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UF ADMINISTRATION

UF could lose \$49M from state next year

By **THOMAS STEWART**
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UF is looking at a possible \$49-million cut in state funding next year, now that the state's budget has been finalized by the House and

Senate.

The budget still needs to be approved by Gov. Charlie Crist.

The budget includes about \$21 million in tuition revenues from the differential tuition bill recently passed by the Legislature and signed by Crist. The bill allows universities

to raise tuition by up to 15 percent each year, though UF already had the ability to raise it by that much for some students.

UF is expected to receive about \$42 million next year in federal stimulus funds, which makes up for most of the cut, but UF President Bernie Machen has said he will not use the

funds to cover cuts that affect costs that occur every year, like salaries.

UF is expected to receive another stimulus payment of about the same size for the 2010-2011 year.

"It certainly does not make any sense to use
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GPD to review hiring process

By **KATIE EMMETS**
 Alligator Writer

After publicly apologizing for recent cases of police misconduct to more than 50 community members at a meeting Monday, City Manager Russ Blackburn discussed future plans for the Gainesville Police Department.

"Over the past year, GPD has experienced a number of actions that don't reflect the character of our department," Blackburn said.

He said GPD plans to move forward from those actions by building a better and stronger department for the future.

The first step in this process, Blackburn said, will be to conduct an organizational review of GPD.

Blackburn has made a proposal to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, NOBLE, asking it for assistance in the investigations.

The review will look at the recruitment, interviewing, hiring, orientation and discipline processes.

After six GPD officers underwent internal investigations in the past year for unprofessional behavior, the review will be looking closely at interview questions and psychological tests administered to applicants to ensure the department hires people who reflect the Gainesville community's ideals, he said.

After the review is over, NOBLE will present find-

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Welcome Home

A woman relaxes against a wall in the southeast quarter of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium early Monday afternoon. The stadium is frequented by students and faculty for exercise and relaxation year-round.

UF student dies in Crescent Beach surfing accident

■ HIS FUNERAL WAS HELD MAY 6.

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
 Alligator Writer

Ronald Stiles III, a UF senior and recreation sports major, died in a surfing accident at Crescent Beach, Fla., on April 30.

Stiles disappeared while surfing, and offi-

cers were contacted after his white surf board washed up on shore without him on it, according to a police report.

Stiles' body was found after officers searched the area, the report said. He was not breathing and had no pulse.

Stiles was then taken to Flagler Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Aside from surfing and school, Stiles also worked at Café Gardens as a member of the

kitchen staff.

His manager, Devon Vlasov, said he was always punctual, a hard worker and very reliable.

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Vlasov said the two would always talk about music, which was another of Stiles' passions. "He loved music," he said. "He listened to everything from punk rock to country."

Vlasov said he was a soft-spoken guy, but Stiles was never short of a funny story to tell, adding he always knew how to make the other kitchen staffers laugh.

"He has a kind soul and a good spirit," he said. "He really cared for his friends."

According to UF spokesman Steve Orlando, Stiles' funeral was held on May 6.

Orlando said he did not know if UF has plans of holding a memorial in Stiles' honor.

Man robs local convenience store, shoots clerk in head with BB gun

A man was arrested Sunday night after police say he shot a convenience store clerk in the head with a BB gun during a robbery to "gain street cred" for his rapping career.

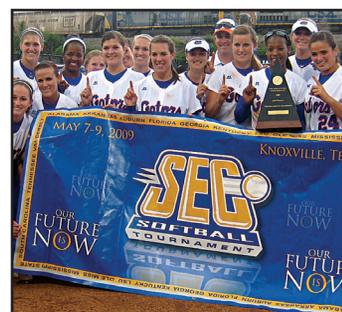
At about 9:30 p.m. Friday, a man walked into the Super Stop Food Store, 2561 SW 31st Place, holding a BB gun and demanding money. When the store clerk tried to grab the gun, the man shot the clerk in the head, Gainesville Police Department spokesman Keith Kameg said. Then the man and his ac-

complice, who was waiting outside with a second BB gun, ran away empty-handed, the report stated. Kameg said GPD received a tip that Steven Gilmore, 21, robbed the store.

Officers obtained a warrant to search Gilmore's apartment and found the two BB guns and the bandana Gilmore wore during the robbery, Kameg said. In an interview, Gilmore told officials of his rapping aspirations, Kameg said.

— KATIE EMMETS

■ The top-ranked UF softball team won its second straight SEC Tournament title this weekend. The Gators earned the No. 1 overall seed and will host a four-team NCAA Regional on Friday. See Story, Page 14.



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STATE

Fla. Gov. Crist expected to seek US Senate seat

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Popular GOP Gov. Charlie Crist has set his sights on a U.S. Senate seat, a prize that could help his chances if he decides to run for president and boost his struggling party even if he doesn't.

Republican Sen. Mel Martinez announced in December he won't seek re-election in 2010. Crist is expected to announce via e-mail Tuesday that he's running for the seat, and his strong name recognition and high approval ratings make him the immediate favorite.

Perhaps more importantly, the race could raise his profile if he wants to challenge President Barack Obama in 2012.

Crist, 52, was coy Monday when asked about his political plans several times after an event at a local retirement home complex.

"Maybe I'll have something more to say about that tomorrow," he replied. "I think I'll issue a statement."

But state GOP chairman Jim Greer says he believes Crist, whose was on the list of possible 2008 GOP vice presidential candidates, will seek the seat.

Shuttle Atlantis blasts off on last Hubble mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis and a crew of seven thundered away Monday on one last flight to the Hubble Space Telescope, setting off on a daring repair mission that NASA hopes will lift the celebrated observatory to new scientific heights.

Atlantis rose from its seaside pad about 2 p.m. and arced out over the Atlantic, ducking through clouds. The Hubble was directly overhead, 350 miles up.

For the first time ever, another shuttle was on a nearby launch pad, primed for a rescue mission if one is needed because of a debris strike.

After seven months of delay, the astronauts were anxious to get started on the complicated, riskier-than-usual job at Hubble. They were two weeks away from launching last fall when a critical part on the telescope failed and picture-taking ceased. NASA decided it wanted to take up a spare to replace the broken unit, and it took months to get it ready.

"At this point, all I've got left to say is, 'Let's launch Atlantis,'" commander Scott Altman said just before liftoff.

"Enjoy the ride, pal," replied launch director Mike Leinbach.

Atlantis should reach the orbiting telescope Wednesday.

NATIONAL

Lawyers: Ex-soldier deserves death for crimes

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Federal prosecutors say a former soldier convicted of raping and murdering an Iraqi teenager and killing her family deserves a death sentence because the crimes were so heinous.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa Ford asked jurors Monday to sen-

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tence former Pfc. Steven Dale Green to die.

Defense attorneys say Green didn't act alone, and that none of the other soldiers involved faced such a harsh sentence.

The 24-year-old Green, a former 101st Airborne Division soldier from Texas, was convicted last week in the 2006 attack on a 14-year-old girl and her family in Mahmouidiya, Iraq.

Jurors are expected to hear testimony for much of the week before deciding if Green receives a death sentence or life in prison without parole.

Crowd pelts Austin police after fatal shooting

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An angry crowd threw rocks and bottles at police in riot gear in Austin, Texas, hours after an officer shot two men, killing one of them.

Police say eight officers had minor injuries and eight patrol cars were damaged as authorities tried to break up the crowd of about 100 people that gathered after the Monday morning shooting.

Police Chief Art Acevedo said the shooting occurred after police investigating complaints of shots fired over the weekend approached a car with three men inside.

He said an officer shot one man who made a movement toward a weapon when the officer tried to wake him up, and shot another who ran toward him.

Acevedo said the unidentified officer who fired will be placed on standard administrative leave.

INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan: Up to 700 militants killed in offensive

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A major Pakistani military offensive in the northwest has killed up to 700 militants in the past four days, and the operation will proceed until the last Taliban fighter in the area is ousted, the country's top civilian security official said Monday.

The offensive in Swat and surrounding districts has earned praise from the U.S., which wants al-Qaida and Taliban militants rooted out from Pakistani havens where they can plan attacks on American and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

But the fighting has unleashed an exodus of refugees, and raised concern over the future of nuclear-armed Pakistan.

Interior Minister Rehman Malik's announcement of 700 militants killed came as a witness and a police official reported new airstrikes in parts of the Swat Valley, a one-time tourist haven that fell prey to Taliban advances

two years ago.

Malik's toll — which exceeds that given by the military on Sunday by at least 200 — could not be independently confirmed.

"The operation will continue until the last Talib," Malik said. "We haven't given them a chance. They are on the run. They were not expecting such an offensive."

Brazil boosts flood aid for 308K left homeless

SAO LUIS, Brazil (AP) — Brazil intensified efforts to get food and other aid to people isolated by severe flooding as waters kept rising in some areas Monday, including a jungle river nearing its highest level in more than 50 years.

At least 40 people have died in the worst flooding in northern Brazil in at least two decades, and the number of homeless is now above 308,000. Communities remained inundated despite some easing of rain and two deaths were reported in a previously unaffected state.

While officials reported waters were receding in most areas, some rivers were rising in the jungle state of Amazonas, including the Rio Negro that feeds the Amazon River. It was just 74 centimeters (29 inches) below a record set in 1953 at a measuring station in Manaus, an industrial city that is the jumping off point for rainforest tourism, the state-run Agencia Brasil news agency said.

"The situation is very difficult because the state is so large and there are places you can't get to," said Dorothea de Araujo, the Amazon operations manager for the international aid group World Vision. "Food and water are priorities because people are drinking contaminated water."

World Vision planned to send boats with supplies and doctors to help about 30 Amazon communities, she said.

In the hard-hit northeastern state of Maranhao, some roads were reopened and officials using trucks and helicopters began distributing tons of food, medicine, mattresses and blankets flown in on military cargo jets, said Paulo Andrade, logistics coordinator for the state.

Got something going on?

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LOCAL

Weather, better mowing spur growth of wildflowers

By **MICHAEL HERBERT**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Motorists may notice more fiery-red Indian Paintbrush, golden Tickseed, multicolored Phlox and several other species of wildflowers along Florida's roads and highways.

This season is yielding large quantities of wildflowers for several reasons, including weather and better mowing practices, said Gina Busscher, the Department of Transportation's public information director for the 2nd District.

The combination of winter rains and late spring cold snaps helped delay the blooms and increase the yield, though the bloom period may be cut short without more rain, she said.

Additionally, better mowing practices by contractors may account for increases in wildflowers, especially along roads. The department contracts out most of the mowing along roadways and has been training contractors to avoid cutting flowers before they produce seeds.

"They can't go to bloom if you cut them off too early," Busscher said.

Though the program, which has been planting in the area for about 25 years, is primarily aesthetic in

nature, it does save the department from contracting at least one mowing cycle, she said.

The 2nd District, which includes Alachua and 17 other counties, receives about 940 pounds of seed from Tallahassee annually as part of the state's beautification plan, costing anywhere between \$30 and \$50 per pound, according to Busscher.

Walter Judd, a botany professor at UF, is skeptical of the benefits of the program.

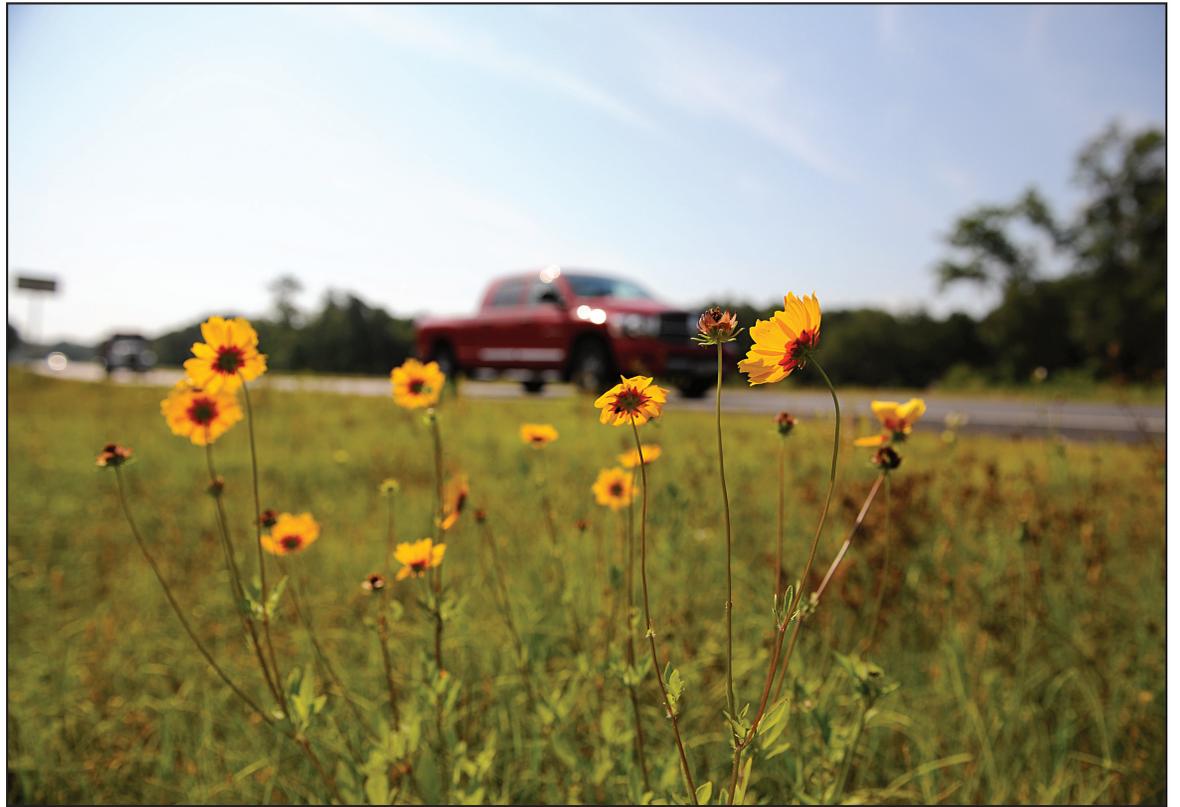
"I'm not convinced we're seeing an increase in wildflowers," said Judd, making a distinction between the department's roadside seeding and naturally occurring flowers.

Judd is concerned that people are becoming too complacent when they see the department's work and said he fears a continuing decrease in naturally occurring wildflower populations due to human involvement and decreases in pollinator populations.

Additionally, the importing of seeds from other states concerns Judd.

"Sometimes the genotypes might not match the genotypes of the ones in Florida," he said. "It is having an impact on the genetic diversity in the environment."

According to Busscher, most



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A truck drives past wildflowers growing on the north side of Newberry Road west of Northwest 143rd Street, in Newberry.

of the wildflowers that the state is planting are native perennials, eliminating the need to seed or plant over the same areas annually.

The majority of the seeds pur-

chased was state wildflower, Coreopsis or Tickseed, which can be seen along Interstate 75 south of Newberry Road together with another of the heavily planted species, Phlox, she said.

On Friday, the state allocated \$20,000 more for highway beautification grants, which includes the wildflower planting program, than last year when the 2009-2010 budget was passed.

Harn celebrates 'everyday' artwork of local students

■ THE EXHIBIT FEATURES MORE THAN 100 PIECES OF ART.

By **NATALIE ARRIETA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A partnership between the Harn Museum of Art and the Alachua County school system is breeding the next generation of student Picassos.

More than 100 pieces of "everyday art" by Alachua County student artists from kindergarten through 12th grade are on display in the Chandler Auditorium until May 17.

The exhibit features artwork from about 30 schools, with pieces such as landscape paintings, collages, photographs and hand-

printed robes inspired by African textiles.

"This partnership represents the Harn Museum's continuing relationship with the Alachua County school system and supports the museum's mission to promote the power of the arts to inspire and educate people and enrich their lives," said Bonnie Bernau, director of education at the Harn.

"[It] provides the museum with an excellent opportunity to celebrate student artists and the dedication of local art teachers while endorsing our mutual dedication to ensuring that the arts are an important part of children's lives," Bernau said.

The displayed artwork represents the climax of a full year of study, which included a teacher workshop in the fall, a guided visit to the Harn for students and

"Student artists were inspired by good teaching and by seeing real art. One artist always influences another."

Bonnie Bernau
Harn director of education

classroom instruction about using the museum's educator resource unit.

"Student artists were inspired by good teaching and by seeing real art," Bernau said. "One artist always influences another."

A reception was held on April 23 to recognize students whose work is featured in the exhibition. More than 200 people attended the reception, including parents,

art teachers and school principals in an effort to support the arts.

At the reception, students received certificates from their art teachers.

Florida Capital Bank sponsored the exhibit and reception and will select 21 student works to display in the bank's office for a year after the exhibit closes.

Justine Michael, a senior at F.W. Buchholz High School in Gainesville, has her photograph of paint peeling off of a wall on display.

"I wanted to be able to show a different perspective of something people see every day and to make them think," she said.

"It felt great when I saw my artwork on display," Michael said. "Just having it among the art of great people is an amazing thought."

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Patrons eat lunch in the newly renovated Arredondo Room on the fourth floor of the Reitz Union.

Arredondo Café opens in Reitz

By **ALLIE CONTI**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Arredondo Room reopened as the Arredondo Café on the fourth floor of the Reitz Union Monday.

The café, which serves buffet-style meals and offers a panoramic view of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, is the result of construction that combined the Arredondo Room and the Micanopy Room, as well as upgrades that brought the 40-year-old section of the Reitz up to code, according to Mike Mironack, director of operations at the Reitz Union.

"We've improved the look, feel and function of the room while satisfying some infrastructural needs," Mironack said.

The construction costs, which fell between \$500,000 and \$700,000, included the installation of a permanent buffet line

as well as new lights, furniture, window treatments and speakers. New restrooms were also built in the fourth-floor lobby.

"We've improved the look, feel and function of the room while satisfying some infrastructural needs."

Mike Mironack

Director of operations at the Reitz Union

Customers slowly trickled in and out of the café during its inception. UF sophomore Natalie Nelson said she enjoyed being one of the few people there.

"Lot of food, quiet location, excellent view," she said.

The Arredondo Café will be open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday during Summer A and B.

LOCAL

Commissioners criticize Shands CEO for missing forum

By **LAUREN IRIZARRY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Frustrated questions regarding the closure of Shands at Alachua General Hospital went unanswered as Timothy Goldfarb, Shands CEO, was not present at a special meeting held by the Alachua County Commission on May 5.

Instead, a two-page letter from Goldfarb and a team of assistants recording questions and concerns filled his place.

In the letter, Goldfarb expressed gratitude toward commissioners for meeting with him individually regarding the impending hospital closure, scheduled for October.

However, some commissioners felt it was a mistake for Goldfarb to miss an opportunity for discussion in a public forum.

"I am very saddened he's not here, that no one is here to speak on [Shands'] behalf," said

Commissioner Rodney Long. "This is a very important community issue."

Despite Goldfarb's absence, community advisory groups presented suggestions for dealing with the loss of health care services.

Jean Munden, Alachua County Health Department administrator, said the loss of AGH will increase demand for services such as basic medical care, which would be offered by the health department. To meet the demand, the department would begin to offer extended business hours by July, Munden said.

Beyond the impact of straining other area hospitals with patient overflow, the loss of a community hospital is a concern for several community group representatives.

Ed Jennings Jr., chairman of CHOICES, a county health care service provider for the uninsured, said health care access would be problematic for many residents.

"The conversation needs to be about what

to do now," Jennings said. "How do we make sure primary care is provided to our most needy citizens?"

"The conversation needs to be about what to do now."

Ed Jennings Jr.
chairman of CHOICES

According to Jennings, about 20 percent of Gainesville's 250,000 residents live in poverty.

Social services program director Candie Nixon echoed Jennings' concerns, saying, "Poor people will not have access to primary care with AGH closing."

In an effort to curb an influx of patients needing primary care, Goldfarb noted in his letter that Shands is working with Solantic, an urgent-care provider, to open a center at Ayers Medical Plaza.

Other issues raised included employee placement, increased emergency room wait times and the impact on rural bordering counties. Levy County Emergency Medical Services Director Trish Seibold said roughly a quarter of the county's 39,000 residents go to AGH for services.

With only seven total ambulances for the entire county, Seibold said the increased wait time for an emergency bed poses a problem.

"Our wait times are anywhere from 20 minutes to an hour," she said. "With the hospital closing, we're looking at one-to-two-hour wait time."

The impact on rural counties is one consequence among many that commissioners hope to discuss in a future meeting to be held within the next 90 days.

Goldfarb is being pressured by the commission to appear at the meeting or provide a representative to address citizen concerns.

Private funding might save two programs

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one-time money for recurring expenses," UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said.

She said there are still many details about UF's budget that need to be worked out.

"It's unclear at this point what will be cut, how much will be cut and how it will be cut," she said.

Sikes said Machen will brief UF's Faculty Senate on Friday about the budget.

Machen plans to submit his final budget recommendations to the Board of Trustees, UF's highest governing body, later this month.

The board will take the final vote on the budget.

Under the current version, UF's state funding in 2009-2010 would be reduced to about \$540 million, not including tuition appropriations, Sikes said.

This is down from about \$702 million in 2006-2007.

UF's expected cut next year is about \$23 million to \$26 million less than the \$72 million to \$75 million reduction that UF had been preparing for.

"We are in a little bit better shape than we would have been," Sikes said.

Machen asked all colleges and administrative units in January to present 10 percent budget cut proposals

to the Provost's office by April 1. They were released to the public on April 16.

A week after the proposals were posted online, UF's Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin announced that two programs in her office — the Center for Leadership and Service and Multicultural and Diversity Affairs — were no longer in danger of being cut.

"These programs are too precious to me and the university," she told about 50 students at a question-and-answer session in the Reitz Union Auditorium.

She said she would try to find private funds to cover the \$508,000 cost of the programs, which include programs for black, Hispanic, Asian and LGBT students.

"The funding will be there; I will just have to find a different strategy," Telles-Irvin said.

Despite the announcement, about 30 students marched from the Reitz Union to Tigert Hall, where they delivered an oversize letter signed by students to Telles-Irvin, urging the administration to work with students on the budget cut issue.

About 10 students then held a sit-in in the waiting area outside Telles-Irvin's office.

UF Administration

24 have applied for police chief

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amount of stress," he said.

ings to Blackburn and a focus group that will make recommendations for changes to GPD's command staff.

At the meeting, Blackburn also discussed the search for a new chief of GPD.

Twenty-four people have applied for the position, after a week of advertising, he said.

GPD's human resource department will pick the top 10 applicants and a selection committee will narrow that down to four or five, Blackburn said.

"Expect a very intensive, painful process that draws out the best in the candidate and puts them under the maximum

Blackburn is also planning a public reception where Gainesville citizens will be given the change to meet the finalists and ask them difficult questions.

When the finalists are asked to leave the room, Blackburn will talk to citizens about whom they think will best fill the position.

Although current Chief Norman Botsford has agreed to continue his duties as chief until Nov. 1., Blackburn said he will make the decision for a new chief in early August.

The meeting was sponsored by the African American Accountability Alliance.

Execution delayed for convicted killer

■ HE WAS SCHEDULED TO DIE BY LETHAL INJECTION.

By **BRITTANY DAVIS** and **HUNTER SIZEMORE**

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The Florida Supreme Court indefinitely delayed the execution of death row inmate John Marek, who was scheduled to die by lethal injection on Wednesday at Florida State Prison near Starke.

The stay, which was announced Monday, comes 25 years after Marek was convicted for kidnapping, raping and strangling Adella Simmons.

A hearing is set for May 20, when Marek's attorneys will argue that Marek's accomplice, Raymond Wigley, murdered Simmons.

The stay was granted based on testimonies by fellow inmates that Wigley tearfully confessed to murdering Simmons, said Milton McClain, Marek's attorney. In 2000, Wigley was strangled by an inmate while serving his life sentence.

"The state has tried to argue that [Wigley] may have been trying to act tough and impress people in prison," McClain said. "But the manner in which he confessed does not reflect that. Ray broke down crying and admitted that he did it."

Since Marek's 1984 conviction, his attorneys have appealed to the Florida Supreme Court six times, and to the U.S. Supreme Court twice.

Marek was also granted stays in 1988 and 1989. Gov. Charlie Crist signed Marek's death warrant in late April alongside that of David Johnston.



Marek

Johnston was convicted of strangling 84-year-old Mary Hammond in Orange County in 1983. Crist has signed five death warrants since Florida's 17-month capital punishment hiatus ended in April of 2008.

Court and legal fees for death row inmates are costly to the state, said UF criminology professor Ronald Akers.

The average prisoner execution in Florida costs around \$3.2 million, while the cost of imprisoning the same person for life is about \$600,000, according to a 1997 press release on a capital punishment study in which Akers participated. Akers said that the death penalty does little to deter crime, and he feels that it's not worth the cost.

"It becomes a more pointed argument in times of economic downturns, but that argument has always been there," Akers said.

STATE

Swine flu affects 55 in Fla, one at UF

By **THOMAS STEWART**

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Florida had 55 confirmed cases of swine flu, including one UF student, as of Monday afternoon, according to the Florida Department of Health.

The UF student, a 19-year-old female whose identity will not be released, is the only confirmed case in Alachua County.

The student visited the Student Health Care Center April 27 with flu-like symptoms. She left Gainesville for her hometown two or three days later, UF spokesman Steve Orlando said.

The student had mild symptoms and has fully recovered, according to an e-mail sent to UF students last week.

Additionally, there have been four probable cases of the swine flu in Florida. The state has accounted for about 2 percent of the 2,600 total confirmed cases in the U.S., as of Monday afternoon.

"We'll keep watching and hope that things will calm down."

Susanne Hill

UF international center interim executive director

Despite concerns about swine flu, which is suspected to have come from Mexico, UF's two summer study abroad programs in Mexico are expected to continue as scheduled. A total of 45 students are signed up to study in Guadalajara and Merida, said Susanne Hill, interim executive director of UF's International Center. The program starts June 24.

"We have six weeks before the program starts," Hill said. "We'll keep watching and hope that things will calm down."

If necessary, she said UF will make changes to the programs, but she doesn't want to see any hasty decisions made.

"These students are counting on getting (class) credit," she said.

She said her office has not received calls or e-mails asking about UF's plans for the summer programs.

While no students have pulled out of UF's trips, two students out of a group of about 15 have canceled their plans to participate in an independent program in Guadalajara this summer, Hill said.

UF's graduation ceremonies earlier this month also proceeded as planned. About 9,200 students applied for degrees this spring and more than 7,100 students walked, Orlando said. Unlike some other universities, UF decided not to ban handshakes in response to the swine flu outbreak.

UF decided the outbreak wasn't as serious as previously believed, Orlando said.

"We also took into account the fact that this is a pretty important event for people, when they graduate and get to shake the (university) president's hand," he said. "For many students, this is the only time they get to meet the president."

Journalist freed after four months

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — An American journalist imprisoned on espionage charges in Iran for four months was freed Monday and reunited with her smiling, tearful parents — a move that clears a major obstacle to President Barack Obama's attempts at dialogue with the top U.S. adversary in the Middle East.

The U.S. had said the charges against Roxana Saberi, a 32-year-old dual Iranian-American citizen, were baseless and repeatedly demanded her release.

Hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad could also win some domestic political points a month before he faces a re-election challenge from reformers who seek to ease Iran's bitter rivalry with the U.S.

Saberi's Iranian-born father, Reza Saberi, wiped away tears, then flashed a broad smile as he and his wife, Akiko, arrived at Tehran's Evin prison — notorious for holding political prisoners — to meet their daughter.

The younger Saberi, who was taken out of Evin through a back door away from journalists, was not seen after her release. She stayed with her parents at a friend's home, apparently to avoid publicity before leaving Iran.

Her release came when an appeals court reduced her eight-year prison sentence on charges of spying for the U.S. to a two-year suspended sentence, said Iranian judiciary spokesman Ali Reza Jamshidi. He said Saberi was free to leave Iran.

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Editorial

'Slumpbuster'

Obama sees value of education to economy

With a slumping economy and a skyrocketing unemployment rate, President Barack Obama has turned to higher education with hopes of getting America back on track.

In an announcement made on Friday, Obama spoke of plans to help unemployed individuals remedy their current situations by returning to the classroom. One of the major deterrents keeping citizens from going back to school lies in the fact that unemployed individuals sacrifice their benefits if they elect to head back to a college campus. But thanks to Obama's plan, unemployed Americans can pursue a degree while maintaining their current compensation.

Suddenly every student's nightmare of sitting next to Mom during lecture has come to fruition.

According to an article on CNN.com, the Department of Education plans to contact colleges and universities across the country to help with the transition process. Additionally, Obama's initiative will increase limits on federal Pell Grants by \$500 to a maximum of \$5,350 — money allocated for low-income students. News of Obama's efforts comes in the wake of word revealing the country's unemployment rate has hit a 25-year-high at 8.9 percent during the month of April.

The Editorial Board applauds Obama for realizing the value of higher education to help America turn the corner during the current economic crisis. By making it easier for unemployed people to further themselves through education, Obama has taken the steps necessary to create a workforce better suited for the ever-expanding global economy. With more individuals earning college degrees, America's economy will transition from one relying on factory workers to one relying on knowledge-based skills.

Craigslist Gone Wild

While the mean streets of Gainesville often provide for hilarity in terms of criminal hijinks, the true epicenter of absurdity running rampant resides just a bit down the road.

Word out of Chiefland reveals news of a crime so ridiculous that we just knew Craigslist had to be involved.

According to an article in The Gainesville Sun, Chiefland police arrested a man pretending to be a woman offering "man rubs" on Craigslist at the rate of \$200 per hour. Arthur Ramos or "Helen Bedd" as he was known to his customers, was charged with prostitution after police went undercover on the bulletin board-style Web site to set up a "casual encounter." After an exchange of \$250 was made at an area hotel, an undercover agent made the arrest of Ramos.

Interestingly enough, Ra-

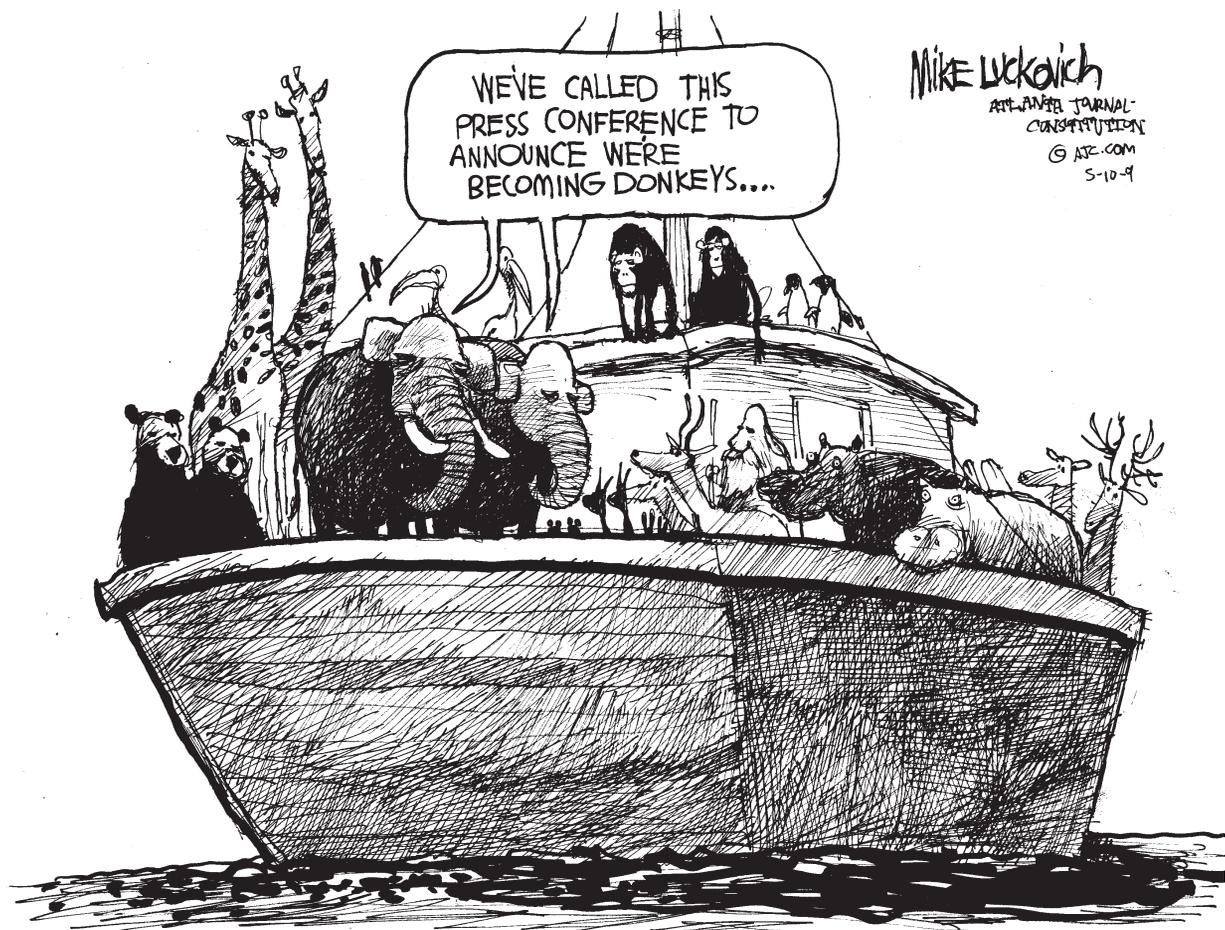
mos conceded the fact that he was a prostitute — even going as far as to rationalize his profession by claiming it was the oldest job in the world. In addition to the services he offered in North Central Florida, Ramos ran a prostitution ring in Miami.

For the Chiefland Police Department, the arrest of Ramos marks the first time in which the Internet played a major role in catching a criminal.

The Editorial Board can't help but laugh hysterically over the plight of Ramos. At this point, we remain a bit perplexed by what exactly customers were expecting when they rendez-voused with the Craigslist hustler. As the ad promised "full-service" from a female call-girl, we can only assume jaws dropped succinctly with the removal of pants to reveal Ramos as all man.

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Column

Failure of car industry falls on consumers

I don't like Chryslers. Or Fords. Or, for that matter, anything GM makes.

I do like their old cars. The sight of a '63 Corvette Sting Ray is heavenly. But I would rather avert my eyes away from the newer cars pumped out of Detroit.

It seems I'm not the only one who has had qualms about Pontiac's spiderweb-like rear lights, Ford's ugly interiors and Chrysler's inflated retail prices. Americans have been turning to foreign manufacturers to take care of their American dream for at least a decade now. Hyundai and Kia are no longer joke manufacturers, now offering cars with better mileage and quality for less than their American counterparts. Ford, Chevy and Dodge are no longer the obvious choice when it comes to picking out a new truck, either. Have you seen the made-in-America Toyota Tundra lately?

Ford, GM and Chrysler haven't been able to find the confidence to take a long and hard look at themselves and face the bitter fact: Their product just isn't good enough anymore. Good is an encompassing term, by the way. Words like innovative, beautiful, valuable, efficient and quality all fit under the definition of a 'good' car.

The Europeans make good cars. The Japanese and Koreans also make good cars. Sure, they got into the game a little late, but they've whipped Detroit faster than a '70 GTO in terms of quality, efficiency and design. Detroit sounded its own death knell when GM fueled the race of conspicuous consumption with the introduction of the Hummer H2, a truck whose primary market is petite blondes who can't see over the steering wheel and men who have, ahem, confidence problems.

Meanwhile, everywhere else, car manufacturers focused on producing smaller and more efficient automo-



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biles. Even the Detroit Big Three were making smaller, and yes, better looking cars in Europe. But we didn't want them, they said.

Our car manufacturers aren't to blame. They weren't wrong. We were wrong. Few people pined for GM's limited production electric car in the late 1990s and instead waited in lines for a

chance to purchase the behemoth Ford Excursion. When the first Toyota Prius came onto the market the customer base consisted of those who cared so much about the environment that they scraped off their Coexist and PETA stickers from their last car as to not waste any paper. Bring on the Hummers most everyone else yelled. When the gas crisis hit and today's banking and credit crisis appeared, the Big Three were caught with their pants down.

Now as Chrysler is reorganizing under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and many experts predict GM will soon follow, more power is being given to the United Auto Workers. The single institution that holds the most responsibility in its own downfall by demanding inflated wages and entitlement benefits, which hinders competition between foreign automakers, will now own more than half of Chrysler LLC, positioning themselves to shoot off their other foot.

On the bright side, Italian automaker Fiat will now be charged with running the day-to-day operations. Yes, this is going to work out just fine.

Matthew Christ is a political science sophomore. His column appears weekly.

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Letter to the Editor

Obama foreign policy lacks punch

President Barack Obama is making mistakes impacting our foreign policy.

The administration tried appeasement when it declared Hugo Chavez's president-for-life referendum was "for the most part..."

a process that was fully consistent with a democratic process." The president warned North Korea it would suffer "consequences" if it went ahead with the launch of a long-range missile, but North Korea snubbed the U.S. and launched the missile on a 2,000-mile

run. President Obama attempted to charm Iran, but Iran's parliament speaker rebuked our president and told him the U.S. has to acknowledge 60 years of crimes against Iran, change its policies and abandon Israel.

Appeasing and apologizing (for nothing)

to these totalitarian countries is interpreted as groveling weakness by the administration, and it is jeopardizing our national security.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

Column

Justice Souter's departure from Supreme Court overhyped

With the honorable Justice David Souter's announcement that he will retire from the U.S. Supreme Court, the cheap world of our national punditry has become a much more hysterical place than usual — which, it should be noted, is a truly impressive feat. These are rather exciting times to be alive; it's not every day we get to see the ideological liberals and conservatives in our country bickering and bashing each other. Oh. Wait a minute. We do.

The fact of the matter is this: Souter's departure is not as big an event as the news media, in true Hearst fashion, want it to be. Currently the court votes largely along an ideologically even 4-4 split between liberal and conservative judges with Kennedy (note: that's Kennedy, not Souter) acting as the swing vote. Now, Souter is one of the traditionally liberal justices and President Barack Obama, to whom the noble task falls

of nominating a replacement, is a bit of a liberal president — or a pinko-commie, if your name is Sean Hannity.

So, that being said, is there really any question that Obama will appoint a left-leaning replacement? The only question is which one, but whoever is chosen is going to look strikingly similar to the runners-up. The fundamental composition of the court will not change. There is nothing earth-shattering in any of this and, if not for the new levels of shrillness being reached by the pundits, I would be more excited about the upcoming season of Californication.

(Full disclosure: I actually am more excited about that. Watch the show.)

But, as usual, just when I'm on the verge of losing interest in the D.C. happenings — and about to consign myself to the joys of watching David Duchovny charm his way into yet another woman's bed — the cries of our respected "punditocracy" rouse me from



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my naïve dreams.

It turns out that, when describing what he would look for in a potential replacement for Souter, Obama said something rather scandalous.

He didn't say that he was looking for someone who enjoys long walks on the beach and Richard Gere films — that, you can be sure, would have made me write a very different column — but the reaction is as bizarre as if he had. Obama said that he wants someone with the most terrifying of traits: "empathy." You know — empathy. As in the ability to understand someone else's feelings. Seems innocuous? Think again!

My casual monitoring of the news (three cheers for Google News) has taught me that this is not the simple, harmless — even ben-

eficial — quality you might think. No, empathy means all sorts of wretched things, from a taste for ignoring the law while making decisions to a determined agenda to redistribute wealth. I feel like we've finally crossed the vale and entered the Bizarro America that Patton Oswalt has prophesied for so long.

Empathy...bad? Me no understand.

Actually, I think I do. I think what it boils down to is that, at this point, the right-wing wailers in the media are willing to get hysterically upset over just about anything to do with politics that isn't a Palin candidacy and the mainstream news media has simply run out of things to talk about. I hope Murrow's ghost haunts them all in the night.

Take away points: Souter 2.0 will be liberal; I can't stand loud people; and Californication is a brilliant show.

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Guest column

Invisible Children looks to aid children of Ugandan civil war

"In the name of love... Oprah come and rescue us."

These words were delivered in unison by 500 people singing and dancing in a gymnasium in Chicago as part of a 100 city campaign for Invisible Children.

The next day, with those 500 people out in front of her studio holding up signs of peace, Oprah concluded that they deserved not only her attention, but the immediate attention of each and every one of her viewers.

On April 25, in 100 cities around the world, Invisible Children, an organization dedicated to ending Africa's longest-running civil war in northern Uganda, launched a large-scale event to promote awareness for their cause called The Rescue.

While promoting awareness of children who are abducted and forced to enlist into Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army, 100,000 people gathered to "abduct" themselves in demonstration until they could be "rescued" by a policymaker or media mogul.

Invisible Children is an organization

that began after three filmmakers traveled to Africa and found themselves taken aback by the sight of children being used as pawns in the Ugandan civil war. From Australia to North America, England to South Africa, people came from everywhere to support.

The event required people to gather at a designated site and then march single-file while holding onto a rope until they reach their "abduction site."

They also had to bring portraits of themselves to the event to leave behind, along with enough supplies to last them through the time that it would take for their "rescuer" to arrive. Supplies also included pens and paper to write letters to their congressmen asking for more attention to be paid to this issue. Most cities were rescued successfully within the first 72 hours.

In Atlanta, congressman and legendary civil rights figure John Lewis delivered a powerful speech applauding the participants and urging others to give more attention to this issue.

In Orange County, Calif., the band Par-

amore answered numerous video requests on YouTube to attend.

In London, Lord Dartmouth, a member of European Parliament, professed, "There is virtually no better cause than Invisible Children."

Participants in Auckland, New Zealand, demanded media attention from news stations before agreeing to disband from their abduction site.

Soon, a group called the "Freedom Riders" formed, courageously traveling to afflicted cities after their own rescue. They helped to build the crowd of 500 that sat outside Oprah's studio.

Oprah embraced the demonstrators who had endured rainstorms, nights of sleeping outside and diets of pizza for days straight. On air, after answering their request to be rescued, she said, "You will be moved to take action to help rescue these children. It really is an atrocity, a

holocaust, going on with these children... This is a special situation that I think the world needs to know about."

Other celebrities like Kristen Bell, Joel Madden, Kirsten Dunst, Pete Wentz and Jeff Foxworthy took part in the event to draw the attention of many local and national news stations. But no media outlet was more successful than the airtime given to the 500 people outside Oprah's studio on May 1.

In the end, over 100,000 people gathered themselves to share their voice about their stance concerning atrocities hundreds of miles away.

With all the exposure and the simplicity of the message — stopping the war in Uganda and the abduction of children — many were touched by the acts of those participating in The Rescue.

Hats off to the Invisible Children organization and to those brave enough to participate who used their time toward promoting the protection of basic human rights.

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2 For Rent unfurnished

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 31 Once-sacred slitherers | 44 Like adult movies |
| 1 Iranian ruler until 1979 | 1 Hitchcock's "The 39 ___" | 32 Inscribe | 47 Dental crown alternative |
| 5 Prickly plants | 2 "Deal or No Deal" host Mandel | 33 Go into business | 48 Man with a cube |
| 10 Clarinetist Artie | 3 Wide open orders | 37 Attachment for closeups | 49 Prospector's tool |
| 14 Like takeout | 4 Attraction for Winnie the Pooh | 38 Bare fixture of rhyme | 51 Shells and bullets |
| 15 Deprive of weapons | 5 Snip from the newspaper | 40 Ceremonial heap | 52 Jessica of "7th Heaven" |
| 16 Prefix with space | 6 From square one | 41 Like Granny Smith apples | 53 ___ Reader: eclectic magazine |
| 17 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge!" | 7 Normandy city | 43 Wyoming range | 56 Law, in Lyon |
| 18 Prepare to drive | 8 Show about Capote | | |
| 19 Deficiency | 9 Not expressly stated | | |
| 20 "Shh!" from a plumber? | 10 Lunchbox meat | | |
| 22 Abhor | 11 Wind chill factor's opposite | | |
| 24 "Later, alligator!" | 12 Semicircular entrance | | |
| 25 "CSI" city | 13 Left the land of Nod | | |
| 26 "Shh!" from a hosier? | 21 Fix, as hair | | |
| 31 Greek fabulist | 23 Wine barrel woods | | |
| 34 City bonds, for short | 25 Single-principle believer | | |
| 35 ___wop | 27 Almost perfect, gradewise | | |
| 36 Editor's "leave it in" | 28 Perfect | | |
| 37 "Shh!" from a mail carrier? | 29 Actress Skye | | |
| 38 Red coin? | 30 Tater ___ | | |
| 39 Agt.'s cut | | | |
| 40 Corn breads | | | |
| 41 Prom rentals | | | |
| 42 "Shh!" from a hunter? | | | |
| 45 Salon services | | | |
| 46 Shady areas | | | |
| 50 Subdued shade | | | |
| 52 "Shh!" from a seamstress? | | | |
| 54 Polite "I think," in chat rooms | | | |
| 55 Privileged group | | | |
| 57 Goya's "Duchess of ___" | | | |
| 58 "We gotta get movin'!" | | | |
| 59 "There's ___ in sight" | | | |
| 60 "Kills bugs dead" spray | | | |
| 61 "Keystone" bunch of film | | | |
| 62 Proctor ___: kitchen appliance brand | | | |
| 63 TV's Dick Van ___ | | | |

2 For Rent unfurnished

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2 For Rent unfurnished

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Great for grad students Townhouse
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Near mall and bus routes
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Area. Hardwood floors, renovated kitchen.
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1st - 3 blocks from midtown, walk to campus,
16 NW 20th Dr. \$450/month + 1/2 utilities
(negotiable). Contact Mike mschwartzseid@
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Oaks, 1100 sq ft flat apt. On RTS 5, 20, 75.
W/D, walk-in closet, screen porch, D/W,
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Building 4 for the entire Summer. Apartment
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3 Subleases

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2 rms in house,for 1-2 people \$530/mnth
Walking distance to UF
Available May 8th thru July 31st 2009.
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utilities/net/cable included, no pets
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Screened patio; 24 hr alarm, fitness centr;
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Sublease for 1 year w/no deposit. \$1050/mo.
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Gators repeat as champs vs. Tide

■ UF ENTERS NCAA AS NO. 1 OVERALL SEED.

By **ADAM BERRY**
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Even Mother Nature couldn't stop the Gators' march toward a second straight Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship.

Saturday's title game between No. 1 UF (55-3) and No. 5 Alabama (47-9) was delayed for an hour and a half due to rain, but a first-inning grand slam by shortstop Megan Bush put the Gators ahead by 3. The Crimson Tide rallied late, but the Gators prevailed 8-5 at Lee Softball Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn.

"To repeat as tournament champions and SEC champions is probably one of the hardest things that we've accomplished in my coaching

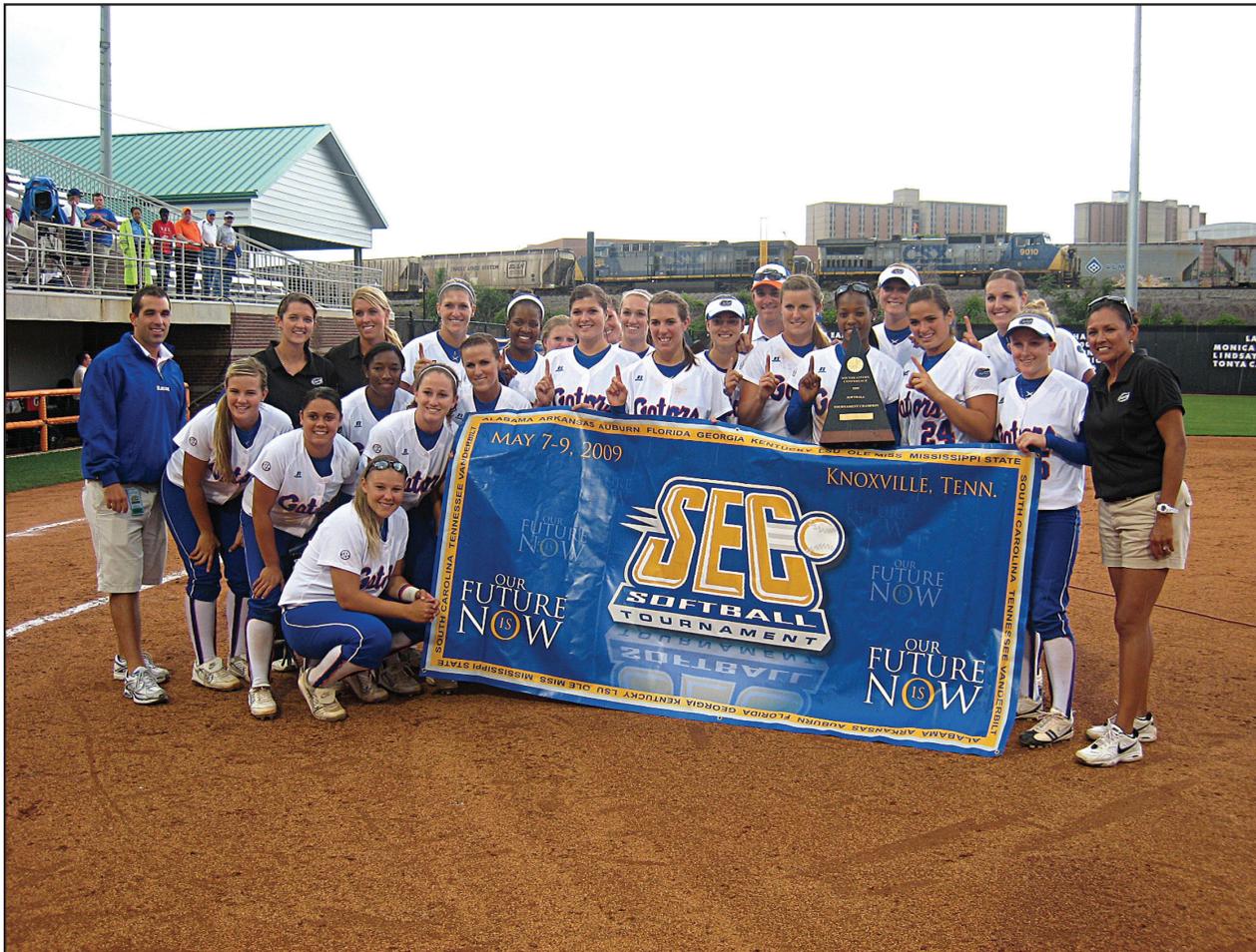
career, playing with the burden of being the No. 1 team and the target and all those things," UF coach Tim Walton said.

The Gators have worked all season to manage the expectations and demands that come with being the top-ranked team in the nation. Saturday, they had to work just to get a strike called.

UF pitcher Stacey Nelson (35-3, 0.43 ERA) and Alabama's Kelsi Dunne (24-3, 1.45) struggled to find the strike zone early. As a result, the first inning and a half lasted an hour, and Nelson and Dunne combined for four walks and three hit batters as they tried to work the inside corner, the only place either one could get a called strike.

"I don't think I would have wanted to be a pitcher today," Alabama catcher Ashley Holcombe said. "Sometimes you

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The No. 1 Gators softball team celebrates its second straight SEC Tournament title after an 8-5 victory against the Crimson Tide on Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn. UF came back from an early deficit to take home the trophy.

Courtesy of UF Sports Information

UF SPORTS ROUNDUP

What you may have missed...

By **PHIL KEGLER**
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It's only been 19 days since the end of spring classes, but UF sports teams have been plenty busy during the intermission.

BASE HEATS UP: The UF baseball team has found its stride despite losing two of three at LSU this weekend. The Gators won eight games in a row from April 21 to May 3, including a sweep of last year's national runner-up Georgia in Athens. Taking three from the Bulldogs vaulted UF into first place in the Southeastern Conference East Division, and the Gators currently hold a two-game lead.

UF will play its final non-conference game tonight when it hosts Jacksonville before finishing its SEC slate with a home se-

ries Thursday through Saturday against Kentucky. The Gators have clinched one of the eight berths in the SEC Tournament.

Division winners are guaranteed the top two seeds, while the other six are determined by record.



Tyus

TYUS STAYING AT UF: Gators sophomore forward Alex Tyus will be staying in Gainesville after all.

The school released a statement regarding his decision on April 28, 10 days after he initially declared his plans to go to another school.

"It's great to know that his heart is here at the University of Florida," coach Billy Donovan said in a statement.

THREE GATORS TAKEN IN NFL DRAFT: UF continued its streak of having a player selected in the first round for the third straight year when wide receiver Percy Harvin was drafted No. 22 by the Vikings. The Raiders drafted wide receiver Louis Murphy in the fourth round with the 124th overall selection. Tight end Cornelius Ingram went to the Eagles in the fifth round with the 153rd overall pick.

Offensive linemen Phil Trautwein and Jason Watkins, running back Kestahn Moore and long snapper James Smith signed free-agent contracts after the NFL Draft.

Trautwein went to the Rams, and Watkins went to the Texans. The Broncos picked up Moore while Smith went to the Bengals.

Women go to Sweet 16

By **JOSEPH R. HOLZER**
Alligator Writer

Jo Mather had only enough time to give a fist pump before being swarmed by the rest of the No. 15 UF women's tennis team after a 4-2 win against Florida State.

The freshman clinched the match against the No. 18 Seminoles with a forehand that sent the ball skidding down the sideline past an out-of-position Lauren Macfarlane and earned the Gators a Sweet 16 berth in the NCAA Tennis Championships.

The UF men will not be joining their female counterparts, however, after falling 4-3 to No. 22 Miami in a second-round match on Saturday. No. 10 UF (18-9) downed Marist 4-0 on Friday and took a 3-0 lead against Miami (16-8) but was unable to get the clinching point.

The women's second-round match on Sunday was also a rollercoaster but with a happier outcome for the Gators. The match started similar to UF's 4-1 first-round win against Charleston as Florida State struck first in doubles on Court 3, putting pressure on courts 1 and 2.



After Mather and Marrit Boonstra defeated Federica Suess and Katie Rybakova, the doubles point was in the hands of Jessica Alexander and Anastasia Revzina. The No. 25 tandem was down 3-2 early but bounced back to clinch the doubles point with an 8-4 victory on a double fault.

"We just knew if we kept set-

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NCAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

- **UF (55-3) earned the No. 1 overall seed Sunday night. It will host Florida A&M (30-30), Lehigh (36-16-1) and Texas A&M (31-19), which ended the Gators' postseason run last year.**

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TONIGHT

- **The No. 13 UF baseball team (35-17) finishes its non-conference schedule by hosting Jacksonville (33-17) at 6:30 p.m. Lefty Alex Panteliodis (4-5, 4.08 ERA) will get the start for the Gators.**

Coach resigns after UF fails to qualify for NCAAs

■ THE GATORS FINISHED IN 16TH OUT OF 21 TEAMS, 19 SHOTS SHY OF ADVANCING.

By ANTHONY CHIANG
Alligator Writer

The UF women's golf season came to a disappointing end this weekend and took another turn Monday night when coach Jill Briles-Hinton announced her resignation.

The Gators did not qualify for the NCAA Championships after finishing in 16th place at the NCAA East Regional on their home course this past weekend.

They won one SEC title during her 11 years at the helm and advanced to the NCAA Championships only six times.

"Our vision is that the women's golf team is consistently among the contenders at the NCAA Championships," UF athletics director Jeremy Foley said in a statement. "That simply hasn't happened, and now we begin a search for a coach that shares that vision."

Last year's East Regional champions fell far short of qualifying this year, shooting 68 over par to finish in 16th out of 21 teams.

It finished 19 strokes behind the final qualifier, eighth-place Georgia (49 over).

The disappointing end came after

a consistent season of top-10 finishes and was perhaps even more surprising due to its being on Gainesville's Mark Bostick Golf Course.

"The program is better off than when I started, but I feel it is time to step aside and let someone else take it from here," said Briles-Hinton, 2008 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, in a statement. "I enjoyed my time at Florida, and now I'm looking forward to spending time with my family."

"I hope to get back into coaching someday and look forward to again helping young golfers achieve their dreams."

The advantage of playing at home did not help as much as expected. Sophomore Jessica Yadloczky, who finished in the top 10 as an individual in the last five tournaments, could not keep her streak going.

After an uncharacteristic finish of 76th place with a score of 22 over par, Yadloczky summarized the team's performance in two words.

"We sucked."

Yadloczky attributed her poor performance to the excessive amount of pressure she put on herself.

"I wanted it way too bad, and it got in my way," she said. "I guess I'm learning the hard way — you can't want it this bad."

While disappointed, the sophomore found some positive things to carry into next season.



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UF sophomore Jessica Yadloczky reacts in frustration during second-round action Friday at the NCAA East Regional. Yadloczky finished 76th as an individual, and the Gators failed to advance.

"We gained team bonding," she said. "We all came from different places, and we got to know each other and learned how to work together as a team this year."

With the entire team returning next season, the disappointing end to this season will leave a sour taste in the Gators' mouth that will motivate them that much more for the

2009-10 season.

"This puts fire in our bellies, and this makes us work that much harder for next season," Yadloczky said.

Track teams hitting strides as SECs near

By TONI-ANN MILLER AND
JESSICA ETTER
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The Seminole Twilight Invitational in Tallahassee proved to be just what UF needed this weekend as the Gators prepare for the upcoming Southeastern Conference Outdoor Championships.

The Gators walked away with four event wins and 11 NCAA regional-qualifying marks. The team managed to go out and accomplish exactly what it set out to do — make improvements before the important championship stretch.

UF coach Mike Holloway believes his team's performance will carry over as momentum into the upcoming SEC meet.

"I've felt good about this group all year long. The big thing is everybody here trusts each other (and) believes in each other," Holloway said. "We all have the same focus and the same vision, and that produces great results."

This weekend's standouts included some usual names as well as some new ones.

Kemal Mesic, who competed in his first collegiate discus competition Friday, threw the ninth-best distance in UF history with a regional-qualifying toss of 186-7/56.88m. The sophomore from

Sarajevo, Bosnia, placed second in the men's discus and the men's shot put events.

Freshmen Ben Davies and Michael Anderson were responsible for UF's two event victories on Friday. Davies captured the first win during the men's javelin, followed by Anderson's first-place finish in the steeplechase.



Holloway

Natalie Moser won the women's pole vault with a NCAA regional-qualifying leap of 13-1.50/4.00m.

On Saturday, junior Mariam Kevkhishvili won the women's shot put after defeating seven other women. Winning the shot put is nothing new for Kevkhishvili, who is the 2009 NCAA Indoor Shot Put Champion.

As the Gators gear up for the SEC Outdoor Championships this week, Holloway doubts practice for this meet will be any different than preparation for earlier meets this season.

"We need to continue to stay focused and stay on task," Holloway said. "Having our friends and family here for support during the meet will be great."

UF SOFTBALL Gators' fortitude shows in tourney

By ADAM BERRY
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — At the Southeastern Conference Tournament, the Gators were put in a situation they have rarely faced: having to come from behind early in the game.

After posting a shutout in its 3-0 first-round win against Auburn on Thursday, UF allowed Tennessee to put up 3 quick runs on two hits and a costly error by shortstop Megan Bush on the first at-bat of Friday's game.

But the Gators relied on their bats to put them back in the game, and the top of the lineup responded.

Second baseman Aja Paculba ripped a double to center, moved to third on a groundout by Kristina Hilberth and scored on Ali Gardiner's 2-run homer to left field.

"We learned something about our team tonight. No matter what the score is, we can come back from it," UF coach Tim Walton said after defeating the Volunteers. "We fought well. I think Aja actually cracked a smile and fist-pumped for the first time in her career."

"I really took it as a posi-

tive. We got fired up and answered."

By the end of the inning, the Gators were up 4-3, and they never looked back. UF scored 4 more runs in the second on back-to-back-to-back home runs and added 1 in each of the final three innings before mercy-ruling Tennessee 11-3.

"That's just what our team is like. They scored 3, and we just wanted to answer back so they know they can't hang around with us."

Francesca Enea
UF junior left fielder

"That's just what our team is like. They scored 3, and we just wanted to answer back so they know they can't hang around with us," left fielder Francesca Enea said. "It's what we're going to do. We're going to score runs and give our pitchers as much support as possible."

"That's the type of team we are."

UF found itself in a similar situation the next day in Saturday's tournament championship game against Alabama. The Crimson Tide scored 2 runs in the first, load-

ing the bases on a single and two walks by Stacey Nelson.

Nelson hit Alabama catcher Ashley Holcombe to bring in the first run of the game. Charlotte Morgan crossed the plate for the Tide on a wild pitch by Nelson to put the Gators in a 2-0 hole.

"Alabama did a good job capitalizing on a few breaks for them," Hilberth said. "We just need to do a better job of shutting our opponents down in the first inning."

The Gators once again bounced back and regained the lead thanks to a grand slam by Bush, putting them ahead 5-2. Although Alabama rallied late, UF held on to secure the victory.

Walton praised his team's ability to come back from an early deficit two days in a row after not facing such a challenge nearly all season.

He attributed the team's composure to its 6 a.m. workouts on "Gator Mountain," referring to the stadium steps the team runs in the fall.

"You think you're done, then you do another one. Then you do another one and another one. It's where you get composure, where you get your guts from," he said. "That builds a lot more character than most people think."

Senior catcher wins MVP to lead four Gators on All-Tournament Team

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just feel like you don't know what you have to do to get a strike called. But we had the same situation in the first inning — bases loaded with one out — and they hit the grand slam and we didn't."

Bush benefited from the inside pitching in the bottom of the first, as her bases-loaded shot to left field came on the 16th pitch of the at-bat.

"She pitched me inside the whole time, so I was just trying to battle and foul off, then I got one that I could drive," Bush said.

The Gators added to their lead in the

fourth on a sacrifice bunt by Tiffany DeFelicce and a double by Kelsey Bruder, who had three RBIs on the day.

Alabama responded in the top of the fifth, as Charlotte Morgan, the SEC Player of the Year, took a screwball from Nelson over the scoreboard in left-center field.

The home run was the first of the season allowed by the two-time SEC Pitcher of the Year.

Dating back to last season, it had been 254 innings and nearly 900 at-bats since Nelson last gave up a homer.

"Playing in Division-I college softball, home runs are kind of inevitable, especially to hitters like Charlotte Morgan who can

drive the ball well," Nelson said. "I wasn't
"Without Kristina Hilberth, this team doesn't function. ... She leads, she blocks, she throws, she hits."

Tim Walton
UF softball coach

really thinking about it, but it happens."

The Gators had four players on the SEC All-Tournament Team, including catcher Kristina Hilberth, who was named the tournament's MVP. Bruder, third baseman Corrie Brooks and second baseman Aja Paculba

joined Hilberth.

Nelson said her teammate was "long overdue" for such an award. Walton added that Hilberth, a senior who has never made an All-SEC team, could not have been more deserving of the award.

"Without Kristina Hilberth, this team doesn't function. She's a leader. I've challenged her all year to be a leader. She leads, she blocks, she throws, she hits," Walton said. "That's a reward right there for a kid who's fought through the most adversity you can face as an athlete — not being very good to being named SEC Tournament MVP your senior season on the No. 1 team in the country."

Mather rebounds from first-set loss to clinch victory against No. 18 Seminoles

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ting a precedent, kept giving our presence at the net and on the baseline, that they would break down," Alexander said.

The Seminoles countered with a quick singles win, evening the score on Court 6, but Alexander put the Gators ahead and No. 8 Boonstra overcame a shaky start to beat Rybakova 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

"(In the first set) I just didn't feel the ball, and she hits really hard, so I didn't really play my own game," Boonstra said. "The second set I just

told myself, 'Keep the ball in play and try to get a rhythm.' It worked out good."

Florida State answered again with a win in No. 2 singles, and at 3-2, it was up to Mather or Barbara Pinterova to capture the ticket to College Station, Texas, home to the remainder of the team championships.

Pinterova, who won her first set 6-2, lost a second-set tiebreaker 6-7 (3), forcing a third set that never began because Mather had clinched the match.

Mather was admittedly nervous going into her first singles set against

Macfarlane, who beat Mather in February.

She lost her first set 6-2 but broke Macfarlane's serve en route to a 6-4 second-set victory.



Mather

the end result of the match. After the first set, (assistant coach) Dave (Balogh) came over and said, 'Breathe and relax.'"

With that advice, Mather won the deciding set 6-3.

UF coach Roland Thornqvist said he couldn't be more proud of his first-year players — Mather, Alexander and Pinterova.

"Well, the freshmen — you can't call them freshmen anymore now — the good thing with this year was they all had to play," Thornqvist said. "They all had to play a lot. The bad thing is they had to play through some injuries."

"There were certainly times during the year where the youngsters in particular could have lost confidence because they weren't playing at the

optimal time, but all three of them showed they were tough enough to pull a comeback."

The Gators found even more motivation in a Seminoles team blog that had Linder Stadium as a pit stop to the Sweet 16.

"Certainly, they beat us two months ago, but we've won 67 straight matches at home and, frankly, beaten much better teams than the one we played today during the streak," Thornqvist said. "Maybe it gave us a little bit of an edge knowing that they simply had Gainesville as a stopping point on their way to College Station."

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