

LANDSLIDE VICTORY

Unite wins all but 3 Senate seats

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Alligator Staff Writers

The sounds of U-U-Unite, U-U-Unite could be heard ringing throughout the area outside the Orange & Brew early this morning as election results were announced.

Unite Party members chanted and cheered as they heard they dominated Student Government elections once again, nabbing all but three of the 46 Senate seats available.

The Orange and Blue Party walked away with two seats: Jonathan Ossip for the Murphree Area and Alan Yanuck for the Keys Residential Complex.

Odette Rivera, of the Progress Party, grabbed the seat for family housing.

Supervisor of Elections Ariana Alfonso announced the Unite Party's success around midnight to a crowd of about 156 people wearing blue, orange and red T-shirts.

Among those who walked away with seats were two Unite Party members who entered into deferred prosecution agreements with the State Attorney's office earlier this year, one for underage alcohol possession and one for underage alcohol possession, marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Alfonso said 8,483 students voted in fall's election. A total of 10,469 students voted in the 2008 fall election.

Unite Party President Joey Regalado said he was overcome with emotion and attributed the wins to the hard work of his candidates and volunteers. He said he called his parents with the results.

"I was calling to tell them that all the work was not in vain," he said.

After hearing the results, members of the Orange and Blue Party lifted re-elected Murphree Senator Jonathan Ossip into the air.

Ben Cavataro, the Orange and Blue Party policy and communications director, said despite the results he was proud of the hard work of his candidates.

"They put mind and soul and body into this and I think as a result our university will become better," he said.

Progress Party members gathered on the grassy area overlooking the amphitheater after their defeat.

Progress Party President Dave Schneider said he was proud his party chose to rally after the results were announced rather than hang their heads and go home.

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Jesse Sherman, who was re-elected to a District A Student Senate seat, is held up by fellow Unite Party supporters while wearing his "Unite Man" costume outside the Reitz Union early Thursday.

Police arrest suspect in rape, armed robbery

GPD: He blamed his actions on a cocaine addiction

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After hours of investigation, Gainesville Police believe they have arrested the man who robbed two female UF students and

raped one of them early Wednesday morning.

Jay Alan Meeks, 20, was identified by forensic evidence and admitted to the crime at the end of a five-hour interview with investigators, according to GPD spokesman Lt. Keith Kameg.

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The incident occurred at 2 a.m. Wednesday morning, when two women, ages 18 and 20, were robbed at gunpoint at Gateway at Gainesville Apartments, 4000 SW 37th Blvd., Kameg said.

Meeks forced the women to drive to a

Wachovia ATM and withdraw money for him, Kameg said.

He then brought the women back to the apartment, where he raped one of them.

The women were then forced to drive their attacker to a location less than 100 yards from Meeks' apartment, at 3010 SW

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■ To hear reactions from Student Government party members about Wednesday night's Senate election results, visit www.alligator.org.

Casey Anthony seeks to have murder charge dropped

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Attorneys for a Florida woman charged with killing her 2-year-old daughter want to prevent prosecutors from seeking the death penalty and said Wednesday that charges against her should be dropped.

Casey Anthony's attorneys filed the motions a day after the State Attorney's Office released hundreds of pages of documents related to the case.

Anthony's attorneys said prosecutors can't prove first-degree murder was committed or that Anthony ever abused her daughter, Caylee.

"Specifically, the state cannot establish whether Caylee

Anthony's death was accidental, natural, or the result of an intentional or negligent homicide," they said.

The 23-year-old woman has pleaded not guilty and claimed that a baby sitter kidnapped Caylee.

The toddler's remains were found last December in woods near the home where she lived with her mother and grandparents. Although the death was ruled a homicide, a specific cause was never determined.

An attorney for Anthony's parents released a forensics report he said shows duct tape found with Caylee doesn't match tape found at the home, key evidence in the case.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Beyond Boards meeting

Today, 6:15 p.m.
Florida Gym, Room 230
Come out and get information about this semester's upcoming events. Skateboarders of all levels and types are welcome.

Student Investment Club meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
McCarty C, Room 100
Listen to a financial market recap, join the Investment Challenge and learn about the stock market. For more details, visit www.ufsic.com.

Sierra Club Program Meeting

Today, 7:30 p.m.
Room 3118 Entomology/Nematology Building
The Inner City Outings Program for kids is starting with the local Suwanee-St. Johns Sierra chapter. You may get involved as a chaperone during hikes in natural areas, parks, wild areas and swamps, or biking and kayaking.

UF Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Concert

Today, 7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

Gainesville Benefit to Build Hope House

Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Randy Batista Gallery, 21 S.E. Second Place
There will be a screening of Academy Award-winning documentary "Born into Brothels," speakers, art, food and a raffle. The fundraiser is to build Hope House for children of Sonagachi in India. For more information, visit www.gainesvillehopehouse.blogspot.com/

Sierra Club Fall Cleanup of Lakeshore Drive on Newnan's Lake

Saturday, 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.
Meet at Palm Point Nature Park parking lot. Call Robert Fisher at 352-514-7674 for more information.

Florida Education Association meeting

Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
Terrace Room
Come to FEA's second meeting of the semester. Guest speaker Kim Anderson from the National Education Association will conduct an interview and resume workshop. There will be food and giveaways. For more information, contact Laura Roberts at laura.roberts@ufl.edu.

"The Stepfather": Trivia Challenge

Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Play movie trivia about the film "The Stepfather" to win giveaways.

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Bo Diddley headed for Fla. Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Rock 'n' roll pioneer Bo Diddley and painter Christopher Still have been selected for induction into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame.

The ceremony will be held in March 2010 during Florida Heritage Month.

Diddley, who died last year at the age of 79, lived in Archer, a small town near Gainesville. He originated the rhythmic beat of early pop music and influenced major performers.

Still has a studio in Tarpon Springs. He has received many awards and commissions for images of Florida's culture and natural history. They include large paintings in the House chamber in the Florida Capitol.

Secretary of State Kurt Browning announced the selections Tuesday.

Teen with health problems dies at Disney

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A teenager with a history of medical problems has died at Walt Disney World.

A spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Office says the teen was found dead Wednesday morning at the Port Orleans resort.

Spokesman Jim Solomons says the 16-year-old boy had a history of medical problems and the case is being handled as a routine unattended death investigation.

He says no foul play is suspected.

Man charged for taking weapons to police station

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida man is facing charges after authorities say he walked into a police station with a gun and two knives to ask about concealed weapons laws.

Keith Dale Parrish has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Police say the 49-year-old was arrested after he brought the weapons in a backpack into a Fort Pierce police station Monday.

The arrest affidavit shows Parrish asked to talk to a detective about a robbery. He spoke to an officer and at least one other person for about 10 minutes before police say he

told them that he had a handgun in his bag.

The revolver wasn't loaded, but authorities say nine rounds of ammunition were found inside the backpack.

A telephone listing for Parrish could not be found seeking comment.

Sheriff seeks video of cops playing game in raid

BARTOW, Fla. (AP) — A central Florida sheriff is trying to obtain a full copy of a video that shows investigators caught on camera playing a video game while executing a search warrant.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said Tuesday his office wants to get the full video before starting an internal investigation of the incident.

The video was obtained by WFLA-TV in Tampa and shows various officers enthusiastically playing a Nintendo Wii bowling game after storming the house near Lakeland armed with a search warrant in March.

Unbeknownst to the officers of the anti-drug task force, video surveillance had been set up in the home of convicted drug dealer Michael Difalco, who was already in custody.

The sheriff said he has only seen about 15 minutes of the video that is about an hour long.

Man calls 911 to confess robbery

PORT ORANGE, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a Volusia County man called 911 to turn himself in about 20 minutes after robbing a Port Orange bank.

Police say 42-year-old Tony Max Olea walked into the Colonial Bank branch Tuesday morning and handed the teller a note implying that he had a gun and wanted money. The teller reported giving the man money, along with a dye pack, which reportedly went off.

A short time later, Olea called authorities from a gas station parking lot to turn himself in. He was charged with a single count of robbery and was being held on \$20,000 bail.

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LOCAL NEWS

Third Alachua County resident dies from H1N1 virus

By **TATIANA QUIROGA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Alachua County Health Department reported the third confirmed case of swine flu-related death in the county on Sept. 29.

The woman was a 41-year-old Alachua County resident.

The woman became sick in late August, saw a local physician and suffered from illness until her death in late September.

She suffered from other health conditions that may have had an ef-

fect on her death, said Paul Myers, assistant director of the Alachua County Health Department.

The first confirmed swine flu case in Alachua County was on May 1, and numbers continued to increase until the county health department stopped counting in mid-August.

There have been 135 lab-confirmed cases, a figure that is probably much lower than the actual number because many people don't seek medical attention, Myers said.

The H1N1 virus of the flu is

"It's highly unusual to have this many flu cases in September."

Paul Myers
assistant director of the Alachua County Health Department

similar to the seasonal flu virus because it's relatively mild for those infected, but the strain is one that has never been seen before and most are not resistant to it.

The regular flu period for Alachua

county is from early December to early March, Myers said.

"It's highly unusual to have this many flu cases in September," he said.

Out of all people tested for the flu, 60 percent of people are diagnosed with the flu, and of those cases, 99 percent are the H1N1 strand.

"The H1N1 swine flu has replaced other flu viruses for now," Myers said.

The increase in swine flu cases has begun to stabilize, and Myers said he hopes the trend continues

and cases go down. However, officials aren't sure how the virus will spread in the winter months.

The health department recommends people get the seasonal flu shot as well as the H1N1 virus flu shot when it becomes available.

Some students don't plan on getting any shots.

"I had one freshman year, but after that I never really took the initiative to get vaccinated," said Paul Tran, microbiology senior.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Rivalry Roadtrips gives fans chance to travel to games

■ THE COMPANY OFFERS TRIPS TO LSU, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

By **JOEY FLECHAS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gators football fans looking to make the trek to major SEC away games have a new alternative to the cluttered minivans and crammed sedans that pepper the roads prior to Game Day.

A new Web site, rivalryroadtrips.com, is offering road trip packages to the LSU, Georgia and South Carolina games that include transportation, lodging, food and discounts

for bars and restaurants near the game.

Nick Grossman, 27, president of Rivalry Roadtrips, said the two-year-old company has gradually expanded, opening up its services to SEC schools beginning this semester.

"Florida's a no-brainer," he said. "We recognize that with a great fan base, we could organize good trips."

The company started as an idea Grossman had as a freshman at Central College with a friend from the University of Iowa in 2001.

They organized a trip to Madison, Wis., with a group of friends to catch the rivalry game between Iowa and Wisconsin, and it

led to a series of trips to cover all of the major Big Ten Conference games.

Since then, the business has grown steadily and now caters to 16 universities ranging from the SEC to the Big 12 to the Big Ten.

Although the company continues to prosper, Grossman still sees room for growth.

"It's a long-term goal to be on every major to mid-major campus in the country," he said.

Grossman said his favorite aspect of the job is researching potential destinations, one big game at a time.

The company charters buses that leave campus on Friday and return Sunday. Jim-

my John's Gourmet Sandwiches and Gators football highlights are provided in-transit.

The trip includes a two-night stay at a hotel near the site of the game and discounts with partnering restaurants and bars.

UF junior Elizabeth Stein, the company's campus representative for the November trip to South Carolina, will be traveling to Columbia as a representative and as a customer for the Georgia game in Jacksonville.

"It seems like a really great idea, but until you see it yourself, you don't know," she said.

According to the Web site, a full package for the upcoming LSU game costs \$219, with a bus-only option costing \$139.

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LOCAL NEWS

Clinics to provide more care

By JIMMIE PAUL
Alligator Writer

With the October closure of Shands at AGH looming, local clinics are making plans to pick up the slack.

Zenta Gomez, Helping Hands Clinic program development and volunteer coordinator, said the clinic is recruiting staff.

Gomez said the clinic needs nurse practitioners and physicians to volunteer at least two hours Mondays and Thursdays.

For the past 20 years, the downtown clinic has treated people who are uninsured or homeless with the help of local doctors, nurses and other health care professionals.

She said the limited amount of resources and volunteers have put a strain on the doctors.

She said more help would be a blessing, adding that doctors could see up to five additional patients per day, which may not seem likemuch but makes a difference.

Gomez said Helping Hands is the only free psychiatric clinic in Gainesville. With help from the UF Department of Psychiatry, the clinic is able to treat and prescribe medication for mental disorders.

The imminent closure of AGH has prompted other clinics to take action, as well.

The Hawthorne Medical Center, located in eastern Alachua County, will extend its hours and expand services, said spokesman Sean Damron.

Damron expects an increase in patients, although the clinic is located in Hawthorne.

"I think the population from the hospital is easily going to be absorbed by our clinic," Damron said. "People love to visit a doctor they're familiar and comfortable with. And unlike hospitals, there's no long waits. We try to turn people around in 90 minutes."

Damron said that local clinics are already full because patients visit clinics more in the fall and winter.

However, HMC is prepared for the increase in patients.

According to Damron, HMC will add two nurse practitioners and one doctor, which will allow 40 additional patients each day.

"I also think there's a bit of anxiety about the closure," Damron said. "The clinic is receiving calls from AGH patients who plan to transfer their medical records."

City Commissioner Jack Donovan said the city is waiting for updates on the hospital.

"We're waiting to hear what the university plans on doing with the land, contingent on our approval," Donovan said.

UF purchased AGH from Santa Fe College in 1996.

Donovan said the hospital is closing because of financial losses. The city will be in charge of the zoning and land use.

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan said Tuesday in a phone interview that there's a proposal to keep the technology incubator at the hospital and that Shands at UF plans to add rooms to offset the closure of AGH.



Donovan

Class educates locals on city government

■ THE PROGRAM WILL START ON OCT. 7.

By ERICA JOHNSON
Alligator Contributing Writer

Despite increased interest in national government surrounding the 2008 presidential election, interest in local government remains low.

"I know where City Hall is, and that they have a really nice fountain, but that's about it," said Julia McClure, a UF sophomore.

When asked if she knew who Gainesville's mayor was, she shook her head and laughed.

The City of Gainesville Communications Office is trying to change that.

In a six-week program called Gainesville 101: The Fall 2009 Citizens' Academy, up to 40 city residents will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of the inner workings of Gainesville's government and city management system.

The classes, which will start Oct. 7 and last from 9 a.m. until noon at various places in the city on Wednesdays, will deal with issues such as public safety, community

development, infrastructure and plans for the city's growth.

Gainesville spokesman Bob Woods said the goal of the program is to educate residents and draw them into the governmental process.

"An educated citizen is, we think, a citizen that can provide better assistance to the community," Woods said.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet the mayor and other local policymakers, tour a Gainesville Regional Utilities facility and meet with members of the city's police and fire departments.

The semiannual program, which is in its fifth year, will hopefully draw more students this time around, Woods said.

"[Students] bring a perspective that is unique because so many come from locations outside of the community," he said.

Those interested should contact Bob Woods at 352-334-5017 or gainesvillepio@cityofgainesville.org.

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UF keeps air conditioning on despite cooler weather

University spent about \$41M on electricity last year

By **BENJAMIN MARKUS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

It's 75 degrees outside; students are sunbathing and napping in the shade. Inside, sunlight is gleaming through open windows.

But the air conditioning is still running full-blast.

Air conditioning is kept running to maintain indoor air quality, said Eric Cochran, associate director of operations at the UF Physical Plant.

UF's air conditioning is used in part to control humidity levels in labs and classrooms.

"Rooms must be dehumidified to avoid mold growth," Cochran said.

If rooms are too humid, mold will grow on walls, in electrical sockets and in other hard-to-reach places.

And mold removal would cost more than what would be saved by keeping the air conditioning off, Cochran said.

UF spent about \$41 million last year on electricity, and roughly 65 percent of the

university's electrical use is spent on air conditioning and heating each year, Cochran said.

The air conditioning is controlled centrally from the university's physical plant and is comprised of several designs.

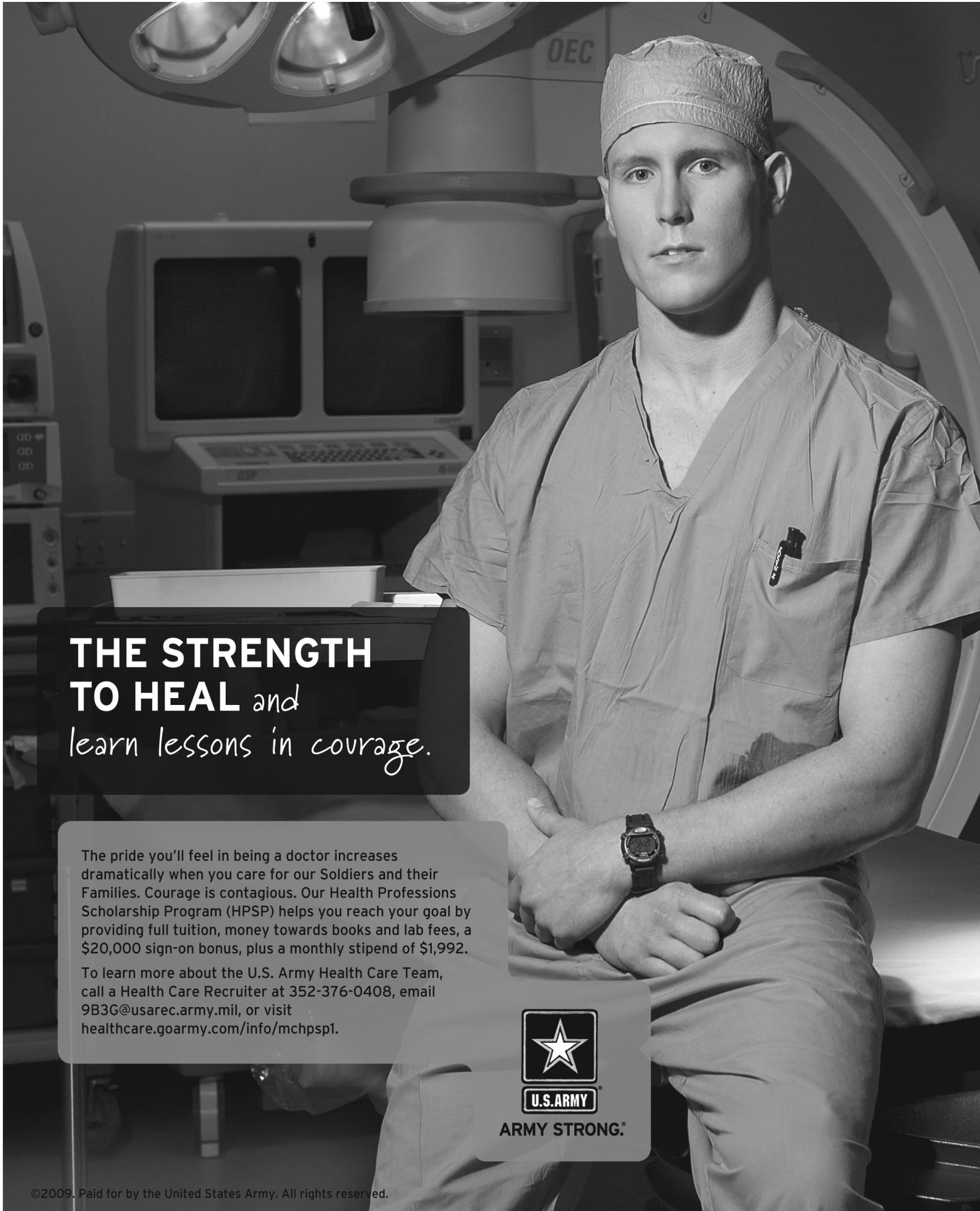
On Campus Large buildings on campus, such as the Reitz Union, use 44-degree water to cool the air down to 55 degrees. When the air is cooled this much, it releases most of its moisture. However, 55 degrees would be uncomfortably cold for classrooms, so the air is reheat-

ed with steam.

The air conditioning is turned off occasionally when the temperature drops below 80 degrees, but only at night when most classes are not in session. Turning off the air conditioning at night is called a set-back, wherein the air conditioning will only come on if the outside temperature reaches a certain point, usually 84 degrees, Cochran said.

Air conditioning or no air conditioning, students flock outdoors when the weather turns cool.

"It kind of hit me by surprise," said James Folker, a UF senior, about Wednesday's cool afternoon. "I tried sitting out here the other day. It was just too hot."



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Editorial

Sex Ed

Tufts University's "policy" prolongs adolescence

Tufts University in Boston recently announced a new policy in which students are not allowed to have sex in their rooms while their roommates are present.

Tufts spokeswoman Kim Thurler said the rule needed to be in place so that students "could set clear boundaries."

What happened to being able to talk things out as adults?

College is supposed to be a time to learn how to get along with others, even if it means having an uncomfortable conversation and figuring out how to set personal boundaries.

We wouldn't want to wake up to a sex party we weren't invited to, either. However, there has to be another way to prevent awkward or disturbing situations without inviting the school to dictate students' personal lives.

The new rule doesn't come with any consequences for those who break it, but school officials say it will "empower" students to break the ice with their roommates.

We don't think this rule "empowers" anyone. In fact, we think it's demeaning that a university feels the need to pass useless legislation for something so common sense.

Plus, who exactly is engaging in this practice anyway?

It's been a while since we've lived in the dorms, but we like to think that university students could figure out that subjecting their roommates to such a spectacle will result in some problems.

We think it's sad that there were incidents that led to the university passing this "rule."

We think it's even sadder, though, that the university is complacent in its new role as a glorified babysitter.

Dose of Reality

It's pretty lucky that "Kate" still rhymes with "Eight." However, it's not so lucky that Jon and Kate Gosselin's personal divorce drama had to play out in front of millions of viewers.

While we've never seen the TLC reality show, it was a winner with moms across the country as a heartwarming tale of a family trying to raise an insane number of spawn in a wild and wacky world. Now things are just plain sad.

After a series of tabloid rumors about infidelities and marital strain, Jon and Kate are no more.

But, according to TLC, the show, or shows, will go on.

"Kate Plus 8" will now cover the sad and depressing adventures of a single mom with an unmanageable number of offspring. It will debut Nov. 2.

While the split was probably unforeseeable when the Gosselins first signed their exclusive contracts with TLC, the network should let

up on them in light of recent events.

Going through a divorce is no walk in the park, and no one should have to do it in front of the 3.2 million viewers "Jon & Kate" averaged over the last season of the show.

Not only that, but things are already in the works for a Kate solo show that focuses less on the kids and more on Kate's "other interests," according to Eileen O'Neill, TLC's president and general manager.

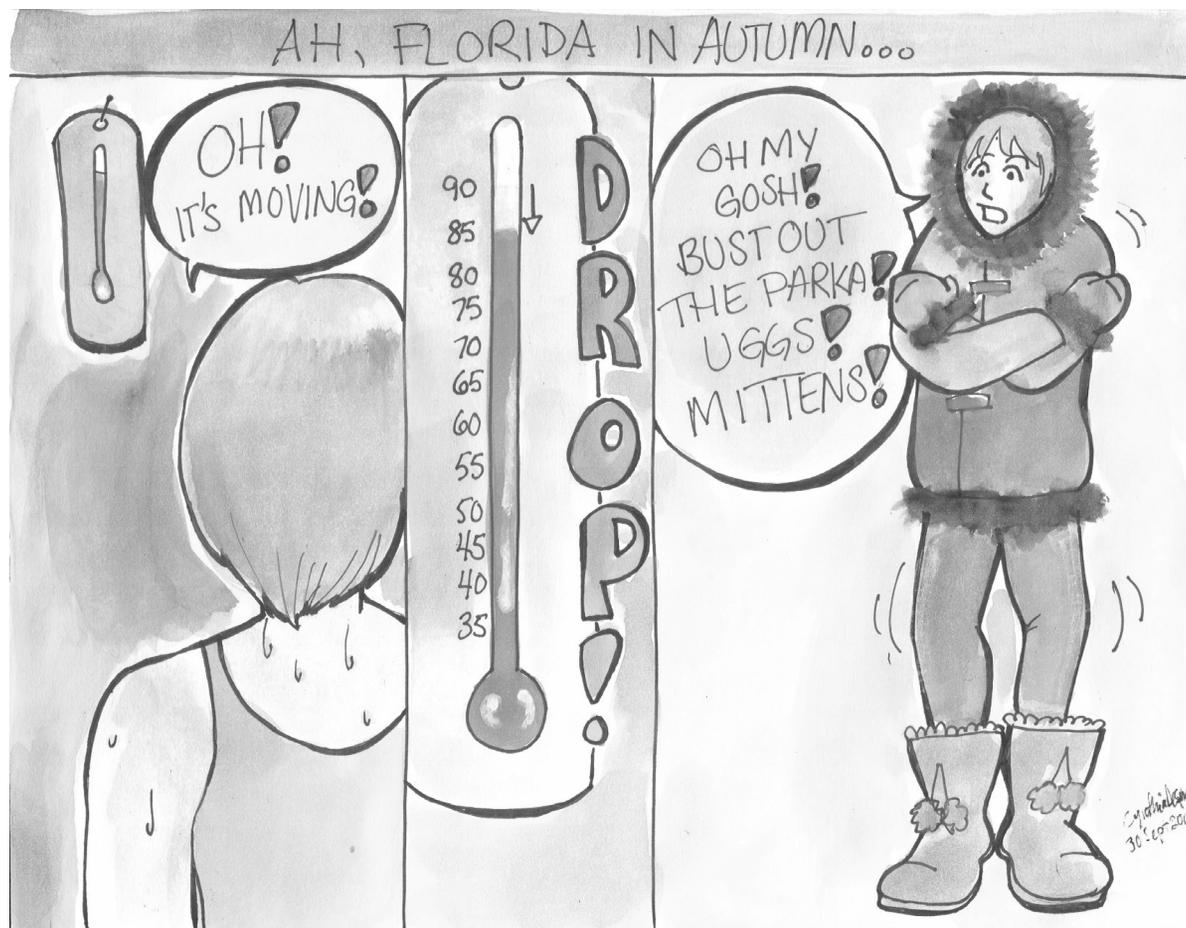
Sounds like the channel already knows that "Kate Plus 8" is going to be hard on viewers' eyes and heartstrings.

TLC should release Kate and the family from their contracts and let them get on with their lives instead of trying to parlay them into other reality television scenarios.

Reality TV works on the premise that it can exploit its stars, but this is taking things to a whole new level of indecency.

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Column

Floridians should unite against drilling

Florida politics has always been a giant petri dish of sleaze, and the Florida Legislature is always a spectacular orgy of corruption. However, the one topic that has always been off-limits was oil drilling around Florida. Overwhelming public support for a drilling ban — and the overarching concern for what is left of the natural environment — has stood out every year.

The Florida Legislature is not set to convene a regular session of graft and influence peddling until next year, but a select group of powerful lawmakers plan on forcing a special session as soon as possible in order to legalize near-shore oil drilling in the Florida Gulf Coast.

Proving that D.C. Democrats are not the only politicians who can force through legislation without research or due diligence, the Republicans in control of Florida's government want to ram through drilling legislation right away. Apparently, selling out nature against the wishes of voters should always happen without much discussion.

Hearing people talk about ramming and forced drilling has gotten Gov. Charlie Crist all hot and bothered. Having surveyed the prevailing political winds, Crist flipped positions and now supports drilling. Sources close to Crist have not seen him this excited since he got a poster of a shirtless Hugh Jackman on sale for Pride Week.

Crist took it upon himself to outfit the Governor's Mansion with overly phallic scale models of different deep-water drills and personally tested each potential drill. Aides to Crist note that he seems to enjoy the closed-door process a bit too much and have been complaining about the messy cleanup afterwards.



Tommy Maple
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Oil companies are fresh off record profits, so they have money to burn — and bribe.

Our political system calls it lobbying, but a national political focus on new drilling now threatens to undo decades of statewide opposition to drilling. Florida had for many years decided its own

policy on drilling, but at the most inopportune time, the politicians of our state seem to be caving in to national pressure.

Sen. Mike Haridopolos, a politician paid handsomely by UF to come and visit us every now and again, stated in a recent Alligator article that Floridians are missing "about \$100 billion in revenue" that can be drilled up and sold. Aside from the fact that Haridopolos is a politician and therefore is likely lying through his teeth, Mike the Oilman is playing loose with the facts and pushing harder than a used-car salesman.

A special legislative session ramming through drilling in Florida is a huge mistake, and the main cheerleaders behind oil drilling should not be the only ones with a voice in this matter. Florida needs a few good men to step up and speak for the future, to look at the long term and not cave in to the pressures of the moment.

Slow it down, Mike. As the next leader of the House Republicans, you are in a position to leave a real legacy other than avarice and destruction. An unflinching opposition to offshore oil drilling is the one thing Florida has always gotten right.

Tommy Maple is a graduate student in international communications. His column appears on Thursdays.

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Reader response

Today's question: Did you vote in the SG elections?

Wednesday's question: Do you know what you want to do after graduation?

48% YES

52% NO

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Letters to the Editor

Stealing papers is juvenile

As a freshman, I had no idea what to expect when it came to Student Government elections at a university.

I originally thought SG would be about offering activities to the Student Body and electing representatives who would speak to the administration on our behalf.

Over the past week, I can understand why most students do not vote in student elections. I have been harassed while going to class. I have been bothered by Progress Party supporters at the dining halls. I have seen the campus littered by Unite and Orange and Blue stickers.

Each party has contributed to the chaos of this past week, but nothing compares to Tuesday's antics of the Unite Party. To the Unite Party supporters who stole newspapers from the Graham Area: Your actions not only reflect poorly on yourselves and your party, but also do a great disservice to the nearly 600 residents of the Graham Area.

Graham Hall Resident
1LS



Skateboarding is not a crime

Is it so much to ask? Last night, two of my friends and I were enjoying the beautiful six-stair set by the music building, performing 180s and ollies and continually progressing through harder and harder tricks.

But the skateboarder grudgingly accepts

a constant annoyance: people who will do everything in their power to prevent us from skateboarding.

Little did we know, a staff member followed us around for 15 minutes building a case, and when the time was right, he called the campus police.

The officers arrived with their obligatory warnings, and don't get me wrong, they were truly understanding. However, they informed us that if we ever performed tricks on any piece of school property again, we would be considered trespassers and would be placed in the warm arms of judicial affairs.

Wait. What? We can't skate on any school property (except for the below-par skate park) again? Isn't that a little dramatic?

Others must agree when I question the fairness of this situation.

I'll sign a waiver, help the school design a better skate park, I'll do anything. Everyone, including the officers themselves, knows that I'm doing no more damage to the property than the rest of the student population (considering the amount of Unite Party stickers I noticed everywhere).

I'm not asking for dramatic change. I'm not asking for the right to disturb the student population. I'm asking for a little common sense, a little cooperation and a little more fun. I just want to skateboard.

David Hughes
1LS



Paper shouldn't expose personal issues

You're so damn predictable. Oh no! Another article bashing the majority party? And how is it that all this bad press somehow makes it onto the front page of the paper on election day?

I never saw it coming.

But sadly, I did. If you can't find anything negative out in the open to write about us, you dig it up instead.

You should be ashamed to throw people's personal problems out into the open in attempts to damage a party's image. Not only do you attack members of our Student Body, but you ruin your credibility as a respectable newspaper by becoming a campus tabloid instead.

Maybe the students mentioned in your article were trying to turn their lives around. Your article, instead of supporting them, brings them down. Students make mistakes (more often than you like to report), so why is it surprising that some of them want to become involved in Student Government?

Should they be banned from all organizations on campus because of their histories?

I don't pick up the Alligator every day to read a local version of The Inquirer. Stop being nosy. Stop spreading hate and report on issues that students actually give a damn about, not people's personal lives.

Michelle Isgut
Springs Senator, Gator Party



Stretching school year not the solution

In response to the "School Year Stretch" editorial in Tuesday's Alligator: The idea of bringing reform to the public school system is nothing short of completely necessary and painfully overdue.

However, it's also high time we quit blaming our boots for the faults of our feet and accept that summer vacation is not the evil culprit for less than stellar test scores. It's all of us — students, parents, teachers, etc.

Longer school days are not the quick fix to achieve the desired improvements without first making some key changes to teaching methodology and funding.

A consistently overlooked problem here is low teacher morale, which is still plummeting.

A non-motivated teacher cannot proficiently motivate non-motivated students. If we raise standards and salary, more quality teachers would be hired and would teach more effectively.

Upon graduation, students might know the difference between the "their," "there" and "they're."

So Obama, leave the school day and the summer alone. They've done nothing wrong. America's education system doesn't suck; it's just a mirror.

If you look in the mirror and see garbage staring back, don't blame the mirror.

Kenny Picciano
1LS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW*

Lesson Two: ON WALKING HOME

A few words for those mornings when the sun is shining and you stumble out of a room wearing clothes from the night before and all you wish at that moment is for it to be a little bit darker. But it isn't. You step into the unforgiving light of day feeling pretty sure it can shine right through you, illuminating last night's details for all to see. But it can't. So walk it off... and get some sleep.

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70 percent of students voted to keep 'I Voted' stickers in the future

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"That to me was more important than anything that happened on that stage," he said.

Seventy percent of students voted against the "I Voted" stickers initiative, which would have prohibited giving out "I Voted" stickers during future elections.

"It's unfortunate it didn't pass, but I feel like we got our message across about the wasteful spending on stickers and coercion," said former Lakeside Sen. Gary Benedix, who co-authored the initiative.

The Unite Party spent about \$6,800 on campaigning, while the Orange and Blue Party spent about \$2,560 and the Progress Party spent about \$1,480 on campaigning materials.

Despite the Unite Party's overwhelming success, all three parties swarmed campus Wednesday, with candidates and volunteers stationed at Turlington Plaza, the Reitz Union and other well-populated areas.

Polls closed at about 8 p.m. Wednesday, leaving members of each party with time to relax before crowding outside of the Orange & Brew to hear the results.

The Unite Party relaxed upstairs at The Swamp Restaurant, drinking beer out of Yuengling cups and listening to music that varied from Journey to Taylor Swift.

The crowd size rose and fell, ranging from about 30 to 70 people wearing mostly Unite Party T-shirts.

About a dozen members of the Orange and Blue Party flooded to party president Kyle Huey's house. They ordered four Papa John's cheese pizzas and sat around using their smart phones or laptops while recounting the election and SG politics.

About 30 Progress Party members trooped to a District A candidate's house near the UF Hill-

lel, where they drank, talked and watched "Kimbo."

Schneider gave a 15-minute speech where he thanked party members for their support. He also addressed critics who said the party was nothing other than a cult of personality around former Progress Party presidential candidate Ben Dictor.

Schneider and the rest of the par-

ty rolled into the Orange and Brew around 11:25 p.m. Schneider was wearing what he called a "Fidelista hat" and smoking a cigar. He and the rest of his crew showed up singing "Solidarity Forever."

Alfonso, the Progress Party and the Unite Party all filed complaints against former Orange and Blue Party CLAS Sen. Mark McShera, who passed out fake SG "I Voted"

stickers during this week's campaigning.

A Commission meeting will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. to discuss the violations.

McShera said he passed them out because restricting who is allowed to distribute stickers is a violation of freedom of speech.

McShera said he passed out about 12,000 stickers around campus Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I'm here to shed light on the fact that SG frequently infringes on students' rights to free speech on our campus," McShera said.

Joe Trimboli, a District A candidate for the Orange and Blue Party, said he believed McShera had the right to pass out the stickers because Turlington Plaza, a hub for preachers and protestors, is a free-speech zone.

Trimboli said anyone who spoke against McShera passing out the stickers was implying that voters focus more on stickers than on issues.

"I don't vote to get a sticker," Trimboli said.

Progress Party campaign manager Nick Mildebrath said McShera's decision to pass out the stickers while identifying with the Progress Party was immature.

Mildebrath said the Progress Party has never filed an election complaint, and this would be its first.

"I don't care if you have a poster that's a little bit too big or you forget to register one of your T-shirts," he said. "I care if you're lying."



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Unite Party supporters cheer as they hear election results for a district that the party won early Thursday outside the Reitz Union.

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Contract helps struggling residents pay for housing

■ RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE \$517,000 TO HELP PAY RENT.

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

Thanks to a new city contract, some Gainesville residents on the brink of home foreclosure will have a way to fight back.

The City of Gainesville and the Department of Housing and Urban Development agreed to a deal Wednesday that will allocate \$517,000 to help residents in danger of losing their homes pay rent, said Gail Monahan, executive director of the Alachua County Housing Authority.

The contract, which becomes effective today, will not distribute funds on a competi-

tive basis, but details on allocation are not yet available.

Local News

In July, Gainesville was named the fifth meanest city in the nation toward the homeless, according to a report released by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

Recent efforts, such as the agreement be-

tween the city and HUD, help reverse negative perceptions brought onto the city by the report, said Monahan, who doesn't agree with Gainesville's ranking.

"You aren't on the radar if you're not doing something," she said. "This city has made more progress preventing homelessness in the past 18 months than it has in the last 40 years."

INTERNATIONAL

Student hunger strike ends

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela — More than 150 Venezuelan university students ended a hunger strike Wednesday after the Organization of American States agreed to hear their concerns over alleged political persecution by President Hugo Chavez's government, a protest leader said.

The strike began last Thursday when 10 students set up cots outside the Washington-based organization's office in Caracas and vowed to consume only water until its Inter-American Commission of Human Rights promised to launch a probe.

Some students sewed their mouths shut. At least six abandoned the strike earlier Wednesday to seek medical treatment, said Angel Arellano, a student who participated in the protest.

On Wednesday, student activist Rebeca Rojas said representatives of the OAS's human rights agency had invited a student delegation to Washington.

"The objective has been reached," said Rojas, adding that the hunger strike had been lifted.

Chavez, who has not publicly commented on

the protest, denies allegations that his government is bringing trumped-up criminal charges against his critics.

Attorney General Luisa Ortega says Chavez adversaries who have been arrested committed crimes ranging from disturbing the peace to assaulting police officers.

"The objective has been reached."

Rebeca Rojas
student activist

Roughly 40 Chavez foes are in prison, most of them awaiting trial on protest-related charges, according to local human rights organizations.

The Venezuelan Penal Forum rights group says more than 2,000 Chavez opponents have gone to trial in the last seven years on charges stemming from their participation in protests.

Most were charged with misdemeanors and released. But some were prohibited from joining future demonstrations, and others barred from leaving their hometowns or publicly discussing their cases.

Police found gun at home

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23rd Terrace, apartment 83.

"He essentially had the girls drive him home," Kameg said.

According to Kameg, there was "overwhelming evidence" that Meeks was the man originally described as a white male wearing a large coat, blue button-down shirt, camouflage pants and sandals with white socks.

Kameg said Meeks was wearing white socks with sandals and a blue button-down shirt at the time of his arrest. The camouflage pants and gun were found during a search of Meeks' apartment, Kameg

said.

Meeks was arrested at 4 p.m. Wednesday, 15 hours after the launch of the search for the students' attacker.

"Even though this was very good police work," Kameg said, "we wish we never had to work this case."

Meeks was charged with one count of sexual battery, two counts of kidnapping and two counts of armed home invasion robbery.

Kameg said he hopes that since Meeks has been caught, attention will shift focus from locating the attacker to maintaining the well-being of the two victims.

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A garbage truck lies on its side after the driver lost control of the truck, rolled it into two parked cars and knocked out a utility pole at Park 16th apartment complex on Southwest 13th Street and 16th Avenue Wednesday.

LOCAL NEWS

Truck flips over onto two cars

By ERICA ERVIN
Alligator Writer

A man driving a Florida Concrete Recycling truck crashed into two parked cars at an apartment complex Wednesday.

The driver was headed west on Southwest 16th Avenue when he crashed into the metal railing and a utility pole before flipping over and crashing into the cars of two Sun Island residents, according to Gainesville Police officer Alan Davis.



Kameg

An off-duty officer saw the crash and stopped to assist the driver, Davis said.

UF doctoral student Nabanita Mukherjee said she was in her room when she heard a noise and went outside to see what caused it.

The impact caused damage to the right side of Mukherjee's car, shattered her rear windshield and flattened her tires.

An official accident report will be available today, according to GPD spokesman Keith Kameg.

Employees of Florida Concrete Recycling Inc. declined to comment.

Aid flows to tsunami-hit Samoas as death toll rises

■ AT LEAST 119 HAVE DIED.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

APIA, Samoa — Police searched a ghastly landscape of mud-strewn streets, pulverized homes and bodies scattered in a swamp Wednesday as dazed survivors emerged from the muck and mire of an earthquake and tsunami that killed at least 119 in the South Pacific.

Military transports flew medical personnel, food, water and medicine to Samoa and American Samoa, both devastated by a tsunami triggered by an undersea earthquake. A cargo plane from New Zealand brought in a temporary morgue and a body identification team.

Officials expect the death toll to rise as more areas are searched.

Survivors fled to higher ground on the islands after the magnitude 8.0 quake struck at 6:48 a.m. local time (1:48 p.m. EDT; 1748 GMT) Tuesday. The residents then were engulfed by four tsunami waves 15 to 20 feet (4 to 6 meters) high that reached up to a mile (1.5 kilometers) inland.

The waves splintered houses and left cars and boats — many battered and upside down — scattered about the coastline. Debris as small as a spoon and as large as a piece of masonry weighing several tons were strewn in the mud.

International News

Survivors told harrowing tales of encountering the deadly tsunami.

"I was scared. I was shocked," said Didi Afuafi, 28, who was on a bus when the giant waves came ashore on American Samoa. "All the people on the bus were screaming, crying and trying to call their homes. We couldn't get on cell phones. The phones just died on us. It was just crazy."

With the water approaching fast, the bus driver sped to the top of a nearby mountain, where 300 to 500 people were gathered, including patients evacuated from the main hospital. Among them were newborns with IVs, crying children and frightened elderly people.

On Samoa, the two-hour drive from the Apia airport to the heavily damaged southeast coast initially showed no sign of damage before becoming little more than a link between one flattened village after another. Mattresses hung from trees, and utility poles were bent at awkward angles.

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the art of parkour



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Kyle Waite, 16, a junior at Santa Fe High School, practices parkour at the Sun Center behind the Hippodrome on Sept. 19.

feature

Parkour athletes take advantage of ‘useless architecture’

By **ALEX ORLANDO**
avenue writer

Kyle Waite's muscles tense as intense concentration spreads across his face. He sprints toward a loading dock, then dives straight at it.

His hands thud on its wooden surface as he tucks his legs up to his stomach, and for a moment, the 16-year-old resembles a predatory cat in mid-chase. His legs extend as he swings his body through his arms, still firmly planted on the dock. His feet pound against the brick sidewalk as he lands and sprints away.

A criminal on the run? No. Waite is a traceur.

A traceur is a practitioner of the art of parkour, which Waite describes as “a discipline that trains you to use your environment to efficiently move from one place to another.”

Originally “le parkour,” the sport started in the French army for obstacle course training and was used in combat in Vietnam. Now, Waite estimates there to be 47 traceurs in

the Gainesville area.

Waite, wiry with dirty-blond hair down to his collar, has been practicing parkour for a little more than a year, starting after he saw it on YouTube.

“Once you get into it, it alters the way you look at everything,” he said.

Since then, he has been using videos as a guide and trains around Gainesville at the Sun Center, the Alachua County Courthouse and the Shands Emergency Care Center.

Waite said these are prime spots for parkour because they have what he calls “useless architecture.” The walls, platforms, benches and even trees are collectively a jungle gym for Waite. He can barrel straight at a 6-foot wall and will be up, over it and dashing toward his next obstacle with the agility of a spider monkey.

“Yeah, I’ve been getting called that since I was like 6 years old,” Waite said.

Despite the dangerous nature of the sport, Waite wears no protective clothing and usually prefers to perform his stunts shirtless. Aside from sturdy shoes and his wind pants, there is nothing between him and a broken arm or a nasty case of road rash.

Waite said that aside from a bad face-plant less than a year ago, he’s never incurred any significant injuries, knocking on a wooden bench in the Sun Center as he spoke.

One of the stickier issues associated with parkour is its legality. Although he climbs on historic or costly structures, Waite said he’s never been issued any kind of citation.

“Once you get into it, it alters the way you look at everything.”

Kyle Waite
traceur

He said that he’s been told to leave Shands once, but only because he was filming his stunts. He’s also been told by various shopkeepers to leave the Sun Center, usually returning about an hour later.

Lt. Keith Kameg, spokesman for the Gainesville Police Department, said that although trespassing can usually be associated with it, parkour activities and climbing are not illegal.

“We don’t recommend doing things like

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COMING UP:

The Avenue rumages through costumes at the Hippodrome Theatre’s giant warehouse sale

A-LIST

RUB is hosting a free CD release show for its new CD “10 Gainesville Bands You Should Know” tonight at 8 p.m. in the Orange & Brew. The bands performing are Little High Little Low, Oh Fortuna, Bang Bang Boom and The Duppies. The CD and show are both free!

this because it ties up emergency services from your own stupidity,” Kameg said.

Kameg equated the stunts to skiing down an unauthorized slope, which can be both a danger to the individual and an unnecessary response call for emergency crews.

Most of the people who speak to Waite are curious onlookers. One passer-by stopped after observing for a few minutes to ask, “What are you doing, planning your escape?”

“People think it’s a threat to property,” Waite said. “If people embrace it as exciting and interesting, it will really take off.”

A fencing student at the Unified Training Center in Gainesville, Waite has two students of his own, Michael Geden, 18, and Stevan D’Agostino, 16. He meets them at the UTC on Saturdays at 1 p.m. and ventures into Gainesville’s urban jungle to train.

Waite said he respects the environment he moves through and doesn’t want to abuse it, a practice he said he hopes to pass on to his students.

“We’re just here to train ourselves. We’re not here to break stuff or steal anything,” Waite said. “If it’s in good condition, it works better for us as traceurs and citizens.”

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Art Walk adds color to local scenery

By ALEX ORLANDO
avenue writer

It's an obvious fact about Gainesville: Every weekend, hundreds of students gather at downtown clubs for typical nighttime reverie. But once a month, the downtown area becomes a Mecca for the town's artistic culture.

The Downtown Gainesville Art Walk, a "self-guided tour through downtown galleries and alternative art spaces," according to the group's Facebook page, kicks off at the Downtown Sun Center on the last Friday of every month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The showcase of artists takes place in a square half-mile of downtown between Southwest 10th Street and Southeast Third Street and includes such stops as the Tench Building, the Hippodrome State Theatre, The Red Door Studio and Wayward Council.

"The Art Walk is always a wonderful opportunity for community members to see the local arts, which is a major aspect of the Gainesville culture, as well as an opportunity to meet the wonderful people of Gainesville," said Daniel Hime, looking over fused glass art by Nancy Holschuh in Harold's Frame Shop and Gallery.

Hime, 60, said he comes to Art Walk to see friends, drink wine and meet the artists.

Next to The Bank night club is The Red Door Studio, a typical white-walled studio with paint-smearred wooden floors, Angela Hoppe sits on a leather couch hand weaving as patrons and potential customers crowd into the room

to see her paintings.

Hoppe, a veteran painter with more than 20 art walks under her belt, allows student artist Molly Kernan to display and sell her art in the studio.

"It's too easy for your ego to get busted in the art world," Hoppe said.

Hoppe said she hopes to introduce Kernan to the nurturing atmosphere that Art Walk tends to uphold.

In the same spirit of artist unity, the Tench Building, which some refer to as the "heart of the art," is a city/artist co-op that accommodates regional artists.

It is currently the workplace of six artists, including Bob Freeman, Anne Gilroy, Lennie Kesl, Anne Seraphine, Ray Keith and Peter Carolin.

Carolin left to watch the studio as the other artists mingled at other stops on the tour. He entertained middle-aged art connoisseurs over cheese, crackers and wine while younger viewers and art students wandered the halls of the gallery and studios.

Carolin, who does everything from nude portraits to abstract paintings of Florida's springs, said he enjoys those who take time to come and appreciate the local artwork of what he calls "real Gainesville."

"It brings culture to the community. Rather than people just going from club to club, it really enriches their humanity," Carolin said. "We're the creative spirits."

Chick-lit author signs copies of book

By MOLLY BRUCE
avenue contributing writer

Families with young children, hip 20-somethings, grandparents and even a few furry four-legged friends gathered for wine tastings, hor d'oeuvres and the chance to meet Kristin Harmel, international selling author, in Orlando on Friday.

Harmel signed copies of her fifth novel "Italian for Beginners" for fans.

Harmel graduated from UF's journalism program in 2001, and today she writes "chick-lit" novels and freelances for People and other national magazines.

"I feel very grateful for the opportunity to be doing what I'm doing," Harmel said.

While most authors sign books at different stores for their book tours, Harmel likes to do something different.

"I think, why not have a big party?" she said.

The event took place at Bullfish, an art gallery and unusual gifts store in Baldwin Park. Owners Brian Wettstein and Jeff Brown

attended, mixing with the crowd and offering information on their wine and art collections.

The eclectic store was the perfect venue for Harmel's book signing for "Italian for Beginners," which is worldly and colorful like the store. Harmel's mom, countless friends and even her recently

reunited sixth-grade crush, Matt Patterson, attended.

"Now I know a famous author," Patterson said.

Harmel, who wore a little black dress to coincide with Little Black Dress wines, which sponsored the event, thanked everyone who attended and posed for pictures for more than three hours. She took time to speak with everyone.

Patrick Loughlin, who has worked at Bullfish for three years, met Harmel before the event started. "She seems very sweet," he said.

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local music

Michael Claytor, friends combine community, music

By JON SILMAN
avenue writer

Michael Claytor does not sound like he looks. He does not look like he sounds. And in the crosshairs of this odd interchangeability is the fact that he is probably the nicest person I have ever met.

There are three things you need to know. (A) His music sounds like you're walking through Kentucky bluegrass, just as the fireflies start to crackle, and the sun is dipping below the horizon leaving a golden orange residual shine that mixes with the milky white of the clouds and envelopes you in warmth. (B) He plays with an ease and a grace that demands intimacy and friendship simultaneously. (C) He is the most unpretentious guy in the world.

Flaco's on Wednesday night is a scene. The back room where the band plays every week is dark, but it's weathered and warm. Flea market paintings reflect the red and green lights that soak the space. A wide glass window faces the street. Passers-by can peer into the temporary commune of song. There is no cover. The band gets paid in sandwiches. I arrived at around 9:30 p.m. while the band was setting up.

The band is Michael Claytor, 22, banjo, guitar and pipes; Michael Pedron, 22, upright bass; Evan Garfield, 22, the skins and guitar; Aaron Colverson, 22, violin. The band's origin involves drugs, a road trip, a psychedelic school bus and a circus. With the exception of Colverson, the guys are members of

another popular Gainesville group, Umoja Orchestra.

"I really think charging money would ruin the atmosphere of this place. If we got paid it would feel like a job," Claytor said. "It's really a group of friends who get together every week to sing and hang out."

He's referring to the hipster patrons that file into the room over the course of the four hours I am at Flaco's: An actress from the Hippodrome wears a knitted beret-like

deal; A tall, bearded fellow with a meticulously sharp beard double-fists two PBRs and flirts with two young women in vintage dresses and flats; A boy with slicked back blond hair pulls from a silver flask just outside the window, and his drunk girlfriend eyes him with sloppy lust as he pours some in her beer. My friend precariously balances between the door, as he stretches to smoke a cigarette outside the door (can't smoke in) and keep

his beer inside (can't drink out).

Claytor prepares me for the crowd participation. He explains to me that over the course of his tenure (roughly 19 months) at Flaco's, a sort of community has grown up. There are parts to his songs where audience members sing along call-and-response style.

After a warm up from two indie-acoustic acts, Claytor and band get up to perform. Colverson is late but rushes into the room as Claytor

is singing and throws down some flawless harmony vocals while testing levels on his violin. Impressive.

Claytor is sporting a beat up pair of brown loafers. His blue jeans are torn at the left knee, and when he plays he sways, and that tear sings with him. He wears wide, clear owl-frame eyeglasses and an aged trucker's hat on his tussled blond hair.

The chanting begins. At times the small room sounds like a church choir. The band plays a tune called "Mountain Dew," and it brings the room of 20 to its feet to stomp and dance. I join in for fear of missing out. With fists in the air, the crowd chants "solidarity forever," in a full boar-ish roar.

The atmosphere is truly something to be experienced. This is not an exclusive event. It's a community thing. A way to make new friends. That's what Claytor's aesthetic is all about.

"The band is called 'and friends' because I wanted as many local musicians as I could on my album," Claytor said.

The album is called "We Have an Elephant," and it's surprisingly fluid and mature for such a young artist. At the show, he plays my favorite song, "New River."

I know this sounds lame, but my stomach aches when he sings it. I asked the band to come to my apartment and let me film them playing so everyone can hear it. Get on a computer, go to your search engine and type in "Michael Claytor living room," right now. He wants to be friends. He's singing it to you.



Photo courtesy of Maria Veronica Linares

Michael Claytor & His Friends (Evan Garfield, Michael Pedron, Michael Claytor and Aaron Colverson) will be performing at the Fest 8 on Nov. 1.

Trip to the doctor triggers erection, humiliation

By ERIK VOSS
avenue writer

During a Boy Scouts hiking trip, my friend Jerry gave me some important advice:

"When you get a physical, you better not get hard," he said.

Unfortunately, at age 11, I still referred to such exotic terms by their textbook translations. "Pot" was still "marijuana," "pussy" was still "vagina" and "gay" was still "nonathletic." So, I thanked Jerry for his advice and assumed he had stepped in wet cement on his way to a checkup.

Three years later, the true meaning of Jerry's warning became all too clear when I got a big, fat stiffy in front of my doctor.

Much like earthquakes, ninjas and razors in Halloween candy, you never know when an erection will strike. Actual arousal accounts for a small percentage of erections; often, all it takes is a cramped chair, new boxers or a front-row seat on Splash Mountain, and surprise, the circus is in town!

My enrollment in high school required a complete physical, testicles exam included. I had survived a few of these frisks before, and I always imagined my doctor rating my genitalia in the next room.

"His penis looks so stupid," he'd chuckle to the other doctors over a round of Vicodin

and back massages from the nurse staff. "Does he really expect Ashley to like him with a penis like that?"

This time, however, I was greeted by an attractive physician in her late 20s. Her face seemed too pretty to be covered by a blood-soaked surgeon mask, but sure enough, she conducted the physical and politely asked me to take off my pants.

If you combine a loose cannon dangling between my legs with a sexy professional making six figures a year, the only response to such a request is: "Fire in the hole!"

The moment her latex-covered fingers made contact, I could hear the circus train rolling down the tracks. I tried concentrating on a decorative beach print hanging on the wall, but it was no use. From the crashing surf I envisioned my doctor, fully naked except for that bloody surgeon mask.

The whole ordeal lasted five seconds, which was enough time to get to half-mast. She pretended not to notice, but her rushing (and blushing) gave her away. Thank goodness my balls were cancer-free.

Humiliation is inevitable, and it's often triggered by the slightest nudge.



Z beer 'brings a lot of taste to the table'

By RICHARD STEHLI
avenue contributing writer

Beer: "Z"

Brewery: Fort Collins Brewery (Fort Collins, Colo.)

Style: Rauchbier

I recently had the opportunity to visit FoCo, and one of my main activities during my three-day stay was drinking beer. Chastise me all you want, but I'm no lush. Fort Collins has a population only slightly larger than that of Gainesville, but it hosts an astounding five craft breweries. Each has an impressive selection of both standards and seasonals, but only Fort Collins Brewery distributes to Gainesville (as far as I know). I spent a whole day biking from brewery to brewery; for considerably less expense, you can have a taste without leaving the city limits.

Rauchbier is a German-style beer brewed using barley that has been smoked over an open fire. The resulting beer has all the

caramel notes and rich color of a roasted beer (Killian's in macro brew terms), but it also has a distinctive smoky smell and flavor. That's right: beer infused with a generous helping of beef jerky.

From the tap, I found the smokiness to be startling, if not slightly overpowering. From the bottle, however, it is fairly diminished, yet still pleasantly existent.

Behind the Bar

The aforementioned caramel is both detectable and delectable, and the beer is very well constructed overall.

At the very least, "Z" brings a lot of taste to the table, and it's a taste that you won't find in any beer brewed under the authority of Large American Beer Company. Forgo the case of swill this weekend and indulge your 21-years-or-older self and compatriots with a six-pack of "Z." Your taste buds (as well as your kidneys) will thank you.

"Z" is available at Ward's Supermarket, 515 NW 23rd Ave.

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Food expo, film show benefits of home-grown products

By **ATTIYYA ANTHONY**
avenue writer

You don't have to dig deep to see that Gainesville's soil is ripe with growth.

On Sunday, the Citizens Co-op sponsored two sold-out showings of Robert Kenner's "Food, Inc."

The show attracted more than 200 people and raised \$1,060 to go toward opening a community-owned grocery store in Gainesville, said Robert Matrone, cinema manager at the Hippodrome State Theatre.

"Food, Inc." is a 30-minute documentary that details the negative health effects of hormone-injected meats, pesticide-sprayed fruits and vegetables, the increasing number of food-related E.Coli and obesity cases and the detrimental effect that our industrial food market has on smaller farms and communities.

"The movie can leave you feeling hopeless and depressed, but the Co-op wanted to offer people the information but also show the thriving community that Gainesville already has established around food," said Liz Nesbit, a co-founder of the Co-op. "We want people to come out of the film and not feel like, 'What can I do?' but, 'How can I become a part of the solution?'"

The Co-op also held a food expo in connection with "Food, Inc." More than 10 vendors sold their home-grown products from Gainesville, Micanopy, Melrose, Ocala and other surrounding areas. There was a showcase of plants and herbs, including included shiitake mushrooms, ginger roots, peppermint, unpasteurized milk, sweet habanero peppers,

rosemary and soap made from goat milk.

James Steele, owner of The Herb Garden Nursery in Melrose, has been growing fruits and herbs for culinary and medicinal purposes for more than 40 years. He used his knowledge and resources to create www.gainesvillefarmfresh.com, a networking site for those interested in growing, producing or purchasing locally home-grown products.

"I love interacting with my food, growing what I'm eating and helping customers with the herbs that they're growing," Steele said, as he jumped at the opportunity to give a passer-by advice on how to tend to her aloe roots. "I'm also seeing that people appreciate the growth process and like knowing where their food comes from."

Five members are needed to commit to a location and building for the community grocery market, which would distribute fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, eggs, meat, seafood and herbs on a weekly basis. There were more than 400 members at the event.

"I'm really pleased with the turnout. It's satisfying to see how easy it's been to pull something like this off," Nesbit said. "We have lots of support and a lot of people want to see something like this put into fruition."

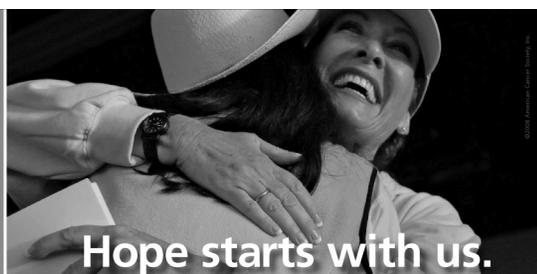
Membership is \$100 and gives partial ownership to the store, meaning that you get a say with the board of directors, what items are to be placed on shelves, and at the end of the year, all the profits get redistributed back to the owners. If 500 members join, the Co-op will open the community-owned grocery store in the fall of 2010.



Photo courtesy of Attiyya Anthony

Local producer Michael Espinosa shows off his beautiful home-grown peppers at Sunday's Citizens Co-op Food Expo held in the Sun Center Plaza. He offers one of his sweet peppers to a customer for a taste. Espinosa grows a variety of vegetables and is anxious for a community-run grocery store.

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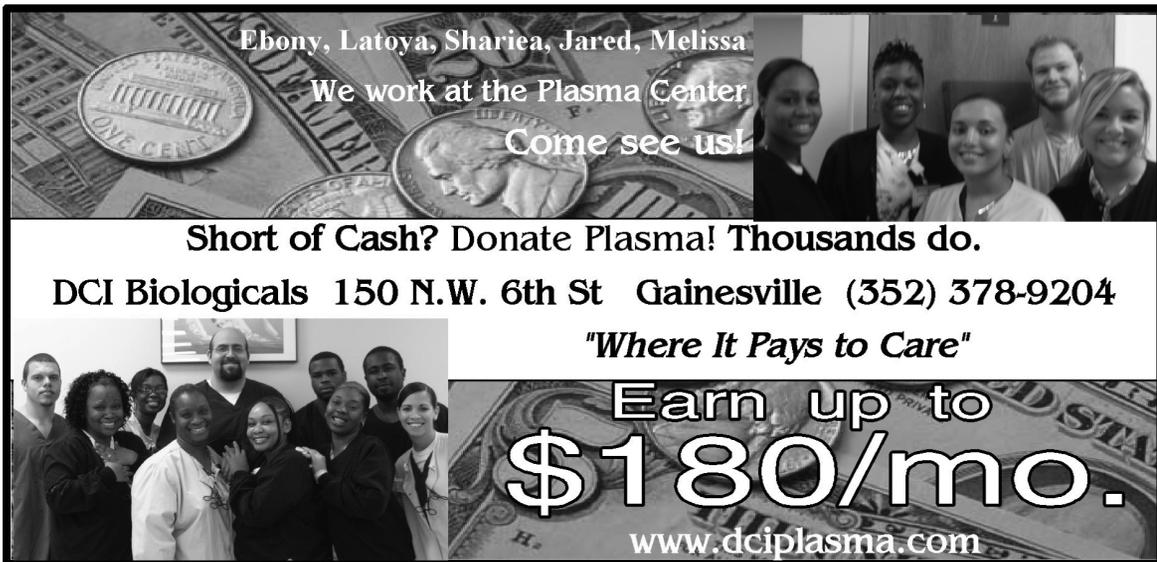
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 14 ___ sapiens
 15 European capital
 16 Speed
 17 Doe
 20 Get loose for the game
 21 French monarch
 22 Long, long time
 23 Matured
 25 Maker of ergonomic kitchenware
 27 Do
 35 Suffix with ranch
 36 Coastal bird
 37 Curb, as spending
 38 Dentist's directive
 41 Puppy's bite
 43 Nearly boil
 44 Relating to the body's main blood line
 46 Laddie's negative
 48 Indians, on scoreboards
 49 Dough
 53 Sushi fish
 54 Final Four initials
 55 ___ acetate: banana oil
 59 Hitter's stat
 61 Duke Ellington's "Take the ___"
 65 D'oh
 68 Big name in kitchen foil
 69 Sculptor's subject
 70 Altar exchanges
 71 Animal
 72 She-bears, in Seville
 73 Promgoer's concern, maybe

DOWN

1 Melting period
 2 Gossipy Barrett
 3 Passionate deity
 4 Hustler
 5 Vie
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 8 "Already?"
 9 "Evita" narrator

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Alabama LB will miss rest of season

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

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Alabama's Dont'a Hightower suffered ligament damage in his left knee during the Crimson Tide's win over Arkansas Saturday.

Coach Nick Saban has not revealed the specific nature of Hightower's injury other than to say that the standout linebacker is expected to be out three to four months as he recovers from surgery.

"Dont'a Hightower did have successful surgery," Saban said. "(The doctor) thinks he'll make a full recovery, and he'll be OK."

Hightower had 64 tackles and started 12 games for Alabama as a freshman.

"He played a lot of roles for us, more than anybody on our defense" Saban said. "Inside backer, nickel backer, defensive end, pass rusher . . . There may not be one person that can fulfill all those roles, it may take several people."

The Tide (4-0), who visits Kentucky this week, have options for replacing the 6-foot-4, 250-pound Hightower.

Sophomore Jerrell Harris was battling for a starting linebacker spot this fall, but has missed the first four games because of an NCAA suspension.

Alabama found out Saturday that Harris would be allowed to return in three weeks against South Carolina.

Sophomore Chris Jordan has played in every game this year and had six tackles against North Texas. Freshman Tana Patrick has not played yet but is expected to redshirt.

RAZORBACKS TO PLAY IN NEW COWBOY STADIUM: Arkansas will step out of the Southeastern Conference this week to play Texas A&M in the new Cowboys Stadium.

UA coach Bobby Petrino said he likes the idea of playing a neutral-site game in Texas.

"It's huge for our fans," he said. "Since I got here, they've talked about the old Southwest Conference rivalry with Texas A&M. We're excited to rekindle it, and playing

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AP Photo

Alabama linebacker Dont'a Hightower (30) is helped off the field after an injury against Arkansas on Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Burleigh DJs at weddings

By **TYLER JETT**

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Sports and music cannot escape each other.

UF fans at The Swamp will inevitably hear AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" before kickoff and Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train" after halftime.

And every fan of popular music — hip-hop in particular — hears lyrics that read like a list of shout-outs to famous athletes.

The obscure rapper Young Chris said, "I'm just trying to be No. 1 — Percy Harvin" in his song "Searching" while Harvin was still at Florida.

With the lines between sports and music becoming more muddled, UF soccer coach Becky Burleigh's side gig should not come as a surprise.

Burleigh is a wedding DJ.

That hobby began when friends asked Burleigh to bring her iPod to a party. Her friends appreciated Burleigh's taste in music, and they requested Burleigh's services at their weddings.

Burleigh only works at the weddings of friends, including some former players.

"DJs aren't cheap, so that's my wedding present to them," Burleigh said. "Most of the weddings that are of former players have a lot of other former players in attendance, so it makes it a great way for us all to get back together."

Burleigh will work the wedding of former UF soccer player Heather Mitts and Carolina Panthers quarterback A.J. Feeley in April.

There are a few nuances to being a good DJ, Burleigh said.

"Rule No. 1 of DJing: know your audience," she said. "It's a mixed

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Burleigh

College football still searching for fourth-best team

Will the real No. 4 team please stand up?

This is getting ridiculous. As far as I can tell, there are three teams atop the Football Bowl Subdivision — Florida, Texas and Alabama — and everyone else is just happy to be playing each Saturday.

The Gators, Longhorns and Crimson Tide deserve a different classification for how much better they are than everyone else. Call it the Juggernaut Subdivision. Or better yet, stop ranking those three in the weekly polls. Instead, order the remaining teams in the Wannabe 22.

And if you're not one of those three, any loss isn't considered an upset.

It has really gotten bad when this week's resident in the No. 4 spot — un-



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derachieving LSU, who should've lost at Mississippi State last week — is considered an underdog at one-loss Georgia this week.

I'm sorry Bulldogs, but no top-five team should be an underdog, even on the road in a conference game. That's absurd . . . or maybe just a blunt way of showing what Vegas oddsmakers think of the Tigers' talent.

Cal took a No. 6 ranking into Oregon and was slaughtered. Last week's No. 5, Penn State, lost 21-10 at home to Iowa. The Hawkeyes are good, but the Nittany Lions aren't and never were a top-5

team. It's simply a byproduct of needing to fill spots.

Certainly, I'm being partly facetious, but the truths are there. Barring extreme injury (sorry, Tim Tebow), UF, Texas and Alabama are the best three teams in America.

The Gators are tied for third in total offense and rank fourth in total defense. The Crimson Tide have the nation's second-best defense and sit at No. 8 in total offense. The Longhorns, with possibly the weakest stats so far, are tops in the nation in scoring offense and only 17th in total defense, although they're No. 2 in rushing defense. Even if Texas' numbers are weak, Colt McCoy suits up at quarterback each week, one of the coun-

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TEERING OFF WITH MIKE DiFERDINANDO

■ After serving more than a year and a half in federal prison for dogfighting charges, Michael Vick was rewarded yet again Wednesday when he signed a new endorsement deal with Nike. God bless America. . . . Diana Taurasi was presented with her league MVP award before the start of the WNBA Finals on Tuesday. She averaged 23.8 points per game and a DUI this season.

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Who is the fourth-best team in college football?

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ UF defensive coordinator Charlie Strong will be inducted into the University of Central Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame this week in Conway, Ark. Strong played football and ran track for the Bears.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Boise St. experiencing unique success as non-BCS team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Boise State Broncos are breathing some rare BCS air.

The fifth-ranked Broncos have climbed higher and faster than any non-BCS team in the controversial system's 12-year history.

The Broncos, pride of the Western Athletic Conference, have shouldered in front of three storied powers — USC, Oklahoma and Ohio State, each with one loss. Now Boise State is trying to scale the college football equivalent of Mount Everest and become the first team from outside the six BCS conferences to play for a national title.

Best known for their blue field and an exhilarating Fiesta Bowl victory over Oklahoma, the Broncos have ignited a debate that figures to grow hotter after the first BCS standings are released on Oct. 18.

"It is unprecedented," WAC commissioner Karl Benson said Wednesday. "The stars are kind of lining up for Boise State."

But BCS numbers-cruncher Jerry

Palm advised the Broncos to take a photo of the summit, because he doubts they'll ever reach it. He believes that once-beaten teams from major conferences will climb past the Broncos down the stretch.

"There's a chance that Boise has peaked earlier than anyone else in their position has peaked," said Palm, editor of collegebcs.com. "But maybe not."

It's the "maybe not" that has the college football world buzzing this week.

The Broncos have introduced the shadow of a doubt into the sport's convoluted system for selecting the teams that will play for its Waterford Crystal championship trophy.

And the Broncos aren't alone. No. 11 Texas Christian of the Mountain West Conference and 12th-ranked Houston of Conference USA are also clamoring for BCS recognition.

"I think people like the Cinderella," TCU coach Gary Patterson said this week. "They like the underdog. It makes a great story."

The rise of the BCS outsiders

comes after an offseason that saw more threats — but no real action — by politicians to dismantle the lucrative system that grants automatic berths to the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conferences. The gist of the politicians' argument is that the BCS is unfair to schools outside the six richest conferences.



Benson

BCS honchos bowed to Congressional pressure when they added a fifth game in 2006 and eased access for outsiders.

For Boise State, that tweak in the BCS paid off in 2006. The Broncos went unbeaten, rose to No. 8 in the BCS standings and stunned No. 10 Oklahoma 43-42 in an overtime Fiesta Bowl thriller.

At the time, some wondered whether Boise State belonged in the national title game on the same field a week later. But most observers

seemed to think the Broncos, with their sandlot plays and a tailback proposing to a cheerleader after the game, were a nice little story that would go away. Well, they're back.

Boise State is building a case for a BCS title berth on two foundations.

The first is the Broncos' 19-8 victory over Oregon on Sept. 3 — a game that made national news when Oregon's LeGarrette Blount slugged Boise State's Byron Hout.

No. 16 Oregon has rebounded with three straight wins, and every Ducks victory adds a measure of credibility to Boise State's resume.

The Broncos need help from Eugene, because they won't be getting much lift from their WAC brethren. Boise State ranks second, behind Florida, in this week's Sagarin Football Ratings, one of the BCS computer rankings. The next-highest WAC team is No. 50 Fresno State, and four teams are ranked outside the top 100.

"Their league is not going to help them at all," Palm said.

How can the Broncos counter

that?

"They can't afford a 23-20 game," Palm said. "They've got to light everybody up."

So far, so good: the Broncos have yet to trail this year.

The second pillar of Boise State's case is history. Non-BCS teams are 3-1 in BCS bowls, with Boise State beating OU, Utah beating Pitt and Alabama, and Hawaii losing to Georgia. Although those results shouldn't matter in this year's voting, Benson hopes the pollsters keep them in mind.

In the past, non-BCS teams have faced a steep climb in the polls. But Boise State opened at No. 16 in the coaches poll, so it didn't have to go far as team after team tumbled from the top 10. This week, the Broncos trail Florida, Texas, Alabama and LSU in the coaches and Harris Poll, the two BCS human rankings. They're also No. 5 in the AP poll.

Only one SEC team can emerge unbeaten. If all three lose, or if the Longhorns stumble, that could open up a lane for Boise State.



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Henne ready to step in as starting quarterback

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DAVIE — The Miami Dolphins' new starting quarterback held the ball to his ear, spotted his target 25 yards downfield and threw a tight spiral on a line that hit Ted Ginn Jr. in

full stride over the middle.

One person applauded: head coach Tony Sparano. "That's it!" he shouted.

The Dolphins haven't given anyone much to cheer about lately, losing their first three games and Chad Pennington to a season-

ending shoulder injury. This week they start a new chapter and a new quarterback: Chad Henne.

"We do have to move on," Sparano said Wednesday. "It's Chad Henne's turn."

A second-round draft pick in 2008, Henne will make his first NFL start against the Buffalo Bills. He's Miami's 14th starting quarterback since Dan Marino retired following the 1999 season.

The Bill Parcells regime believes Henne might be a long-term solution. It's unlikely the 33-year-old Pennington will return to Miami next season, because he's in the final year of his contract and faces an uncertain recovery from the third operation on his right shoulder since 2005.

Pennington said he'll meet Thursday with Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., who will likely perform the surgery Friday to repair a torn capsule. Pennington said he'll wait until he starts rehabilitation to decide whether to continue his career.

"I'm certainly not going to close the book on myself," he said. "As an athlete, you always feel like there's unfinished business."

Pennington joined the Dolphins last year, led them to the AFC East title and won NFL Comeback Player of the Year for the second time. But because of injuries, he has never started 10 games or more in consecutive seasons, and that trend will continue.

The latest injury was tough to absorb, he said.

"The first 48 hours, you're kind of numb to the situation. You're in shock, and it just doesn't seem real," he said. "I did feel like I was past some of that and had paid my dues

to the football gods, but that's not the case."

The Dolphins' shakeup at quarterback includes a newcomer. To shore up depth, they acquired third-year pro Tyler Thigpen from Kansas City on Tuesday for an undisclosed draft pick.

He took part in practice Wednesday.

"My head's been spinning a little bit," said Thigpen, who started 11 games for the Chiefs last year, but fell to third string this season. "Yesterday was kind of a shock for me. I didn't think anything was going to happen like this, but it's the nature of the business, and you've got to roll with it. I'm excited about the opportunity to come down here."

"We do have to move on. It's Chad Henne's turn."

Tony Sparano
Miami Dolphins coach



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Miami Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne throws against the San Diego Chargers in the second half of their game Sunday in San Diego. Henne replaced quarterback Chad Pennington after an injury.

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Meyer looks to give James more chances

■ OPPONENTS HAVEN'T KICKED TO HIM OFTEN.

By PHIL KEGLER
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UF coach Urban Meyer said he has had discussions with his staff on possibly getting Brandon James more touches.

The senior returns punts and kickoffs for the Gators as well as lining up at wide receiver and running back occasionally.

Opponents have taken to kicking away from James by utilizing rugby kicks or simply aiming out of bounds.

Offensively, James has five catches for 72 yards and a touchdown along with 51 yards on the ground on nine carries.

"We've actually had a discussion about getting him a little more involved," Meyer said. "That punter for Kentucky did a phenomenal job.

"His average hang time was over five seconds. That really limits your return game."

INJURY, ILLNESS LINGER: The Gators still haven't gotten rid of the flu.

Cornerback Markihe Anderson, safety Will Hill, reserve defensive end Kedric Johnson and scout-team quarterback Andrew Blaylock were all sick early this week, and UF coach Urban Meyer is hopeful his team can use the bye week to get healthy before traveling to LSU on Oct. 10.



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UF return specialist Brandon James (right) hasn't had much of a chance to show his skills because of opponents gameplanning against him.

"The good thing is we're going to [practice] Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and then Friday, Saturday and Sunday they're off," Meyer said. "And they're back Monday morning ready to go, so we're hoping that kind of wipes it out."

The bye will also give several starters a chance to overcome injury.

Receiver Deonte Thompson should be fully recovered from his hamstring injury, as he was available to play in an emergency role against Kentucky.

Offensive linemen Marcus Gilbert (elbow, bicep), Maurice Pouncey (shoulder) and Mike Pouncey (ankle) should all be fine by next week, Meyer said.

Defensive tackle Law-

rence Marsh may still need more time to recover from the high ankle sprain he suffered five weeks ago. He was on crutches Wednesday. Meyer added that cornerback Moses Jenkins is receiving the same treatment as quarterback Tim Tebow.

Both players suffered concussions last week at Kentucky.

Saban, Miles weigh finishing win with pulling starters

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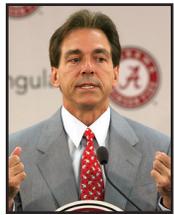
WHEN IS THE GAME OVER?: In light of Tim Tebow's injury Saturday against Kentucky, SEC coaches debated when it's time to call off the dogs on Wednesday's SEC teleconference.

"That's always a tough question because the issue is you want to finish the game in

a sound, solid fashion how you started it," LSU coach Les Miles said. "It's something where the coach weighs the responsibility of getting your starters out before they get hurt."

Saban opted to leave his players in longer against Arkansas.

"I think it's the game, I think it's the team you're playing," Saban said. "We didn't take our starters out until we were ahead of Arkansas 35-7 halfway through the fourth quarter."



Saban

PLAYERS AND TWITTER: Texas Tech coach Mike Leach made waves earlier this week when he announced he had prohibited his players from using the social-networking site Twitter.

Miles said that while he won't ban his players from using the site, he strongly discourages it.

"It's a pain in the tail, is what it is," Miles said. "The focus has got to be how you represent your schools and how you represent your team."

Miles has his own Twitter page but said he doesn't update it often during football season.

Coach hooks up her iPod to speakers during team warm-ups

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group. A little Michael Bubl  always goes over pretty well."

The coach said she gets the edited versions of top-40 songs because they are safe to play.

"You have a mixture of kids and grandparents, so you don't want to play Eminem," Burleigh said.

Rod Stewart's "You're in My Heart" is a staple at weddings with Burleigh.

Goalkeeper Katie Fraine was shocked when she found out about "DJ Becks," as she calls her.

"I was like, 'What? You're an actual wedding DJ?'" Fraine said. "All I could think of was 'The Wedding Singer.'"

The coach said working with college kids boosts her musical knowledge.

"When you're around 18-22 year olds for a big part of your life, you get used to a wide variety of music," she said.

Burleigh also serves as a DJ for the team. Her iPod is hooked up to speakers near the practice field, and she plays music during warm-ups.

Burleigh usually chooses rap because it's what most players prefer.

Fraine said the music helps her teammates loosen up and is good for chemistry.

While Burleigh's selections generally go over well with the

team, Fraine wishes Burleigh played rock bands like The Red Hot Chili Peppers and The Offspring.

"I would leave the DJ Khaled out of it," Fraine said. "And the Lil Wayne."

Although she doesn't agree with the song selection, Fraine has an appreciation for Burleigh's skills and sees a promising future for her coach.

"She tries to get a mix of the '80s, '90s and today," Fraine said. "She's like a radio DJ."

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try's top-three QBs.

But what about No. 4?

I thought LSU would be very good coming into the season, and although the Tigers have the talent, they've struggled to put it together so far.

No one will ever sell me on Boise State being a top-five team. I'm supposed to buy a home win over Oregon as proof the Broncos are real? Not happening. Not completely your fault, but get in a real conference and win four or five really tough games a year against top competition.

USC has a top-10 defense but is struggling offensively. The Trojans check in at No. 55 in scoring offense, averaging 28.5 points per game, a far cry from the past. With the recent loss of running back Stafon Johnson, remaining road games against Cal and Oregon and a freshman starting quarterback, the Men of Troy will fall again before bowl season.

That leaves two realistic options — the team that deserves to be No. 4 right now and the team that has a very good chance of taking the four-spot down the road.

Virginia Tech should have the little four next to its name on scoreboards during TV broadcasts. The Hokies are 3-1 with their only slip-up being a 10-point loss against the Crimson Tide. With back-to-back wins over ranked teams, including last week's shellacking of Miami, VT should be No. 4 and very well could be next week if LSU falls at Georgia.

By December, however, we could see the resurgence of a team that was thought to be part of the Juggernaut Division — Oklahoma.

The Sooners were hampered by the injury to their star quarterback, and if Sam Bradford eventually becomes himself again this fall, OU could be a force to be reckoned with. Its defense has put up back-to-back shutouts, impressive even against lesser opponents. A date with Miami on Saturday poses a chance to make a statement, and the annual date with Texas could be another classic.

But that's plenty of speculation. For now, there are three teams and then everybody else.

Sometimes, three is considered a crowd. This year, it's the talented few.