in humidity and a 10-degree spike in temperatures as a heat wave, forecast to linger until the weekend, grips much of the state.

About 30 lightning-sparked wildfires in Butte County, where Paradise and Concow are located, have charred 47,000 acres in recent weeks and were about 40 percent contained, officials said.

Among those evacuated Tuesday were 95 children at a camp for kids with cancer, 70 miles north of Sacramento.

Fire crews across the state have been trying to cover hundreds of active California wildfires, many of which were ignited by a lightning storm more than two weeks

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Rainy days



Students huddle under umbrellas as they rush to escape the rain Tuesday outside of the Education Complex. As the summer continues in full swing, afternoon thunderstorms have become a daily occurrence. Many students come equipped with umbrellas.

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from around the globe. And we look forward sharing our progress over in the coming months."

Jenkins, junior public administration major Kellen Hicks and junior cinema studies major Brent Kunze are members of Facebook groups that are trying to stop Disney from closing the nightclubs.

Hicks worked at 8 Trax, one of Pleasure Island's six nightclubs, in January 2005. He now works in the admissions department of Downtown Disney.

"Having worked there [at a nightclub], I can tell you it was almost as if Disney executives were trying to fail a very popular and profitable location," Hicks said.

Hicks said Disney was intentionally discouraging guests from attending the nightclubs by changing the entry age from 18 to 21, having stricter I.D. restrictions such as no admission if the I.D. is one day expired, and not having enough bartenders at Pleasure Island on Gay Day, which resulted in a 35 to 45 minute wait.

In response to Hicks's comments, Suarez said, "Disney's decision is mostly based on guest feedback. We're seeing more demand for shopping and dining experiences and less demand for clubs. Certainly we understand that some guests may be disappointed by the closing of the Adventurer's Club and some of the others, but we believe that it is necessary for implementing our long-term vision for Downtown Disney."

thinks the Jenkins renovation of Pleasure Island will affect her socially.

"I have a lot of friends who would come with us; we would get them discounts to go. And once it's gone we have to think about where else we can go. A lot of other clubs have just not had very good reputations," Jenkins said. "We're probably going to stay home a lot more just hanging out in apartments. It. kind of stinks."

Kunze worked in the operations department, which



The dance floor and light show set the standard for Mannequins Dance Palace at Downtown Disney's Pleasure Island.

coming guests into the clubs. Kunze recently became an entertainment technician at Pleasure Island, who is in charge of the lighting, audio and video for a street show called "PI Live."

'Even though I only started there a couple of weeks ago, it's really cool to see the guests' reactions when they realized that the music videos and the voices that they have been hearing throughout Pleasure Island are actually coming from our booths. It's not a pre-recorded show. It's great to watch the guests' interactions. It's a unique form of entertainment that you can't find anywhere else in the park," Kunze said.

Kunze said Pleasure Island nightclubs were ground-breaking and provided fullscene experiences that none of the clubs downtown Orlando can offer.

Downtown Disney cast members Kunze and Hicks both said their hours might be affected by the Pleasure Island renovation. Hicks said Disney will place cast members in other locations within the theme park.

"It kind of affects everybody when they absorb the operations; some people might have their hours cut," Kunze said. "In that essence I'm one of the lucky ones because technical entertainment itself is a global thing so all of us technicians will be absorbed into other parks or other business. But for other people - the DJs, bartenders, performers — they suffer the most because their positions are specialized at Pleasure involves ticketing and wel- Island. It's going to be very difficult for them to be placed in different parks even though the company has promised to try to assist them as best as they can."

Jenkins said she will miss getting in Pleasure Island for free as a cast member.

"Being a college student, that was a really nice option," Jenkins said, "but mostly it gave us a really nice place to hang out with co-workers, which is one of your biggest social networks."

Kunze said he will miss the Adventurer's Club the most. "It was an adult form of Disney magic that will be very very hard to replace and I'll miss the creativity that our crew members brought to that area," Kunze said.

The renovation will also Orange County because it will alienate the locals a little bit, Kunze said.

"It's great that Disney's bringing in new restaurants and shops but I think for the most part, a UCF college student can't afford the themed dining that Disney offers as it is. Like Rainforest Cafe their food is very out of range for UCF students. They're used to going to Ale House or Wackadoo's," Kunze said.

One of the things with Disney is they're extremely smart," said Danielle Courtenay, who is the senior vice president of global publicity and public affairs of Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau Inc., which is not affiliated with Walt Disney World. "They do a lot of research prior to making any changes to its products. So I'm sure this has been well researched. And that the research shows this is the direction that they should go - to the fact in mind the visitation to the area as well as the product offering to the visitors."

Down the line, Jenkins said that the renovation might force her to venture out to Downtown Orlando or Universal Studios' CityWalk to go clubbing.

"I think it will impact students because there's no longer clubs we can go where we feel safe to hang out and have the themed entertainment that Pleasure Island nightclubs provided," Kunze

Benefits begin in August 2009

served between three and 35 months are eligible for between 40 percent and 90 percent of benefits in proportion with their duration of service.

Previously, veterans complained that the Montgomery Bill alone failed to provide them with enough money for a full four years of college education. Webb designed the bill in answer to this malaise. The new bill provides today's veterans with the same level of educational support received by World War II soldiers.

"I never struggled financially. I got the kicker. But if you just had the G.I. Bill you were going to struggle," Jerome Ford, a 26-year-old sociology major said.

Last spring, 850 students attended UCF under the assistance of G.I. benefits.

The act is expected to have little impact on students receiving G.I. benefits in Florida; however, because the state has the lowest tuition in the nation, and as such, was generally covered in full by the former bill.

"I'll have graduated by then [August 2009], so it wont affect me at all," Belony Omeus, a 25-year-old psychology major said. "It's good to know that those coming behind me will have a little bit more money to pay for tuition.'

Benefits may now be transferred to a spouse or child, as long as the soldier agrees to serve 10 years of active duty. "Increased benefits that

apply to families are a great retention tool," Maj. Brian Fallon, assistant professor of Military Science said.

The passage of this act has sparked debate over the prudence of the new provisions; will this spur more people to enlist in the hope of funding college through patriotism or encourage the already enlisted to lay down their arms and

pick up the books? "The effect will be neutral. It will increase new recruitment but it won't retain

them," Leshinsky said. The Veterans Act was title V of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008, which also provides funding of \$162 billion for continued U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, \$2.7 billion in emergency flood relief for the Midwest and a 13week extension of unemployment benefits.

The bill was passed in the Senate by a vote of 96-12. The House of Representatives approved the bill's war funding measures and domestic measure separately by a vote of 268-155 and 416 -12 respec-

Moore wants classless society

the Nature Coast Coalition for Peace and Justice in west central Florida in 2002.

He found a home for his views regarding peace in Socialist Party USA, which advocates the eradication of nuclear programs and gross reductions to the military. Moore has been with the party for a year-and-a-half.

Moore campaigns for a classless society, with universal health care, housing and individual incomes of more than \$35,000. He said in such a society, penalties would be set against those who violate either the sharing or labor aspects the socialist system. But he doesn't believe such

radical change is going to occur through his actions. Rather, he said during his speech, that such radical change would occur through revolution.

"We believe that we will not change the system electorally," Moore said. "We believe ultimately that there will be a confrontation between the workers and the owners."

He said that without radical change, unrest resulting

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LIZA KARL / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE Brian Moore, candidate for the Socialist Party, speaks to students about a classless society with healthcare for all.

from a capitalistic system will lead to the collapse of the country and the rise of a dic-"What happens when that

occurs is you have anarchy," he said. "And then you have a white knight on a horse that comes in and that could be a right wing dictator or a left wing dictator."

After Moore finished his presentation, the floor was open to questions. The students of differing political ideologies challenged Moore's socialist views and each others', initiating a conversational dialogue with the candidate. Benjamin Collard, a senior

business and legal studies major, attended to debate Moore. "We're all forced into this

collectivism," Collard said, who calls himself an objectivist, which is similar to libertarianism. "It doesn't benefit everybody."

Moore said he hopes to make it on 20 state ballots. Florida, which Moore said is one of the easiest states, calls for a party to justify its existence to be included on the presidential ballot. Moore needs 27 registered Socialist Party members to agree to be electors and file the necessary paperwork. At press time he had 16 electors, and said he expects to gain the rest by the end of the week.

Jurie said he hopes that attendees will consider third parties when they vote in November.

"I want for people to vote their conscience, no matter who that is or what that's for," he said. "You have one point of view or two points of view like we have now and you're starting to stifle creativity."

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NASCAR



GIBBS RACING AFTER 2008 CHARLOTTE, N.C.—After 10 years

charlotte, N.C.—After 10 years and two championships, Tony Stewart is set to end his relationship with Joe Gibbs Racing to pursue an opportunity to buy his own NASCAR team.

Stewart's contract with JGR runs through 2009, but on Wednesday, the team granted him a release from his contract at the end of the season. Team owner Joe Gibbs has been trying to sign Stewart to an extension for almost a year, but the popular driver was slow to commit and eventually decided to explore free agency.

Stewart will reportedly announce today that he has agreed to become owner/driver Haas-CNC Racing

owner/driver Haas-CNC Racing.
Eighteen-year-old Joey Logano is rumored to be a candidate to replace Stewart in the No. 20 Sprint Cup car next season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WVU'S EX-FOOTBALL COACH PAYS UNIVERSITY \$4 MILLION

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Ex-football coach Rich Rodriguez has agreed to pay a \$4 million buyout clause and settle a lawsuit that West Virginia University filed after he broke his contract in December, a WVU attorney said Wednesday.

The tentative agreement, which attorney Tom Flaherty said he was confident would be approved by the WVU Board of Governors later Wednesday, would end a case that had been set for trial this fall.

Rodriguez quit the Mountaineers in December for the head coaching job at Michigan, only a year after extending his contract with WVU. He had argued that WVU broke the contract first by failing to honor certain promises — a charge WVU denied.

Flaherty said he would reveal additional details about the settlement, including the period for repayment, after the deal is approved by the board. However, he said the payment would not be made in a lump sum.

BASEBALL



CUBS RESPOND TO BREWERS'

MOVE, TRADE FOR HARDEN
CHICAGO — One day after the
Milwaukee Brewers landed an ace, the
Chicago Cubs answered.

Intent on ending their 100-year drought without a World Series title, the NL Central leaders acquired talented right-hander Rich Harden in a six-player deal with the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday.

With CC Sabathia going to Milwaukee, Harden was the best available pitcher, Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

"We felt that the two high end guys who would possibly be available were the two that have already been traded. Those are legit one and two starters. So we tried to focus on trying to acquire one," Hendry said.

The Cubs began play Tuesday 3 1/2 games ahead of the Cardinals and four in front of the Brewers in the NL.

The Cubs can now match Milwaukee's one-two combination of Sabathia and Ben Sheets with All-Star Carlos Zambrano and Harden.

Chicago also got right-hander Chad Gaudin, who pitched previously for Cubs manager Lou Piniella in Tampa Bay, and sent promising right-hander Sean Gallagher, outfielders Matt Murton and Eric Patterson and minor leaguer losh Donaldson to the A's

leaguer Josh Donaldson to the A's. Harden is slated to start for the Cubs on either Friday or Saturday.

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REEMA DESAI / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTUE
UCF Men's Soccer goalkeeper Sean Johnson was invited to try out for the Jamaican National Under-20 Team on May 14-19 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Johnson made it past the first round of cuts, and if he's selected from the player pool, he'll compete in the 2009 Confederation Of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football U-20 Championship Caribbean Qualifiers in the Cayman Islands, July 21-27. Jamaica hopes to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.

UCF Men's Soccer goalkeeper accepts shot to play with Jamaican National U-20 Team

ZACH PARDES

Sean Johnson's dream of playing for the Jamaican National Soccer Team all began about four years ago, before Johnson ever knew he'd be playing in net for the UCF Men's Soccer team.

He was a high school student then, still developing his goalkeeping skills at Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga., where he helped lead the Broncos to consecutive Region 8 5A titles.

He was trying to figure out where soccer would fit into his future and where he might like to play in college when he received a phone call — one that could potentially set the framework of his soccer career.

"The [Jamaican] Under-17 Team had qualifiers, so I was called in for the national camp in Kingston, Jamaica," said Johnson, whose parents were born in Jamaica. "I was chosen to represent Jamaica, but unfortunately my passport and paperwork weren't squared away at the time. I was also in school, so I couldn't really take the time off. It was a huge disappointment."

pointment."

Johnson said he felt as though his dream had come to an end. He was frustrated and a little disheartened, but he had plenty of soccer left to play, and he would go on to begin a successful career at UCF.

After a freshman year in which the 6-foot-4-inch, 220-pound goalkeeper started 17 games and made 83 saves, Johnson continued to train throughout the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and well into the summer with teammates.

"We're staying hard at work," said senior midfielder Chris Andaur, a UCF soccer veteran who will wrap up his athletic career as a Knight at the end of the 2008 season. "We're on the soccer field each day, and we're in the gym lifting weights three days a week."

But just a few weeks ago, while Johnson was working out and training with teammates, his old dream of playing for the Jamaican National Team was rekindled. He was invited to try out for the Jamaican National U-20 Team and accepted the offer with pleasure. Now, he's waiting to hear the final roster for the CONCACAF U-20 Championship, which is com-

ing up at the end of the month.

"It felt great," Johnson said.

"To be part of something like that, something that I've wanted to do for a long time, is a great feeling. I'm very excited."

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JAMAICAN JOY

The Jamaican National Team has won the Caribbean Cup three times — in 1991, 1998 and 2005.

PUSHING PAPER

Johnson applied for dual citizenship to be eligible for the under-20 team. He was able to do so because his parents were born on the island. DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY

The Reggae Boyz have struggled recently, not making it past the first round of the 2007 Caribbean Cup. However, the return of former coach Rene Simoes has created a stir, as he led Jamaica to the World Cup in 1998: Players hope coach Simoes will lead Jamaica to another World Cup appearance in 2010.

"It felt great.

To be a part of something like that, something I've wanted to do for a long time, is a great feeling."

— SEAN JOHNSON, UCF MEN'S SOCCER GOALKEEPER



COURTESY UCF ATHLETICS

UCF golfer Mike Stern said his improved putting helped him finish second last weekend.

Golfer finishes strong

UCF's Mike Stern falls just one stroke shy of victory at top amateur tournament on Saturday in South Carolina

WILLIAM PERRY
Contributing Writer

UCF Men's Golf junior Mike Stern finished second over the weekend at the 36th Annual Rice Planters Amateur Golf Tournament in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

"If you would have told me at the beginning of the week I'd finish second, I would take it," Stern said. "But it was my tournament to win or lose. I hit the ball good all week, but my driver deserted me on Sunday and was letting me down.

"It was a little off, and it put me in some spots where I had to make par and wasn't able to attack and make birdie." Stern posted a four-round total of 16-under-par 272, only one stroke behind champion Matt Griffin, who is the topranked amateur in Australia.

One of Stern's teammates on the Knights, Kyle Cobb, also competed in the tournament and finished at 3-over-par for the championship.

The tournament took place from July 1-5 at the Snee Farm Country Club. The tournament has hosted many great amateur players through its existence—Tom Lehman, Davis Love III, Hal Sutton, Stewart Cink, Andy Bean and Scott Hoch have all played in the tournament.

Through 18 holes, Stern found himself back in the pack

and with plenty of work ahead of him before he could move up the leaderboard.

"After the first round, I was at 2-under, but I felt like I shot 80," he said. "Every hole out here is a birdie hole. But I was proud of myself.

"I had a good attitude. I knew I could birdie the next hole and didn't really get too down on myself."

At 6,834 yards, the par-72 course was shorter than most college players are used to playing. Scoring was low and many rounds in the 60s were record-

On the second day, Stern

PLEASE SEE **STERN** ON A7



Johnson, a sophomore at UCF, started 17 of 18 games in the 2007 season. He made a total of 83 saves for the Black and Gold.

Johnson awaits roster

The Jamaican National Team's training camp, which Johnson attended, got him into a pool of players, one in which the coaches and recruiters can select from to form their team for events such as the CON-CACAF Tournament, which is a World Cup qualifying event.

"If I get selected, I'll immediately go, probably around [July] 17," Johnson said. "We'd be in Jamaica for a week, I think, and then we'd go to the Cayman Islands. The qualifiers are held there."

The Jamaican National Team, known as the Reggae Boyz, is controlled by the Jamaica Football Federation. A member of both FIFA and CONCACAF, The Jamaican National Team earned international recognition after it qualified for the 1998 FIFA World Cup. The team has also won the Caribbean Cup three times

-1991, 1998 and 2005. The federation has six different national squads, including the u-15, u-17, u-20, u-23 and Senior teams. It also recently incorporated a women's football team.

Johnson said that if he's selected, there is nothing he's looking forward to more than playing in the World Cup qualifiers.

"They usually take two goalkeepers, so it'll be a great shot at playing if I'm selected," Johnson said. "It's a great thing to have on your résumé, especially when you're playing at such a high level. You're playing with the best at a national level, so you can't really beat that. And the under-20 championships are probably one of the bigger tournaments."

Johnson is not alone in his decision to go overseas to train this summer, however. He is one of a number of Knights who are playing whenever and wherever they can in preparation for UCF's 2008 training camp, which officially begins in mid-August.

Andaur said he has played abroad before in countries such as England, Mexico, Germany and Holland. This summer, Andaur went to train with a professional team in Chile for one month.

"I got international experience there, and I got to see what it was like to train with a professional club," Andaur said. "It helps build confidence because if you know you can play there, then you can play with at a lot of places."

UCF Men's Soccer signee Chris Feigenbaum will also be gaining some good experience, recently earning a spot on Puerto Rico's U-20 National Team that is set to compete in late July.

Andaur said that international training for both himself and other members of the squad will help ensure a successful 2008 season for the Knights because it keeps the players on the field and allows them to face new, highly skilled talent.

But most of that is in the back of Sean Johnson's mind. He said he's just excited that he got another opportunity to

play for the Jamaica. "This time, I have my passport and paperwork," Johnson said. "The whole experience is very exciting."

Johnson's dream of stepping onto the field for the Jamaican National U-20 Team may become a reality this time around, but only time will tell.

Stern rebounds nicely after 1st-round struggle

shot a 68 to move himself up the leaderboard, getting to 6-under-par, trailing the leader, Griffin, by six strokes. He was slowly gaining ground and making his way to the top. After 36 holes he was in the mix and needed a solid third round Friday.

"Heading into the third, I wanted to get it to 10-under, and I wound up playing much better and shot a 65," Stern said. "Griffin shot a 70, and I got myself right into it."

Stern trailed by one stroke and found himself in the final pairing for the final round, with a chance to be tournament champion.

"Any time you're in the heat to win, it's going to help you, and you can only learn," Stern said. "When I get into this situation, I really don't get nervous. I like chasing the guy that's beating me. I look forward to

Stern said his goal going into the last round was to shoot a 68 and put pressure on Griffin by by forcing him to make birdies.

Griffin didn't break under the pressure and matched Stern with a 3-under-par 69 for a one-shot margin of victory.

Though he didn't come away with a win, Stern hopes to build on the experience and help transfer it into his play next season for the Knights.

"Next year, I want to breakout and lead our team to be a top-10 team," he said. "We're deep and have five, six or seven guys who could shoot in the 60s. I want to be one of the top players but have had a hard time getting the consis-

Prior to the tournament, Stern made a trip to Georgia to see putting coach Mike Shannon. Shannon is considered one of the world's top putting instructors, according to Golf Digest and Golf Magazine. He



UCF golfer Mike Stern recorded a 65 in the third round of the Rice Planters Amateur.

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MAGIC NUMBER: 70 Stern was one of only two players to shoot 70 or lower in every round.

BACK TO SCHOOL Stern competed in eight events this past season for the Knights. He recorded two top-10 finishes.

THIRD ROUND IS A CHARM Stern recorded his best round of the tournament with a third-round 65.

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN One of Stern's teammates at UCF, Kyle Cobb, finished in a tie for 42nd place with a 3-over-par 291.

has worked with more than 90 golfers from the PGA Tour, Senior PGA Tour and LPGA Tour, and currently teaches at the Sea Island Golf Learning Center in Sea Island, Ga.

Putting has been Stern's Achilles' heel. Yet, he putted well during the tournament and said he owes much of that success to the work he put in with Shannon. With his putting coming around, Stern said he feels like his bad play is behind him.

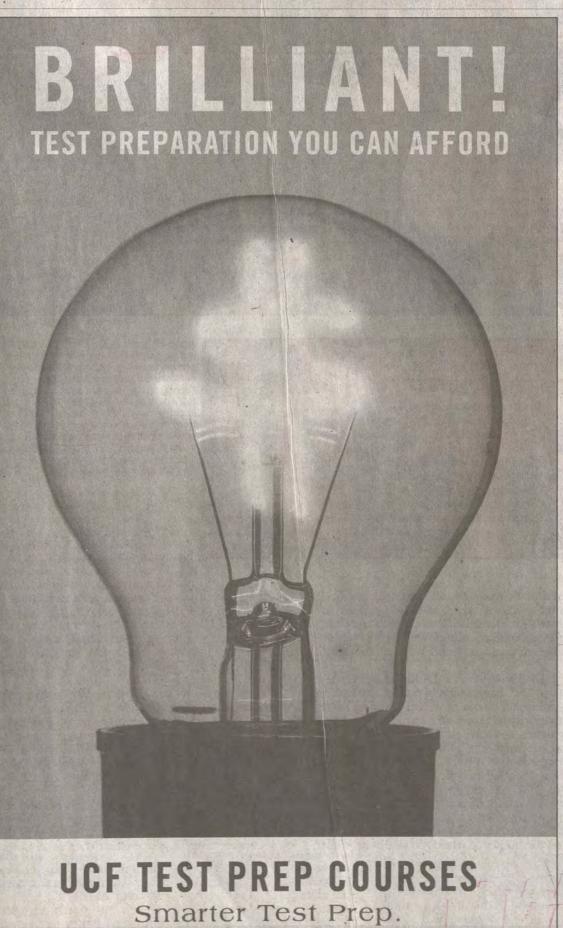
"I feel like I putted how I should always putt," he said. "It

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wasn't like I just looked at it and made it, but him helping me helped a lot because I need to get more consistent with my

Only two players shot 70 or lower in all rounds. Stern was one of them and Griffin the other. Stern was also one of four players to card a round of 65. Only one player recorded a lower round score, a thirdround 64 by Josh Younger. Younger was Stern's part-

ner in the third round, and he finished one stroke behind Stern for third place.



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The Black Angels with The Warlocks, The Social 9 p.m. with Strangers. \$12

Die Mommie Die, Theatre Downtown 8 p.m. Comic melodrama: secrets, murder, acid. \$10-\$18

Dirty Shannon and Matt Mackelcan, The Social 8 p.m. with Randal Shreve and Jacob Jeffreys.

Leading Ladies, **UCF Theatre** Call box office 407-823-1500. \$10-\$17

Band. \$10

Nerdapalooza Southeast 2008 comes to Taste Restaurant

WHITNEY HAMRICK

erdcore has a large underground following that mainstream music doesn't know what to do with but is trying to embrace, with artists such as MC Chris, Pixelh8, MC Larz and MC Frontalot recently breaking through to mainstream attention.

Popular culture at it's finest, the zombie, ninja, pirate, wizard, video game enthralled rappers and rockers of Nerdapalooza Southeast 2008 celebrated obsession at Taste Restaurant, an event spanning two days for \$30.

"I guess Weird Al and Devo would qualify, but they don't really follow along the nerdcore movement," said co-host Logan Donahoo. "They're kind of pre-nerdcore, they're kind of the grandfathers to the move-

Nerdapalooza began as the brainchild of John "Hex" Carter on March 17, 2007. While living in Calif., Carter worked at a battle of the bands for a local college radio station. A ska/rap band Tsutain Guu Faita performed a cover of "Inspector Gadget" and a song

'That's when I discovered I really loved nerd music," Carter said, wearing the first ever Nerdapalooza T-shirt drawn out in marker.

"It's the third Nerdapalooza, but it is the only one of its size," said Josh Thew, co-host and event coordinator. [Carter] moved [Nerdapalooza] out here [to Florida] because the nerdcore scene and geekcore scene is a lot stronger than [California]; this is the central area, the nerd Mecca if you will."

Rob Tobias who performed as mCRT brought Nerdapalooza to Florida by way of Gainesville in 2007.

Fans represented, wearing the band shirts of the artists set to perform, nerd related T-shirts with slogans like, "Nerd Life," "I [heart] geeks," "Science is awesome" and costumes ranging from pirates, ninjas, robots, monsters and Lucha Libre masks. A guy in a banana suit proves that anything can make you a nerd. The only requirement being is you have to like something to the point of it consume your whole life.

"Never before have so many nerds come together for the purpose of rocking together," Carter said.

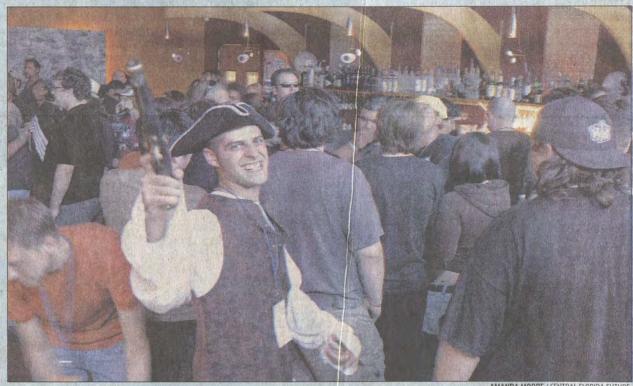
Local, national and international nerd core, wizard rock and geek rock artists performed Friday and Saturday for 12 hours, featuring Mr. B, Pixelh8 via exclusive video from England, MC Frontalot, Sudden Death, the Unlimited Enthusiasm Expo tour, Kondor Krew, Zombies! Organize!!, Marc with a C, MagiTek and Killer Robots to name a few.

"I think nerdcore expresses who I am because it's a combination of both the hip hop and the nerd culture," said Andrew Grey, a Rollins College student and host of "Talk Nerdy to Me" on WBRK 91.5FM and sponsor of Nerdapalooza. "Hip hop is generally a tight knit community, you've got a lot of bling, backwards hats and gangster rap, then you add nerds to it and mix it all together and you get this explosion that is just won-

"I realized there wasn't a lot of nerdcore shows in the Orlando area ... There are a lot of good local acts. I really took the initiative to get it out to everyone else. I wanted to be the voice of the nerds here in Orlando."

Two rooms divided the venue and fans switched back and forth as sets alternated between. The natural lighting of the main dinning room looked similar to a sci-fi set from Metropolis with walls laden with Bawls energy drink advertisements and comic book posters. The other room begged for Resident Evil zombies with dark red walls and chessboard black and white tile floor, mixed with the nerdcore theme and art for

Erin Pyne from A House of Black sang to her folktechno mix about her addiction to Harry Potter with songs titled "My Boyfriend is a Deatheater," "Wrock Fan Girl" and "First Kiss," a narrative in the perspective of Ginny Weasley after her break up with Potter in book six.





Chozo and Inadequate rapped in the wearing black

from fedoras to shoes about Mario searching for

Princess Peach for the less altruistic reason of sex,

online fan forms, zombies eating your neighbors, gang-

ster life and snatching candy on Halloween with MC

drawing pads, card games, novels from sci-fi/fantasy

series and laptops came out as well as heated debates

Washington, followed suit with an array of costume

changes from a Devo "Whip it" outfit of yellow and geometric hat, to a jacket with question marks with

matching tin foil chain and a monkey hat. He rapped

about Star Trek and Battlestar Galactica - a dance

party interrupted by enemy attack and Star Fox 64, "Do

a barrel roll." During his set, Gigahertz took off his shirt,

and some in the audience came forward with dollar

over the superiority of games and comic books.

During lulls between sets, hand-held consoles,

MC Gigahertz, traveling all the way from Tacoma

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Pirates of Captain Dan and the Scurvy crew (top) and the pajama clad Marc with a C (bottom), perform and mingle with the fans during Nerdapalooza Southeast 2008 at Taste Restaurant, last Friday and Saturday from noon to 2 a.m. Two rooms divided the show- one a bright yellow and orange, the other red. Fans made their way back and forth as bands alternated set up. No game or comic was exempt from parody and tribute to the joy of fans, most of whom sang every word along with their favorite rapper or rocker.

During the dinner break, Taste Restaurant provided their late night menu of finger food, including grilled wraps and a hot bowl of Hot

Tots! with dijon aioli mustard and spiked ketchup. "We're the world's only pirate hip hop group," said Dan Dolan of Captain Dan & the Scurvy Crew, who was decked out in pirate gear and insisted they didn't need vitamin C. "Avast me mateys. What do you call a pirate with two eyes, two legs and two hands? A rook-

The crew passed out eye patches and hooks enticing the crowd to participate, "When I say 'yo' you say 'ho," and "all the real swashbucklers wave your hooks in the air, wave them all around like you just don't care."

Nerdapalooza Southeast 2008 was sponsored mainly by A Comic Shop, EMPluse Records, Troma Entertainment, CarNinja and benefiting Child's Play

Charity donating video games. "This is kind of like the practice run of the show, next year is going to be more diverse and sound," Thew said. "We're throwing around the ideas of having a concert con, all geek-related booths of Xboxes



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Indiana Jones and the Kingdom

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CommuniTea by Bianca Fortis

Dandelion CommuniTea Cafe serves sustainable and free trade friendly vegetarian meals downtown.

Cultural Pop by Kris Kelly

Do the Robot: Will robots every stop being cool? From Wall-E, Terminator and Short Circuit, we think not.

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- 3. Wanted Universal Pictures
- 4. Get Smart Warner Bros. Pictures 5. Kung Fu Panda Paramount
- TELEVISION
- 1. America's Got Talent, NBC.
- 2. Wipeout, ABC. 3. 60 Minutes, CBS
- 4. Two and a Half Men, CBS. 5. Celebrity Family Feud, NBC.

- 1. "I Kissed a Girl," Katy Perry. Capitol. 2. "Lollipop," Lil Wayne feat. Static Major.
- Cash Money/Universal Motown.
- 3. "Bleeding Love," Leona Lewis. SYCO/J/RMG. (Platinum).
- 4. "Take a Bow," Rihanna. SRP/Def
- Jam/IDJMG 5. "Burnin' Up," Jonas Brothers.

Hollywood

- 1. Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends, Coldplay. Capitol.
- 2. Tha Carter III, Lil Wayne. Cash Money/Universal Motown.
- 3. Soundtrack, Camp Rock. Walt Disney. 4. "Saints of Los Angeles," Motley Crue.
- 5. "Last 2 Walk," Three 6 Mafia. Hypnotize Minds/Columbia.

THEY SAID IT

Celebrity quotes

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"I toured with him for a year, and every night he stroked the inside of my thigh, but

we barely even spoke." - Sheryl Crow recalls her strange experiences with Michael Jackson when she was a back-up dancer for him in the late

"I'm delving into the emotionality of what it means to be human... If I didn't address these emotions, I'd probably get cancer." - Alanis Morissette on her songwriting

"I looked like a sumo wrestler. My mom had to pull the fat folds apart when she bathed

- Former Saved By The Bell hunk Mario Lopez, who has been named People zine's Hottest Bachelor, wasn't always so good looking.

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Voldemort can't stop the rock 'n' roll

"I'm a big fat dork, and I love it," said Harry and the Potters fan Crystal Wood

Wood was one of the many fans who attended the Unlimited Enthusiasm Expo, also known as Camp Jump and Yell, at The Social in downtown Orlando Saturday at 3 p.m. The Unlimited Enthusiasm expo is a national tour, featuring the bands Uncle Monsterface, Math the Band and the headliners, Harry and the Potters.

More than a rock show and described as a "traveling summer-camp circus," the Unlimited Enthusiasm tour features an array of entertainment, ranging from puppet shows to video game play-alongs to cooking shows

Next to the merchandise tent was the Camp Jump and Yell refreshment center, where volunteers Matt Patterson and Derek Rorges served the "campers" s'mores, cake and bug juice. At the refreshment center, the concert-goers could have their faces painted and pay \$1 to mail postcards from camp to their loved ones.

Harry and the Potters is a three-man band featuring brothers Paul DeGeorge and Joe DeGeorge, also known as Harry Potter from book seven four, respectively. Playing the drums for Harry and the Potters on their Unlimited Enthusiasm tour is John Clardy, also known as Ringo Weasley, one of Harry

Potter's 284 cousins. However, halfway through the Harry and the Potter's set, before the band sung their song "Weasel," Ringo Weasley walked off stage, upset over Harry Potter from book seven calling Ron Weasley, Harry Potter's best friend, a weasel. Ringo was replaced by a giant squid, played by the drummer of Math the Band. Later, the two Harry Potters apologized and Ringo Weasley walked back on stage and finished the

"There is one power that Voldemort does not understand, and that is the power of rock and roll," Paul DeGeorge

Formed in the summer of 2002 in Norwood, Mass., and originally performing in venues such as backyards and libraries, Harry and the Potters have gained international success as the pioneers of wizard rock, a genre of music based on the popular Harry Potter series of books by J. K. Rowling. Other bands in the genre include Draco and the Malfoys, the Whomping Willows, and the Moaning Myrtles.

Harry Potter series, like there is so much emotion and is so much action that you can take anything and write a really awesome song about it," said Harry and the Potters fan Amber Opsincs, who was among a group of five other girls who drove three hours from Jupiter to see the show.

Uncle Monsterface turned their act into an interactive ride for the concert- goers, and at one point featured a participant coming onstage and playing Super Mario Brothers on a projected screen while the band played a video-game related

Uncle Monsterface was originally formed in December 2004 and features the vocals of Marty Allen, Dan Brennan on guitar and Jimmy Bernardineli on the keytar, which is a key-board that is held like a guitar.

In addition to being a band, Uncle Monsterface also has their own channel on Youtube.com called Monsterface TeeVee, which has over 150 subscribers and features clips from their live shows, music videos and fake advertisements, many of which were also presented on stage between sets.

During all three of the performances throughout the afternoon, the band's largetooth mascot, who is also

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Harry Potter (fourth year), Joe DeGeorge ,and Harry Potter (seventh year), Paul DeGeorge, performed their cult status wizard rock at the Social with the Unlimited Entusiasm Expo. known as Uncle Monsterface, grunt, grunt," and placed his regularly ran into the audience

and danced with several of the When asked about the importance of the Unlimited Enthusiasm tour, Uncle Monsterface responded "grunt, hands between his face.

After the show at The Social, the Unlimited Enthusiasm Expo played a midnight show at Nerdapalooza, a two-day venue featuring a variety of nerdcore

Local indie pop artist discusses latest album

WHITNEY HAMRICK

"Clap like this was minute nine of 'Freebird," said local "arteest" Marc Sirdoreus from Marc with a C wearing Simpsons pajama pants and a T-shirt quoting Art Brut stating, "Popular culture no longer appeals to me," indicative of his sarcas-

tic persona. Half way through Sirdoreus' set at Nerdapalooza Southeast 2008 a fan threw a bra with phone number and love note written inside, on stage. "I'm going to have to top that somehow," Sirdoreus said. "What could I do for these people that isn't covered by all six of my albums? My records haven't even turned aluminum."

Q: How long have you been performing and what inspires you to write your lyrics?

A: "OK, the first part, I've been performing? What do you mean, like I've been playing checkers and I win and I act like I'm not sur-

Q: Like playing guitars and singing-ness.

A: "I started doing Marc with a C in 1999 as a way to pass the time. It grew and it grew 'til I was a lot more in demand than I expected to be, so we just keep doing it in various formations.

"What inspired me to do it, honestly, is the people still want to hear it. It's been going on really low key, everyone thinks I'm their little secret and I was pleasantly surprised that I show up, there's a full club and they all know my songs and they're all singing them back to me, which is good because I forget lyrics a lot. That's what inspires me to write, to continue making the people happy that already like my

Q: How would you define your music?

A: "Just sarcastic indie pop - it's really not that much more complex than that. I used the same 12 notes everybody else uses. I don't have as good of a voice as the average guy, but I know how to use the voice I've got fairly well."

Q: What inspired as in

A: "It depends. This last album was inspired by I was really into the third installment of Deep Throat Trilogy. The third installment was called Linda Lovelace for President and that was the name of my new record. There was no sex in it, though. It was actually Linda Lovelace running for president, she thinks she gets a call from God and it's really a moving film it you look past the sexploitation of it."

Q: ... I didn't know there were

sequels.

A: "They really don't mention the sequels. In the second one there was no sex in it and she was a Russian spy and I finally tracked that one down. They tried to bury that one for years. I actually don't like the first one. I'm not a big fan of porn. I know what naked women look like and I'm married so if I want to see a naked woman."

Q: It's really not the porn that is interesting, it's the controversy behind it with the actor getting

A: "The Deep Throat story fascinates me, but Linda Lovelace as a person fascinates me. How someone can flip flop and pander to whatever is the popular opinion at the time ... I almost look at her as the Andy Kaufman of porn as if she was really just putting every-

Q: You came out to Nerdapalooza, how did you get involved?

A: "I saw a flier for Nerdapalooza and I got two questions: one, how on Earth is someone going to book a show called Nerdapalooza and not book the guy who sings 'Nerdy Girl.'

"It turns out that Josh [Thew] is actually a friend of mine and he was booking it

"I'm really glad I went over well with the cast and crew of Nerdapalooza and I'm glad I went over really well with the audience and the audience went over really well ... I did get a bra thrown at me though with a number in it. I've gotten panties, shoes and a bottle thrown at me, but never a bra."

Q: What are some of the places you usually play?

A: "I play a lot at Stardust [Video and Coffee] because they let me do all ages shows; they won't make me charge for people to come in. I don't think my income should be made twice. I think that if you like what I do, you should buy the record and continue to listen to it. I don't want you to go broke to get in the venue. I want you to come in because you wanted to be there.'

Marc with a C will be playing at Athens PopFest in Athens, Ga., on Aug. 13. For more information, go to www.marcwithac.com.

A Comic Shop's shelves satisfy have," 'Haaland said. "It's what

ERIC WOODARD

When Aaron Haaland was offered \$10,000 by his competitors to sell his comic book store two years ago, he said no.

"Do I want to get a real job in the real world or do I want to take the plunge to own my own store and take that chance?" Haaland said.

He took the only chance he had to succeed on his own terms.

Without risk there is no reward, and I'm passionate about comics and I have this genuine feeling that my ideas of how to run a comic book store would resonate with fans," Haaland said.

After some hard pitchintimidation and insults, Haaland left the meeting thoroughly disillu-

"They said, literally, exact words: 'a single store can't make it in today's world." Haaland said. 'What does 'make it' actually mean anyway? Does 'make it' mean driving around in a Bentley?

Since then, Haaland and co-owner Jason Blanchard have run the store from its single-unit Winter Park location at the intersection of University Boulevard and Semoran Boulevard. In 2007, A Comic Shop unseated the Coliseum of Comics' number one spot for "best comic book store" by the

Orlando Weekly. The store's big black walls stock more than 1,700 titles that stay on top of the tastes of even the most wellread comic junkies. Titles like The Boys, Bomb Queen, Fables, Johnny the Homicidal Maniac, The Walking Dead and Y: The Last Man, to name a few, are good starter material.

"At some point, everyone's like, Tve read that, I've read that, I've read that," Blanchard said. "Well then. have you read this? And it's so off-the-wall and it's so different ... and then they

buy that and they like that." Like any self-sustaining



Mike Pandel (center), 24, makes a sale at A Comic Shop amidst the wide selection.

sub-culture; comic books have the power to captivate its fans' wandering attention spans while repelling its naysayers' tired objections. Comics speak to both Haaland and Blanchard like any other life-changing work of art, in print or on can-

"I love reading comic books because it's like reading a novel," Blanchard said, "but they don't have to explain the setting, they don't have to explain what everybody was doing, because you can see it."

"It's its own medium that can tell stories that other mediums can't, because of it's structure," Haaland said.

Unlike its predecessors, the store has strict policies against creating artificial scarcity for popular titles and rarely sells above cover price. When they do, the difference is always donated to industry-related charity. The store's ideals, Haaland said, is what puts them

above the mark of other stores. "It's not the size of your store or how many stores you

you have on your shelves, who's interacting with the customers, are the customers satisfied and do you add value to their life and part of their iden-Blanchard understands cer-

tain characteristics of the comic book market that compel competing stores to employ gimmicks or co-op the tactics of more successful operations. "The reason why comic

book stores are so competitive is because there's such a limited amount of people who read comics," Blanchard said. "If a whole bunch of those people who read comics in that area start gravitating to one store because they like that store, the other stores ... will do whatever it takes."

Haaland sees the store's prominence over other stores, like the Coliseum of Comics, simply in terms of the interests of his peers and the 18 to 24 demographic.

"[The Coliseum] don't really push what I would consider R-rated comics or mature-reader comics, they push comics for everyone," Haaland said. "I cater to an older clientele. I think that someone collegeaged who gets into comics for the first time, comics will become, probably, part of their life as long as they find something they enjoy."

But Haaland still sees their businesses as complementary.

"My favorite thing about the Coliseum of Comics is they can get kids to read comics," Haaland said. "And then when they become college-aged, they can shop with me."

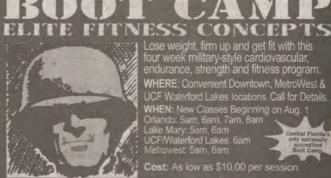
First-time customer Nikolaus Fink likes the alternative scene that the shop provides.

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OUR STANCE

Florida coastline needs protection

he state of Florida is one of those locations that is world-renowned for the weather, the amazing sunsets and the oceans and ecosystems, among other things. Fortunately, the weather and the sunsets come naturally, but the Florida coastlines require vast amounts of upkeep and protection from natural and man-made occur-

According to a government report released on Monday, almost half the coral reef ecosystems in United States territory are in poor or fair condition. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that the reefs often act as indicators of overall ocean health and the current status is well below what it should be.

"They are a major indicator of something that could go wrong with the environment," Tim Keeney, deputy assistant secretary for oceans and atmosphere at NOAA told the Associated Press. "If we lose the reefs, you lose a very significant and important habitat.'

Keeney said that 25 percent of all marine species need coral reefs to live and grow, while 40 percent of commercially caught fish, such as grouper, use reefs as breeding territories. Keeney said that coral is a "sentinel species of the planet" and the reefs are like "the rainforests of the ocean."

This week, marine scientists from around the world are meeting at the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium in Fort Lauderdale to discuss the current state of reef health. Many researchers agree that the major underlying cause for the reef

breakdowns is the temperature of the ocean continuing to rise. This is brought on by excessive carbon dioxide being released by burning fossil fuels, which is then absorbed by the oceans, making the waters more acidic and corrosive on corals. Other sources of reef breakdown include pollution from the coastlines, where sewage dumping is still a problem in some areas.

There seems to be a common factor in environmental research: the groups who care about and wish to protect and preserve the environment are far outnumbered by the groups who are willing to risk the future of the planet to make a few quick

John Fauth, a biology professor at UCF, went out with a team of researchers from around the state to study the effects of certain pollutants on coral. They hope to eventually find the link between the coral breakdown and the unnatural events that are

Divers worked at four inshore and offshore sites in Broward County near ocean outflows that dispose of sewage wastewater. Test results from corals sampled during the study were consistent with exposure to chemical contaminants. Stress responses were most pronounced in corals near an ocean outfall that discharges millions of gallons of treated wastewater each day.

What is it going to take to realize that the ocean is not a dumping ground for man-made waste? Politicians don't seem to mind until they start losing valuable tourist dollars, which, according to Fauth, may be soon-

er rather than later. He points out that the coral reefs off Florida's coasts are regarded as some of the best in the world, and ecotourists from around the globe travel to the state to see them.

"It's a multi-billion dollar industry," Fauth said. "These tourists have lots of disposable income, and if they can't come here they will go to the Red Sea, Australia or Belize to see them. It's of huge importance."

Results from the study confirm what the World Research Institute's Reefs at Risk Program has said — coastal development and treated discharge are chronic sources of stress for coral reefs along Florida's extensive reef tract. The state is finally taking some action this week, which may be too little too late.

A new law was signed by Gov. Charlie Crist, which will eliminate the remaining waste pipes in the South Florida area. Under the guidelines, each wastewater facility must decrease nutrient pollutant discharged through the pipes by 90 percent within 10 years and stop the use of the pipes all together by 2025. So the state is giving companies 17 years to stop dumping waste right into the ocean — sounds about right for Florida's legislature.

Unfortunately, it is left up to us, the citizens who actually live in the areas that are affected the most. Whether it is beach erosion, land development, commercial overfishing or waste dumping, something must be changed. Floridians need to unite to protest this abuse and protect the invaluable coral reefs and the ocean's ecosystem before we exhaust our resources.



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Both sides wrong in holy cracker incident

JEFF RILEY

Is it possible that in a certain issue, both sides of the situation could be equally silly and wrong?

It is if you are talking about a blessed cracker.

This past week, the story that got passed around via email and word of mouth was that of Student Government **Association Senator Webster** Cook and his hijacking of a Eucharist from a Campus Catholic Ministries mass meeting.

It now has national fame, as it was posted on the humorous news Web site, www.fark.com.

While I was attempting to digest this story and figure out who I happened to agree with, I realized that I simply could not pick a side without feeling dumb.

For starters, I happen to agree with the side of Cook that there is something a little bit wrong about the student government of a public institution

funding money for religious groups to hold their worship meetings inside the Student Union. What I don't agree with,

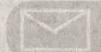
though, is trying to prove a point by pulling a crazy publicity stunt like holding the Eucharist "hostage." If you are an elected member

of SGA, use that power as an outlet for calm, collected and intelligent political change.

On the flip side of this story, I don't understand the mindset of people who would get so upset over someone stealing a cracker that they would send threats of physical violence.

Isn't Christianity supposed to be a peaceful religion? The one that is all about that whole forgiveness thing, and the turning of various cheeks?

So both of you, angry Catholics and Sen. Cook, go to the corner and think about what you did.



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Jail time inappropriate tor marijuana smokers

Regarding Ben Badio's July 7 column, if health outcomes determined drug laws instead of cultural norms, marijuana would be legal. Unlike alcohol, marijuana has never been shown to cause an overdose death, nor does it share the addictive properties of tobacco. Marijuana can be harmful if abused, but jail cells are inappropriate as health interventions and ineffective as deterrents. The first marijuana laws were enacted in response to Mexican immigration during the early 1900s, despite opposition from the American Medical Associ-

White Americans did not even begin to smoke pot until a soon-to-be entrenched government bureaucracy began funding reefer madness propaganda. By raiding voter-approved medical marijuana providers in California, the very same federal Drug Enforcement Administration that claims illicit drug use funds terrorism is forcing cancer and AIDS patients into the hands of street dealers. Apparently marijuana prohibition is more important than protecting the country from terrorism.

> ROBERT SHARPE POLICY ANALYST

The drug war: A costly, futile fight for Americans

I have one issue with the article "Legalizing marijuana will ruin a great culture." That issue is not with the writer's stance on marijuana itself, as the writer recognizes the legitimacy of individual liberty and choice. My issue, however, is the writer's inability to conceive the damage this unwinnable drug war has cost America. This damage extends beyond physical destruction of property; beyond breaking the bank of Middle America; beyond the countless abuses of authority in order to obtain information. In fact, the everlasting consequence is the social repercussions. While I agree that the subculture has benefitted many businessmen and businesswomen ready to capitalize on the marketability of this culture, any true reformist will tell you that the money has not been worth it.

The money from this subculture is

not worth more than 700,000 arrests in 2006 alone. It is not worth splitting countless families and perpetuating the overpopulated prison system; it is not worth cuffing cancer patients to wheelchairs. Any true reformist will tell you sustaining the appearance of acceptance is not worth disenfranchising those who actually accept a culture. The appearance of promoting individual liberty is not the same as actually having individual liberty.

I beg the reader to look past the gimmicks of the marijuana counterculture and to realize that there are real consequences for real people. These people are no different from you and I. The 700,000 non-violent offenders do not deserve the fate they received. It is our responsibility not only to assure that the culture remains intact, but that the patients who need this medicine and the non-violent offenders who choose it as an alternative to alcohol are not imprisoned because of this senseless drug war we continue to wage.

> **BRENDON RIVARD** PRESIDENT OF NORML

Legalization will not ruin appeal of marijuana use

Ben Badio, you must be high. In your article "Legalizing marijuana will ruin a great culture," you says that marijuana smokers are, "Some of the nicest, most intelligent people" you know. But you stand in favor of keeping marijuana illegal because marijuana culture, with all its nefarious thrill, could be jeopardized. That's obviously false and selfish. Marijuana culture is a mish-mash of countercultures from yesteryear and a few great bands — if pot is legal those relics aren't going anywhere. But the nice, intelligent friends of yours will be going somewhere if they're caught smoking pot.

The penalty for possession in Florida is up to a year in jail. And in 2007, Florida reported 169,360 drug arrests, the largest of any category of kind of arrest, and the largest portion of those were for marijuana. We needn't detail what happens to the nice, intelligent young men who go to jail in Florida, right? Put down the bong and get a grip of public policy for more than your own selfish indulgences.

DOMINIC HOLDEN

Print journalism must be preserved

s technology begins to percolate throughout the information world, print journalism begins to become obsolete, making the future of journalism as a whole ambigu-

To help clarify the obscurity of this enigma is Leonard Tow, who has challenged universities such as Columbia and City University of New York, by donating a total of \$8 million so that they may mold and cultivate the future of journalism.

"The funds are meant for examining how the troubled newspaper business can succeed online, and in training journalism students in new media," Tow

A former chief executive of Citizens Communications and Century Communications, Tow emphasizes the importance of technology and digital media which is imperative to the future

If no one fights to preserve the journalism trade then it will inevitably become an archaic art form, which will fade in comparison to the technological advances of the 21st century.

Although technology makes information more accessible and expedites the process of learning, print journalism is tangible and has served as the engine for knowledge since the 15th century, when the first printing press was created in Germany.

"It seemed to me the appropriate time to at least plant the seeds for a kind of new integrity in Internet journalism," Tow

The planters who will sow the seeds of journalistic integrity are CUNY's Tow Center for Journalistic Innovation and Columbia University's journal-

ism department. Namely, the Tow Center for Journalistic Innovation will "function as a research center for the profession, working on new Internet business models for news organizations and developing new ventures," according to the New York Times.

The journalism school's dean, Stephen B. Shepard, hopes that the center would invite venture capitalists to inspire the most beneficial ideas similar to the origin of other fields such as Google and Yahoo, which were both developed in Stanford graduate programs.

As the future of journalism depends on the actions of our youth, it is now more important than ever to highlight the significance of print journalism. If we fail to do this, digital media will become the primary source of information, which in turn could devalue the validity of information as sources become unverifiable in a wireless network with no paper trail.

According to the New York Times, Columbia University will strive to focus on training its journalism students in digital media. Nicholas B. Lemann asserts that "the school planned to hire two professors in new media and to develop a curriculum that may include data-driven reporting and software design for news organizations."

Perhaps if students are prepared in advance, they will be able to tame the digital domination of Goliath that will surely overpower the so-called David of

journalism.

With the hire of new professors, who are well-versed in new media and capable of developing a curriculum, students can accommodate to the digital world in a way that stimulates both learning and innovation in terms of data-driven reporting and software design.

Now is the time to embrace technology and use it as a tool of advantage rather than burden so that the future generations may enjoy the simplicity of print journalism as our predecessors have come to appreciate.

Some may argue that print journalism has become dated. However, this seems a bit unfair for a media source that has been subservient to generations.

Consider the communist island of Cuba. The citizens of this country are discouraged from literature that may potentially liberate the proletariat. Yet, here in the U.S. we take for granted the freedom to publish and absorb news and opinion.

While we as a society might be growing and developing new forms of information outlets, there will come a day when the digital world becomes too uncertain, and out of necessity, the urgency for information will surpass the convenience of technology, renewing the vitality of a

Fortunately, philanthropists such as Herbert M. and Marion O. Sandler have dedicated \$30 million over three years to an investigative journalism nonprofit called ProPublica, which "strive[s] to foster change through exposing exploitation of the weak by the strong and the failures of those with power to vindicate the trust placed in them," according to propuibli-

Print journalism has always acted as a tool of the minority, revealing the malevolent nature that plagues society. Let's not surrender the newspaper to the digital world; rather, let's solidify its future as a versatile media outlet, with the dual purpose of making information readily available while simultaneously preserving the merit of journalism.

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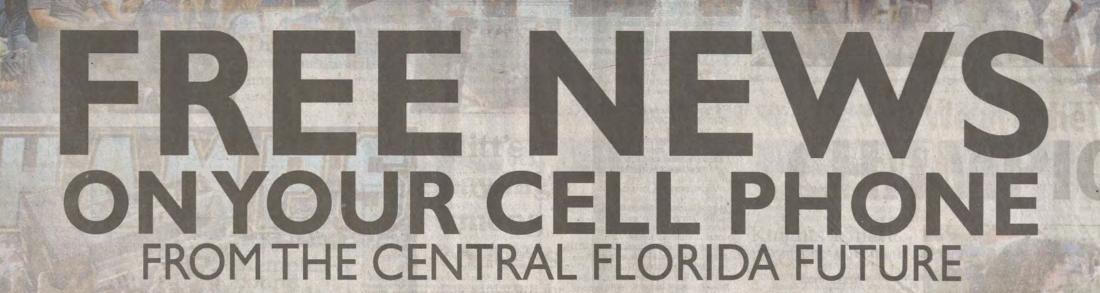
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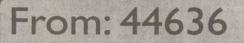
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