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Tiger task

Knights go for consecutive road wins in meeting with Memphis — SEE SPORTS, A7



Santa, baby

Who's the man behind the long white beard and festive cheer? — SEE VARIETY, A9



Record

EBAY SELLER REACHES 1M MILESTONE

Jack Sheng, 33, owns Los Angeles-based Eforcity Corp., which has been selling electronics accessories on the online auction site since he started his business in 2000. In the past two months, four separate eBay user IDs belonging to Sheng and his company each surpassed more than 1 million feedback points. No one else on eBay has come close.

Local bands play concert for charity

Fraternity's Rock the Wreath hits 5th year

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Braving 37-degree weather, UCF students went out in full force for Alpha Tau Omega's fifth-annual Rock the Wreath concert Tuesday night at the fraternity's house.

Rock the Wreath was started in 2004 by an ATO alumnus who saw the need for a fun event to raise money for the chapter philanthropy, U.S.

Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The mission of the program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community where the campaign is conducted. For the 59 years of the Toys for Tots program, Marines have distributed more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children,

For more photos from the concert: www.UCFNews.com

according to the program's Web site.

This year's show featured three local bands: A Cover Story, Poverty Branch and headliner Between the Trees.

The night began with A Cover Story, which started off



CAITLIN BUSH / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Jeremy Butler, left, and Josh Butler, bassist and drummer for Between the Trees, perform.

PLEASE SEE **SHOW** ON A6

Students sell work, bond with community



PHOTOS BY SARAH ROGERS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
UCF juniors Rose Crutcher, left, and Chris McEndree sell ceramics at the fall student art sale outside the Visual Arts Building on Wednesday. The art sale ends today at 5 p.m.

Creativity and community

Fine arts students hold their annual outdoor art sale

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Outside the Visual Arts Building on Wednesday, UCF fine arts students sold their pottery and photography pieces that they created this semester in class and in non-curriculum artistic pursuits.

Several tables lined the sidewalk, giving passing students the opportunity to view their fellow classmates' work. Students stopped and perused the pieces, price shopping and occasionally buying.

Students whose pieces were on sale ran the event by working the tables, answering questions and handling sales transactions. Throughout the day, the artwork was exposed to hundreds of students as they walked past the tables to class.

The clear, cool fall weather provided an excellent outdoor backdrop for the sale. The pottery glistened in the bright sun while the photographs' protective plastic covers refracted the sunlight, creating color spectrums across the sidewalk.

The art sale is held every semester by fine arts students. Upon receiving grades for their class work, students hold onto their pieces and include them

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Deal brings \$1 mil. to UCF

College of Business begins new plan

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UCF's College of Business Administration is now the recipient of \$1 million that BB&T, one of the top financial holding companies in the country, has committed to fund the new BB&T Program of Business Ethics.

According to Thomas L. Keon, Dean of the College of Business, the money will be received in increments of \$100,000 per year for a period of 10 years. With the help of BB&T, the new program looks to increase the study of business ethics within the current curriculum as well as support the college in creating new additions to the program.

Bill Klich, state president of BB&T Florida, said that UCF was picked to receive the grant because of its size and because of the reputation of its business school.

"UCF's size and prominence of their business school is what attracted BB&T," Klich said. "We have a program that works at many schools and after getting to know the Dean [of the College of Business] we came up with a \$1 million grant for the

PLEASE SEE **PROGRAM** ON A5

Museum

AMERICA'S ATTIC REOPENS

After a renovation lasting more than two years and costing \$85 million, the Smithsonian National Museum of American History is finally set to reopen. The 44-year-old building's overhaul features, among other things, a new five-story atrium and a 45-foot-long floor-to-ceiling glass wall displaying a restored 200-year-old Star-Spangled Banner in an environmentally controlled chamber.

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AROUND CAMPUS, A2
AN INTERNATIONAL TAKE ON THE HOLIDAY OF THANKSGIVING

There will be an international Thanksgiving dinner from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at The Venue. The event is provided by the International Student Association, ISC and UPI and is designed to teach about the holiday.

LOCAL & STATE, A2
CRIST MAY STILL PROPOSE BORROWING FROM TOBACCO FUND

Gov. Charlie Crist said he may still propose borrowing from the state's tobacco settlement trust fund to help avoid a budget deficit, even though the fund has lost nearly half its value. The State Board of Administration said Thursday it has dropped \$1 billion.

NATION & WORLD, A4
RESEARCHERS SAY THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED COPERNICUS' REMAINS

Researchers said Thursday that they have identified the remains Nicolaus Copernicus by comparing DNA from a skeleton and hair retrieved from one of the 16th-century astronomer's books.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

SUNNY

68° 47°

HIGH LOW

Operation Christmas brings gifts to kids

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More than 200 shoeboxes filled with gifts were donated Wednesday night by UCF students for Operation Christmas Child.

The Pegasus Ballroom looked like Christmas in November as students arrived with gifts in hand, ready to wrap boxes and write letters while munching on Christmas cookies and sipping apple cider.

"Our goal is to reach out as much as possible," InterVarsity Christian Fellowship club member Kristina Billow said.

"Plus, I love to make the kids happy."

Billow, who helped wrap the shoeboxes, was just one of many who had chosen to participate in Operation Christmas Child.

Freshman Trey Poole and sophomore Shannon McNamara, who are also InterVarsity club members, helped set up for the event and spread the word about the inter-organizational effort called Reaching Out in Orlando To Serve, or R.O.O.T.S., Poole said that members of InterVarsity went on a group shopping trip to

PLEASE SEE **CHRISTIAN** ON A5

Students bring home China

Gallery showcases the many faces of a nation

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Stern, sallow-faced elders and cheerful smiling children looked down off the walls of the Burnett Honors College and give passers-by a window into the Chinese people and their culture.

If one is inclined to meet their unswerving gaze, they see the children, mirthful and joyous, despite the poverty in the background and they see the strong Chinese family dynamic. Aging grandparents look after their young grandchildren, showing the Chinese's attachment to elderly



COREY MAYNARD / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Photos from UCF's ChinaVine project are displayed in the Burnett Honors College until January.

relatives.

The photographs were taken by students Blair Remington, Ian Hernand, Tomas Valladares and Sharon Weaver, also a staff photogra-

pher for the *Future*, when they visited China this past spring. The visit to China was a part of UCF's ChinaVine

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