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UF alumnus and Miami Herald columnist Carl Hiaasen, who also worked for the Independent Florida Alligator as a student, speaks in Pugh Hall on Tuesday night.

Alligator alum talks comedy

By **CJ PRUNER**
 Alligator Staff Writer

In most cases, corrupt politicians, drunken surgeons and rabid monkeys on the loose don't mesh well.

However, when Carl Hiaasen steps into the room, the combination seems natural as he shares stories from his work as a best-selling author and award-winning columnist for the Miami Herald.

Speaking in front of about 350 people at Pugh Hall, Hiaasen discussed topics ranging from mundane statewide budget issues to bizarre legislation regarding romantic relations between men and goats.

Hiaasen noted how some people may perceive his style to be eccentric and cynical.

But he emphasized how his role is to make sure people in public positions are held accountable.

"When you start accepting

weasely behavior...you've surrendered," he said.

An alumnus of UF's College of Journalism and Communications, Hiaasen spoke fondly of his time as a writer for the Alligator.

"It was a great time for political satire," Hiaasen recalled. "You had Nixon, (Henry) Kissinger, John Mitchell...it was a parade of knuckleheads."

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Carl Hiaasen

Author and columnist

Myra Eddy came to the show with her son, Thom, a graduate of the College of Journalism and Communications, and her grandson, James. She was entertained by Hiaasen's dry humor and said she has read all of his books.

"It's a little raunchy, but it makes me laugh out loud," she said.

N Fla tobacco trial begins

■ S. FLA. VERDICTS HAVE REACHED \$300M IN COMPENSATIONS.

By **KATHERINE BEIN**
 Alligator Writer

Opening arguments were made in the first trial against Big Tobacco in North Florida since the Florida Supreme Court found the industry liable for cigarette-related deaths in 2006.

Amanda Jean Hall, represented by Rod Smith, accused R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and other major tobacco companies for the wrongful death of her husband, Arthur Hall, who died from lung cancer in 1995.

In his opening argument, Smith blamed R. J. Reynolds for misleading Arthur Hall and other smokers about the dangers of cigarette smoking, therefore being responsible for his illness and eventual death.

In their rebuttal, R.J. Reynolds, represented by Dennis Murphy, argued the burden of proof is on Amanda Hall to prove cigarette smoking killed her husband and that it was Big Tobacco's fault her husband didn't quit.

In 2006, the Supreme Court found cigarettes to be "unreasonably" dangerous, to cause numerous types of cancer, that nicotine is addictive and that Big Tobacco knew about the dangers and acted negligently.

Special Report The Supreme Court ruling stated Big Tobacco was liable for smoking-related injuries or deaths, and although it reversed a jury's verdict to award \$145 billion in damages, it allows smokers and their loved ones to seek individual cases against the companies.

Though this is the first trial to come from the Engle decision in North Florida, jury verdicts in South Florida have reached \$300 million in compensations awarded to date.

LOCAL City honors women

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
 Alligator Writer

For Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, being a woman has been worth more than \$100,000 of campaign donations.

As part of the second annual Women's History Month event sponsored by Florida Women in Business and Students in Free Enterprise, Hanrahan talked to about 25 business school undergraduates in Bryan Hall on Tuesday night.

She spoke about the benefits of being a woman in the business and po-

litical spheres.

"For whatever reason, people operate under the assumption that being a woman is a disadvantage when running for public office," Hanrahan said to the all-female audience. "But it is the exact opposite."

Having a defense mechanism ready, such as wit or sarcasm, can be helpful for dealing with sexism, she said.



Hanrahan

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■ UF center Vernon Macklin scored a game-high 21 points, but no other Florida player scored in double figures, and the Gators fell to Vanderbilt 64-60 on Tuesday night. See Story, Page 14.



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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

AASU and RUB Presents Helen Hong

Today, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew

Let RUB Entertainment and the Asian American Student Union tickle your funny bone for free with New York comedian Helen Hong. Hong's enthusiastic character impressions have landed her on E!, TLC and national commercials for Comcast and Xerox. She was a semifinalist in the 2007 and 2008 New York's Funniest Stand-Up Competition and was featured in the New York Underground Comedy Festival.

A Variationist Approach to Second Language Acquisition: Identity Issues

Thursday, 4 p.m.
Dauer Hall 219

A talk by Vera Regan of the University College Dublin. This talk describes three studies representing different phases of a research thread in second language acquisition.

Actions presents: A Salute to Soldiers Candlelight Vigil

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Amphitheater

Actions Raise Your Voice Month 2010 is recognizing armed services members. There will be a personal account of life on the battlefield, a dedicational song and a candlelight vigil to honor those who have given their lives for the country.

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CORRECTIONS

A headline in Tuesday's edition of the Alligator said, "Stolen laptop contained Shands medical records." Not all of Shands at UF's records were compromised — only a number of patient records as indicated in the story.

Another story, "UF team builds solar house for international competition," contained a number of errors. Please see alligator.org for a corrected version and a list of the mistakes.

A cutline on a photo in Friday's Alligator incorrectly spelled the name of mayoral candidate Don Marsh.

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ON CAMPUS

Former FBI agent to speak about security

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
Alligator Writer

Randall Murch cannot share his secrets from classified missions he was involved in as an FBI agent.

But he will be speaking at 7:30 tonight in the Pugh Hall Ocora about the criminal surveillance lessons he learned over more than 25 years in the FBI and Department of Homeland Security.

Murch is the associate director of research program development at Virginia Tech's Center for Technology Security, and Policy. He will discuss how the U.S. government tracks suspected criminals in order to keep its citizens safe.

"I'm going to talk about how surveillance is used and the societal implications," Murch said in a phone interview Tuesday. "I'm then going to let the audience decide for themselves what we should do."

Since Sept. 11, American society has become more acclimated to increasing levels of public surveillance, he said. As this trend continues, policymakers must be careful to

maintain a proper balance between safety and the preservation of civil liberties, he said.

"I'm going to talk about how surveillance is used and the societal implications. I'm then going to let the audience decide for themselves what we should do."

Randall Murch
associate director of research program development at Virginia Tech's Center for Technology, Security and Policy

The speech, which is sponsored by Center for Humanities in the Public Sphere at UF, is the third lecture in a four-part series on identity-tracking technologies.

Murch is traveling from Virginia. He will not be paid for his speech, but the Center for Humanities in the Public Sphere at UF will cover travel costs.

The event is free and open to the public.



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Senators say goodbye, hello

■ 42 NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS TOOK SEATS.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

Tuesday's Senate meeting was all about hello and goodbye.

After the outgoing Senators said their farewells, 42 newly elected Senators took their seats in the chambers.

The names of the new Senate president and president pro-tempore were not available at press time.

Former Student Alliance Sen. Emily Hunt, who represented the College of Nursing, encouraged the Senate to remember that they are all there for the same reason, and much can be accomplished through just listening and cooperating with members of other SG parties.

"Something that I've really strived for here is to get along with everyone," Hunt said.

Ashton Charles, Student Body president-elect, encouraged senators to work together and be civil to each other as they work for students' needs.

"We're all people, and I think all people should be treated with respect, regardless of party," Charles said.

Senators unanimously approved the spring SG election results and passed a resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of Women's History Month.



Juliana Jimenez / Alligator

Student Alliance party Sen. Jonathon Ossip speaks in front of the Student Senate Tuesday night at the Reitz Union.

UPD shoots international student Tuesday night

The student confronted police with a pipe, knife

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Staff Writer

A UF international student is in Shands at UF after being shot by University Police at Corry Village Tuesday at about 9:45 p.m.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said the

student, whose identity was not released at press time, had barricaded himself in his apartment.

Neighbors called police at about 8:17 p.m. after hearing screams coming from the apartment, Orlando said.

The University Police Department went to the apartment and tried negotiating with the student for about an hour, Or-

lando said.

The student confronted them with a pipe and a knife, Orlando said.

On Campus After police tried to subdue the student with a taser and a bean bag round, which delivers non-lethal blows, the student continued to struggle, he said.

Police shot the student at around 9:45 p.m., he said.

The student's condition was not known at press time, and no other injuries were reported, Orlando said.

Police evacuated about eight to 10 Corry Village residents during the standoff, according to the UF News.

For an update on the student's condition and other new details, see alligator.org.

NATIONAL

Children read books, paint faces at Dr. Seuss celebration



Danica Spears / Alligator

UF elementary education graduate student Barbara Ogden stands on the corner of Northwest 34th Street and Eighth Avenue in a Cat in the Hat suit Tuesday for a Read Across America event at Westside Park.

By **ASHLEY HEMMY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The sun did not shine, but it wasn't too wet to play at a celebration for Dr. Seuss' 106th birthday Tuesday afternoon at Westside Park.

Eight-year-old Ellie Donelan enjoys reading Dr. Seuss books, so when she saw the Cat in the Hat greeting children at the event, she ran over to him.

UF's Florida Education Association, a part of the National Education Association, threw the party celebrating Read Across America Day, which always falls on Seuss' birthday and encourages children to read, said Laura Roberts, the association's president.

The organization gave away books to about 60 children, Roberts said.

Children sat at picnic tables to eat snacks, do crossword puzzles and look through more than 300 books donated by professors from the UF College of Education.

"This is so much fun and it puts something really fun into your day," Ellie said. "And I've been looking for something new to read."

The Florida Education Association has been planning this event since October and advertised the birthday party on local radio stations.

Members of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society, also helped at the party.

Jaelyn Savino, the president of Kappa Delta Pi at UF, said the event provided an opportunity for education majors to work in the community.

She said some students in Gainesville may not be able to afford books but should still be exposed to reading at a young age.

The rain and cold weather did not prevent families from coming to meet the Cat in the Hat.

Ben Wise, father of 5-year-old Henry and 4-year-old Spencer, said the event was great for his kids.

"They can see that other people enjoy reading besides their dad," Wise said.

Earlier on Tuesday, volunteers from the UF's Florida Education Association and Club Creole read to five first grade classes at Idylwild Elementary.

They also made Cat in the Hat hats with the children.

NATIONAL EPA adds NY canal to Superfund list

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Hanrahan: Future bright for women

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But she said sexism is becoming rare. "This is an extraordinary time for women in leadership, whether it is in business or academia," Hanrahan said.

She said women are more likely to vote and go to college, and being a woman in the workplace is easier than ever.

Some gender-specific challenges will never go away, she said.

"I highly recommend running for office while being pregnant," she said. "And going into a business meeting and having baby snot on your should-

er. Those are just the kinds of things you will have to work with."

The future of gender relations in the workplace is bright, she said.

"For women in your age range, the men should be just fabulous," she said with a wink.

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Event organizer Sarah Hudson said she plans to invite a similar speaker to next year's celebration.

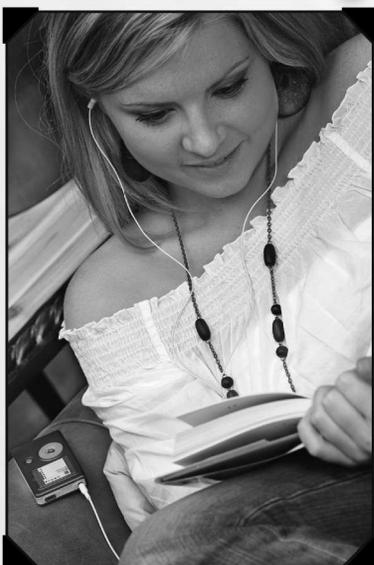
"It was really good to have a successful woman who went to UF who is still in the community," Hudson said. "Being a woman is not a disadvantage."



Laurie Michaelson / Alligator

Gainesville Mayor Pegen Hanrahan speaks at the Florida Women in Business and Students in Free Enterprise Women's History Month event Tuesday night at Bryan Hall.

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Editorial

Van-napping

Alligator hopes its van will be returned

A shadow descended upon the Alligator staff Monday night. As we sat in our offices, diligently slaving over computer screens to produce Tuesday's paper, a villain with a thirst for mayhem stole our distribution van right from under our noses.

The vehicle, henceforth affectionately referred to as Van, was minding his own business in the parking lot just last night when he was purloined. Those who spotted him later thought he was being driven lawfully. But he was being taken against his will. (We're sure he would have screamed for help had his hood not been latched.)

Put yourself in Van's tires. You're sleeping on your comfortable concrete slab, resting before a long morning of bringing joy to the hearts of Alligator readers, and all of a sudden someone snatches you away. Imagine how scared you'd be.

That's why we're asking whoever took Van to return him — unharmed, of course. We can assure you none of us will sleep until he's safely returned.

We use him to deliver the paper, and without him our distributors are forced to carry mounds of papers for miles and miles on foot (OK, not really, but you get the point). We don't know if it was a reader with a taste for mischief, a slighted source with a grudge or just a local hoodlum who needs some extra space to haul other stolen goods (or a grow house). All we know is that he's gone, and we need him back.

If you know anything concerning Van or his whereabouts, please call the Alligator office at 352-376-4446. In the mean time, check our Web site, where we'll let you know if he is found so you can stop your tireless searches.

Too Little, Too Late

As of Tuesday, nearly 800 people have died as a result of the earthquake in Chile. Individuals and corporations alike are coming to the aid of victims any way they can. But it's frustrating to watch as some mask avarice with fake generosity.

Saturday, Walmart announced its ostensibly noble commitment to give a million dollars for "emergency relief efforts throughout the country." Normal people like us don't have a million dollars to give, so, initially, this seems generous of them.

However, as pointed out by Huffington Post commentator John Perkins, Walmart's profits verge on \$5 billion per quarter, and they're growing every day.

With profits like this and the fact that barely a year ago Walmart merged with Chile's largest food retailer and now

owns more than half of it, Perkins points out that Walmart's donation is "less than their equivalent of a dime."

"The Widow's Offering" parable comes to mind. Sure, Walmart gave what we consider a great sum of money, but the amount is embarrassing when you think about it.

Despite the fact that there have been documentaries and countless articles written about the greedy and unfair practices of Walmart, it remains a public giant. Most people hear about the things Walmart does and say, "That's terrible!" but head there the next time they want cheaper DVDs or cookies at 3 a.m.

Walmart can be convenient and cheap for a college student, but is it really worth it to continue feeding the corporate monster? When there is some other place to go, we're going to start bypassing Walmart.

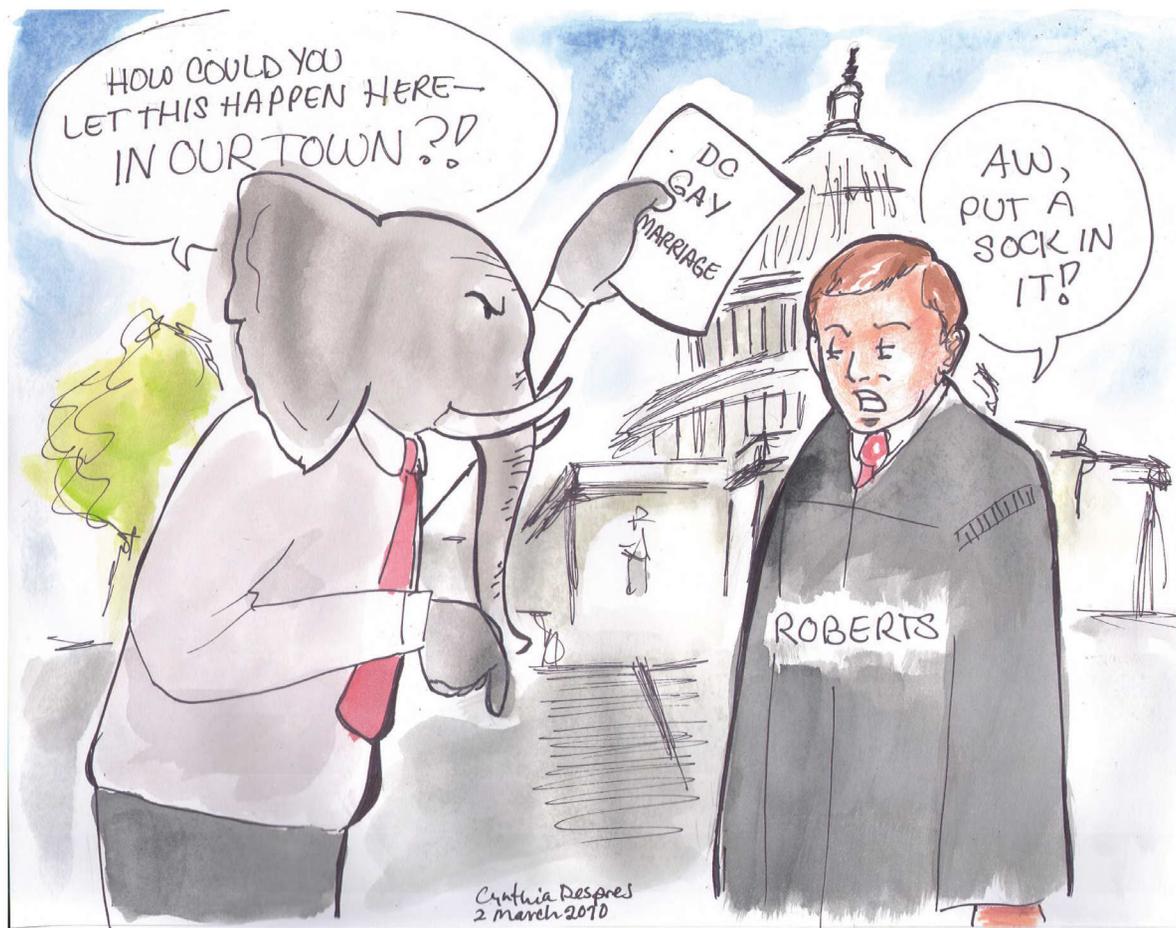
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Column

'Wasteful' spending not always bad

As I grow older and have more things to pay for, I find that money has taken on an increased significance in my life. When I was younger, having money was never really that big of a deal. This was because it was my parent's money and I was a greedy little candy addict. When I did have some coins and bills, it barely stayed in my pocket before I blew it on some chocolate or Twizzlers. Nowadays, I still live off my parents but have come to appreciate the almighty dollar a little bit more. However, when I hear about people blowing millions of dollars on comic books, as two anonymous buyers did for the original Superman and Batman comics last week, I am not stunned at how people can spend so much money on so little. Rather, I applaud someone for spending the money on a hobby or personal dream, as long as it does not hurt someone else.

For people who have not read the story, last Monday a very rare issue of Action Comics #1, the debut of Superman, was sold for a then-record \$1 million dollars. Then, three days later, Detective Comics #27 sold for \$1,075,500, the current record. Although this in no way influences my opinion on the matter, I love comic books. One of the remaining vestiges of my childhood is this nerdy, slightly embarrassing infatuation. I could debate on who the best superhero is all day (Superman takes it by a hair over Spiderman) and break down the truly superhuman qualities of the Incredible Hulk's pants. However, I would have this same opinion for anything so extravagant that sold for such a high price. I am not arguing people should spend their money on something that is evil or hateful. While it seems ridiculous to waste large amounts of money on really, really old pieces of printed paper, I feel that it is commendable that these anonymous collectors are that devoted to spending their money on something that interests them and not being deterred by what others may think.

Yes, I can definitely think of a million other things

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that I could waste that money on other than old comic books (a couple billion packets of Ramen soup or a four year supply Freshens smoothies are the first things that come to mind). However, these collectors are spending their money on something that makes them happy and that they are interested in. I should be the first one to deride these collectors for their seemingly wasteful spending habits. Money is of constant importance to me as a financially-strapped college student (and by financially-strapped, I mean I am living off of my debit card and the only thing of value in my wallet is a coupon for \$5 off at T.G.I. Friday's). I could never imagine spending such an amount of money on comic books, even though they are my now not-so-secret shame.

However, when I look at people spending such amounts to obtain something that is truly in their own interest, it becomes clear to me that the definition of wealth and how to spend that fortune is different for every person. Some people spend their money on cars, boats, and water balloon fights while others have mouths to feed and bodies to keep warm. Others donate their money to humanitarian causes and some blow it on comic books. As long as it doesn't hurt someone else, people should have the right to spend their money on their own harmless interests. Especially in the midst of the current economic problems that face this country, it is understandable that the knee-jerk reaction to news of people spending millions on comics would be negative. Although people are quick to criticize the buyers or shake their heads at the purchase, I applaud these collectors for spending their money on something that they love.

Joshua Lee is a political science sophomore.

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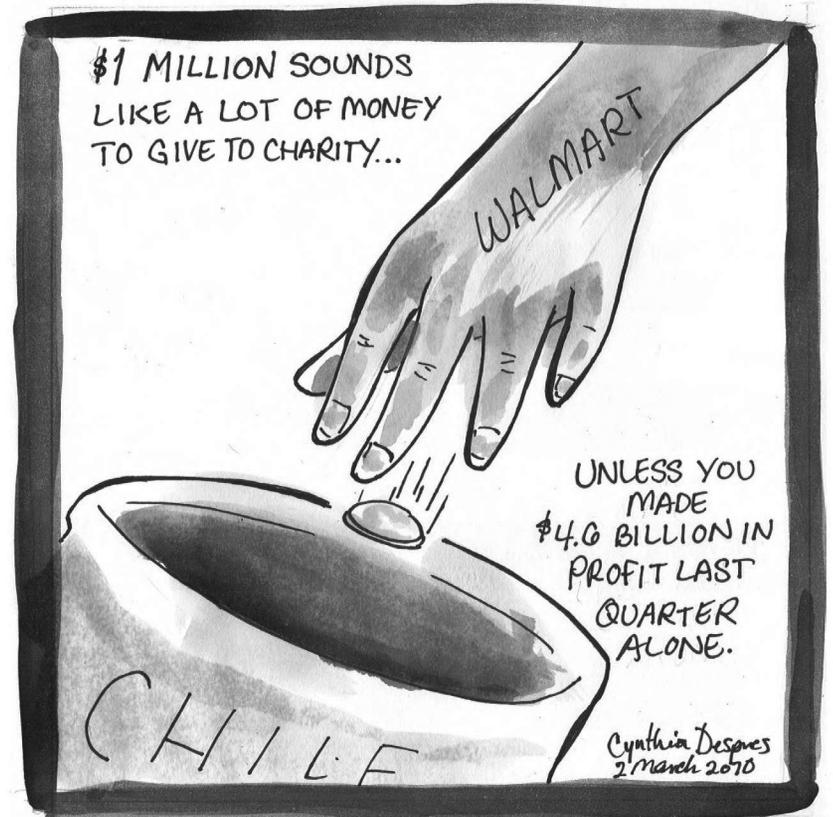
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Help bring our little Van home. We miss him dearly. —The Alligator

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Guest column

Americans should give gay couples a chance at marriage

Two capital cities will make history this week as they join the exclusive club of five states and seven countries that allow same-sex marriages.

Following Congress' failure to reject Mayor Adrian Fenty's bill to allow gay marriage in the nation's capital and Chief Justice John Roberts' refusal to intervene, Washington, D.C., will join other capitals across the globe, including Madrid, Ottawa, Oslo and Stockholm, as it begins to recognize gay marriages today.

More surprisingly, Mexico City is poised to begin recognizing gay marriages Thursday, which remains a shock for the staunchly conservative, Roman Catholic-dominated region.

However, Mexico's federal government appealed to the country's Supreme Court in an effort to deal gay and lesbian couples another blow to achieving basic human rights — rights

many straight couples take for granted.

Thankfully, the country's Supreme Court recently rejected a similar measure brought to it by the governors of three Mexican states who worried the new law would force them to recognize the gay marriages.

For the record, the law would do no such thing in Mexico City or Washington, D.C.

The laws wouldn't affect anyone except the gay couples who simply want to publicly celebrate their love for one another.

The laws wouldn't taint the "sanctity of marriage" heterosexual couples hold so dear.

And by "sanctity," I'm referencing, with no particular emphasis, Elizabeth Taylor's eight different marriages to seven men, Britney Spears' 55-hour marriage and the divorce rate creeping up to nearly 50 percent in the U.S.

I have a secret for the Bible-verse-bellow-

Jared Misner
Speaking Out

ing zealots and lucky heterosexuals who believe gay marriage will be the ultimate and complete demise of the sanctity of marriage: You've already tarnished it yourself.

At least allow us to share in your overwhelming self-pity and wallowing despair when we discover we might not succeed at the whole marriage thing either. But let us try.

Forget about all the rights we're denied even when we're appeased with civil unions.

Forget about the shame many of us feel every day when we realize most of our peers think we shouldn't publicly love our spouses.

We're just asking you to give us a chance.

What's the worst that could happen with Mexico City and our capital opening their hearts to gay couples so we can open ours?

Whether gay couples can wed or not, many of the same religiously righteous radicals will still proselytize their beliefs of eternal hellfire and damnation for anyone who falls in love with the "wrong" sex. I'm not a fanatic, and I can only recite a handful of Bible verses. But as an occasional churchgoer, as a lover of affectionate cheek grabs and lipstick stains from elderly Methodist women leaning over in their pews, and as a gay man, I have a feeling my God won't be too upset with me that I have the ability and the divine gift to love another human being regardless of his gender.

And with all the hatred in this world, I think my God would be happy to know I'm simply trying to love another person.

At least Washington, D.C., and Mexico City are giving me a chance.

Jared Misner is metro editor at the Alligator.

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Gainesville woman relives past, looks to future

By **JARED MISNER**

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When the neighbors heard her screaming, they thought it was just another stray cat.

It wasn't until a woman walking her dog found her the next morning, run over, raped and left to rot they realized the cries of agony, the cries for mercy were from a woman clinging to life.

But as she lay dying in the street, Marvene Edwards still had eight lives left. This wasn't the last time she would cheat death. This wasn't the last time she would muster the unfathomable tenacity to keep going.

It was in the early hours of a Saturday morning in December, just before Edwards' 32nd birthday in Princeton, Fla., a town with a population of about 11,000, where black and Hispanic residents outnumber their white counterparts by more than 4 to 1. It is a town where the percentage of people living below the poverty line in 2008 was nearly double Florida's average. It is a town swept up and silenced by the sand and spice of neighboring Miami just 23 miles to the northeast.

She was wearing a white fur coat as she left a nightclub alone sometime after 2 a.m. and walked down a dirt road used more by sex-crazed adolescents looking for a place to park than for any kind of driving.

And it would be here on that dirt road, within an hour, where Edwards would be raped. And it would later be here on that tire-grooved gravel road where a .22-caliber bullet would both destroy and save her life as it barreled through her right eye, ricocheting through her right hand and out through the left side of her skull, creating a nickel-sized hole where now just a thin layer of skin and tightly braided black hair protect her brain.

"It can't end like this," she thought. She had children she hadn't said goodbye to. She had a family, a job and a life to live.

Flash.

Her head was shrouded in blood-bathed bandages, her right eye socket bare, her memory obliterated as she awoke in a hospital bed more than three days later.

"I knew I lost my eye, but I didn't remember anything," Edwards recalled.

Flash.

After she left the nightclub that Saturday morning, a van sped down the dirt road past Edwards, its tires crunching the pebbles embedded in the road. She thought nothing of it until the van raced back around so close to her it forced her into a nearby bush.

Two Hispanic men started yelling at the 31-year-old mother of four to get in the van.

"The first thought in my mind was, 'He gon' rape me,'" Edwards said. "And I wasn't gon' make a fuss because I wanted to get out alive."

The men repeatedly clubbed Edwards on her upper lip with the butt of a gun, cracking teeth and slashing lips. They punched Edwards incessantly, demanding drug money she didn't have while she begged for mercy and pleaded with the men they had the wrong woman.

"No one's listening to you," Edwards said. "All they care about is their merchandise."

Then Edwards' nightmare got worse as the men "snatched up" her clothes and raped her, fracturing her pelvis as they shoved anything they could find inside her.

"Every way you think I could be raped, they did to me," Edwards said.

And these were the memories from a woman who doctors said would never amount to

anything more than a vegetable if she ever awoke from her coma.

Edwards remembered the men finally giving up on her beaten, bruised and bloodied body after one of them stabbed her in the stomach. She remembered how the worst was yet to come.

"Once these people know you don't have what they want and that you've seen all these things they've done, they can't let you get out alive. They throw you up against a tree because they can't allow blood to get all over their car," Edwards said. "And then they shoot you."

Flash.

A point-blank gunshot wound to the face was just the beginning for Edwards.

As she slept in her foreign hospital bed, Edwards' blood-blotched hospital gauze covering her eye and skull had been laced with a poison so new, so deadly in 1987, it would later put Edwards on a death mission. Her life-saving, and potentially life-destructing, blood transfusion was unintentionally tainted with HIV.

Flash.

Edwards, now 54, walks out from her kitchen in east Gainesville as her white front door, marred black toward the bottom, budes and squeaks open after just the right amount of force. The smell of freshly fried catfish and hushpuppies wafts out into her front yard. She's wearing a baby blue smock atop a long-sleeved white thermal, blue jeans so worn there's no blue left, a silver necklace with the words "Friends Forever" etched on the heart-shaped pendant and a perfectly matched chocolate brown glass eye in her right eye socket.

"I've done crazy things with my eye," Edwards said, as she slapped her knee and

leaned back on her sofa, laughing.

And this is the woman who once just wanted to die more than anything in the world, joking about her glass eye as she leans over to allow a quick touch of the spongy part of her skull where a bullet once ravaged its way through.

"She's a walking miracle," said Quinton Williams, one of Edwards' four children.

The fact that Williams is sitting on Edwards' ordinary blue sofa in her ordinary living room, watching "Legion" on an ordinary Wednesday evening is a miracle in itself.

Because everything wasn't always this funny. Everything wasn't always this ordinary.

Edwards awoke like a child in Jackson Memorial Hospital, forced to relearn how to walk and talk after waking up from being shot in the face.

But even living a child's life was miraculous. Just by waking up, she had cheated death one more time. Her nine lives were dwindling quickly.

Doctors joked with Edwards, saying the only way she could have survived a bullet flying through her skull was if God moved her brain aside.

Edwards never thought of this as a joke. She knew this was nothing short of the truth.

"They called me 'The Miracle Patient,'" Edwards said, as her right eye stared unwaveringly, artificially.

After relearning how to walk and talk during about six months of intensive rehabilitation, Edwards found herself fighting to get her own children back from protective services who had taken them while Edwards was in her comatose state.

"At the time I found out where they were,

I had found out I was HIV-positive," Edwards said. "I thought they were better off. I abandoned my children; I really did."

And to cope, Edwards turned to drugs and transformed into Peaches, her cocaine-snorting, crack-smoking alter ego.

"The drugs, they hide the pain; they camouflage everything," Edwards said. "It makes for an easy way out."

And that was Edwards' life for more than 10 years — drugs. This was Edwards' escape from her reality as an HIV-positive, leper-like societal blister, she said. This was her escape from her inability to escape life.

"That was what life was about — the next hit," Edwards said. "You wake up wondering where you gon' find the next hit. You live for the next hit. Basically, you work for the drug. You work hard day and night, overtime for the drug."

The multitude of drug homes Edwards lived in during the '90s, letting drugs flow in and out freely like sleazy motel guests, landed her in trouble more than once.

The criminal charges, including a handful of cocaine-related third- and second-degree felonies fall easily off Edwards' tongue, and Edwards isn't bashful to admit them. Because Peaches is dead now.

The past is dead now.

"I could smell flesh burning, I was that close to hell," Edwards said of her "drinkin'-and-druggin'" past. "When I did drugs, I saw demonic things in the mirror."

This was rock bottom. She might as well have been dead, she thought. And death was all she wanted.

"I drank. I did drugs. I OD'd a few times. I was on a suicide mission," Edwards said. "Everything I did, I wouldn't die."

Edwards still had a couple of lives to burn.

That was seven years ago. That was the last anyone saw of Peaches.

"She bent way over, but she didn't break," said Donzella Latimer, Edwards' older sister. "God didn't want her to break."

God had other plans for Edwards.

"Until the world knows about me, I'm not going anywhere," Edwards said, as she discussed her mission to "stomp out" the stigma surrounding the disease that's raged a ruthless war on her immune system for more than 20 years.

Edwards is now president of Positives Empowering Positives, an organization in Gainesville designed to uplift those living with HIV/AIDS and help those infected and affected with the disease realize there's more to life than being HIV positive.

But not everything is so easy for the woman who's living on one of her last lives, the woman who freely admits every birthday is extra special.

Edwards estimated she's known almost 10 people who have died from the same disease that could potentially kill her.

"It's painful. Especially when you know them, you've played with them, you've laughed with them. It's painful," Edwards said. "Sometimes a good cry has to come."

Edwards lives in a different world. It is a world where people are distinguished by being positive or negative. It is a world where her life is governed by so many daily pills that she remembers them by color rather than by name.

Amid the T-cell counts, the twice-daily cocktails of medication and the constant encounters with those who treat her like a leper, even at church, Edwards still finds time to live.

"It's not the end of the world unless you want it to be," she said. "I got too much livin' to do."



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Marvene Edwards poses for a portrait in her home in east Gainesville on Tuesday night.

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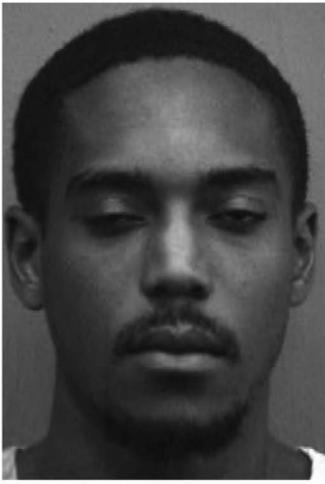
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Florida falls at home to Vanderbilt

■ GUARD KENNY BOYNTON MISSED WIDE-OPEN THREE-POINTER IN THE FINAL SECONDS.

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Florida got off a shot in the final seconds this time but couldn't get it to fall.

Down by two with 10 seconds to go, freshman guard Kenny Boynton missed an open three-pointer, and No. 13 Vanderbilt (23-6, 12-3 Southeastern Conference) held on for a 64-60 win over UF (20-10, 9-6 SEC) in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday night.

The final play was designed for junior forward Chandler Parsons to drive and create a shot, and after being double-teamed he kicked it out to a wide-open Boynton, who was just 2 of 15 from the field on the night after hitting 6 of 9 attempts from three-point range Saturday at Georgia.

"I skipped it to KB, and he got a great look," said Parsons, who followed up his 29-point performance against the Bulldogs with just three points. "Those shots have been going down for him lately, so I can't even really complain about the look we got."

The Gators viewed their rematch with the Commodores as a must-win, and the loss puts far more pressure on them to win at Kentucky on Sunday and make a deep SEC Tournament run if they want to avoid a third-straight National Invitation Tournament appearance.

"This one was huge," Parsons said. "You win this one, you're in the (NCAA) Tournament. So it definitely hurts to fall short, especially on Senior Night for Dan (Werner) and with everything on the line."

UF led by five with 9:22 to go but couldn't get anything going offensively, as it went the last 9:53 without a field goal.

The Gators shot just 26.7 percent from the field and missed all seven of their attempted three-pointers in the second half.

The Commodores, meanwhile, went 42.9 percent from the field and hit 10 of 20 shots from beyond the arc for the game.

Six of those came from guard John Jenkins, who finished

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Steven H. Keys / Alligator Staff

UF center Vernon Macklin goes for a layup in the Gators' 64-60 loss to Vanderbilt on Tuesday.

UF could see familiar end with NIT appearance

You know this feeling, but that doesn't make it any easier to swallow.

The familiar NIT is knocking — pretty much banging down the door actually — after UF could not score down the stretch once again in a 64-60 loss to Vanderbilt.

Tuesday showed why the Georgia game Saturday was so important. It showed why the loss at South Carolina is reason for concern. It showed how past indiscretions — you know, like a home loss to South Alabama — can come back to haunt you in March.

Each of those losses is excusable by itself. Compounding those errors shrinks the margin for error.

Florida all but clinched a three-game



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losing streak to end the regular season, putting even more pressure on UF in the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

I see a more troubling pattern developing: struggling to score down the stretch.

The Gators went without a field goal for the final 9:53 Tuesday. UF didn't have a point in the final 1:39 against Georgia. Florida finished the Auburn game with no field goals in the last 8:24. South Carolina held UF to one field goal in six minutes late in the game. Mississippi State cut a 12-point deficit with

2:38 left to four in the final 30 seconds. Florida scored five points in the final 5:14 against Kentucky.

The remarkable thing is the ability of Florida's defense to keep the team in games. The Gators shot 27 percent in the second half — and had a wide-open three-pointer to win the game.

"I thought we got phenomenal shots," Donovan said. "We executed our offense very, very well. The result of the ball going in the basket was not great."

The problem is the poor shooting continues to be a trend. Kenny Boynton and Erving Walker made a combined 3 of 24 shots. That's what happens when a lack of depth forces those two to play 33

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Seminoles jump on Gators early in rout

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**
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TAMPA — After pitching a shutout in his first start, Anthony DeSclafani could not record an out in his second appearance this season.

The sophomore faced only five batters before leaving the mound.

No. 6 FSU (7-0) exploded for seven runs in the opening inning on its way to a 10-5 victory over No. 5 Florida (5-1) on Tuesday as part of the "Florida Four" Tournament in Tampa.

"I thought we were going to get a good start out of Anthony tonight — I really did," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "For whatever reason he wasn't

sharp and we got off on the wrong foot. There's really no way to explain it. It's just disappointing."

DeSclafani could not find his command and even hit FSU left fielder Mike McGee with a pitch with the bases loaded to bring in to bring in Tyler Holt for the first run of the game.

"I think it was just a lack of execution on pitches," catcher Mike Zunino said. "We can't afford those hit by pitches because that's just something the defense can't defend."

FSU's fifth hitter, Stuart Tapley, singled up the middle to knock in two more runs, marking the end of DeSclafani's short appearance.

He left the game after allowing all five batters he faced to reach base and eventually score.

Ten hitters came to the plate for the Seminoles in the first, and first baseman Jayce Boyd capped off the inning with a two-run homer over the left-field wall off of freshman Hudson Randall, who came in to relieve DeSclafani after he

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Baseball

TEERING OFF WITH KYLE MAISTRI

■ Tiger Woods is out of therapy, back at home and getting into shape, according to reports. I hope that's not a creative way of saying he has relapsed. ... It's fitting Dan Werner's up-and-down career in the O'Connell Center came to an end with a tip-in ... for the other team. ... Add the upcoming season of Dancing with the Stars to the list of things I never would have watched if not for Erin Andrews.

UF GYMNASTICS

■ Ashanée Dickerson was named SEC Freshman of the Week on Wednesday for the fourth time this season. She won her fifth all-around title this year on Friday at Auburn.

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■ The UF baseball team got out to a rocky start in its 10-5 loss to FSU on Tuesday night, giving up seven runs in the first inning. For an in-depth look at the disastrous start, check out our Web site.

Macklin only Gator in double-digits

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with a team-high 18 points and had plenty of open looks caused by loose-ball situations that Vanderbilt came away with.

"He's a terrific shooter. You've got to pick your poison," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "Was he wide-open on some crazy plays? Yes. But I thought our guys were focused on trying to stop him."

Parsons, Boynton and sophomore point guard Erving Walker combined to shoot just 4 of 28 on the night, and UF was forced to rely on Vernon Macklin.

The junior center had 21 points and nine rebounds, but Macklin was the only Gator to score more than nine points — just the second time this season Florida has had just one player in double figures.

"Vernon really stepped up," Parsons said. "They pretty much took me out of the game offensively."

Werner, the team's lone senior, was honored before the last regular-season home game of his four-year career. His father, mother, brother and sister joined him at center court, where Donovan gave Werner a framed No. 21 jersey.

He finished with eight points, five rebounds, two steals, an assist and a block — one of his better games on the year — but couldn't get a win in his final regular-season game in the O'Connell Center.

"It's one thing if you lose a game and you don't fight. We fought," Werner said. "We were in the game and had an open look. Can't ask for anything better."

Florida struggles to shake off rust after four-day break

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got pulled.

Junior pitcher Geoff Parker never allowed the Gators back into the game.

He came into Tuesday's matchup with an 11.25 ERA, but that number fell as he pitched 5.1 innings and gave up only one run.

"I just think that's (failing to hit with runners in scoring position) beginning of the year stuff.

I think that's going to be taken care of as the season goes along. It's something that's going to come around."

Mike Zunino

UF freshman catcher



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UF starting pitcher Anthony DeSclafani did not record an out, allowing five runs in the Gators' 10-5 loss to FSU in Tampa on Tuesday night.

The Gators could not find their rhythm against the right-hander.

After playing five games in seven days to start the season, Florida was forced to sit around for four-consecutive days because their weekend series against La Salle was called off due to snow in the Northeast.

The rust was evident, as the Gators could not cash in on any of their opportunities

to chip away at the Seminoles' big lead.

Jonathan Pigott led off the third inning with a single, but he was caught napping on first base after taking too big of a lead.

In the same frame, Zunino hit a solo home run that would have brought in two runs if Pigott could have avoided the pickoff.

The Gators also had runners on second and third with one out in the fifth and sixth innings, but failed to bring in a run both times.

"I just think that's (failing to hit with runners in scoring position) beginning of the year stuff," Zunino said. "I think that's going to be taken care of as the season goes along. It's something that's going to come

around."

The lone bright spot for Florida was the ninth inning.

It scored four in the frame, and center fielder Matt den Dekker extended his hitting streak to 15 games, dating back to last season, with a RBI single the in inning. But Daniel Pigott fouled out to first base with the bases loaded to end the game and UF's comeback attempt.

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minutes a night.

Donovan complimented Boynton and Walker on Tuesday for their ability to be resilient and overcome poor offensive nights.

That is a great characteristic for a basketball player to have, but at some point, you have to stop being a liability on the offensive side.

Take away the Georgia game and Boynton is making 25 percent of his shots from behind the three-point line.

It's not a slump when you're 30 games into the season. It's just a terrible year.

The thing that had been most impressive about Florida — its ability to win a lot of different ways — also means the team doesn't have one go-to guy. The Gators can't handle too many key parts having a bad game.

"Good teams really, really make winning plays," Donovan said. "When I'm say-

ing winning plays, it's like the plays where it's just reaction plays — where the ball goes up and they just react with it.

"They find a way to come up with the loose basketball and throw it out to the three-point line. Our guys, especially our front court guys, have to react a little bit better to that. That is probably a great challenge."

It's also the difference between rejoining an old friend at the dance and being stuck looking in from the window.

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UF GOLF

Men, women finish seventh

STAFF REPORT

The Florida women's golf team tied for seventh place with Ole Miss at the Kinderlou Forest Challenge in Valdosta, Ga.

The Gators finished with a three-round total of 913 (295-309-309, +37).

"Because we were in a shotgun this week — we played all three rounds starting on the same hole — we actually finished on the same three holes which happened to be a pretty tough stretch of golf," UF coach Jan Dowling said. "We didn't play them as well as we would have liked to, and it kind of killed our momentum going into the second and third rounds. But we have got to take the positives from this week and learn from it."

The squad started off strong through the first round-and-a-half, but after the second round was rescheduled for Tuesday morning due to darkness, Florida lost its momentum.

Freshman Isabelle Lendl led the Gators in the third round, carding a one-over 74. She finished the tournament in a tie for 20th with a 54-hole score of 227 (73-80-74, +8).

Fellow freshman Mia Piccio joined Lendl in 20th with the same score (73-77-77).

Sophomore Marika Lendl trailed the freshmen by one stroke, but that meant six spots on the leaderboard. She finished in a tie for 26th, carding a 228 (74-76-78, +9).

Sophomore Evan Jensen (75-79-80, +15) and junior Jessica Yadloczky (76-77-83, +17), rounded out the Gators' lineup, finishing 49th and 55th, respectively.

The UF men's golf team completed the John

Hayt Invitational in Ponte Vedra Beach with a seventh-place finish, jumping four spots on the leaderboard. The Gators finished with a total score of 899 (310-293-296, +35).

Senior Tim McKenney led the way by finishing in a tie for fifth. He carded a tournament total of 217 (78-70-69, +1), improving his score each round.

Next in line for Florida, senior Tyson Alexander finished in a tie for 21st, shooting 225 (80-72-73, +9).

"We didn't play them as well as we would have liked to, and it kind of killed our momentum going into the second and third round."

Jan Dowling
UF women's golf coach

Freshman Phillip Choi was two strokes back in a tie for 34th.

Choi had his highest round of the Invitational on Tuesday and finished with a tournament total of 227 (72-77-78, +11).

Trailing behind their fellow teammates, junior Bank Vongvanij matched his Sunday score in his last round to card a 54-hole total of 234 (80-74-80, +18), and junior Andres Echavarria ended in a tie for 79th with a 24-over par score of 240.

Playing as an individual, freshman Tyler McCumber had the best finish of his career, tying for fifth place on a 217 (75-71-71, +1) total. His performance shouldn't come as a surprise, as the tournament was held in his hometown.



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UF senior Tim McKenney finished in a tie for fifth place at the John Hayt Invitational in Ponte Vedra Beach. He shot one-over par.

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